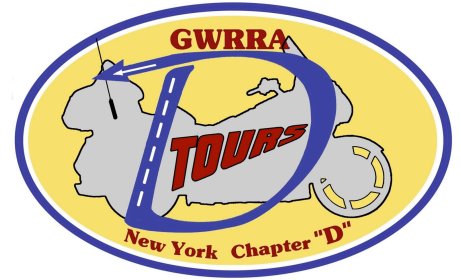




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IMPORTANT UPCOMING DATES

Aug 6-9	NY/NJ Bi-State Convention, Liverpool Holiday Inn
Aug 12	Monthly Gathering @ Euclid Rest @ 6PM (Dinner) followed by Meeting @ 7PM
Aug 16	Progressive Dinner @ 11AM
Aug 19	Ice Cream Ride - ZEMS in Canastota
Aug 21 - 23	Orange CO Chopper - Overnight Ride
Aug 26	Dinner Ride @ Port Byron Diner @ 6:30PM
Aug 29	Brooks BBQ/Norwich Classic Car Museum

BIRTHDAYS

Aug 6 Betty Goldsworthy
Aug 21 Michele Tesch
Aug 24 Keith Ridgeway

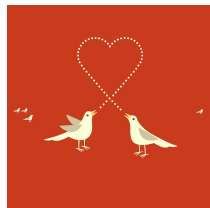


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ANNIVERSARIES

Aug 1 Pastor Scott & Robin Hardy
Aug 4 Bill & Lisa Nickal





...to our Chapter Directors.....



“Outside the Chapter Walls”

August 2015

This past month Lisa and I ventured outside our Chapter “D” walls and traveled to the great state of Maine for the 2015 Northeast Region Convention. The convention was held at the Ramada Inn, Lewiston from the 22nd of July through the 25th. This was our first Region convention and our first as Chapter Directors.

We arrived in Lewiston, Maine after spending a week in the Acadia National Park and a week in the Augusta/Gardiner area. Both Acadia and Augusta/Gardiner allowed us quick access to the roads along the coast and the many harbor towns. If you haven’t made a trip to Maine and Acadia National Park, we highly recommend putting it on your bucket list. Whether you are camping or staying at local B & B’s or motels, there are many to choose from. The historic towns and villages with their old turn of the century mansions and gardens make for great viewing as you pass by, and all the twists and turns make for a lot of great riding. If you like sea food (lobster, clams or more) it doesn’t get any fresher then right off the boat to the dock side restaurants! Lisa and I enjoyed many a harbor side dinner and enjoyed watching the lobstermen as they slipped in and out of the rock coves checking their traps for those prize lobsters. While in Acadia do not forget to wake up early (3:30 AM ask Lisa) and drive up to Cadillac mountain, and take in the first sunrise in the US.

The Ramada Inn, Lewiston put out the welcome carpet for the GWRRA Northeast Region convention! With plenty of space for vendors and a washing station for the many motorcycle guests arriving from all over the Northeast and more, it was a pleasant arrival. Lisa and I enjoyed meeting GWRRA members from Maine, Vermont, New Hampshire, Connecticut, Rhode Island, and even Nova Scotia! When we arrived our own New York District Director Steve Nutting and Assistant Director Gary Cork greeted us. On Thursday and Friday there was a guided ride, as well as, several self-guided rides. Friday night we enjoyed an ice cream social and an opportunity to meet several new friends. Saturday was highlighted by a guided ride, which ended at the local Honda Dealership, Central Maine Powersports, who cooked up a great hotdog and hamburger BBQ! The many participants showed their appreciation by spending their hard earned cash on the many specials inside the show room. Lisa and I took advantage of a special by purchasing a set of tires to replace those we wore out on the many miles we put on in the Great State of Maine! We could not say enough about the friendliness, service and smiles from the staff at Central Maine Powersports, Lewiston, Maine!

Saturday night included a banquet dinner and ceremony. There were raffles to be won and laughter with the many crazy antics from many of the GWRRA members. The banquet hall was packed with well over a hundred GWRRA members in attendance. It was nice to see many members from the states that represent the Northeast Region receive awards and the Region Chapter Couple of the Year awarded. Even the “Ugly Sweater” contest on Friday drew many laughs.

In 2016 the Northeast Region Convention is scheduled for July 21st, 22nd, and 23rd and will be held in West Lebanon, New Hampshire at the Fireside Inn & Suites. If you are interested in experiencing GWRRA outside the walls of our NY Chapter "D", then we suggest that you consider a trip to New Hampshire and the Northeast Region rally 2016.

A reminder that August will bring the Bi-State Convention to Liverpool NY, from August 6th thru August 8th. Chapter "D" will be coordinating the ride schedule to include a scavenger hunt this year, which will add some new excitement. It is important that members of Chapter "D" participate by registering for the convention. Our NY/NJ Districts have put a lot of energy and money into this year's Bi-State and Lisa and I hope we will have a great showing from our Chapter! One way to help is to register for the events and enjoy the meals to help support the NY/NJ Districts. Please join us by attending and registering. See you there!

Stay Safe,
Bill and Lisa Nickal
Chapter Director NY "D"



.....Chapter Rider Educator



Side Tracked

This may not be related to Rider Education, but, you may find some safety in here somewhere.

It's about keeping your bike safe - safe from scratches and finger prints when the bikes are parked. So, there is some safety here. I have witnessed people touching and handling or just resting their hands or arms on bikes without asking the owner if they could. Chances are, if they asked the owner if they could touch their bike, the owner would probably say no.

Most bike owners take pride in their bikes and don't like people putting their finger prints on their bikes. If there is dust, they may put scratches on their pride & joy and we know what happens if we find a scratch :(

My question is, what gives someone the right to put their hands or arms on someone else's bike, be it a resting place or a spot to keep themselves stable, while standing?

I have had people put their hand, or, arm on my bike while talking to me and I have asked them to remove their body part because it wasn't a resting spot. They looked at me like I was insulting them and that they had the right to put their hand/arm anyplace they wanted to.

I, like many other bike owners, spend many hours cleaning, polishing and detailing our bikes because we take pride in them. It's frustrating when someone comes along and doesn't have respect for other's property and put their hand or rest their arm on your pride & joy.

So to the people that like resting a hand or arm on someone else's bike, **think first before you do**. Would you like someone doing that to your bike? I think not. If it's not yours then don't touch.

So, unless you want to pay to have someone's bike professionally detailed, I would keep your hands and arms to yourself and not touch someone else's bike :)

Ride Safe, Ride Smart
Rick & Pam; Rider Educators
Chapter D-NY



...to our Membership Enhancement Coordinator...

Last month we had 29 members in attendance at our gathering. We also enjoyed having 8 members of Chapter NY-W visiting us. It's always great having fellow bikers join us at our events whether it's a meeting or one of our rides! They also joined us on a dinner ride to The Soda Fountain the same weekend. We had a great time together.

Our dinner ride for July brought 17 of our members together to eat at Brenda's Diner in Port Byron. The food was great and there were many laughs. If you haven't been able to join us for a Dinner ride in the past, I'd like to suggest you mark your calendar for the next one at Port Byron Diner on August 26 at 6:30PM...you won't regret it. It's a FUN time for sure!

You'll notice this month that I have made a change in the sign-in sheet. There is an additional column labeled "Term." This is where I have entered the expiration date of your GWRRA membership. I would ask that when you initial the sign-in sheet, you also check the expiration date for accuracy of your GWRRA membership. Let me know if you believe I have entered the wrong information and I'll look into it.

We have acquired some new members in July. One couple... Ken & Michele Tesch, did attend one of our meetings a couple of months ago. Since that time, they not only have joined GWRRA, they also are planning on attending the NY/NJ Bi-State Convention. They are planning on going on one of the rides and maybe even sitting in on a seminar. We also have another new member who recently joined GWRRA. His name is Jeff Bluto and he also is planning on heading over to the Bi-State Convention. Isn't it great that these new folks not only have joined GWRRA, but they have also decided to check out the Bi-State Convention? Let's all be sure to extend a warm Chapter D handshake and/or a hug to these new members of our family!

I have also made a few phone calls to some folks we haven't seen in awhile. It's great to pull in new members, however; we really don't want to lose others. As always, please pass along these links to folks who may be interested in joining GWRRA:

Free 2 month Trial Membership: <http://www.gwrra.org/freetrial.html>

Chapter D webpage: <http://gwrra-ny-d.org/>

"Laughter is the tranquilizer with no side effects"

Trish Thayer
Chapter D - MEC

DETOUR

...a "Blast From The Past"....

August Gathering Notes

33 Members and guests were on hand. Guests included Jim & Kay Porter, Kathy & Fran Dugolinski, Ken Hall and new member Dale Yeager.

As a Safety Topic/ Consumer Tip, Will spoke about "freshness dating" on tires. The last 3 digits of the DOT number on the sidewall are the week and year the tire was manufactured. Keep an eye on this when you buy tires. They have a definite "shelf life"- don't buy any over 1 year old.

Dick advised those of us who own 88-93 "Wings, that if we wanted to test the bank angle sensor, to put the bike on the centerstand, and with the engine running, give the handlebars a good shake. If the bike quits, the sensor is bad.

Believe it or not, the topic of the Christmas party was discussed - there's only 3 more meetings until then! A committee was formed, consisting of Shirley Hammond, Debbie Pratt and the Butlers. Any additional help would be welcomed. The date has been confirmed as **December 16th**. Mark it down on your calendar!

The Fall Leaf Weekend in Brattleboro, Vermont was discussed. Judy blocked out a few rooms at the Days Inn in Brattleboro. The room rate is \$68 double occupancy. If you're interested, you'd better get off the stick! The Days Inn number is 1 800 329-7466. Call Judy Schiller for further info at 458-6061.

The "goodie basket" raffle resumes this month. Let's see what Sherri comes up with.

The 50/50 was won by "Muffin".

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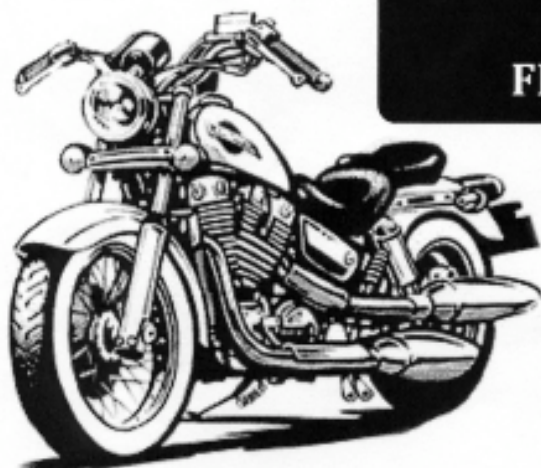
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