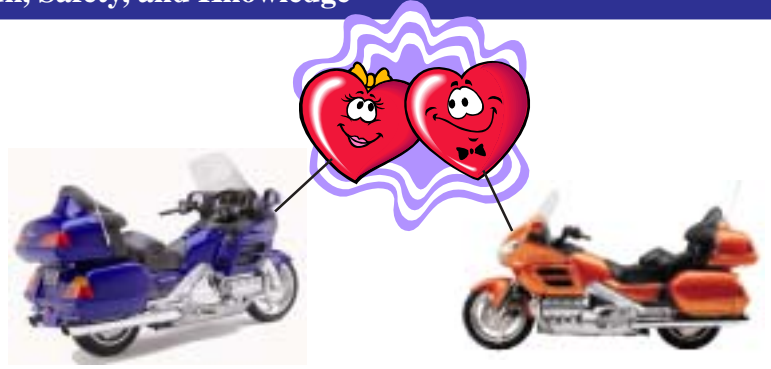




The Winger



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Will the groundhog see his shadow?



by Greg Eames, CD



What is the big question this time of year. Will we have an early spring or do

we have a lot more cold, snowy weather ahead? Actually, this winter hasn't really been too bad. Yes, lately we've been getting our share of snow and bitter temperatures but it took until late December before we even got any snow. Still, spring can't come soon enough for my taste. I ache for the days to get longer and warmer, for the flowers to start coming out and the grass to get green. Mostly, I want to RIDE!!! Every time I go into the barn my 'Wing looks at me and seems to be beckoning me to fire it up and go for a nice, long ride. I keep telling it that it's miserable out and to enjoy it's winter nap but I'm sure it doesn't like that any more than I do. Besides, I still have some maintenance to do so that we will be ready the first warm day in the spring. There are still plenty of winter activities for us to keep busy. Before we know it we'll be out in the wind again.

Last month was the annual NY District meeting. A lot of information was put out about such things

as Dash for Cash, training, membership, finances and keeping things FUN!! Also, after the meeting we had 3 couples take the Officer Certification Program to learn more about how GWRRA works.

There are a few new rules and possibilities to earn points in the Dash for Cash. The new rules will be posted on the NY District website soon, but a couple of noteworthy changes are;

The addition of points for travelling to get the Travelling Plaque. This was the predecessor to the D4C and is still in circulation. For every 100 miles you go to get it you earn 1 point up to a maximum of 4 points. The Plaque has been stuck in the eastern end of the state for lots of years and the district would like to see it circulate more.

Bonus points are also being given for submitting Chapter of the Year paperwork (which we did thanks to a lot of hard work by Cindy Lewis and Linda Pearson), being selected as district, region or national Chapter of the Year and for having the most chapter members in attendance at the Bi-State (which we have had for several years).

There is a lot more training than ever before being planned starting with the upcoming Western NY Training Day to be held on March 2nd in Batavia. The chapter and district educators are putting together a great event and it should be a very



Greg & Dee Eames, CD

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fun and educational time. Jim Pearson is also putting together a medic/first aid/ CPR course for those that would like to certify or re-certify. The date will be announced when we firm the location up. Also this year Jim is putting together another ARC riding course as several of the members courses are expiring this year. Again, once the location is secured, we will announce the date. We are also hoping to put together some informal Rider Ed training at other times this year.

One fact that came out at the meeting about membership is that our numbers have dwindled slightly over the past year. It's speculated that it is probably caused by a down economy. It's up to all of us to try to recruit new members whenever possible. We should always strive to promote a positive public image of our association and to welcome and make comfortable all new members. Starting this year we have asked Rick Rowles to be our first Motorist Awareness Director. He will be trying to reach out to the community and to make the public aware of us for 2 major reasons. First and foremost is so we will be noticed on the roads to try to avoid accidents and second is to make possible new members aware of our existence. Welcome aboard Rick!

In closing I would like to urge you to attend some of our winter activities. We have a lot of fun getting together and socializing even if we can't ride so join us!

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Help Needed

Once again, the NY District is hosting the GWRRA booth at Americade's Tourexpo vendor area. Our volunteers do a great job representing our fine Association to the motorcycling public at our booth.

This year we have a special challenge with staffing the booth, since Tourexpo will be open for 8 days. That's a lot of volunteer time, my friends.

We need your help representing GWRRA at the booth. There are 3 hour shifts available from Saturday, June 1 to Saturday, June 8. These shifts are 9AM to noon, noon to 3PM, and 3 until 6PM.

Volunteers from previous years, Officers, and those with OCP training are especially appreciated.

Yes, this is FUN. All of our volunteers from past years have remarked how much they enjoyed the experience.

If you wish to volunteer, or would like more information, please e-mail us at gwrranydd@gmail.com

Can't wait to hear from you!

Paul & Suzette Wood

GWRRA NY District Directors

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February Tuesday Sho-n'-Go Schedule

Please note. the Tuesday night rides will meet at the restaurant. **DO NOT** go to BKW. You'll be alone.

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Feb 2nd Breakfast at Panorama, 730 Elmgrove Rd., 8 AM

Feb 5th Monte Alban, 2245 Empire Blvd., Webster, 6:30 AM

Feb 8th Game Night, Fedeli's house, 105 Camille Dr., 7 AM

Feb 11th Leadership Meeting, Eames house, 7 PM

Feb 12th Distillery, 300 Paddy Creek, Greece, 6:30 PM

Feb 17th Coffee Klatch, Pearson's house, 3562 Sunset Lane, Williamson, 10 AM

Feb 19th Dragon House, 2200 Penfield Rd., Penfield, 6:30 PM

Feb 21st Gathering at Panorama, 730 Elmgrove Rd., 6 PM dinner, 7 PM meeting

Feb 22nd Game Night, Eames house, 446 Pitts./Henr. Townline Rd., 7 PM

Feb 23rd Summer Ride Planning Meeting, Eames house, 10 AM

Feb 26th Golden Ponds, 500 Long Pond Rd., 6:30 PM

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trglasow@fronternet.net

Assistant Director

by Larry Helber, ACD

Traveling



did it at last month's gathering. I heard a couple of other people did too. I know a few people are waiting until the end of February to get it done, at the last opportunity. Have you made plans to do it? Before it is too late? It is very important that you do, it will have an impact on your riding season. You should make sure it is done properly and before it is too late.



Larry Helber,
ACD

Of course what I am talking about is getting your comments in for the summer Ride Scheduling Meeting. In case you are unsure, Mike and Cindy Lewis, our couple of the year for last year, are now also our Ride Coordinators. They will be hosting the planning meeting at the Eames' house on the 23rd of this month. That means you have between now and then to make two very important decisions. First you should decide if you will be attending the meeting. It is open to all and it will give you a chance

to see how we plan for all of the wonderful activities for the season. You will also be able to voice your opinions on the activities we are planning. Second you need to let us know what you would like to do this year and your impressions of last year.

The goal of the Ride Coordinators is to provide everyone with enough opportunities so everyone should be able to attend at least a couple of rides during the season. If you were not able to ride with us then please tell us why. If you didn't see a ride that interested you then tell us and then let us know what you would like to do. Maybe we can work it into the schedule. With either type of comment it is very important that you let Mike or Cindy know before the planning meeting. You can catch them at this month's Gathering or let Greg, Dee or Myself know and we will make sure they get the information. I have already let Mike and Cindy know about a nice weekend ride I was thinking about doing in Pennsylvania.

On a similar note Les and I have been thinking of doing another Iron Butt Ride. We have had several members approach us about completing an IBA certified ride. For those of you who might be interested and have read this far into my column please let Les or I know that you are interested and we will make sure you are informed of its progress. Since this will be an IBA type ride and safety will always be our primary goal there will be some details that need to be agreed upon first among all riders participating. Then there will be some riding preparations that I feel everyone should understand. Showing an interest will not be an obligation to go so I encourage anyone interested to keep in touch and learn a little more about it before you say no.

The trip we are considering is circumnavigating the state of New York. There should be a map near this article that shows our proposed route. We would leave Rochester and head for Watertown and across the northern most part of the state. We would then travel down along the Hudson and turning East before we get tied up in the traffic from the city and New Jersey. We would then travel along the southern part of the state until we get near Lake Erie and head North for Buffalo and back to Rochester. We are estimating the trip to be around 1055 miles and to earn a Saddle Sore certificate we would have to

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complete it in 24 hrs. It will involve riding mostly Interstate highways and state routes. We will stay in the state of New York for the entire trip.

Many of the logistics of the trip will depend on

who and how many people want to go. If you are interested contact Les or myself and then we will schedule a meeting for everyone to attend so we can discuss what will be involved with the trip and what will be required to get certified. We will also want

to assess what everyone else's needs and goals will be. We will then have to decide, as a group, what our contingency plans will be in certain situations and everyone will have to agree that safety will be our primary goal.

This is a trip that is not for everyone. Those that choose to go may be rewarded with a sense of accomplishment and an expanded com-fort zone in the end.



FEBRUARY
BIRTHDAY
GREETINGS

- Sue Skyner 1st
- John Skyner 2nd
- Lynn Wood 7th
- Karen Fisher 10th
- John Bodine 15th
- Tim Glasow 18th
- Linda Martens 24th
- Fran Phillips 27th



HAPPY ANNIVERSARY

- Larry & Mary Barber 8th 49 Years
- John & Diane Bodine 8th 28 Years
- Mark & Annette Carpenter 18th 37 Years
- Gerald & Marilyn Gardner 24th 45 Years
- Dave & Diane Hill 27th 14 years

Rider Education News

by Jim Pearson, Ride Educator

DRIVING ROUNDABOUTS Or- Running Around in Circles



Roundabouts are designed to make intersections safer and more efficient for drivers, pedestrians, and cyclists. There are two types of roundabouts: single-lane roundabouts and multi-lane roundabouts. There are a few key things to remember about driving roundabouts:

- ◆ Yield to drivers in the roundabout
- ◆ Stay in your lane; do not change lanes
- ◆ Do not stop in the roundabout
- ◆ Avoid driving next to oversize vehicles



Jim Pearson,
Ride Educator

Driving single-lane roundabouts

As you approach a roundabout, you will see a yellow “roundabout ahead” sign with an advisory speed limit for the roundabout.

Slow down as you approach the roundabout, and watch for pedestrians in the crosswalk.


Continue toward the roundabout and look to your left as you near the yield sign and dashed yield line at the entrance to the roundabout. Yield to traffic already in the roundabout.

Once you see a gap in traffic, enter the circle and proceed to your exit. If there is no traffic in the roundabout, you may enter without yielding.

Look for pedestrians as you exit, and make sure to stay in your lane as you navigate the roundabout.



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Driving multi-lane roundabouts

In a multi-lane roundabout, you will see two signs as you approach the intersection: the yellow “roundabout ahead” sign and a black-and-white “lane choice” sign. You will need to choose a lane prior to entering the roundabout.

You choose your lane in a multi-lane roundabout the same way you would in a traditional multi-lane intersection. To go straight or right, get in the right lane. To go straight or left, get in the left lane. Drivers can also make U-turns from the left lane.

The graphics below show what turns can be made in multi-lane roundabouts. The arrows in yellow show the movements that can be made from the right lane, and the green arrows show the movements that can be made from the left lane.

Once you have selected your lane, watch for pedestrians in the crosswalk as you approach the roundabout. At the dashed yield line, look to your left and yield to drivers already in the roundabout. Remember, in a multilane roundabout, you must yield to both lanes of traffic. Once a gap in traffic appears, merge into the roundabout and proceed to

your exit. If there is no traffic in the roundabout, you may enter without yielding.

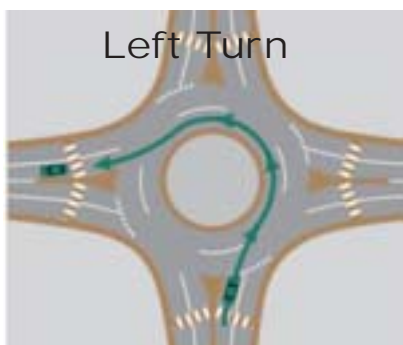
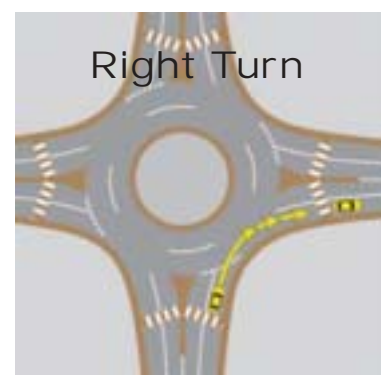
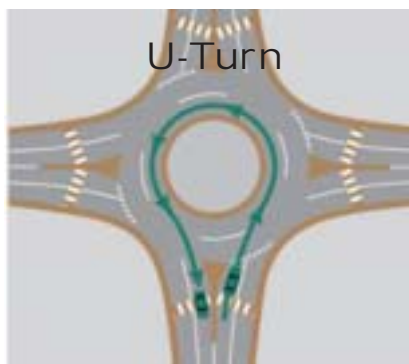
Trucks/Oversize vehicles and roundabouts

Roundabouts are designed to accommodate vehicles of all sizes, including emergency vehicles, buses, farm equipment, and semi-trucks with trailers. Oversize vehicles and vehicles with trailers may straddle both lanes while driving through a roundabout.

Many roundabouts are also designed with a truck apron, a raised section of pavement around the central island that acts as an extra lane for large vehicles. The back wheels of the oversize vehicle can ride up on the truck apron so the truck can easily complete the turn, while the raised portion of concrete discourages use by smaller vehicles.

Because large vehicles may need extra room to complete their turn in a roundabout, drivers should remember never to drive next to large vehicles in a roundabout.

Courtesy of: Bob & Ginny Schattschneider, Wisconsin, Chapter G, Chapter Educators



Boy Jim, your article had me running around in circles! Whew!! - Editor

This month, coming from Joyce's kitchen is:

Corn Fritters

Beat two eggs

Stir in 1/2 cup milk

Sift together:

1 cup flour

1 tsp. Baking Powder

1 tsp. salt

Mix into mixture:

1 tsp. melted fat or cooking oil

Add about one cup of frozen corn (thaw first)

You could also use apples, bananas, onion rings, or whatever.

Deep fry at 375 degrees

Makes 12-15 fritters

Serve with syrurp

Bible Cake

1/2 cup of Psalms 55:21

1 cup Jeremiah 6:20

2 Jeremiah 17:11

2 cups of I Kings 4:22

1/4 tsp. of Leviticus 2:13

2-1/2 tsp. of Galatians 5:9

1 tsp. of Numbers 17:8

3/4 cup of Lamentations 4:7

Cream Psalms 55:21, slowly add Jeremiah 6:20 until fluffy.

Blend in Jeremiah 17:11

Sift I Kings 4:22, Leviticus 2:13 and Galatians 5:9

Add to creamed mixture.

Add in Lamentations 4:7 and Numbers 17:8

Pour into greased and floured pan.

Bake at 350 degrees for 30 minutes or untill toothpick is dry.

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Couple of the Year, Duane and Nancy Motley with Greg Eames who presented them COY shirts.



The above participants took the Officer Certification Program course while at the District meeting.



Charley and Barb Fedeli taking the oath for ACD.



The New Years party group at the Eames home.



Chapter "W" was well represented at the annual district meeting in Liverpool, NY in January. And then, Goofy Fixer showed up.

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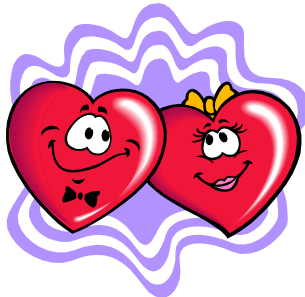
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