



GOLD WING ROAD RIDERS ASSOCIATION



NORTH EAST REGION "B"

VT CHAPTER "A"

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Chapter A meets at Dennys restaurant in Rutland on the 1st Saturday of each month. 9am. All are welcome. In good weather, a ride follows the meeting.



CHAPTER DIRECTORS MESSAGE

We had a great turnout at our Feb meeting, with 27 people, including Ron Meunier VT-K CD & Janice Hess from VT-K. Also Ron & Sandi Jones from NH-E were there to "Capture" The Flag ! Our Chapter Educator, Joy Ellis, shared some safety tips about what to do when stoped at a red light. And of course, Bubba, your Director Extraordinaire, wore his flower vase hat while telling some jokes. That reminds me-- For those of you contemplating trading bikes : You know you need a new bike when : ...You pull over to let a fire truck go by and it stops behind you. ... You have to go to a repair center every 100 miles to get duct tape replaced Evil Knevil refuses a free lift.the guys at the repair shop refer you to Dr. Kavorkian. Laugh - it's good for the soul ! Ride Safe, Ride Often, Don Allen VT-A CD

P.S. Anyone interested in taking the Medic/FirstAid/CPR/AED class please let me know, we're hoping to schedule something in the near future.



RIDERS EDUCATION

Whenever you are stopped in traffic.....whether at a stop sign or a red light you should stay in first gear.....your eyes should be scanning all around you with an emphasis on your rear view mirrors.....After you brake you need to be ready to escape in an instant.....There aren't many times that you use neutral....maybe moving your bike around the garage, checking your rear tire pressure, and for those of us who belong to "the Chain Gang" we need to use neutral to service our chain.....otherwise...stay ready to leave at the screech of a brake.....joy



District Director's Message

Happy Valentine's Day!

Let's begin by saying it's February already. January just passed us by; sorry we did not get to send out a January newsletter, but with returning to Florida and getting settled once again time just got away from us. They say time flies when you are having fun, and believe me we are having lots of fun cause time sure is flying!!

February is the perfect time of year to recognize our current Couples of the year for our district, and to encourage your chapter to select a special couple if they have not had the opportunity to do so. NH-A has selected Lynda and Bruce Hartley as their couple for 2012, Lynda and Bruce are no strangers to the program they were Region C's couple of the year (in the 1980's when NH belonged to Region C). NH-E's couple, Karen and Ted Zitnay and NH-G's Couple Ernie and Donna Brown. All of these couples are well deserving of the honor, and we want to Congratulate them and thank them for all they do for their chapters. Just a reminder if you are chosen to receive this special honor, you do not need to enter the selection process for District or Region Couple. The choice to pursue the program further is decided by the Chapter Couple.

We understand that it has been a very mild winter in New England and should it continue, it could bring an early riding season, but remember Puxatawney Phil has predicted six more weeks of winter. Speaking of New England we have had the privilege of some special visitors from NH . Bruce and Margo Kotch of NH-E, and Jim and Sue Venne from NH-G, it was wonderful to visit with them and we even got to ride with Jim and Sue. If any of you are ever coming to Florida, please let us know we would love to see you while you are in Florida.

The New England Convention is quickly approaching and we are in need for people willing to lead rides in Vermont. If you are available to lead a ride, please let us know. Vermont has some beautiful country roads for riding and many of the attendees will be looking for guided rides. A convention flyer is attached so please be sure to contact the hotel and register for the July convention. There have been some issues with room reservations, if you encounter any problems please contact me so that we can follow up on any concerns with the Holiday Inn.

We currently have openings on our District Team; we are looking for a Ride Educator, and Leadership Trainer, please consider assisting us with these important positions. We would like to thank Bill Bascom, from VT-A for accepting the District Webmaster position.

The Capture the Flag contest is still going on, during the past month, the flag has been from NH-A to VT-A and now to NH-E.

If your chapter has a special event or fund raiser planned for this year could you please forward the dates to us so we can include your event in our newsletter? We understand the NH-A will be selling raffle tickets this year for their fund raiser, so be looking for further information on this upcoming event. NH-E and NH-G will be holding their annual fund raisers.

In closing, we want to inform you, that Dick is currently undergoing Radiation treatment for Prostate Cancer. He was diagnosed in October and we have been visiting numerous specialists for the past four months while they determined the best course of treatment for Dick, due to all his other health issues. His prognosis with the treatment is quite good, and so far he has not had any adverse reactions to the radiation treatments. Once again, we know that God is watching over us, and we thank him for blessing us with our wonderful GWRRA family. The past few months have been quite hectic, with the holidays and many physician appointments, we look forward to getting this behind us, as we begin to make plans for our 2012 convention.





Ed & Dottie Bahrenburg

Northeast Region Directors

See The Beacon <http://www.gwrri-northeastregion.org/node/39> for the Regional Newsletter

UPCOMING EVENTS;

FEBRUARY:

12th@1pm Valentine's at South Station in Rutland

MARCH:

3rd@9am Chapter meeting.

24 (Sat.) 2 P.M. Fellowship & Lunch at Bonnie Capowski's Home-- 1046 Elm St. Pittsford Vt. (going north on rte 7, in village of Pittsford where rt 7 makes a hard right turn by Kanuedlas Market-- TURN LEFT, go 9 tenths of a mile, house on right.- American Tall Flag next to house-- if you come to a covered bridge, turn around, you went one house too far !)

APRIL;

7th@9am Chapter meeting

May;

5th@9am Chapter meeting

25-28 Fri-Mon Memorial Day weekend trip to Amish Country PA. Travelers Rest Motel -717-768-8731 or 800-626-2021 . Tell them you're with Don Allen group. Rooms sell fast so make reservations ASAP.

JUNE;

5-9 Americade <http://www.americade.com/>

JULY;

26-28th All New Eng. Districts Convention <http://www.gwrra-northeastregion.org/sites/default/files/file/2012%20NewEngland%20Rally%20flyer.pdf>

AUGUST:

SEPTEMBER;

15-17 Maine Weekend



BIRTHDAYS

Feb 16; Ernie



ANNIVERSERIES



CAPTURE the FLAG

January 20th Dale, Ernie, Dee and Bill on behalf of VT-A, captured the flag from NH-A.

February, NH-E invaded VT-A and took the flag. NH-E's next meeting is Feb 26th @8am at the Cyprus Grove Restaurant Route 119 Rindge, N.H.