



# The Winger

**Gatherings are the 3rd Thursday of the month at  
Panorama Restaurant, 730 Elmgrove Rd, Gates  
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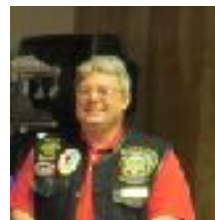
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Karen & Dave Hockenberry

## From our CD, Lyle



Unless you have been living under a rock or don't read any of the E-mails that I send out you know that the recent Bi-State Rally was the last one. Betsy and I attended and had a great time. Lynn Wood rode

over with us and everything went very well until we got to the motel.

As we were walking up to the entrance John Van Deusen walked up and asked if I wanted to take the ARC class room on Friday instead of Thursday, because they were headed to the classroom as we pulled up. I stated that, I would be there as soon as I got Betsy situated." We checked in and Betsy told me to, "Drop the trailer and go she would get the luggage taken care of." So that is what I did. Funny thing I beat the group back to Central NY Power Sports.

Things calmed down while I was in class and Betsy had everything in the room by the time I got back. The evening's event was a lot of fun. I didn't see anyone from NY-W singing Karaoke that really didn't surprise me. Everyone enjoyed the ice cream.

Early the next morning I was up and on my way to Green Lakes State Park for the Range Portion of



### October Birthdays

Dave Hockenberry	01
Cindy Thayer	03
Mickey Ide-Eames	06
Patti Wood	07
Dewey Van Nort	13
Shelby Ide-Eames	16
Ron Hinz	21
Dan Strong	30



### October Anniversaries

Soultana & Pat Sullivan	14
Kathy & Dan Strong	21
Janice & Ron Hinz	21

the ARC. I'm not 100% sure what Betsy did while I was in class, but I heard there may have been a large quantity of Mimosas consumed. Friday night Betsy and I went to the Central City Grill and Pub. The food was great. If you are in Cortland it is a good place to eat.

Saturday Betsy and I took time to go for a ride. On the way down to Central NY Power Sports to do a little shopping we saw a two humped camel. Yes, you read that right. We saw a camel. So after a little shopping Betsy and I set off for the Blue Canoe for lunch. We had a nice ride and a great meal. I really want to take NY-W there. One small issue, the parking lot is gravel.

On the way back we got pictures of the camel. He was surprisingly photogenic. He seemed curious about the motorcycle. When a car came along he was wary of the car but after they passed he came back up close to us to look at us some more.

All too soon the awards and dinner was over and the only thing left to do was go to bed. In the morning we had a late breakfast and then came home. It would not hurt my feelings if we were back down in Cortland next year. This was the last year for the Bi-State so it will be just NY district next year.

Shawn has asked for help coming up with a location and a venue for next year's district rally. I would love to hear any ideas on this that you have. More importantly Shawn wants to hear your ideas.



We are up to 11 points. We earned two at the bi-state. Thanks to those who attended.

**National, Region, and District leadership can be contacted at the following web sites:**

National - [www.gwrra.org/nationalofficers.html](http://www.gwrra.org/nationalofficers.html)

Region - [www.gwrra-northeastregion.org/node/41](http://www.gwrra-northeastregion.org/node/41)

District - [www.gwrra-ny.org/officers.htm](http://www.gwrra-ny.org/officers.htm)

**Sunshine Corner**



No injuries, hospitalization or sympathies reported. Stay well and enjoy each day.

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



The Chapter W crew at the last NJ/NY Bi-State Rally. The word is a great time was had by all who attended.

### October Ride Schedule

Tue, Oct 3rd, Charbroil, 1395 Island Cottage Rd, BKW 6:45pm

Sat, Oct 7th, Breakfast at Panorama, 730 Elmgrove Rd, 8:00am

Tue, Oct 10th, Nutcracker, 2159 Empire Blvd, Webster, BKW 6:45pm

Tue, Oct 17th, E Ridge Family Diner, 765 Ridge Rd, Irondequoit, BKW 6:45pm

Thu, Oct 19th, Gathering at Panorama, 730 Elmgrove Rd, Dinner 6pm, mtg 7pm

Tue, Oct 24th, Bill Gray's, 3240 Chili Ave, Chili, BKW 6:45pm

Sat, Oct 28th, Middlesex Roast Beef Dinner, Middlesex Fire Hall, McD 3:00pm

Tue, Oct 31st, Monte Alban, 2164 Penfield Rd, Penfield, BKW 6:45pm



### Rider Education

The 2017 Bi-State was a great success for Rider Education. We had two ARC's where we were able to get 4 new instructors some time training and had 17 riders and co-riders go through the course. We also had 7 members complete the Medic First Aid class. Seminars were a little slow, because of the great riding weather we had.

The District Team would like to get a jump on the training schedule for next year. Below is a list of training I have so far. In the next couple of months if you could set down with your chapter and list any training you are planning so that we can get it out to the District. (Medic First Aid, Seminars, Riding Courses) Please keep me in the loop and I will work on getting it posted for all. If you want an event and don't have a trainer we can help coordinate getting you what you need.

John Van Deusen  
NY & Region B Educator

Tentative	Confirmed	Date	Chapter	Event	Location	Time
		GWRRA NY District Training				
X		Saturday February 10th	D	Chili Cookout & R.E. Seminars		
X		Saturday May 5th	D	PLP/ Rider Challenge Course & Cookout	Green Lakes State Park	
X		Saturday May 12th	W	Advance Riding Course (ARC)	First Bible Baptist Church	
X		Saturday May 19th	D	Advance Riding Course (ARC)	Green Lakes State Park	

John sent me this information shortly after the Bi-State. All of the training is tentative at this point. I will be working to make sure that our date gets confirmed. If there is any other training you would like to see in Rochester, please let me know.

Thank You,  
Lyle

## **WING DING 2017 – DALLAS, TX**

### **By: Duane & Nancy Motley**

We loaded our Gold Wing in the back of our toy hauler and headed toward Texas, to participate in Wing Ding 2017. Arriving in Little Rock, AR, we parked in the city travel park, on the Arkansas River edge, looking across to the Bill Clinton Library. Hearing that the hurricane was to hit Houston, and not sure of its path, we stayed a couple of days in Little Rock until we were sure it was not moving toward Dallas. The week in Dallas was only affected by the hurricane in a good way; it kept the temperature out of the 100+ range and around 75-85 – beautiful biking weather, with not one raindrop.

The Wing Ding was held at the Gaylord hotel facilities, in a large convention center that housed all in-house events under one roof. Only one very major problem, parking! There was a roofed parking area, but you had to pay a weekly fee of \$50.00 or a daily fee of \$10.00. This was on top of your registration fee and not announced ahead of time. You can imagine the grumbling this got from attendees. I felt sorry for the people selling the parking passes!

The numbers were embarrassingly down, approximately 4700! In the past, the norm was around 10,000. There were several factors to this. Probably 200/300 could not make it from the southern Texas area, due to the bad weather. Many bikers will not come to Dallas because of the heat, distance (not centrally located), and the massive city and surrounding areas.

One felt sorry for the vendors who bore the cost of travel, vendor fee, etc. for such a small crowd. The numbers of vendors have continued to decrease over the years; at Dallas, the number was so small they were housed in one large room. We Bikers could wander the aisles without any crowd around you, even on opening day. It was the perfect time to get your helmet fixed at J & M – no line or waiting for anything!

We were disappointed by the lack of events for attendees. You had the wonderful classes, but the only other in-house event for which you did not pay extra was the talent show and a style show. The Wing Ding staff held these on a small stage in the front of the exhibitor hall. The noise level was distracting and the only attendees were family and friends of the participants. They pre-advertised rides led by local people. These were cancelled because we found out that the “local people” were actually people from Houston, 350 miles away!! Now that’s local? Many events were held at the airport which was 15 miles away, through city driving. The drill team exhibitions were held at a mall parking lot, three miles away – yep-through city streets.

Duane and I planned our own rides, but they were taken in a concrete jungle. No matter which way you went, you moved from one city to another. We spent a day in Fort Worth at the stock yards. We enjoyed this, but the rides there and back were hazardous and not enjoyable. Giving up on finding any countryside to ride, we went into Dallas proper and took two different tours of the city.

Because this was held in a major metropolitan area and people scattered for miles for lodging, one missed the comradery that you expect at a bike rally. If this had been the first Wing Ding that Duane and I attended, we would never go to another.

2018’s rally will be held in Knoxville, TN. The Wing Ding staff needs to work hard to provide activities in proper settings so that they one can hear and enjoy them. The past Wing Ding held in Knoxville, was a total failure because of the settings they chose for the various events. Hopefully, they learned from their mistakes and 2018 Wing Ding will be enjoyable for all attendees.

One highlight was spending time with Paul and Suzette Wood. We learned that Greg and Dee Ames were sitting in their home, perched on an island. Water had totally surrounded their property, but did not get into the house.



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