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November 2021



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Friends for Fun, Safety and Knowledge

Happy Riding Season



Hello fellow wingers! First, we would like to apologize for not getting Newsletters out to you this Summer. We thank you for your patience.

We are already through Summer and almost Fall. We hope that you have had "enough" riding time (as if there is ever enough time), and I don't mean lawnmower time. We have had many great rides the last few months. There is still time and good weather to continue to get rides in.

We are still seeking Chapter Directors and Assistant Directors to carry the chapter forward into next year. You have NO shoes to fill, just bring your own style. We will always be around for support and to help where needed. We have so many talented members that are willing to help out.

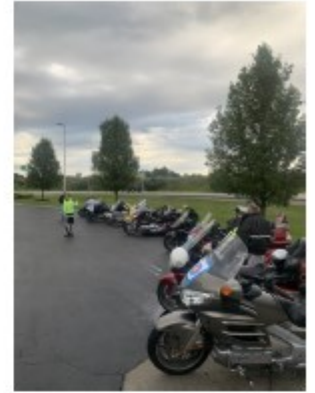
If anyone has an interest in any of our jobs that are available, please contact Lynne or I.

Thank you,

Chris & Lynne



FUN TIMES THROUGH THE SUMMER



ANNUAL BUG RUN.

Congratulations to Ray Beaulé.
He is the lucky winner to bring
home the lovely trophy.



Mt. Kearsarge Ride

2021 NH-A Bug-Run Bugs for Breakfast

What if I hold the ride and nobody comes? We just had a tropical storm dump 2.5 inches of rain. Showers are threatening. Heck, it's already raining. Meet at 6:30AM with KSU at 7:00 What was I thinking??

My worst-case scenario never materialized. Rolling into the Manchester starting point with plenty of lead time Ray and Francine were already there. The group quickly grew to 10 bikes and a car. Bugs for Breakfast was a go!

After affixing targets to the nose of our bikes, we headed out crossing the river to Rt. 3 and onto the Intervale Farm Pancake House in Henniker.



In the middle of this hour-long ride a shower arrived drenching us for about 5 minutes. But, since I'm riding with the toughest riders around, no one seemed to notice. Except for the targets. Which sustained considerable damage tearing like tissue paper.



We arrived at Intervale to clear skies, plenty of parking and two more guests. Even though the restaurant takes no reservations all 17 of us sat down at the same time. Patience prevailed as

Intervale, much like many other places, was short on staff. NH-A also has the most patient members.



Deciding we hadn't had enough bugs we left the targets on and headed off for pastries. Ray and Francine were the clear leaders at this point. Everyone else was in catch up mode. We ended another hour together on Rt 101 in Amherst at the Black Forest Café. A customer mentioned we looked like a parade, albeit a quiet one.

Upon arrival everyone checked their targets. Francine and Ray had a bug closest to the center and were declared the NH-A Bug Run Champions for 2021!



After enjoying some breakfast dessert, having great conversation with great people we headed off to enjoy our day.

Congratulations again to Ray and Francine the NH-A Bug-Run Champions for 2021.

Thanks for coming to the ride where I thought no one would show up!



**Congratulation Francine and Ray
2021 Bugs for Breakfast Champions**

Why belong to GWRRA? There are many benefits to GWRRA membership. Our members enjoy special camaraderie and fellowship and the comfort of belonging to the largest family of Gold Wing/Valkyrie owners. We like to share our pleasure in the freedom of riding motorcycles with others like ourselves. We strive for improvement by attending GWRRA safety workshops. We share technical expertise, news and tips about riding, maintenance and the best touring routes in the world. We also offer emergency towing and roadside assistance program. Rescue is a benefit that ensures peace of mind, day or night. Among our 80,000 skilled and dedicated members can be found the answer to just about any question about the Gold Wing/Valkyrie, whether new or old! Membership, signified by our special, membership card, also results in benefits like discounts at many Honda dealerships, certain hotels, campgrounds and travel agencies. And, if you ever need help when traveling, our Gold Book Directory connects you with your nearest friends wherever you are.

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CONTINUED FUN TIMES THROUGH THE SUMMER



Alton Bay Picnic Lunch



COVERED BRIDGE RIDE AND LUNCH

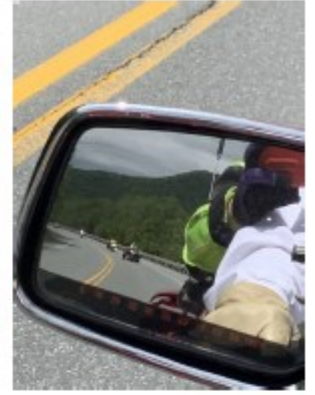
MORE SUMMER FUN
CASTLE IN THE CLOUDS
AND WELCOMED NEW MEMBERS



VT-A's WEEKEND AWAY AT WELLS OGUNQUIT



FUN TIMES AT THE WEEKEND AWAY



FALL FUN WITH OUR WINDY RIDGE APPLE ORCHARD RIDE



DAIRY QUEEN DRIVE UP AFTER

ANNUAL FALL FOR FUN



“August is National ... Month”

August, 2021



Rider Education

The core reason for the Rider Education program is knowledge and the ability to operate a motorcycle safely, in all conditions.

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GWRRR Rider Education Program Notice – Extended Levels Program Grace Period
For any GWRRR member, whose current Levels Program certification has expired since Jan. 1st, 2020, the *Grace Period* for being current has been *extended until June 30th, 2022*. All members should consider taking **whatever class or course you need to become or remain current in the Levels Program**.

August is National Wellness, Happiness Happens, Family Fun and Brownies at Brunch Month!
Rarely, if I think I really need a reason to celebrate, or ride our Gold Wing, I turn to the [National Day Calendar](#) web pages. Below is a list of some of the National Month designations for [August](#). For each, I've given some of the “official” information. To that, I've added my personal suggestions of how to enjoy them.

- **National Happiness Happens Month** – Happiness is a choice, pursue Happiness every day. What better way to peruse happiness than taking a curvy road motorcycle ride?
 - Take the [Riding, Hills, Mountains & Curves Course](#) – become familiar with riding in the mountains and how to prepare for the ride.
- **National Family Fun Month** – August is an opportunity to enjoy extra fun times with your family. Take a motorcycle ride with a relative or take a motorcycle ride to visit a relative.
 - Take the [Work & Life Balance Course](#) – understand how to balance the two.
- **National Brownies at Brunch Month** – July was National Ice Cream Month, so when you take a motorcycling friend or co-ride out for Ice Cream in August, make it a Brownie Sundae!
 - Take the [Co-Rider Seminar, Team Riding, or Riding with an Inexperienced Rider Course](#)
- **National Sandwich Month** – The U.S. Dept. of Agriculture says a sandwich must contain at least 35% cooked meat and no more than 50% bread. If you've chosen a long ride for the day, shorten the lunch stop by making and taking a sandwich with you.
 - Take the [Road Captain Course](#) - learn how to plan and lead safe rides.
- **National Wellness Month** – focus on self-care, managing stress and establish or maintain healthy routines.
 - Take the [Helmets, Fact or Fiction Course](#) – be more aware of helmet exaggerations, half-truths and nonsense.
- **National Eye Exam Month** – Healthy and clear vision is vital to safely riding a motorcycle.
 - Take the [Riding Readiness Course](#) – assess yourself, the weather and the bike & gear, before heading out for a ride.
- **National MedicAlert Awareness Month** – the availability of personal MedicAlert information can save precious time in an emergency.
 - Take the [How Aging Effects Riders Course](#) – become aware of how aging effects your ability to ride safely.

Enjoy August and have a great riding season!

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“Micro-mobility Riders”

September, 2021



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I've recently read a couple articles about Moped and eScooter, *micro-mobility*, travel and I couldn't help but compare that to GWRRRA motorcycle riding. What do we hope Moped/eScooter riders have and do?

The *Revel's Bumpy Ride*¹ is an article about an electric moped sharing company's startup, their quick success, followed by lots of crashes and lawsuits. During their pilot marketing phase, they offered free riding lessons. As New York City slowly emerged from COVID lockdown, they saw a surge in ridership. Pent-up restlessness resulted in increasingly dangerous driving of both cars and motorcycles. The number of crashes and fatalities increased. Even though the rented moped came with two helmets, the company saw an exponential decrease in helmet use. Some new drivers maxed out the moped's speed and ignored traffic laws. There was an increase in bad riding behavior: riding on sidewalks or in bike lanes, underage riders and extraordinarily bad behavior.

Shaken by the number of accidents and fatalities, the company tried the following:

- 1) to get riders to wear helmets, riders were required to take a selfie-photo of them wearing a helmet using the company's software app. Within 15 minutes, software reviewed the photo and suspended any non-helmeted riders.
- 2) riders were required to complete a 20-minute virtual safety training course
- 3) GPS trackers were added to the mopeds and riders that rode in off-limits areas, such as parks, highways and major bridges, were suspended for a week.

A few months later, Department of Transportation data showed crashes were down 50% - the new safety measures must have helped? But the 1.38 moped fatalities per million was still 70 times higher than the 0.02 shared-bike rider fatalities per million. Dozens of lawsuits have been filed and the future of the company is questionable.

The *Hippo's Scooting Around*² article mentioned that electric scooters will soon be available in Manchester to rent by the minute, allowing easy travel between the Milliard and downtown. The scooters will have a maximum speed of 15 mph, riders must be 18 and can ride on the roads and in bike lanes. Riders are required to obey the standard "rules of the road" and are encouraged to wear a helmet.

What do these articles have to do with us as motorcycle riders? I shudder to think about the consequences of a non-rider hopping on a moped or eScooter and shooting off down the street while trying to navigate traffic, gain experience with the controls and realizing that they won't be seen or treated as though they were driving a car. What GWRRRA skills and knowledge would we use and bring to the ride? How will their behavior reflect on other motorcyclists? Can we act as role models and mentors?

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SMIDSY (“Sorry Mate, I Didn’t See You”) & the SIAM

October, 2021



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SMIDSY is an acronym for “Sorry Mate, I Didn’t See You” referencing traffic collisions in which the driver of a car or larger vehicle claims not to have noticed a two-wheel motorcyclist or biker. LBFTS, “Looked But Failed To See” is similarly used by the UK Government with respect to a class of traffic accidents.

In a previous article (May 2021), I discussed how *Inattentional Blindness* is part of the reason these types of collisions may occur. A driver can either a) be focused on only one thing, like making a left turn and failing to see other things like a motorcycle approaching or b) experience *perceptual blindness* where their brains can’t process every detail of their surroundings all the time, so they concentrate on what’s expected – many people just don’t expect to see a motorcycle sharing the roads.

The movement of a motorcycle is difficult to see when it’s directly along a driver’s line of sight because it appears stationary with respect to the background. In addition, the cross-section or profile of a motorcycle is very small compared to larger vehicles and surrounding objects. As a motorcycle gets closer, its size seems to suddenly grow larger. When an observer is startled by this, it’s called the *looming effect*. The startled driver may even stop right in front of you, making a bad situation worse.

The good news is there is a strategy to avoid a SMIDSY! Do a **SIAM, (SMIDSY Identification and Avoidance Maneuver)**. SIAM refers to riding a smooth, gentle, single, zig-zag path to break the line-of-sight of the approaching driver. Your movement of swerving left and right, along their line of sight, breaks the inattentional blindness they may have.

Of course, you’ll pick up on a possible SMIDSY situation by searching the area ahead that you’ll reach within the next 12 seconds. You’ve already assessed the possible dangers, identified some escape paths and “covered” the throttle and brakes while slowing.

As a refresher, review the *Street Strategies* section of the *Basic Rider Course* material or take the *MSF Street Strategies eCourse*, both found on the MSF web site (<https://msf-usa.org>)

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1) Do an Internet search for: SMIDSY, SIAM, Motion Camouflage|

Riding in the Cold & Dark

November, 2021



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Fall, the other shoulder season, is upon us. So, how should our riding change now that the nights are getting colder and the hours of darkness start earlier and last longer?

At night, it's harder to see and harder to be seen. Obstacles can appear out of nowhere, like pedestrians in dark clothing, and animals that roam at night. Be aware that our night vision declines as we age. Adjusting to the change from bright to dim lights can take time.

To keep yourself safe, you should have good lights on the front and rear of the motorcycle and make sure they're bright and working properly. Wearing reflective gear will also increase your chances of being seen. NEVER drive so fast that you are unable to stop within the distance that you can see ahead with your headlights. It's called **overriding your headlights**, meaning your total stopping distance exceeds your sight distance. Your inability to see far enough ahead means that hazards can lurk beyond the beam of your headlight, so you must be ready.

November evenings are also colder and there may even be frosty or icy roads to contend with. You'll need to wear cold weather riding gear and watch for hypothermia. If you get too cold, your muscles may become stiff and unresponsive as your peripheral circulation shuts down. The cold slows your metabolism to the point where you may become drowsy and confused. The person experiencing hypothermia may be unaware that he or she is in a state that requires emergency medical treatment. Riders and CoRiders must watch each other for the early signs of hypothermia and take action immediately.

No matter what time of year, day or night, know what you need to do to ride safely in the conditions you may encounter and wear *All The Gear All The Time*.

The GWRRA University *GWRRA Module Who's Afraid of the Dark - Riding at Night* (101-06) and *GWRRA Module Brrr, it's Cold - Riding in the Cold* (104-01) are great classes that offer more information on these topics.

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Let's Ride More
Kelly Smith
NH-A Chapter Ride Coordinator

Hello Fellow Wingers

With another great riding season coming to a close here in New England. We need to hang up our Goldwing's (and all motorcycles) for a long winters nap. Before for you do so prep your motorcycle for storage. What I do is check all fluids add gas stabilizer to the tank. Either take your battery out or put it on a battery tender. I also cover my bike , but before I do I try to keep the mice away. I use dryer sheets put them under the cover plus Zest bar soap too , mice don't like the smells of these items. Put your motorcycle clean, that way the road dirt and grim will not collect moisture over the winter , and make your bike rust. Then in the spring all you have to do is recheck all fluids , and start it up. Then the only thing left is have another safe New England riding season.



Thanks again
Kelly Smith



Glenn's Points to Ponder

Respect your parents. They passed school without Google.

The first rule of listening to music while doing your cleaning is, the toilet brush is never the microphone ... NEVER

Maybe you knew this & Maybe Not

Your tongue is the only muscle in your body that is attached at only one end.

Most of the generation of the 60+ year old went to public school but were also HOME SCHOOLED in many ways.

I remember about 25 subjects that were taught to me by my parents.

The 60+ crowd can look back and remember, but the younger ones will not believe we were truly told these "EXACT" words by our parents. Here are the last 5 lessons that we were taught at home. After 60+ years I probably have forgotten some, but have slipped through life and somehow managed to survive it. Have you??

My mother taught me HOW TO BECOME AN ADULT.

" If you don't eat your vegetables, you'll never grow up."

My mother taught me GENETICS.

" You're just like your father."

My mother taught me about MY ROOTS.

" Shut that door behind you. Do you think you were born in a barn?"

My mother taught me WISDOM.

" When you get to be my age, you'll understand."

My father taught me about JUSTICE.

" One day you'll have kids, and I hope they turn out just like

you." 🤔

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The WordSearch

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November Birthdays

November Anniversaries

Robert Bragdon **11/19**
Jim Gumtow **11/16**
Merrill Harriman **11/23**

Bonnie and David Bolster **11/1**
Laura and Glenn Daniels **11/19**

To ensure your special day is celebrated here, send me your birthdate/anniversary—
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Friday, November 19th.



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