

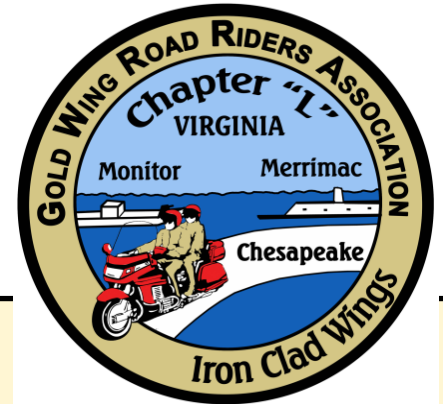
The Iron Clad Wings



Gold Wing Road Riders Association
 GWRRRA's Motto is...
 Friends for Fun, Safety and Knowledge

**Chartered
 15 April, 1995**

BRONZE Level Chapter for 2017



We're More Than Gold Wings...

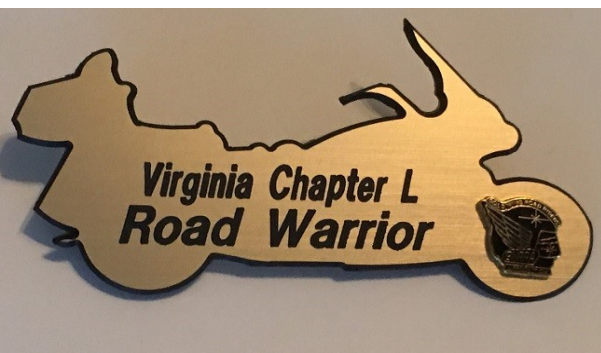


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Ride & Grow with VA-L

We meet the 4th Tuesday of each month (except December) at The Golden Corral, 101 Volvo Pkwy, Chesapeake, VA 23320. Our meet, greet and eat—begins at 6pm, our gathering begins at 7pm. We invite you to come out and have fun with us

2022 Road Warrior Awards



January: Lorrie Thomas
 February: No drawing
 March: **Carry Over**
 April:
 May:
 June:
 July:
 August:
 September:
 October:
 November:
 December:



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FIND YOUR MEMBERSHIP NUMBER



Disclaimer: The numbers on this picker wheel do not count as finding your number!

We will continue this game for 2022. Karen Bottoni, your Newsletter Editor will hide three random Chapter L Membership numbers somewhere in the newsletter. She will spin the wheel three times and a membership number will appear. If you locate your membership number, please notify Karen, kbottoni@gmail.com, tell her what page and where you found it. Then attend the next Chapter gathering and get your reward.

Where will you find your membership number?

Look in the margins, Read the Articles, read the special event inserts, along the margins, along the headers, footers, anywhere and everywhere in the Newsletter is fair game. It's not going to be too hard, but it will not be too easy either.

Only two special Rules:

1. Chapter-L Team Members are ineligible to participate.
2. All other members eligible and must attend the Gathering during the month of the newsletter to receive your reward. Must get with the MEC by 7pm start of the meeting.

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Chapter Directors



The weather is changing, flowers are blooming, trees are starting to turn green with their leaves and producing lots of pollen. Therefore, spring is upon us and that means more people are riding their motorcycles.

As a Chapter we have been doing some riding, but the calendar has many more ride opportunities for your enjoyment. Read the Ride coordinator article to see what is in store for the near future. Come out when you can and enjoy the rides and friendship of our Members and yours.

We sponsored a training day the first weekend of April and had 15 people from our Chapter and from Chapter C. We had a great day of learning and had some new instructors get their feet wet with their first presentation. Thank you to Chapter C for coming and we will be conducting more training soon. After talking with our CSEA, I found we have a few members that have lapsed in their levels and are no longer current due to not attending classes. We are looking for a facility to conduct a Trike Rider course and a Medic First Aid class. If anyone of our Chapter Members are in need of one of these classes, contact myself or the District Director and we will be sure to get you on the list. We will extend this invitation to the other Chapters as well.

Our Chapter event is in full swing and the planning is about complete. The event will take place on the 14th of May and will be held at Kempsville Presbyterian Church from 9 till 4 and is located at 805 Kempsville Rd in Virginia Beach. We will need everyone to help out and Lorrie is taking volunteers names for the specific tasks they care to help with. If you haven't volunteered yet, please do so soon.

We look forward to seeing our Members on the upcoming rides and at the Chapter gathering when you are available. Remember, this is your Chapter and without our Members, there would not be a Chapter. Come out and support your Chapter and friends. Till we meet be safe, ride safe and keep the shiny side up.

Dan Clark & Lorrie Thomas

Chapter Directors, Va-L

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Joe & Trish Daniel
Chapter Couple of the Year
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Chapter Couple



Preparing for Hazards of Spring Motorcycle Riding

Spring has sprung and we are ready to get back on the road again for some great riding. As we pull our bikes out of winter hibernation there are important hazards to consider for safety.

Environmental Hazards

- * Road debris with gravel, sand, large potholes and clumps of asphalt from the highway department treatment and roadway projects
- * Areas of flooding from melting snow and flashflood rain especially along mountainside trails
- * Unpredictable weather conditions with quick temperature drops

Internal Threats

- * During winter riding layoff, our skills may be a bit dulled or rusty. Take a few easy practice rides to regain your skill level until you feel comfortable
- * If your first Spring rides are with a group, pay attention to your friends comfort level. They may be rusty as well.
- * Suboptimal physical fitness can hinder management of your bike and lessen stamina to enjoy riding

Other Drivers and Traffic

- * Be aware of busier traffic patterns
- * Be aware of small animals, pedestrians, bicycles and other motorcycles
- * Direction of the sun

Motorcycle Readiness

- * Look over your bike closely, complete a pre-ride checklist, including tire pressure, checking cables Fluid levels and tire treads
- * Look for signs of leaks or loose parts

Have fun and ride safely!

Joe & Trish Daniel

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Dennis & Phyliss Easton

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Membership Enhancement



Hello Chapter L,

Had a wonderful time this past Saturday April 02 with Chapter L Training. This is a wonderful benefit GWRRA has for all it's members. A dedicated University training courses like Riding in the Heat, Mountains Hills, and Curves, Team Riding and GWRRA 101.

There are so many benefits GWRRA offers it's incredible how many do not take advantage of them. The Gold Book is a wealth of knowledge when it comes to traveling. Piece of mind there are like minded GWRRA minders willing to help you along your travels.

A short list of GWRRA Benefits: All can be viewed at GWRRA.org

Office Max/Office Depot - Go to website and print out the Discount Card

Enterprise Car Rentals

Red Roof Inn, Motel 6, Wyndham Hotel discounts to name a few

Pet Insurance

Financial Services

Air Medivac Insurance

So many more.....

The other benefits are a like minded group of people who want to Ride Safe with a Family atmosphere. Come join your Chapter L friends at the next Event and or gathering. We sure do miss you.

Recruitment is a vital part of every Chapters stability. Next time you meet a like minded rider looking for the above, invite them to the next event or gathering. Get their contact information and send it my way. I will be happy to make a call and reach out.

Dennis and Phyliss Easton

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Ride Coordinator

The weather is still a little unpredictable but riding season is finally here. Any given nice weekend, we are seeing our fellow motorcyclist out riding along with our Members joining our planned rides.

I have been working on the ride calendar and it is filling up very nicely. We have some long and short rides planned and are working on an overnight trip. We even have some sporting events coming up. Listed below are the planned rides and events for the month of April. Come join in on a ride when you can and enjoy your Chapter and friends.

Apr 8 Chapter Dinner Dirty Buffalo 612 Grassfield Pkwy Chesapeake

Apr 9 Grand Tour Destination to Newtown, Va Depart my house 8:00 am

Apr 16 Bike Clinic My house, 5308 High St W Portsmouth, Va 9am - 4pm

Apr 23 Bug Splat Ride. Country ride at dusk. Time and place to be determined

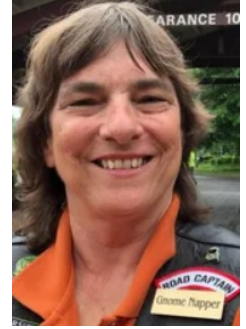
Apr 26 Gathering at Golden Corral, 101 Volvo Pkwy Chesapeake 6 pm-8pm

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Chapter Skills Enhancement Advisor

BLIND SPOTS

By Steve Warmath, Safety Officer, Tallahassee HOG

One of the most dangerous situations that a motorcyclist can find him/herself in is in a lane that is about to be taken over by a Car, SUV, or Truck. Many riders spend a lot of time in a vehicle's blind spot not realizing the dangers that they are in, (the area that is not covered by the mirrors on a car or truck). In order to see this area a driver must turn his/her head to check what is in their blind spot. Unfortunately a lot of drivers out there don't bother to check their blind spots (they only use their mirrors) before making a turn or lane change. And as a motorcycle rider you don't want to be in that space when the driver of a much heavier vehicle wants to be there as well. It might not end well for you if a cager starts taking your lane while you're in their blind spot.

Diagram 2.1 indicates where the blind spots are located on a car. This is the place where a rider should not spend a lot of time. The easiest way to tell if you are in a vehicle's blind spot is to look into the car/truck mirrors, if you cannot see the driver's face... Guess what? You are in his or her blind spot. This means that you are invisible to the driver, unless they turn their head and check their blind spot before making a move.

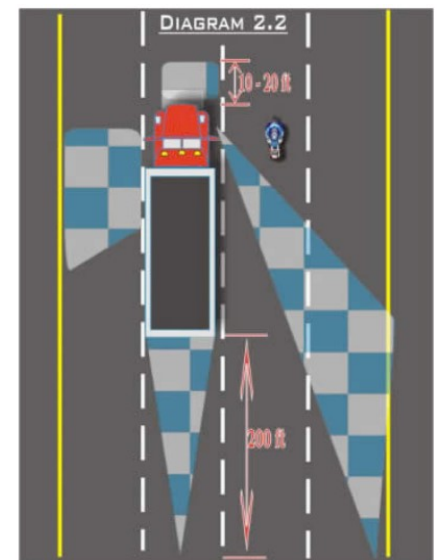
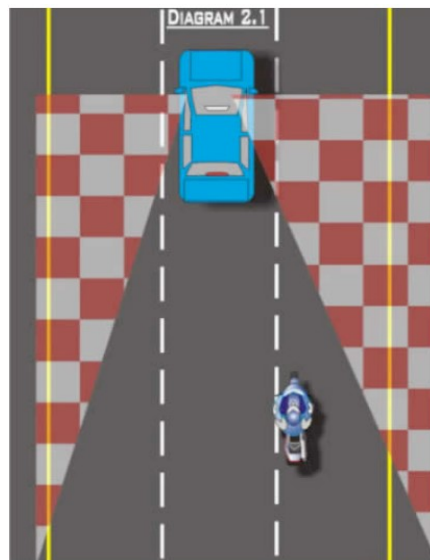
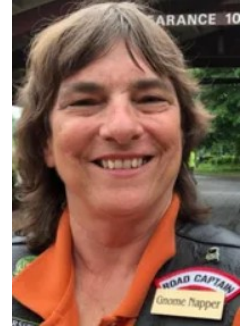


Diagram 2.2 shows where the blind spots are located on a large truck. Note that the blind spots on a truck are much larger than that of a car, especially the spot located directly behind the trailer. This area extends approximately 200 feet. You can imagine how easy it would be for something as small as a motorcycle to get lost back there. The best thing for a rider to do is to keep his/her distance when riding behind a truck. Also if a rider is following too closely behind a truck, how far ahead in traffic can he/she see? The answer is obviously not very far!

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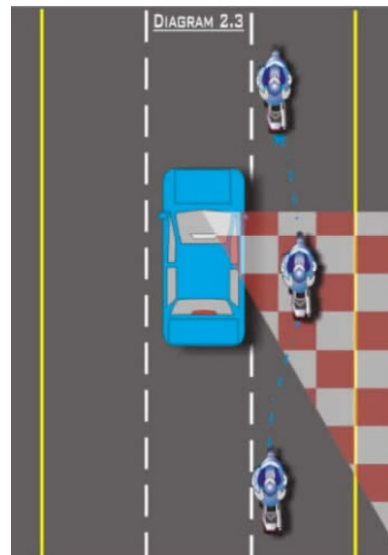
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Now I know what you are thinking, when you are riding in heavy traffic it is impossible not to be in someone's blind spot. So then what can you do? When riding beside another vehicle, a rider should position him/herself either slightly ahead or far enough behind so that he/she can easily be seen by that driver.

Diagram 2.3 demonstrates how a rider can pass through another vehicles blind spot. As the rider begins to pass the car on the left, he/she also moves over to the right side of the lane, creating a space cushion in case the driver decides to change lanes. After passing, the rider then returns to left side of the lane (his/her blocking position). A common mistake that some riders make is that they unintentionally change lanes into another vehicle's Blind Spot.

In **Diagram 2.4** we see that if the rider takes path (A) he/she rides directly into Car # 1's Blind Spot. If that driver decides to change lanes then the rider might be in big trouble. Notice however, that by taking path (B) the rider stays out of car #1's Blind Spot altogether. Also as the rider approaches car # 2 he/she stays in that drivers mirrors as long as possible. When it comes time to pass that car the rider moves over to the left side of the lane, creating a safety cushion.

In summary, it is almost impossible not be in someone's Blind Spot when you are riding on a busy road or highway. The key is to not to spend a lot of time there. When you have to pass through a blind spot do so as quickly and as safely as possible.



“Safety is for Life” “Practice Makes Permanent”

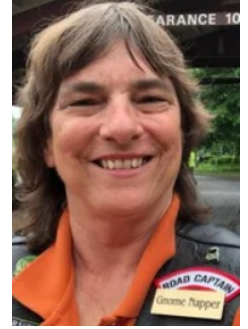
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Your Digital Footprint: It's Bigger Than You Realize

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Just about everything about you is online, whether you put it there or not.

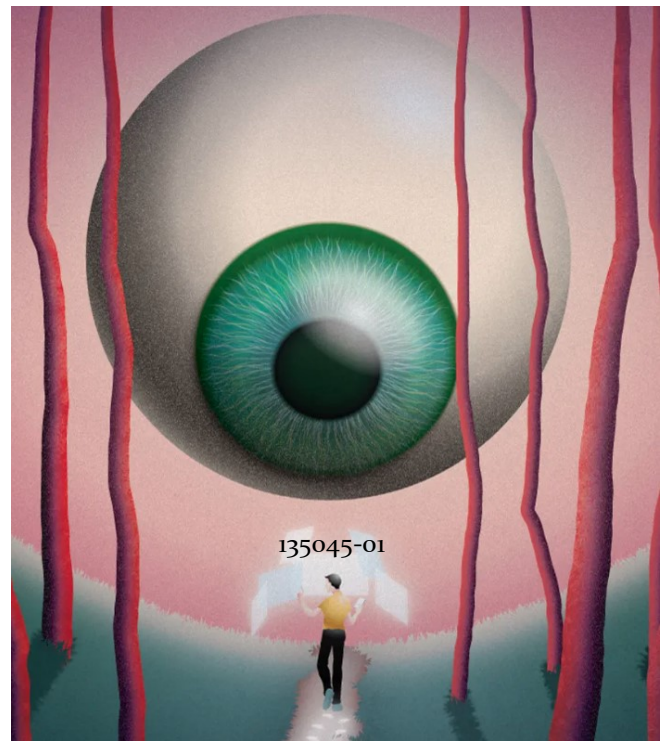
A few years ago, Ken Crum started getting uncomfortable with how much of his life seemed to be online. The long-time computer programmer was particularly concerned by what companies appeared to know about him.

The amount of personal information was mind-boggling to the 66-year-old Texan, who recently moved from Dallas to the small town of Weatherford. Data brokers were collecting his personal details. Social media was targeting ads at him. Then one day, after shopping at a local home improvement store, he got an email from the company asking how his visit was. While he can't be absolutely certain, he's pretty sure the company used location-tracking on his work phone to find him.

He found it all unnerving.

So Crum decided to pull himself off most social media, keeping just his LinkedIn account. He quit using Google in favor of DuckDuckGo, a search engine that promises to protect user privacy. He deleted tracking-prone "app crap" — his words — from his smartphone. And he tried to wrestle as much of his personal information back from the data brokers as possible, paying for a subscription to DeleteMe, a service that helps people remove information from databases.

"I wanted to get as much of me off the internet as possible," Crum said. (Abine, the company that owns DeleteMe, introduced CNET to Crum.)



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Crum, a charming individual who shares his opinions freely, isn't anti-technology. He's simply one of a growing number of Americans concerned by the loss of control over personal information that ranges from your Social Security number to your search history. Today, your digital self includes your social media accounts, biometric identifiers, usernames and passwords. Possibly most creepy: Your smartphone records the location data of your daily life as you tote it around.

The data collection doesn't stop there. Your Yelp review of a pizza parlor or a comment you posted on your local newspaper's website all become part of your digital profile. They're used by marketers trying to get you to buy something, to support a policy or to vote for a candidate. There are oodles of data about you. Most of that info is largely free for the taking.

As you'd expect, there's no shortage of companies looking to profit from it. At last count, there were about 540 data brokers operating in the US, according to the Privacy Rights Clearinghouse, which based its estimate on numbers from data broker registries maintained by California and Vermont.

The skyrocketing amount of consumer data online has also given cybercriminals new opportunities to exploit your personal details for identity theft, online scams or other kinds of fraud. Once cybercriminals get your data, they use it to try to bust into your accounts or sell it to other cybercrooks. Get breached once and you may spend years cleaning up the mess. (Here's how to remove your personal information from the internet.)

The pandemic has only increased the amount of personal data online because more people turned to the internet for work, school and social connections. According to Abine, the number of pieces of online personally identifiable information per individual has jumped 150% in the last two years, boosted by increases in both data broker activity and COVID-related consumer screen time.

That can make it all but impossible to distinguish your digital identity from your real-world self.

"All identity is digital identity, at this point," says Eva Velasquez, president and CEO of the Identity Theft Resource Center, a nonprofit group that helps victims of identity theft. Separating the two would be a mistake, she adds.

Here are a few ways you can remove Personal Information From Internet Sources for Free:

1. Opt out of data brokers and people-search sites. ...
2. Close obsolete or unused online accounts. ...
3. Tighten privacy on social media accounts. ...
4. Remove personal information from Google. ...
5. Engage privacy settings on browsers and search engines.

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District

Faster than a speeding bullet, stronger than a locomotive....

Where is Superman when you need him? So much is going on at once, but it's a good thing, no, it's a marvelous thing. Riding season, Wing Ding, training new Instructors, other District Rallies and our own "Let's Go to the Hop!".

It is busy times like this that we begin to lean on others. Nothing, nothing, nothing is done as well as it could be without help. My favorite line from television recently is from the doctor from New Amsterdam that asks in every episode..." How can I help?" Sweetest four words I have heard (other than "I'll do the dishes").

Don't wait to be asked, please. Don't assume someone else is going to help. These are the most urgent needs right now:

Going to Wing Ding? The District is responsible for checking arm bands for the Vendor area on Friday, July 1. Contact Dan Clark at wingernut93@aol.com to volunteer for a couple of hours.

The District Rally will need help (wo)manning the Hospitality room, help with set up and take down, presenting training, help in designing guided and non-guided rides, selling 50/50 tickets, serving pizza and ice cream, etc. Your Chapter can offer to take on one of these responsibilities if they wish. Please contact Dave and Randi Green vadistrictmec@gmail.com.

District Rides are coming. Has your assigned area come up with a date and a ride suggestion yet?

More specifically, we need help with the Rally Vendor Coordination. Our Coordinator, Linda, must step aside for now to care for Glen. Knowing Glen and his pushy wife, he will be up and moving in no time! Contact me for more information. I will work with you to make this happen.

Volunteers are the life blood of any organization. "It was Dale Carnegie in his groundbreaking book *How to Win Friends and Influence People* who said that the only way to get someone to do something is if he or she wants to. Psychologists tell us that people generally cannot be forced, cajoled, or embarrassed into performing to our expectations. The most effective volunteers are those who earnestly accept your organization, have a vested interest in its success, and see themselves as connected to the organization." A good lesson, indeed.

"People who say it cannot be done should not interrupt those who are doing it", said, George Bernard Shaw, and I agree.

Volunteers don't get paid, not because they're worthless, but because they're priceless.

From one priceless (and humble) volunteer to another...



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National

THE GWRRA UNIVERSITY!

Imagine...

- Members having immediate, personal access to their information in one, comprehensive GWRRA University database. The database is a work in progress.
- A series of training programs designed specifically to help current and future leaders be effective, while having some fun in their leadership positions.
- Certifications and renewals completed with the ease of a few key clicks.
- All GWRRA training experiences are fun and conducted by knowledgeable, trained instructors
- A 50% to 70% reduction in current GW paperwork

These are some of the most recent changes to the University.

It is a massive undertaking to coordinate and manage over 3,000 volunteer Officers who have the passion to lead. It requires the formation and development of TEAMS trained and motivated to work together to achieve the Associations motto of *Friends for FUN, SAFETY, and KNOWLEDGE*.

Programs and finances must be managed properly for organizational and legal reasons. Meetings and events need to run smoothly and efficiently so the Members only see and experience the fun, family and food they came to enjoy.

Lives are saved through some of the best Rider Education. To accomplish this, we enjoy an equal and beneficial partnership with the Rider Education Program, working together to best serve our Members. The University offers skill development programs, some of the best on the planet. And, because we deal with human beings, there is always the occasional problem, conflict, or disagreement that must be handled in a way that resolves the issue and still creates harmony among the Members. This is only possible when the leaders have been well-trained, coached and mentored.

There are two main focuses of the University. To offer a vibrant, dynamic source from which well-trained leaders can continue the practice of education, coaching and mentoring. The second is to provide Members access to some of the finest safety, professional and personal education and training in the world. This is the education and training that could cost thousands of dollars elsewhere.

The University is becoming the keystone, supporting the Association as it is today and developing leaders for the Association of the future.

The University is real, it is alive, it is rejuvenated from the original version. Checking the FAQ section will also keep you in the loop.



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Our Mission Statement: RIDE & GROW

Respect all motorcycle riders and motorists

Inspire members to participate in the Levels Program.

Dedicated towards providing a family atmosphere so everyone has fun.

Educate our members about new innovations regarding riding, safety, and about GWRRA.

&

Give back to the community, resulting in a positive image of motorcyclists.

Relax, and enjoy the ride!

Offer assistance and encourage participation by all members.

Work with members by assisting them in achieving their goals.

So, what are we really saying...

We don't discriminate; all types of motorcycles are welcome. If your friends are looking for a group to ride with, that believes in and practices safety, we are that group. Respect drivers by being courteous with our lights and riding style.

We want all our members to participate in the Rider Education (Levels) program. The Levels Program allows members to advance from Level 1 (Committed to Safety) to Level 4 (Safety By Enhanced Commitment and Preparedness), also known as Master Tour Rider. As our members gain experience and miles, we inspire them to advance to the next level.

We are a family association; we are dedicated to providing a fun and friendly atmosphere to members and visitors of all ages. We strive to make every event fun.

Chapter L is dedicated to educating our members and visitors about motorcycling. We do this by having training provided by certified trainers that have graduated from Gold Wing University. We educate members about riding alone, with a co-rider, and in a group. We educate on riding as a team, pulling trailers, crash scene response, leadership, fun events, advances in motorcycling, and much more. Our trainers are evaluated by senior trainers to ensure they remain up-to-date regarding motorcycling.

Not all motorcyclists are the same; we strive to present a positive image to the public. We inform the public about what our association stands for; Friends, Fun, Safety, & Knowledge. We are a part of the community and want the community to be a part of us.

Have fun and enjoy riding with Chapter L. We want all of our riders to relax and enjoy the ride while being among friends that share your passion... riding.

It takes everyone to make the Chapter successful. But what is the definition of **successful**? Successful means the Chapter is fun. Successful means the Chapter rides a multitude of routes with varying distances. Successful means people want the Chapter to thrive. Successful means people ask "what can I do to help..." Successful means our membership thrives. In other words, we cannot be successful without you. Participation from all members results in the Chapter being successful.

Have you achieved your goals you've set? Regardless whether your goals involve motorcycling or are professional, chances are, there is someone in the Chapter that wants to assist you in achieving your goals. Our goal is to assist you in achieving your goal.

Our Motto: RIDE and GROW with VA-L

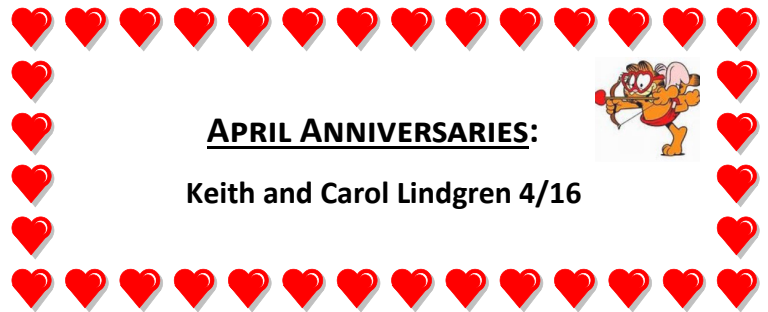
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Birthdays, Anniversaries, & Other Information



APRIL BIRTHDAYS

Lorrie Thomas — 4/17
 Kyle Lindgren



APRIL ANNIVERSARIES:



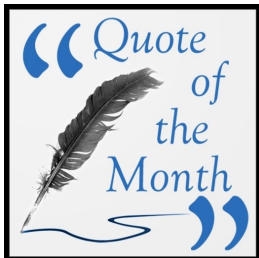
Keith and Carol Lindgren 4/16



APRIL GWRRA ANNIVERSARIES:

Paula Dignan—2 years
 Dorothy Hildman—15 years
 Joe & Darcy McCorristin —10 years
 Ed Patejak—22 years
 Nick Knox—28 years

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"Don't judge each day by the harvest you reap but by the seeds that you plant."

- Robert Louis Stevenson

Helpful information for members

To get Chapter, District, and National patches for your vest, contact our Chapter Treasurer, Will Conrad.

For things you might typically pick up at a Rally, but don't want to wait until the next one comes around:

- **Chapter Shirts/Rider Ed patches:** See the Chapter Directors; Dan Clark & Lorrie Thomas
- **Name Tags:** www.TheEngraver.com (take note of spelling—only 1 'e' at beginning)
- **Vests & sewing patches:**
 - Perfect Fit Alterations, 357 Johnstown Rd, Chesapeake. They also do vest embroidery
 - The Leather Arts Store at 415 N. Military Highway, Suite 13. Ask for the owner, Dennis
- **Embroidery & Name Tags:** Nancy Harbison Uniforms & Tailoring at 479 South Lynnhaven Road, Virginia Beach (463-3241)

These are by no means the only place to get your desired items, just the ones that seem to be used the most by local chapters.

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Gathering & Ride Calendar



Date	Chapter/Type	Event
Apr 8	L	Chapter Dinner at the Dirty Buffalo, 612 Grassfield Pkwy in Chesapeake, Va. Meet at the restaurant at 6:30 pm
Apr 9	L	Va Grand Tour destination ride to Newtown, Va. We will depart from our house located at 5308 High St W in Portsmouth at 8am.
Apr 16	L	Chapter L Annual Bike Clinic hosted by Dan & Lorrie at their house, 5308 High St W in Portsmouth, 9am-4pm
Apr 23	L	Bug Splat Ride. Karen will be leading and organizing this ride. This is a fun filled ride to collect bugs on you bike closest to the target
Apr 26	L	Chapter Gathering. Golden Corral, 101 Volvo Pkwy 6:00 pm- 8:00 pm
Apr 28-30	TN	Tennessee District "Spring Fling", Pigeon Forge, TN
May 7	D	VA-D Poker Run, meet Wegman's parking lot, 12501 Stone Village Way, Midlothian, Va. KSU 11:00am
May 14	L	Motorcycle Rodeo and Riding Skills Event, 9am-4pm, Kempsville Presbyterian Church, Va Beach
May 24	L	Chapter Gathering. Golden Corral, 101 Volvo Pkwy 6:00 pm- 8:00 pm
Jun 28-2 Jul	National	Wing Ding 43, Shreveport Louisiana
Sep 17	VA	All Chapters Picnic, Twin Lakes State Park, Green Bay, Va
6-8 Oct	VA	Rally in the Valley, Lynchburg Grand Hotel

Check out our website to see the latest updates to our calendar <https://gwrraval.org/>

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ICE CREAM TRAIL Challenge

Rules:

Visit as many Ice Cream places as you can, In state or out of state.

Listed on next page are Ice Cream places in each of the VA Chapter Cities, as well as 13 local Hampton Roads. There is space to input up to 10 of those you found on your own.

Take a picture of the Ice Cream place Sign as a selfie. Post to VA-L Facebook with your name, place, City and VA-L Members with you.

Fill out the Ice Cream Run sheet with date you dined there.

Points will be awarded as follows:

- 1 point per location in Chesapeake, Virginia Beach, Portsmouth, Suffolk, or Norfolk
- 2 points per location outside of those listed above, some indicated by other Chapter locations.
- 3 points for out of state locations.
- 15 points gets the coveted Ice Cream pin awarded during the Chapter VA-L Christmas Party in 2022. Turn in all forms in no later than the November 2022 VA-L Chapter Gathering.



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ICE CREAM RUN Challenge

A	Burke
C	Newport News
D	Midlothian
E	Fredericksburg
F	Winchester
H	Abington
I	Manassas
K	Roanoke
R	Harrisonburg
V	Bedford
X	Salem

Name	Address	City	Date Attended	Initials	Rating 1-5 5 is Best

Suggested Ice Cream Places

CHESAPEAKE	Carvel	1101 Battlefield Blvd S			
CHESAPEAKE	Cold Stone	836 Eden Way N			
CHESAPEAKE	Amazing Glazed	321 Johnstown Rd			
CHESAPEAKE	Dairy Queen	200 Battlefield Blvd S			
CHESAPEAKE	Bergey's				
CHESAPEAKE	Breadbasket	2207 Mount Pleasant Rd			
CHESAPEAKE	Surf Dogs	1464 Mount Pleasant Rd			
CHESAPEAKE		237 Hanbury Rd E			
CHESAPEAKE	Skinny Dip	Hanbury Village			
CHESAPEAKE	Sweet Frog	109 Volvo Pkwy			
CHESAPEAKE	Baskin-Robbins	1100 Cedar Rd			
CHESAPEAKE	Dippin' Dots	1401 Greenbrier Pkwy			
NORFOLK	Doumars	1919 Monticello Avenue			
VIRGINIA BCH	Bruster's	5317 Indian River Rd			
PORTSMOUTH	Uncle Rick's	2829 Airline Blvd.			
SUFFOLK	Cone Slingers	15141 Carrollton Blvd.			

Out of Area Places

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FOR SALE

Complete motorcycle Package ... Honda Goldwing with every accessory, \$4,000.

-1993 Honda Goldwing GL 1500, top SE model, 80K miles, pearl white, 100 hp, 1520 cc, 6-cylinder, 4-stroke, water cooled, 5-gear with overdrive, reverse, shaft drive, cruise control, 40-channel CB, intercom, radio, stereo speakers, cassette player (inop), backrest, windscreen, foot rests, heater, 6.3 gal. tank, compressor, air-adjustable front & rear suspension, extra chrome. Light use.

Accessories – factory service manual, 5 Arai helmets, with shields & extra padding, 2 complete riding outfits (jacket & pants; leather & nylon), Honda jacket, 3 pair boots, gloves, trickle charger, and more.

Contact: Bern Diederich, Vienna, VA, bfd1955@aol.com, 703-938-9799

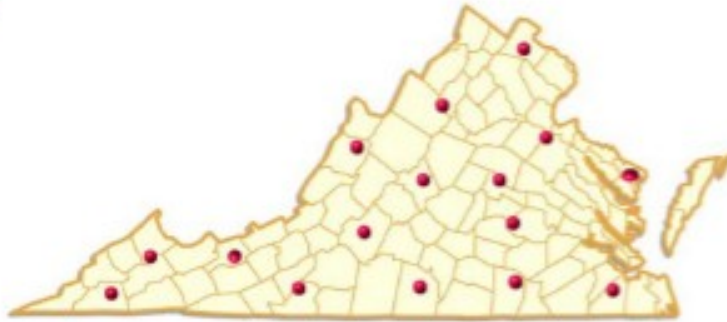


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Wanted: Motorcycle Riders

Get your passport for the Virginia Grand Tour

All Proceeds go to benefit:
The Pediatric Brain Tumor Foundation



Run out of new places
to ride?

Tired of the same rides
every weekend?

Ready for some new
motorcycling
adventures?

We've done all the
work for you. Sign
up today and get
ready to ride!

If you're tired of following the group every weekend and ready to strike out on your own, or with your own group, just pick a destination and get ready for a great day or weekend ride.

We've taken 15 great ride destinations, along with maps, nearby attractions and put them into booklet form (similar to a passport).

Here's how it works: When you visit one of the destinations in the "Passport" between February 1st and October 31st, answer the question and write the answer in your passport. Visit at least 12 of the 15 locations to qualify as a "finisher", and get a "Virginia Grand Tour" ride pin and/or year bar.



The 19th annual **Virginia Grand Tour**



Brought to you by the Honda Riders of Tidewater (HROT)

Contact: Terry Simpkins: 757/532-5685 or virginiagrandtour@cox.net

Send your name, address and \$20 to: Virginia Grand Tour, 285 Pamlico Run, Yorktown, VA 23693

Make checks payable to: Virginia Grand Tour

\$20.00

The Iron Clad Wings

HOST HOTEL

Ramsey Hotel and Convention Center
 3230 Parkway, Pigeon Forge TN 37863
 For Reservations Call
 865-428-2700 or myramseyhotel.com
 Rate is \$150 / night for two Queen, or one King bed
 includes Full Buffet Breakfast for all Guests.
 Be sure to mention GWRRA or Spring Fling to get the
 special rate. Special rate and hold on rooms expire on
 March 28, 2022.



39th Annual

Tennessee District Spring Fling

April 28-30, 2022, Pigeon Forge, TN

The Ramsey Hotel & Convention Center

- 208 Interior corridor updated guest rooms with plenty of common areas.
- All extra clean guest rooms feature new pillow top mattresses, all white duvets, linens and bath towels, large LCD 42" TVs with cable, one gigabyte of fast glass fiber Wi-Fi, Keurig coffee makers, mini-fridge, microwaves, hair dryers and Bath & Body Works bath amenities.
- Huge indoor 24-hour waterfall pool, hot tub, fire pit patio with nightly giant movie screen with free hot fresh popcorn
- Free wireless, high speed internet throughout hotel
- 24-hour complimentary fitness and business centers
- Free 24-hour coffees, teas, and hot chocolate
- 24-hour guest laundry
- City of Pigeon Forge Fun Time Trolley Route with onsite pickup
- Complimentary hot breakfast buffet with eggs, sausage, biscuits and gravy, fried potatoes, grits, oatmeal, yogurt, bagels, English muffins, assorted muffins, cereals, fruits, milks, juices, hot chocolate, tea, and coffee
- Boutique 4-star hotel with 3-star prices
- Only 10 minutes to major attractions like Dollywood, Dolly Parton's Stampede, The Island in Pigeon Forge, The Old Mill Historic District, LeConte Center, and the Ripken Experience.

Tennessee Spring Fling 2022 Pigeon Forge TN



TV Shows Of The 70's

Registration, Please Print Clearly

Rider _____ State _____ Chapter _____
 GWRRA # _____ Exp. Date _____ Age _____
 Position _____ Is this your first TN District Rally? Y N
 Circle all that apply: Male Female 1UP 2UP Bike Trike Sidecar Other

Co-Rider _____ State _____ Chapter _____
 GWRRA # _____ Exp. Date _____ Age _____
 Position _____ Is this your first TN District Rally? Y N
 Circle all that apply: Male Female 1UP 2UP Bike Trike Sidecar Other

Street _____
 City _____ State _____ Zip _____
 Phone _____ Email _____
 Distance to Rally (one way) _____

**Liability Release
All Registrants Must Sign**

We agree to hold harmless GWRRA, the co-sponsoring organization, and any property owners for any loss or injury to self or property by any reason by participating in this rally.

Signature _____ Date _____
 Signature _____ Date _____

*Must be pre-registered for Master's Breakfast; tickets will not be sold on-site.
 ** 1 Grand Prize ticket included with Pre-Registration.
 Day pass will be available on site for \$15.00 Per Day.
 Note: All refunds are subject to \$15 handling fee. No refunds after April 15, 2022, without the District Director's approval.

➡ **Early Bird Deadline March 2, 2022** ⬅️
 Early Bird prize is \$100.00 by DRAWING
 First Grand Prize is \$1,000.00 second Grand Prize is \$500.00
 All Pre-registration forms must be received by April 1, 2022.
 All full registrations will increase by \$5.00 after April 1, 2022

GWRRA Members	\$30 x _____ = \$ _____
Life Members	\$25 x _____ = \$ _____
Non-Members	\$35 x _____ = \$ _____
13-15 Year Old	\$10 x _____ = \$ _____
12 Years Old and under	FREE with a paying Adult
Master's Breakfast*	\$15 x _____ = \$ _____
Grand Prize Tickets** \$1 ea or 6 for \$5.00 x _____ = \$ _____	
	Registration total \$ _____

Shirt Orders

Short Sleeve Tee	S, M, L, XL - \$16 / 2XL & up - \$19
Size _____	Quantity _____ Amount \$ _____
Size _____	Quantity _____ Amount \$ _____
Long Sleeve Tee	S, M, L, XL - \$20 / 2XL & up - \$23
Size _____	Quantity _____ Amount \$ _____
Size _____	Quantity _____ Amount \$ _____
Short Sleeve Golf	S, M, L, XL - \$27 / 2XL & up - \$29
Size _____	Quantity _____ Amount \$ _____
Size _____	Quantity _____ Amount \$ _____
	Shirt Total \$ _____

Grand Total \$ _____

Please make payment to TN GWRRA
 Mail Entire Page with Check or Money Order (no cash) to:

Bob Mack
 1470 River Road
 Kingston, TN 37763

Please register early to help with planning

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Chapter VA-D Poker Run

To Support Special Love - for Children with Cancer

Saturday, May 7th

High hand/Low hand Payout

50/50 Tickets



Meeting Spot: Wegmans' Parking Lot
12501 Stone Village Way, Midlothian, VA 23113



\$20 per Rider, \$15 per Passenger

Registration: 9:30 - 10:30 AM

Kick Stand Up: 11:00 AM



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2ND Annual GWRRA VA-L Motorcycle Rodeo & Riding Skills Event

May is Motorcycle Awareness Month

In partnership with the Virginia Beach Motorcycle Police Division and Fire Rescue

Rain or Shine

Saturday, May 14th, 2022

9am – 4pm

Kempsville Presbyterian Church
805 Kempsville Rd, Virginia Beach



- Gold Wing Road Riders Association Information
- Motorist Awareness Program
- Riding Demonstrations
- Shiny Side Up Riding Skills Challenge and fun Rodeo Games
- All Access \$10.00 fee
- Carnival Games \$1.00 each

Sponsorship provided by



757-857-0107

6955 TIDEWATER DRIVE, NORFOLK, VA 23509

Food

Raffle
Prizes and
Trophies

Carnival
Games

Chapter
Awards

Website: <https://gwrival.org/>

Find us on Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/groups/gwrival>

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WING-DING.ORG
Wing DING 43

Shreveport, Louisiana, June 28 - July 2, 2022
Shreveport Convention Center, 400 Caddo St. Shreveport, LA 71101

REGISTER TODAY! SIMPLY MAIL OR FAX YOUR COMPLETED FORM

Contact Member Services at **1-800-843-9460** with any questions.
Please visit www.wing-ding.org & click "REGISTRATION" at the top of page.
TRADE SHOW OPENS JUNE 29, SEE EVENT SCHEDULE FOR MORE INFO!

RIDER'S NAME: _____ GWRRA MEMBER # _____
 CO-RIDER'S NAME: _____ GWRRA MEMBER # _____
 MAILING ADDRESS: _____
 CITY/ST/ZIP: _____ COUNTRY: _____
 HOME PHONE: _____ ALTERNATE PHONE: _____
 EMAIL ADDRESS: _____
 YES! I would like to opt-in for mobile text alerts! Cell: _____

TO RECEIVE MOBILE UPDATES IMMEDIATELY TEXT "WING DING" TO (US) 855-909-1367 OR (CDN) 833-545-0669

PREREGISTRATION: (Postmarked before May 26, 2022)

Number of Life Members	<input type="text"/>	x \$20 = \$	<input type="text"/>
Number of Members	<input type="text"/>	x \$40 = \$	<input type="text"/>
Number of Nonmembers	<input type="text"/>	x \$50 = \$	<input type="text"/>

LATE: (Postmarked May 26 - June 9, 2022)

Number of Life Members	<input type="text"/>	x \$22 = \$	<input type="text"/>
Number of Members	<input type="text"/>	x \$45 = \$	<input type="text"/>
Number of Nonmembers	<input type="text"/>	x \$55 = \$	<input type="text"/>

Children 15 and under at the time of the event are admitted free. Cancellations in writing must be received at the Home Office on or before June 9, 2022, and are subject to a \$15 processing fee. No refunds for meal functions, Grand Prize Tickets, 50/20-15-10-5 Tickets, Poker Run, Bike Show, T-shirts or Polos will be given after June 9, 2022. No telephone or verbal cancellations will be accepted.

Please note, only registered delegates may participate in Wing Ding functions, activities and events! You will receive a confirmation via email 24-48 hours after your registration is processed. Please visit our website for hotel and camping information. Armbands, tickets, T-shirts or any other items purchased will be available for pickup beginning the day prior to Wing Ding in the registration area (see website for hours and location).

Day Pass: (sold on-site only) \$22 per person, \$15 GWRRA Members

Day pass fee includes the following:

- One-day pass to indoor Trade Show
- One-day access to Demo Rides on all participating manufacturers' bikes (subject to availability)

Full registration includes:

- Access to 'Pre-Event Day' activities! - **Tuesday 6/28**
- Wing Ding Welcome Party - **Tuesday 6/28**
- 4-day pass to indoor Trade Show - **Opens 6/29**
- 4-day pass to Demo Rides on all participating manufacturers' bikes (subject to availability)
- Access to Seminars and Parades
- Access to Opening and Closing Ceremonies
- Access to free Evening Entertainment Event
- Optional dinner and priority seating prior to free Entertainment Event
- Souvenir Event Pin and Pocket Guide
- Exclusive opportunities for tours, dinners and other ticketed events
- Numbered armband for chance at thousands of dollars in great prizes
- Precision Drill Team Exhibitions and other performances
- Optional Rider Education Safety Courses, CPR classes and more

FAX or MAIL this form to:

GWRRA Member Services
 P.O. Box 42450, Phoenix, AZ 85080-2450
 800-843-9460 or 623-581-2500 (Local)
 Fax: 877-348-9416
 Register online at: www.wing-ding.org

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RIDER EDUCATION COURSES

The number and availability of courses is dependent upon the number of participants. You will be notified of your class time and location as soon as possible. **Note: Certification cost is per bike!**

CLASS	DESCRIPTION	HOURS	ATTENDEE(S) NAME(S)	# OF BIKES	\$ PER BIKE	CLASS TOTAL
ARC	Experience advanced techniques in turning, maximum braking, and swerving plus mental and situational strategies in GWRRA's own Advanced Rider Course. Co-Riders welcome.	3 CLASS 5 RANGE	RIDER			
			CO-RIDER			
ARC-R	The GWRRA ARC for those who have PREVIOUSLY COMPLETED the ARC. Includes discussions at the beginning of the course and between exercises.	5 RANGE	RIDER		\$50	
			CO-RIDER			
SIDECAR	Experience advanced techniques of riding with a sidecar as well as situation strategies and accident avoidance tactics.	3 CLASS 4 RANGE	RIDER		\$50	
			CO-RIDER			
TRAILERING	Learn advanced trailering techniques and strategies for safe and enjoyable travel. Motorcycles only--no trikes or sidecars please.	3 CLASS 5 RANGE	RIDER		\$50	
			CO-RIDER			
TRC	This course teaches advanced riding skills for the trike rider such as maximum braking, swerving and turning.	3 CLASS 5 RANGE	RIDER		\$50	
			CO-RIDER			
TRIKE/ TRAILER	This course combines the Trike Rider Course (TRC) with some guided practice in backing a trailer.	3 CLASS 5 RANGE	RIDER		\$50	
			CO-RIDER			
TRC-R	The GWRRA TRC-R for those who have PREVIOUSLY COMPLETED the TRC. Includes discussions at the beginning of the course and between exercises.	5.5 RANGE	RIDER		\$50	
			CO-RIDER			
CPR / FIRST AID	This course is designed to teach and certify you in the basic principles of CPR and First Aid.	4 CLASS	NAME		\$50	
			NAME			
			NAME			
*\$20 refund. Visit the Rider Education booth after course completion				COURSE TOTAL \$		

TICKETED EVENTS

OPENING CELEBRATION BREAKFAST

Wednesday, June 29, 2022

DETAILS COMING SOON

J & M Dinner and Entertainment Event

Wednesday, June 29, 2022

Dinner will include chicken alfredo wit fetuccina, green beans, tossed salad, kaiser rolls, and chef's choice of dessert.

of people ___ x \$26= _____

GWRRA DINNER AND ENTERTAINMENT EVENT

Thursday June 30, 2022

Dinner will include slow smoked pulled pork with bbq sauce, american potato salad, mid-western style baked beans, kaiser rolls, and fudge brownies.

of people ___ x \$26= _____

TICKETED EVENTS TOTAL \$

In accordance with federal regulations, some prizes may be subject to up to 25% federal withholdings payable prior to receipt.

EVENT APPAREL

OFFICIAL EVENT T-SHIRT

QTY	SIZE	PRICE	TOTAL
	SM	\$15	=
	MED	\$15	=
	L	\$15	=
	XL	\$15	=
	XXL	\$17	=
	3XL	\$17	=
	4XL	\$20	=

EMBROIDERED POLO SHIRT

QTY	SIZE	PRICE	TOTAL
	SM	\$30	=
	MED	\$30	=
	L	\$30	=
	XL	\$30	=
	XXL	\$35	=
	3XL	\$37	=
	4XL	\$40	=

Event Apparel Total \$

PRIZE TICKETS

Must be present to win
Drawings held at closing ceremonies

GRAND PRIZE				GRAND 50/20-15-10-5			
QTY	# OF TICKETS	PRICE	TOTAL	QTY	# OF TICKETS	PRICE	TOTAL
	5 TICKETS	\$15	=		18 TICKETS	\$10	=
	10 TICKETS	\$20	=		54 TICKETS	\$20	=
	20 TICKETS	\$30	=		126 TICKETS	\$40	=
	40 TICKETS	\$50	=	PRIZE TICKET TOTAL \$			

PEOPLE'S CHOICE BIKE SHOW

INCLUDES A SOUVENIR PIN

# OF BIKES	PRICE PER BIKE	BIKE SHOW TOTAL
	x \$10	= \$

GRAND TOTAL \$

ENCLOSED: Check Money Order

Please send check or money order in equivalent U.S. funds. All others will be returned to sender for adjustment. Please do not send cash.

CHARGE MY: M/C VISA AMEX Discover

Number: _____

Exp. _____ Signature: _____

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ALL CHAPTERS PICNIC

SEPTEMBER 17, 2022

We will celebrate each other and especially our Couples of the Year, past and present.

Back by popular demand

\$5 to Park

\$0 to Party

11am to 3pm

Desserts To Share

Please Bring One
Dessert per Chapter



Chapter Challenge Games

Fully Catered
Lunch
Menu will be
posted later



Location



Twin Lakes State Park is near Farmville, about an hour southwest of Richmond.

To get there, take U.S. 360 West of Burkeville to Route 613 (Indian Springs Rd.). Then go east on Route 629 (Twin Lakes Rd.).

Its address is 788 Twin Lakes Rd., Green Bay, VA 23942-2525.

Latitude, 37.174829, Longitude, -78.273242.

<https://www.dcr.virginia.gov/state-parks/twin-lakes>

In the heart of central Virginia, this 548-acre, historic park offers many cultural, environmental and recreational activities. Over-night accommodations include a 33-site campground and 11 climate-controlled cabins. Visitors enjoy swimming, fishing, hiking, boating and lakeside picnicking.

RV—Tent—Cabins for Rent—Those that can, bring chairs—Pavilion has seating for 65

Chapter Directors:

Please put this on your Chapter calendar and pass on the information at your Gatherings.

We will need a head count by September 7, 2022

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Virginia "Ride for Kids"

www.rideforkids.org/virginia

This year the Virginia "Ride for Kids" will be held on Sunday, September 18. Due to the pandemic restrictions, the exact format of the Ride is still uncertain, but we'll do something, so mark that date on your calendar. Watch the Virginia "Ride for Kids" website for details. Please register and start your fundraising efforts.

If you are a motorcycle club, please announce this to your members. If you are holding 'in-person' meetings, we'd love the opportunity to attend one of your meetings to talk about the "Ride for Kids" and the Virginia Grand Tour. Just reply to this email with the date, time and location of your meeting. If you have a newsletter, please include the flyer in your newsletter, or forward it to your members.

If you are a motorcycle dealer, please print the attached flyer, and display it somewhere your customers will see it. Even better, mention it to your customers and encourage them to sign up. The more they ride, the better for your dealership.

Please note, the Virginia Grand Tour is NOT a fund raising event for our club (Honda Riders of Tidewater). All monies received go directly to the "Ride for Kids". All production and mailing costs are underwritten by individuals in our club. 100% of the monies raised goes to help children fighting a brain tumor and their families.

Terry W Simpkins – Tour Master
Yorktown, VA 23693
IBA # 8778 SS1000, SS2000, BBG, 50CC



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October 6—8, 2022

Lynchburg Grand Hotel

601 Main Street, Lynchburg Virginia 24504

Join all of the **Cool Cats** and **Make The Scene!** We have Got All The Goods and traditions that you have come to expect in the Rally but have we got some new stuff for you!

Get your Bobby Socks and Chinos ready for the Costume Contest (Best Group—Best Danny—Best Sandy)

**"Rally is the time,
is the place,
is the motion!
Rally is the way we are feeling!"**

Reserve Hotel Rooms by August 15, 2022. After that date, reservations will be taken on a space available basis. Price is \$110.00 per night.

Call hotel reservations at 434-528-2500 and ask for the special "GOLD WING ROAD RIDERS" rate.

Let's Go To The Hop at the 34th Annual Rally in the Valley!

- ◆ Fun & Games
 - ◆ Pizza Party & Ice-Cream Social
 - ◆ "Drive-In" Movie Night
 - ◆ ARC / TRC On-Bike Courses*
 - ◆ MFA/CPR Course *
 - ◆ Master's Breakfast *
 - ◆ Saturday Banquet *
 - ◆ Vendors
 - ◆ Hospitality Room
 - ◆ Trivia & WINGO!!
 - ◆ On-Bike Games
 - ◆ Guided Rides
 - ◆ Self-Guided Rides
 - ◆ Daily 50 / 50
 - ◆ Friday Night Dance
 - ◆ Modules & Seminars
- * Additional charges apply. **MUST** be pre-registered.

ARC (Advanced Rider Course) and TRC (Trike Rider Course)

(Must be pre-registered & pre-paid)

Classroom portion will be THURSDAY, October 6 at 12:00—4:00.

Range portion will be FRIDAY, October 7 at 8:00-12:00.

Cost for either course is \$50 (Co-Riders are free). Full riding gear, CURRENT Motorcycle license, proof of Insurance & Registration are required to take either class.

CPR/MFA Class (Must be pre-registered & pre-paid)

The CPR/Medic First-Aid class will be on Saturday, October 8 at 8:30-12:30.

The cost for the course is \$30 per person.

MAXIMUM OF TWELVE (12) PER ARC / TRC / MFA CLASS

NO REFUNDS UNLESS CLASS IS CANCELED BY INSTRUCTOR

Master's Breakfast (Must be pre-registered & pre-paid)

Be recognized for your achievements at the Master's Breakfast on Saturday morning, October 8 at 7:00—8:30. \$15 per person. There will be a guest speaker, gifts and door prizes.

Sit-Down Banquet Dinner (Must be pre-registered & pre-paid)

Saturday, October 8 at 5:45—7:00. The cost of the dinner is \$20 per person.

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PRINT	Rider	Co-Rider
Name		
Mobile #		
GWRRA #		
Chapter		
Position		
Email		
Home Address		
Arrival Day		
COY		
First RITV		

Registration Prices	Member	Non-Member
Early (Before Aug 1)	\$50	\$60
Regular /On Site	\$60	\$70
Day Passes	\$25	\$30

Registration	Price	Qty	Total \$
Member			
Non-Member			
Child Under 12	\$10		
Day Passes			
Master's Breakfast	\$15		
Banquet Dinner	\$20		
Sat 50/50 — 25 Tix	\$10		
Sat 50/50 — 60 Tix	\$20		
Sat 50/50 —100 Tix	\$30		
ARC	\$50		
TRC	\$50		
MFA	\$30		
Shirts (Total from Below)	-	-	
TOTAL	-	-	

RELEASE FORM (Must be signed by all registrants and returned)

I/We agree to hold harmless GWRRA, The Virginia District, the Lynchburg Grand Hotel and any property owners for any loss or injury to self or property by reason of participating in this event.

Rider Signature: _____ Date: _____

Co-Rider Signature: _____ Date: _____

Mail registration with check payable to:

GWRRA Virginia District
Roman Paryz
331 Paine St.
Newport News, VA 23608

Preferred Easy Pay Option
Secure Online Credit Card
<https://gwrrava.square.site>



Refunds incur \$10 fee. No refunds after 1 Aug.
 Saturday 50/50 Must Be Present To Win

RITV Shirts—Pre- Orders Only				
	Size	Price	Qty	Total \$
Short Sleeve T-Shirt	S	\$15		
	M	\$15		
	L	\$15		
	XL	\$15		
	2X	\$18		
	3X	\$18		
Long Sleeve T-Shirt	4X	\$20		
	5X	\$20		
	S	\$17		
	M	\$17		
	L	\$17		
	XL	\$17		
Short Sleeve Polo Shirt	2X	\$20		
	3X	\$20		
	4X	\$22		
	5X	\$22		
	S	\$21		
	M	\$21		
Short Sleeve Polo Shirt	L	\$21		
	XL	\$21		
	2X	\$24		
	3X	\$24		
	4X	\$26		
	5X	\$26		
TOTAL SHIRT ORDER				

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Daytona Bike Week 2022 Gold Wing Crash

Submitted by: Karen Bottoni, VA-L Member



Earlier last month, a GL1800 rider towing a camping trailer in Daytona Beach, Florida, rode towards a drawbridge as it started to open. Ignoring the closed gates (he hit one and broke it off), he continued through, then crashing and sliding up to the edge of the bridge.

The trailer hitch kept the bike from falling into the water, and the driver walked away.

With lots of pictures and also video of the incident, this has become a very popular topic on many social media forums. The accident sequence has been analyzed by many trying to figure out just what happened, and why.

If you have not seen the pictures or video, want to know what you think caused it, check out this video of the crash: <https://youtu.be/-Qb8VkWGkQ4>

From my observation watching video full screen in real time, I saw four things wrong here:

- Rode through the barrier and lights
- Forgot his trailer was wider than the barrier
- Panicked and locked his front wheel, causing the bike to go down (pavement wet)
- Helmet was not buckled, so it came off at impact

I watched it again in 1/4 speed, and paused a lot. This is what I observed:

- The safety arm is higher than the trailer
- The rider is solidly in the left wheel track of his lane, the arm extends nearly to the centerline, at a height between the windshield vent and the top of the windshield
- The nose dips a few feet before the bar, indicating the beginning of braking. The right hand is not visible, but is likely on the front brake lever, given the mount of dip (estimating it at about 2 inches, based on the relationship between the right fairing marker light and the bridge safety rail to the rider's right)

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- The rider apparently attempts to swerve to the right, but strikes the arm about two to three feet in from the end
- The arm rises slightly on impact, apparently sliding upward on the windshield, then the spring detent is overcome and it pivots to the side. As the bike comes into view, the windshield vent assembly appears to be gone, which is consistent with a sharp impact on the vent itself, or flexing of the windshield. There is a black object seen flying into the air, possibly the vent
- At some point (obscured by the raindrop), the rider apparently ducked lower in his saddle; as he comes into clear view, he can be seen straightening up. His right hand is still not visible, but his right arm is at an angle consistent with the right hand being on the throttle and front brake lever
- As he passes the camera, his helmet appears to be a little high on his head, and the visor is gone. After he is out of frame, what appears to be a curved piece of clear plastic slides to a stop on the roadway. These two observations indicate the possibility that the helmet took a glancing blow from the end of the bar
- Passing the next camera, his right arm is still in an angle consistent with the right hand being on the controls, and the nose dip is still apparent, indicating that he was continuing to brake. As his front tire passes from the concrete roadway onto the steel decking, the front tire appears to lose all traction, an indication of hard front braking. The bike rolls to the right, beginning the ultimate fall
- Entering the view of the third camera, the bike is approaching the end of the decking, sliding on the right side at an angle which would allow the rider to stay aboard. The brake light is visible on the trailer, and it is likely that the rider was still holding the front brake lever as he ejects. He rapidly stops sliding, and the bike and trailer pass him by. His helmet comes off of his head, with the chin strap apparently not fastened. The brake light comes on again, consistent with the front brake lever being pulled backward as it comes into contact with the steel decking

Bottom line: This was no accident. He was not paying attention. He had clear view of the lighted safety arms and there was a lighted warning sign overhead. By the time that he was able to recognize and react to the hazard, he was already committed to striking the safety arm and entering the bridge. He intentionally steered directly between the barrier arms to try to beat bridge opening. Once he realized the bridge was opening, he jammed on his brakes, locked at least his front wheel if not both wheels, and went down as a result.

Oh and I'm pretty sure with the combination of the safety chains and angle of the drawbridge, that saved the Wing and trailer from going down into the drink. This rider was incredibly lucky.

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SNAPSHOTS

A look at what Chapter-L's Been Up To

Chapter L Dinner Kelly's Tavern March 11, 2022



L to R: Lorrie, Dan, Steve, Ed



L to R: Dennis, Martha, Karen



Paul & Lorrie Chatting it up



Phyllis & Ed

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SNAPSHOTS

A look at what Chapter-L's Been Up To

Ride to Saluda, Va

March 19, 2022



Virginia Grand Tour Stop



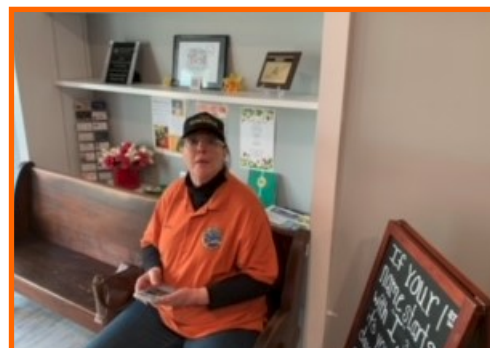
L to R: Phyliss, Dennis, Dan, Lorrie, & Conrad Lunch Stop



Paula scoping out Great Neck Popcorn flavors



Dan, Conrad, Phyliss, & Dennis popcorn shopping



Lorrie catching up on emails at Great Neck Popcorn

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A look at what Chapter-L's Been Up To

Chapter L Gathering March 22 , 2022



Terry & Madonna receive their Level IV Master Tour Rider Patch



Terry & Madonna receive the official Hot Dog Challenge Pin



Dan Clark won 50/50 & donated his winnings to the Pediatric Brain Tumor Foundation



Playing Scoop game



Scoop Game Winners

L to R Lorrie Thomas CHAMP, Rebecca Pitts, Paul Bricker, Karen Bottoni

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Adopt A Spot Clean-up March 26 , 2022



Karen, Dan, Paula, Conrad, Martha

Chapter L Ladies Luncheon Brick House Diner March 30, 2022



L to R: Debbie, Madonna, Phyliss, Martha, Lorrie, Karen, Paula, Trish

Training Day April 2, 2022



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Did You Know?

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Did you know dogs sweat through the pads on their feet

Did you know hippopotamuses are born under water

Did you know bananas grow pointing upwards.

Did you know whales can't swim backwards

Did you know camels are born without humps

Did you know only female mosquitoes bite

Did you know the average porcupine has 30,000 spikes

Did you know tarantula spiders can survive 2 and a half years without food

Did you know crocodiles are responsible for over a 1,000 deaths each year by the Banks of the Nile river

Did you know there are more insects in the world than all other animals combined

Did you know giraffes can't swim

Did you know crocodiles swallow rocks to help them dive deeper

Did you know an elephant's trunk can hold over 5 litres of water

Did you know bull's can run faster uphill than down

Did you know a shark's teeth are literally as hard as steel

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Chapter-L Easter Funnies



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Virginia Chapters



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VA-A	Burke American Legion 3939 Oak Street Fairfax	Steve Hartsock Shartsock9@gmail.com	703-380-6086	4th Sunday 10:00 am Meet
VA-C	Newport News IHOP 15447 Warwick Blvd	John & Lynn Floyd Lynn.floyd1960@gmail.com	757-838-0607	2nd Sunday 4pm Eat / 5pm Meet
VA-D	Richmond Candelas Ristorante 14235 Midlothian Turnpike	Fritz Sassine & Iris Guillet fritz.sassine@gmail.com	804-938-9183	4th Wednesday 6pm Eat / 7pm Meet
VA-E	Fredericksburg Castiglia's Italian Rest. 10705 Courthouse Rd	Joe and Peggy Herron jdheron6919@yahoo.com	540-424-5852	3rd Wednesday 5:30pm Eat 6:30pm Meet
VA-F	Winchester Stephens City Diner 5460 Main St Stephens City	Stephanie Provost davis.stephanie80@yahoo.com	540-664-6430	4th Sunday 8:30am Meet
VA-H	Abingdon Moose Lodge 15605 Porterfield Hwy	Paul & Dorothy Baker 09nellie@comcast.net	276-628-6047	2nd Tuesday 6pm Eat / 7pm Meet
VA-I	Manassas Great American Buffet 8365 Sudley Rd	David & Robin Hotaling davidsgoldwing02@gmail.com Rah889195@yahoo.com	202-309-5953 646-406-1200	2nd Sunday 11am Meet / Eat
VA-K	Roanoke Faith Alliance Church 7505 Barrans Rd.	Jim Daily & Susan Stuppiello dailylent@yahoo.com susanstuppiello@gmail.com	540-230-0511	2nd Monday 6pm Eat / 7pm Meet
VA-L	Chesapeake Golden Corral 101 Volvo Pkwy	Dan Clark & Lorrie Thomas wingernut93@aol.com lorriethomas@aol.com	753-343-1783 D 954-599-5178 L	4th Tuesday 6pm Eat / 7pm Meet
VA-R	Harrisonburg	Gary Hoover hoov@shentel.net	540-975-0223	1st Sunday Location TBD
VA-V	Bedford Bedford Church of God 212 E. Main St	Jonathan Whitworth otteridevav@gmail.com	540-425-0028	3rd Sunday 2pm Meet
VA-X	Salem Riverside Evangelical Methodist Church 1920 Lucas St	Larry Stanton larry25022@gmail.com	304-922-1401	1st Saturday 3pm Meet



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Other local gatherings

- **Chapter C-Hampton/Newport News:** 2nd Sunday each month, 5pm. IHOP at 15447 Warwick Blvd in Newport News
- **Chapter NC-E2-Elizabeth City, NC:** 3rd Thursday each month, 7pm. Itsa Boutza Pizza, 109 S. Hughes Blvd in Elizabeth City, NC

