

THE LAKES REGION WINGS

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FROM THE CHAPTER DIRECTORS

So Long Dear Friend

For those of you that haven't heard, everyone's friend, Chapter NH-G member and top notch Gold Wing mechanic Jim Venne of Venco Wings passed away on the 16th of February. I can think of no one in the northeastern United States that had his knowledge about the Honda Gold Wings. Jim was not only well known here, but also across the country.

Jim and his wife Sue have been involved in GWRRA as long as I have known them. They were the former Region C's couple of the year representing the northeast at Wing Ding in Albuquerque New Mexico in 1994. They were also former Chapter Directors of NH-A as well as Chapter NH-G. The Venne's were also involved in the New England Ride for Kids with their business Venco Wings being named top business for many years. For years the Venne's held a fall foliage poker run that started at their business with the proceeds from that poker run going to the New England Ride for Kids.

I remember when Jim was just starting his business out of his garage in Concord, NH. Myself, four others, and Jim each pitched in \$100.00 to buy his first motorcycle lift. Those that chipped in were able to use the lift if they needed to work on their bikes after business hours. Over the years, Jim bought out the co-owners of the lift with him finally buying out my "share" just before Dawn and I moved to Colorado in 2007.

Jim also was responsible for the computerization of GWRRA in Region C helping both myself and Ed Lewis while we were Regional Directors for Region C back in the early 90's.



There was no better Chapter Ride Coordinator than Jim. He had a knack of being able to set up Chapter rides that everyone enjoyed. We would occasionally ride Jim when his GPS took us down a dirt road.

What more can I say about a friend who with his wife Sue introduced me to my wife Dawn over 21 years ago.

Jim will be missed but he will never be forgotten. I am now announcing that this fall Chapter G will once again have a Fall Foliage poker run, but this year it will be the "Jim Venne Memorial Fall Foliage Poker Run" with the proceeds going to the New England Ride for Kids in Jim's memory. The Jim Venne Memorial Fall Foliage Poker Run will be held on September 28, 2014.

Mike & Dawn Vaillancourt

Chapter NH-G Directors

"The Lakes Region Wings"



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REWIND

The February Chapter G gathering was held at the Vaillancourts on the 8th. There were 10 in attendance. This was a “pot luck” event. Each couple brought a dish or salad and there was everything from baked beans made by Lynda Allard to a delicious salad made by Beryl Reid.

Bob Reid graciously volunteered to be the Chapters new photographer with the new camera that his children gave him for his birthday.

The new Chapter G rockers were put on display, and after dinner, Mike showed a video made 10 years before, about the building of a GL1800 Gold Wing. The video was from a show on the History Channel called “Hands on History” starring Ron Hazelton.

After the video, there was much discussion about the upcoming 2014 Chapter G Ride Schedule. There were a lot of good suggestions as to the overnight rides that we want to do, as well as suggestions for places to go and eat on rides.

The gathering broke up around 9:30 and a good time was had by all.

On Feb. 25th, Mike and Dawn Vaillancourt went to the Chapter NH-A Gathering and captured the flag. Chapter NH-G now has the flag in their possession!

Till next month.....

Mike Vaillancourt
Chapter G Director





Welcome to GWRRA Rider Education

Until Chapter G gets a Chapter Rider Educator, my friend and Former Region F Educator and now Chapter CO-Q Educator, Howie Peterson, has graciously allowed me to publish his monthly articles in the Chapter NH-G Newsletter. Editor

“STARTING NEW”

Here we are at the start of another new year, wherein we tend to make resolutions of which we either cannot or don't intend to keep. Such as getting more exercise, eating less, and so on. The same goes for our motorcycle activities. We are creatures of good intentions, but all too often the intentions get lost somewhere between thought and action.

Our oldest granddaughter became of the age enabling her to obtain her vehicle learners permit (how did that all happen so quickly) this past year. Having completed drivers education, she now gets to accrue sixty hours of road time with a licensed driver before getting her permanent license. As a first time driver, she is experiencing all the trials and tests we who have driven for years have met in our lifetimes. Each experience is a first, and something of a test for both her abilities, and her classroom schooling. Think back to our own driving experiences such as the first time we encountered rain and wet roads, ice, snow, loss of traction, skids, emergency stops, and heavy traffic to name a few experiences. Our granddaughter has been experiencing all of these in the few short months she has had her learners permit. Every trip on the road is a new lesson as most likely something new will be encountered which has to be dealt with and within her



limited “life” skills. How do we get to motorcycles and riding from here you ask?

Most of us have been driving vehicles for many years and in that time frame have learned and FORGOTTEN many of the axioms of safe driving. Newer vehicles have brought in front wheel drive which begs the question, which way do we turn the wheels to correct the skid? Anti-lock brakes, power steering, auto transmissions, traction control, and many more items have changed the way a vehicle responds to road and driver input. However, all too

often we respond to new experiences in driving as we may have done in years past. An example; those who live in drier climates have had skid control taught years past in their driver education courses, but the first time they encounter slick roads due to ice or snow, guess what? They do just what they have always done, hit the brakes, and disaster strikes! I remind the reader once again of the axiom that states, “If you do what you have always done, you will get what you always got” and sometimes worse! How do we get to motorcycles and riding from here?

Remember it is a new year, and for the most part, our motorcycles will have been parked in the garage mostly ignored for several months before riding season starts.

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Yet the majority of riders will ASSUME that when riding season starts, each of them can just jump on the motorcycle, and ride off into the sunset just as they have all the years past. And that is when the trouble starts! Everything we do on the motorcycle is “new” once again! Oh sure, we know what we are supposed to do in our minds, but the body doesn’t know that, and performs just as if we have never taken a riding course. Think back to previous years; remember all the missed head turns, those first times into a corner forgetting to press-press the handlebars, the “to hard on the brakes” stops, and so many more ignorant type actions. Everything we do in riding comes from not only head smarts, but body training through repetitive skill training and enhancement. And here comes the cruncher! We have two courses of action; learn all these skills again through the experience of riding, or couple that with riding courses which are geared to assisting us through the relearning process. Another axiom you have read in my articles is, “experience is a hard teacher; it tends to give the test before giving the lesson”.

At this point the reader is most likely thinking, “here he is drumming up business for himself or someone he knows”, or “I’ve been riding motorcycles for years, and I don’t need no stinking run around the parking lot courses”. Wrong on all accounts! I don’t have an instructor’s license for motorcycle classes, and even though I know rider instructors who do hold classes, I am not drumming up business for anyone. However, I have seen every one of us in the chapter ride at one time or another in the past year, and I have seen enough rider mistakes to write a whole book on them, my own mistakes included. Fortunately, all the mistakes have been of the embarrassing kind, and I believe that most times the rider did not even know the error had just occurred. That is because we are so tuned into “doing what we have always done” that we figure what just happened is the “norm”. We operate a lot like Albert Einstein’s statement, “making the same errors time after time and expecting different results”.

Here is the sales pitch; there are basic and experienced rider courses being offered once again here in Montrose this spring and summer. And we have the opportunity to even have parking lot practice innumerable times before, during, and after these courses. Let’s make our NEW YEAR resolution truly “new”. Commit to taking a riding course and attend parking lot practice this year, making our skill levels really “new” and up to date. Practice may not make us perfect, but it will make us a darn site better than we were before! Through the PLP program, I can run every form of motorcycle we in the chapter own through the course, and by making it a chapter event, we can not only learn, but have a ton of fun in the process. And the PLP is **free!** I would like to make an ERC through the Recreation District a chapter event by all of us on two wheels taking the course the same day. And you know what? By participating in these events, we will be leaving our errors behind us on the parking lot, and hitting the road with our skill sets finely tuned for the rides ahead. And to stay tuned up, I would encourage us all to take more than one PLP during the riding season, as it is more difficult to fine tune new and correct habits than it is to fall back into the old habits and errors of riding. And as always, ***Ride with pride and confidence!***

Ace (Howie) Peterson
Chapter CO-Q Educator



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Birthdays & Anniversaries

Happy Birthday and Anniversary to all those listed below



There were no anniversaries this month



Phil Allard

March 6

Priscilla Bretons

March 13

***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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2014 CHAPTER "G" RIDE SCHEDULE

(Tentative Work in Progress. Subject to Change)

March 9 Monthly Chapter Gathering - 8:30 AM Family Tree Restaurant, 927 Laconia Road, Tilton

April 13 Monthly Chapter Gathering

April 27 Mall Show, Belknap Mall, Laconia N.H. More info to follow.

May 11 Monthly Chapter Gathering

June 2-7 Americade, Lake George, NY

June 8 Monthly Chapter Gathering

June 14-22 Laconia Bike Week

July 2-5 Wing Ding 36, Madison, WI

July 13 Monthly Chapter Gathering

July 25-27 GWRRR New England Districts Rally 13, Sturbridge, MA

August 7-10 GWRRR NJ/NY Bi-State Convention, Mt. Olive, NJ

August 10 Monthly Chapter Gathering

Sept. 14 Monthly Chapter Gathering

Sept. 28 The Jim Venne Memorial Fall Foliage Poker Run with all proceeds going to the New England Ride for Kids Jim's Memory. Flyers will be available soon.

October 18 Monthly Chapter Gathering

November 9 Monthly Chapter Gathering

Early Dec. Chapter Christmas Gathering Dinner

Let's Ride! And Have Fun!!!!!!

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