



The Winger



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"Friends for Fun, Safety, and Knowledge"

Merry Christmas from Chapter W staff

Wow! In the immortal words of the Grateful Dead, "What a long, strange trip it's been"!

by Greg Eames, CD

If you had told me 43 years ago, when I was out riding my minibike, that someday I would serve for 6 years in the leadership for a chapter of one of the largest touring motorcycle groups in the world, and in the process I would have made many, many new friends, not only in my local area but all over the country and even all the way to France, I probably would have told you that you were nuts! Yet, here I am in that position!

I didn't always have a passion for riding motorcycles, but that was only before I actually had one! I loved riding bicycles first. I had many long distance rides, including a trip to my Uncle's and back in Chaffee, NY which is near Buffalo!

When I was a kid, my best friend's older brother started riding a motorcycle and I was totally infatuated



with his bright, shiny machine. By the time he had worked his way up to his 4th or 5th, I was old enough to buy my own. I had been researching what I wanted

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 See Ride Schedule for time and place.



The next Gathering will be
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Dinner Meeting schedule:

Meet and eat at 6:00 PM

– Meeting about 7:00 PM

December Ride Schedule



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Please note. The Tuesday night rides will meet at the restaurant at 6:30 PM.

- Dec. 3 Tue. Town & Country, 3205 Chili Ave., Chili
- Dec. 7 Sat. Breakfast at Panorama 730 Elmgrove Rd., Gates, 8:00 AM
- Dec. 10 Tue. Shamrock Jack's, 4554 Culver Road
- Dec. 13 Fri. Game Night, Fedeli's, 105 Camille Drive, Greece, 7:00 PM
- Dec. 15 Sun. Coffee Klatch, Eames', 446 Pittsford Henrietta TL Rd., 10:00 AM
- Dec. 15 Sun. Eastman House after Coffee Klatch, 900 East Ave, Rochester, leave 12 Noonish
- Dec. 17 Tue. Monte Alban, 2160 Penfield Rd., Penfield
- Dec. 19 Thu. Gathering at Panorama 730 Elmgrove Rd., Gates, 6:00 PM dinner, 7:00 PM meeting
- Dec. 24 Tue. Merry Christmas!
- Dec. 31 Tue. Game Night, Eames', 446 Pittsford Henrietta TL Rd., New Year's Eve Party, 7:00 PM
- Jan. 4 Sat. Breakfast at Panorama, 730 Elm - grove Rd., Gates, 8:00 AM
- Jan. 7 Tue. Great Northern Pizza, 683 Pittsford Victor Road

O Christmas tree, O Christmas tree, With happiness we greet you. When decked with candles once a year, You fill our hearts with Yuletide cheer: O Christmas tree, O Christmas tree, With happiness we greet you. O Christmas tree, O Christmas tree, How lovely are your branches. In summer sun, in winter snow, A dress of green you always show. O Christmas tree, O Christmas tree, How lovely are your branches.

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for several years but, not being able to afford the 125cc enduro I had in mind, I settled for an 80cc model that was made for the street but with the addition of a knobby



rear tire, it made it's way through the fields around and the gravel pit behind my house just fine. When I was old enough to get my permit, I licensed my little putt putt and hit the road. It

didn't take me long to realize that the dirt riding had been fun enough, but what really turned me on was the open road!

The little Yamaha didn't last long after going with my friend's older brother to get my license. It was just too small for the type of riding I wanted to do. It didn't take me long until I found a Honda 305cc Superhawk that would go a lot farther, in comfort and would also go over 45MPH (as the 80cc didn't). This bike lasted me through my senior year of high school and into the beginning of my Navy tour of duty. A couple of fond memories of that bike was my Mom's first ride which was initiated by a bunch of kids physically lifting her onto it and putting the helmet on her head (she has ridden many times since and has always enjoyed it) and when I

came home for Christmas leave from boot camp and all my friends were out riding snowmobiles. I had sold mine the summer before, knowing that I would be away for a few years, so instead, I got my bike out, street tires and all, and rode through the fields on it. One of my friend's dad told my Mom when I returned for duty that he was glad to see that I had made it back alive! After boot camp and tech school I was stationed on the USS JFK, an aircraft carrier home ported in Norfolk, Va. As soon as I possibly could, I came home and got my motorcycle and took it back with me and headed to Virginia. Unfortunately, it never made it there. When I pulled off the interstate in Woodbridge, Virginia the motor started running bad, then blew up puking oil all over. I signed the back of the registration, left a note asking someone to dispose of it and took a bus back to base.



As soon as I got back to base, I started making plans to buy my first brand new bike. What I chose

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- Pat Toal 10th
- Elaine Oleary 11th
- Jean Read 14th
- Linda Farnsworth 15th
- Larry Barber 15th
- Bob Bacon 16th
- Lorraine Allocco 16th
- Barb Hollink 18th
- Kathleen Tomasino 25th
- Ginny Schelkun 25th
- Mary Barber 27th



HAPPY ANNIVERSARY

- Myron & Janice Fox 17th 47 Years
- Ralph & Carol Emilo 27th 47 Years
- Pat & Linda Merlo 30th 24 Years

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was a '75 Yamaha 500cc XS model. This bike I named "The Beast". For a mid sized bike it was not only powerful but smooth! I did a lot of riding back and forth to home (1200 miles round trip) and back and



forth to my best buddy's home in central West Va. on that bike. When I was released from active duty, on November 27th, I packed all my gear and rode home. By the time I arrived in Canandaigua it was in the high 20's

and I had icicles hanging from my mustache! It was then that I decided that I would have to buy my first car, at 22 years of age.

After spending the winter and following summer here. I decided that another winter in NY, without being able to ride, was out of the question, so 2 friends and I packed up our belongings, bought an old pickup and rented a u-haul trailer to fit our 3 motorcycles into and headed to Arizona. Once we got to Arizona we sold the pickup and, once again, my motorcycle was my only form of transportation. I did a lot of traveling and sight seeing that winter but, again, fickle fate caused another of my faithful steeds to blow a motor and puke oil all over. Instead of buying another bike, I decided to get a car and after my friends had left without me, I decided that I would come home and have since spent every winter here.

The following year I met and soon married my first wife and had several motorcycles during the 15 years we were married but even though she rode with me on a few occasions, she never really enjoyed riding and, therefore my riding was limited to transportation back and forth to work to support the family I now had.

Toward the end of that marriage I procured my first touring bike, a 1982 Yamaha Venture Royale that had been stored for 6 years and needed a down to the frame restoration. After the work on the bike was complete, I started doing more weekend riding, alone and just around the Canandaigua area. About that time I changed jobs and met the love of my life, and current wife, Dee. She tried riding with me a couple of times but never really felt comfortable as the trunk, which was the passenger backrest, was removable and felt "loose" to her. I was still relegated to transportation back and forth to work and local weekend riding.

All that changed one spring day after we had been married for several years. I had gotten my motorcycle out of winter storage and was getting it ready while Dee took our oldest daughter, Shelby, to a birthday party in Chili for one of her pre-school friends. When they returned later that afternoon, Dee walked into the garage where I was sitting in a lawn chair next to my motorcycle and asked, "What would you think of riding that to Spencerport tomorrow?" I acknowledged that I would pretty much ride it anywhere, at any time and for any reason, but why Spencerport? That is when she told me that while she was waiting for the party to be over,

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she had gone to talk to Bill Hollink and had traded my old rattletrap for a new GL1500 Goldwing! You could have knocked me down with a feather! With the 'Wing, we also got 2 new helmets and Dee started riding with me and the trips got longer and longer until one day, on the way back from Niagara Falls, Dee mused that maybe when the kids were a little older that we could buy another one and we could go riding with our 2 children. Well that put the wheels in motion and we ended up a couple of years later buying a beautiful blue '96 Aspencade on e-bay and immediately took it and had it triked. That summer the 4 of us took to the highways and made trips to Cedar Park in Ohio in the spring, several weekend trips in the summer and Lake



George on Labor day weekend. We documented all our trips with many different colored lines on a map.

All of this storytelling is leading up to the one big life-changing decision that we made that fall. We decided we would like to find other people that we could ride with and after doing some searching online, we decided to join an organization called the GoldWing Road Riders Association. We applied and received our membership and our first Goldbook and WingWorld. We were intrigued by all of the members listed in the Goldbook and all the exciting stories of travels in the magazine. We checked to see what we could find out about the 2 local chapters, E & W, and finding more info on W, due to them having a website and E not, we decided to attend a meeting in March and see what it was all about. On the way to the meeting I mentioned to Dee that we shouldn't let them rope us into volunteering for anything as groups are usually looking for fresh blood. Well, let me tell you, I was very impressed at how the 4 of us were welcomed from the minute we walked into the room at Pando's! We seated ourselves next to an older couple, the Copes, who were then the ride coordinators.

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They gave us a lot of good information, answered all of our questions and made us feel like we belonged there. It didn't take us long until we were going on group rides, trips and generally making lots of new friends! I need to mention at this point that we have always both had only a few friends at any given time and have never been ones for large groups, but here we were surrounding ourselves with good people and having a wonderful time of it! We enjoyed our new-found friendships and threw ourselves wholeheartedly into life in GWRRA. We began volunteering more and more until we were asked if we would be interested in assuming the ACD position and then moving up to CD's. I jumped at the opportunity but Dee was more hesitant saying, "Remember, you didn't want to be the fresh blood", but I assured her that by this point I was fully immersed and comfortable with wanting to help my friends any way that I could. We threw ourselves into the task and have worked very hard to continue the growth that was started by the past chapter leadership. We have tried to make as many opportunities as possible for people to get together, ride and socialize because, after all, isn't that the reason we joined in the first place? I like to think that we have

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Sunshine Corner

Sympathy to the family of Craig Bradshaw, passed away last month.

Get well wishes to Lynn Wood, recovering from recent hospitalization

Get well wishes to Les Johnston, recovering from surgery.

Get well wishes to Barb Fedeli, recovering from acute respiratory infection.



holiday season. Sneak in some exercise along with the holiday treats. 30 minutes a day will keep your heart healthy. That can be broken up into as little as 10 minutes, 3 times a day. If you think you do not have the time, ask yourself how long have you been sitting at this computer?



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.

Tim and Mary Ann Glasow @ 585-225-8916 or trglasow@frontiernet.net



Health Tips for All

May you be blessed with good health this

Remember this?

Chapter "W" is going to do it again.



In order to do it, we need your help. See Greg and ask him what you can do to make this Ride-In bigger and better than our last one.

Planning Meetings will be held at Greg & Dee's the first Monday of every month until May.

Winter Ride Schedule

Arrival time Tuesday evening is 6:30PM at the restaurant

Dec. 3	Tuesday	Town & Country	3205 Chili Ave., Chili
Dec. 7	Saturday	Breakfast at Panorama	730 Elmgrove Rd., Gates, 8:00 AM
Dec. 10	Tuesday	Shamrock Jack's	4554 Culver Road
Dec. 13	Friday	Game Night, Fedeli's	105 Camille Drive, Greece, 7:00 PM
Dec. 15	Sunday	Coffee Klatch 10:00 AM	Eames', 446 Pittsford Henrietta TL Rd.
Dec. 15	Sunday	Eastman House after Coffee Klatch leave 12 Noonish	900 East Ave, Rochester
Dec. 17	Tuesday	Monte Alban	2160 Penfield Rd., Penfield
Dec. 19	Thursday	Gathering at Panorama 6:00 PM dinner, 7:00 PM meeting	730 Elmgrove Rd., Gates
Dec. 24	Tuesday	Merry Christmas!	
Dec. 31	Tuesday	Game Night, Eames'- New Year's Eve Party, 7:00 PM	446 Pittsford Henrietta TL Rd.
Jan. 4	Saturday	Breakfast at Panorama	730 Elmgrove Rd., Gates, 8:00 AM
Jan. 7	Tuesday	Great Northern Pizza	683 Pittsford Victor Road
Jan. 10	Friday	Game Night, Fedeli's	105 Camille Drive, Greece, 7:00 PM
Jan. 14	Tuesday	Colby's Ice Cream, Bakery & BBQ	7272 W Henrietta Rd.
Jan. 16	Thursday	Gathering at Panorama 6:00 PM dinner, 7:00 PM meeting	730 Elmgrove Rd., Gates
Jan. 12	Sunday	Coffee Klatch	Larry Helber, 201 Valley Rd., 10:00 AM
Jan. 19	Saturday	Post Holiday Party Webster, 3:30 PM	Liberty Lodge, 850 Maple Dr.
Jan. 21	Tuesday	Jeremiah's	2200 Buffalo Rd.
Jan. 28	Tuesday	Hicks & McCarthy	23 S Main St., Pittsford
Jan. 31	Friday	Game Night, Eames' 7:00 PM	446 Pittsford Henrietta TL Rd.
Feb. 1	Saturday	Breakfast at Panorama	730 Elmgrove Rd, Gates 8:00 AM
Feb. 4	Tuesday	Dibella's	1900 Empire Blvd, Webster
Feb. 11	Tuesday	Buffalo Wild Wings	780 Jefferson Rd., Henrietta
Feb. 14	Friday	Game Night, Fedeli's	105 Camille Drive, Greece 7:00 PM
Feb. 16	Sunday	Coffee Klatch 10:00 AM	Fedeli's, 103 Camille Drive, Greece
Feb. 18	Tuesday	Dragon House meet there 6:30 PM	2200 Penfield Rd., Penfield
Feb. 20	Thursday	Gathering at Panorama 6:00 PM dinner, 7:00 PM meeting	730 Elmgrove Rd., Gates
Feb. 25	Tuesday	Food Court Eastview Mall	Victor meet there 6:30 PM
Feb. 28	Friday	Game Night, Eames'	446 Pittsford Henrietta TL Rd., 7:00 PM

Winter Ride Schedule, Cont.

Mar. 1	Saturday	Breakfast at Panorama	730 Elmgrove Rd., Gates, 8:00 PM
Mar. 4	Tuesday	Tully's	1225 Jefferson Road
Mar. 8	Saturday	District Training Day	Batavia TBD
Mar. 11	Tuesday	Eastridge Diner & Steak House	765 East Ridge Road., Rochester
Mar. 14	Friday	Game Night, Fedeli's	105 Camille Drive, Greece, 7:00 PM
Mar. 16	Sunday	Coffee Klatch 10:00 AM	Johnston's, 19 Cambry Dr., Fairport
Mar. 18	Tuesday	Union Rd. Cafe (259 Diner)*	500 S Union St., Spencerport
Mar. 20	Thursday	Gathering at Panorama 6:00 PM dinner, 7:00 PM meeting	730 Elmgrove Rd., Gates
Mar. 25	Tuesday	Wegman's East Ave Food Court	East Avenue meet there
Mar. 28	Friday	Game Night, Eames' 7:00 PM	446 Pittsford Henrietta TL Rd.
Apr. 1	Tuesday	Zebb's meet there 6:30 PM	1890 Clinton Ave, Brighton
Apr. 5	Saturday	Breakfast at Panorama	730 Elmgrove Rd, Gates, 8:00 AM
Apr. 8	Tuesday	Hibachi Sushi	333 W Henrietta Rd, Henrietta
Apr. 11	Friday	Game Night, Fedeli's	105 Camille Drive, Greece, 7:00 PM
Apr. 15	Tuesday	Charbroil	1395 Island Cottage Rd., Greece
Apr. 17	Thursday	Gathering at Panorama 6:00 PM dinner, 7:00 PM meeting	730 Elmgrove Rd., Gates
Apr. 20	Sunday	Coffee Klatch 10:00 AM	Lewis', 6434 E Townline Rd., Williamson
Apr. 22	Tuesday	The Beale	1930 Empire Blvd., Webster
Apr. 25	Friday	Game Night, Eames'	446 Pittsford Henrietta TL Rd., 7:00 PM
Apr. 29	Tuesday	Greece Ridge Mall Food Court	West Ridge Road, Greece

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accomplished the goals that we set when we first assumed the position.



Now, 6 years later we are a month away from our retirement from Chapter W leadership and I would like to thank all of the people that have helped us with all of the great things we have done and accomplished in our term. It has been a fantastic ride and I will always cherish the memories of the fun times that we have had. It would be impossible to list all of the exciting places we have gone, all of the amazing adventures we have had and all the wonderful people we have met who have brought joy to our lives but if you are reading this then you are one of them.

Even though we are stepping down from leadership, we still intend to remain very active and we believe that we are leaving the chapter in good hands. We have a very strong, active membership and I'm sure that it will

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continue growing but that involves everyone pitching in as you have in the past. I feel very fortunate that I have made such very good friends in the last 10 years and also that I have such a strong and supportive partner standing by my side. I will never forget all of you and you will always have a place in my heart and home as Dee and I open the next chapter in our lives.

This winter we will be slowly taking the necessary steps toward our move to the Houston, Texas area in June after Mickee graduates from high school. I'm not sure exactly how our lives will go from here but I'm excited about the prospects. I assure you that if you're ever in our area you will always be welcome in our home and I can also assure you that GWRRA will always remain a big part of our future. We also look forward to seeing you at future WingDings.

I started with one quote and I will finish with a quote from Bob Hope,

From the Ride Coordinators:

Jingle bells, jingle bells
 Winter time is here
 Oh what fun it is to ride
 In our 4 wheels filled with cheer.
 Come join the laughter and all the fun
 Or you'll be sad when the day is done.
 May your holidays be filled with
 family and friends
 And the memories of good times
 that never end.

Happy Holiday,
 Cindy and Mike Lewis

“Thanks for the Memories!!”



Yours always in friendship,
 Greg, Dee, Shelby and Mickee

We wish you a very Merry Christmas

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Assistant Chapter Director

How long do we have to wait for our Gold Wings?



by Larry Helber, ACD



The temperatures have dipped below freezing killing off the last of the ragweed and providing relief for allergy sufferers. Snow has fallen but it is still early enough for it to melt away and I haven't had to wrestle with the snowblower yet. By now your oil and tire pressures should have been checked. You did perform a full vehicle check before the cold set in? Ice scraper? Snow brush? How about an emergency kit with a blanket, snacks and shovel. After you have readied your winter vehicle you should ensure the summer ones are stored properly. This time of the year you see a lot of articles going into great detail about storing your Gold Wing for the season. Please don't forget to make sure your winter transportation is ready to get you through the winter safely. Missing a day or two of riding is frustrating if you didn't winterize your bike properly. Being stuck in a snow bank during one of our storms could be catastrophic. I plan on seeing everyone riding again in the spring. I hope to see everyone during the winter too. We have a lot of activities planned and maybe a few surprises. Keep an eye on the ride schedule to find out more. Remember just because your Wing may be hibernating doesn't mean your Friends for Fun, Safety and Knowledge are sleeping.

The winter is not a time for the off season blues. This is now a season where you can perform the more involved maintenance and upgrades with out feeling guilty about missing any riding days. You can now cocoon yourself at home with the latest parts and accessory catalogs and make long drawn out decisions on your next improvement. If you act soon enough you can put them on your wish list and if you were good maybe you will receive some of it as a gift. This is also a good time for for dreaming of places and activities for when the roads clear.

I was having dinner with my son and he was telling me while visiting friends they found a place that makes donuts topped with maple glaze and sprinkled with crispy bacon. We laughed how upon hearing this it creates

disgusting. The other half is saying that sounds so good! My reaction was a little different; to me it sounded like a ROAD TRIP! I will enjoy spending time this winter planning an indirect route to the pastry shop. Which side are you on, groan or glee? Want to take a ride and find out if you were right?

Next I need to transition to a plea for help. As you know the Eames' term as Chapter Directors is coming to an end this month. Next month my term will begin and I have some really big shoes to fill. Fortunately through the generosity of several members most of the required officer positions have been filled. There are a few positions that I still need someone to help. All of these positions will come with the help and support that you may need. I have been rewarded many times over for the time that I have given back to the Chapter. I hope to find someone who would volunteer to help out instead of having to resort to twisting peoples arms.

Joanne and Les have done a great job as the Membership Enhancement Coordinators (MEC) but they have served their term and are wanting to take a break. The MEC is responsible for managing the membership database for our chapter. We need to make sure we have the latest contact information. They also send out a welcome packets to new members letting them know how to get the most out of their membership with GWRRA and Chapter Activities. I hope to find someone who is friendly and enjoys meeting new people. Since they will be updating the database I hope to find someone with some basic computer skills. Les and I are working on updating the database to make the MEC's job easier. The first part sounds like everyone in the GWRRA family, the computer skills I can teach and support anyone that is interested in learning. It will also be a good time to get involved with a new project and get it working in a way that you prefer. If you might be willing to help out please let me know.

Sadly Al Skiles has expressed an interest in stepping down as the newsletter editor. He has been the editor

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Larry Helber,
ACD

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since before I even joined the group. Because of my computer skills I was asked to help him publish it. Al does a fantastic job of putting together one of the best chapter newsletters that I have seen. His talents will be missed. As the assistant I would be happy to step up and perform the duties but I fear the duties as your CD will keep me too busy. The newsletter editor needs to gather the submissions and assemble them together into a document each month. This is a creative process and could be a lot of fun for the right person. There are a variety of different programs that can be used to make the job much easier by automating some of the processes. As a computer geek I am fluent in the whats and how but lack in the artistic aspects. For anyone interested in enhancing their skills in desktop publishing this would be a great opportunity. I promise you all of the technical support to allow you to make your job as easy as possible. How far you want to take it will be all up to you.

I wish to close by wishing everyone a very Happy Holiday Season. This is a great time to spend with family and friends and I hope everyone enjoys this special time of the year.

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Rider Education News

by Jim Pearson, Ride Educator

Distracted Drivers



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 This month I want to cover a safety issue that we, as motorcyclists and motor vehicle operators, face on the road. I want to talk about distracted driving. According to the website, Distraction.gov; distracted driving is any activity that could divert a person's attention away from the primary task of driving. All distractions endanger driver, passenger, and bystanders' safety. These types of distractions include texting, using a cell phone or smartphone, eating and drinking, talking to passengers, grooming, reading (including maps), using a navigation system, watching a video, adjusting a radio, CD player, or MP3 player. But, because text messaging requires visual, manual, and cognitive attention from the driver, it is by far the most alarming distraction.

With all the fancy technologies that are in our vehicles today, the opportunity to be distracted from what's going on outside our vehicle has increased. The driver may be too preoccupied using an electronic device and consumed by what they are doing that they may not take the time to look around them. This gives them a sense that everyone should watch out for them instead. Many of you may remember an old saying "Some people can't walk and chew gum at the same time." It is "some" of these same people that are now on the roads texting and being distracted by other situations rather than paying attention to their surroundings.

If they aren't watching the road, then they sure are not looking out for a motorcyclist, are they? The best way to end distracted driving is to educate all Americans about the danger it poses.

Supporting statistics from various sources state:

- ♥ In 2010, 3,092 people were killed in crashes involving a distracted driver and an estimated

additional 416,000 were injured in motor vehicle crashes involving a distracted driver.

- ♥ 18% of injury crashes in 2010 were reported as distraction affected crashes.
- ♥ In the month of June, 2011, more than 196 billion text messages were sent or received in the US, up nearly 50% from June 2009. *CTIA - The Wireless Association*
- ♥ 11% of all drivers under the age of 20 involved in fatal crashes were reported as distracted at the time of the crash. This age group has the largest proportion of drivers who were distracted.
- ♥ 40% of all American teens say they have been in a car when the driver used a cell phone in a way that put people in danger. *PEW Research Center*
- ♥ Drivers who use handheld devices are 4 times more likely to get into crashes serious enough to injure themselves. *Monash University*
- ♥ Text messaging creates a crash risk 23 times worse than driving while not distracted. *Virginia Tech Transportation Institute (VTTI)*
- ♥ Sending or receiving a text takes a driver's eyes from the road for an average of 4.6 seconds. The equivalent, at 55 mph, of driving the length of an entire football field, blind. (VTTI)
- ♥ Driving while using a cell phone reduces the amount of brain activity associated with driving by 37%. *Carnegie Mellon*

Do we need legislation to ban this activity on our roads? There are opinions on both sides of this issue. Unfortunately, we as people don't give a lot of weight to something unless it costs us something, personally. Is that what it's going to take to make people care about others on the road?

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