

GOLD WING ROAD RIDERS ASSOCIATION CHAPTER NH-G

THE LAKES REGION WINGS

November 2014

Our 26th Year



From the Chapter Director

Well, the 2014 Riding Season is all but over. The clocks were set back this weekend and it is now getting dark at 5PM. We all need to think about how to store your bikes for it's "long winter's nap." Last month's newsletter article from our own Chapter Educator Bob Reid gives us good information to do just that.

Our own Bob & Madalyn Sprague attended the NH-E Chapter Gathering on October 26th and captured the NH/VT Flag back so Chapter NH-G has the flag in our procession. Way to go Bob & Madalyn.

The Chapter Christmas Dinner will be coming up on December 4th. We should have all the information on the upcoming dinner at this month's Chapter Gathering on the 9th at the Greenside Restaurant.

Speaking about the Greenside Restaurant, I was talking with owner Linda the other day, and I was informed that they will be closed for the months of January and February. That shouldn't be a problem for us as that will give us a perfect opportunity to hold a couple of "Pot Luck" gatherings. I would like to offer my home in Canterbury for the January Gathering on Saturday evening, January 10th, as we can use that time to look at some motorcycle videos that I have been collecting. Bring a dish to share and the Chapter will provide the beverages. The location for the February Gathering is still open and will be on Saturday evening February 14th. I thought that the February Gathering would be the perfect venue to discuss the upcoming 2015 Ride Schedule. The Greenside Restaurant will be "back online" for the March Gathering on Sunday, March 8th.

Winter time is the perfect time for Chapter G to visit other Chapters "en masse". We should take the time to go to visit Chapter NH-A and NH-E during the months of January and February. I think that we should also make an effort to visit Chapter VT-A as they have come to see us on more than one occasion. Think about all this and we can discuss it at the November Gathering. Maybe we could invite the other NH Chapters to come to a "Bowling Night" at Fun Spot during the non-riding season.

Remember at the last conversation, I discussed the need to think about another Chapter fundraiser. I will be looking for your feedback on the 9th.

The Annual Christmas Parade will be held in Laconia on Saturday November 30th at 11:00 AM. I would like some feedback to see how many of you would like to ride as a group in that parade. We could decorate up our bikes. It's during the day and we should all be home before dark.

I hope that you can all attend this month's Chapter Gathering, as it is our last official gathering of 2014. I am extremely pleased as to the attendance that we have had at the Chapter Gatherings this year as well as the participation on our rides that we had after the gatherings all year.

I met with Sue Venne today. Her house is under contract and if all goes well, she is closing the day after Thanksgiving. That being said, Sue has donated a bunch of stuff that was left from Venco Wings. We are going to sell said items with the proceeds going to the Chapter Treasury as a fund raiser. Thanks Sue for your generosity. I will have those items at the Chapter Gathering on the 9th and we can set the prices and then we'll take photos and put them in next month's newsletter so that other Chapters can see what we have for sale. There is a Hondaline Jacket, a Gerbings heated jacket liner, a custom seat for a GL1800, a new battery for a Gold Wing that fits from 1975 to 2000. There is also a Chapter G Vest to name but a few of the items donated. Bring your checkbooks on the 9th and maybe I won't have to bring as many of the items home.

See you at the Greenside on November 9th!



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We once again had a terrific turn out at the October Chapter G Gathering with 22 in attendance.

Chapter E Directors Ron & Suzie Black were our guests and they affected a capture of the NH/VT Chapter Flag. They also went on the Chapter Ride to Maine after the gathering for Lobster Rolls.



Bob and Kaye Hamel had the Chapter Store on hand and did a brisk business of Chapter G hats and sweat shirts. Thanks everyone again for wearing your Chapter Clothing and Vests. It shows our new members our camaraderie.

We had a recap of the September Gathering, talked about an upcoming Chapter Fundraiser, the Jim Venne Memorial Poker Run, and the upcoming Chapter Christmas Party.

After the gathering, we headed to the Maine Coast with our first stop at the Alton Circle while we waited for Bob Hamel to catch up to us. Bob then lead us on a beautiful cross country ride to York Maine to his Brother in law, Kent Kilgore's restaurant The Bay Haven Lobster Pound. When we got to the restaurant, they had a bunch of tables put together so we could all

sit together. The food was fantastic. When I got up to the counter, I ordered a lobster roll. The woman behind the counter asked me if I wanted a "quarter pounder or a half pounder". I replied, mam, I rode two hours to get here, I'm going for the big one. WOW! What a lobster roll. Full of lobster meat and no fillers just light mayo. It was in a toasted roll that you would have put a foot long hot dot in. I'm going back for sure.

Bob Hamel treated all of us to dessert. There was either blueberry or apple cobbler. Yum! Then Bob's brother in law did a raffle for us. Charlie Collins, our Goodwill Ambassador won a full pound of lobster meat.



After our lunch, Bob's brother in law Kent showed us his other business out back, Skippers Bay Lobster Meat where they prepare and sell fresh seafood to restaurants all along the coast of

Maine. Thanks Kent for your hospitality.



We then headed back out on the road and Bob lead us back to New Hampshire. You couldn't have asked for a better day. The weather was perfect the scenery was great and the company even better. I'm sure we will work this stop back into our ride schedule for next season.

Mike Vaillancourt
Chapter G Director

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Welcome to GWRRR Rider Education

Riding Your Motorcycle In Cold Weather Can Be Deadly

(Excerpts from the bikerlawblog.com)



Riding your Wing in the cold temperatures of November here in New England needs some careful thought before venturing out. Without proper clothing and protection your body temperature can quickly fall below 95 degrees and hypothermia will set in. When your body temperature drops, your heart, nervous system, and other organs can't work properly.

When the temperature falls, the body shunts blood away from the skin and exposure to the elements. Blood flow is increased to the vital organs of the body including the heart, lungs, kidney, and brain. Your body senses as well as core temperature start to drop, your decision making abilities start to slow down and just like an intoxicated person, you start to have problems with simple tasks such as clutching and braking because your hands and feet start to go numb.

If you are riding at 60 miles per hour in 40 degree temperatures, the wind-chill factor is 25 degrees. You could get hypothermia in a matter of minutes without the proper riding attire on. There are many solutions to this problem instead of foregoing the ride. There is now heated riding gear from head to toe. In the absence of this, frequent stops to go inside and warm up will keep you functioning properly. This may be a hassle but it is better to live to ride another day.

Be safe,

Bob Reid

Chapter G Educator

Birthdays & Anniversaries

Happy Birthday and Anniversary to all those listed below



- November 12: Dawn Vaillancourt and Roger Kindred
- November 24: Sandy Williams
- November 25: Charlie Collins and Beryl Reid



- November 28: Dick & Priscilla Breton
- November 29: Bob & Beryl Reid

*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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Guest GWRRR Rider Education

“MIND READERS”

by Ace (Howie) Peterson
Guest Educator CO-Q



I continue to be amazed at the amount of telepathy that abounds in our world, especially relating to traffic situations. The mental abilities of Spock and others in Star Trek are indeed alive and well in our day and age. And this mental ability goes in all directions, as we send and receive mental messages during our travels. Think not? Consider then the amazing incidents that occurred due to telepathy in the following portion of the article.

As I approach an intersection I observe a vehicle just stopping at the same intersection. Mentally I express the thought, “you are going to proceed right on through, right”? And magically, the other driver gets the message and accelerates through the intersection barely clearing oncoming traffic! Obviously the driver mentioned got my message loud and clear!

Driving down a busy street here in Montrose I get stuck behind a slow moving vehicle. I can see the operators head moving in time to something as he/she moves erratically while impeding traffic. Mentally I say, “Why don’t you quit texting, and just hang up the cell phone”? Well, at least part of the message got through, as the driver places the phone up to an ear and keeps right on yakking!

Riding down a favorite highway I observe a line of vehicles approaching upon the curvy and hilly highway. I also notice the nose of a vehicle peeking out, back into traffic, and peeking out again looking for an opportunity to pass a line of vehicles obviously traveling too slow for driver of said vehicle. I can see the double yellow line that keeps these vehicles in their own lane, and I say to myself mentally, “you are going to pass all those slower vehicles yellow line or no yellow line, right”? Just like magic, the “in a rush” driver zooms out and heads my direction! Yes sir, he/she got the mental message just fine!

Again, here I am motorcycling along on our bright blue Trike, doing just over the speed limit so as not to impede traffic, enjoying the scenery, and the music in my head set. Again, the road has many curves, up and down grades, all which impede the opportunity for vehicles to pass safely. I notice a vehicle in the mirror attempting to read either the license plate or the brand of the Trike conversion we are riding upon, and giving me a good look at the vehicle grill design. The driver speeds up, slows down, doing the slinky imitation of driving all the while getting more impatient it would seem. I am going just about as fast as is safe for my mode of travel, so I say mentally to myself, “you are going to pass safe or not just as soon as a potential opportunity comes up, right”? Sure enough, getting the message loud and clear, said vehicle goes “pedal to the metal” rocketing past the Trike, swerving back into the lane, jamming on the brakes to avoid both an oncoming vehicle, and the other vehicle that appears in our lane around the corner in front of us all. Got the message, you betcha, but did not hear the rest of the message about it not being safe to pass at just this moment! Must be interference in the ether I guess.

And you the reader doubt my observation about mental telepathy? And these mystical happenings just keep on happening! So where does that leave us in all this mix? Hopefully not riding between the proverbial two or more immovable objects!

Our main line of defense, other than not thinking at all of course, is be in defensive mode at all times. This does mean clearing our minds of extemporaneous clutter, keeping our eyes moving, and being ready to analyze all that happens in our situational awareness. Sound familiar? Of course it is familiar as this has been discussed in many articles, and chapter meetings over the years. However, it is a subject that bears repeating as we approach holiday season, with impending traffic nightmares of people attempting to get

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from point A to point B in the shortest time(s) possible. Of course it does not matter whether we are on motorcycles, or in full size vehicles; our lives can still be at risk in the samples mentioned earlier.

NOW, I diverge from the discussion to another form of telepathy. Have you communicated with your cold weather gear yet? I can see us all now, mentally trying to remember which motorcycle, which closet, or which storage box we hid all that neat cold weather stuff within. However, if your gear is like mine, it does not say anything to assist me in the search, leaving me to paw through places as I attempt to remember just where I placed what I deem necessary for the moment at hand. Like many other wise riders (giving no credit to myself) using the osmosis factor and listening to these wiser riders a number of years ago, I found an almost fool proof method for locating my winter gear. With minor exception, it stays on the motorcycle(s) all year around!

Now all I have to do is remember which compartment or pocket I put a particular item in for safe keeping. Larger items, such as winter riding pants, summer/winter coats are in the “motorcycle” closet ready at hand for which ever season is upon us. Perhaps you the reader have a similar mode or method which allows a person to immediately locate that needed item, when needed.

All this of course is somewhat tongue in cheek; however, the message should be a reminder of being ready. That means before starting a ride, during the ride, and even when returning home. Remember, if you don’t have it with you, you can’t use “it” whatever that may be at the moment, either physically or mentally! As Karl Mauldin used to say, “Don’t leave home without it”! You betcha!

Andasalways,**RIDEWITHPRIDEANDCONFIDENCE!**

What do you get when you cross a Harley and a '57 Chevy?



Now isn't this about the neatest thing you have ever seen?

Even a Bumper & Tail Light.

Submitted by Howie Peterson, Chapter CO-Q

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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



A Growing Hazard on Our Highways

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In the past two month's articles, we discussed some of the limitations the human eye has when darkness conspires against one's ability to see — our primary sensory receptors when driving at night.

Now we Colorado drivers have to acknowledge the spread of a whole new set of hazards on our highways — hazards that are worse on nighttime highways. These hazards are the effects of marijuana on drivers.

In an article in the October 13 issue of *Time Magazine*, writer Eliza Gray points out that law enforcement has much greater difficulty in proving driving under the influence (DUI) for marijuana compared with alcohol. Alcohol remains in the blood stream much longer than tetrahydrocannabinol (THC), the effective ingredient in marijuana, that rapidly metabolizes into fatty tissues and the brain. Breathalyzer tests measure alcohol in the blood revealed in the vapor of the breath. No comparable test has been discovered to reveal the presence of marijuana.

Why is this making night driving in Colorado a riskier business? Remember what we wrote about the eyes becoming more dependent on their rods than their cones in dim light? We mentioned that the peripheral vision is primarily affected by the eye's rods. One of the effects of marijuana's THC is **tunnel vision**, that is, the impairing of the ability to recognize obstacles to the far right and left. With tunnel vision limiting what they can see, pot smokers are severely limiting their primary source of information behind the wheel. But tunnel vision isn't the only nasty effect on drivers who are high on pot.

Reduced awareness is another factor. It's harder for people who are high to focus on several things at once, such as a changing stoplight, a bicycle on the road's edge and a car signaling a turn.

Sluggish reflexes are another effect. Pot affects parts of the brain that coordinate and initiate movement, making it tougher to physically control a car.

Slower decisions are another effect. Pot impairs the brain's executive function and problemsolving ability. It becomes harder to decide whether to brake, swerve, or accelerate to avoid a hazard.

And for some "tokers", **hallucinations** can happen. It's hard to drive your vehicle if you're fascinated by the imagined vision of yourself flying like an eagle. It's an unsettling thought that the operator of a vehicle coming your way may be stoned — a little or a lot. But with the proliferation of pot shops in Colorado, the chances of this happening are growing by leaps and bounds.

Add to this probability this statistic from Vox.com as reported in *The Week Magazine*: Since marijuana was legalized in Colorado, 87 percent of sales have gone to the heaviest weed users — people who get high 21 to 31 days a month, according to a study by the Marijuana Study Group.

What does this message have to do with Motorist Awareness? All road users in Colorado should be aware of the increased probability of encountering someone who shouldn't be behind a wheel, yet who probably knows that he or she are less likely to be convicted of DUI than if they'd were drunk.

Again, we hope you'll share some of these facts with your friends and neighbors who don't ride motorcycles. As motorists, they need all the awareness they can get too!

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

- 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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