



# The Winger



May 2009 A publication of GWRRA-NY "W" Rochester, NY  
"Friends for Fun, Safety, and Knowledge"

## A Word From Our Chapter Director

Don't blame Al, our newsletter editor, if you get the May edition a few days late. It is my fault for not getting this to him by the April 25<sup>th</sup> deadline. I have been busy having fun and forgot. Or maybe I am getting old and forgot.



Mike and Genny Schelkun, CD

The weekend of April 17<sup>th</sup> I was in Milwaukee for a NARSA meeting. One of the highlights was a tour of Miller Brewery and the Harley Davidson engine factory. Beer and bikes, hmmm? Things were really humming at

the brewery. The Harley factory was quite interesting, but a little quiet. Maybe everyone started their weekend early. You'll have to guess which was more fun.

In any case we saw a lot of bikers in Milwaukee, almost all on Harleys. We also saw many on the way out. It seems strange to me to see riders without helmets in the states that do not require them. Given the option it does not make sense to me to ride without a helmet. I have friends who have gone down and will testify to the fact that they work. So, as riding begins for another season make sure you check your helmet for damage and proper fit.

If you have been reading the other chapter newsletters you know a couple of chapters already have Dash for Cash points. Be sure and check our ride schedule for eligible activities for points. Touch basis with Greg Eames if you plant to attend any. He is coordinating our efforts to get 10 points and hopefully more.

Hope to see you riding soon.

Mike

## SKIN AND STEEL SHOW



Dee Eames (ACD) wins First Place for trikes at the Skin and Steel Motorcycle Meet at the Dome Arena on Sunday April 19<sup>th</sup>.



## Happy May!!!

So far the spring has given us mostly wet or cool weather with a few tastes of nice riding days thrown in. Our first "ride" of the year to Arcade Center Farm pancake house was well attended and we even had 5 motorcycles go. The food and the socializing was excellent and everyone seemed to have a good time.

The next day was the Skin & Steel motorcycle and tattoo show at the Dome Arena. As most of you



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**BIRTHDAY GREETINGS**

Linda Goforth              3rd  
 Joanne Strong              25th  
 Linda Pearson              31st



**May**



Gene and Renee Ottman      9th      39 years  
 Dick and Midge Combs      19th      53 years  
 Gary and Gail Bristol        31st      39 years

**The chapter basket for the NYS District Rally is in the hands of Sandra Heid. Anyone wishing to donate something for the cause please contact her at [WINEBERRY55@GMAIL.COM](mailto:WINEBERRY55@GMAIL.COM) or by phone at 721-0725. The theme of the rally is "Come to the Country" so try to come up with items that will reflect that.**

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We will see you on Saturday (June 6th) at Elm Grove Family Restaurant. They will start taking our food orders about 8:30 AM. Come for the fun, food, and fellowship.

## May Ride Schedule

Date	Day	Place	Address	Time & Place
2nd	Sat.	Breakfast at Elm Grove	730 Elmgrove Rd.	8:30 AM there
3rd	Sun.	NY-U Gathering	Belle-View East, Falconer	2:00PM
5th	Tues.	Bill Grey, Henrietta	1225 Jefferson Road	6:30 PM @ BKW
12th	Tues.	Jay's Diner	2612 W. Henrietta Road	6:30 PM @ BKW
16th	Sat.	NY-F Gathering	Ichabod, Ithaca	10:00 AM
17th	Sun.	NY District Ride-In	Marcellus Park, Marcellus	9:00 AM
19th	Tues.	Abe's Restaurant	5232 Ridge Road West	6:30 PM @ BKW
21st	Thurs.	Gathering at Elm Grove	730 Elmgrove Rd.	6:00 PM there
23-25th		Orange Co. Choppers/Eames	Newburgh	
26th	Tues.	American Hotel	7304 E. Main St., Lima	6:30 PM @ BKW
30th	Sat.	Middlesex FD Roast Beef Dinner	Middlesex, NY	3:00 PM @ CR
30th	Sat.	Miracle Ride, Gol. Childrens Hosp.	Spinning Wheel, N. Syracuse	10:00 AM

BKW = Burger King West, Pixley Rd., near Buffalo Rd., CR= Charlie Riedel's Rt. 96, just south of the Thruway

# Ladies Corner

Submitted by Bonny Rowles

A while back I was reading about an expert on the subject of time management. One day this expert was speaking to a group of business students and, to drive home a point, used an illustration I'm sure those students will never forget. As this man stood in front of the group of high powered over achievers he said, "Okay, time for a quiz." Then he pulled out a one gallon, wide mouthed mason jar and set it on a table in front of him. He produced about a dozen fist sized rocks and carefully placed them one at a time into the jar. When the jar was filled to the top and no more rocks would fit inside, he asked "is this jar full?"

Everyone in the class said, "Yes".

Then he said, "Really?" He reached under the table and pulled out a bucket of gravel. Then he dumped some gravel in and shook the jar, causing pieces of gravel to work themselves down into the space between the big rocks. Then he smiled and asked the group once more, "is the jar full?"

By this time the class was onto him. "Probably not," one of them answered.

"Good" he replied, and he reached under the table and brought out a bucket of sand.

He started dumping the sand in and it went into all the spaces left between the rocks and the gravel. Once, more he asked the question, "Is this jar full?"

No! the class shouted.

Once again he said, "Good!" Then he grabbed a pitcher of water and began to pour it in until the jar was filled to the brim. Then he looked up at the class and asked, "What is the point of this illustration?"

One eager beaver raised his hand and said, "The point is, no matter how full your schedule is, if you try really hard, you can always fit some more things in to it!"

"No," the speaker replied, "that's not the point.

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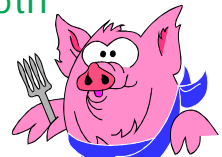
**COOL!**

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Chapter "W" Picnic  
August 15th

Pig Roast at Eames



More information  
to follow

**PIG  
OUT**

## Breakfast at Elm Grove




Come join the breakfast fun at the Elmgrove Family Restaurant the first Saturday of every month at 8:30 AM.

The Elm Grove Family Restaurant  
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It is north of Rt. 531 on  
the east side of the road next door to a 7-11.  
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## Open for Dinner

Elm Grove Family Resturant is open for dinner  
Tuesdays thru Saturday.

2009 REGION B EVENTS		
Kickoff Breakfast	Greenwich, RI	April 29
Americade Breakfast 	Lake George, New York	June 6
Ohio Buckeye Rally 	Wooster, OH	June 12-14
Wing Ding 31	Tulsa, Oklahoma,	July 2-5
Carousel Ride	Endicott, NY	July 11
Seekonk, Ma, 	All New England District's Rally	July 16-18
Ride For Kids 	Utica, NY	July 19
Region K Rendezvous 	Belleville, ON Canada	July 23-26
Norwich, NY 	New York/New Jersey District's Rally	August, 6-8
Johnstown, Pa. 	Pennsylvania District Rally	August 20-22



= Dash For Cash Event, number = number of points

## The Motorcycle Riders Foundation

Contact: Jeff Hennie, MRF Vice President of Government Relations  
 Email: [jeff@mrf.org](mailto:jeff@mrf.org)

### MRF Bikers Inside the Beltway 2009 Event Details

The Motorcycle Riders Foundation (MRF) is holding its inaugural ride to the Nation's Capitol for Motorcycle Awareness Month. Known as "Bikers Inside the Beltway," the event will be dedicated to its creator, the recently departed MRF Vice President and long-time motorcyclists' rights legend Michael "Boz" Kerr.

The MRF is encouraging bikers nationwide to ride their motorcycles to Washington DC for this historic event. We have reserved secure parking for motorcycles

adjacent to the U.S. Capitol; this location should make for an impressive display of bikes.

We have invited all members of Congress to attend the event, but if you are planning to be here you should let your U.S. Senators and Representative know, and ask them to step outside for a photo op with you and a backdrop of motorcycles. The MRF's DC staff will help coordinate any details and answer any questions you may have about arranging meetings with your members of Congress.

What: Motorcycle Riders Foundation "Bikers Inside the Beltway" National Motorcycle Awareness Month Ride and Lobby Day

When: May 14, 2009, 9:00 am - 2:30 pm

Where: Reserved motorcycle parking is along the 0-100 block of 3rd Street SW, only steps from the U.S. Foundation, cont., page 9

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## Summer Rallies

by Greg Eames

Hi Gang,

After the ride planning meeting yesterday, Dee and I have started to make our summer plans and have decided that we will be going to the Ohio District Buckeye Rally, June 11th-14th and the Region K Rendezvous in Belleville, Ontario, Canada, July 23rd-26th. We will also be taking a three day ride on Memorial Day weekend to see Orange County Choppers new world headquarters in Newburgh, NY and we will be going to Utica on Saturday July 18th to spend the night before the Ride for Kids on Sunday July 19th. Anyone interested in going with us on any of these rides, please contact me so I can get hotel rooms where we can stay together. The buckeye rally and the region K rally are worth 2 points each in the dash for cash race. The Ride for Kids is also worth 1 point.

Greg

Instead of a trike, I got me a quad. Yes sir, I did. Come to the country and see a real trike with an extra front wheel. They're all over the place here.



Norwich, NY



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Have Trailer, Will Travel

## Pennsylvania District Rally Johnstown, Pa. August 20-22, 2009

by Al Skiles

Chapter "W" can earn points for going to adjacent state rallies. The Pennsylvania District Rally will be held in Johnstown, Pa., August 20-22 this year.

My home town is Johnstown and I am inviting you to go a day or three early to ride the Allegheny Mountains.

We will be going there Saturday the 15th and staying with my brother. He lives near the Johnstown expressway which takes you downtown ending at the convention center.

He lives about a mile from Rt. 219 Gallaria Mall exit. There is a Super 8 at the exit and there are others not too far from there. You can check out [www.johnstownpa.com](http://www.johnstownpa.com) web site for motel information. Click on accommodations and a list appears with links to them. The Econo Lodge and Holliday Inn Downtown are located very close to the Convention Center in the city. The rest are near where I will be staying.

The Pa. Rally flier is available on the Chapter "W" website.

This open to all GWRRA members so, please let me know if you're intersted in joining me for Fun and Frolic before the rally.

Contact info: [n2vy@rochester.rr.com](mailto:n2vy@rochester.rr.com)  
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The place for news  
between the news.

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# Rider Education

## OTC Drugs & Riding

In my last article we looked at traveling with prescription drugs. This month I thought we should look at common health problems and the use of over the counter drugs we might use while riding. Starting with the most common drug found in the blood of pilots involved in crashes and known to cause drowsiness, antihistamines. Commonly used, they are found in nasal and head cold medications. If you suffer with nasal allergies or have a head cold consider using less sedating medications like claritin, clarinex, and allegra. Use of a steroid nasal spray, may also help you. For dry or irritated eyes stay away from redness relievers or decongestant type eye drops. Instead use a lubricating type eye drop, sometimes called artificial tears.

Another issue is the inevitable headache. Causes, of which can be as numerous as the bug splatters on our windshields. What is important is to take the medications which you have found to work best for you, but remember to take it as soon as the symptoms start, don't wait. Liquid gel type capsules seem to work faster, than the regular style capsules. Stomach problems are always a concern when traveling. Remember to stay away from foods you aren't use to prior to and during your ride. If you are going on a long trip increase your fiber intake

which will help things stay regular, if you know what I mean. To cure constipation, milk of magnesia should work overnight. If you have overindulged at one of your diners or things just don't sit right ke an antacid tablet like tums or rolaids for relief. Anti diarrhea medicine like Imodium will work well for you should you run into a bout of diarrhea on your travels. Riding in Central New York isn't well known for its sunny days. When it does come out, remember to use a sun blocker on any exposed skin. Consider wearing sun blocking type clothing to help reduce your exposure to the harmful rays of the sun. For general pain or fever take naproxen, also know as Aleve. While this medication is known not to agree with your stomach, it does work well, for those days we have aches and pains and still want to ride.

When you pull your bike out for it's spring ride inspection, don't forget to go over your first aid kit, pull out any expired medicines, and update your medical information sheet. I wrote this article after reading an article by Flash Gorden M.D. in the February 2008 Motorcycle Consumer News Magazine.

John Van Deusen  
Chapter D NY Rider Ed.

### *Ladies Corner, from page 4*

The truth this illustration teaches us is if you don't put the big rocks in first, you'll never get them in at all." What are the "big rocks" in your life? A project that YOU want to accomplish? Time with your loved ones? Your faith, your education, your finances, a cause? Teaching or mentoring others? Remember to put these BIG ROCKS in first or you'll never get them in at all. So, tonight or in the morning when you are reflecting on this short story, ask yourself this question: What are the "big rocks" in my life or business? Then, put those in your jar first.





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know, Dee entered her trike in the show and won her class.

The following weekend was the Wildwater Derby in Shortsville. It is an annual event with canoes, kayaks, boats and rafts of all varieties competing in time trials for about 4 miles on the Canandaigua Lake outlet. My daughter and her boyfriend,



along with 2 other friends, competed on a homemade raft. That was what got me to go after hearing about it for most of my life but never having made it before. It was quite a sight to see some of the imagination used in some of the homemade rafts. One was built to resemble an airplane right down to the emblems and windows. My daughter had so much fun that she is hoping to do it again next year. She asked me if I wanted to go with them and I had to decline.

That afternoon was the 2<sup>nd</sup> Middlesex roast beef dinner of the year and 13 of us met at Charlie's and rode down. Shortly after sitting down to eat several others showed up including several former members of Chapter E. Of course we had to go for a ride and get ice cream afterwards.

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Capitol. A Washington DC map will be posted on the MRF website, or you can use this link for the map and directions:

<http://maps.google.com/maps/ms?hl=en&ie=UTF8&msa=0&msid=101951183910759109860.000468b197cce57785d6b&ll=38.886707,-77.009418&spn=0.012193,0.01914&z=16>

Due to the popularity of this event, the MRF obtained additional parking. We will meet at the 3rd street parking location at 9:00 am and walk one block to the staging area on the Capitol grounds where a smaller number of bikes will be parked.

Please contact [jeff@mrf.org](mailto:jeff@mrf.org) or call 202-546-0983 if you are planning to ride your motorcycle to this historic event, or if you have any questions about the event itself or local accommodations.

A couple of dates to keep in mind;

Saturday May 9<sup>th</sup> is our annual tech day at my house at 10AM. Any maintenance, repairs or installations you want done, bring the materials and we'll see what we can get done.

That afternoon Bob Bacon will be leading a group to dinner for Mother's Day at the National Hotel in Cuylerville. The ride will meet at Burger King on Pixley road in Gates to leave at 4 PM sharp. Any questions, contact Bob Bacon (585) 738-3522.

The following weekend on Sunday the 17<sup>th</sup> is the NY District ride-in. It will be held at the Marcellus Park in Marcellus starting at 11AM. My plan at this point would be to meet at Charlie's at 8:30 and take a leisurely ride there with one rest stop. If that plan changes I will let you know by e-mail.

The weekend after that (Memorial Day weekend) we are going to Orange County Choppers. We have had a pretty good response to this so far but there's always room for more. For details, call or e-mail me.

On the 30<sup>th</sup> is the Miracle Ride in Syracuse. This event is good for a point in the Dash if we have at least 6 people there so anyone that might be interested in going, let me know.

See you on the highway,  
Greg

**ACTIVE MEMBER'S**

*of GWRRRA New York Chapter "W", are invited to the 50th Wedding Anniversary of Allen and Joyce Skiles.*

*When: June 6, 2009*

*Where: Duane & Nancy Motley  
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*Check website for details as they become available. The site should be up to date by May 12th.*



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# SPRING INTO THE RIDING SEASON SAFELY

Now is the time to look at our motorcycles to prepare them for our first spring ride. We may have sneaked in a ride or two so far, but now it may finally be riding season, if you listen to the weather person! Last time you rode your bike, hopefully you stored it in such a way that it will take little to make it road ready. In any case we should look at the following items to make sure we are really ready to ride. Bring your manual and let's head out to the garage to make sure everything is within specifications.



Gary Mandak

## **Tires:**

Put the bike up on the center stand and spin the tires to check the tread and sidewalls for wear, cracks or souvenirs from the road. If the sidewalls have cracks, replace them, they are too old to be safe. When you replace your tires, replace the valve stems as well. Check the air pressure. During the winter it is normal to lose some air pressure. If the air pressure is very low, you may have a leak in the rim or the stem, so you need to find the source of the leak.

## **Brakes:**

While the bike is still in the air, spin the wheels and listen for noises. If you hear a rubbing sound, it could be worn brakes dragging on the rotors. How old are the brakes? How thick are the brake pads on both front sets and the rear? Do the rotors show wear? Check your brakes regularly for safety 's sake.

## **Brake fluid:**

Check the brake fluid level and add the correct type of brake fluid that your manual recommends. When was it changed last? Moisture accumulates in the brake fluid and may cause rust to form in the calipers causing less than effective brakes. Do the brakes feel hard to compress or do they feel spongy? It may be time for a brake fluid flush or other maintenance. Check for leaks in the brake lines or the fittings.

## **Front Forks:**

Inspect the front forks for any signs of leaking fluid; if so you may need seals. Leaking fork seals will affect handling. Make sure the fork sliders have no pitting, as that will cause the fork seals to be cut. Change the fork

oil per your scheduled maintenance. Check the air pressure in the forks.

## **Shocks:**

Check the air settings in the rear shocks to match the type of riding you are planning to do. Incorrect air pressure in the shocks will cause handling problems. Adjust the pressure as needed, depending on the weight of the passenger and amount of luggage.

## **Battery:**

How old is it? Is the water level correct? If your battery is low, add distilled water, nothing else. Are the cable connections free from corrosion? Brush them off and add vaseline or similar type of coating to reduce rust at the connections. The newer types of gel batteries are maintenance free and will not leak battery acid in the event the bike is less than vertical.

## **Oil levels:**

Has your oil and oil filter been recently changed in the engine? Most of us like to drain the old oil out in the fall and store it with fresh oil and filter. Is the differential oil at the correct level and been changed recently? When was the rear spline lubricated with the recommended type of grease?

## **Cable Lubrication:**

The throttle, brake and clutch cable (non-Hydraulic) need lubrication on a regular basis. Lack of lubrication will cause the clutch and brake cables harder to use and may break if not done on a regular basis.

### **Center/Side Stand Lubrication:**

The side and center stand need lubrication so they can retract all the way. They can hang down if not lubricated regularly.

## **Coolant:**

How old is the coolant? Is the level in the overflow tank correct? Is it discolored? Use the correct silicate free type coolant that is required for aluminum engines. If you mix the coolant your self, use distilled water to minimize the contaminants in tap water.

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**A PICTURE IS WORTH A THOUSAND WORDS.**



The Honda rider was traveling at such a “very high speed”, his reaction time was not sufficient enough to avoid this accident. Swedish Police estimate a speed of ~250 KM/h (155mph) before the bike hit the slow moving

car side-on at an intersection. At that speed, they predicted that the rider’s reaction time (once the vehicle came into view) wasn’t sufficient enough for him to even apply the brakes. The car had two passengers and the bike rider was found INSIDE the car with them. The Volkswagen actually flipped over from the force of impact and landed 10 feet from where the collision took place.

All three involved (two in car and rider) were killed instantly. This graphic demonstration was placed at the Stockholm Motorcycle Fair by the Swedish Police and Road Safety Department. The sign above the display also noted that the rider had only recently obtained his license.

At 250 KM (155 mph) the operator is traveling at 227 feet per second. With normal reaction time to SEE-DECIDE-REACT of 1.6 seconds the above operator would have traveled over 363 feet while making a decision on what actions to take. In this incident the Swedish police indicate that no actions were taken.

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**Hoses:**

Check the condition of the coolant hoses for leaks. Check the hose clamps. Inspect for coolant leaks at this time. Also check gas lines and vacuum lines for cracks and replace as needed.

**Goldwing manual:**

Now is the time to read through the manual for the recommended maintenance schedule. Whether we do the maintenance ourselves or not, we should be aware of what should be done on a regular basis. Maintaining your bike not only extends the life of the bike, but may extend yours as well. We should be confident that our bikes are in safe working order for the rest of the riding season.

Practice Safe Riding  
Gary Mandak  
Former Chapter W Educator



**When:** Sunday, May 17, 2009 11:00AM-3:00PM

**Where:** Marcellus Park Platt Rd, Marcellus, NY 13108, Latitude: 42° 58' 31"N Longitude: 76° 20' 12"W

**Food:** Please bring your own food and drink. Grills and charcoal will be provided by host Chapter D. A grocery store, a gas station/ convenience store, and, Subway are nearby (see map)

**Cost:** Entrance to the park is free. Chapter D requests a \$1.00 per person donation toward the cost of park facility usage

**Facilities:** Multiple restrooms, walking paths, trout stream, horse shoes and ball fields as available, paved roads and parking

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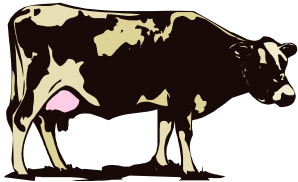
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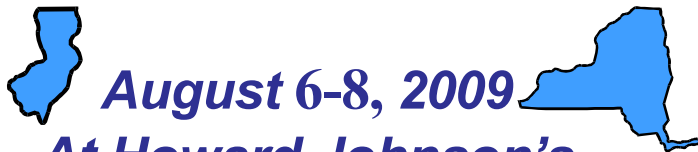


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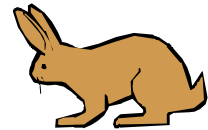
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