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Chapter Director's Notes:



What a difference a year makes..Last year 1st of April was 60 out..this year mother nature plays a "April Fools" with more snow. Last year I had been done sugaring for more than a week, this year it's still going (though end looks to be

insight). Last year I had already put on 100 miles, this year bike is still awaiting to be put back together (seems every time I get ready to work on it, another cold snap hits). Last year we had just joined GWRRA, this year we're Chapter Director's. Now to see what the 2011 rideing season brings (once it gets here).



Bill's Tip of the Month;

Be extra aware of 4wheels as you start the riding season. They've had the road to them selves for 5 months, and it'll take them awhile to realize that us 2 wheelers are back on the road too!



District Director message;



Happy Spring

The calendar says spring is here, and some days it feels a little like spring but then

just a little more snow and more cold weather. Such is the weather in New England. Soon, very soon, the cold and snow will be gone, (the days are already getting longer), the sand will be swept off the streets and bike riding season will

begin. Now is a good time to go out to the garage, you know you can hear that wing calling you, start it up, do routine maintenance, perform T clock inspections

and be ready for that first great riding day. Remember to be careful, as the four

wheel drivers will not be used to seeing motorcycles on the highways, so ride aware.

Dick and I have gone on a few short rides, no group rides as yet, because we

need to get used to riding longer rides slowly. Hopefully, we will be in tip top

shape to ride with all of you this summer. We went to the Florida Convention, and

New Hampshire had at least eight snow birds in attendance. The weather for the

convention was beautiful, quite warm actually, compared to last year and they had

over 1100 people in attendance. Florida has been exceptionally warm with temperatures in the high eighties however a cold front came through and we had

severe storms and funnel clouds which produced record breaking rain.

Yesterday,

the weather was sunny and cool (below 80) and the Perrins led us on a ride to

Mayaaka Florida to see the Lipizzen Stallions at their winter headquarters.

What

a wonderful show, the horses are such magnificent animals, so graceful, yet so

strong. As we were returning from the stallion's performance, Dave Perrin noticed a "stick farm" growing beside the highway. If you do not know what a

"stick farm" is you will need to ask our District Educator when you see him.

We had the pleasure of enjoying a visit at Dottie and Ed Bahrenburg's Florida home and we were introduced to their lovable dog, Max. The Perrons were able

to
join us and we had a great visit. The Bahrenburgs reside in a beautiful park
in
Bartow about thirty minutes away from us. It is just wonderful to have so
much of
our Goldwing family down here, as well as back home. I attended the Fl 2W
picnic, Liz (the CD) and the members did a great job at the picnic, the food
was
delicious and it was great to see our Winter Haven friends. I purchased a
new
light blue FL-2 shirt, guess that makes me an official member of the Winter
Haven
Chapter. We plan on seeing the Central Florida Motorcycle Drill team perform
next Saturday, they do such awesome
riding with their Harleys and their Wings and we hope to get in one group
ride with the Winter Haven Chapter.
before returning to Massachusetts. (I hate to say home, because I am so at
home in Florida).
That is about all the news for this month; we will probably be back, before
the next newsletter is due. How can
that be, it seems we just got here. We are looking forward to seeing all of
you, and hopefully spring will be in
full bloom soon.
Just a reminder, be sure to register for our New England Convention this July.
July will be here before you
know it and the Convention is such a fun time!
We want to send all of you our best wishes for a Happy Easter; hope, the Easter
Bunny
brings you lots of goodies. Hopefully, he will not have to hop through any
snow!

[Pat and Dick](#)

Rider Education;



Dave and Sue Perrin

Interesting facts!

The latest D.O.T. statistics tell us that there are 17 million motorcyclists out there, 11 million of whom consider themselves "active" riders. And these days, when you see a woman operating a bike, it's more than just a novelty; the Motorcycle Industry Council says that women now make up the fastest growing segment of new riders, accounting for 18% of all motorcycle owners.

ABS was first developed for commercial aircraft in 1929 (Maslen, 2008) and was first implemented in production automobiles with the 1971 Chrysler Imperial (Douglas and Schafer, 1971). BMW was the first manufacturer to implement ABS on a motorcycle with its K100RS Special model in 1988 (Tuttle, 2001).

The effect of antilock braking systems (ABS) on motorcyclist fatal crash risk during 003-08 was studied by comparing fatal crash rates per registrations of motorcycles with and without ABS. Study motorcycles included those for which ABS was optional equipment and could be identified as present by the vehicle identification number. Fatal motorcycle crashes per 10,000 registered vehicle years were 37 percent lower for ABS models than for their non-ABS versions.

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also Vicki Sanfilipo at <http://allstateridernews.com/Vicki/LatestStory.aspx>

Regional Notes:



Ed & Dottie Bahrenburg
Northeast Region Directors

My computer inbox is full of announcements for rides and events that are soon to be occurring throughout the Region. That is a sure sign of spring! We do keep track of the weather back home via the internet and talking to various members. The snow seems to be melting and

some of the people in the more southern areas are riding fairly steadily. With all this good weather let's get those PASSPORTS filled out. Remember, you can get it signed for any GWRRA event; Chapter Gatherings, Ice Cream rides, dinner rides etc. If your Chapter has 3 rides a month plus a Chapter Gathering—you can get 4 signatures just by attending your own Chapter events in a single month. So make sure you bring your PASSPORT with you at all times.

National has challenged the Regions and Districts to add additional incentives for the program.

I have our Region Team working on coming up with something for the Region and I am aware of several Districts who are offering some nice prizes. Stay tuned! Along with spring, comes the increased interest in Motorcycling. This is the time we should ramp up our Recruiting efforts. In May, Motorcycle Awareness Month, we start seeing Mall Shows, June has the Americade booth headed up by the New York District. I am aware that New Hampshire has an informational program in place and New Jersey is working with some local Honda dealers on recruiting this spring. New York has another new Chapter on the horizon located in the north country of New York. If your Chapter or District needs help with your specific recruiting program, please contact the Region Team to see what assistance we can provide.

The second part of recruiting is making sure the people who have already joined GWRRA are welcomed into a Chapter and are actively participating with you. Director Stiger has provided us with detailed information that shows that 50% of our members have been with GWRRA for 5 years or less. We can recruit well but we certainly need to do a better job of retaining these

members. The more involved they are with a Chapter, the more likely they will remain members and your friends! Make sure someone in your Chapter reaches out to anyone who has not attended an event in awhile or has shown up on the ARL as a new GWRRA member in your area.

I want to bring you up to date on what your Region team has been working on the last few months. Pete St. Amour has been hard at work on the ARL and has come up with some innovative ways to improve that informational piece. Carol Coyne has been working on all of the 990's and associated paperwork. Tim Grimes has come up with a program to fund the Rider Education instructors travel expenses in an effort to reduce their personal outgo at a time when money for all of us is short. Keith Price is working on training more First Aid/ CPR instructors and the Region has offered to assist the instructors by offsetting some of their class expenses. Mike Mandell has been processing all the new MEC's paperwork, managing the programs under his direction, providing Couple of the Year information and working with our Treasurer, Michelle Perry to get our advertising program off the ground. The Princes, our Chapter of the Year Coordinators, have been working on determining who is going to be the Region's Chapter of the Year as well as providing information about the program to all our Districts and Chapters. Dottie has been working with all the District trainers and/or Directors to make sure that all of the OCP updates have been delivered so no one loses their status as OCP Certified. She also is working with the District trainers to set up OCP's for additional

members who wish to become certified. There will be two Instructor Development and Certification Programs for members wishing to become Leadership Training instructors. She has also worked on scripting modules for the Online OCP which we hope will become available in May.

The Lampe's, our Region Couple of the Year, have been making appearances around the Region. Our new Newsletter Editor, Bob Anthony is doing a fine job and Clark Clemens our Webmaster keeps the website up, current and running. Your Region Director has been handling a lot of paperwork and information that flows both up and down the pipeline (LOL!) as well as trying to keep abreast of all the happenings within the three program areas while being a source of information for our members.

We all have been busy but also having FUN.

By this time next month we will be back in the North and getting ready to travel to the Vermont K Kick-Off and the Rhode Island B breakfast. We really were looking forward to going to the Delaware Hobo Stew but unfortunately the Vermont K Kick-Off is the same day. Hopefully next year there will not be a conflict. Hope to see you at one of these events. Don't forget to bring your PASSPORT!

UPCOMING EVENTS:

May 1, 2011 Chapter F Meeting 12pm DHMC
May 8th..Mother' s Day dinner at Hearts
May 14, 2011 Venco Wing Open House
May 28th, 2011 possible Chapter F open house
 Bunnell' s 488 Main St, Claremont, NH
June 7-11, 2011 Americade
 www.americade.com
June 25-26 Chapter K at Bike Blessing
 <http://nhblessingofthebikes.tripod.com/>
July 6-9, 2011 Wing Ding
July 28-30, 2011 New Eng Convention (Maine)
 <http://www.newenglandrally.org./>
Aug 27, 2011 Ride for Fallen Newport, NH
 www.rollinsride.com
Aug 28, 2011 NH-K Golf Tournament/food drive
Sept 8-11, 2011 Killington Classic
 www.killingtonclasic.com
Sept 18, 2011 NH-E Hobo Stew