



# The Winger



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"Friends for Fun, Safety, and Knowledge"

## GWRRA-NY Ride-Out - Jamestown

Hello GWRRA NY,

The 2009 Ride Out was an incredibly good event.

The weather was great, and Chapter U picked a very good facility to use. The food was excellent, and included plenty of home-made desserts. The Gold Wing cake was very special.

The guided rides were spectacular, and included beautiful overlooks of Chautauqua Lake and Lake Erie. One overlook included both lakes. Of course, we passed several vineyards.

There were many drawing prizes as well.

I would guess there were 60 to 70 in attendance, including Chapters H, W, D and even a member of T. Dash 4 Cash points were earned by U, W, and D.

Our new NY C.O.Y., Bob & Sandy Kelley (NY-H), were also in attendance.

Those that did not attend really missed out.



Paul & Suzette Wood  
GWRRA NY District Directors  
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The quality of this event makes us VERY proud to be the NY District Directors.

I think Chapter U could write the book on how to put together a successful event. CD Joe & Marsha and Company ...GREAT JOB... THANKS!!!



# A Word From Our Chapter Director

The riding season in our area is rapidly coming to an end. For Ginny and me it has been great so far, never too hot or too cold. As noted at the last gathering we had a great weekend at the Bromley View Inn in Bondville, VT. The ride was lead by Jim Pearson. You'll have to ask him about Route 5. The Rowles and Jordans also made the trip. It was great to see Bonnie on this trip. It rained most of Saturday, but that didn't stop us from riding. We visited the Vermont Country Store, which is great fun. They have enough samples of their goodies throughout the store that you could probably skip lunch. With the clouds and rain we didn't get the benefit of the great scenery in the area. The mountaintops were usually in clouds while we were riding. We saw many moose, painted statues. Ginny and I hope we can do it again next year.



Mike and Ginny Schelkun, CD

It was great to see about 40 "Wingers" at our September gathering. I hope you had a chance to talk to Bob and Sandy Kelley, 2009 NY District Couple of the Year. You may recall my discussing stopping distance. It takes about 272 feet to stop from a speed of 60 mph. For the details of this calculation and other interesting motorcycle information go to [www.msgroup.org](http://www.msgroup.org).

It is not too early to start planning for next years events. If you are planning to go to the NY/NJ Rally now is the time to get your hotel reservations. From the grapevine I hear the hotel is already nearly filled.

Take care, have fun, and ride safe.

Mike



## BIRTHDAY GREETINGS

- Dave Hockenberry 1st
- Cindy Thayer 3rd
- Patti Wood 7th
- Mickee Ide - Eames 6th
- Charlie Fedeli 11th
- Dewey VanNort 13th
- Shelby Ide - Eames 16th
- Ron Hinz 21st
- Linda Koehn 29th
- Dan Strong 30th



- Dan & Kathy Strong 21st 31 years
- Gary & Betty Mandak 23rd 38 years

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

### Darn Women Drivers

This morning on the Freeway I looked over to my left and there was a woman in a brand new Cadillac doing 65 mph with her face up next to her rear view mirror putting on her eyeliner.

I looked away for a couple of seconds and when I looked back she was halfway over in my lane, still working on that makeup.

As a man, I don't scare easily. But she scared me so much; I dropped my electric shaver, which knocked the donut out of my other hand. In all the confusion of trying to straighten out the car using my knees against the steering wheel, it knocked my cell phone away from my ear which fell into the coffee between my legs, splashed, and burned everything it touched, ruined the darn phone, soaked my trousers and disconnected an important call.

Hi Friends,

Well the summer is quickly drawing to a close. I'm waiting to see frost any minute. Even though we didn't have a lot of hot weather this summer, I still feel like I got a lot of good quality riding done. I had a lot of enjoyable trips and a lot of good socializing with my friends.

I don't have a lot to say this month as I have spent most of my waking hours at work. Look for a longer article next month.



Coming up this month on the 10th I will be leading a ride to Brian's USA diner north of Mt. Morris. I haven't finalized the plans yet so look for details in an e-mail.

John Kent will lead his annual Pumpkin Cruise on the 17th. I'm sure he has a lot of fun and surprises planned so it's a can't miss! More details are elsewhere in this newsletter.

That's about all I have for now. Ride safe, stay warm and watch for wet leaves and deer!!

Greg

**Obituary**

**Cope, Dolores I.**

Spencerport: Tuesday, September 22, 2009, at age 77. She was predeceased by her husband of 53 years, John R. Cope. She is survived by her children Wayne (Cheryl) Cope, Randy (Liz) Cope, Sharon (Barr) Miesch, Terry Cope and Debra O'Neill; grandchildren, Michelle (Tim) Gurnsey, Rachel (Josh) Porter, Matthew and Monica Cope, Ryan and Melanie Cope, Tom (Crystal) Miesch, Josh (Nikki) Miesch, Emily Miesch, William (Carrie) O'Neill, Tyler and Bryce O'Neill; great-grandchildren, Michael Gurnsey, Robin Porter, T.J. and Abigail Miesch, Jayden Miesch, Rylie Miesch; brother-in-law, George Perroult and children, Donald & Barbara Perroult; many nieces, nephews, cousins and extended family.

Her funeral was held at Walker Brothers Co. Funeral Home, Inc., 15 West Avenue, Spencerport, Tuesday the 29th at 11:00 AM. Interment was held privately.

**HELP!**

**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

RECIPES      CO-RIDER COMFORTS AND TIPS

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

**October Ride Schedule**

Date	Day	Place	Address	Time & Place
3th	Sat.	Breakfast at Elm Grove	730 Elmgrove Rd.	8:00 AM there
6th	Tue.	Carmine's Family Restaurant	671 Maiden Lane, Greece	6:30 PM @ BKW
10th	Sat.	Brian's USA Diner	5524 SR 36, Mount Morris	See Greg
13th	Tue.	Nutcracker Restaurant	2159 Empire Blvd., Webster	6:30 PM @ BKW
15th	Thu..	Chapter "W" Gathering	730 Elmgrove Rd.	6:00 PM there
17th	Sat.	Pumpkin Cruise (Fall Foliage Ride)	Caledonia Commons	8:30 PM John Kent
18th	Sun.	Pumpkin Cruise alternate Rain Date	Caledonia Commons	8:30 PM John Kent
20th	Tue..	Pineview Family Restaurant	2139 N. Union, Spencerport	6:30 PM @ BKW
27th	Tue..	Jay's Diner	2612 W. Henrietta Rd.	6:30 PM @ BKW
31st	Sat.	Middlesex Roast Beef Diner	Middlesex, NY	3:00 PM @ CR

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

# News from National

## Reminder about the NEW RECOGNITION PROGRAM

Melissa Eason, announced a new Recognition Program back in January. The program began January 1, 2009 and will run through December 31, 2010.



**This program is designed to say thank you to all GWRRA Members for sharing GWRRA with other motorcyclists. For every two new households you recruit, you will receive a \$5 gift certificate that could be used for Goodies, Membership Renewal, or for Wing Ding Registrations. There are no limitations on how many certificates you can receive but they are non-transferable and only valid for one year.**

We have brought back the Hanger Tags to help our Members take part in this program. The Hangar Tags, for those who are not familiar, are cardstock, pre-addressed forms that you can fill in a potential Member's information, and they can receive a FREE copy of *Wing World* magazine or even join GWRRA right then and there. Or you can simply place the card on someone's antennae, if they are not near their Gold Wing and they can fill in the information and mail it in later. Make sure you add your information, so you can get the recruiter credits! All you have to do is e-mail or call Customer Service, and they will be more than happy to send these great recruiting tools to you. Call 800-843-9460 or 623-581-2500 to get more information or to receive your Hangar Tags NOW!

**GWRRA-NY "W"**

**Website**

**The place for news  
between the news.**

**[www.gwrra-nyw.org](http://www.gwrra-nyw.org)**



# Region B News

## How Many Who's in Chapter "W"?

This is a question our Member Services Department hears quite frequently from Members. They have received their new Member or renewal packet, and tucked inside is a membership card for the co-rider with the word "Who" where the Member's name should appear.

When filling out the membership application, the applicant will often neglect to fill in the name of their corider. If Member Services cannot reach the applicant to verify the co-rider's name when processing the application, the card gets issued with the word "Who" in place of their name. Oftentimes, once the Member receives the "Who" card, they will call and request a new card with the co-rider's name, but as of August 1, 2009, we have 290 co-riders named "Who". Because it can take up to two weeks to receive a replacement card, let's remind our Members, when renewing or applying for the first time, to fill in the co-rider's name. This will insure that the co-rider receives a membership card with their name and not the dreaded "Who" card.

—GWRRA Member Services


## Changes in the Region Staff

Effective October 1, 2009, we will be re-aligning our region staff. We will be transferring the Northeast Region Motorist Awareness Coordinator's position from the Operations Division to the Rider Education Division, meaning the MAD coordinators will be appointed by Keith Price, our Region Rider Educator.

Also, effective October 1, 2009, we will be eliminating the Public Relations position within the Northeast Region. We would like to thank Keith & Kathleen Eddy, our Region MAD coordinators and Mort & Ruth Smith, our Region Public Relations coordinators, for their dedication and commitment to their positions within our region. We wish them continued success in all aspects of their lives and hope they continue to be proactive in support of GWRRA.

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**Got a problem with your Wing?**



Perhaps Goofy Fixer can **help** you. Call Goofy at 748-3953 for free **help** to active Chapter "W" members.

# Gold Wing - the sound of quiet.

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## From the 2009-2010 Region Couple of the Year Mike & Nancy Mandell

Nancy and I have been involved in GWRRRA for 9 years and the couples program in some way for the past 6 years. The program has so many "hidden benefits" that we felt this was a good time to discuss them.

As we enter into September and the Fall season, along with the changing leaves and cooler temperatures, it is a time when Chapter Directors will be thinking about the staff changes they will be making in January. Of course we all know the obvious ones, if the CD is staying on, there will probably be very few changes, if in fact they are stepping down, then they will be deep in thought about who will step up and what direction the chapter will take. These are all good things, but in many instances the position of "Chapter Couple" is overlooked, perhaps not given the thought it really deserves.

The Couple of The Year Program offers many rewards; first and foremost it is a wonderful way to recognize 2 very special members within your chapter. These are usually folks that always go above and beyond for the good of the chapter and the members. The entire chapter membership knows they can always count on them; they are front runners and cheerleaders for all of your events and never seem to run out of energy. Their smiles are constant and attitudes always positive. What better way to say "Thanks" than bestowing this honor upon them? Every chapter has a couple

that deserves the title "Couple of The Year".

But wait, that is just the beginning, The Couple of The Year Program offers more, so much more. The rewards are far reaching and long lasting. They will energize your chapter and perhaps propel it to even greater levels. Selecting a Couple, while it recognizes them, it is also self serving for the chapter. The couple who has already given 110% will now anxiously try to do even more for their chapter and friends.

The level of Chapter Pride will also increase, that is multi faceted, first the Couples enthusiasm is contagious, and it is something that everyone will catch. In addition the level of pride will rise within your members, this will result in more involvement, participation and FUN for all.

As a direct result of selecting a Chapter Couple you will find your members wanting to get "more" involved. No one will ever tell you they want to be the couple, but that being said, everyone appreciates recognition. Members will take notice that "you" have made the effort to say "Thanks" to that very special couple. It will be a position that many of your members would be honored to hold.

Chapter Couples traditionally will increase involvement in the "Visit-a-Chapter Program" by attending many gatherings both within and outside of your district. Their friends will want to join them on many of these trips. Couples become ambassadors for the chapter as

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### Pumpkin Cruise

Pumpkin Cruise is just around the corner. Oct. 17th. It will be a bit different this year. We will be meeting at the Caledonia Commons near the monument at 8:30 AM, leaving at 9:00 AM. Breakfast will be shortly thereafter. Dinner will be at the Beachcomber about 4:00 PM. The ride will be shorter with more stops this year. As usual pay attention to where we go and what you see. There will be prizes! Let's put in our order for good weather now.

-- John K.

### Endless coffee



We will see you on Saturday, Oct. 3rd at Elm Grove Family Restaurant. They will start taking our food orders about 8:30 AM. Come for the fun, food, and fellowship. A great way to start the month.

## Ham Radio SIG Equipment For Sale

**NOTICE: You MUST have an Amateur Radio license in order to operate this equipment.**

### HTX-10

#### Ten Meter Ham Radio AM/FM/SSB

Radio Shack HTX 10, Mobile 10 meter band receiver

**Power output** 7w (AM), 25w (FM/SSB)

**Power source**, 12-16 vdc

**Freq. range** 28.000 - 29.699 MHz

**Does not do CW**

### HTX-242

#### Two Meter FM Ham Radio

Radio Shack HTX 242 Mobile, 2 meter FM

**Freq. range transmit**, 144 - 148 MHz

**Freq. range receive**, 136 - 174 MHz

**Power source**, 13.8 vdc

**RF power output**, 45 W (high), 10 W (low)

Has CTCSS and DTMF tones

### I-Com IC-2350

#### Dual Band FM 2 M & 70 cm.

I-com IC-2350 mobile, Dual band FM 2 meter and 70 cm.

**Will cross band repeat.**

**Freq. range receive** 2 meter,

**RF power output** 2 meter, 5/50W

**Freq. range receive** 70 cm,

**RF power output** 70 cm, 5/25W

**Power source**, 13.8 vdc

Has CTCSS and DTMF tones

#### ASKING PRICES ARE:

HTX-10 \$100.00

HTX-242 \$50.00

IC-2350 \$200.00

Radios are located in Spencerport, NY. Available for pickup here.

Shipping and handling charges will be extra.

All in like new operating condition.  
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585-352-1087 - Home  
585-225-2220 - Work

Al Skiles, N2VY

## Want Ad's

### FOR SALE

#### Motorcycles and Motorcycle stuff

Heel and toe shifter with floorboards for GL1100. \$donation to Ride-for-Kids - 585-352-1087. Al Skiles

1 pair of wind deflectors for GL1100 and GL1200. \$15.00 - 585-352-1087, Al Skiles

Magellan GPS, Map 330. Asking \$75.00 Good for Geocaching - 585-352-1087, Al Skiles

GL1500 accessories, Chrome Fork Bridge Cover by Drag. Never used. \$15,00 - fuzzyeagle@juno.com

Honda Belt Buckle, \$5.00 - fuzzyeagle@juno.com

One pair of front progressive fork springs, # 58-1501 - \$100 Contact Ron Hinz 585-615-7433

Complete Vetter System. Only \$300. See info and pictures on Chapter W website. www.gwrra-nyw.com

2005 GL1800 with ABS, 20,792 Miles, Dark Gray Metallic \$15,000 or OBO. (H) 585-343-5465 (W) 585-279-2115 See www.gwrra-nyw.com for more info.

2005 Yamaha V Star Classic - 650 CC Windshield, Tool Bag on Windshield, Headlamp and Turn Signal Visors, Crash bars, Wind Wings, Leather Tank Cover, Hard Saddlebags (Removable), Passenger Backrest, Luggage Rack, Spare Battery (New)

16,000 Well maintained, easy miles

Asking \$4,500

Contact Linda/Jim Pearson (Home) 315 589-5651- (Linda Cell) 585 281-5504 - (Jim Cell) 585 766-2880

New handlebars that bring the bars back 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.

### WANTED

Paul Thayer is looking for an enclosed trailer, prefer with a V front. 10 to 15 feet long. 585-227-0431

### FOR SALE

#### Non-Motorcycle stuff

Friction anti-sway bar, Reese equalizer hitch - Adjustable ball mount, 750# spring bars - all hardware to mount. Requires 2" receiver mounted on towing vehicle (not included) - Value is over \$300, asking \$150. Electronic brake controller included. 585-352-1087

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 - Chrome rear rim for GL1800

Chrome rear rim for GL1800 New and never been on a bike. New price is \$525 will sell for \$425. Steve Denton 518-654-6518. For sale: motorcycle jack lift will lift a GL-1800 and balance good. We have a trike now, so we don't have a use for it will sell for \$75. Cordura Padded Motorcycle Jacket, Blue and Black, size 2x \$40 or make offer. Contact Steve Denton at: snden@roadrunner.com (518) 654-6518 (H)



## 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.

**\$5,000.00**

For more information contact Joe or Sue Skyner.

Rochester, New York

**585-453-9561**



## **GWRRA New York - HORIZONS PROGRAM**

October 3 and 4, 2009

North Syracuse Fire Hall  
109 Chestnut Street  
North Syracuse, NY

What is the Horizons Program?

- ◆ 1 1/2 Day Experience in:
  - ◆ Teamwork
  - ◆ Self-awareness
  - ◆ Interpersonal Communication
  - ◆ Building Better Chapters
  - ◆ Having Fun

Check district website for details:

[www.gwrra-ny.org](http://www.gwrra-ny.org)

# PUMPKIN CRUISE

**October 17, 2009**

**Meet at Caledonia Commons  
at 8:30 AM**

**Leave at 9:00 AM, breakfast  
soon after**



**Fewer miles and more stops than last year.**

**Late afternoon dinner and socializing.**

**Questions and prizes after dinner**

**R.S.V.P. before October 12th to John or Peggy 538-4374**

**E-mail: [jayobwon@hotmail.com](mailto:jayobwon@hotmail.com)**

**Rain date October 18th**



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well as the entire GWRRRA organization, they become comfortable being in front of the chapter speaking, and suddenly become extremely vocal and visible always promoting and seeking new members.

As your couple grows within the program and they are encouraged to enter into the District selection process that will also raise the level of member participation and chapter pride. Your chapter will want to attend the District event and cheer on your couple and support thru the entire process. The Couple of The Year Program will directly grow your extended GWRRRA family and raise the bar on just how much FUN the organization has to offer all of us. Make sure your chapter does not miss out on this "golden opportunity", make it a priority to select and honor that very special couple in your chapter and allow them to proudly wear the rocker "Couple of The Year". Let's try to get every chapter in the region to appoint a Chapter Couple, together we can make this dream a reality.

If Nancy and I can be of any assistance to you or if you have any questions about the Couples Program we can always be reached on our cell phone or by e-mail. Cell; 732-887-0374, e-mail; [Michael@mandellplumbing.com](mailto:Michael@mandellplumbing.com)  
"The more you know-The more FUN you will have"

**Motorist Awareness Division**

The Motorist Awareness Division has, for several years, served two masters. While nominally a part of Operations, it also falls under the auspices of Rider Education. It's as if it was a man without a country. Are they a part of Operations or are they a part of Rider Education? Therefore Regional Operations has decided that, effective October 1, 2009, that they will no longer be responsible for MAD efforts in the Region. Henceforth MAD will be solely a function of Rider Education and I, as Regional Educator, will assume the functions of the MAD Coordinator in Region B.

This will also apply to the Districts as well. If your district has a MAD Coordinator, they will continue in that role under your supervision. If your district does not have a separate MAD Coordinator, you are expected to fulfill that role until sometime as you can appoint a Coordinator.

What does all this mean? I see our new task as being two fold. First we need to encourage MAD activities at the Chapter level. It is at that level that the work of getting the safety message out to the motoring public occurs. Next, in order to encourage the work at the Chapter level, we need to become a clearinghouse for information and ideas. As we have educated our members of their part in Rider Safety now we must also educate the motoring public of their role in safety for themselves and the motorcyclist.

I will be contacting the National MAD Coordinators to see if they have any ideas that may assist us. There will be future MAD articles in this newsletter and copies of it will be distributed to District Mad Coordinators as well. As always, I encourage you to submit articles for publication. Please include District and Chapter MAD Coordinators in your distribution lists. With your help we can make this a safer region to ride in.

**Autumn Riding**

Autumn is a wonderful time of the year to be alive and to ride. Crisp evenings and dry sunny days call to each of us. But autumn has its unique hazards to the motorcyclist. Hazards which if you don't pay attention can prove disastrous.

One of the glories of autumn is the changing colors of the foliage. Everyone loves to ride about the countryside and view nature's painting. However autumn's leaves can pose dangers. A sudden gust of wind can propel a cloud of leaves across the road obstructing your vision. Wet leaves on the road surface can be as slippery as ice! Piles of leaves at the edge of the road can obscure hazards such as debris, tree limbs, pot holes, or, even worse, children playing in the leaf piles. Every year we hear of children stuck and killed while so playing.

Weather in the autumn can dramatically change in just a few hours. Warm sunny days can suddenly turn bitter and wet in minutes. A hot afternoon can lead to frost, or even snow, covered roads at night. With lowering temperatures can come thick ground fog during a morning ride. Riders need to pay special attention to weather forecasts this time of year. Use discretion as to whether to ride or not and always carry clothing suitable for wet and cold weather.

Remember that days become much shorter during autumn. This combined with increased activity of wildlife, especially deer, can spell real trouble for the motorcyclist. Be extra alert for deer during the fall season which is also their mating season. Look out for two greenish luminous dots, close together, at the side of the road. These dots can prove to be the eyes of a deer about to cross the road in front of you. Look for their outline drifting across the headlight of an approaching car or drifting across tail lights. Deer often travel in groups of does and fawns. Be careful, if you hit a deer, you lose.

So enjoy the glorious days of autumn. It's likely to be a long cold winter. Enjoy autumn but recognize its unique hazards.

**Deer – the Shadow Menace**, A reprint but especially important in the fall.

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**COOL!**

I know, you knew that all along.

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**Warning – This is not a warm and fuzzy article. It deals with a serious threat to motorcyclists. Its conclusions and recommendations are equally serious and may not be suitable for everyone.**

Everybody has seen it and fears it. It can happen any time of the year. A ghostly shadow momentarily obscures the headlights of an approaching vehicle as it crosses the road. A pair of disembodied eyes shine brightly back at you from the side of the road. Yes, it's deer season again and I don't mean the time of year when hunters go out to bag their buck! I mean when the deer seem to be after us. A deer, or two or three, seem to magically appear on the road directly in front of you. What are you to do? If you are riding as a group and someone sights a deer don't be quiet about it. Get on the CB and tell everyone about it. Don't be polite and wait for a pause in another conversation. This is important! You must inform the group of any deer in the vicinity of, or approaching the road. Just don't yell "DEER" either. Tell them where it is. If you don't, everybody will be looking in different directions and chaos results.

OK, let's assume that the worst scenario occurs and you come around a curve and a deer magically appears in the road in front of you, now what? A neighbor of mine was badly injured last year when it happened to him when he was on his BMW. Unfortunately he reacted incorrectly. Your basic course of action is to sound your horn and hope that the deer will move while simultaneously applying maximum braking pressure in order to stop before impact. Do not swerve at high speed in order to avoid hitting the deer and NEVER swerve while braking! Chances are the deer will move out of the way before you hit him. Besides the deer and you may quite likely travel in the same direction! BUT as horrible as it sounds, it is better to strike the deer than swerve and lose control. Swerving at high speed will most likely cause you to lose control and you will go off the road. Impacting the deer square on is less likely to kill or maim you as might traveling off the road and hitting a tree or bridge abutment would. It's a

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Due by the 25th

matter of physics and the dispersal of energy. At 60 mph a GL1800 with rider and load generate about 85,000 foot-pounds of energy in an impact. That force must be dispersed before the machine comes to rest.

The more ways that energy is expended and the slower the dispersion occurs, the better it is for you. When your Wing impacts a deer, a large portion of the impact force will be expended as the animal is crushed by the impact. An even larger portion of the force is expended as the 100 – 200lb. animal is propelled in the direction of your travel by the impact. A third part of the force is shed by the collapsing of the front of your bike. You as rider will suffer a much reduced, secondary impact as you are propelled into the fairing, windshield, and possibly over the wind shield to slide down the pavement.

If you do a high speed swerve, lose control, and go off the road, this is what you can expect. The wing and you will impact a solid, immovable object with little or no reduction of speed. Whether the object is a tree, boulder, bridge abutment, sign, or the ground, it will absorb relatively little of the impact force. Virtually all of the energy will be expended instantly on you and your bike with almost certain fatal results. **Never** try to swerve and brake at the same time! You will lose control and go down.

As evidence I offer two actual cases. My neighbor locked up his rear wheel while swerving. He went down, slid down the pavement and hit the guard rail. He was, however, lucky. Due to his sliding down the pavement (he was wearing leather), he only suffered a severe compound ankle fracture but he did survive and has recovered. The fact that he was wearing over-the-ankle boots kept him from losing his foot. The other case involved a member in our district. He came around a curve on his new GL1500 and impacted a deer square on. He had no time to react.

His Wing was virtually destroyed by the impact. The fairing and windshield were gone and the front wheel, fender, and forks badly twisted. He, however, virtually walked away from the accident! He was incredibly sore and stiff for a week, his bike totaled, but he was basically unharmed! As for the deer, enough said.

### **Deer Alerts – Do they work?**

I have used both wind powered and electronic deer  
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# GWRRA Leaders



**GWRRA NATIONAL**  
Executive Director **Melissa Nordeoff**



## NORTHEAST REGION "B"

Region B Director **Earl & Lorraine Knight**

Educator **Keith & Elaine Price**  
Trainer **Don & Patricia Hoffman**  
MAD **Keith & Kathy Eddy**  
PR **Mort & Ruth Smith**  
Membership **Donna Wheeler**  
COY Coordinators & COY **Dan & Ruthann Camire**  
CPR/FA **Tim & Anna Grimes**  
Webmaster **Tom Evans**  
COY Coordinator **Claudette Cyr**



## NEW YORK DISTRICT

District Director **Paul & Suzette Wood**  
Assistant District Director **Rocco & Karen Cole**  
Assistant District Director **Bob & Kathy Turner**  
District Ambassador **Will & Carol O'Brien**  
District Treasurer **Jack & Donna Seeley**  
District Educator **Dan & Kathy Corby**  
Assistant Rider Educator **OPEN**  
COY Coordinators **Rich & Lois Brown**  
District COY 2008 **Unfilled position**  
District MAD Coordinator **Joe & Marsha Gaworecki**

District Membership Coordinators **Pete & Marielle St. Amour**

District Public Relations **Linda Waterman**  
District Webmistress **Suzette Wood**

## 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 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 October 15, 2009

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



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alerts, or whistles, for many years. Deer alerts do not frighten deer! There is no reason for them to be frightened. But the alerts or whistles do, in my opinion, annoy or irritate them. I have never seen a deer run away from the road side when I approach with a vehicle so equipped but I have seen many deer raise their heads, look toward me, and walk away as I come near them. The alerts are fairly cheap with the electronic units costing around \$50. They do not, however replace a good defensive riding, or driving, strategy which involves scanning for ALL hazards in your path or travel.

SSAs Always: Ride Smart - Ride Safe -- Keith & Elaine

**Where has it gone?**

We're rapidly going into October 1 and have to wonder where our summer went.

That said, we enter a riding season I absolutely love and one of the reasons lies in the great northeast, fall. Having traveled a good portion of this planet, I know of no more vibrant place to watch nature's virtues than here in upstate New York and New England.

With this beauty comes several riding challenges for those of us on two and three wheels.

First, for a large part of the animal kingdom, spring is the time when a young man's fancy turns to love, but not so for our area's great white tail deer. Fall is the time of the rut. This means the bucks have only one thing on their mind and it sure isn't motorcyclists. Please be so extra vigilant.

Next, as I can attest this morning, temperatures are dropping, today down to 45 degrees. With this comes the need to dress in layers. Hypothermia is very dangerous and also insidious. Even when the temperatures are in the high 50's and low 60's, the body will start to experience hypothermia. With this the blood is pooled to the core and rapidly affects the ability of our extremities to control our steed and more importantly degrade our mental acuity.

Then come our road hazards. The leaves sure are a fantastic show, but they're a different show on our pavements. I have learned this to be a two fold impairment. Sure we all know they can be very slick, but they also cover up other road issues, like pot holes and also those slippery road markings. Has everyone noticed that the new painted lines that reflect so nice for our bright headlights are also very slick due to that silica that's imbedded in the paint for reflectivity?

Lastly we are starting to be invaded by that special creature call the leaf peeper. This species can't see other cars let alone us on our two and three wheels. Sorry trikes, you're no more visible than two wheels to the rest of the driving public. Be especially vigilant around the areas where they gather, specialty shops, great vistas, etc.

Oh and please everyone, remember to **DRESS FOR THE CRASH.**

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