



# The Winger



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"Friends for Fun, Safety, and Knowledge"

## The Chapter "W" Director Speaketh

by Greg Eames, CD

### Welcome to Summer!!

**W**ell, summer is here with a vengeance, right? We have had some record-breaking temperatures this year haven't we? After a slow, cold and wet start this Spring, we're finally starting to get some decent riding weather. I for one would like to go on record as saying that I sure like the heat and humidity better than the cold and snow!

Wing Ding in Knoxville has come and gone and despite some inconveniences due to the poor parking situation, I believe most of the people that went had a great time. Chapter W had somewhere around 26 representatives in Knoxville. Even though we stayed in different places we managed to get together on several occasions. There were many rides to different areas of the Smoky Mountains (including the "Tail of the Dragon" and Cherochala Skyway) and lots of opportunity to feast on good ole Tennessee barbeque. There was time spent at the vendor area and the seminars. Three of us



*Greg and Dee Eames*

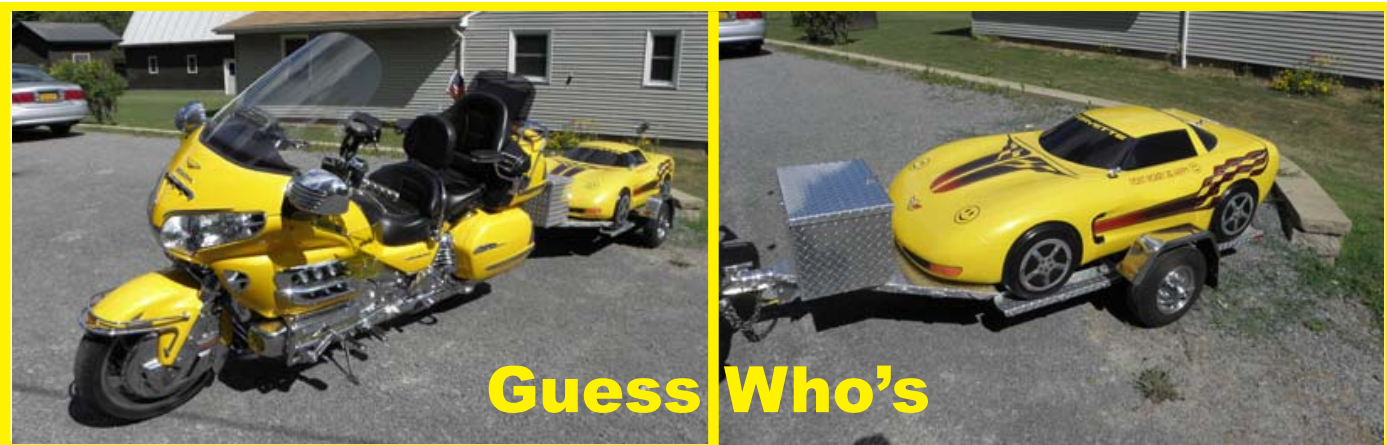
even tried out some Harleys on a test-drive. Next year Wing Ding will be in Fort Wayne and that should be a really good time.

The Ride for Kids in Utica had good weather this year for a change. There was a good turn-out of bikes and the group raised a total of \$98,866.03! The top 5 fund raisers were all from GW! Way to go! Thanks to everyone for your contributions.

Coming up next month is the NY/NJ Bi-state convention in Liverpool. From what I hear a lot of good things are being planned and it should be a really good time. If you haven't registered yet, now is the time! Let's see if we can get the prize for the largest chapter in attendance!

Enjoy the ride!

Greg



## July Tuesday Sho-n'-Go Schedule

Please take note the Tuesday night ride will meet for Sho- at 6:00 PM next to the BKW parking lot on Pixley Road n-Go at 6:30.

- Aug 2<sup>nd</sup>, Orleans County Marine Park Outdoor Concert, Dave McGrath Band , Depart BKW 6:30pm
- Aug 5<sup>th</sup>, A's Sweets & Treats, Cheshire, Tinker Park 7:00 PM
- Aug 6<sup>th</sup>, NY W Breakfast Elm Grove Family Restaurant 8:00 AM
- Aug 6<sup>th</sup>-7<sup>th</sup>, Case/Zippo Museum, & Pennsylvania Overnight, with The Fedeli's & Larry Helber, (Depart After Breakfast)
- Aug 9<sup>th</sup>, Bad To The Bone BBQ, Williamson, BKW 6:30 PM
- Aug 10<sup>th</sup>, Bi-State Convention Buffet Dinner, Holiday Inn, Liverpool
- Aug 11<sup>th</sup>-13<sup>th</sup>, Bi-State Convention, Holiday Inn, Liverpool
- Aug 12<sup>th</sup>, Ice Cream Ride, Show & Go, Tinker Park 7:00 PM
- Aug 14<sup>th</sup>, Webster/Fairport Elks Lodge Car Show, 1066 Jackson Road, Webster, Registration 9:00 - 11:00 AM, Show 11:00 AM - 4:00 PM, There
- Aug 16<sup>th</sup>, Panera Bread, Panorama Plaza, Penfield, BKW 6:30 PM
- Aug 18<sup>th</sup>, Chapter Gathering, Elm Grove Family Restaurant Greet & Eat 6:00 - 7:00 PM Meeting 7:00 PM
- Aug 19<sup>th</sup>, Shriner's Cruise In & Bruester's Ice Cream, at Shriner's 6:00 - 7:00 PM
- Aug 20<sup>th</sup>, Ride To Chapter Picnic, BKW 10:30 AM
- Aug 20<sup>th</sup>, Chapter Picnic, at Eames Plantation 1 PM
- Aug 23<sup>rd</sup>, Show & Go (Sticky Lips Not Open) BKW 6:30pm
- Aug 26<sup>th</sup>, Cowlick's Ice Cream, Macedon, Tinker Park 7:00 PM
- Aug 27<sup>th</sup>, Middlesex Roast Beef Dinner, CR Victor 3:00 PM
- Aug 30<sup>th</sup>, Beale Street Café (Entertainment Provided By Lyle Nudd), BKW 6:30 PM
- Sept 3<sup>rd</sup>, NY W Breakfast, Elm Grove Family Restaurant 8:00AM

# August BIRTHDAY GREETINGS



- Linda Waterman 2nd
- Marilyn Gardner 7th
- Dave Hill 9th
- Joe Skyner 11th
- Rick Rowles 13th
- Rich Koehn 14th
- Suzette Wood 17th
- Robin Brower 29th
- Bruce Hellman 30th
- Joyce Skiles 31st



- Rick & Bonnie Rowles 1st 47 years
- Walt & Judy Koopman 1st 50 Years
- Paul & Cindy Thayer 8th 19 Years
- Joe & Sue Skyner 10th 15 Years
- Pat & Penny Cannon 19th 39 Years
- Jim & Linda Pearson 19th 39 Years
- Gene & Kathleen Tomasino 21st 46 Years
- Duane & Nancy Motley 28th 51 Years
- Charles & Cecile Nadal 28th 13 Years



Gold Wing Road Riders Association announces that Wing Ding 34 will be held in Fort Wayne, IN, on

July 4th - July 7th, 2012.

- Sept 3<sup>rd</sup>, Olcott Beach Car Show, Depart After Breakfast
- Sept 3<sup>rd</sup>, Skaneateles & Doug's Fish Fry, Depart After Breakfast

**Have A Safe & Fun August**

**The NY W Ride Coordinators**

# Headlight Adjustment

*“The headlight beam can be raised or lowered by turning the vertical beam adjusting knob. Be sure the headlight adjustment conforms with local laws and regulations”*

That was nice straight out of my owner’s manual for my 83 Aspencade. That was not really a lot of help since I knew turning the knob would adjust the beam up and down, what I needed to know is how far up or down should I turn it. There was also a warning about not adjusting it while riding. The location of the knob is pretty difficult to get to while riding on my 83 but I have seen the controls more conveniently located on later models. Why would you need to adjust your headlight so often, but not while riding?

The answer is loading on the bike. Depending of if you are one up or two and are you going to the local ice cream parlor or taking a week long trip the amount of gear and weight distribution is going to change. This will also change the angle at which your bike will sit. More weight in the back will cause your headlight to aim higher and possibly blinding on coming drivers.

I have finally found out that the conventional setting for headlights, automobile and motorcycle is set at 2 inches of drop at 25 feet. To check your headlight alignment load up your motorcycle and measure the height of the center of the headlamp. Then find a wall where the ground is level for 25 feet away. Most garages are 25 feet deep. Make a mark on the wall locating the height of your motorcycle’s headlamp. With your motorcycle 25 feet away turn on the headlight and point it at the mark. The brightest part of the beam should be shining on the wall 2 inches below your mark.

That will give you the proper setting for you headlamps. Other driving lamps should be set in a similar manor.



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## From the Glasow’s...

### Sunshine Club - Birthdays



Tim & Mary Ann  
Glasow

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# Rider Education News from Jim

by Jim Pearson, Rider Educator

## Buyer Beware (Or At Least Be Informed) When It's Time To Replace Your Riding Jacket

With the fact that mesh jackets are becoming more and more the "Jacket of Choice" for riders. I felt that the following article, courtesy of Bob Berry, Director- Rider Courses, would be of value to those who are looking into replacing the traditional leather jackets with a mesh jacket.

Buying a motorcycle helmet that will do its job when needed is pretty simple. Just look for the DOT sticker and stamp and you have a helmet that will do its job when needed. If your headgear also has a Snell rating, so much the better. The rest of your choice is all about fit, color, comfort and design.

But, during my recent search for a new riding jacket, I discovered (once again) how much I didn't know about the subject. So, what follows are things to consider, and for you to decide what is fact and what may be "marketing." Sources include marketing materials from several manufacturers that shall remain nameless and several industry magazines and Web sites. For exhaustive detail on the European standards, visit:

<http://www.pva-ppe.org.uk/standards.htm>.

When many of us were in our teens, jacket choice was pretty simple – tough black leather. But now we have leather in multiple weights, and materials like Cordora, Ballistic Nylon, and Kevlar. Which is best? The answer is, "The one you are going to wear." Anything beats riding in a T-shirt. But how do you know the one you are going to wear will do the job when it's needed? There are no officially approved safety standards in the U.S. for motorcycle jackets. The American Society for Testing and Materials (ASTM) may try to change that in the future, but, for now, we are limited to the CE (Conformite Europeen) standard used widely in Europe

and adopted by some American manufactures. Testing of body armor to meet the CE standard is similar to the U.S. DOT tests for helmets.

The difficulty is that some jackets have a "CE Approved" label which only means that the body armor used in the jacket is approved, not the jacket material itself. So, claims such as "abrasion resistant," "shock absorbing," "impact resistant," may be misleading. For a jacket to live up to those claims, it would have to meet the PPE standards (Personal Protective Equipment) set in England in 1995.

Some mesh jackets have a Polyurethane coating that reportedly may melt into the skin when sliding on asphalt. Others are equipped with body armor that would easily fail CE criteria and provide little protection in the event of an unplanned separation of you and your Wing.

When that happens, research tells us that there are critical areas of the body needing the most protection. The area of the most frequent impacts includes knees, hips, elbows and shoulders. So, ensure that your proposed purchase offers good protection in those areas.

While protection of other upper body parts may not require as much armor, abrasion resistance, seam strength and tear resistance are important considerations. The minimum requirement to meet "high abrasion resistance" (sliding on your back, for example) is 4 seconds. An ordinary pair of denim jeans provides 0.6 seconds and a single layer of 1.4 mm cow hide will last 5.8 seconds.

The material itself should have a tear-strength strong enough to repel a sharp object from penetrating the outer layer, and jackets should be lined with a slippery material to allow your body to slide against the external shell, further reducing the risk of your skin being penetrated by sharp objects that get through the outer layer. Additionally the lining should have a high melting point, to ensure it does not melt into your skin under friction from road surfing.

None of the protective material will do you any good if the seams separate under stress. A test reported in Motorcycle News, in the UK found only 4 out of 18 leather suits from the major European manufacturers, passed all the tests against the European Standard. Twelve of these suits failed the burst test due to either

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Jim Pearson  
Rider Educator

# Take A



## Trip

### Zippo Lighters

The roar of a Harley Davison is recognizable blocks away. The Honda Gold Wing is recognized by its absence of sound standing right next too it. Fashion Models have claimed that the shutter of a Nikon F3 was the sexiest sound they've heard. Car enthusiast can identify a V8 just by its rumble. The ringing click of a Zippo lighter can excite the minds of just about anyone in ear shot. For some it announced the impending infusion of nicotine, others it may indicate the lighting of a campfire or maybe a mischievous flame. For 80 years the clicks of Zippo windproof lighters have been announcing a flame.



Founded in 1932 George G. Blaisdell, designed a windproof lighter that looked good and was easy to use and most importantly it worked. Since then over 400 million lighters have been sold and except for some minor changes in the flint wheel the lighter has remained basically unchanged. Zippo maintained its customer loyalty by claiming "it works or we fix it free". Zippo still stands by this guarantee today. This says a lot for good old made in America ingenuity.

World War II veterans learned to appreciate the indestructibility of the lighter during the war where Zippo devoted 100% of it manufacturing to making lighters for the troops. The lighters gained even more popularity by being featured in over 1000 movies. The Zippo has been used for everything from lighting cigarettes in foxholes to igniting flammable liquids for an explosive finish. I grew fond of the Zippo in my younger days when it was cool to smoke cigarettes and even cooler if you could light it with a flourish with your trusty lighter. Bonus coolness points were awarded if you could extinguish the flame by closing the lid in an equally elaborate manor. My younger son, a nonsmoker, likes to spend his time learning Zippo tricks he learned on Youtube. He wanted to show them to you

at summer camp that weekend but, will not be able to attend.

Today with smoking being unpopular you don't see as many Zippo lighters. Concerts were known for their Zippo Encore Moment were everyone would light their lighters to coax the band back for one more song. With not as many people smoking and security being picky about lighters the Zippo is starting to fall out of favor. Today there is an App that replaces the trusty lighter. Smart phones and iPods can download a Zippo app where you choose the style of lighter, open it with the familiar ringing click, and with a flip of a digital flint wheel display an image of a moving flame. The flame even moves as you wave the phone. The best part is you don't get burned when you put away a hot lighter.

To learn more about Zippo lighters and what they are doing now join Chapter W August 6 & 7 as we take a road trip down through Pennsylvania. We have other activities planned and like other trips you don't want to be left out. Make sure you call for your reservations. We have a block of rooms set aside at the Comfort Inn in St. Marys, PA. 814-834-2030. I hope to see you Saturday morning at the Elm Grove Restaurant.

## Recipe of the Month from Joanne's Kitchen

### Pickles made by the Jar

gherkin cucumbers... wash and fill jar completely

1 clove garlic

1 tbsp. pickling spice

1 hot pepper

1 sprig fresh dill

1 tbsp kosher salt

1/4 c. vinegar

boiling water to cover

apple lid tight

Pickles should cure for at least 1 week in refrigerator



**Joanne  
Johnston**

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## Breakfast at Elm Grove

Come join the breakfast fun at the Elm Grove Family Restaurant the first Saturday of every month at 8:00 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 Resturant is open for dinner  
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## The next Gathering will be August 18, 2011

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

# News From Our Assistant Chapter Director

by Larry Helber, ACD

I sit here beginning to write this column while I unwind from yet another great outing with Chapter W, Mickee's Mystery ride. Nine people showed up and we followed Greg and Mickee for a couple of hours. We started heading west, then north to the lake and back east. We stopped at the B. J. Forman Park in Pultnyville where Dee presented us with a picnic lunch complete with home made goodies that she and the girls prepared. It was a pleasant addition to the ride where we could sit back and relax under the shade of the willow trees and enjoy the cool breeze off the lake while we enjoyed lunch. Afterwards we mounted back up, rode to Sodus then south and eventually ending at Sharks for Ice Cream. I want to send special kudos to Mickee and the Eames family for the work they did on this special ride, it was a fantastic way to spend a Saturday afternoon.



Larry Helber

I also want to take this time to send out a special thank you to Les Johnston. A group of us traveled down to Wing Ding a little early to enjoy the Smokey Mountains before going into Knoxville for Wing Ding. I didn't ride down with the group but showed up a little later to enjoy the festivities. The ride to the "Tail of Dragon" was going to be one of our high points of the trip and everyone was giddy about the ride. Unfortunately for me I had arrived with tire trouble and was going to miss the ride to the Dragon because I needed to go to the dealership to get a new tire. Les told me he needed some parts and volunteered to ride with me to the Honda shop instead of going to the Dragon with everyone else. Getting a new tire took a major portion of the day and it was sure nice to have a friend along to help make the time pass. Thank you Les. Les and I did get up early the next day and ride the Dragon together. Greg offered to show us the way to the Dragon but I suspect he had a little too much fun the day before; the smile on his face was too big for someone who just wanted to be a road guide.

That whole week during Wing Ding I witness so many acts of kindness to fellow GWRRA members it made me proud to be part of this family. One was looking for a new CB radio so everyone was pointing out any CB specials they found in the vendor area. At the end of the week people were teaming up with others to make sure that everyone was going to get home safe. Space was found in trailers for carrying those extra purchases home and people that were staying were making purchases for those things that were forgotten by others. It was obvious the amount of caring that goes on within this group.

A special Tip 'O the Hat goes out to Greg and Dee for the wonderful job of coordinating the trip to Tennessee for the "Tally Ho Gang". Your efforts were appreciated I was very happy that I didn't have to worry about that portion of my trip.

The Pennsylvania over night trip is coming up this weekend, August 6 & 7. If you haven't already, make your reservations at the Comfort Inn in St. Marys, 814-834-2030. Tell them you are with the GWRRA group for the special rate. The list of people that are going is getting longer and should be a lot of fun. We will be leaving from the Elm Grove Family Restaurant after our 1<sup>st</sup> Saturday of the Month breakfast. Breakfast starts at 8:00am so we should be getting ready to ride by 9:15.

Finally don't forget about the bi-State convention scheduled this month. Take advantage of the fact that it will be in our back yard this year and try to attend. Stay the week or stay just for a day. I have been involved with some of the planning and we all should have a good time. There are rides, seminars, vendors and parties planned. There should be a sign up page in this newsletter or you can go to <http://gwrra-ny.org/bistateconvention2011.htm> for more information.



The Tally Ho Gang Chariots





**GWRRA NY / NJ 2011 BI-STATE CONVENTION FACT SHEET**

AUGUST 11-13, 2011

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**Convention Highlights**

- ◆ Wednesday Evening Pre-registered Packet Pick-up & Optional Welcome Buffet
- ◆ Events beginning on Thursday morning
- ◆ On-site vendors
- ◆ Rider Ed., Leadership Training, and MFA/CPR classes
- ◆ Guided and Un-guided Rides to the Finger Lakes, Adirondack Mtns., and other interesting places
- ◆ Thursday evening Ice Cream Social, Bike Show, and Games
- ◆ Optional Friday evening live entertainment & buffet event
- ◆ NY, NJ, and Region B Couple of the Year Selection
- ◆ Saturday Evening Banquet
- ◆ Sunday morning Level IV Breakfast

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# Bi-State Convention

by Larry Helber

Wednesday August 10<sup>th</sup> is the opening of the GWRRA New Jersey / New York Convention and fortunately for us it is just a short ride down the NY State Thruway, a little farther if you don't want to take the toll road. If possible everyone should take advantage of this opportunity to visit this convention. I have been to a few of the planning meetings and it promises to have an assortment of fun events. For those who haven't been to a convention or Rally here is some of the things you can look forward to.

Each day will have a selection of rides available to choose from. There will be a variety of directions, destinations and lengths to choose from. Greg Eames has planned a ride to the Glen Curtis Museum in Hammondsport. I was told the Fly Creek ride is highly recommended too. There is also a ride going north into the Adirondacks. What a great way to discover some new roads and destinations. Most rides leave first thing in the morning so plan on arriving early if you are not staying overnight.

For those who wish to further their skills the Advance Rider Course (ARC), Trailing, Trike Course, Road Captain, Medic First Aid and other courses are being offered. Most of these courses are only offered on a specific day so check the registration forms for the course you are interested in. Most of the courses require a deposit that will get refunded when you attend. The deposit is to encourage people who signed up to attend. The information gained from these courses is priceless and you can't beat the price. I know my riding skills were vastly improved after taking the ARC last year.

Besides the full courses there will also be a variety of seminars through out the day on a variety of topics. Some are motorcycle and chapter related topics but others are more about life skills. Hopefully the district will post the full schedule on the website so those who can not attend every day can choose which day to attend. If they don't, the members of our chapter may contact me and I can fill you in. Email will be the best choice

but you are always welcome to text me or call me on my cell.

Plan to stay all day because there is night time activities planned as well. Wednesday is arrival day, activities are limited but there is a buffet planned for those who arrive early to pick up their registration packets. Thursday is a full day capped off with an ice cream social, bike show and games. After another full day on Friday there will be a Mexican Dinner with a costume contest and music / comedy entertainment by the "ODY Show". I hear the show is quite the spectacle and is not to be missed. I believe the light parade is scheduled for Friday too but there are still some logistics before this is firmed up. Finally Saturday night is the banquet and closing ceremonies.

Besides all the above there are motorcycle and non-motorcycle specific vendors, Couple of the Year selection, near by Carousel Mall and all of the fun and excitement of being around 300+ Gold Wing enthusiasts. I always enjoy meeting new people and sharing stories with fellow riders.

I encourage everyone to try and spend sometime at the Bi-State Convention this year. The convention will be held at the Holiday Inn in Liverpool, NY near Syracuse. It is located right off the Thruway at exit 37, Electronics Parkway. I hope to see you there.

## 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?

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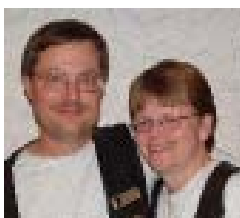
## News from the New York State District Director



by Paul and Suzette Wood, DD

Hello NY District,

I write this in the week after returning from our 18th Americade. It was a week filled good riding, good friends and good food. Our charter fishing trip on Lake George with Captain (and GWRRA member) Rob Brileya of E & R Sport Fishing Charters was a special treat. One of our rides into led us to the American Precision Museum in Windsor, Vermont. Being both a machinist and a history buff, I found this museum to be quite fascinating. Things went well at the GWRRA membership booth at Tourexpo.



Paul and Suzette  
Wood, DD

Volunteers from the NY & NJ Districts, along with some of the Region B Team did a fantastic job representing GWRRA. We thank them for their time and effort. We had a chance to visit with members from Chapters D, F, G, H, K, L, N, T, X, W, and Y during the week. The weather was better early in the week, so we had some great riding in the Adirondack's, Vermont, and western Massachusetts. The rain kept us close to Lake George later in the week. It is tough to return to reality after such a fun week. Why does Americade week pass by so fast?

GWRRA has announced a new program to increase cooperation between our Chapters and the local Honda dealers. The goal is to have the dealers provide GWRRA information to their customers and to have the dealers give discounts to their local Chapter members. Another possibility is to have dealers grant some space for Chapters to use for events. At a time when we are trying to expand our membership, and the dealers are trying to do more business, this program sounds like a winner. Letters are being sent to both the dealers and the Chapter Director's explaining this program. District Directors are to make sure that efforts are coordinated, so a dealer doesn't get overrun with multiple Chapter Directors. More information will be forthcoming.

One thing we have noticed lately is that not all of

our Chapters have newsletters. GWRRA guidelines suggest that Chapters provide monthly newsletters. "Word of mouth" is NOT an adequate method of keeping Chapter participants informed about the "goings on" in their Chapter. Think about people that can only attend rides or events occasionally. Without a newsletter, do you think they feel connected with their Chapter?

Newsletters do not need to be long, or be filled with pictures, graphics, or advertisements. They can be as simple as one or two pages of text. The goal is to keep the members informed and connected. Distribution is most efficient through e-mailing a .pdf (Adobe) version of the newsletter. Another good method is posting it on the Chapter website and e-mailing the link to the Chapter. Assistant District Director's Gary & Donna Cork take care of distributing Chapter newsletters to the entire District. Please e-mail your newsletters, or newsletter links, to them at Dgcorkny@aol.com. A few paper copies should be printed and distributed to those members with a "computer-free" lifestyle.

Speaking of websites, we heavily encourage each Chapter to provide one. The benefits are many. Prospective members will find your Chapter on the internet. Chapter participants can be kept informed of all events through a website. Advertising space can be sold. The benefits are many. All the Chapters that have an up-to-date website are reaping the rewards.

There is some tough news to share as well. There have been several motorcycle accidents lately involving GWRRA NY. One crash happened during Americade, two Canadian GWRRA members were killed just a few miles from where we were staying. A large piece of steel came loose from a truck and swung into their lane. Another crash "totaled" a GL1500. Chris Kelley, the son of NY COY Coordinators Bob & Sandy, was badly hurt in a crash in California. Two other accidents were a little less severe. We are deeply concerned about this outbreak of misfortune. Please be both careful and prepared.

This does, however, give me an opportunity to preach about wearing safety gear. The member that had his 1500 "totaled", was involved in a high-speed deer-strike accident. He slid down the road for quite a distance, but received only minor injuries. This was the result of wearing a protective riding jacket, gloves, and long pants. We think that this is all that needs to be said

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# From Your District Membership Coordinators

by Dan & Lynn Rasmussen Region E Membership  
Enhancement Coordinators

## Membership Enhancement Program

We have been hearing over the past months that Members seem to be letting their Membership expire one to five years after joining GWRRA. Here are some of the reasons that we know of:

- ◆ No one contacted me after I received my cards from Phoenix.
- ◆ When I visited a Chapter, no one acknowledged my existence at the Gathering.
- ◆ Chapter Members seemed to be unfriendly with each other.
- ◆ Chapter had too many cliques. You had to be in one or the other.
- ◆ Members didn't seem to want to ride very much.
- ◆ Bought a different brand of motorcycle.
- ◆ Couldn't find a Chapter to participate with.
- ◆ Criticism, joking from Chapter Members that went way beyond funny (for years).
- ◆ Priorities changed such as grandchildren, unemployed or accident on motorcycle.
- ◆ Death of a spouse.
- ◆ Resistance to change when ideas were offered for rides, activities, etc...



Do you carry Chapter information in your motorcycle along with a GWRRA registration form and list of benefits in joining? Is your website information up to date? If you don't have a website, is your Chapter information current on your District website?

We are asking all the Chapters to assist us with finding out why Members let their Membership expire and what we can do to retain their Membership. Some Members will be nice and tell you the reason why they left if it was on good terms. Others might be a little louder about their experience and some will just not want to talk about it. We have to take the good with the bad in order to make change happen.

So let me have it straight out loud!! Get those passports out and go for a ride!!

Submitted By  
Pete and Marielle St-Amour  
NY. D. MEC.

Does your Chapter have any of these problems? Are you looking into why Members leave and never come back? What does your Chapter do to promote itself?

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on this matter.

The Bi-State Convention is coming up FAST. Please get your room booked and get registered soon! Look for the registration form in this newsletter. Forms and more information are also available at our NY District website: gwrra-nyw.org.

*(Edited for content, Editor)*



**It looks like a deer did Paul Thayer a favor!**



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thread and/or leather failure.

Look closely at the seams. Seams in the critical areas should have at least one row of concealed or protected stitching, to hold the seam together after the visible stitching has been worn away against the road surface. Check the stitching. It should be regular with no dropped stitches, which indicate a potentially weakened seam.

Leather should have 11-14 stitches per 5 cm, fabric should have 13-16 stitches per 5 cm. Too few stitches means the seam will be too weak, but too many stitches will actually weaken the fabric. Additional layers should be double stitched.

Getting the answers to all of this requires some research. Magazine reviews and motorcycle Web sites are a good place to start. I've had good luck talking directly with the jacket manufacturers. Most are pretty straightforward with their responses to my questions.

So, which jacket is best? To repeat – “the one you are going to wear.” Choose yours for comfort, utility,

visibility, good looks, and price. Then add a little homework to ensure that the jacket will perform well at the critical time.

Jim Pearson  
Rider Educator



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