

# GOLD WING ROAD RIDERS ASSOCIATION CHAPTER NH-G

## THE LAKES REGION WINGS

April 2015

Our 27th Year



### *From the Chapter Director* **It's Spring !?**

I can't believe how much snow is still on the ground. I hope you all had a terrific Easter and as the days move on, we get closer to the riding season.

Due to safety issues, we will not have a ride after the Chapter Gathering this month. There are huge frost heaves, lots of sand, and still some ice in the corners. I don't want to subject everyone to the additional risk if we don't have to.

Speaking of Safety, on May 9<sup>th</sup> there will be a joint venture garage day at my home at 161 Shaker Road, Canterbury, N.H. I have two lifts, so if you are planning on coming, bring your oil and filter and a one gallon jug and we can do oil changes and T-CLOCK inspections. All the oil will be disposed of at Banks Chevrolet Cadillac Buick GMC in Concord. If you are planning on coming, please send an email to either Dave Bolster at [gwrro.nh.a@gmail.com](mailto:gwrro.nh.a@gmail.com), or myself at [gwrro.nh-g@comcast.net](mailto:gwrro.nh-g@comcast.net).

The accommodations for the overnight ride to the Great North Woods of New Hampshire are filling up fast. Errol Motel owner Ricky Blais tells me that there are only 5 rooms left. Remember the block of rooms is only being held until April 15<sup>th</sup>. Don't be left out. There is a complete description of the weekend ride in the ride schedule. You can reach the Errol Motel at 603-482-3256. Tell them that you are with the Gold Wing Group and you get the \$65.00 room rate for the two nights that we will be staying there.

If you are planning on attending the Rhode Island Chapter B breakfast on the 26<sup>th</sup>, you have to register no later than April 12<sup>th</sup>. The flyer and sign-up sheet is on the Newsletters & Flyers page on the website at [www.gwrroanhg.org](http://www.gwrroanhg.org).

The Spring Tire Raffle is winding down and I would like everyone to bring all tickets in their possession both sold

and unsold along with the money to the Gathering on the 12<sup>th</sup>. All the tickets are out and we need to take an inventory of unsold tickets as we plan on selling them down at the Rhode Island Breakfast. If you can't attend the Chapter Gathering, please contact me at 603-276-0715 so we can make arrangements to have them picked up.

We are taking orders for Chapter G Clothing for the spring season. We have recently purchased a dozen chapter hats so they will be on hand at the Gathering. See Bob & Kaye Hamel, the Chapter storekeepers, for items.



On March 29<sup>th</sup>, Bob & Madelyn Sprague and myself attended the NH-E Gathering over in Rindge and we barely beat out Chapter NH-A by one person and captured the NH/VT Chapter Flag. Come and get it if you can!



See you on the 12<sup>th</sup> at the Greenside.

*Mike Vaillancourt*  
Chapter G Director

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# Rewind



Sue Venne Says Goodbye

Last month's Chapter NH-G gathering was held on March 8<sup>th</sup> with 28 attending. 11 of those attending were from Chapter NH-A. We had a special attendee, Sue Venne that announced that her home finally sold and that she was moving south so she stopped by to thank everyone and say her good-byes. Everyone from Chapter NH-G and the entire GWRRR



John Sheehan

volunteered to be the Chapter Ride Coordinator, and to everyone's surprise, Carol Sheehan volunteered to take the position of Assistant Chapter Director

There was discussion about the need to fill critical positions on the Chapter Staff. After the discussion, two individuals came forward to volunteer to fill the vacancies. John Sheehan



Carol Sheehan

The Chapter ride schedule was discussed and part of the discussion was about the addition of summer evening dine-outs to the schedule.

There was discussion of the upcoming joint garage day to be held on May 9<sup>th</sup> at my home.

Sold tickets and monies were collected from the Spring Tire Raffle and the remainder of the unsold tickets were handed out.



Chapter NH-A captured the NH/VT Chapter Flag



After the meeting portion of the Gathering was completed, New Hampshire District Educator Dick Bernier presented the Co-Riders Seminar. It was very informative and well presented. Nice job Dick!

*Mike Vaillancourt*  
Chapter G Director



## GWRRRA CHAPTER NH-G 2015 RIDE SCHEDULE

Unless otherwise noted, Monthly Chapter Gatherings are held at the Greenside Restaurant, 360 Laconia Road, Tilton, N.H. Arrive at 8 AM. Meeting starts promptly at 9 AM, with a ride following during the riding season

**April 10-12, 2015 Chapter ME-C End of Winter Bash.**

The Green Granite in North Conway, N.H. Relax, swim, seminars, eat. Rooms are \$79.95 per night if booked by April 1. Price goes to \$129.95 per night after April 1. Call 800-468-3666 to book your rooms. Tell them you are with the Gold Wing group to get the special rate.

**April 12, 2015 Monthly Chapter Gathering.** The Greenside Restaurant. Short Ride possibly if the weather cooperates. (Highly Unlikely).

**April 19, 2015 Chapter NH-E Monthly Gathering.** J.P. Stephens, Rindge, N.H. (Note this is a different weekend due to the Rhode Island Breakfast on the 26<sup>th</sup>.)

**April 26, 2015 Rhode Island Chapter B Kick-Off Breakfast.** Breakfast Buffet at "Corinnes", 1593 Newport Avenue, Pawtucket, Rhode Is.and. Meet at Tilton Dunkin Donuts at 6:30 AM and kick stands up at 6:45. If the weather doesn't cooperate, we can carpool down together in our cars. I'm betting that this will be a car ride. This is the perfect opportunity to sell a lot of our raffle tickets. Flyer and Registration Form on the NH-G website at [www.gwrranhg.org](http://www.gwrranhg.org). You must Pre-Register if you plan on attending.

**May 9, 2015 Chapters NH-A & NH-G Joint Garage Day.** Mike Vaillancourt's house, 161 Shaker Road, Canterbury, N.H. 03224. 9 AM to 4 PM. Bring your oil, filter, and empty gallon jug for oil collection. Bring stuff to cook on the Grille. T-CLOCK Inspections done. Two lifts. Contact Dave Bolster at NH-A or Mike Vaillancourt at NH-G if you are coming.

**May 10, 2015 Monthly Chapter Gathering.** The Greenside Restaurant. Following the Gathering, will be the annual Ice Out Ride around Lake Winnepesaukee.

**May 27, 2015 Dine-Out at "The Morrissey's Front Porch"** restaurant, 286 South Main Street, Wolfeboro, N.H. Meet there at 6PM. Short ride afterwards for Ice Cream.

**June 2-6, 2015 Americade.** Lake George, NY. On your own.

**June 3, 2015 Day Trip to Americade.** Led by Mike Vaillancourt. Meet at the Tilton Dunkin Donuts at 7:45 AM. Pull out at 8:00 AM. Will leave Americade at 4:00 PM. Should be back in Tilton by 8PM. Great days ride last year.

**June 13, 2015 NH-E's "Dick's Ride".** Memorial ride for Dick Thibaudeau, former NH District Director. Ride was Dick's favorite up over the Kangamangas Highway. More information to follow.

**June 13-21, 2015 92<sup>nd</sup> Annual Laconia Motorcycle Classic.** On your own.

**June 14, 2015 Monthly Chapter Gathering.** The Greenside Restaurant. Connecticut River Ride following. We head north up to Woodsville, cross into Vermont to Wells River, and have lunch at the P & H Truck Stop. Top rated food and then after lunch follow US 5 south in Vermont along the Connecticut River to White River Jct. where we will pick up US Route 4 and NH Rt. 11 back to Franklin and the Lakes Region. Should be back to the Tilton Dunkin Donuts by 4 PM.

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**June 24, 2015 Dine-Out at Patrick's Pub**, 18 Weirs Road, Gilford NH. Meet there at 6 PM. Short ride afterwards for ice cream.

**June 28, 2015 Chapter NH-A Annual Cookout/Bug Run.** More info to follow.

**July 4, 2015 July 4<sup>th</sup> Ride.** Meet at the Tilton Dunkin Donuts at 9 AM. Kick Starts up at 9:30. Ride through the NH and VT Countryside with lunch at the "Pit Stop" Smokehouse in Westmoreland, N.H. on Route 12. They are the home of hand rubbed, slow cooked Bar-B-Q. You can check them out at [www.pitstopsmokehouse.com](http://www.pitstopsmokehouse.com). After lunch we'll ride along and end up at the "High Tide" in Hillsborough N.H. for Ice Cream. How can you beat bar-b-q and ice cream on the same ride.

**July 9-11, 2015 "Wings Over the Smokies"** On your own.

**July 12, 2015 Monthly Chapter Gathering.** The Greenside Restaurant. Ride after the gathering will take us up through the back roads to Franconia Notch to take a ride up the Tramway up to the top of Cannon Mountain to see the summertime view of the Notch. Snacks available at the Cannon Mountain snack bar with an ice cream stop on the way back.

**July 19, 2015 Chapter NH-E Monthly Gathering.** (Note different weekend due to the New England Districts Rally on July 23-25).

**July 23-25, 2015 New England Districts Rally.** Ramada Inn, 490 Pleasant Street, Lewiston, Maine. Flyer on the NH-G website at [www.gwrranhg.org](http://www.gwrranhg.org).

**July 29, 2015 Dine Out at The Greenside Restaurant**, 360 Laconia Road, Tilton, N.H. 6PM. Short ride after for ice cream.

**July 30 to Aug 2, Region I Rally, Port Williams, Nova Scotia** Port William Community Center, 1045 Main Street, Port Williams, NS. On your own.

**Aug. 2, 2015 Chapter NH-A "Let's Go Chasing Waterfalls" Ride.** More info to follow.

**Aug. 9, 2015 Monthly Chapter Gathering.** The Greenside Restaurant. Ride following up to Ben & Jerrys Ice Cream Factory in Waterbury, VT. Should be back in Tilton by 6PM. Factory Tour, Gift Shop, and lots of Ice Cream!

**Aug. 14-16, 2015 Overnight Ride to the Great North Woods of New Hampshire.** Meet at the Tilton Dunkin Donuts on Friday Afternoon at 1:00 PM. Kick stands up at 1:30 and we head to the Great North Woods. We'll be staying at the Errol Motel, Route 26 in Errol, N.H. Friday evening we will be having dinner at the Hog Trawf Restaurant in Errol. (Within walking distance from the motel.) Saturday will be spent riding through the North Country of New Hampshire with a stop in Pittsburg where we will have lunch at the Happy Corner Cafe Then we'll take a different route back to Errol. Saturday evening we will be dining at the Log Haven Restaurant and Lounge. On Sunday, we head over in to Maine and towards Rangely Lake and then work our way south to Center Conway to check out Whitehorse Gear.

Special rate for us is \$65.00 per night for two nights. Our hosts will be Ricky and Linda Blais. You can check out the motel on their website at [www.errol-motel.com](http://www.errol-motel.com). The rooms have been recently renovated, and have different "themes". Saturday evening we will have a bonfire so we can roast marshmallows. The motel has only 11 rooms, so we need to book as soon as possible. You can call the Errol Motel at 603-482-3256 to make your reservations. The block of rooms will only be held until April 15<sup>th</sup> at which time the un-booked rooms will be released. Call the motel direct and make your reservations as soon as possible.

**Aug. 23, 2015 The New England Ride for Kids**, Starting and ending at the Bose Corporation, 100 The Mountain Road, Framingham, MA 01701. Meet at the Tilton Dunkin Donuts at 7:00 AM and kick stands up at 7:15 AM. It is a two hour ride to Framingham. That will give us time to drive

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down and arrive around 9:15, and then check in. Escorted ride leaves The Bose Corporation at 10:00 AM sharp. After a ride through the Massachusetts countryside, we return to the Bose Corporation where we get a donated boxed lunch and participate in the "Celebration of Life". We should be back in Tilton by 4:00 PM. Remember, all the proceeds that we collected, after expenses, from the Jim Venne Memorial Poker Run last September count in this ride. Let's have a great showing in Memory of our departed friend Jim Venne.

**Aug. 26, 2015 Dine-Out at The 104 Diner**, 752 N.H. Route 104, New Hampton, N.H. Meet there at 6PM. Short ride afterward for Ice Cream. Check them out at: <http://www.thecman.com/restaurants-and-menus/the-104-diner.aspx>

**Sept. 3-6, 2015 Wing Ding, Huntsville, Alabama.** On your own.

**Sept. 13, 2015 Monthly Chapter Gathering.** The Greenside Restaurant. Ride over to York Maine to Bob Hamel's Brother-in-Laws Restaurant for some killer Lobster Rolls. This ride was so well received last year, we have been asked to do it again so that those that did not attend can do so this year. Other Chapters should climb aboard as well.

**Sept. 23, 2015 Dine-Out at the 405 Pub & Grille**, 405 Union Avenue, Laconia, N.H. Highly recommended by our own Bob Hamel. Meet there at 6 PM.

**Sept. 19-20, 2015 Chapter VT-A Maine Getaway Weekend.** Flyer in the March Newsletter and online on the Chapter G website at [www.gwrranhg.org](http://www.gwrranhg.org).

**Sept. 26, 2015 Saturday Foliage Ride and Dine-Out** through Eastern N.H. Meet at the Tilton Dunkin Donuts at 9:45 A.M. Kick stands up at 10:00. We will end up at the Yankee Smokehouse Restaurant in Ossipee for a late lunch around 1:PM. Back in the Laconia area by 4: PM.

**Oct. 11, 2015 Monthly Chapter Gathering.** The Greenside Restaurant. NH/VT fall ride ending up at the Beech Hill Farm Stand and Ice Cream Barn in Hopkinton, N.H. Ride submitted by Bev & Roger Kindred.

**Nov. 8, 2015 Monthly Chapter Gathering.** The Greenside Restaurant. Die Hard end of the season ride. Should have heated gear to attend. Lunch in Lincoln and then return back to Tilton before dark.

**Dec. 10, 2015 Chapter G Holiday Dinner.** The Greenside Restaruant.

Please note that Chapter NH-A meets on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Friday evening of the month at Wingate Hall, Bethany Chapel, 54 Newbury Road, Manchester, N.H. That's out near the airport in Manchester off of Perimeter Road. This is usually a "bring your own" dinner event. Drinks are usually available there for a nominal fee. Meeting starts promptly at 7PM.

Chapter NH-E meets the last Sunday of the month at J.P. Stephens Restaurant, 377 US Route 202, Rindge, N.H. The restaurant opens at 9:30 AM with the Meeting after the breakfast.

**Remember, any GWRRA Members  
or Guests are welcome  
at any Chapter Gatherings.**

# Let's Ride!

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## Welcome to GWRRRA Rider Education

### Spring Riding



We just spent the weekend up north on our snowmobiles and it's almost April 1st. Riding was awesome and there is still plenty of snow on the trails except the clubs are running out of money to groom so it's at its end. Time to change to the 2 wheel mode of transportation! I want to cover a few things on spring cruising on your Wing.

First is the special road conditions that you have to be aware of everywhere. After the "special" winter we have had there are lots of pot holes, more than usual. Also the frost heaves have been like ski jumps with all the cold weather, then warm up for a couple of days, then plunging back to severe cold again. If you are familiar with the roads you will be riding on and the condition they are in now then you should be able to maneuver your bike through these landmines. If, however, you have not travelled these roads recently, please be careful of these hazards. As well as being able to stay upright on your bike, your co-rider will thank you for not causing them to lose their teeth.

This time of year the roads carry a couple of special surface conditions as well as "bumps". These being leftover sand from the winter and wet conditions caused by the melting of all this snow we've had this year. Both can be very dangerous if you are not prepared. The best thing is to avoid both but if you have to go through them then practice extreme caution, especially when you are cornering.

The 4 wheel motorists have not seen us all winter so they are not used to us being out there. Remember our "look twice" video at the pot luck in January? Stay as "high-vis" as possible to give them time to realize you are there.

Let's not forget your T-Cloc inspections. Although you should be doing these before you get on your bike every time, the first time you get on your bike after its winter in storage is particularly important. Towards the end of last season if you thought your brakes felt a little spongy it's probably time to take a look at them before this riding season. Don't forget the Garage Day at Mikes on May 9th. We will be checking brakes then and will have access to a supplier up the street if needed.

Can't wait to get out there with all of you guys! This year we have a ton of things planned. Participate in as much as you can. The season goes by quickly so make the most of it. Please don't hesitate to call me to see if Beryl & I want to go for a ride. We are always up for it.

Just read an article about Gold Wings that quoted that "riders of luxurious touring bikes are sometimes derided by younger motorcyclists as a group past their prime and ready for a retirement home, if not already there". In the same article there was a caption under a photo of several "wingers" on the 11 mile stretch of North Carolina's notorious Dragon that says "Hide the women and children...the Gold Wings are coming!". Let's show the Lakes Region that we are nowhere near past our prime and make our presence known this year so that people say "there goes Chapter G"! Be safe,

*Bob Reid*  
Chapter NH-G Educator

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## Guest GWRRR Rider Education

### “RIDING/DRIVING BLIND”

by Ace (Howie) Peterson  
Guest Educator CO-Q



Old age sucks! Of course it beats the alternative, but as my dear departed mother used to say, “we are now “enjoying” old age benefits”? You know the old adage, can’t see, can’t pee.....And therein lays the crux of this article. It is tough to finally acknowledge we can no longer dodge speeding bullets; leap tall or any buildings for that matter with a single bound, or have the eye of an eagle. However, life happens!

One of our most crucial tools for riding or driving safely is of course adequate vision. I mention adequate for the simple fact that as we age, so do our eyes. Now there are indeed those lucky few who have excellent uncorrected eyesight all their years, but most of us fall into the major category of needing corrective lens, or even corrective surgery to maintain a modicum of eyesight to perform all those tasks which our eyes assist us in accomplishing. Realizing weakening or failing eyesight creates problems in many areas, in our older age it is imperative we, especially motorcyclists, need to address not only the problem(s) regarding eyesight, but the corrective actions necessary to allow our eyes to be the tool needed to assist us in daily tasks as well as keep out us out of danger.

Thus said, plus recognizing that operating a moving motorized vehicle by the Braille Method is not synonymous with safety of life and limb, what are just a few of the critical issues affecting vision? Right at the top of the list is injury to an eye or both eyes. These can result from impacts of foreign objects, retinal tears, or head injuries which affect vision performance. Health issues also can affect vision, as in diseases, medications, and/or improper diet. Eye disease also is a factor, such as macular degeneration, or cataracts, or both at the same time. Again, some of these may be correctible, some not so much. The key to alleviating many of these issues is keeping ourselves in the best health possible and frequent visits to medical personnel as we age along with vision medical staff. This may seem very simplistic, however, consider that we as human beings for

the most part eat abysmally, smoke, drink to excess at times, have poor blood pressure, lousy cholesterol limits, visit the doctor only when such visit is necessitated by a crisis, and is it any wonder we suddenly wake up to the fact print needs to be much larger, and etc.?

Having briefly mentioned the causes of vision defects, now a look at the causes and effects! As some wise science type once stated, “for each cause there is an effect” or words similar, effects then become causes themselves when the “effect” results in a close call or incident. Depth perception! Ever notice just how far away that pepper shaker seems to be from where your eyes told you it was? Or parking the vehicle is an embarrassment, especially when thinking the vehicle is parked close to an object only to observe that in reality it is still 3-4 feet away? Even worse is thinking there is adequate distance between our vehicle and the one in front only to realize we are able to read the small print on the license plate ahead? Or judging how far we might be riding from the center line or roadway edge to find to our distress we are not where we think we really are? Depth equates with distance, so all of these factors (effects) interact with increasing frequency finally resulting in having to acknowledge we are a hazard to ourselves and everyone else on the streets or highways.

Perhaps the most visual perception of vision related issues is “glare”. Riding or driving at night when we were much younger, glare was not such an issue as it now relates to our aging riding population. Using Mr. Google, I read an article from WebMD which was interesting in addressing some related problems resulting in glare issues with our eyes. “Glare can sometimes impair your vision. Light is scattered within the eye and reduces the contrast of images. The loss of contrast is often worse with disabling glare in dim light as opposed to bright environments”. Causes and Problems: “**Near sightedness**, hard to see things far away often worse at night. **Far sightedness**, hard to see things nearby due to the natural shape of the eyeball”. Now that

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all to close vehicle makes sense! **Presbyopia**, hard to see things due to aging. **Astigmatism**, blurred vision due to irregular shape of the cornea-front surface of the eye.” Glare off a windshield during the day, headlights at night or light reflecting off signs, and riding/driving into the rising or setting sun, are all issues relating to riding/driving blind for a short time period.

Now we get into the crux of the matter of the title of the article. The effects of the prior discussion points is driven home (no pun intended) by some more salient facts. Hang in there; it will all make sense in the end! Reading a study from two fellows named Helmers and Becker from 1975, a test they conducted resulted in the following figures; for a small dark gray target, visibility distance without an opposing set of headlights is 220 meters, or 723 feet. When an opposing set of headlights is present, visibility distance is 40-80 meters, or 131.5 to 263 feet. All the while we are traveling at perhaps highway speed with a sudden reduction in both vision and reduced distance that we can see objects which might impact our line of travel. To place this information in another format, at the reduced figures and opposing headlight glare, the factor is moving at 60 mph and 131.5 feet, the effect is 1.5 seconds our vision is reduced. Using the same speed, and 263 feet, our vision is reduced for 3.0 seconds. That my friends does not even calculate total vision recovery time! In essence, the Braille Method is at work!

Just to place all this in further perspective, consider studies done by Theeuwes and Alferdinck in 1996. Their studies found the following information regarding glare. **First**, with the glare on, people drove more slowly, particularly on dark winding roads where lane keeping was a problem. (Consider the roads in our area, sound familiar?) **Second**,

people missed more roadside targets. (Where did that deer come from?) **Third**, effects were largest for older drivers. (That is us folks!)

Further they found: **One**, older people are working at lower light levels, because of greater absorption of light passage through the eye. **Second**, the amount of light scatter is greater, so the veiling luminance is higher. Therefore visual acuity is reduced. (After age 40 the scale they used indicates loss of acuity is significant.) **Three, older people take longer to recover from exposure to glare**. Again using their data points, at age 40 the average is 8 seconds to recover, and at age 70 it is 18 seconds. And that does not include factoring all the problems, issues, etc. mentioned earlier. **Four, older people generally have a slower cognitive response**.

Now that we all know more than we ever wanted about eye issues, glare, and the cumulative effects of all this data, the main point remains as we look around the room at our age group, many of us meet all the criteria of each item in this article. Does this mean we stop riding or driving? I hope not! What it should suggest is the obvious, which we tend to ignore, is to take steps to reduce the impact of our vision issues. Dark glasses, dark visors during day time rides, corrective lenses, timely checkups, medication, health habits, and perhaps limiting our riding and/or driving during night time hours. We have identified the problem, now we must become the solution. Vanity should not play a role in any of this discussion, as vanity can get us into serious difficulties.

And as always,

**RIDE WITH PRIDE AND CONFIDENCE!**

## Member Wanted or For Sale

This 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.

Items below donated by Sue Venne to be used as a Chapter fundraiser.



Black Denim 25th anniversary Ride for Kids Jacket. Size Large. \$5.00



Honda Part No. 62601-MN5-000 New left hand crash bar for GL 1500 Goldwing. Fits 1988 to 1997 GL1500 Gold Wing. Retail for \$374.40 Sale Price \$25.00

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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*



## **Motorcycles: Are They Relative?**

by Nick Hoppner  
Colorado (West) Motorist Awareness Coordinator

*When motorists think of motorcycles, do they consider their existence on the road relative to themselves and the vehicles they are driving? Even the largest motorcycles—Harley-Davidson Ultra Glide baggers or Honda Gold Wing tourers for example—are smaller in size, weight, and “presence” on the road. And whenever something is smaller or less prevalent than ourselves, we tend to assign lesser import to it.*

Here are some thoughts to share with our non-motorcycling friends.

- 1. Cars, trucks, busses and SUVs vastly outnumber motorcycles on the road.** As a result, many drivers don't pay much attention to them unless or until they're up close and personal. Nobody gets too upset about a rattlesnake that's in their neighbor's yard; it's when the rattler slithers onto our patio that we begin to hyperventilate. And one honey bee buzzing around the picnic table is far less upsetting than a whole swarm of Africanized “killer” bees making a bee line (!) for your unprotected flesh!
- 2. Don't let the numbers game fool you.** Just because motorcycles may be few and far between during your daily drive doesn't mean they're not there. Make an extra effort to look for motorcycles and the people who ride them. They may be more numerous and more close to you than you think! Remember, crunching a motorcycle can more than spoil your whole day.
- 3. Because of their relatively small size, motorcycles can “hide” in plain sight.** A full-dress tourer with two people aboard and a travel trailer on behind can be concealed behind a brown UPS van, a bougainvillea hedge, or an RV parked on the corner. Don't assume there's nobody hiding in that outside

lane of an intersection or nobody about to turn left across your jack rabbit starting lane. The folks aboard that “invisible motorcycle could be your neighbors.

- 4. Smaller doesn't necessarily mean further away.** Just because a motorcycle appears small, don't assume that it's far away. Most motorbikes are only waist or chest high, so they appear to be smaller than other road users around them. But size is a relative thing. If you assume that every threat to your safety comes in a package as big as a garbage truck, you're fooling yourself. Some full-dress touring bikes weigh in at half a ton of speeding projectile.
- 5. That dot on the horizon can fool you.** A fast-approaching motorcycle can morph from a speck on the horizon to an up-close-and-personal close encounter in a few short seconds. All too often we're jolted out of our semi-conscious awareness with words like, “Where the #@^\*# did that thing come from?!” Being startled by a suddenly appearing motorcycle is upsetting to say the least.

So reevaluate how you're “seeing” or not seeing motorcycles around you. Whenever you're behind the wheel, keep your eyes moving and keep your mind expecting to see motorcycles. They're everywhere and they need you to see them so that you and they can both get home safely.

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**Birthdays & Anniversaries**  
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April 11 Joe & Jo-Anne Gilbert



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April 28 Kaye Hamel

April 11 Denise Heath

*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.*



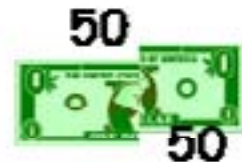
# GOLD WING ROAD RIDERS ASSOCIATION



## Rhode Island Chapter B



**Breakfast Buffet**  
At  
**Corinnes**  
Sunday  
April 26, 2015  
9 - 11 AM



**Rain or shine event!**  
If you can't take the rain, take the car!

Scrambled Eggs,  
Sausage, Daked  
Beans, Home Fries,  
French Toast, Juice,  
Coffee, Tea

Donation is \$15.00 per Person  
Pre-register by April 12, 2015  
Only Pre-Registered members will be  
accepted the day of the Event.

**Lodging:**

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For more information contact:  
Judy/Bob Burns 401 728-6617  
judyburns13@cox.net

Direction on website.





**Rhode Island Chapter B  
Kick Off Breakfast Registration  
NEW LOCATION - Corinne's April 26, 2015  
1593 Newport Avenue Pawtucket, RI 02861**

We are asking that you take a few minutes to pre-register. This will enable us to ensure an ample supply of food at Corinne's therefore we need an exact count. Thank You

Rider \_\_\_\_\_  
Co-Rider \_\_\_\_\_  
Address \_\_\_\_\_  
City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_  
Phone \_\_\_\_\_  
Chapter \_\_\_\_\_ GWRR # \_\_\_\_\_  
Date: / /

\$15.00 Per Person  
Total registrations=      Total due=  
Cut off date for pre-registration is April 12, 2015  
Please make checks payable to GWRR RI Chapter B  
Send checks to: Judy/Bob Burris 10 Preserved Arnold  
Court Lincoln, RI 02865

LIABILITY RELEASE: I/We have read and understand this application. I/We hereby agree to confirm and comply with the terms governing this rally and agree to hold harmless the GWRR, co-sponsoring organization, and any property owners for any loss or injury to self or property in which I/we may become involved by reason of participation in this rally. I/we also agree to assume responsibility for any property which I/we knowingly damage.

Rider Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_  
Co-Rider Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_





**RAMADA**  
 290 Pleasant Street, Lewiston, ME  
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The Ramada Lewiston Hotel and Conf Center is close to  
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Room rates: \$80 (Double Occupancy) + tax/night,  
 Mention the "Gold Wing Road Riders"

\*\*\*there is no elevator - if member needs & can't  
 climb stairs -- pls book early & request 1st floor!!

**Christmas in July**

- Thursday dinner w/Santa and Mrs. Claus & Christmas skit
- Friday afternoon Lobster Bake
- Friday Evening Ice Cream Social
- Friday Night Light Contest w/best Xmas lights
- Saturday Night Banquet / Buffet
- Scenic New England Self-Guided Tours
- Scenic New England Guided Tours
- 50/50 and Chinese raffles
- Ugliest Christmas Sweater Contest

**FULL RALLY REGISTRATION INCLUDES...** Friday Night Ice Cream Social with Music – Friday Night Light Parade – Classroom Seminars – Access to Vendors – Awards – Door Prizes – Self and Guided Tours – Rally Bars – SNOW Drawings – Banquet Saturday Night (first 400 pre-registrations) – and much, much MORE!

Pre-Registration GWRHA Member: \$50.00 pp    Pre-Registration Life members: \$45.00 pp  
 Pre-Registration Non-Member: \$60.00 pp    Children 15 and under with Banquet: \$25.00 pp  
 (All Pre-Registrations must be postmarked on or before June 27<sup>th</sup>, 2015)

**ONE DAY RALLY PASS for \$10.00 INCLUDES**  
 All events for that day up until 5 PM & the ice cream social (Friday night only)

**NOTE: NO ON-SITE FULL REGISTRATIONS**  
*(All information subject to change)*  
 Banquet and rally bars to first 400 full pre-registrations  
 Mileage and age awards will be awarded to pre-registered participants only

Special Drawing!!! **ALL FULL RALLY REGISTRATIONS** received no later than **June 1<sup>st</sup>, 2015** will be eligible to win a "Full Registration + One" refund, a value of up to \$100, depending on number and type of registration(s).  
 The winner will be drawn Saturday night at the banquet.

For Additional Rally Information, Please Contact:  
 Maine District Directors  
 Allen & Claudette Cyr  
 (207) 378 4811

[acyrfire@roadrunner.com](mailto:acyrfire@roadrunner.com) or check us out on-line @ <https://2015newenglanddistrictsrally.shutterfly.com/>



*Nobody has more Fun than "G"!*

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Rider Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Rider Name (print): \_\_\_\_\_ Age (optional) \_\_\_\_\_ GWRRRA# \_\_\_\_\_ Exp.Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_ City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Email (required) \_\_\_\_\_ Phone# \_\_\_\_\_ District & Chapter \_\_\_\_\_ Position \_\_\_\_\_

Co-Rider Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Co-Rider Name (print): \_\_\_\_\_ Age (optional) \_\_\_\_\_ GWRRRA# \_\_\_\_\_ Exp.Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_ City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Co-rider Email (required) \_\_\_\_\_ Phone# \_\_\_\_\_ District & Chapter \_\_\_\_\_ Position \_\_\_\_\_

Direct **Motorcycle Ridden** Mileage to Rally \_\_\_\_\_

**REGISTRATION INFORMATION**

**Rally Registrations:**

Number of Full Registrations* includes Saturday Banquet	Total Registrations	\$ _____
GWRRRA (\$50) _____		
Life Member (\$45) _____		
Non-GWRRRA (\$60) _____		
Child (\$25) _____		

<b>Thursday Dinner w/ Santa &amp; Mrs. Claus</b>	Total for Dinners	\$ _____
with all the fixings (\$17.00 pp) Total Number _____		

<b>Optional Friday Lobster Bake</b>	Total for Bake	\$ _____
Lobster, baked potato & corn on the cob		
Number for Bake :(\$23.00 pp)Total Number _____		

<b>Rally Shirts</b>	Total for Shirts	\$ _____
Number of S/M/L/XL shirts _____ @ \$19 = _____		
2X & 3X shirts _____ @ \$21 = _____		

TOTAL AMOUNT ENCLOSED \$ \_\_\_\_\_

*Cancellations in writing will be accepted if postmarked by July 5, 2015 is subject to \$5.00 handling fee.  
No other method of cancellation will be accepted.*

*\*All information subject to change*

Checks made out to  
**New England Districts Rally**  
Please mail to:  
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Lebanon, NH 03766

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Amount: \$ _____	

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