

"A"WESOME NEWS

FEBRUARY 2017



Chapter NH-A meets monthly, (except December) <u>Wingate Hall, Bethany Chapel</u> 54 Newbury Road, Manchester, NH 03103 at 7:00 PM on the third Friday of the month.





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DIRECTOR'S NOTE



Well Folks, January is gone and Valentine's Day is just around the corner, and February is half gone!! Just a couple of months to go and we'll be riding again., after all March 20th is the FIRST day of Spring. A-WESOME

News. Thank You Doug for a great Levels Safety presentation, especially for the new Level 4 Numbered Master Tour Rider patches to Bonnie Bolster, Dick & Julie Bernier. This brings to 6 the number of Level 4 Riders in NH-A...Way to go. Its easy to get enrolled in the "Levels" program other than the commitment to ride safely. And that is the main concern and goal for our riders, to ride safe. We are planning and looking forward to our "ride planning meeting" on Sunday March 5, 2017, 1230, at Sal's Pizza in Hooksett. so save the date. They are one of our sponsors, so come with ideas, buy lunch and support them as they have supported us. We also have bowling coming up on Sat. March 25th at 4pm . It will be at Park Place in Windham NH with Dinner to follow. Lynne and I are so pleased to be a part of chapter NH-A and all the fun the Chapter is famous for. Dick Bernier has asked the NH chapters to select three classes that he will teach for us, so be sure to select your TOP 3 courses from the ones on the sheet that Laura has at the check-in table. Also, if you have finished your puzzles, we have a "surprise "for you. Also, be sure to look for your member ID in the newsletter for a chance to win a prize and to be entered in a drawing for a free ticket to our 2017 Christmas Party.

As always thank you for your support!

Chris and Lynne



JANUARY GATHERING

What a wonderful night it was for NH-A. Thank you to everyone who made soup, chili and meatballs for everyone to enjoy. Also, thank you to those who brought bread and dessert.







Every chapter was represented at our gathering and we would like to thank everyone for coming and supporting us in our first gathering as Chapter Directors.

We covered much information and Doug did a great presentation on the levels program. We had three NH-A members that achieved their Level 4 Masters Status. Congratulations to Dick and Julie Bernier and Bonnie Bolster. They join David Bolster, Dave and Sue Perrin, which brings NH-A up to six members with a Level 4 Masters Status.



David Bolster "pinned" Glenn Daniels, NH-A MEC. Glenn has been NH-A MEC for 4 years. He is the person for this position and does a phenomenal job.

IN 2015, the District Director, Ed Heath, offered a sum of money to the chapters if they could provide an original idea to attract members. David and Bonnie Bolster thought of the Teardrop Flag which will have a stand that the front wheel of the motorcycle will secure in place. Bruce Luhrs and his son were instrumental in getting the design and the graphics completed. We appreciate their dedication and hard work to come up with a beautiful design that will be seen by many people wherever our rides will take us.





ON January 14th, 11 people went to Leda Lanes in Nashua. We had a great time with 8 people bowling and 3 arm chair bowlers giving us advice (heckling). Scott Smith was the winner with a score of 78. Louise Laposta came in with a score of 77. After bowling 4 of us went out to eat at the Grand Buffet.









"A"WESOME MEMBER PROFILE



Deb & Doug Melanson



Where are you from? We are both from Beverly, MA.

How did you meet? We first me when we were 10 years old, in the summer of 1966 when Deb's family moved into the neighborhood. We dated on and off (mostly off) in the summer of 1970, and again 2 or 3 times in the summer of 1973 before Deb asked Doug to take her to the Rainbow Ball, "just as friends," in November 1973. We've been together since then, although we waited until Doug was finished with graduate school and started working before we formally got engaged in the fall of 1980. We got married in October 1981.

How long have you been married? Last October we celebrated or 35th anniversary.

How many children, first names, where do they live? We have one son, Philip, who lives and works in Los Angeles.

What are your occupations? Doug has been in IT consulting in one form or another since graduating from WPI with his MS in Computer Science. He worked at IBM in Milwaukee and Omaha for nearly 15 years before moving to Cap Gemini in 1995 to facilitate a move back to New England. In 2004, Doug joined Microsoft where he works today as a Services Quality Assurance Manager for Microsoft Consulting Services. Deb also worked at IBM in Milwaukee and Omaha, in administration and HR, before leaving to be a stay at home mom. With Philip now living on his own in LA, Deb is a retired stay at home mom.

What brought you to New Hampshire? After Philip was born, we wanted to move back to this area to be closer to our families. It was this desire to move that prompted Doug to leave IBM for Cap Gemini. After joining Cap Gemini, one of Doug's first consulting assignments was at Chubb Insurance in Concord, which afforded us the opportunity to move and led us to our house in Windham. We moved into our house in February 1996 and have been here ever since.

Member Spotlight Cont'

How long have you been riding motorcycles? Doug has been riding on and off since 1976. Deb would on rare occasion ride as a passenger with Doug from early on, but she became an active co-rider starting in late 2014 after joining GWRRA.

What Led you to GWRRA? After Doug bought a new Kawasaki Voyager in Fall 2010, he began to look for a group to ride with. After doing some internet research over the winter of 2012-2013, he determined to try the Southern Cruisers once the 2013 riding season started, but fate intervened. The Voyager was having sensor and electrical problems. Despite being only a little more than two years old and still under warranty, Kawasaki could not fix the problem and the decision was made to get rid of it.

In February 2013, while talking to George at Nault's in Windham about his decision to part with the Voyager, Doug expressed some interest in a Goldwing. George then made him an offer to take the Voyager back if he would trade it for one of 3 remaining 2012 Goldwings he had on the showroom floor. It was an offer he couldn't refuse and he went home the proud owner of a new Goldwing, of which he took delivery later in March after the snow cleared.

The Goldwing delivery paperwork came with a GWRRA brochure, which he took home and began researching GWRRA online. He decided to take advantage of the free trial membership that was offered and was looking to go to his first chapter meeting in May 2013 with MA-A in Reading when Glenn called and told him about the NH-A Concord chapter that actually met in Manchester. Learning that the Concord chapter met in Manchester made all the difference, as going to Reading was simply because it was closer to home than Concord.

Doug attended his first NH-A meeting at Blake's in May 2013, then joined his first Chapter ride and attended his second chapter meeting in June. That's when he decided that GWRRA and NH-A were a good fit for him, and he officially joined GWRRA as a full member in July. By the next year, he convinced Deb to join, too. That's when she started to become an active co-rider and Doug renewed his membership with Deb on board too.

What was your first motorcycle? Doug's first motorcycles were borrowed from friends since his parents were opposed to him having one as long as he lived with them. He used a Honda CB750 borrowed from a friend to get his motorcycle license in 1976, and he rode his roommate's Suzuki GT750 in graduate school. He purchased his first motorcycle in 1981 after he moved to Milwaukee, an old Honda CL450 Street Scrambler that constantly needed way too much work, which he then sold in spring 1982. After that, most of his riding was once again on borrowed bikes, primarily on his sister Janis' motorcycles, a Honda 500 Shadow, then a 750 Shadow, after she started riding in the late 1990s.

Doug entered motorcycling in earnest in 2008 when he bought a Kawasaki Vulcan 900 after spending 5-6 weeks riding Janis' Honda 750 Shadow that summer while she was climbing Mount Kilimanjaro. He later traded that for the ill-fated Voyager in 2010 that later led to his 2012 Goldwing in 2013, which he and Deb ride now. Since then, he has added a 1997 Valkyrie to his stable to ride locally and solo. Member Spotlight Cont'

What are your Hobbies/ Interests? Besides motorcycling, Doug's other interests and hobbies include reading, flying, photography and target shooting. Deb is interested in fashion and loves to shop, actively participates in a book club, and expects to start horseback riding lessons in the spring. We also both enjoy traveling.

Any pets? What type and names? No pets at present, but we've had 3 Yorkies, Fergie, Maggie and Lily, since the mid-1980s through 2013.

Ever held any Positions in GWRRA? After serving as Assistant Chapter Educator in 2016, Doug became the NH-A Chapter Educator in January 2017 when Dick left the post to focus on being District Educator. In addition, Doug became a Medic First Aid and CPR instructor at the New England Districts Rally last July. Deb has been serving as the NH-A Well-Wisher for the chapter since September 2016.

Have you had any GWRRA training? GWRRA training Doug has taken includes First Aid, CPR and AED through Medic First Aid, Medic First Aid instructor training, Motorist Awareness Seminar, Advanced Rider Course (ARC), Team Riding Seminar, High Side Scenarios, Road Captain Course, Officer Certification Program training, and Co-Rider Seminar. Deb has taken Co-Rider Seminar, Team Riding Seminar, High Side Scenarios, and Road Captain Course.

Deb is so happy she "came out of her shell" with GWRRA NH-A. She not only enjoys the rides, but more importantly, all the wonderful friends she's made as a result of joining this "A" wesome group.









SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
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12 NH-G Gathering	13	14	15	16	17 NH-A Gathering <u>Bethany</u> <u>Chapel</u> 7pm	18
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Combined Chapter



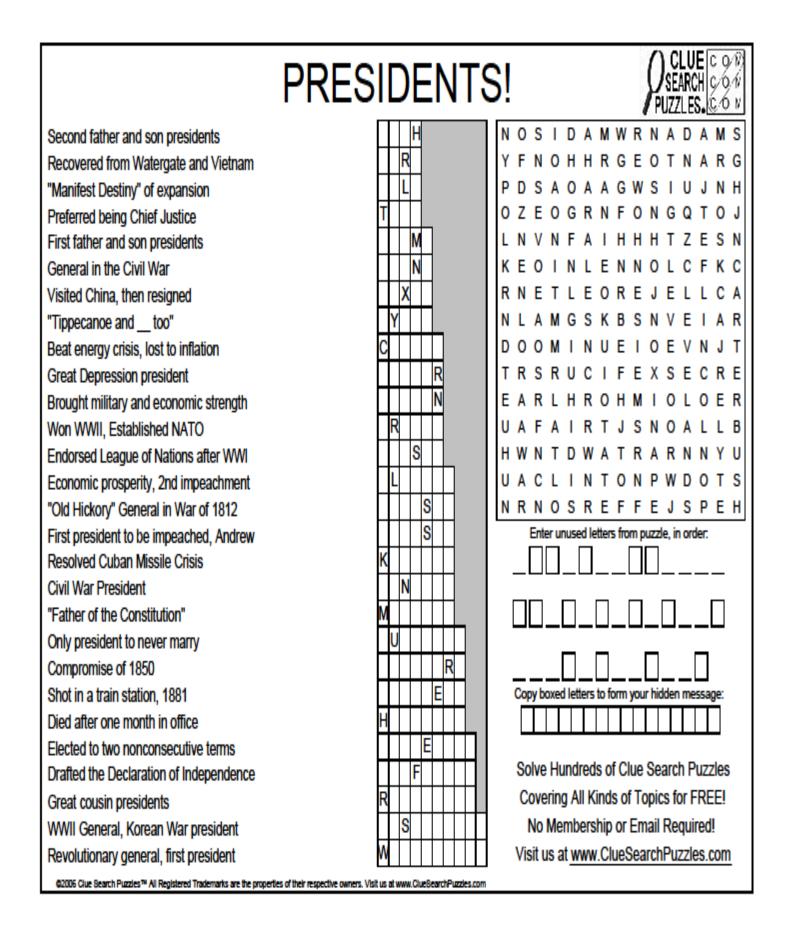
NH District Schedule :

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From the Chapter Educator:

January 20, 2017





First and foremost, I'd like to wish all the members of GWRRA NH-A a very Happy New Year. I hope everyone had the opportunity to enjoy the holidays with family and friends, and I hope we all have a happy, healthy and prosperous 2017 filled with great rides and many miles of riding fun.

Our January chapter meeting was my first as your Chapter Educator. I got to drop the Assistant from the title as of January first with Dick Bernier leaving the post to focus on his duties as District Educator. Dick leaves big shoes to fill, but I believe I am up to the task, having had the benefit of being under Dick's wing as his Assistant Chapter Educator for most of 2016. I know we are all grateful to Dick for his service to NH-A as our Chapter Educator, and we look forward to reaping the benefits of his continued commitment to Rider Education at the District level.

It was a great honor and privilege for me to be able to present Level IV Master Tour Rider status recognition and patches to three NH-A members as one of my first duties as Chapter Educator. Congratulations to Dick and Julie Bernier, and to Bonnie Bolster for the dedication and commitment they have demonstrated to rider education and safety through their participation in the GWRRA Rider Education Levels Program. They've set a great example for the rest of us to follow.

Presenting these awards allowed me to take advantage of the opportunity to present a refresher of the GWRRA Rider Education Levels Program and attempt to generate added interest in the program by tying it in with the typical New Year tradition of making resolutions.

The GWRRA Rider Education Program (REP) is intended to make motorcycling safer by reducing injuries and fatalities and increasing the motorcyclist's skills and awareness. Through Commitment, Education and Application, we can become better riders and reduce accident rates significantly. The benefits of a fully implemented GWRRA Rider Education Program at the Chapter level include:

Increased rider knowledge Increased rider safety skills Prevention of accidents Reduced injuries Reduced fatalities Improved public image of motorcyclists Enhanced enjoyment of motorcycle riding Level I – Safety by Commitment

Level II – Safety by Education

Level III – Safety by Preparedness

Level IV - Safety by Enhanced Commitment and Preparedness

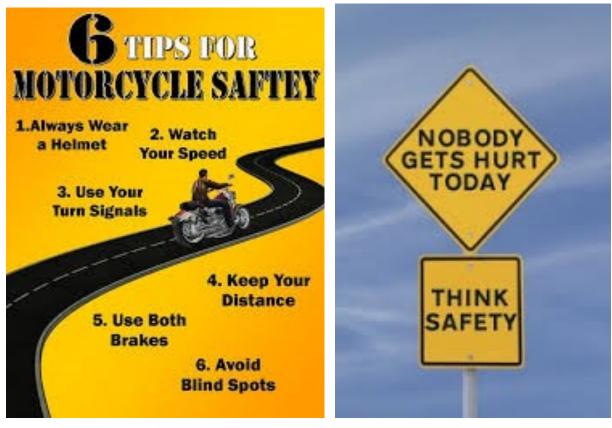
Level I of the REP is also referred to as Safe Miles. It represents the commitment of the Rider and/or the Co-Rider to practice safe motorcycle operation whenever they operate their motorcycle.

Level II is also referred to as Tour Rider. It represents the commitment of the Rider and/or Co-Rider to be safer motorcycle riders by taking approved motorcycle riding courses at regular intervals. Completing these courses provides the foundation and skills for your quest to be a safe motorcycle rider.

Level III of the REP is also known as Certified Tour Rider/Co-Rider. It represents the commitment of the Rider and/or Co-Rider to be prepared in the event of an accident to give aid and possibly save lives. This is done by being knowledgeable in First Aid or CPR and always carrying a first aid kit on your motorcycle. Level III recognizes the need for and encourages proper First Aid or CPR training. CPR (Cardio-Pulmonary Resuscitation), has been used to save many lives. Being trained to render CPR or First Aid is a tremendous asset to everyone the REP participant encounters daily. Additionally, attending a Motorist Awareness Seminar at this level exposes the Member to our program to improve awareness of all road users to the presence of motorcycle, trike, and sidecar enthusiasts.

Level IV is the most prestigious of the REP levels and is referred to as Master Tour Rider/Co-Rider. It represents the highest commitment of the Rider and/or Co-Rider to safe riding and preparedness. This commitment is shown by a demonstrated history of safe miles and current certification in both First Aid and CPR. These Master Tour Riders/Co-Riders demonstrate the finest examples of commitment to safe motorcycle operation and preparedness at the highest level and are our role models as GWRRA Riders and Co-Riders. **Sources:**

GWRRA Rider Education Program at http://gwrra.org/regional/ridered/levelsprogram.html



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Andy Galliher

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To start the morning off, there was coffee, tea, juice, donuts and bagels. After a few hours of classroom, we enjoyed a sandwich buffet which included lunch meat, cheeses, chips, cookies and beverages.

Everyone seemed very enthused about taking the class, almost as much as we were. We also want to thank Bonnie for stopping by and showing her support.

Lynne











Glenn's Points to Ponder

IF A PARSLEY FARMER IS SUED, CAN THEY GARNISH HIS WAGES?

CAN VEGETARIANS EAT ANIMAL CRACKERS?



New Definition of the Month:

LEFTBANK: What the robber did when his bag was full of money

Maybe you knew this & Maybe Not

As incredible as it sounds, men and women took baths only twice a year (May and October). Women kept their hair covered, while men shaved their heads (because of lice and bugs) and wore wigs. Wealthy men could afford good wigs made from wool. They couldn't wash the wigs, so to clean them they would carve out a loaf of bread, put the wig in the shell, and bake it for 30 minutes. The heat would make the wig big and fluffy, hence the term 'bigwig'. Today we often use the term 'here comes the Big Wig' because someone appears to be or is powerful and wealthy.





HAPPY BIRTHDAY

Dave Perrin	2/4
Louise Laposta	2/6
Gloria Lemay	2/8
Bill Chadwick	2/9
Charles Howard	2/10
Scott Smith	2/25
Patty Osborne	2/27





HAPPY ANNIVERSARY



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**(All information subject to change)

***Mileage and age awards will be awarded to pre-registered participants only



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~ Winner will be drawn at Saturday night banquet! ~



For Additional Rally Information, Please Contact: MA District Directors Kevin & Georgia LeBlond (978) 727-3479 or <u>gwrra.mad@outlook.com</u>

Check us out online at https://nedistrictsrally.shutterfly.com

2017 New England Districts Rally Registration July 27, 28, 29

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I/we have read and understand this application. I/we hereby agree to conform and comply with the ideals governing this rally and agree to hold harmless GWRRA, co-sponsoring organizations, 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 that I/we knowingly damage.

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