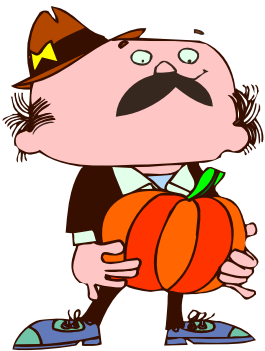




# The Winger

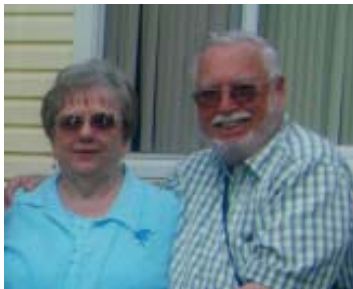


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"Friends for Fun, Safety, and Knowledge"



by Allen Skiles, Editor

What's your favorite time of the year. I suppose for most of us it depends. If you work outdoors you're most likely coming into the part of the year you could do without. Don't you just love that below freezing weather, Ha! If you work outside I'm sure you can hardly wait for Spring to get here. I installed septic systems for several years. It wasn't fun going to a home to unclog a jammed up tank baffle. I remember one time it was 10 degrees and the wind felt like it was buzzing us around 200 miles an hour. Jim and I couldn't get that job done fast enough. Now I'm pampered year around with A/C in the summer and heat in the winter.



Joyce & Al Skiles

Since I now work inside for the most part, the time of year is a non-issue except when it comes to outdoor activities like Wing riding. Now it's a different story. Mid Spring thru mid Fall I really like. Let's face it, we like that kick in the seat when you twist the throttle a little too quickly. Don't you? HANG ON!! I just wish it would rain only while I am at work and /or at night.

When it comes to relationships with family and friends November and December is my favorite time. Thanksgiving and Christmas! There is something about these two holidays that give me a brighter outlook.

Our plans are to spend the week of Thanksgiving back home in Johnstown, Pa. Most of our family live there. It's great to spend time around the Thanksgiving table with my dad, a brother, and sister and their spouses and a bunch of niece's and nephews. Usually one or more of our kids show-up there too. What a time.

I have much to be thankful for. I have a great wife of 50 years, two sons, two daughters, 7 grandkids, Owen in the basket, and a great God that has blessed us abundantly in spite of ourselves.

Then comes Christmas. A time of celebrating the birth of our Saviour Jesus Christ. We will be with our family and friends in Buffalo Christmas eve and Christmas day. My daughters house should have a turn-style for a front door. People in and out all day.

And then a sneak peek into January when our great grandson Owen, will come out of hiding and start keeping his parents up at all hours to be pampered and fed.

How 'bout you? I trust you have been blessed greatly too and that you are truly thankful for His blessings on you and yours. Have a great Thanksgiving.



# A Word From Our Chapter Director

We hope everyone had a great riding season. I know we did. I'll be dividing my article into two sections this month. First is a summary of our Chapter W Staff Meeting. This will be followed by some general stuff.



Mike and Ginny Schelkun, CD

We had a Chapter W staff meeting on October 21. Present were Greg and Dee Eames, Diane Hill, Al Skiles, Linda Hellman, Mike and Ginny Schelkun, Paul Wood and Ken Boyer. You may have met Ken and his wife, Robin, at the rally. Ken has volunteered for the position of Public Relations. Many thanks to Ken.

Many thanks go out to all on staff and all you JAMs (just a member) for your help in making Chapter W a success.

The focus of our discussions was on what we did that was fun this season and we need to do more. We also discussed things that didn't work out. Most of our Tuesday rides were good, but attendance was sometimes light. The question is why? Are the rides too long, too short or are there other reasons for not participating. The picnic, pig roast, was really good. Greg will have some comments in his article regarding Friday ice cream rides.

The weekend ride to Vermont was great this year and last year. Are there other favorite overnight places we could put in next year's schedule? Do you have a favorite place for a day ride? Are there other activities you would like to do? Keep these things in mind for our 2010 Ride Planning Meeting.

As you know, Pat Canon has stepped down as ride coordinator. Al Skiles has stepped up in the interim until we find a new person for this position. Let us know if you are interested. The main work consists of conducting a ride planning meeting and publishing ride

## BIRTHDAY GREETINGS

Dee Eames	14th
Barb Fedeli	15th
Mark Carpenter	15th
Lee Odom	16th
Tom Alloco	20th
Bill Lazon	26th
Mike Brower	30th



November

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY

Dave & Karen Hockenberry	25th	38 years
Mike & Ginny Schelkin	30th	46 years

"No matter where you go,  
there you are.  
And, you get there better  
on a Gold Wing"!

schedules. The Ride Coordinator does not have to lead all the rides. Al is working with Pat to get a winter schedule out.

We all agreed that we need to have an after holiday party again. It can't be January 16. That is the day Paul is holding the state staff meeting in Syracuse. Tentative dates are January 23, 30, and February 6. We will be checking out new places for this event.

And here is the other stuff. We have had some recent staff changes. As you know John Kent started the year as our Rider Educator. His work schedule interferes with "fun" stuff and he was not able to continue in this position. Greg Miller has agreed to be our Rider Educator. Thanks to both of these guys for their efforts. I will never forget John's session on "New York Alligators". At least one of our members jumped out of her seat.

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Hi Friends,

Well here we are, going into the colder months. Now is the time to reflect on this years riding season. What did you really enjoy this year? What did you not enjoy? What would you like to do next year that we didn't do this year? Please e-mail me with your thoughts.

This winter we will be working on updating our chapter membership listings. Anyone that either doesn't have a picture in the membership listing or doesn't like the picture that we have needs to have Al Skiles take one at the next dinner, breakfast or gathering. Also if we have inaccurate or incomplete info we will be contacting you.

We have a couple of additions to our chapter staff;

After an exhausting search we finally have a volunteer to do some public relations work. Ken Boyer has graciously accepted the position. He and his wife, Robin, have recently joined GWRRA and we first met at the district rally in Norwich. They are anxious to participate with the chapter and are very willing to help where needed.

Gregg Miller has accepted the position of Rider Educator. Those of you that were at the last chapter gathering heard his first talk about fall riding and hazards. I'm sure Gregg will do a fine job for us. Thank you to John Kent for his term. It's too bad that his life became too busy to have time for the position.

We also have a need. Pat Cannon has stepped down as Ride Coordinator.

We are looking for a replacement to be in position in time to conduct the annual ride planning meeting that usually is held in February. If anyone is interested ( or might be) contact Mike Schelkun or me.

Have a good November and a Happy Thanksgiving -- Greg



**H E L P !**

**This space reserved for the Ladies Corner, Co-riders Corner, or some kind of corner, page, epistle or whatever SHE wants to call it.**

**So, who's gonna write it?**

LATEST GRANDKID PICTURE      SHOPPING TRIP

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**Please ladies, don't fight over this opportunity!**

## November Ride Schedule (See page 9 for full schedule)

Meet at BKW at 6:30 PM to ride as a group or meet at the restaurant about 7:00 PM.

Date	Day	Place	Address	Time & Place
3rd	Tue.	Town & Country	3205 Chili Ave., Chili	6:30 PM @ BKW
7th	Sat.	Breakfast at Elm Grove	730 Elmgrove Rd.	8:00 AM there
10th	Tue.	Ezzy's Rest.	885 Buffalo Rd.	6:30 PM @ BKW
17th	Tue..	Stones Countryside	6120 Buffalo Rd., Churchville	6:30 PM @ BKW
19th	Thu..	Chapter "W" Gathering	730 Elmgrove Rd.	6:00 PM there
24th	Tue..	Abe's Rest.	5232 West Ridge Rd., Parma	6:30 PM @ BKW
Dec.				
1st	Tue..	Yianni's	120 Pixley Rd.	6:30 PM @ BKW
8th	Tue	Bill Gray's	3240 Chili Ave., Chili	6:30 PM @ BKW

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

## Breaking News from National...

### Chapter Contest

What can we do to increase excitement and, at the same time create, friendly competition among Chapters during our off-season? A Chapter Recruiting Contest! There are three ways to win. Please see the rules below.



### Former Member Recruitment

The Chapter that brings back the most **FORMER MEMBERS** of GWRRRA by **December 15, 2009**, will receive:

- ◆ Their Chapter Charter fee will be paid for 2010.
- ◆ Each Member of the winning Chapter will receive a \$10 discount on their Wing Ding registration. If your Chapter is the winning Chapter and you have already registered for Wing Ding, you will be issued either a \$10 refund or a \$10 credit on Official Products or the purchase of tickets at Wing Ding.

A Former Member is considered a Member who is expired for 30 days or more. Both types of memberships, the Family memberships or Individual memberships, count as one recruitment credit.

### New Member Recruitment

The Chapter that brings in the most **NEW MEMBERS** by **December 15, 2009**, will receive:

- ◆ Their Chapter Charter fee will be paid for 2010.
- ◆ Each Member of the winning Chapter will receive \$10 off Wing Ding registration.

### New Member Year-long Recruitment

The Chapter that has recruited the most **NEW MEMBERS** by **November 1, 2010**, will receive:

- ◆ Their Chapter Charter fee will be paid for 2011.
- ◆ Each Chapter Member will receive 50% off their Wing Ding registration for Wing Ding 2011.
- ◆ The winning Chapter will receive the traveling trophy cup with engraved Chapter name plate for one year.

## Reminder from National...

### It's That Time Again....

It's That Time Again. Time to update the Gold Book Service Directory. Having the Gold Book Service Directory at your fingertips is just one of the many great benefits of being a GWRRRA Member. When you travel, you're never more than a phone call away from a fellow Member who is willing to offer you assistance should you ever need it. The following is a list of the codes with the services you may be willing to provide:

1. Truck or trailer available to transport a disabled bike
2. Will accept phone calls (No collect calls, please!)
3. Tent space available
4. Sheltered sleeping space or lodging available
5. Tools available
6. Tour guide (local area)

Please make sure you're not left out of the Gold Book by checking the codes you have listed in your membership record. You must have at least one code checked to be listed. You can check your membership record at [www.gwrra.org](http://www.gwrra.org), and then click on Manage Your Membership. Or if you prefer, you can contact Member Services at 800-843-9460, Mon.-Thurs., 6:30 a.m.–5:00 p.m. MST, and one of our friendly agents will be happy to assist you. Don't be left out. The deadline to register or make changes to your selections for the Gold Book Service Directory is October 31, 2009. The 2010 Gold Book will be delivered with the March 2010 issue of *Wing World* magazine

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# Region B News

*From the Region Assistant Directors  
Dave & Crystal Godin*



We have slowly and steadily increased membership numbers. But we have to keep up the good work and **STAY in the RED from now on!** This also includes membership retention. With the year's end right around the corner, we are asking every District Director and Chapter Director to consider the best possible candidate for the Membership Enhancement Coordinator at both District and Chapter levels. The MEC is a very important and necessary position. On a Chapter level duties would include follow up phone calls to visitors from monthly gatherings, calling members whose GWRRA memberships have expired or are soon-to-expire, inviting new members from the area run list to your next function, and when they do attend, make them feel welcomed and part of the Chapter family. On a District level the MEC works in conjunction with the Chapter MEC and review unassigned

zip codes and designate them to Chapters, identify areas for new Chapters within the District and mentor the chapter MEC. The person or couple you appoint for this position must be well organized, detail oriented, work



*Dave & Crystal Godin*

independently with others. And be a team player. Because without members, where will GWRRA go? The Membership Enhancement Division's slogan for the past several years has been "We are Listening, What's your Solution?"

Focusing on that Membership Enhancement Division slogan, we are asking every District Director and Chapter Director to provide us a plan of action for the coming year. How do you intend to maintain the members you currently have? What strategy do you have for attracting new members into GWRRA? We are working with Donna Wheeler, our Region Membership Enhancement Coordinator, to promote Region wide involvement. Our plan is to follow up with District Directors after the first of the year for their game plans for 2010. Talk to your Membership Enhancement Coordinator and let's get moving in the right direction.

Here is a fantastic FUN OPPORTUNITY to help all our districts reach positive growth. For the second year, the New York District is hoping to recruit volunteers to work the

## **GWRRA SPONSORED Booth 28th Annual Cycle World International Motorcycle Show:**

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### **When**

Friday, January 22, 2010 Noon - 9:00pm  
Saturday, January 23, 2010 - 9:00am - 9:00pm  
Sunday, January 24, 2010 - 9:00am - 5:00pm

The New York International Motorcycle Show exhibits the latest motorcycles models and accessories including apparel, ATV accessories, fairing and parts, goggles and eyewear, helmets, leather, novelties, off road products, parts and performance products. Buy online tickets and save!

Online Ticketing: 1-800-331-5706

**This is a great opportunity to have fun meeting new motorcycle enthusiast and promoting GWRRA at the same time. Please consider volunteering TODAY!**

**Contact: Bob & Cathy Turner, NY ADD's (631)-368-8982 : [bob.turner@electrograph.com](mailto:bob.turner@electrograph.com)**

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As noted above, Ken Boyer has agreed to take on the position of Public Relations Officer. He has a number of ideas to help get the word out about GWRRRA and Chapter W. Again, I thank Ken for stepping up.

It is time to start the process of getting ready for winter. Many of us will be putting our bikes on blocks and covering them until spring. Winterizing for me consists of adding some fuel stabilizer and hooking up a trickle charger. The trike is then ready to go at a moment's notice if we have a good day. There have been years when we were able to ride at least once every month. Check out the latest Wing World for a good article on winterizing.

Well, that's enough rambling from me. Start thinking about things you would like to do next year.

Ride safe whether on 2, 3 or 4 wheels. — Mike

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1 1/2" and narrow the width 2" reducing the rider's back strain and allows for a more relaxed style of riding for the rider that is 5' 10" or less and the Lady riders. These handlebars are made of heavy-duty steel tubing, have mandrel bends, anti-vibration plugs in the bar ends, welded stand-offs for the bar covers and are chrome plated. All stock cable, wires and hoses are used as well as the stock handlebar covers.

They are brand new, these sell for \$159 plus shipping. Asking \$125, my loss is your gain. Ask Goofy about installation. CALL DEE-748-3962.

American Scissor Lift Table, Electric/Hydraulic, Push Button Controls, 110 volt, Lifting capacity 1,500 lbs. Table top is 30.5 inches wide and 72.5 inches long. Will lift from 3 inches to 55 inches high. If you are tired of crawling around on the ground or driveway to do maintenance on your Wing, this is for you. \$400.00. Call Joe Skyner 585-453-9561

For Sale

2004 Honda 1100 Shadow Sabre Runs great, very clean, 46,000 miles, two new tires were put on in the spring of 2009. Always kept in a garage and covered.

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### For Sale - Chrome rear rim for GL1800

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2nd Prize: 2 FREE Wing Ding Registrations

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- √ Submit a copy of your confirmation NO LATER THAN APRIL 15, 2010
- √ Receive one raffle entry for each registrant

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Dave & Crystal Godin, Asst. Region Directors

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NOTE: If you register via email, you will receive an email confirmation. If you don't have an email address or mail in your registration, please contact Member Services 800-843-9460 to ask for a mailed confirmation. Home Office no longer mails a confirmation unless it is requested.

Drawing will be held on April 25, 2010 at the GWRRA Rhode Island Chapter B Kick-off Breakfast



*Gregg Miller*

I would first like to thank Mike (I think) for asking me to take over as Chapter W's Rider Educator. I hope that I'll be able to do justice to the position, based on all of those who have gone before me. For those of you who may not know me well, I thought I'd introduce myself for this first installment.

I'm a native Rochesterian, and grew up in Webster. I graduated from Bishop Kearney HS in 1969, and it's hard to believe that was 40 years ago. While working on my associate's degree in audio/visual technology at MCC, I met my wife Janey, the only sister to Dave Hockenberry, and their four other brothers. Janey and I were married in June 1972 to the amazement of her parents. You see, the three oldest siblings (Don, Dave, and Janey) were married within a year's time (ours was the third).

Our first son Glenn was born in 1975 while we lived in our first home in Macedon. After finishing a bachelor's degree in media communication at RIT, we relocated to southern Arkansas in 1978. I took on a teaching position at a technical college, and developed the only associate degree program in professional photography in the state. While living in the "deep south" I learned to "speak southern" having been given a how-to book on the subject by my first year students. If you listen carefully, you may pick up a phrase here or there that still resonate in my vocabulary. While in Arkansas, our second son Michael was born in 1979.

Teaching photography morphed into a retail traveling photographer job eventually leading us to Charlotte, NC. We lived there for 22 years. Janey began working there in training and development for North Carolina Nation Bank, which after several acquisitions has evolved into Bank of America. It was through her vendor relationships that I was hired as an independent instructional designer working for financial services institutions through Handshaw and Associates (it helped that Dick Handshaw was also an RIT alum). And lo and behold, one of my banking clients turned out to be my wife! That made for very interesting dinner conversations on more than one occasion. I also volunteered as an EMT-Intermediate for six years with a nearby town's rescue squad which

allowed me to progress to a part time paramedic with the neighboring county's EMS provider.

One thing led to another, and I was hired at First Union National Bank as an instructional designer. This bank evolved into Wachovia, and most recently acquired by Wells Fargo. At First Union, I became the program owner for new hire training of associates who sold mutual funds and fixed/variable annuities. I also completed a master's degree in instructional systems technology at UNC-Charlotte (just a fancy term for curriculum development). After six years with FUNB/Wachovia and a victim of merger downsizing, I transitioned into a training consultant, web-based training developer, and project manager. The last six years have been spent doing work for Bank of America, most recently in Global Human Resources Technology as a service delivery manager.

We relocated back to Henrietta in October 2005, and it's great to be back home. Looking back, I guess I've been involved in training and development activities for the better part of the last 37 years. Janey and I are empty nesters with Glenn and family still in the Charlotte, NC area. Mike and his wife live on the northwest side of Detroit, in Utica, MI.

Thanks to Janey's brother Dave, I've gotten back on a bike after 27 years and still working my comfort zone on two wheels. So, you'll see items of interest to me as I work on the monthly training topics. For those of you with many years of riding experience under your belts, topics may have been heard before. However, as practice on the bike builds my comfort zone going forward, hearing safety information more than once helps reinforce and eliminates the cobwebs in our minds.

My other major interest and stress reliever is woodworking. I love creating something from wood, and I've overcome the nickname of "wood butcher" affectionately given to me by my wife many years ago. I'm a member of the Rochester Woodworkers Society, and served on their board of directors as workshop chairman.

I'm looking forward to preparing different rider safety topics each month. If there is any particular topic of interest for upcoming gatherings and newsletters, feel free to drop me an email, and I'll do my best to see how I can add that into the list.

Dream of a great 2010 riding season.

Gregg



## 2009-10 Winter Ride Schedule

*Meet at BKW at 6:30 PM to ride as a group or meet at the restaurant about 7:00 PM.*

<b>Date</b>	<b>Restaurant</b>	<b>Address</b>	<b>Additional Info.</b>
Nov 3	Town & Country Rest	3205 Chili Ave.	889-9133
Nov 10	Ezzy's Rest	885 Buffalo Rd.	436-9340
Nov 17	Stones Countryside	6120 Buffalo Rd.	293-1520
Nov 24	Abe's Rest	5232 West Ridge Rd.	352-9420
Dec 1	Yianni's	120 Pixley Rd.	426-1900
Dec 8	Bill Gray's	3240 Chili Ave.	889-8260
Dec 15	Slayton Place	54 Slayton Ave.	352-0260
Dec 22	Jay's Diner	2612 W. Henrietta Rd.	424-3710
Dec 29	<i>Rider's Choice</i>		
Jan 5	Ezzy's Rest	885 Buffalo Rd.	436-9340
Jan 12	Krony's Pizza (Sprt)	2139 N. Union St.	352-1199; In the plaza
Jan 19	Lighthouse Diner (Sprt)	500 S. Union St.	352-7805; US31 & SR259
Jan 26	Char-Broil House	1395 Island Cottage Rd.	663-3860
Feb 2	Olympia Fam Rest	2380 Lyell Ave.	429-6231
Feb 9	Jim & Ralph's	904 Elmgrove Rd.	247-7220
Feb 16	Town & Country Rest	3205 Chili Ave.	889-9133
Feb 23	Hilton Fam Rest	52 Hovey St., Hilton	392-4700; Off of Railroad Ave.
Mar 2	Bill Gray's	1225 Jefferson Rd.	424-2350
Mar 9	Yianni's	120 Pixley Rd.	426-1900
Mar 16	Stoney's Fam Rest	2005 Lyell Ave.	254-5200
Mar 23	Abe's Rest	5232 West Ridge Rd.	352-9420
Mar 30	Slayton Place	54 Slayton Ave.	352-0260
Apr 6	Char-Broil House	1395 Island Cottage Rd.	663-3860
Apr 13	Mike's NY Diner	3423 Winton Place	475-1863
Apr 20	Millhouse Rest	3670 Lake Rd.	637-7050; SR104 & SR19
Apr 27	Ezzy's Rest	885 Buffalo Rd.	436-9340

(\*BKW is the parking lot south of Burger King on Pixley Rd. in Gates.)

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**COOL!**

I know, you knew that all along.

## From Our Region Newsletter Editor

by Debbie Casale

Greeting Everyone! Thought I would share some Veterans Day and Thanksgiving Day history this month. Enjoy the month!

### The Story of Veterans Day

- ◆ November 11th is Veterans Day. A Veteran is a soldier who has served his/her country.
- ◆ Thirty-five countries fought in World War I. They fought for five years, from 1914 to 1918. The United States fought in the war from 1917 to 1918.
- ◆ Finally the countries stopped fighting. The leaders signed an armistice. They signed the armistice on the eleventh hour of the eleventh day of the eleventh month. The armistice meant that the war was over.
- ◆ Americans were very happy to hear about the armistice. No more soldiers would die in the war. The soldiers could come home.
- ◆ People went out into the streets and laughed and danced. They blew horns and whistles and rang bells. They sang songs. They thought that there would never be another war.
- ◆ President Wilson made November 11th a holiday to remember the end of the war. The holiday was called Armistice Day.
- ◆ At eleven o'clock in the morning, everyone stopped doing whatever they were doing. People were completely silent for one minute. This minute was to remember all the soldiers who have died in wars.
- ◆ The body of an unknown soldier was brought to America from the cemetery in France. His body was buried in a tomb at Arlington National Cemetery.

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Due by the 25th

It was called the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier.

- ◆ The US was in three more wars: World War II, the Korean War, and the Vietnam War. The name of the holiday was changed to Veterans Day.
- ◆ The bodies of three more unknown soldiers were brought to the cemetery. On Veterans Day, there are special services at the Tomb of the Unknowns.  
*Americans remember and honor all the veterans.*

### Thanksgiving History

The First American **Thanksgiving** is attributed to the autumnal feast held by the Pilgrims and Massasoit in 1621. The Mayflower passengers, having survived a rather challenging winter in the "New World" and having managed to harvest their surviving crops, hosted a feast which was an English tradition that signaled the end of harvest time.

The Massasoit's religion demanded that they help those who came with empty hands. The recently landed newcomers had been in such need during their first year in the territory. Additionally, the Massasoit were members of the widespread confederacy of Algonquian-speaking people known as the League of Delaware. They were also the most important and influential sachem of the Wamapanoag. It was because of the Massasoit's generosity and in hopes to negotiate a land deal that they were invited to the harvest **celebration** with the Separatists. The most noteworthy and historically familiar member of the Native **party** was Squanto, who was the only non-Separatist who had been formally educated and baptized a Christian.

The date of the feast is unknown. However, it must have occurred previous to December as that is the month that one of the only written accounts first is documented. There are only two known written eyewitness reports of the event; that of Edward Winslow and William Bradford who described the details of the fishing and hunting expeditions and the fact that the festivities lasted three

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# GWRRA Leaders



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 Newsletter Editor **Phil Coons**

## Breakfast at Elm Grove

Come join the breakfast fun at the Elm Grove Family Restaurant the first Saturday of every month at 8:30 AM. The Elm Grove Family Restaurant 730 Elmgrove Rd. just off Rt. 531. It is north of Rt. 531 on the east side of the road next door to a 7-11. If you cross Lyell Rd. say oops and turn around.

## Open for Dinner

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

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## The next Gathering will be November 19, 2009

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Dinner Meeting schedule:  
 Meet and eat at 6:00 PM  
 – Meeting about 7:00 PM



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days.

The Massasoit, ninety individuals in totem, provided five deer for the feast. Among some of the other edible items were duck, geese, turkey, fish, and corn. It is unlikely that the dishes presented were extravagant because the colonists weren't aware when the next ship docking would take place and would have conserved whatever spices they had.

There are many myths surrounding the modern day celebration of Thanksgiving. Although Thanksgiving as a holiday can be traced to the harvest celebration of 1621, it was neither a feast held annually or meant as a celebration of giving thanks. Just two years later, in 1623, there is no mention of a **Thanksgiving feast**.

The Pilgrims were primarily a Separatist group who arrived in Massachusetts the previous year. Their visual use in **Thanksgiving decorations** is often misconstrued. The familiar black and white garb with the large buckles that we see today is incorrect. The appearance is related to Puritans who arrived in the Americas later and who only used the black and white garb occasionally. Buckles weren't in production until the late 1600's as well. When a member of the Mayflower party would die, an inventory of their belongings would be assessed. Most inventories revealed a tendency for darker colors, but many people had a wide range of color in their clothing collections. The Pilgrims weren't the only ones misrepresented in latter day artwork and stories. The Massasoit are typically depicted in costumes that are more closely related to Plains tribes.

The first national Thanksgiving was declared in 1777 by the Continental Congress. It wasn't yet an observed holiday and several other "Thanksgiving" days were proclaimed inconsistently until 1815. Thanksgiving reverted to being a regional event until 1863 when two days were declared. The first being August 6th after the victory at Gettysburg and the second being the first last-Thursday-in-November celebration. Abraham Lincoln was the first American President to proclaim Thanksgiving a nationally observed holiday as the insistence of a long-time advocate, Sarah Hale. However, in 1939, Franklin D. Roosevelt believed the holiday to fall too close to **Christmas** and made a motion for it to be celebrated on the third Thursday in November. Not every State complied. In 1941, a joint resolution of Congress chose the fourth Thursday in November, which is not always the last Thursday in the month.

Today, Thanksgiving isn't considered Thanksgiving unless there is a bountiful feast of turkey and all the trimmings, images of Pilgrims and Native Americans, or the ever popular pumpkin. Through the years, it's become a religiously affiliated holiday and trips to local churches as well as providing a banquet for the less fortunate have become seasonal traditions.



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