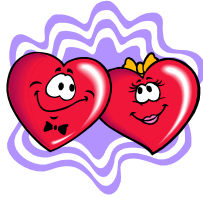




# The Winger



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"Friends for Fun, Safety, and Knowledge"



## Hello Chapter W



by Chuck Burometto, ACD

**N**ow that we are into tax season how many of you will be using your tax refunds to buy the safety chrome that Santa forgot?

We would like to thank Larry for having the confidence in us to assist him in his role as the CD. We are hoping to learn a lot in our role as the ACD. We promise to work hard to meet your expectations and to ensure Chapter W continues to prosper.



ACD Chuck Burometto

Now for some information about us. I started riding motorcycles when I was 8 years old. I had several Honda trail bikes and finally upgraded to a CB-650 Custom when I was in college. Unfortunately that bike was totaled when my brother was in an accident. Fortunately he wasn't hurt. I was out of motorcycling until the turn of the millennium when I was

working over 30 miles away from our house. When gas topped \$2 a gallon I decided I needed something more economical to get back and forth to work so I got a Shadow 750 ACE. The motorcycle suited me until Lisa sat on a Goldwing one day and said "We need to get one of these". Since I always wanted one as far back as the early 80's, and she "gave me permission", I made the leap and bought a 2010 Goldwing. A couple of years later I found out about GWRRA and joined Chapter W.

Lisa got into motorcycling later than me. This past year she upgraded to a Spyder. Lisa has also enjoyed the Chapter W functions. We are both pharmacists and most of you know our son Charles. He is the one that wins the majority of the door prizes at the monthly gatherings. Charles enjoys riding on the

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### 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.

**Remember this?**

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

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See Ride Schedule for time and place.

**The next Gathering will be  
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Meet and eat at 6:00 PM

– Meeting about 7:00 PM

# February Ride Schedule



**Mike and Cindy  
Lewis  
Ride Coordinators**

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

Sat., Feb., 1<sup>st</sup>, Breakfast at Panorama, 730 Elmgrove Rd., Gates, 8:00 A.M

Tue., Feb., 4<sup>th</sup>, Dibella's, 1900 Empire Blvd., Webster, NY, meet there 6:30 P.M.

Tue., Feb., 11<sup>th</sup>, Buffalo Wild Wings, 780 Jefferson Rd., Henrietta, meet there 6:30 P.M.

**Fri., Feb., 14<sup>th</sup>, Game Night,  
Fedeli's, 105 Camille  
Dr., Geece, 7:00 P.M.**



Sat., Feb., 15<sup>th</sup>, Summer Ride Planning Meeting, Eames' house, 10:00 A.M.

Sun., Feb., 16<sup>th</sup>, Coffee Klatch, Fedeli's, 103 Camille Dr., Gates, 10:00 A.M.

Tue., Feb., 18<sup>th</sup>, Dragon House, 200 Penfield Rd., Penfield, meet there 6:30 P.M.

Thu., Feb., 20<sup>th</sup>, Gathering at Panorama, 730 Elmgrove Rd., Gates, dinner 6:00 P.M., mtg 7:00 P.M.

Sat., Feb., 22<sup>nd</sup>, Tinseltown, Gates, meet there 1:30 P.M.

Tue., Feb., 25<sup>th</sup>, Food Court Eastview Mall, Victor, meet there 6:30 P.M.

Fri., Feb., 28<sup>th</sup>, Game Night, Eames', 446 Pittsford Henrietta TL Rd., 7:00 P.M.

Sat., Mar., 1<sup>st</sup>, Breakfast at Panorama, 730 Elmgrove Rd., Gates, 8:00 A.M.

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back of the Goldwing and this year he got his first dirt bike- a CRF50. We'll see if he follows his dad.

For the last year we have enjoyed the friendships we have made within Chapter W. We are looking forward to the coming year and the many activities we have planned.

Lastly, we would like to ask the members to think about where they would like to ride this year. Feel free to bring these ideas to the ride planning meeting this month.

*Welcome Chuck and Lisa Burometto to your new position as Assistant Chapter Director. This makes you also a member of The Winger Contributors Family.*



**Chuck and Lisa Burometto and son Charles**



Just a reminder guys. Valentines Day is approaching.

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## A Bit Of Prose From Our Chapter Director, Larry Helber



Larry Helber,  
CD

January has passed. A month of transition. We greatly appreciated all of our past officers and key members for all of the work they have done, we welcomed the new officers ready and eager to see what they can do. We laughed and shared experiences from the last riding season and have begun to dream about what we are going to do once the weather starts to get better. It is an extraordinary time to be involved with motorcycling. I am excited about the prospects of what lies ahead.

The Post Holiday Party event, to me, has always marked the transition between riding seasons. We always have a great attendance so you can catch up with anyone you either did or didn't get a chance to ride with last year and make hopeful plans for next year. No business is conducted just plenty of time to socialize and enjoy everyone's fellowship. I was enjoying the camaraderie when I received a message "*you can have everyone take their seats now*". The first thought that went through my head was, "what do you want me to do about it" but then it hit me, it is my role to do something about it. I never did learn how to whistle very loudly as a kid but fortunately a few members did and they were more than willing to help quiet the room as I was politely trying to asking everyone to take their seats. A skill I will have to remember to learn for a next life. Now as I grab the handlebars of my new ride let me reintroduce myself to you.

Ever since I was old enough to point them I have been enamored with piloting machines across land, sea and air. I have a license to control the massive torque of a semi truck down the highway pulling multiple trailers. I enjoy the finesse of harnessing mother nature to skipper a sailboat across the water. I enjoy the combination of technology and skill required to pilot an aircraft across the sky. But it is the marriage of man and machine required to negotiate a motorcycle along a mountain road that I enjoy the most.

I have been riding almost as long as I have been driving a car. I did take a little vacation from it while my

children were young. Now that my sons are older they enjoy riding with me and my youngest is looking to get his license this year. If he does we will be taking a road trip looking for some great roads and good times. Expect to see him sharpen his skills after spending time at Learn 2 Ride. When I ride I enjoy getting on the Wing and heading out of town. A great day is finding a road that follows river or stream. They are usually not straight as the water tries to find the path of least resistance. Bonus points if there is a waterfall along the way. I also take pleasure in performing long distance rides. They tend to involve going long distances within a limited amount of time. Many do not understand it but I enjoy the challenge and the expansion of my comfort zone. The skills I have learned from them allow me to visit more distant places in a smaller window of opportunity and gives me skills that make my shorter rides more comfortable and safer.

In my custom car days I joined a car club to learn where the rallies were. In addition to the location of the weekend fun spots I learn cheaper ways to customize my ride, repair and maintenance tricks plus. I also experienced the benefits of being around like minded souls. Someone to share the fun and someone who

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understands when things don't go right. I also discovered the more I participated the more intense the benefits grew. I have been a member of several other groups since then and have experienced the same results. My vision for the Chapter is the same. First we need to have fun. If it is not fun then who is going to want to be here. Next we need to share our knowledge. People come to us because they want to know more about their motorcycle, where to ride and what to do. You can have fun a lot of anywhere, this is where you need to be to have fun with your Goldwing.

Chapter W has had a tradition of offering many events both winter and riding season. We did this because we know that you have other interests and obligations that may prevent you from joining us. By offering enough activities we hope that you will be able to find time to schedule a few events with us. The leadership team puts in a lot of time organizing these activities and we hope you have a great time attending them. Our request is for you to *constructively* let us know how we are doing. This can only happen if A) you attend some of the functions or B) if you don't you let us know why. Our summer ride planning meeting is this month and we can only plan events that interest you if you let us know your opinions. If you don't then the calendar will be loaded with things that we like to do and you won't be able to blame us for that.

As a final personal note, soon after I joined GWRRRA I found out that I had an aggressive form of prostate cancer. As I sat at a table during one of the gatherings I happened to mention it and was soon flooded with warm wishes and soon the table was sharing their cancer experiences. I was very touched and left feeling encouraged. The support continued through the surgeries and treatments. I was very happy to be part of this special family. Now as I step up my role with the Chapter my cancer has decided follow suit. I thank many of you who have said the many words of encouragement and support. The doctors are unsure of what the future is going to bring but I know one thing is certain; there is no place that I would rather be than right here, with my family, that is called Chapter W.

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## Sunshine Corner

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Sympathy to Marty Watkins and Susie Allen. Susie's mother passed away January 24

### Health Tips for All

February is Heart Month. Do something good for



your heart! A brief 10-minute walk 3 times a day is a good place to start.



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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# Rider Education News

## Here It Goes

*by Lyle Nudd, Chapter W Ride Educator*

**H**ere it goes folks, my first article for the newsletter. I would like to thank you all for allowing me to be your Chapter Educator. Jim has left me some pretty big shoes to fill and I will endeavor to do my best to fill them.

I would like you to think about your winter vehicle for a minute. How many of us have given our winter vehicle the equivalent of a T-Clock? It has been very cold lately, and I have not done it myself. Tuesday January 14, 2014 my work truck decided it had had enough. I left work a little bit late but, figured I could still make it to the dinner ride. That idea quickly vanished when immediately after pulling onto Route 104 I tried to accelerate and the truck said "NO!" Not good, no power from the engine. I drive a diesel for work and I knew what the problem was; a plugging fuel filter. I might have said some bad language at this point in time. I managed to nurse the truck back to the shop where I changed the filter, but by the time that was done it was way too late to make it to Colby's for the dinner ride.

Fortunately I was able to nurse the truck back to

my shop because, it was about nine degrees out that night and the wind was blowing. In other words it was colder than a witch's you know what in a brass brassiere. If I had done a little bit more preventative maintenance I would not have been in that situation. I could have saved myself some aggravation at the least. I personally do not like being on the road and not being able to maintain normal speeds; nor am I especially fond of being cold. I accomplished both that night. Looking back on the incident the truck had given me a warning but I ignored it; thinking that it was just the transmission upshift restriction until it warmed up.



**Lyle Nudd**  
Ride Educator

A few simple checks under the hood would have saved a lot of aggravation. I would encourage all who read this to check your vehicles vital fluids. This cold weather is extra tough on vehicles, and can be just as tough on us if we are stranded alongside the road in this type of weather. Hopefully I took the hit for the chapter and the rest of you will have safe travels for the rest of the winter season.

## Thunder In the Valley, Johnstown, PA. 2009



Brockway trucks were built in Cortland, NY.. They have a Truck Show every year. They line them up in downtown Cortland. I visited the show the year the District Convention was held in Norwich. You might want to dig up more info on this event and visit next year.. If the truck convention is held there at the same time as the GWRRRA event, and it's close enough add it to a ride. The ladies would be thrilled.

— Al Skiles



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**Above:** A picture of our members at the Post Holiday party

**Center:** Greg and Dee Eames received a Big Shoes award from Larry

**Below:** Picture of group at Eames' New Years party



# The Bowling Night Experts



## How Larry gets strikes

This is the way I get them too, except when I get into this position I usually roll down the alley and knock them down. That saves wear and tear on the ball. -A1



## BIRTHDAY GREETINGS

### FEBRUARY

- Susan Skyner 1st
- John Skyner 2nd
- Lynn Wood 7th
- Karen Fisher 10th
- John Bodine 15th
- Tim Glasow 18th
- Linda Martens 24th
- Jonni Hewett 25th
- Fran Phillips 27th




## HAPPY ANNIVERSARY

- Larry and Mary Barber 8th 50 Years
- John & Diane Bodine 8th 29 Years
- Mark & Annette Carpenter 18th 38 Years
- Gerald & Marilyn Gardner 24th 46 Years
- Dave & Diane Hill 27th 15 Years

# Heated Clothing

## - an unconventional test drive

by Larry Helber, CD

 I have often researched the option of heated clothing to help extend my riding season. The problem is up here I park the Wing more because of salt than I do the temperatures. I have found the proper layers of clothing that will keep me comfortable riding down to 20 degrees. Much colder around here there is a layer of salt on the roads. So I tabled the investigation because the cost vs benefits was too high. I momentarily restarted my research after the Iron Butt convention I attended in 2012. I was participating in a rally starting in Denver where the day time temps were in the 90s. My route took me through the rockies where the temps in some of the mountain passes at night dropped below 30. Since we had been traveling for a week in August in warm to hot temperatures I didn't have those extra layers with me. I found my rain gear helped but not as effective as the fleece I wear.

Back in June I switched jobs. The work was similar but the new job provided healthcare at a much lower cost. Everything was going along well until the Fall the company started to face a seasonal slow down. I held enough seniority to keep the job but I went from driving a truck with a heater to driving a forklift on an open air dock. Wintering on the dock did not sound very pleasing with the Farmer's Almanac predicting a cold winter. I started looking at heated clothing to help make the winter more bearable. Knowing that I would be hoping on and off the forklift I started looking at the self contained battery options. One of the well known brands I considered was Gerbing.

It is obvious that the marketing department owns the Gerbing website [gerbing.com](http://gerbing.com). It contains a very attractive display with a fancy interface that tries to make all of the decisions for you. It contains about as much real information as what you would expect from a brochure, not much! I spent a lot of time clicking on their site trying to figure out what the differences were between the options. As a gear head I am not intimidated

by using the internet but I get irritated when I want to find out about specialty products that I can't inspect locally. When I go to the manufacture's website I am expecting to learn more about their products and it should be easy to find what you need. Gerbing is not unique, other manufactures are guilty too.

After much research I finally figured out Gerbing has two technologies. The traditional 12v system that you add a controller to your vehicle and then you connect it to your heated clothing. The vest, pants, gloves and socks are connected together and run through a single connection that runs off the 12v system on your Gold Wing. They also offer a wearable 12v battery pack that can power the clothing. Totaling it together creates a pretty significant price tag. Alternately Gerbing now offers a 7v system that runs off of a small lithium Ion battery. The battery is a little larger than a Zippo lighter and contains the controller required to run the heaters. Because the batteries are smaller each item you wear requires its own battery. I started looking at this 7v options because it would facilitate getting on and off the lift easier plus having a self contained unit would also ease the strain on my Classic Wing's stator. Additional batteries are reasonably priced. I started to think this was worth trying. The deal was sealed when my sons offered to give me one for Christmas.

I grew up in Southern California. Winter riding and camping meant you should bring a jacket when you go out. When my sons reached Boy Scout age I knew I was going to have to learn about real winter camping. In the snow! Fortunately like GWRRA, the Boy Scouts offer lots of training to make your events safe and more fun for the scouts. When they offered their Winter Camping Skills class I signed up. It included a "final exam" — a backpacking trip, complete with snowshoes, on top a hill in Naples, in February. I pause as you all make your "are you nuts!" comments. I don't retreat it some of the things we learned transitions well to other activities like how to properly dress and stay warm and safe outside. We also spent time discussing how the body stays warm. The short version is the brain and torso need to remain warm in order to function properly. The body does everything it can to ensure that they do. It will shut down blood flow to the hands and feet so it can keep the vital organs warm. In addition

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a significant amount of heat is lost through the top of your head keeping the brain warm. The mantra for the weekend was “if your hands or feet are cold put on a hat.” It works.

I didn't have to wait long after receiving my Gerbing vest liner for a chance to try it out. The next couple of days temperature was going to be in the single digits when I was at work. I put on a thermal shirt and fleece pants. I then added the vest and a pair of insulated Carhart overalls and jacket over it. I started it on the low setting and began working. If my hands or feet started to get cold then I would bump up the power. If I got overly comfortable or started to sweat then I would turn down the heat. I was very happy with the results. Two other coworkers spent the mornings with me. One is young and takes the multi layer approach to clothing. He looks like Ralphie's brother in a Christmas story. The other has Carharts like mine. Out of the three I am certainly the most comfortable. They usually can be found huddled behind the exhaust of the forklift trying to absorb some of its heat throughout the morning. I have now used it often enough that I can look at the temperature and set the heat level and not worry about it.

For the single digit days I think I would have preferred the jacket liner. I don't know if there is any

heat pads in the sleeves (nothing on the website about it) but I think the extra layer of insulation would help at times on the really cold days. The vest is very well made with high quality stitching and materials. The vest alone without electrics would be a nice additional warmth layer. I think for my riding needs the vest will work well. I will enjoy the heating pads for those spring and fall days when the sun starts to drop or you are riding on the shady side of the valley. It will be nice not to have to pack a light and heavier insulation layers.

The battery that came with the vest has a battery charge gauge on it but the extra battery I purchased latter didn't. I also noticed the original one has more capacity than the extra. Something that was very hard to distinguish from the website.

Now that the month of January is gone I have gotten a lot of use out of the vest and I have been very happy with the results. I have even worn it around the house instead of turning the thermostat up. For less than the price of a liner plus controller for the 12v system I have a self contained unit that regularly keeps me warm for 8 hours in less than 20 degree temperatures. I can use it for motorcycling, at work or any other time I would like some extra warmth. That extends its usefulness to me and increases the cost/benefit ratio and to me the price is now worth it. If you are interested in seeing it, ask me about it, chances are it will be in my saddlebags.





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