

# GOLD WING ROAD RIDERS ASSOCIATION CHAPTER NH-G

## THE LAKES REGION WINGS

April 2014

Our 26th Year



### *From the Chapter Director*

What a busy month! Dawn and I have been out and about. We went down to the Chapter NH-A's St. Patrick's get together and Dawn won first prize for her St. Patrick's Day getup.

After the March Gathering, I was approached by the management of "The Family Tree Restaurant", and was told that we would not be able to meet in the room that we normally use due to renovations. The restaurant is in the process of going from a breakfast and lunch only format to breakfast, lunch, and dinner. The room where we have been meeting is going to become a full service bar. That being said, I have been on the search for a new meeting place and I found one. Starting this month, we will be holding our gatherings at the "Greenside Restaurant" at the Lochmere Country Club, 360 Laconia Road, Tilton, NH. Just head toward I-93 from the Family Tree Restaurant and it will be on your right. We will have our own private room and can order off of the menu and we have the room at no charge as long as we need it.

The Mall Show is coming up on the 27<sup>th</sup>. Bob Hamel has acquired carpet squares for us and we would like a head count at the April Gathering as to who is going to show their bikes in the Mall Show. We need to be ready to go in to the mall by 9AM and have to stay in until 6 PM when the mall closes. The insurance binder has been ordered for the mall management, and we will be looking for volunteers to answer questions about our Chapter and man the recruiting table. We will discuss more on this at the Gathering on the 13<sup>th</sup>.

We will be having a fund raiser over the next three months. We are going to raffle off a set of motorcycle tires for any motorcycle, installed at the dealer of the winner's choice. Tickets will be \$5.00 each with only 300 tickets sold. If all goes well, tickets will be available at the April Gathering, and all the tickets will be due back at the July 13<sup>th</sup> Gathering with the drawing to be done at

that Gathering. The chapter is really going to need your help on this one. The mission here is to sell tickets to anyone with a motorcycle regardless of brand or tire size. With the drawing to be at the July Gathering should give us all a chance to sell some tickets during bike week here in Laconia. It should be an easy sell with the odds of 1 in 300, and will give the Chapter some badly needed operating money for the next year. In order for this fund raiser to work, we need to sell all the tickets. That means going to other chapter gatherings to make the sales.

Depending on the weather, we have planned the annual "Ice Out" ride after the gathering. We will only be doing this if it is not raining and is not too cold. We don't want anyone to get hyperthermia. Make sure that you do a "T-Clock" inspection before you hit the road. A T-CLOCK inspection sheet is included in this newsletter for your convenience.

Last but not least, the 2014 Chapter Ride Schedule is coming along nicely. Let's be prepared to talk about an overnight ride and when you would all like to do it.

See you on the 13<sup>th</sup>.

*Mike & Dawn Vaillancourt*  
Chapter NH-G Directors



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# Rewind

**This article is about what happened at the last Chapter NH-G Gathering**

The March Chapter NH-G Gathering was attended by 23 people including 6 that came down from Chapter VT-A to capture the NH/VT flag that we stole from Chapter NH-A. They must have gotten up with the chickens to get over to Tilton for our meeting time.

There were discussions about the upcoming Mall Show on April 27<sup>th</sup> as well as the 2014 Chapter NH-G Ride Schedule.

District Director Ed Heath started out the meeting by giving Dawn and I our “Certificate of Appointment” as the Directors of Chapter NH-G



District Director Ed Makes the Presentation

## *Mike & Dawn* Chapter Directors



The New Chapter Directors



The March Gathering Attendees

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## 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*

### “EASY RIDER”

I would imagine most of us folks who have anything to do with motorcycles, or even not, still recall the movie of the same name, starring of course, Peter Fonda and Dennis Hopper. Regardless of ones opinion of the movie, one thing, among others, (I could write a year’s worth of safety articles on that movie alone) that always amazed me was how tired their butt’s had to be riding all day on those hard, narrow seats! Having worked a movie set or two, I know for a fact they did not set on those seats any longer than it took to get a shot done. For those of you who did in fact think they rode hours, days, and weeks....sorry.



the topic though, but I am getting there.

In placing the books in proper places, I had to paw through a lot of “stuff”. We motorcyclists are hooked on “stuff”. Motorcycling involves lots of “stuff” useful or not depending on a person’s whims. So here is where the topic starts, as each item is removed, laid aside for repacking, and once started, spring house cleaning takes over both motorcycles. Which then leads to more “brilliant” thoughts as to just how all these items seem to have some perspective on my co-rider and myself in riding comfort.

However, that is a great lead into what I felt to write this month, leaving out some the items one usually dwells on in rider education. It all does have a purpose on the bottom line, (no pun intended) within rider safety. It kind of all started when the new GWRRA Gold Book arrived in my mailbox. Talk about worth the price of admission! This is the Holy Grail of Motorcycling! However, that is not the topic either. I unwrap the new Gold Book which of course must be placed soonest in the motorcycle, except which one? Under the rules, both motorcycles are covered within my membership and Gold Plus, so what to do? Every now and again the light bulb in my head does go from a low glow to regular wattage, and I said to myself, “self”, put the new one in the Trike, take the old one and place it in the Strom! “Brilliant” as the beer says on T.V. Still not

Take those boy’s mentioned above sore butt’s for instance! If a rider or co-riders butt is sore, the ride gets uglier as the day goes on. Easier riding comes in many veins; there are gel seats, wide seats, custom seats, and much more all intended to give a softer more enjoyable ride. My secret weapon, which transfer into either motorcycle being rode at the time, is my Air Hawk Cushion made by the company of the same name. I have owned this device since the mid-90’s, and have put a lot of miles on it in pure comfort where needed. It has seen the rear side of many a rider and co-rider other than my spouse and I in being loaned out as needed. As such, it has made many a long distance run salvation for those who “borrowed” it. Riding easy, yeah!

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Of course rain gear is a big item in the comfort thingy, as being wet, and cold, as the two seem to go together again makes a ride a lot less enjoyable. Penny and I purchase new rain gear this year in New Hampshire, and I am keeping the old set in the Strom. Most types of rain gear work well, priced from easy on the pocket book to outrageous, unless it is needed and don't have it. The yellow stuff or the see through items that can be purchased, don't bother, you cannot save enough money to make the discomfort disappear. And they last about one wearing, so again, buy the best that suits your feeling of comfort.

Speaking of rain gear, break out a few more bucks and purchase rain booties, either the whole boot kind, or the slip on variety. Wet and cold feet are just about as painful as wet and cold posteriors! Bought a set of these for our trip last fall, and they beat my old "water proofed" leather boots by a ton! Reminder to self, get a set for the Strom.

The part of me that seems to get the most enjoyment out of protective gear is my hands. I can be warm all over without going into heavier or heated gear and my hands just plain get cold. Especially when it is raining, as the leather on most riding gloves of course wicks water into the glove leaving a cold barrier between the skin and the outside elements. A set of water proof gloves work excellent, as do the pullover waterproof covers on the market.

And of course heated gear is the total essence of course in all of riding apparel. Having covered this item recently, I think I will move on. The following item is going to sound a little silly, and has two variations. Along with the "neck Snake" and cooled vests, what about the head? We carry two small squirt bottles, one in the cooler getting chilled, and Penny keeps one behind the seat. Here again, it depends on ride length, temps and other factors whether either sees the light of day. A fog of cool spray, with warning of course, can be directed around the helmet, and given many helmets now have multiple air vents, into the vent to cool the head and neck areas. Believe me, it does

work! Another little item is similar bottle, etc. with a battery operated fan to further distribute the mist, and again, it does work.

About mid-afternoon most of us start to suffer from "cotton mouth", even drinking all the water necessary to hydrate. Here is another secret weapon Penny came up with, carried in the pouch behind my back rest. LEMON DROPS! Lemon drops beat any other type of candy, or even cough drops most of us have used. Buy a bag and hide out in motorcycle within easy reach.

One final item, and of course this is another of those small things in life that make traveling so much easier, and fun. Found in the right hand fairing pocket was a Dairy Queen Gift card. Think about this a bit; you and your co-rider are traveling along down the highways, or byways, and it gets to be mid-afternoon. The temp's are starting to get into the range of being just uncomfortable enough to make the ride a lot less enjoyable. Up ahead, a sign for Dairy Queen at the next exit, or perhaps just up the street as you ride through town. Inside the DQ it is cool! Ordering your favorite flavor, you sit back in the booth, and the tiredness just seems to drift away as you cool your body inside and out. After spending twenty to thirty minutes in the DQ, the faculties are ready once again to resume the journey. Who says DQ is only for ice cream?

The moral of this article is for each to do a little house cleaning inside the compartments of the motorcycle to see what "little things" may be available to make your ride easier and more enjoyable. When we feel good, we ride well! Perhaps a few less pieces of "safety chrome" this year and look for other items that will make for being an "Easy Rider". **AND AS ALWAYS, RIDE WITH PRIDE AND CONFIDENCE!**

*Ace (Howie) Peterson*

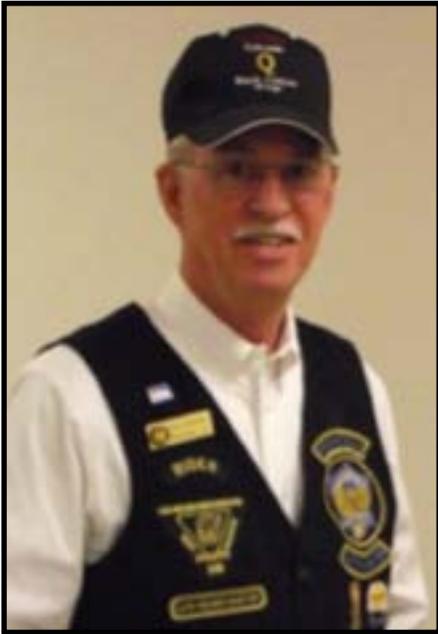
Chapter CO-Q Educator

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T-CLOCS ITEM	WHAT TO CHECK	WHAT TO LOOK FOR	CHECK-OFF	
<b>T-TIRES &amp; WHEELS</b>				
<b>Tires</b>	Condition	Tread depth, wear, weathering, evenly seated, bulges, embedded objects.	Front	Rear
	Air Pressure	Check when cold, adjust to load.	Front	Rear
<b>Wheels</b>	Spokes	Bent, broken, missing, tension, check at top of wheel: "ring" = OK — "thud" = loose spoke	Front	Rear
	Cast	Cracks, dents.	Front	Rear
	Rims	Out of round/true = 5mm. Spin wheel, index against stationary pointer.	Front	Rear
	Bearings	Grab top and bottom of tire and flex: No freeplay (click) between hub and axle, no growl when spinning.	Front	Rear
	Seals	Cracked, cut or torn, excessive grease on outside, reddish-brown around outside.	Front	Rear
<b>Brakes</b>	Function	Each brake alone keeps bike from rolling.	Front	Rear
<b>C-CONTROLS</b>				
<b>Levers and Pedal</b>	Condition	Broken, bent, cracked, mounts tight, ball ends on handlebar levers, proper adjustment.		
	Pivots	Lubricated.		
<b>Cables</b>	Condition	Fraying, kinks, lubrication: ends and interior.		
	Routing	No interference or pulling at steering head, suspension, no sharp angles, wire supports in place.		
<b>Hoses</b>	Condition	Cuts, cracks, leaks, bulges, chafing, deterioration.		
	Routing	No interference or pulling at steering head, suspension, no sharp angles, hose supports in place.		
<b>Throttle</b>	Operation	Moves freely, snaps closed, no revving when handlebars are turned.		
<b>L-LIGHTS</b>				
<b>Battery</b>	Condition	Terminals; clean and tight, electrolyte level, held down securely.		
	Vent Tube	Not kinked, routed properly, not plugged.		
<b>Headlamp</b>	Condition	Cracks, reflector, mounting and adjustment system.		
	Aim	Height and right/left.		
	Operation	Hi beam/low beam operation.		
<b>Tail lamp/brake lamp</b>	Condition	Cracks, clean and tight.		
	Operation	Activates upon front brake/rear brake application.		
<b>Turn signals</b>	Operation	Flashes correctly.	Front left Rear left	Front right Rear right
<b>Mirrors</b>	Condition	Cracks, clean, tight mounts and swivel joints.		
	Aim	Adjust when seated on bike.		
<b>Lenses &amp; Reflectors</b>	Condition	Cracked, broken, securely mounted, excessive condensation.		
<b>Wiring</b>	Condition	Fraying, chafing, insulation.		
	Routing	Pinched, no interference or pulling at steering head or suspension, wire looms and ties in place, connectors tight, clean.		
<b>O-OIL</b>				
<b>Levels</b>	Engine Oil	Check warm on center stand on level ground, dipstick, sight glass.		
	Hypoid Gear Oil, Shaft Drive	Transmission, rear drive, shaft.		
	Hydraulic Fluid	Brakes, clutch, reservoir or sight glass.		
	Coolant	Reservoir and/or coolant recovery tank — check only when cool.		
	Fuel	Tank or gauge.		
<b>Leaks</b>	Engine Oil	Gaskets, housings, seals.		
	Hypoid Gear Oil, Shaft Drive	Gaskets, seals, breathers.		
	Hydraulic Fluid	Hoses, master cylinders, calipers.		
	Coolant	Radiator, hoses, tanks, fittings, pipes.		
	Fuel	Lines, fuel valve, carbs.		
<b>C-CHASSIS</b>				
<b>Frame</b>	Condition	Cracks at gussets, accessory mounts, look for paint lifting.		
	Steering-Head Bearings	No detent or tight spots through full travel, raise front wheel, check for play by pulling/pushing forks.		
	Swingarm Bushings/Bearings	Raise rear wheel, check for play by pushing/pulling swingarm.		
<b>Suspension</b>	Front Forks	Smooth travel, equal air pressure/damping, anti-dive settings.	Left	Right
	Rear Shock(s)	Smooth travel, equal pre-load/air pressure/damping settings, linkage moves freely and is lubricated.	Left	Right
<b>Chain or Belt</b>	Tension	Check at tightest point.		
	Lubrication	Side plates when hot. Note: do not lubricate belts.		
	Sprockets	Teeth not hooked, securely mounted		
<b>Fasteners</b>	Threaded	Tight, missing bolts, nuts.		
	Clips	Broken, missing.		
	Cotter Pins	Broken, missing.		
<b>S-STANDS</b>				
<b>Center stand</b>	Condition	Cracks, bent.		
	Retention	Springs in place, tension to hold position.		
<b>Side stand</b>	Condition	Cracks, bent (safety cut-out switch or pad equipped).		
	Retention	Springs in place, tension to hold position.		

## Motorist Awareness Division

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



influence, each of them became aware of the danger they create for you and all other motorcyclists by (a) driving distracted, (b) driving impaired, (c) rolling through stop signs, etc, we'd all be a bit safer.

So talk about your riding with everybody you meet. Explain that motorcyclist safety isn't just about helmet use—a common misconception. It's about reminding everybody out there that we need their awareness to get us home safely tonight.

Yup, Motorist Awareness is your job. Spread the word proudly.

*Nick Hoppner*

Former Wing World Editor

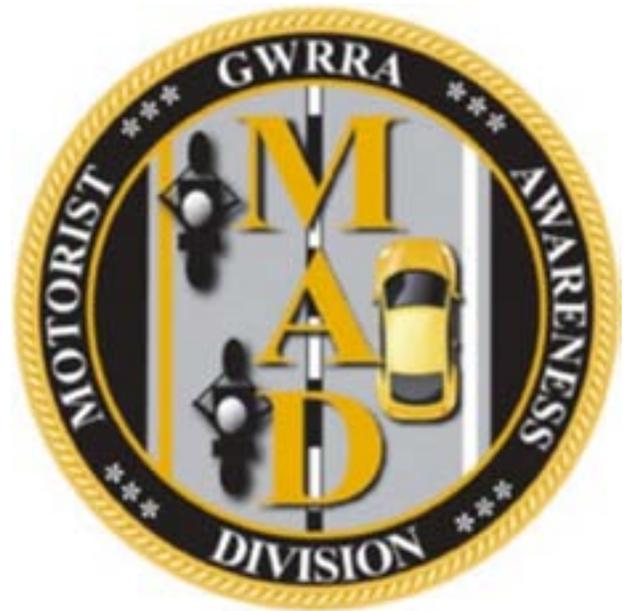
CO District Motorist Awareness Coordinator

Here's an important question Goldwingers:  
*Who Represents Motorist Awareness?*

Everybody's first assumption is that if you're not wearing the insignia of Motorist Awareness on your vest, then talking about Motorist Awareness is not your job.

**Wrong!** You are the most valuable spokesman or spokeswoman we have! You know firsthand about motorcycles, how they operate, and how critical it is for drivers of other vehicles (and pedestrians) to be aware of us and avoid the embarrassment and expense of colliding with us.

It has been said that each of us has a sphere of 250 people with whom we interact regularly. Imagine if all 250 of those friends and associates knew and understood that you need their help every time they get behind the wheel of their car or truck. If, by your



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## Birthdays & Anniversaries

Happy Birthday and Anniversary to all those listed below



April 9 Ginny Perkins

April 11 Denise Heath

April 28 Bob Hamel

April 28 Kaye Hamel

April 11 Joe & Jo-Anne Gilbert



*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.*

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### 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**

(Tenative Work in Progress. Subject to Change)

April 13 Monthly Chapter Gathering - **Greenside Restaurant" at the Lochmere Country Club, 360 Laconia Road, Tilton, NH.**

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 GWRRA New England Districts Rally 13, Sturbridge, MA

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

August 10 Monthly Chapter Gathering

Sept. 14 Monthly Chapter Gathering

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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**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 1<sup>st</sup> Hand with any  
Additional Hands at \$10.00 for the Same Person**

**Come Ride, Have Fun, and Support a Great Cause that was Jim's Favorite**

**Coffee & Donuts @ Registration While it Lasts.**

**Rain or Shine Event**



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