

GOLD WING ROAD RIDERS ASSOCIATION CHAPTER NH-G

THE LAKES REGION WINGS

July 2014

Our 26th Year



From the Chapter Directors

Here we are now right in the middle of the Riding Season. It has been a busy June and July has all the earmarks of being just as busy.

On Sunday June 22nd, Chapter NH-G stole the NH/VT Flag from NH-E during their ride to the American Motorcycle Museum, in Meredith NH. Our own Charlie Collins and Beryl Reid did the honors of the capture and now we can expect to be visited at this month's Chapter Gathering by NH-A, NH-E, as well as VT-A. It will be interesting to see which Chapter can come with enough members to "Capture the Flag".

The Chapter NH-G "Fun"-d raiser is now complete. The ticket for the pair of tires, any brand, any size, installed at the dealer of your choice, will be drawn at this month's gathering. I would like to personally thank our own Bob & Beryl Reid for selling over one third of the tickets. Also, warmest thanks to our Sister NH Chapter, NH-A, for selling just shy of 50 tickets for us. I must admit that I was surprised when Dave & Bonnie Bolster, the NH-A Directors, offered to sell tickets for us down at the Rhode Island Kickoff Breakfast in April the same day that we were having our Recruiting Mall Show in Laconia. I would also like to thank the rest of the Chapter NH-G membership for digging in and getting all of the tickets sold. We couldn't have done it without everyone helping out.

Speaking of helping out, we still have some openings on the Chapter NH-G staff. We still desperately need an Assistant Chapter Director, a Chapter Ride Coordinator, and a Chapter Trainer. If anyone has the desire to jump in and "Help Out", just contact me and I can fill you in on what each position does.

Don't forget that the New England Districts rally is coming up on July 24th through the 26th. I believe that there are still rooms available at the host hotel. We have a rally flyer and hotel information on our website on the "Newsletters and Flyers" page, or you can go to <https://2014newenglanddistrictsrally.shutterfly.com/> to check out the rally website.

Also coming up is our own Chapter NH-G overnight ride to

Manchester Vermont. Details of the ride are on the Chapter Ride Schedule.

In case some of you don't know, The NH-A bug run has been cancelled so Chapter NH-G is doing some ride schedule changes. Our ride this month after the Chapter Gathering will be to Amherst, MA to the "Yankee Candle Factory". We will check out Yankee Candle, have lunch at Judy's Restaurant in Amherst, and return by going part way around the Quabbin Reservoir. This ride will take us far away from the NASCAR race being held that day in Loudon, NH. Please come to the gathering early as we have a lot to go over before we "Hit the Road".

The other changes are the cancellation of the 4th of July ride to Wells Maine to the "Maine Diner". Fear not, however, because that ride will be our ride after the October Chapter Gathering, weather permitting.

See you at the "Greenside" on July 13th.

Mike & Dawn Vaillancourt
Chapter G Directors



Mike and Dawn

**Wing Ding 37 will be in Huntsville, Alabama
September 3-6, 2015**

Contact Member Services at 800-843-9460 with any questions.
Visit wing-ding.org and click "REGISTRATION" at the top of page.

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(Re-cap of the June Chapter NH-G Gathering)

The Chapter NH-G June 2014 Gathering was attended by 22 people. We welcomed back Dick Boucher from his winter in Arizona, also Roger & Bev Kindred, and our newest members Bob & Kathy Bielawa from Alton Bay. We also had a guest Roberta Hair from North Carolina who was up visiting family in the Hillsboro area.

The weather was perfect and I lead a ride or 9 or 10 bikes to Chutters Candy Store on Main Street in Littleton. We took every back road that we could on the way up and on the way back. Roger & Bev blew a fork seal, as well as Gary and Sandy Williams, that I later found out.

Some of the group had lunch at the “Littleton Diner” while others went across the street to “Dunkin Donuts” to quench their ice coffee cravings. We came back through the Squam Lakes and stopped in Meredith lakeside for our ice cream. Everyone had a great time and I really appreciated the emails telling me so. If anyone took pictures during the ride, please forward them to me and I will get them posted up on the web site.

Till we meet again.....

Mike Vaillancourt
Chapter G Director

Below are photos that were sent to me from Ron & Susie Black, the Chapter Directors over at Chapter NH-E by our own Charlie Collins and Beryl Reid at Harts Turkey Farm Restaurant on Sunday the 22nd when Chapter NH-E came over to Meredith to visit the American Motorcycle Museum.



Chapter NH-G’s Beryl Reid and Charlie Collins Capture the NH/VT Flag while Madalyn Sprague looks on.



Joint lunch between NH-G and NH-E. A good time had by all.

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A group photo of those NH-G and NH-E members visiting the American Motorcycle Museum in Meredith, N.H. on Sunday June 22nd.



Photo taken of the Bike Parking Lot at Americade on Wednesday June 4th by Mike Vaillancourt during the day ride he lead to Americade.

Photo by Mike Vaillancourt taken on Weirs Boulevard on Wednesday, June 20th during Bike Week in Laconia.



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Welcome to GWRRR Rider Education

Why should I replace my helmet every 5 years?

If you are anything like I was you assumed that all helmets that were sold must meet certain safety standards or were created equal. Both of these statements are false. You can buy a helmet that doesn't meet any standard so you won't know how it's going to perform when you need it. Just knowing what to look for when you are purchasing and being able to ask the right questions makes a world of difference. The below comment is what I found online in answer to the question "why should I replace my helmet every 5 years?"

"The five-year replacement recommendation is based on a consensus by both helmet manufacturers and the Snell Foundation. Glues, resins and other materials used in helmet production can affect liner materials. Hair oils, body fluids and cosmetics, as well as normal "wear and tear" all contribute to helmet degradation. Petroleum based products present in cleaners, paints, fuels and other commonly encountered materials may also degrade materials used in many helmets possibly degrading performance. Additionally, experience indicates there will be a noticeable improvement in the protective characteristic of helmets over a five-year period due to advances in materials, designs, production methods and the standards. Thus, the recommendation for five-year helmet replacement is a judgment call stemming from a prudent safety philosophy."

Some wearers think that this recommendation is a conspiracy with manufacturers to sell more helmets and I can see where that comes from but this equipment is one of the single most important pieces of gear to wear when riding a motorcycle. Head injuries are permanent. They don't heal. There may be no evidence on the outside but



there is lifelong consequences.

When you are looking for a new helmet there are 3 primary organizations that have standards that most helmets are certified to. They are the DOT (Department of Transportation), ECE (Economic Commission for Europe), and the SNELL Foundation. DOT has a battery of tests that the manufacturers must test to themselves before affixing the DOT label to the helmets. The DOT will then acquire random samples and

send them to an independent test lab to verify that they meet the standard. ECE has a lot of the same specifications with a few added safety features but also requires sampling of the batch processing during manufacturing by ECE not the manufacturers. SNELL is a private, non-profit organization that assists manufactures with helmet development and prototype testing. They conduct the tests themselves and they are also the most rigid of the 3 organizations. These labels will be on the back lower portion of your helmet.

There should be a date of manufacture on the inside shell or the foam lining so you can determine when your helmet should be replaced. In checking my own helmets I found all three motorcycle helmets had a date. Two DOT and a SNELL.

Hopefully with this information you can purchase your next new helmet with confidence.

Be smart, be safe, have fun!!

Bob Reid

Chapter NH-G Educator

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GWRRR Rider Education

“CHiPS”

by Ace (Howie) Peterson
Guest Educator CO-Q



Perhaps most of us recall the television program featuring the California Highway Patrol wherein weekly the stars, Ponch and Jon set about their day keeping their part of the world safe and secure. Of course the title of the program is the title of this article, but the resemblance ends there. One little facet I came across recently was that Eric Estrada was actually terrified on a motorcycle. Has nothing to do with article of course!

Setting the scene, the show starts with Ponch and Jon riding down the highway side by side. This facet comes into play later on, but we have all witnessed similar riding styles in real time and life. Needless to say, there is a very important point to this style of riding which will come up again later. Riding styles and riding formations vary from group to group including parades, drill team competition and more. However, riding side by side was the cause of a motorcycle fatality earlier this spring here in Colorado. While there were other contributing factors, the final causation of the motorcycle going down was due the handlebars of one unit “clipping” the handlebars of the downed motorcycle.

The two riders were attempting to pass a truck in a construction zone where the roadway narrowed from two lanes to one lane. Speed was also a factor as both riders were traveling too fast for the zone, and conditions. I have a hard time envisioning anyone attempting a “pass” side by side style on any roadway. Consider the fact when two riders attempt this maneuver and the left motorcycle realizes there is not adequate space for a safe pass, something has to give. More than likely the right hand motorcycle has already moved into the space created by the first motorcycle. Or are now both riders in the area of “no man’s land”.

I had the opportunity a few years back to experience firsthand the “CHiPs” style of riding. A group I worked with put together a 280 mile ride which evolved into 20 plus motorcycles riding side by side in group formation. There is another word that is appropriate here, but as this is a family organization, we will let that one pass. I had not ridden with any of these riders, and believe me, it became

a first and last time situation.

Riding a two lane highway at speeds varying from 45mph to 70mph depending on the whim of the leader(s) there was indeed a definite “slinky” effort to the gaggle. Traffic behind us was getting frustrated and there were some instances of a pass resulting in a “too close for my comfort” atmosphere, which of course the lead rider showing the inappropriate finger wave for something the group had created. About a third of the way through the ride circumstances allowed me to exit the group and get all my stuff back in one bag! I believe that was the first and possibly only time I rode really scared, and when the opportunity came to ride with the bunch again, I had other business to take care of somewhere. Of course there have been instances where I was just a tad nervous, but this was frightening not know what any of the other riders would do in a hazardous situation.

Here in GWRRR we have been taught the two best and safest lane positions for a group of motorcycles is either “staggered” formation or single file given road widths, grades, curves etc. Either formation allows the lead unit to move when necessary to the right hand portion of the lane to avoid a hazard. If the units are spaced properly in “staggered” formation, each unit has the space to move also in avoiding the hazard. This even makes sense when stopping at a traffic control device, each unit keeping position, and moving out without either unit bumping the other in what is known in GWRRR as “Wing Wobble”. A group of motorcycles in proper staggered formation looks just a neat as the side by side style of group riding.

The idea comes to mind, are we trying to look “cool” while riding, or are we riding in a position posture that keeps the ride safe and enjoyable? Yes, there are places wherein the side by side riding comes into play, but that is by riders more trained, skilled, and qualified than the majority of John Q. Motorcyclist(s). For the rest of us, what we have practiced within our organization of riding formations still remains the standard for all rides. **RIDE WITH PRIDE AND CONFIDENCE!**

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“The Lakes Region Wings”

2014 Ride Schedule

(Revised 6-29-14)

- July 2-5 Wing Ding XXXVI Madison, Wisconsin.
- July 13 Monthly Gathering. 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.
- 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 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. Foliage ride up over the Kancamangas Highway. Ice Cream stop in Wolfeboro 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. Ride Weather permitting to the “Maine Diner” in Wells Maine for the best lobster rolls you will ever have.
- 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



Drivers: “What Can We Do To Help?”

by Nick Hoppner
Colorado Motorist Awareness Coordinator

Whenever I talk to a non-motorcycling group about Motorist Awareness, I always hope that someone responds to the “questions and answers” finale of the presentation with wide-eyed innocence and the words, “What Can We Do To Help?” (It hasn’t happened yet, but hope springs eternal.)

Since most folks are still a bit shell-shocked after the video section of our PowerPoint presentation where the “careful” car driver has a motorcycle crash right into his driver’s side door (mega-ouch!), I supply the unasked question, then respond to it.

“Basically,” I say, “If you and every other motorist would actively look for motorcycles and pay less attention to driving distractions (cell phones, snackage, billboards for Hooters restaurants), we’d all enjoy lower insurance rates and clearer consciences. After all, nobody gets into a car in the morning and heads out of the driveway intending to smash into a motorcyclist.

In a copyrighted article on ConsumerReports.com, writer Liza Barth reported that in 2012, more than 3,300 people were killed and 421,000 were estimated to have been injured in motor vehicle crashes involving a distracted driver.

Barth adds that 43 states have passed legislation banning texting while driving and 12 states ban talking on a hand-held cell phone, but despite those laws, drivers are still distracted.

Barth’s article lists five steps every driver should take to ensure that they are safe and not contributing to the distracted-driving problem.

Silence the phone. It’s very tempting to respond to the text alerts, calls, and other notifications that sound off while you’re driving, so reduce the urge by putting the phone on silent. If your car has Bluetooth, make sure it’s set up, but

keep phone calls on the road limited to emergencies.

Map it out. Make sure you program the GPS before you head to your destination. Use the voice function, so you don’t need to look at the portable device or smart phone to know which direction to go.

Groom at home. Give yourself plenty of time in the morning to get ready, so you don’t have to apply makeup or shave in the driver’s seat. Your eyes should be looking at the rearview mirror at the other cars, not at yourself.

Familiarize yourself with the car’s controls. New cars often have sophisticated, or overly clever, controls that require some getting used to while driving. (We’re talking to you Cadillac Cue and MyFord Touch.) With any infotainment system with touch screens, make sure you know how to use it or, better yet, take some time to set up the radio stations or streaming music, climate, and other controls before you head out.

Skip the drive through. Resist the temptation to eat or drink (especially open hot coffee) in the car. Not only could you spill something or burn yourself, but you won’t save much time if you are holding a burger, sipping a soda, and trying to steer all at the same time. Pull over, eat at home before, or tell your stomach to wait until you get to your destination.

As I have said here before in my previous articles (and undoubtedly will again), all of us become Motorist Awareness representatives whenever we pull into a parking lot, put down the side stand, and shut down our engines. When folks make it their business to tell you about how their (son/daughter/friend/neighbor/whatever) was killed on a motorcycle, you now have at least five suggestions to share to make those tragedies less likely and to make life better for everybody.

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Birthdays & Anniversaries

Happy Birthday and Anniversary to all those listed below



June 13 Bev & Roger Kindred

July 1 Phil and Linda Allard

June 15 Bev Kindred

July 19 Mike & Dawn Vaillancourt

***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 page is for Chapter Members to advertise for Motorcycle items that they are looking for or that they have for sale. Items will run for three months and then be deleted unless instructed to keep running by the chapter member.

For Sale: These items are from Chapter Member Sue Venne - Please call 603-435-5008

- GL1800 Kuryakyn Ultimate heated seat \$600
- Brown Bomber style leather jacket, size 42R \$25
- Brown motorcycle leather jacket, size 42 \$25
- 2008 RFK black denim jacket, size L \$10
- Gerbing Union Ridge Heated Pants, size LR \$50
- Gerbing heated jacket liner (SAE converted to Coax), size 48/36 \$30
- Joe Rocket "Honda" jacket w/liner/protective pads/unzips to mesh. Wine/Blk; size XL \$30
- Cruiser Works boots, waterproof, size 9W \$25
- Cruiser Works boots, waterproof, size 11W \$25
- Venco Wings HP Photosmart Premium C309 printer \$10
- Venco Wings HP Office Jet Pro 8500, fax cop scan photo \$50
- Venco Wings cash register \$10
- Venco Wings HP2509 Monitor \$20
- Logitech wireless keyboard & mouse \$20
- Solid cherry corner desk, 66" long side, 35" short side, 24" deep

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