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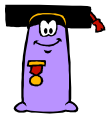
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## Rider Education News

by Jim Pearson, Ride Educator

### THE INVISIBLE MOTORCYCLIST

*"I never saw him. He came out of nowhere!"*



That's probably the most common statement heard at a collision between an automobile and a motorcyclist. They're usually made by the operator of the auto because the motorcyclist is unconscious (or worse).

As riders we wonder, "How can *they* NOT see us? Are *they* just not looking?"

A lack of attention on the part of the driver does explain some of the car/bike collisions; the distracted driver, cell 'phones, unruly children, etc. All these can contribute **BUT** some responsibility belongs to the motorcyclist as well.



Jim Pearson,  
Ride Educator

I know. I know. That's heresy. Let me explain.

- 👁 Motorcycles make up about 3% of the "normal" traffic flow.
- 👁 People "see" what they expect to see; things like cars and trucks

Unless the rider does something to visually stand out, he can be easily overlooked.

- 👁 Motorcycles **ARE** much harder to see than cars/trucks because of their smaller size. A motorcycle can easily be "lost" in the background even with the headlight on.

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

## August Ride Schedule

**Please note.** The Tuesday night rides will meet at BKW and leave at 6:30 PM. Come early for Show-n-Go.

BKW-Burger King, Pixley Rd, Gates  
 McD-McDonald's, Route 96, Victor  
 Tinker Park-Calkins Rd, Henrietta  
 Wegman's-Bay Road, Webster

- Aug 2, Fri., A's Sweet Treats, leave Tinker Park 7:00, P.M.
- Aug 3, Sat., Breakfast at Panorama, 8:00 A.M.
- Aug 6, Tue., 259 Union Street Eatery, Spencerport, leave BKW, 6:30 P.M.
- Aug 7-10, Bi-State Rally, Syracuse
- Aug 9, Fri., Show-n-Go ice cream ride, leave Tinker Park 7:00 A.M.
- Aug 12, Mon., Leadership meeting, Eames' house, 7:00 P.M.
- Aug 13, Tue., Monte Alban, Penfield, leave BKW 6:30 P.M.
- Aug 14, Wed., Southwest Southern Tier Ride, leave BKW 8:00 A.M.
- Aug 15, Thu., Gathering at Panorama, dinner 6:00 P.M., mtg. 7:00 P.M.
- Aug 16, Fri., Bruster's Ice Cream, Webster, leave Tinker Park 7:00 P.M.
- Aug 17, Sat., Chapter W ride before the picnic,

- leave McD 10 A.M.
- Aug 17, Sat., Chapter W Picnic, Eames' house, Noon
- Aug 18, Sun., Montezuma Winery Ride, leave McD 10 A.M.
- Aug 20, Tue., Stoney's Family Restaurant, leave BKW 6:30 P.M.
- Aug 23, Fri., Cowlick's Ice Cream and Burger Restaurant, leave Tinker Park 7:00 P.M.
- Aug 24, Sat., Waterfront Tavern/Central Square, leave Wegman's 9:00 A.M.
- Aug 25, Sun., Tillman's Village Inn for Prime Rib, leave BKW 2:00 P.M.
- Aug 27, Tue., Minnehan's, leave BKW 6:30 P.M.
- Aug 30, Fri., Colby's Ice Cream, Bakery, & BBQ, leave Tinker Park 7:00 P.M.
- Aug 30-Sep 2, Vermont Trip, TBD
- Aug 31, Sat., Middlesex Roast Beef Dinner, leave McD, 3:00 P.M.
- Spt. 3, Tue. Taste of Texas, Spencerport, leave BKW 6:30 PM
- Spt. 6-7, PA Convention

## Sunshine Corner

Sympathy to Al and Joyce Skiles on the recent death of Joyce's mom who passed away on July 2nd.

Sympathy to former Chapter member Larry Gomminger on the death of his wife, Mary, who passed away July 14 th.

As always, if you know someone associated with Chapter W who is ill, having surgery, or has passed away, please notify Tim or Mary Ann so that we can send the proper acknowledgement.

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Many motorcycles are colors that lend themselves to blending into the environment. Particularly dark colored machines (black is the color of pavement after all).

Many motorcyclist wear dark colored helmets (or no helmet at all, but we won't discuss those here) AND dark colored clothing. A number of studies in the US and abroad have shown that a light colored (white, silver, yellow) helmet is more noticeable (during daylight hours) than a dark colored (black, dark red, dark blue) helmet. Why? The driver sees this bright colored "orb" floating above the traffic (most riders heads are higher than the hoods/windshields of cars). It's DIFFERENT.

Lastly (and sadly), most motorcyclists are not skilled in emergency maneuvers. Over 13% of the motorcyclists involved in fatal crashes made NO effort to avoid the collision. They didn't brake, they didn't swerve, they just rode right into the collision. That's because, after they've gotten their license, they don't practice those kinds of maneuvers regularly (or ever). Motorcycling is a SKILL. It takes practice.

So how can you NOT be the Invisible Motorcyclist?

- Position your bike so it can be seen and identified in the traffic stream.
- Wear bright colors
- Consider getting a brightly colored bike
- PRACTICE your emergency maneuvers

Or you could take the advice I got once from a very experienced rider. He told me not to "ride like I was invisible." He told me to ride like they can see me and are actively planning to do something to take me out."

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# Chapter Director

by Greg Eames, CD

## Is it August already?



here did July go? I can't believe how much there was going on. The month started with a trip to Wing Ding where 27 of us rode south to Greenville. Despite the rainy weather we had a GREAT time! Some notable accomplishments from Wing Ding were;

- ◆ Paul and Suzette Wood received a GWRRR Director's Award "for Meritorious Service". They deserve it for all the hard work they put into keeping things rolling and together in our district!
- ◆ Our Chapter won the Crazy Hat contest with our hats decorated to depict different Greenville area

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attractions. Thanks to Cindy Lewis for the idea and to Dee, Barb, Linda P. and Joanne for the effort to decorate them.

- ◆ Wolfie was a Wing Ding newbie! It was our chapter mascot's first trip to Wing Ding and he really



enjoyed himself!

- ◆ I made the 10:00 Fox news on Friday night after being interviewed following the Grand Parade line-up. For anyone that hasn't seen it, follow this link. <http://www.foxcarolina.com/video?autoStart=true&topVideoCatNo=default&clipId=9068047#.UexgVPPNErc.mailto>

Following Wing Ding Dee, Mickee, our niece Becca, Curtis Goad and I took a leisurely and wet ride home with stops in Charlotte, N.C. to visit the Nascar Museum, Washington D.C. for a day to see the Vietnam Wall and the Smithsonian Museum of American History and last, but not least, a day and a half at Hershey Park where we indulged ourselves by riding roller coasters.

The weekend after getting back from that Dee and



*Looks like a deer staring into the headlights.*

I, Mike and Ginny Schelkun and Curtis Goad went to Utica and attended the Ride for Kids, it was our 11<sup>th</sup> year. This year the group donated \$79,644. The proceeds go for research to find the cause of and hopefully a cure for brain tumors in children.

The following weekend was the Guy Ride in the

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## AUGUST



- Linda Waterman 2nd
- Marilyn Gardner 7th
- Midge Combs 8th
- Dave Hill 9th
- Joe Skyner 11th
- Geogge Todd 13th
- Rick Rowles 13th
- Rich Koehn 14th
- Suzette Wood 17th
- Dick Combs 21st
- Linda Hellman 21st
- Carol Rogers 30th
- Bruce Hellman 30th
- John Strong 31st
- Joyce Skiles 31st



## HAPPY ANNIVERSARY

- Walter & Judy Koopman 1st 52 Years
- Paul & Cindy Thayer 8th 21 Years
- Joe & Sue Skyner 10th 17 Years
- Larry & Pat Toal 17th 34 Years
- Pat & Penny Cannon 19th 41 Years
- Jim & Linda Pearson 19th 41 Years
- Gene & Kathleen Tomasino 21st 48 Years
- Duane & Nancy Motley 28th 53 Years
- Chaarles & Cecile Nadal 28th 15 Years



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Adirondacks. The ride was planned and executed by Dan Strong and the reason for the name is that we stayed 2 nights at his hunting cabin on Round Pond way up north near Potsdam. Since the cabin has no utilities or “creature comforts” it was decided that the women might not appreciate it so it became a ride for the men. As of this writing I cannot report any details of the ride but the weather is supposed to be good and it should be a lot of fun.

Coming up in August we have lots of opportunities to ride. A couple I want to touch on are the Bi-State Rally and the chapter picnic.

The Bi-State rally is again being held this year at the Holiday Inn in Liverpool from the 7th to the 11th. There are a lot of rides, seminars, riding courses and festivities planned to make it a wonderful event. I urge you ALL to attend. If you haven’t made your hotel reservations or registered yet, please do it today! Even if you make a day trip to attend, it will help to support our district.

The annual chapter picnic will be held, again, at our house on the 17th. For those of you that want to go on a ride first, we will be leaving from MacDonald’s on Route 96 near Eastview Mall at 10am and arriving at our house around noon. For those wishing to just attend the picnic, show up around noon. As usual, it will be a dish to pass meal with the meat provided by the chapter. Please call or email and coordinate with Dee about what you can bring. Dee will be at MickeyD’s to collect food before the ride so you don’t have to haul it around. This very well might be the last chapter picnic we will be hosting before moving to Texas so this is a CAN’T MISS!!

Ride careful and smart!!

### Reedy River Falls Park

Mike and Cindy Lewis, Linda Pearson, Becca, Wolfie (with his newbie pin), Mickee, Greg (as you can see, goofing off again.), Dee (The sane one).



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- ✦ Friday Night Chapter Skits and Light Parade
- ✦ Saturday evening Banquet
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***Greg Eames with his wife Dee looking over his shoulder. He always needs someone to look over his shoulder.***



***Greg and Dee Eames at Wing Ding in Greenville, SC. She is out of place in this picture. See picture on left.***

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- ◆ What was the age of the injured person?
- ◆ What, if any, medications were being taken?
- ◆ Were there any medical conditions that existed which would complicate the immediate treatment at the scene or at the hospital?
- ◆ Who should be notified that there had been a serious accident?

Therefore, on all guided rides that are taking place during this convention, we are requesting that you complete as much of the information that *you are comfortable with* on the “**Emergency Information Form**” designed by GWRRA, for both you and your Co Rider. For your convenience, we will be providing you with an envelope to insert the folded form(s) in, then please seal it, and print your full name(s) on the outside of the envelope.

Prior to departing on each ride, the Road Captain will collect the envelopes, placing the sealed envelopes in a larger envelope in their bike. Upon your return back to the hotel from the ride, the form will be given back to you, still sealed in the envelope. The envelope will be opened **only if something happens** on a ride where access is needed to your emergency information.

We hope you realize what we are looking to do is not to compromise your privacy, but to make sure **emergency personnel will know vital medical information about you when every second could count**, and for us to have the ability to contact a person you have designated as your emergency contact in the event you cannot speak for yourself. After the convention, you can keep this information in the same envelope, should it ever be needed in an emergency when you are on your bike (recommended place is your front fairing pocket).

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