



The Winger



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A Word From Our Chapter Director News from the New York District Meeting

Here I sit on a cold night in January trying to get my thoughts together for a newsletter article. Although it's cold January is nearly over, and then we have February the last of the really bad winter months. To me, that means spring is just that much closer and hopefully we will be riding sooner rather than later.

Although cold, the weather held for our trip to the New York District meeting in Binghamton last weekend. It was great getting together with folks from the other chapters in New York and New Jersey. The folks from New Jersey were here because guess what, we are having a joint rally with them this year. This means a bigger and better rally with more fun. The theme this year is **"Come to the Country"**, and the dates are August 6-8. It will be held in Norwich, New York, and they tell me there's great riding in the area. The hotel is already starting to fill up so, you need to make your reservations soon if you plan to attend. A copy of the rally flyer with the hotel information is on page 12.

Here are some additional highlights from the District meeting. The dash for cash is still alive and well. The total points possible are 25 or 26. The chapter getting the most points gets \$100 check from the district. We'll have detailed information at our ride planning meeting regarding activities eligible for points this year. Note **"The Ride for Kids"** is a point ride. We need to include these activities in our ride schedule.

The centerpiece of the rally will be a crash scene

reenactment. Work is under way for planning this activity. Volunteers will be needed.

Again, there will be a basket raffle. So start giving some thought to what we can put in our basket consistent with the theme **"Come to the Country"**. We might even want to look for a smaller or different basket in line with the theme.

We learned that national has updated the officer's guidebook. It has been condensed to about 17 pages and is available to anyone on the national website. Check it



Mike and Genny Schelkun, CD

out.

There is also a Newsletter award. I have the guidelines and will pass the information to AI, who is doing a great job with our newsletter. We need to enter.

We had a great day with great friends, great fun, and great food. I am sure Paul and Suzette Wood will have some things to add at our next gathering.

Take care, keep warm, keep safe in everything you do.

Mike and Ginny,

Chapter Directors



First Saturday morning of the month!
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2009

Ride Planning Meeting

February 28 at 10:00 AM

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Bring a **small** dish of goodies for us to snack on. You get to take your leftovers home with you. Such a deal!

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Linda Martens	24th



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Wayne & Vivian Lawton	21st	4 years
Dave & Diane Hill	27th	9 Years

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From the District Director

The New Year has started and we are excited about the prospects for this year. Our District has 3 new Chapter Directors that will be joining us in Leadership positions in GWRRA; Nick Habel for NY C, Al Yerdon for NY T and Roland Teribury for NY Y. I know these fine folks and feel they will do an excellent job for their Chapters. Please introduce yourselves to them at the District meeting.

The District Meeting is scheduled for January 24th at the Chenango Fire Station. We have a great deal to discuss at this meeting since there have been several new initiatives at the National Level. This meeting is especially important because we are going to discuss the joint Rally with New Jersey. The Rally will be called the Bi-State Rally.

We were approached last summer about the possibilities of combining the New York and New Jersey Rally for 2009 or 2010. You might recall that I spoke to a number of people at our 2008 Rally about the situation and received positive input. Well, it is now a reality for 2009. The New Jersey District Director and some of his staff will be joining us at our District meeting so you will have a chance to interact with them.

Please bring your year end paperwork to the District Meeting, so I can send it in to our Region Director. I have posted several times the various documents that are required. You also need just the December bank statement not all 12. Also, please do not forget to provide me with an estimate of how much of your 2008 fund raising efforts went to charity. The home office is looking for that information. We are NOT looking for any sort of "proof" just a number—I think the total will surprise everyone. If you have any questions at all, please call me or Jack Seeley so we can help you.

The District is looking for a Chapter to host the Ride In. If you are interested please talk to me at the meeting. My recommendation is that it be held after Americade but before the end of June graduations etc. You can keep it as simple as the 2008 Ride Out hosted by NY F, but it is an opportunity for your chapter to do a fund raiser and a point for **Dash for Cash**.

If you have developed a ride schedule, please bring it to the meeting so it can be shared. I have heard that a couple of Chapters are talking up a ride into Canada. Dottie and I have done a lot of riding there and we are looking forward to hearing about those plans so we can be sure to tag along. In talking to several of our Canadian friends, it appears they would not mind joining us so it could be a huge **Dash for Cash** point event.

GWRRA NEW YORK CHAPTER "W"

Chapter Director	Mike & Ginny Schelkun
Assistant Chapter Director	Greg & Dee Eames
Treasurer and Supplies	Diane Hill
Ride Coordinator	Pat Cannon
Ride Safety Education	John Kent
Membership	Bob Bacon
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Dinner Meeting, RSVP	Diane Hill
Photo Album	OPEN
Sunshine Club	Linda Hellman
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50/50 Raffle	Kathy Jordan
Door Prizes	Janey Miller and Karen Hockenberry
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REGION "B"

Region B Director	Earl & Lorraine Knight
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NEW YORK DISTRICT

District Director	Ed & Dottie Bahrenburg
Assistant District Director	Paul & Suzette Wood
Assistant District Director	Bob & Kathy Turner
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District Treasurer	Jack & Donna Seeley
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District MAD Coordinator	Joe & Marsha Gaworecki
District Membership Coordinators	Pete & Marielle St. Amour
District Public Relations	Linda Waterman
District Ambassador	Will & Carol O'Brien
District Webmistress	Suzette Wood
District Newsletter Editor	Will O'Brien

As I write this article, it is a toasty 7 degrees above zero. Since the temperatures are not conducive to riding our favorite motorcycle, it is a great time for ride planning, progressive dinners, and all sorts of fun indoor Chapter activities. Remember GWRRA is all about FUN!

Dottie and I wish you a Happy New Year, filled with lots of great riding, fun and friendship.

Ed & Dottie Bahrenburg
District Director

News from the Northeast Region

A New Year brings forth a time for reflection on the past, a study of the present and a time to envision what lies in the future year ahead.

Over a year ago (November 2007 to be precise) we held our first Region Staff meeting and discussed many, many new GWRRA changes, goals and ideas, some of which were great and some of which were “DUDS” too! (You can’t win them all, but you won’t win if you don’t try!) As we begin 2009, we wanted to reflect the vision we had for the Region back then and study the results of our goals so we can analyze what’s ahead for 2009 .

At the meeting, we discussed some significant changes within GWRRA. So let’s reflect on those changes after one year’s implementation. **Three Distinct Divisions — Operations, Rider Education, Leadership Training, we discussed that appointments would NOW be made by the Division Directors with the approval of the Operations Directors.** This is, perhaps, THE most significant change within GWRRA that we have seen in many years.

It impacts every facet of the structure of the association and, because of that, it is the most challenging concept to understand and accept, especially for those long time members and officers who are not accustomed to CHANGE. None the less, for the most part, our Region has adjusted well and has been successful in implementing and accepting this change.

We also discussed changes regarding the GWRRA membership area report (aka the “Green Bar”). As promised by the home office, we received a full run area report in January and then a second one in July. Between these months, we regularly receive monthly reports of all new members, prospective members, expiring members and unassigned zip codes. Every district director and/or their membership enhancement division coordinator should be receiving the report for their area.

As we begin this new year of challenges, it becomes most important that we all continue to work together as a team and share each others successes and problems, as that is our best defense against the struggling financial,

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personal and emotional turmoil we will be facing during 2009, while many of our members are trying to make ends meet and keep their jobs and families together.

We hope and pray that every one of our members and staff remain strong and steadfast during these difficult times. We would like to wish everyone a safe, happy and healthy New Year. May we all be blessed with many new friendships and many safe riding miles as we move into a new riding season full of Friends, Fun and Safety.

Northeast Region Directors
Lorraine & Earl Knight

**The next Gathering will be
February 19, 2008**

Elmgrove Family Restaurant

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Please call in your reservations to
Dave and Diane Hill - 377-1801
before the 16th

Dinner Meeting schedule: Meet and eat
at 6:00 pm – Meeting after dinner

Laughing Matters



A Chicken Tries to Cross the Road

SARAH PALIN: Before it got to the other side, I shot the chicken, cleaned and dressed it, and had chicken burgers for lunch.

BARACK OBAMA: The chicken crossed the road because it was time for a change! The chicken wanted change!

JOHN MC CAIN: My friends, that chicken crossed the road because he recognized the need to engage in cooperation and dialogue with all the chickens on the other side of the road.

HILLARY CLINTON: When I was First Lady, I personally helped that little chicken to cross the road. This experience makes me uniquely qualified to ensure right from Day One! that every chicken in this country gets the chance it deserves to cross the road. But then, this really isn't about me.

GEORGE W. BUSH: We don't really care why the chicken crossed the road. We just want to know if the chicken is on our side of the road, or not. The chicken is either against us, or for us. There is no middle ground here.

DICK CHENEY: Where's my gun?

COLIN POWELL: Now to the left of the screen, you can clearly see the satellite image of the chicken crossing the road.

BILL CLINTON: I did not cross the road with that chicken. What is your definition of chicken?

AL GORE: I invented the chicken.

JOHN KERRY: Although I voted to let the chicken cross the road, I am now against it! It was the wrong road to cross, and I was misled about the chicken's intentions. I am not for it now, and will remain against it.

AL SHARPTON: Why are all the chickens white? We need some black chickens.

DR. PHIL: The problem we have here is that this chicken won't realize that he must first deal with the problem on this side of the road before it goes after the problem on the other side of the road. What we need to do is help him realize how stupid he's acting by not taking on his current problems before adding new problems.

OPRAH: Well, I understand that the chicken is having problems, which is why he wants to cross this road so bad. So instead of having the chicken learn from his mistakes and take falls, which is a part of life, I'm going to give this chicken a car so that he can just drive across the road and live his life like all the rest of the chickens.

ANDERSON COOPER, CNN: We have reason to believe there is a chicken, but we have not yet been allowed to have access to the other side of the road.

NANCY GRACE: That chicken crossed the road because he's guilty! You can see it in his eyes and the way he walks.

PAT BUCHANAN: To steal the job of a decent, hardworking American.

MARTHA STEWART: No one called me to warn me which way that chicken was going. I had a standing order at the Farmer's Market to sell my eggs when the price dropped to a certain level. No little bird gave me any insider information.

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If loud pipes save lives, how come so many people are killed by trains?

2009 UPCOMING REGION B EVENTS		
Tulsa, Oklahoma,	Wing Ding 31	July 2-5, 2009
Seekonk, Massachusetts,	All New England District's Rally	July 16-19, 2009
Norwalk, New York,	New York/New Jersey District's Rally	August, 6-8, 2009
Johnstown, Pennsylvania	Pennsylvania District Rally	August 20-22, 2009

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.

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Date	Place	Address	Time & Place
3rd	Olympia Family Rest.	2380 Lyell Ave.	6:30 PM @ BKW
7th	Breakfast at Elm Grove	730 Elmgrove Rd.	8:30 AM there
10th	Yiannis Restaurant	Pixley @ Buffalo Rd.	6:30 PM @ BKW
17th	Town & Country	3205 Chili Ave.	6:30 AM @ BKW
24th	Atlantic Family Rest	888 Ridge Rd., Webster	6:30 AM @ BKW

BKW = Burger King West, Pixley Rd., near Buffalo Rd.

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THE STATE OF THE REGION address...

NOTE: This article has been edited for content and to reduce the size. The full article is in the Region B January 2009 newsletter.—Editor

Our Fellow Wingers,
 Figures tell the truth! It is what it is! The membership report is the reality of where Region B stands regarding membership recruitment and retention. It is a sad affair when we see so much RED INK at the end of the year. This proves that we, GWRRA with all our Friends, Fun, Knowledge and Safety, are not immune to the recession (or, indeed, depression) as we begin our journey into 2009. This is proof positive that we must all work in unity to preserve, protect and preach the values of GWRRA among our GWRRA family and friends. We must reach out to fellow riders regardless of their brand of motorcycle and embrace them and educate them about GWRRA Friends for Fun Safety and Knowledge.

Many of us have worked very hard to recruit new members. The figures prove this. But this is a time where retention, as well as new membership, is such a major issue. We are at a point in the Association where we are losing many members because of our age median, relocations and the economy. These things we cannot control. We need to focus on what we CAN control; our membership list; our strongest asset! The chapters, in turn, should be contacting any and all members who are expiring in the next month along with all new and prospective members and most importantly any

unassigned members. Remember the GWRRA slogan for 2009 is: **EVERY MEMBER MATTERS!**

Our National Director, Melissa Eason and her staff have been working diligently to provide all of us with the proper tools and information to ensure that 2009 is a year to prosper and grow within GWRRA. A new focus is in place to help stimulate members and bring the FUN back in GWRRA. New additional benefit programs and membership payment plans have been established to entice new members and assist those current members who are feeling the effects of our down economy.

Now it is up to all of us to focus our energy to build a strong foundation for our association, our region, our districts and our chapters. Our most effective tool, our easiest tool and our strongest tool is **COMMUNICATION!** Let this be the year where no member is left out of the communication link that is tied to their chapter, district or region. A well informed member is a valuable, content and FUN member to have in a chapter. We must not break the chain of communication that starts from the national level and ends with the chapter member.

When new information is implemented at the National level, a communication goes out to the region directors. The region directors, in turn, inform their district directors. It is from this point that the information **MUST** be communicated to the chapter directors. But of the utmost importance, is to inform the CD's to communicate this information to their members. Whether a DD or CD embraces this information, agrees or disagrees, with it, is irrelevant, the information should be communicated. If a member feels they are "in the

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loop” about what is going on within GWRRA, they will communicate this to their friends and family and this will stimulate their enthusiasm to work towards inviting new riders to join the association. So it is imperative that we keep the lines of communication open and flowing.

This month’s newsletter contains some new information about different programs, initiatives, procedures, changes. It is our hope that the chain of communication does not get broken.

Ed & Dottie Bahrenburg, New York’s “EZ” DD’s, are awarded the “Agreeable Award” for being EZ to work with, open minded, and agreeing to work with New Jersey to merge the two rallies together and create one utterly fantastic “NEW” rally. We are so excited to see this work and we look sooo forward to attending. Fantastic Job!

Regards,
Lorraine & Earl

From the District Rider Educator

Content has been edited - Editor

AHHHHH, with a big yawn! It’s New Years. We’ve survived another holiday season and can settle in for a long winters nap.

Let’s talk about New Year’s Resolutions. I will be honest and tell you about my rider education history. For about 25 years, I was the typical motorcyclist, just



rode, read a little and thought I knew everything I needed about riding my bike. I didn’t need anybody to teach me about riding. Then, the United State Air Force told me I had to take a Basic Rider Course if I was going to ride on the base. Well, guess what, like most riders, most of my riding habits were bad habits. My eyes were opened and they will stay open as long as I continue to learn.

So, all you riders that know everything there is to know, including trike riders, may I beg you all to make and keep a resolution to take at least one rider education course this year. It may just save your skin or your life.

Thank you, ride safe and always practice what we have learned through our education!

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From the Region Trainers

Patty & Don Hoffman

Learning Something New

It is a standing joke in our house that I am not mechanically inclined. I can patch and temporarily fix about anything with Gorilla tape, Gorilla glue or just plain old black electrical tape. You would be surprised at how long you can hold that thingy that holds the lawnmower wheel on with electrical tape. My poor husband, who on the rare occasion that he gets home from work before dark, has to fix what I have temporarily fixed and believe me, I have been told on more than one occasion that "it isn't fun".

Well, I learned two new things the other day. I had the television on while I was working on the computer and just happened to look up at the screen on the television. Lo and behold, the person on the television was showing you how to keep your plastic wrap from falling out of the box while you are trying to use it. Now this has been a problem for me for several years. Well, it seems that on the sides of the plastic wrap box there are little tabs that you push in. This keeps the plastic wrap in the box while you are trying to tear a piece off. Well, being me, I had to go to the kitchen and try it. It actually works! The second thing that I learned, after my husband threatened me when he couldn't get the black tape off the pieces that I was holding together on my lawnmower, is that if you have a toolkit, which I do, and learn to use the tools that are in it, you can usually fix something so that it will actually hold together. Guess what, it actually works.

What I am actually trying to say is that there are so many resources available to use that can help you be a better volunteer leader. If you have a question about something, just ask. The District Trainers have information readily available that may answer your question. If the resources that we have do not cover your particular question, believe me, we will take the necessary steps to find the answer for you.

Usually in early Spring or late Fall the Districts try to hold a Horizon Program for prospective volunteer leaders. The Horizon Program covers almost everything that a Chapter Director may encounter during his tenure. I would definitely recommend the Horizon Program to anyone that wishes to someday be a volunteer leader or to anyone that would just like to know more about our great organization. Also, some of the Districts have been holding fun shops that cover leadership training and rider education.

If you would like to receive information about an upcoming Horizon Program or fun shop, please contact your District Trainer. The District Trainer is TBA.

Laughing Matters, from page 5

DR SEUSS: Did the chicken cross the road? Did he cross it with a toad? No, alone the chicken crossed the road, but why it crossed it I've not been told.

ERNEST HEMINGWAY: To die in the rain, alone and forgotten.

GRANDPA: In my day we didn't ask why the chicken crossed the road. Somebody told us the chicken crossed the road, and that was good enough.

BARBARA WALTERS: Isn't that interesting? In a few moments, we will be listening to the chicken tell, for the first time, the heart warming story of how it experienced a serious case of molting and went on to accomplish its lifelong dream of crossing the road.

ARISTOTLE: It is the nature of chickens to cross the road.

JOHN LENNON: Imagine all the chickens in the world crossing roads together, in peace.

BILL GATES: I have just released eChicken 2008, which will not only cross roads, but will lay eggs, file your important documents, and balance your checkbook. Internet Explorer is an integral part of eChicken 2008. This new platform is much more stable and will never crash or need rebooting.

ALBERT EINSTEIN: Did the chicken actually cross the road, or did the road move beneath the chicken?

RALPH EMILO: The chicken had to cross a steel deck bridge so he didn't cross the road.

New Discount Benefit Added to GWRRA Membership Program

Phoenix, AZ (January 1, 2009) — Phoenix, AZ –

Melissa Eason, Executive Director of the Gold Wing Road Riders Association (GWRRA), announced a new Discount Program for the Association. The program will begin January 1, 2009, and will be open to all Members of GWRRA. Members of the Gold Wing Road Riders Association (GWRRA), the world's largest single-marque social organization for owners and riders

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Rescue Plus - Now With Added Mileage At No Additional Cost

Phoenix, AZ (January 14, 2009) Phoenix, AZ

Melissa Eason, Executive Director of the Gold Wing Road Riders Association (GWRRA), announced a change to the existing Member Discount Benefit Program, namely GWRRA's Rescue Plus Towing and Emergency Roadside Assistance Program. The program change began January 1, 2009, and is open to all Members of GWRRA who purchased Rescue Plus.

Members of GWRRA are given a FREE membership into the Standard Rescue Program. Some of the Standard Rescue Program benefits include: Emergency tow service for your covered motorcycle up to 35 miles from the breakdown; mechanical first aid (battery service, locksmith service, to name a few); auto rental reimbursement; and the option to purchase the upgraded version of Rescue Plus for only \$25.

GWRRA has searched many companies and spent many years looking for the best possible Towing and Emergency Roadside Assistance Program for our Members. And we found it in RESCUE PLUS! Now it is even better with added mileage. Call GWRRA at 800-843-9460 for more information or check it out at www.gwrro.org

With the enhanced Rescue Plus Program you receive these added benefits: ALL non-commercial vehicles in your household are covered up to 100 miles from the breakdown; emergency trip interruption will pay you up to \$166 per day for emergency living expenses for up to three days, if you are involved in an accident; free map service; rental car and hotel discounts. Call GWRRA for a copy of the Rescue and Rescue Plus Certificates to see all the benefits and details of their service.

For an example of Rescue Plus in action check out: <http://www.gwrro-nyw.org/RP-rescue.htm> and story to right.

This took place several years ago when the free towing was only 50 miles. As noted above the milage has been increased to 100 miles. I highly recommend the extened service.

This article has ben edited for content. - Editor

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of Honda Gold Wing and Valkyrie motorcycles, will be eligible to take their Office Max Retail Connect Card to any Office Max retail store location and receive discounts on a long list of products. This Retail Connect Card can be obtained by downloading it from the GWRRA *Wing World* website at <http://www.wingworldmag.com/> or cutting out the appropriate page in their February, 2009, *Wing World* magazine. Then, each Member can take the page to their local Office Max retail store to have a permanent, laminated card prepared.

The special number on each card is then scanned and GWRRA's special pricing will automatically appear at the register when you are ready to purchase your products. There is a long list of products that are specially priced...too many to list here. For the OfficeMax retail store nearest your location, visit www.officemax.com and use the store finder.



On side of road in Port Matilda, Pa. with a broken brake line.

After a call to Rescue Plus and a little wait.

"They" arrived in about an hour.



Loaded. Rodney, the truck driver from Wilks Towing in State Collage, PA could not have been nicer.

Cab of truck could only fit three people so unfortunately I had to ride the bike.

The \$25 extra I spent on Rescue+ was well worth it. Rodney said that the tow job would have cost over \$400. The distance was about 70 miles and the bill was around \$50 with taxes and tip.

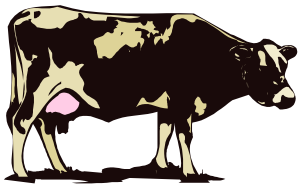
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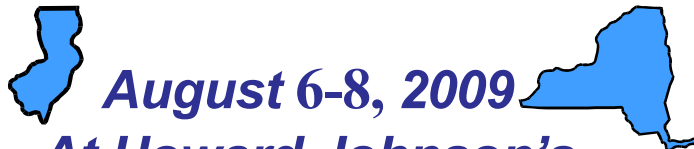
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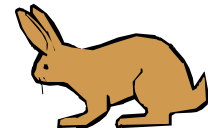
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