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Don't FALL in the leaves!



by Greg Eames, CD



all is upon us and the weather is starting to turn cold again. The leaves have started to turn and are falling from the trees. The summer ride schedule has just this month to go before we start on the winter schedule and meet at the restaurants instead of riding together from Burger King. Speaking of the winter ride schedule, we still have to meet and put it together! The date for that event will be October 5th and will be held at 10AM, after breakfast at Panorama, at Dee's & my house. I urge everyone available to attend to make sure we have a good, comprehensive list of everybody's favorite places to eat.

All of the weekend rides, with the exception of the Middlesex roast beef dinner on the 26th, are done for the year, but what a busy time it has been! I can't believe

all the rides we have had this year, despite the cooler than normal temperatures and all the rain we have had. It seems that every trip this year has had rain at some point. Luckily, the Ride Out only got rain overnight on Saturday night after we were all tucked away in our motel and had stopped by Sunday morning. The event itself was a great time and was the last event that was officiated by Paul and Suzette as our district Directors. They officially stepped down as of October 1st and are replaced by Steve and Katy Nutting from chapter N. Welcome Steve and Katy.



Greg and Dee Eames, CD

Paul and Suzette have stepped down earlier than the last of the year due to the fact that Suzette's job is moving them to Texas! To wish them a fond farewell,

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Meet and eat at 6:00 PM

– Meeting about 7:00 PM

October Ride Schedule



**Mike and Cindy
Lewis
Ride Coordinators**

Please note. The Tuesday night rides will meet at 6:00 PM to Sho-'n-Go at 6:30 PM.

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

Tues., Oct 1st, Panera Bread, 2373 W Ridge Rd,
BKW 6:30 P.M.

Sat., Oct 5th, Breakfast at Panorama, 730 Elmgrove
Rd, 8:00 A.M.

Sat., Oct 5th, Winter Ride Planning Meeting, Eames's
house, 10:00 A.M.

Tue., Oct 8th, Sticky Lips, 830 Jefferson Rd,
Henrietta, BKW 6:30 P.M.

Fri., Oct 11th, Game Night, Fedeli's home, 105
Camille Dr, Greece, 7:00 P.M.

*Tue., Oct 15th, Center St BBQ with Suzette and
Paul, 20 Center St., Batavia, BKW 6:30 P.M.

*this has been a change from Food Court Greece
Ridge Mall

Thu., Oct 17th, Gathering at Panorama, 730
Elmgrove Rd, 6 P.M. dinner, 7 P.M. mtg

Sat., Oct 19th, Ride-In planning meeting, Eames'
house, 2:00 P.M

Tue., Oct 22nd, Red Robin, 740 Jefferson Rd,
Henrietta, BKW 6:30 P.M.

Fri., Oct 25th, Game Night, Eames' home, 446
Pittsford Henrietta TL Rd, 7:00 P.M.

Sat., Oct 26th, Middlesex Roast Beef Dinner,
Middlesex Fire House, McD 3:00 P.M.

Tue., Oct 29th, The Beale, 1930 Empire Blvd,
Webster, BKW 6:30 P.M.

Sat., Nov. 2nd, Breakfast at Panorama, 730 Elmgrove
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Assistant Director

by Larry Helber, ACD

Ode to a Friend



Larry Helber,
ACD

As many of you may have heard by now the North East Region of GWRRA is soon going to miss having one of its members frequent its activities. The email has gone out that Paul and Suzette Wood will be moving out of our area. This is due to a job transfer for Suzette and I wish them both well. As sad as I am to see them go I suspect they will remain active in GWRRA and I hope to reunite with them at Wing Dings, Conventions, Rallies and other activities we GWRRA members like to participate in. Plus the Internet and electronics will help us keep in touch.

I heard at one time Paul and Suzette were the Chapter Directors for Chapter W but most members remember them as the District Directors for NY state. I had the honor of working with Paul for several events. I was very impressed with the way he handled meetings and allowed his volunteers to embrace a task and complete it in a manor they were comfortable with. En-

couragement, positive reenforcement and gentle guidance was the only thing you heard from him. In the years that I have known him I don't think I have ever heard him say a harsh word about anyone. I know someone in his position had to have some disappointments at one time or another but you never would believe it listening to him. You were expected to do what you could and what you couldn't would be handled some other way. I enjoyed working with Paul and it was an honor working with someone with his integrity. As I assume the post of Chapter Director I had hoped to learn from his guidance. I know there are many in GWRRA that can expound on the many wonderful things he and Suzette did for the association. I prefer to use this space to mention about how they effected me and how I will miss them.

I first meet Paul at one of our breakfast meetings a few years back. I had already joined GWRRA and had a chapter schedule but never made time to visit. This was my first introduction to the Chapter. He introduce himself as I stared into the room, he welcomed me like an old friend and quickly put me at ease. He explained a little about the chapter and proceeded to introduced me to several members in the room and made sure I had plenty of people to talk to during the meal. The

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Chapter was going on a ride to a car show after breakfast and encouraged me to come along. He took the time to ensure that I was comfortable riding with a group and I understood the protocols. At the car show I enjoyed getting to know my new found friends. Paul had made me feel very comfortable with the group and made sure I understood what was going to happen next and before he left he double checked that I knew how to get back home. On my way home that day; due to the efforts of Paul and the others, I knew this was a group that I wanted to get to know better. I made it a point to attend more events. I have never regretted it.

A little while after becoming an active member of the group Paul discovered I had recently been diagnosed with cancer. We talked for a while and he shared some experiences he had gone through. He then had another member that had a similar condition contact me. Even though the treatments and diagnosis may not always be the same at least you have someone who you can talk to that understands what you are going through is a big comfort. That act of kindness was a big

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we will be meeting them for a special dinner at the Center Street Barbeque in Batavia on Tuesday October 15th instead of the scheduled trip to the Greeceridge Mall food court. We will still be meeting and leaving from BKW at 6:30. I urge you to consider coming to this to show them how much you appreciate all they have done for our chapter and our district. If you will be meeting us at the restaurant instead of at BKW, please let me know so I can get an accurate count for the restaurant.

We once again are in the possession of the NY District Travelling Plaque, so whoever wants it, come and get it!!

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help during those stressful days. I am not sure I ever thanked Paul for that gesture. If I didn't Paul, here is a big thank you now. It helped.

Paul is one of the few people I know here in the northeast that enjoys Mexican food. Growing up in California I was raised on it so I am always on the look out for a mexican restaurant. I was excited to hear that he was planning on having a taco bar catered at the end of the the first mid New York training day. I attended the training but needed to leave early so I missed the



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tacos. I registered my disappointment during a recap with Paul so we planned on doing some riding and stopping off at the little taco stand to have our fill. The weather wasn't good enough to ride but we did enjoy the tacos. We still have a plans for a ride. After October I will miss having dinner with Paul but it will be easier to find a seat in their small dinning room.

Paul has always a lot of helpful and useful advice. We have often had discussions about maintaining classic Goldwings. I have never been disappointed following his advice. So, in the interest in sharing Paul and Suzette, I have some advice for your new home time. Just remember it has been a few years since I have been to Dallas but if you are looking for some good Mexican food check out Chuey's. Especially during the Chili Pepper Festival. They line up long grills on the sidewalk and roast the chili peppers right there. They then become the focus ingredient for the specials. The smells, taste and atmosphere is not to be missed. I remember queso can be very habit forming. I also recommend taking some time and seeing the Dallas Aquarium downtown. It is pretty small and lo-

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cated in an old warehouse but they have the best display of sea dragons anywhere. Sea dragons are related to sea horses and are very difficult to keep in captivity. The Dallas Aquarium has devoted a couple of tanks to them. An exhibit you don't see at other aquariums. You will be amazed when you see their leaf shaped appendages that make them look like a drifting piece of kelp. This is the only place I have seen them and aquariums are always high on my list of places to visit.

Paul and Suzette, I am going to miss seeing you on the third Thursday of the month and at several other events in between but I hope to see you both out on the highways occasionally.



Note: The dinner ride on Tuesday October 15, has been changed to the Center Street BBQ in Batavia where we can all say "Have a safe trip" (not goodbye) to Paul and Suzette. Meet at the Burger King in Gates before 6:30 to ride out there as a group.

If you will be meeting us at the restaurant instead of at BKW, please let Greg know.

Rider Education News

by Jim Pearson, Ride Educator



Jim Pearson,

End of Season Cycle Maintenance



As we are all painfully aware of, the riding season in our area lasts only seven or eight months, or maybe nine, if we really push it. After that, most of us will let our motorcycles remain unriden for a long enough period of time that it is best to prepare it for a season of rest.

November typically brings weather throughout the northern tier of states that is not very good for motorcycling (as I write this, it is raining and snowing). Most parts of the northeast experience three or more months of weather that is not considered part of the riding season. The air temperature alone gets cold enough to cause hypothermia without adding the wind

chill from sitting atop a motorcycle while blasting down the road at legal speeds – even at 45 mph. And many areas will have snow on the ground before the month is out. Some of you may be cold-blooded enough to prolong the season a few extra weeks, but for most, there is a period each year when your motorcycle becomes a lonesome friend sitting quietly in the garage.

Before you park it for a season of inactivity, this is a great time to get your end of season maintenance done. It is recommended that you change the oil and oil filter to remove contaminants – dirt, deposits, acids and moisture – that can lead to corrosion inside the engine. Other fluid levels should be checked for proper level. If the fluids are due for replacement based on miles ridden since the last change (check your manual and service history), this is a good time to do that and any other maintenance tasks that you may have been putting off.

Your mechanic likely is not very busy at this time of year. He (she) would probably appreciate your visit, too! And you know your bike will be better for it. Then when spring comes next year (it is not that far off, after all!), you'll be ready to go without a visit to the mechanic before planning your next big ride. After you get it back from your mechanic, fill the gas tank and add the appropriate amount of fuel stabilizer (such as Stabil) before parking your Wing.

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This is also a great time to take a look at all of the normal maintenance items, such as tires, brake pads, filters, etc, that you may need to replace in the spring. This will give you all winter to source out the best prices and then have them on hand when spring breaks. Also, while looking, you may find that there may be additional needs for the bike that you may want to add to you Christmas list for the wife, oops, I mean Santa, such as more safety chrome.



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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.



This is the best place to be on or about the third weekend in October. If you go there, where will you be?

Joyce and I are considering making a trip to this beautiful place on Oct. 19th. If you wish to tag along via Wing or 4 wheels you are welcome to do so.

Plans are to meet at BKW to leave at 7:00 AM.

Contact me via phone at 349-2915 and leave message or askiles@frontier.com.

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