

GOLD WING ROAD RIDERS ASSOCIATION CHAPTER NH-G

THE LAKES REGION WINGS

June 2014

Our 26th Year



From the Chapter Directors

Summer is Finally Here?

Well here it is Memorial Day weekend and it seems to be raining every day. I guess if we couldn't complain about the weather, we'd have nothing to complain about.

Chapter NH-G went over to Rindge yesterday (May 25th) to try and capture the flag from Chapter NH-E. We were beat out by Chapter VT-A by one person. I want to thank Phil & Linda Allard, Bob & Beryl Reid, Bruce & Lynda Hartley, & Bob & Madalyn Sprague for getting up with the chickens and riding with me over to Rindge. I have already received a "Thank You" email from Ron & Suzie Black, the Chapter NH-E directors, thanking Chapter NH-G for coming over to support them.



After the breakfast at J.P. Stephens Restaurant, Bob and Hazel Young of Chapter NH-E took us on a "Covered Bridge" ride. We ended up at the Scoops Ice Cream Shop in Walpole and then everyone went their separate ways.

The Chapter NH-G Fundraiser is almost complete. All the tickets and money have been collected for all but 35 tickets. We need to finish up and get the tickets and money to me so that we can do the drawing at our next Chapter Gathering on June 8th.

Be sure to check out the Rider Ed article from our newly appointed Chapter Educator, Bob Reid, later on in this newsletter.

It was really nice to meet new Chapter NH-G members Bob & Kathy Bielawa from Alton Bay. They are new members to Chapter NH-G as a direct result of our new recruiting bulletin board that was just recently installed at HK Powersports in Laconia. The board had only been up one day when Bob & Kathy saw it.

Clothing, Hats, and rocker sales have been brisk the last couple of months. See Chapter NH-G Storekeepers Bob & Kaye Hamel for order forms.

I just placed an order for Chapter NH-G name tags. We should have them at the June Gathering.

Don't forget, I will be leading a "Day Ride" to Americade on Wednesday June 4th. Start meeting place is the Dunkin Donuts in Tilton behind the Tilton Diner. There is gas there as well as rest rooms. Meeting time is 8AM with the group leaving at 8:30 AM. This will be a rain or shine ride. We should be back in Tilton by 7PM the same day.

The ride after the NH-G Gathering on June 8th is going to take us up to Littleton, NH to Chutters Candy Shop. They are listed in the Guinness World Record book as having the longest candy counter in the world. They have every kind of candy known to man. If you have a hankering for lunch, the Littleton Diner is just down the street...Good Food!

That's all for now....See you on June 8th at the Greenside Restaurant.

Mike & Dawn Vaillancourt
Chapter G Directors



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(Re-cap of the May 11th Chapter NH-G Gathering)

The May Chapter NH-G gathering was held on May 11th with 23 in attendance. District Educator Mike Goldsmith installed our own Bob Reid as the new NH-G Chapter Educator. Rider Ed patches were also distributed to various Chapter NH-G members that have elevated in the GWRRR Levels program. Mike also gave a Rider Ed talk.

There was a re-cap about the successful NH-G recruiting Mall Show on April 27th.

Discussion was made about the new Chapter NH-G bulletin board that had been installed in the service waiting area over at HK Powersports and we got to meet new Chapter NH-G members Bob & Kathy Bielawa of Alton Bay, the first persons to see the new bulletin board and call in.



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Money and tickets were collected for the on-going Chapter NH-G Fundraiser and orders were taken for Chapter NH-G name tags.

Meri Hirtle spoke about the upcoming Fisher Cats baseball game where she and the Granite State Ringers will be playing the National Anthem. That game is now going to be a double header and will start at 6PM. Game is Friday June 27th.

After the Gathering, the Chapter went on the Annual "Ice Out" ride around Lake Winnepesaukee. The weather was perfect and we all stopped in Wolfeboro for ice cream.

Till Next Month.....

Mike & Dawn



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Chapter NH-G trip to Chapter NH-E

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Welcome to GWRRR Rider Education

“T-Clocks”

Well, this is my first article for the newsletter since becoming Chapter G’s Rider Educator. I decided to write about TCLOCS. This is something that I learned at an ARC course that my wife & I took recently. This course was very informative and you really should take the time to take one of these if you haven’t already. You learn as much from the other participants as you do from the instructors.

TCLOCS is like a pre-flight checklist before you get on your bike. Having a safe ride depends greatly on the overall condition that your bike is in, so doing this check every time you start your ride gives you peace of mind so that you can enjoy the day.

Briefly TCLOCS stands for: Tires, Controls, Lights, Oil, Chassis, Stands. The inspection list seems kind of daunting (these bullet points are broken down further on the list) when you first see it but as you commit the checklist to memory it really only takes a few minutes. We all should get in the habit of performing this ritual before every ride. We will have copies of this checklist at the next Chapter gathering on June 8th for everyone.

Ride safe!

Bob Reid
Chapter NH-G Educator



“Fool me once, shame on you. Fool me twice, shame on me.”

This article was written by Eric Trow of the Rider Mag. He is a safety instructor.

Bruce Hartley

Raise your hand if you've ever had a close call while riding a motorcycle. Just as I thought. Virtually all of us have had a few "uh-oh" moments as we've accumulated miles and years of riding experience. Following the logic of this Chinese proverb, if we allow ourselves to get drawn into a bad situation, for instance believing an approaching car driver wouldn't possibly be foolish enough to pull out from a side



street into the small space between us and the car ahead, shame on that driver for making such a boneheaded move. But if we allow that scenario or one like it to Play out again, then shame on us for not learning our lesson. Don't be fooled. Close calls don't have to be an inherent part of riding. OK, you can put your hand down.

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Chapter NH-G

“The Lakes Region Wings”

2014 Ride Schedule

- May 31 Join Chapter NH-A for a ride to the Wright Museum in Wolfeboro or meet them there.
- June 2-7 Americade, Lake George New York
- June 4 Day Trip to Americade. Meet at Dunkin Donuts in Tilton behind the Tilton Diner at 8AM. Group leaves at 8:30. Should be home by 7PM before dark. Ride lead by Mike Vaillancourt.
- June 8 Monthly Gathering. Ride to Chutters in Littleton, N.H. Home of the World’s Longest Candy Counter. You name it, they’ve got it. Lunch at the Littleton Diner just down the street.
- June 14-22 91st Annual Laconia Bike Week. Check it out at: www.laconiamcweek.com/
- June 22 NH-E Ride to Hart’s Turkey Farm and the Motorcycle Museum in Meredith. It would be fun to welcome Chapter E to our “back door”. Ride for Ice Cream afterwards.
- July 2-5 Wing Ding XXXVI Madison, Wisconsin.
- July 4 4th of July ride to the Maine Diner in Wells Maine for lunch. Meet at the Dunkin Donuts in Tilton behind the Tilton Diner at 8AM. Group leaves at 8:30.
- July 13 Chapter NH-A “Bug Run” fund raiser and Chapter Cook Out. Details to follow.
- July 24-26 GWRRR New England States Rally XIII, Sturbridge MA.
- August 10 Monthly Gathering. Ride afterwards to the “Vermont Country Store” in Weston, VT.
- Aug. 23-24 Overnight Ride to Manchester Center, VT home of Orvis Outfitters, and “Hildene”, the Lincoln Family Home. We will tour the back roads of New Hampshire and Vermont. Ending up in Manchester Center, VT on the 23rd and staying at the Four Winds Country Motel, 7379 Main Street, Manchester Center, VT 05255. Call 802-362-1105. Their

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Chapter NH-G “The Lakes Region Wings” 2014 Ride Schedule

web site is www.fourwindsmanchester.com . We have a block of 10 rooms. (As of 5/1/14 we have 7 rooms left.) Just Mention the Gold Wing Road Riders Association for the room block. It will be your responsibility to book and guarantee your own room. **(This block of rooms is being held until May 16, 2014)** Dinner will be at the “Seasons Restaurant” in Manchester Center which specializes in American cuisine. Check out their web site and menu at <http://seasonsvt.com> . On Sunday you’ll be on your own to tour “Orvis” or “Hildene”. Group to leave Manchester Center Vermont at 2PM for the ride home with an Ice Cream stop along the way.

- Sept. 6 Chapter NH-E ride to the Anheuser Bush Brewery in Merrimack N.H. Chapter E should be arriving in Merrimack around noon. See the Clydesdales. Details to follow.
- Sept. 7 Chapter NH-A “Lets Go Chasing Waterfalls” Ride. Details to follow.
- Sept. 14 Monthly Gathering. Fall Foliage Picnic Lunch Ride over the Kancamagus Highway. Bring a picnic lunch and we will stop in one of the rest areas up on the “Kanc” for lunch. We will stop in Wolfeboro for Ice Cream on the way back.
- Sept. 28 Jim Venne Memorial Fall Foliage Poker Run Benefiting the New England Ride For Kids.
- Oct. 5 Chapter NH-A “Silver Lake Railroad Foliage Ride”. Details to follow.
- Oct. 12 Monthly Gathering. Weather permitting, Ride part way around the Quabbin Reservoir to Yankee Candle in Amherst MA. Better bring your trailers for all the stuff you’re going to buy! Lunch at Judi’s Restaurant in Historic Amherst.
- Nov. 9 Monthly Gathering. Ride afterwards at group discretion depending on weather and temperature.
- Dec. 10 Chapter G Holiday Dinner. Location not yet determined. More to follow.

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Until the Chapter gets a Motorist Awareness Coordinator, Nick Hoppner from the Colorado District, will graciously provide us with MAD articles. Editor



When You Don't Know What You Don't Know

by Nick Hoppner

I had a teacher who once told us students that there are three things to watch out for. “You’re okay if you know what you know,” he said. “And you’re generally okay if you know what you don’t know,” He’d smile and pause for dramatic effect as we all leaned forward, eager to hear the third in the series. “But you’re gonna be in a world of hurt if you don’t know what you don’t know.”

In many ways, all of us motorcyclists are representatives of Motorist Awareness, trying to spread a bit of knowledge to the other vehicle operators around us—many of whom “don’t know what they don’t know.”

If we assume other motorists know what we know about motorcycling, we may have to deal with some nasty consequences of that faulty assumption. Here are 10 points to ponder.

1. Most drivers aren’t familiar with motorcycles and don’t look for them in traffic. (I point out in my Motorist Awareness talks that most drivers aren’t aware of any vehicle smaller than a garbage truck. Folks laugh, but also nod knowingly.)
2. Most drivers don’t notice inconspicuously dressed riders so why do many riders opt for black leather chaps and jackets, dark colored dew rags or helmets?
3. Motorcycles, being smaller than other vehicles, often can be hidden from view behind larger vehicles. (Ever been surprised to have a motorcycle “appear out of nowhere” from behind a delivery van?)
4. Daytime headlights, once a safety measure for motorcycles, have lost much of their distinctiveness since the advent of daytime running lights on cars. (Is that a Harley or a one-eyed pickup truck?)
5. Motorcyclists often abruptly change lane position and velocity. Often they do this for reasons other than annoying other motorists. (Other times they do it just for the heck of it.)
6. Many motorcycles do not have self-cancelling turn signals. Wise motorists don’t assume that a blinking signal necessarily means what it seems to mean. (Riders can be lost in their own little worlds too.)
7. Rain, fog or sun glare can cloak a motorcycle in invisibility more effectively than a Klingon spaceship.
8. Because motorcycles are smaller than cars, it’s harder to judge their oncoming speed and distance unless you’re using a radar gun and are a state trooper.
9. Some motorcyclists are as lousy a driver as you are. Think defensively.
10. Motorcyclists are unaware of when you’re tired or distracted. And vice versa. Always err on the safe side.

So you can see that not knowing what you don’t know can hurt someone. Maybe even you yourself. Assume nothing,

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Birthdays & Anniversaries

Happy Birthday and Anniversary to all those listed below



June 27 Jo-Anne Gilbert

- June 6 Carol & Vic Cloutier
- June 12 Bob & Kaye Hamel
- June 14 Bruce & Lynda Hartley
- June 21 Mike & Cher Goldsmith



*Chapter G Wishes You All The Best!
Remember, We can't post your Birthdays and Anniversaries
if we don't know the dates. Let us know.*

Member Wanted or For Sale

This part of the newsletter is for Chapter Members to sell any Gold Wing Related items, or are looking for Gold Wing Related Items. All requests will be run for 90 days and then removed unless told to continue or have been notified that the item is sold.

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BASEBALL

and



HANDBELLS

Granite State Ringers

will be **playing**

The National Anthem

at the **Fisher Cats** game on

Friday, June 27, 2014 at 7:00 PM

We are selling tickets to this game as a

Fundraiser!

Tickets are \$10.00 each.

There is a free Fisher Cats poster for the first 2500 fans.

Contact Meri Hirtle at 396-5145 for tickets.

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The Jim Venne Memorial Fall Foliage Poker Run
With All Proceeds After Expenses going to:
The New England



Ride for Kids®

Pediatric Brain Tumor Foundation

September 28, 2014

Ride Starts at the N.H. Veterans Cemetery, 110 D. W. Highway N. , Boscawen, N.H.

Check-in is From 9 AM to 11AM.

Cost is \$15.00 per Person for the 1st Hand with any
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