



**CHAPTER N H E
GWRRA WING WORDS February 2008
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New Webpage <http://www.qwrranhe.com/>

NHE PHOTOS now on our new website

GET-TOGETHER IS : THE LAST SUNDAY OF THE MONTH

GET-TOGETHER PLACE : CYPRUS GROVE RESTAURANT
ROUTE #119 RINDGE, N.H.
BREAKFAST TIME 8:00 AM

with participants discussion of current and up coming issues and events to follow



NH-E Director's Message

Hi Everyone, Hope you all are surviving the cold, snow and rain, remember Spring is only one month away!!!! Dick and I are hoping that we all be rewarded this spring, summer and fall with some good New England riding weather. Dreaming of sunny skies and good riding days is keeping us all going during this long winter.

We had our ride schedule meeting last Sunday in the SNOW, and we came up with some new rides and included some old favorites. Thanks to Rick and Donna for allowing us to use the Park Office, and for all their assistance, setting up chairs, shoveling snow, and printing up our ride schedules. A copy of the ride schedule is attached, we tried to add more picnic rides, keeping in mind the rising cost of fuel, and knowing that riding, dining out and visiting a zoo, museum, etc. can get very costly. Our members provided an excellent potluck, and our newest member Tony, made a cake that our Director and Assistant really enjoyed. Tony made the recipe himself, if only he could remove the calories. Our old friend Bob would have been so proud to see Tony following his footsteps. During the meeting, we showed an educational video from GWRRA, the content was okay but we would have liked to see some Wings in the video. We can be so particular. I think it is just we are so in love with our Wings we can never get enough of seeing and riding them. At some time in the near future many of us we would like to see the co-rider video again, hopefully, it may be available at the Rally.

I know many of us have booked our rooms for the rally, and just a reminder to register for the rally as well as soon as possible. It sounds like a great time many of us enjoyed the last one in Vt. Hopefully, Loretta and Paul will not have to go to jail this year.

The Region will be providing Horizon Training at the Best Western Hotel in Keene on March 8, and 9th the only fee is a \$10.00 food charge. This is an excellent opportunity to learn more about GWRRA, it is available right in our back yard. I am old told this is a fun time with knowledge that can be used in all area of our lives. Please take advantage of this great opportunity.

On a personal note, Dick returned from the Drs. in Boston last week, and received some positive test results, which will allow us to take our trip to Arizona. Thanks for your prayers. We plan on leaving February 20th (weather permitting) and will be returning in early April. We will be available by e-mail and please feel free to call us on our cell phone. Telephone number is 508 341-1687. Call just to say Hi, we have plenty of minutes! We plan on visiting Bob and Hazel while we are there. Ted and Karen will be leading the February and March breakfast get together. They will do an awesome job, and we appreciate them taking on this added responsibility for us.

At January's get together, Margo won the 50/50 drawing and I forgot to mention that David won the 50/50 in November.

We heard that Dave's mother was in the hospital and hope she is on the road to recovery. Dave, please send our get well wishes to your Mom. Margo's foot is healing and she is getting around okay with her boot. For the past three years Margo has had foot surgery, perhaps, she over uses her foot keeping Bruce in line, Bruce has named her Twinkle Toes, and I think if he keeps that calling her that he may be in more

trouble! Roxanne was not feeling well on Sunday and we missed her at the meeting, hope you are feeling better Roxanne! We understand that Wayne Ferlands' Dad is not doing well, so please keep them in your thoughts and prayers as well. This is Michelle's busy season at work, take care of yourself and make sure you get enough rest, I am sure the IRS will wait for you to complete all those tax returns!!! It sounds like there have been many fires this winter around Armand's area, so Armand be careful.

Since February is Heart Health awareness Month, I have included a brief article on heart attacks.



Heart attacks are often the most missed of illnesses. Often a person having a heart attack mistakes the symptoms as nothing more than indigestion and will often deny that they could possibly be experiencing anything more serious. Look for other signs, such as shortness of breath or profuse sweating. If a person experiencing chest discomfort describes it as "it feels like an elephant is sitting on my chest" you can pretty much assume that a heart attack is in progress. Women may not experience the same symptoms that a man might. Women experiencing a heart attack often complain of neck pain, lower back pain or pain in the back of the neck. Rarely do women exhibit a crushing pain in the chest. Below, we have listed the warning signs and treatment for a heart attack. **Call 911 immediately if you suspect anyone of experiencing a heart attack.**

In closing all of you please take care of yourselves, stay Safe and Healthy. We look forward to seeing you in April, we will miss you! We will fill you in on our travels in the March newsletter.

Pat and Dick

Assistant Director's Notes

Ah, yes, winter. When will it end !?!?!?! We have had enough of this as I'm sure all of you have. But just look at it this way – only one more NH-E meeting this winter. The one after that will be SPRING. And to get us all in the spring mood (if that is really necessary) we had our ride schedule meeting. It looks like we have a full schedule with a lot of good rides planned. Our thanks to all who helped us come up with the ideas. With some luck maybe none of these rides will get rained out this year. Again this year at the ride schedule meeting, we were treated to a great pot luck dinner. I've always enjoyed pot luck because you get to try out new things. By the empty plates I saw around the tables I guess that I'm not the only one.

Ted and I have a new addition to the family, a fish tank. Ted has wanted one for a long time but I was fighting it. Well, I gave in finally and I do not regret it. I did make it clear that the only thing I will do with the fish is say "Aw, how pretty" since I have a terrible history with fish tanks. I seem to kill all the fish somehow. So Ted has to do the feeding and maintenance. We have it set up directly opposite the couch and next to the TV. Some evenings I find myself watching the fish instead of the TV. Hmmm, maybe we should have done this sooner.

On EBay, Bruce found us a 2007 blue Goldwing with only 2000 miles on it. Unfortunately, I didn't get there fast enough. Someone bought it out from under us. Maybe it will happen one of these days. I'll tell you, the blue 2007 is very hard to resist. The color just sparkles especially with all that chrome I want on it.

We just received the sad news about Sarge. He was definitely one of The Best. He had such an easy going friendly way about him and he always made everyone feel welcome. I cannot express how much he will be missed. Our thoughts and prayers go out to Carol and the rest of his family.

Keep warm and stay safe,
Ted & Karen

Hi from Canyon Vistas RV Resort

February 10, 2008, Sunday

Hello again from really warm and sunny Arizona. Yes, the warm weather has finally arrived. I am wearing a short sleeve shirt and my Capri pants. Today we both sat outside and worked on our tans. ☺ We know the weather has finally warmed up because everyone is sitting outside for "Happy Hour". I should add that there have been a couple of days when the temperature did not get about 50 degrees. One day, we had heavy rain here in the Valley, and it was snowing in the mountains, which we could see from our site. Bob had to scrape the windshield one morning. (Can you feel our pain?)

There are plenty of activities going on out here, and we try to participate as much as possible. One night there was an "I Love Lucy" look-alike night with a roast beef dinner included. Well, there was also a contest for Fred, Ethel and Ricky look-alikes. When it was time to choose a Fred look-a-like, all the men with thinning or thin hair were asked to come up front. We encouraged Bob and our friend Ray to go up. There were about 10 guys that participated. (Everyone had a ballot so they could vote for their favorite.) When the ballots were counted, Bob was the winner for the Fred Mertz look a-like contest. We were all surprised. He won a \$20.00 gift card to a local grocery store! One Friday night we went to a 50's/60's Sock Hop. Yes, I did wear a poodle skirt! We had a great time.

As I mentioned in the previous article, there is a mini race track that is used for remote control vehicles. It is called the Half-Fast mini 500 race track. The grand opening was held on Friday, February 2nd. Bob and I both participated. He took part in the new driver's heat, and I was in the powder-puff heat. Bob did not do well in his heat, but he has not practiced enough and he had two other cars racing. I won my heat, but in the next round, my car lost power. One of our friends let me use his car, but I was not used to it, and I lost. However, we all had a great time!

We got together with our friends for a Super Bowl party. Bob and I actually purchased Patriots AFC Champions tee-shirts! Yes, we wore them to the party. We all had a good time, but the final score was not good. However, earlier in the week, we took a chance in a Super Bowl pool, and Bob had me put my name on the "square". This pool was based on points scored in the quarter. Well, I won \$125.00 in the fourth quarter. I was not even aware that I had won money until after the game was over. I was so upset over the outcome of the game, that I could not even read the newspaper articles about the game. (The game itself was held about 45 minutes away from where we are located.)

As you can tell, we are having a great time out here. The above are just some of the high-lights of what we have been doing. I will keep you posted on our adventures next month. Please drop us a line if you have time. We miss you all.

Bob & Hazel



Birthdays in February/March

Anniversaries None until April

Roy Bushey	2/12
Paul Zamitis	2/25
Vicki Caron	3/14
Margo Koch	3/24

Upcoming Events

February 24 Monthly breakfast get together 8:00 A.M. Cypress Grove, Rindge N.H.
March 8 & 9 Horizon training, Best Western Hotel, Keene, N.H.
March 16 Dine Out 4:00 P.M. place to be determined at Feb. get together

Chapter Educator

What's around the corner?.....

SIGHT DISTANCE

We often use the phrase, "adjust your speed to sight distance" Let's be specific about what that means. At any given speed a certain minimum distance is needed to stop a specific motorcycle. If you expect to avoid that wild deer or those motorcycles splattered on the pavement just around that next blind turn, your speed must be limited to your stopping distance For example, let's say your machine is capable of coming to a stop from 60mph in 120 feet. If you can't see any farther ahead than 120 feet your speed shouldn't be any faster than 60 mph.

Looking forward to discussing this safety tip with you at our get together.

See you there Paul Zamitis NHE EDUCATOR



THE EDITORS

S P R I N G

Well the rides are planned and just hope Spring comes soon That rain we had this week got into our cellar I think snow would have been better. Thank goodness for wet vacs!!!

No news from Roy and Bev yet I heard they were visiting the Florida keys for the month of February. He sure celebrates birthdays On the 12 he gained a year on me making me younger again Nice work !!!!

I am sorry to inform you of the passing of a great friend and member of GWRRRA today. Our friend Louis Sarge Richard suffered a massive heart attack. The plans are not completed as of yet. I will send you a note when I get the information from Flo Gagnon She called me and will call again when more information is available. Please keep the family in your prayers.

Well I guess that is it for now. Loretta & Paul Zamitis

District/Regional News

We all know January is the first month of a new year. It is a time when people reflect back on the good and not-so good happenings of the past 12 months. January also represents a new beginning, a time to look ahead to strive to set new goals, make changes and start anew. Now February comes along and it's time to implement these changes and dive right into a new phase in our lives. GWRRRA falls into this habit as well.

With 2008, came the implementation of the change in the tenure program; which we all know, can be a good thing and a bad thing, depending on how you want to look at it. For Region B it was a very GOOD thing. We are very excited to announce that our entire Region Staff has agreed to stay on in their positions. And, with the exception of only one District Director, all other 10 DD's have done like wise. This proves what we have been saying since taking office. We have an outstanding team of people in the Northeast Region. You are all dedicated and work very hard to make Region B a safe, fun and friendly place to ride your motorcycle. We wish to thank everyone for allowing us to be a part of the success within our region. It is because of all the directors, both District and Chapter, coordinators and staff members we serve, that we can accomplish our duties and responsibilities. We look forward to great things for 2008. Together we can accomplish anything. We all make an outstanding team!

January was also the month that began the 2008 Region Rally cycle. Maryland opened the season with a very successful, fun and exciting but emotional Winterthing in Ocean City. Congratulations to everyone involved. The entertainment was second to none. The food was superb as well. But, as previously mentioned it ended on a very sad emotional note. Charlie Gallagher, our Maryland District Director announced that he was stepping down because of health reasons. But he vowed that he would be back and asked if we would find a place for him on the Region staff, once he "licked this nasty thing". Charlie, there will always be a place within Region B for you and (I bet) there might even be a place for you within the District of Maryland as well. You just say the word, tell us when you are ready, and we will make it happen. Charlie, we did not have the pleasure of getting to know you personally until we became

Region Directors. It is quite apparent that it is our loss. Despite everything, you always have a wonderful sincere smile, kind words for everyone, and a sensational attitude. We can also see that you have the love, and respect from your entire district and many in Delaware as well. Region (and perhaps Maryland too) will be waiting to utilize your talents and directorship whenever you are ready. We wish you nothing but peace, love and better health. We thank you for the time you have given us and we will keep you in our thoughts and prayers.

Allen & Gwen Willingham have accepted the new position of Maryland District Director. They, along with the Assistant Maryland District Directors literally jumped in and finished what Charlie started. They were the force and energy behind Charlie all through Winterthing which was one of the reasons for its great success. After meeting Allen & Gwen, Peter & Alice Surette, Ray & Cheryl Hartman and Bruce Hill, the Maryland ADD's, we are confident that Charlie is leaving Maryland in good capable hands. Please join us in welcoming the new Maryland Directors. We look forward to working with you. Okay, back to business...

WING DING 30

Now that everyone has their new 2008 calendar, it's time to fill in the blanks. For us this is the fun part of our job. Making our plans to RIDE and visit the various rallies and districts. We go online and write out all the dates of the BIG events AND the Region rallies, events, training programs etc. We mark our calendar, then send in our registrations and start calling hotels. We suggest you do the same, if you want to insure that you have a FUN & FRIENDLY riding season. Remember, the fun is in the planning and anticipation of the event, as much as riding itself.

We hope one of the first things you plan to do is go to WING DING 30 in Greenville South Carolina. We are fortunate this year that it is being held in the Eastern part of the country. It makes for a great opportunity for many Northeast Region members who have never experienced a Wing Ding to try it out. The Northeast Region is responsible for organizing the Grand Parade, where GWRRA will go into the Guinness Book of World Records for having the most Gold Wings in a single parade. The Guinness officials will be on hand to witness and authenticate the event. So here is your chance to go down in History. Oh, by the way, the Northeast Region is also responsible for the Grand Light Parade as well. So we will be looking for volunteer help then as well. What can you do to help? Well the main thing we need is to get the volunteer manpower lined up to handle the events. . The Grand Parade is where we need the most help. Due to the anticipated large turnout, we need at least 50 volunteers available. Of course, the more volunteers the better for everyone. We will need to split into 2 groups; one group for the parade staging and one group for the parade de-staging. If you haven't started already, please contact your Chapter Directors so they can get the word out to their members that we need volunteers for Wing Ding. As far as the Lighted Bike Show, we can probably get by with about 20 volunteers. Our main goal is for the members that attend Wing Ding to have a good and safe time. And having the proper manpower helps accomplish that goal. Your cooperation in passing on this information to everyone and then making a list of those who will help us by volunteering will be greatly appreciated.

What's new on www.gwrra-northeastregion.org?

Well, for one thing, we hope you have noticed our new website sponsors. Better yet, why not look over their ads and visit their website. You may find something new and different. And, perhaps, if you know of anyone who might be interested in sponsoring our website, please ask them to contact us for details. We have had many people email us and ask us if we could provide them with information on the dates and locations of rallies within our region. So with the help and cooperation of our Region Webmaster, Tom Evans, we will be adding a "calendar" list of rally events (by date) within our region. Those questions made us think about adding a calendar list of training sessions and rider education seminars, which are being held within the region as well, such as the New England Horizons and the New Jersey Horizons. It

is a two-fold reason...First: It sends the message that our region is supporting these divisions and is offering numerous opportunities to enhance Knowledge within all divisions of GWRRA. And, second: when and if region members want to know when and where there is training, they can find it on our website. This will and can happen if we work as a team. Tom Evans suggested we bring it to a higher level. He will provide a login for the Region Rider Educator and Region Leadership Trainer so they can put events on the calendar as well. Additionally, he will provide logins for FA/CPR and other staff positions. Also, he is willing to create a login for each DD so they too can post their major events within their district such as rallies, ride-ins, picnics etc. The really huge advantage to this is that the webmaster (Tom) creates the calendar format, then others post their own information, and the webmaster is out of it. We use an approver, (that would be your NERD's) to make sure that the posting makes sense, has the necessary information including place, contacts, etc, and calendar events are not created for competing organizations, beer busts, etc, before the items are made public. So, for example, if the Region Trainer wants to post the list of Horizon and other leadership programs around the region, and the Rider Educator wants to post a list of Rider Ed classes, being conducted at any of the 80+ chapters and 11 districts, they can use their login and post it directly on the website after sending us a copy for approval. The Region Webmaster is not responsible for other Division or District information nor does he have the time to do the research to develop those lists himself, nor does he have the contacts. The only way this will work is if we have support from those who will benefit from the information, namely the Rider Ed and Leadership Training Division as well as the Districts hosting an event. Also, Tom stated that, if we will, in fact, have a lot of those events to post, he will provide a "month-at-a-glance calendar" that will be very user friendly and look very professional. Take a look at this calendar for a sample <http://www.ftroop-j.com/events.htm>.

So, these are some things we think about, but not limited to just this. Some of you may not believe this, but WE ARE ON YOUR SIDE and our minds do keep working to strive to find ways of making your job better, easier, faster, successful and MORE FUN. The door to communication is ALWAYS OPEN. When you want to vent, make a suggestion, or any other reason, just contact us. We will get back to you as soon as we get back from one of our trips...or sooner.

Oh...Knock, knock. Who's there? Will... Will who? Will you be our Valentine?

**Happy Valentine's Day
Lorraine & Earl**

Memorable Events in Chapter E's Family

Bev and Roy are off somewhere enjoying themselves.

Fred & Lisa just returned from Florida.

Ted is back in class, just completed one certification and now is starting his second class. Way to go Ted!









Karen told us on Sunday that she is counting down to retirement. She had only NINE Years left as of Monday. What a countdown!

NH-E RIDE SCHEDULE 2008






Date	Leaving From	Time	Ride location Raiser	** Indicates Chapter Fund
April 11		6:00pm	CPR Recertification	Tentative
April 13				
April 20	Chopsticks	8:00	RI B Kick off Breakfast	**
April 27	Cyprus Grove	8:00	NH-E Breakfast & Mt. Kearsarge Indian Museum	
May 3	Stop & Shop	9:00	Venco Open House	
May 4	Best Western	9:00	Wright's Chicken Farm	
May 11	Best Western	9:00	Mother's Day Willimantic, CT Victorian Homes	
May 18	Best Western	8:00	Ft. Trumbull and US Nautilus CT	
May 25	Cyprus Grove	8:00	NH-E Breakfast & pick up ride	
May 25			Vietnam veterans Ride, Gardner, Ma	
June 1	Best Western	8:30	Southwick Zoo [picnic lunch]	
June 2-7			Americade	
June 4	D&D	7:00	Americade Day Ride	
June 8	Best Western	8:30	Gillette Castle	
June 15	D&D	9:00	Father's Day Antique car show Manchester, VT	
June 21			Ma M. Crusin for a Cure, Quabbin Reservoir	
June 20-22			Blessing of Bikes, Colebrook N.H.	
June 22	Horse	9:00	Paul's Ride	
June 29	Cyprus Grove	8:00	NH-E Breakfast & Eagle Bridge, NY for Lunch	
July 3-6			WingDing, Greenville, S.C.	
July 6	Horse	9:00	Trolley Museum and Bridge of Flowers [picnic lunch]	
July 13	D&D	9:00	A&W, Middlebury, VT	
July 17-19			All N E Rally, Rutland, Vt	
July 20			Open	
July 25-27			Honda Homecoming, Marysville. Ohio	
July 27	Cyprus Grove	8:00	NH-E Breakfast & MA-F Poker Run for Fun	
August 3	Stop & Shop	8:00	Kancamangus Highway	
Aug 7-9			Wings over the Finger lakes, Newark, N.Y	
Aug 9 & 10			Vermont Chapter A Picnic/ride	**
Aug 10			Open	
August 17	Best Western	8:30	Ride for Kids	
Aug 21-23			Pa Rally, Johnston, Pa	
August 24	Horse	9:00	Picnic lunch and Hobo Stew meeting/Fred's Ride	

August 31	Cyprus Grove	8:00	NH-E Breakfast & Pick Up Ride
September 7		8:00	Hobo Stew American Legion Hall Keene
September 14			District picnic /Memorial Ride
September 21	Best Western	9:00	Ma W Barbecue Oxford, Ma **
September 18-20			Wings over the Smokies
September 28	Cyprus Grove	8:00	NH E Breakfast & Apple Picking
October 5	Best Western	9:00	Shelley's Diner
October 12	Stop & Shop	9:00	NH G Poker Run to benefit Ride for Kids**
October 19			
October 26		8:00	NH-E Breakfast
November 2			
November 9		4:00	Dine Out
November 16			
November 23			
November 30	Cyprus Grove	8:00	NH-E Breakfast
December 7			
December 14		3:00	Christmas Party Cypress Grove
December 21			
December 28			No Breakfast meeting
December 28		12:00	Appreciation Dinner at Pat & Dicks

March 2008

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2	3	4	5	6	7	8  Horizons Program Best Western, Keene
9  Horizons Program Best Western, Keene	10	11	12	13	14  Vicki Caron's Birthday	15
16  Dine Out 4:00 TBD	17  St. Patrick's Day	18	19 SPRING !!	20	21 Good Friday	22
23  Easter	24  Margo Koch's Birthday	25	26	27	28	29
30  NH-E Breakfast 8:00 Cyprus Grove	31					

April 2008

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1 April Fool's Day	2	3	4	5
6	7	8	9	10	11 CPR Recertification	12  Leo & Jean Goodwin's 50th Anniversary
13	14	15  Dana Robertson's Birthday	16	17	18	19
20  RI-B Kickoff 8:00 Chopsticks	21	22	23	24  Rod Stone's Birthday	25	26
27  NH-E Breakfast 8:00 Cyprus Grove Mt. Kearsarge	28	29	30			