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CHAPTER DIRECTOR'S MESSAGE

Well according to the calender, spring is right around the corner....however with all the snow, it might be mid May before we get to ride!!

Had a very productive meeting the 6th along with the delicious pot-luck at Bob & Corabelle's

Keep an eye out for upcoming events..we'll be changing our meeting times as well as starting our "Ice Cream" rides in May.

Next get together is April 3rd with a 1pm Pot-luck at Scott & Patti Holmes

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District Director's Message

We have finally arrived in Florida and we are enjoying the warmer temperatures and beautiful sunshine. We left Manchester on Sunday (2/27) with some new snow on the ground and got here around midnight. We know it is not polite to rub it in, but we have waited so long to return here and after all Spring is a mere three weeks away. We apologize for the delay in sending out the newsletter, but we have had a long standing problem with internet service at our park and finally had internet put into our unit late yesterday.

Dick went out to the trailer on Monday, started the trike, practiced getting on and off with his leg brace, and put on the official handicap plate. Saturday, we took a short ride, with the Perrins, and Dave and Barb Croteau (former members of NH-E). The weather was perfect for riding, the Orange Trees are blossoming, and the blossoms smell wonderful. It certainly was great to be on the trike again. We have a lot of visiting to do and we are looking forward to seeing our Florida GW friends and our northern GW friends who have arrived here before us, including our Region Directors. However, our mission is to relax, take things slowly, let the sun rejuvenate us, and have Dick wait on me as the nurses so nicely taught him during his many hospital stays. Daytona bike week was this week, but we skipped that event, we are hoping to attend the Florida District Convention later this month, and begin to get some signatures in our new Passport book. (There is further info on the Passport program included in the newsletter.)

We would like to offer our Congratulations to Stan and Ginny Gula, the new Couple of the Year for NH-K. Cheryl and John Warner, Chapter K, Assistant Directors and their members surprised Stan and Ginny at a recent event and honored them by nominating them as Chapter K's Couple of the Year. Way to go Chapter K!!! Chapter K will be sponsoring a GWRRA Booth at the Blessing of the Bikes Event in Colebrook, NH on June 25 and 26th. The booth will be open all day Saturday and Sunday, should you have any free time available, Chapter K would welcome to see could use our support. and assistance. This has been a huge welcome our support. In previous years the Bike Blessing was a huge event in NH but the attendance has been down the past two years, and in an attempt to improve attendance we understand that there have been some changes in the committee organizing the event. Just a reminder, do not forget to register for our New England Convention this July. We have brought back the design a Tee shirt contest, if you are interested please be sure to submit your design.

March is such a strange month in New England, sometimes there are major snowstorms and sometimes there are some beautiful days when you can hear that Wing calling you from the garage. Please remember if you decide to get out and ride, do be careful, other vehicles are not used to seeing you and the roads will probably still have lots of sand remaining from the snowy/icy winter. *Pat & Dick*

FROM THE ASSISTANT DIRECTORS



Andy and Mary Tarbell

Hello Everyone;

Here it is March of a new year, time for our Chapters to start making plans for the upcoming riding season. Moving into this annual process Chapter Leadership should make sure that all of our participants are aware of the changes that have come about over the past year, that were covered in the OCP, so we can go forward smoothly.

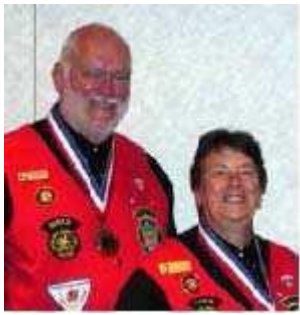
Moving from National Divisions to Programs and having representatives on the Chapter Core Teams is very important. Before you fire off an e-mail telling me that we are out of our minds, slow down, talk to your membership about what these officer need to do. Remember as a Director trying to do it all yourself is a heavy load, a few extra hands will make yours lighter and let you concentrate on having some fun too!!!! If you need information for your participants please remember the District's role is to provide support to the Chapters. We will do our best to get you the help you need if you let us know you want it. Your Core Team is important, please ask your members for the additional hour or two you need.

A cautionary word as your planning for the season commences. Don't be afraid to "Go Green" and recycle. Nothing will chase away new participants faster than a group that meets ideas and suggestions with "We did that _years ago". Stop and remember, they have not done it yet and they joined to have FUN with FRIENDS!!!! If you can't find a new route, you can be pretty sure that something will have changed, the cows went back to the barn, the restaurant has a new name, or someone painted their house purple with pink polka dots. Think about it, how many reruns have you watched on TV? We have never had a rerun on the bike; something is always new and a little different. Play nice and give the new folks their first time.

Please don't forget to take cost into consideration; some folks may be finding their budgets a bit tight and not want to talk about it. Try to have a mix of restaurant and saddlebag meals in your plans, it may help improve participation on some rides.

Another thing you may consider before you finalize your schedules, talk to the other Chapters, see if you may have some common plans that you schedule together, it is an opportunity to see friends, have fun together, and catch up. Stopping together in a larger group might even attract some folks that may want to join us, the more the merrier.

Let us close by saying, mix things up a bit, we all need not only think outside the box but also take the leap out of the box as well. If you do not try it you will not know if it works.



RIDER EDUCATION

Taken from All Headline News, March 3, 2011(www.allheadlinenews.com/content-services)

Despite motorcyclists typically losing the battle in accidents with other road vehicles only 19% wear reflective gear Research from the Florida Motorcycle Safety Coalition shows motorists are to blame in more than 60 percent of vehicle versus motorcycle crashes in Florida. In a recent survey by the American Automobile Association, 71 percent of bikers said the main thing they worried about when riding a motorcycle was distracted motorists and not being seen. However, only 19 percent of them said they always wear reflective gear that would increase their visibility. The survey also found that 82 percent of bikers said they always wear a helmet when they ride, however the top reason for not wearing a helmet when riding was high temperatures.

Michele Harris, AAA's director of traffic safety culture, said in a statement, "Motorcycle riders are more at risk than other motorists since they are often hard to see. Florida's growing population of motorcycle enthusiasts makes motorcycle safety an important and necessary topic of discussion." With the upcoming Bike Week in Daytona Beach, traffic safety officials are using the national event to advocate safe road operation of motorcycles and promote optimum safe driving. AAA offered motorcycle awareness tips for motorists:

- Check blind spots before changing lanes or merging, especially in heavy traffic. Assume motorcycles pulling out of side streets do not see you and may pull in front of you.
- Expect to see motorcycles as they are often hard to see in traffic. Look for a helmet, tires, or a shadow alongside a vehicle that you can't see around. Don't drive distracted. A driver who takes their eyes off of the road for just two seconds doubles their risk of getting into a crash. Distracted driving is a major cause of motorcycle crashes.
- Keep your eyes and ears open at all times. Motorcyclists may blend into groups of vehicles and can be closer than you think. Also, not all motorcycles are loud, so listen closely if you think one is nearby.
- Watch out when making a left-hand turn. Most crashes between cars and motorcycles involve left-hand

Regional Notes:



See The Beacon <http://www.gwrra-northeastregion.org/node/39> for the Regional Newsletter
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UPCOMING EVENTS:

April 3,2011 Chapter F meeting 1pm pot-luck at Scott&Patti Holmes

May 1,2011 Chapter F Meeting

May 8th..Mothers day get together at Heart's Restaurant

May 14,2011 Venco Wing Open House

May 28th,2011 possible Chapter F open house

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June 7-11,2011 Americade

www.americade.com

July 6-9,2011 Wing Ding

July 28-30,2011 New Eng Convention (Maine)

[http://www.newenglandrally.org./](http://www.newenglandrally.org/)

Aug 27,2011 Ride for Fallen Newport,NH

www.rollinsride.com

Aug 28,2011 NH-K Golf Turnament/food drive

Sept 8-11,2011 Killington Clasic

www.killingtonclasic.com

Sept 18,2011 NH-E Hobo Stew

