

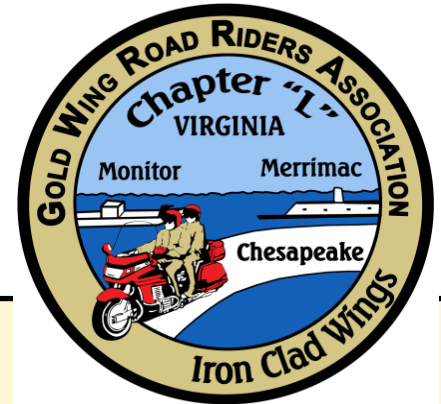
# The Iron Clad Wings



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 Zino's Café, 850 George Washington Hwy N, Chesapeake, VA 23323. Our meet, greet and eat—begins at 6pm, our gathering begins at 7pm. We invite you to come out and have fun with us*

## 2021 Road Warrior Awards



January: Lorrie Thomas  
 February: **Rolled Over**  
 March:  
 April:  
 May:  
 June:  
 July:  
 August:  
 September:  
 October:  
 November:  
 December:



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# The Iron Clad Wings

## Women's History Month 2021

Retrieved from: <https://www.history.com/topics/holidays/womens-history-month>

Women's History Month is a celebration of women's contributions to history, culture and society and has been observed annually in the month of March in the United States since 1987. Women's History Month 2021 will take place from Monday, March 1-Wednesday, March 31, 2021.

### Why Do We Celebrate Women's History Month?

Women's History Month is a dedicated month to reflect on the often-overlooked contributions of women to United States history. From Abigail Adams to Susan B. Anthony, Sojourner Truth to Rosa Parks, the timeline of women's history milestones stretches back to the founding of the United States.

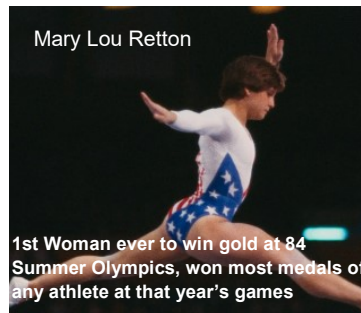
The actual celebration of Women's History Month grew out of a weeklong celebration of women's contributions to culture, history and society organized by the school district of Sonoma, California, in 1978. Presentations were given at dozens of schools, hundreds of students participated in a "Real Woman" essay contest and a parade was held in downtown Santa Rosa.

A few years later, the idea had caught on within communities, school districts and organizations across the country. In 1980, President Jimmy Carter issued the first presidential proclamation declaring the week of March 8 as National Women's History Week. The U.S. Congress followed suit the next year, passing a resolution establishing a national celebration. Six years later, the National Women's History Project successfully petitioned Congress to expand the event to the entire month of March.

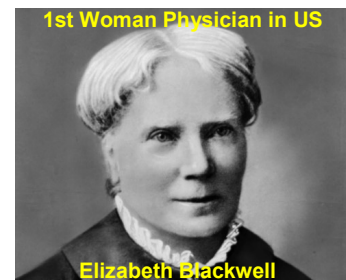
### Women Leaders



### Women in Sports



### Women in Science



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## Chapter Directors



The weather is starting to get warmer, and the birds are chirping. The grass is starting to grow and it's about time to break out those bikes. Some of us ride all year when the weather permits but others store their bikes for the winter.

Now is the time to get that pre-season maintenance performed. Things to be done or checked would be changing the oil, maybe the antifreeze if that hasn't been done in a couple years. Flush the brake fluid in the braking system and the clutch. Even though the brake system is closed, it still manages to get air into the system and with air comes moisture which can damage to the system and components. We will have a bike clinic at my house on April 3<sup>rd</sup> and have a cookout, I will be smoking a pork butt and make BBQ. Just let me know how many are coming so I can have enough BBQ. You can attend even if you are not working on the bikes, just to socialize.

We have finally secured a facility for our annual event on May 15<sup>th</sup>. The event will be held at Kempsville Presbyterian Church located at 805 Kempsville Rd. We will also have a raffle for a 58" Vizio Smart Tv for \$1.00 per ticket and we will only be selling 1000 tickets. We will need everyone's assistance to make this event happen and to make it a success. I will bring the tickets to the next gathering for distribution for our members to sell. The winner does not need to be present to win.

The Chapter has numerous Team positions open that I would like to fill. We have the Asst. Chapter Director, Ride Coordinator, Chapter Skills Enhancement Advisor, and Technical Coordinator. If anyone is interested in filling one of these positions, please give me a call or talk to me. I will be happy to explain the responsibilities and welcome anyone into a position.

Keep an eye on the ride calendar. There are new additions all the time and places to ride. If you have any suggestions for a ride, let me know. Till then be safe, stay safe, ride safe and keep the shiny side up.

Dan Clark & Lorrie Thomas

Chapter Directors, Va-L

## The Iron Clad Wings

**Dennis & Phyliss Easton**

Membership Enhancement Coordinators

[eastondm@cox.net](mailto:eastondm@cox.net)



## Membership Enhancement



John & Shawn Irons  
Director's Assistant

### KEEPING MEMBERS THROUGH RETENTION

Some time ago, Shawn and I were discussing how we were losing more and more Members from within GWRRA. When looking at the area run list (ARL), we noticed that the Association was losing the majority of our Members who had only been Members for one term of their signup. Many of them had been Members for just two to three years. The Members who stayed on past the first term were clearly renewing for several years. A lot of them went past the ten-year mark. So, is there a trend of those who stay longer and why do they stay? This is the question for all of us to think about. We called some of our home Chapter Members and asked them why they stayed and to our surprise many said it was because the Chapter kept them involved and at the time of renewal of their membership someone called or sent a reminder. This got those long-tenured members past that three-year mark of membership.

How do we retain membership? We have to be pro-active Chapters, getting Members involved in Chapter activities, and making sure we are contacting in person the Members on your ARL whose memberships are about the expire. Remember that we are a motorcycle organization. Even though we are becoming "more mature," we can still get out and have fun riding.

As we lose more and more Chapters, the area of membership expands within a District and we see that we have Members who may be two and three hours away from a Chapter Gathering. In your planning make sure you set up a ride to the areas of those members who live two or three hours away. Reach out to those Members who have not been contacted in a while and invite them to a Gathering or event. Let them know that they are important to our GWRRA family and help them to understand how GWRRA works; talking about the benefits and things they get out of GWRRA never hurts.

Each Member that we retain will strengthen our Association and will help with its growth. Pull out that new ARL Listing and call people you have not seen in a while. I bet they want to talk about GWRRA and getting out to ride again.

So, District and Chapter Directors, pick up your phone and call a Member. Set the example for your team and let's see the retention rates rise in our Districts this year.

John & Shawn Irons

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## The Iron Clad Wings

Dan Clark

Ride Coordinator

[wingernut93@aol.com](mailto:wingernut93@aol.com)



## Ride Coordinator

The weather is finally starting to change and that means it is time to start riding again. We have a variety of lunch rides planned for the next month and a Bike Clinic. This is to get the bikes ready for the riding season. We will also have a cookout during the bike clinic, I will be smoking a couple pork butts to make BBQ. Contact Debbie Mandigo to let her know what side dish you care to bring. Her email is [dsteamn@gmail.com](mailto:dsteamn@gmail.com). We will need items such as buns, coleslaw, chips, beans, potato or macaroni salad and desserts. You do not need to bring enough to feed the entire Chapter, just a side for 6-10 people.

Listed below are the rides planned for the remainder of March and for April, weather permitting. We know how the weather can change in Virginia.

### March

3-20 Adopt a spot clean up and Lunch Ride 9:30 am

3-27 Open

### April

4-3 Bike Clinic at Dan & Lorrie's 9 am till 4pm

4-10 Lunch Ride to Northern Neck Burger, Depart 9:00 am

4-17 Open

4-24 Ride to Bodie island Light/ lunch at Miller's Seafood

4-29 to 5-1 Tennessee Rally

Come out and enjoy some of the rides when you can, we would love to have you. Till then be safe and ride safe.

Dan Clark

Ride Coordinator

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## District

### Spring is in the Air

Coming from South Florida where we had two seasons, Hot and Hotter, I knew nothing about seasons. As kids, we determined seasonal changes by what decorations were in the stores. Not sure we ever learned to cut paper snowflakes or colored pictures of Robins. As a supposed grown up now living in Virginia, Daffodils and Motorcycles riding by tell me Spring is almost here.



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Chapters are gathering, rides are being planned and events are scheduled. Best of all, Wing Ding is happening! If you haven't had the opportunity to attend, and can afford to take time off, get yourself to Missouri. There are folks here in Virginia that haven't missed one. Talk to Dave and Donna Huey or Mary O'Connor. They are Wing Ding experts. To share space and stories with riders from all over the world, walk the aisles of vendors trying not to buy everything in sight or explore a city you may not have gone to otherwise, makes Wing Ding special.

A little closer to home, the SS Virginia is being primed for her maiden voyage. "Cruising in Grand Style" the Virginia 2021 Rally, is coming in October, the 14-16. More from the Cruise Directors, Randi and Dave Green, in this newsletter.

In the second week of March, University Instructors began training to present classes online. If you are still understandably hesitant to gather for training, let us know if you'd like to do a Zoom class for your Chapter. We will make it happen. You get to enjoy the company of your friends and learn a little something, maybe something in preparation for the upcoming riding season.

Thank you to those who attended the OPS Meeting (Officer Conference). The meeting is planned to offer information that will enhance your Chapter experiences. Hopefully, you learn new things, understand changes that may have occurred in the last year and ate sandwiches without mayonnaise. You had to be there.

Truth is, I, and the District Team, learn a whole bunch, too. We are frustrated to learn that information does not always trickle down to you. Because of that, we spend a great deal of time at OPS busting myths and clearing the air about processes, rules, and deleted positions that you may have thought still exist but have long ago disappeared. We, as leaders, need to get better at communication. It is so important to you, the Members, and to the health of the Chapter, to get information in a clear and timely fashion.

Our promise to you is to work hard to do all we can at the time of the earth's rebirth, to help grow our District. Again, I ask, how can we help?

**Virginia District Directors**

**Lorrie Thomas & Dan Clark**

## National

### GWRRA Levels Program Update January 1<sup>st</sup>, 2021

The existing grace period for all Members who expired at their highest level of achievement in the GWRRA Rider Education Levels Program on or after January 1, 2020, is being extended through December 31<sup>st</sup>, 2021.

**The guidelines in place for non-current GWRRA Rider Education Course and Medic First Aid® Instructors will remain the same.** They cannot conduct a rider course or class unless or until current at their highest level of achievement.

**The guidelines in place for non-current GWRRA University Instructors and University Trainers will remain the same.** They cannot present any of the seminars or modules in the 100 series in the University's library and can continue to present all other University library offerings they are certified to present.

While we do expect to see an increase in educational opportunities in the coming year, we recognize there will continue to be significant challenges to overcome for many Districts and Members in the Association.

The GWRRA Rider Education team will continue efforts to preserve the integrity of the Levels Program while striving to serve the Membership equitably.

For more information, please contact the appropriate Team GWRRA Program Director: Lorrie Thomas, GWRRA University Program Director [universitydir@gwrra.org](mailto:universitydir@gwrra.org) or Susan Huttman, GWRRA Rider Education Program Director [director\\_re@gwrra.org](mailto:director_re@gwrra.org)

## *The Iron Clad Wings*

### 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.

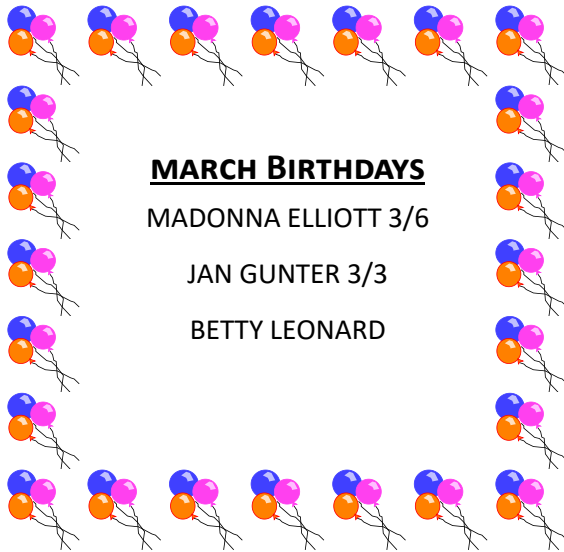
Have you achieved your goals you've set? Regardless whether your goals involve motorcycling or are professional, chances are, there is someone in the Chapter that wants to assist you in achieving your goals. Our goal is to assist you in achieving your goal.

### Our Motto: RIDE and GROW with VA-L



# The Iron Clad Wings

## Birthdays, Anniversaries, & Other Information



**MARCH BIRTHDAYS**

MADONNA ELLIOTT 3/6

JAN GUNTER 3/3

BETTY LEONARD



**MARCH ANNIVERSARIES:**

NONE



**MARCH GWRRA ANNIVERSARIES:**

BOB & JAN GUNTER— 8 yrs

RICK MAKOWSKI—12 yrs

MARTHA PHELAN—4 yrs

RICHARD & BETTY LEONARD— 5 yrs

WES ORVIS—13 yrs

Quote of the Month

**The secret of change is to focus all of your energy not on fighting the old, but on building the new.**

SOCRATES

### 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.ThEngraver.com](http://www.ThEngraver.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



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

Date	Chapter	Event
Mar 12	L	Chapter Monthly Dinner, 6pm, Tucano's Brazilian Grill, 11820 Fountain Way, Newport News. Meet at restaurant
Mar 14		Daylight Savings Time Begins—Spring Ahead 1 hour
Mar 20	L	Adopt-a-Spot clean up, 9:30am, Walgreens, 201 Hanbury Rd. Lunch ride to Weeping Radish.
Mar 23	L	Chapter L Gathering. Zino's Café & Tavern, 850 Old George Washington Hwy N, Chesapeake, VA. Eat at 6pm Meet 7pm
Apr 3	L	Bike Clinic, 9am-4pm, Dan & Lorrie's house, 5308 High St W, Portsmouth
Apr 10	L	Lunch Ride to Northern Neck Burger, meet at Hardee's 9am, 864 George Washington Hwy
Apr 24	L	Ride to Bodie Island Lighthouse, depart Hardee's 8am, 864 George Washington Hwy
Apr 27	L	Chapter L Gathering. Zino's Café & Tavern, 850 Old George Washington Hwy N, Chesapeake, VA. Eat at 6pm Meet 7pm
Apr 29 - May 1	TN	Tennessee District Rally, "Spring Fling", Pigeon Forge
May 15	L	1st Annual Motorcycle Rodeo & Motorcycle Safety Awareness Event, Kempsville Presbyterian Church, 805 Kempsville Rd, Va Beach
Jun 29-3 Jul	National	Wing Ding 42, Springfield, Missouri
Oct 14-16	VA	Rally in the Valley, "Cruisin in Grand Style", Lynchburg Grand Hotel, Lynchburg, VA

## *The Iron Clad Wings*

# **BREAKING NEWS**

## TENNESSEE SPRING FLING 2021

Out of an abundance of care and concern for the health and safety of our members and guests we found it necessary to change venues. We are moving the rally about 1.5 miles up the Parkway. The rally will now be held at the Ramsey Hotel and Convention Center, located at 3230 Parkway, Pigeon Forge, TN 37863. This is a very nice upscale hotel. This was previously a Holiday Inn and is located about a block off the Parkway and in the middle of most of the activities. You can check this out on the internet, just go to your search engine and put in the <https://myramsevhotel.com> and look it over. The room cost will be \$129.00 per night. That price is for 2 Queens or 1 King Standard room. Breakfast is included with the room. The hotel has plenty of parking space so we will not be looking for a place to park. Jan and I just stayed at the hotel and we found that everything that is pictured in on the web site is current.

Gold Wing Motorcycle Rally April 29, 2021 – May 1, 2021

The Ramsey Hotel & Convention Center

For Reservations Call 865-428-2700 or 1-800-555-2650

- 208 interior-corridor updated guest rooms with plenty of common areas and elevators
- 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, iron and ironing boards, hair dryers and Bath & Body Works bath amenities
- Huge 24-hour indoor waterfall pool, hot tub, fire-pit patio with nightly movies on a giant screen and free fresh hot 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
- On City of Pigeon Forge Fun Time Trolley Route with onsite pickup
- Due to Covid, we have temporarily switched over to a 'Grab-N-Go' Boxed Breakfast— boiled egg, fruit, muffin, breakfast bar & juice, coffee. The regular breakfast is buffet.
- 18,810 sq. ft. of upscale convention and meeting space with full-service catering for 10 to 1000 guests
- 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

# **BREAKING NEWS**

# The Iron Clad Wings

**HOST HOTEL**

Ramsey Hotel and Convention Center  
 3230 Parkway, Pigeon Forge TN 37863  
 For Reservations Call  
 865-428-2700 or 1-800-555-2650

Rate is \$129 / night for two Queen or one King bed  
 includes Breakfast for two.  
 Be sure to mention GWRRA or Spring Fling to get the  
 special rate.

**Additional Host Hotels**

The following hotels are each part of

**SMOKY MOUNTAIN RESORTS**

Reservations for any one of them can be made by calling  
 their reservation center at 1-800-309-0819.

**COUNTRY CASCADES**

204 Sharon Drive  
 Rates starting at \$120.00 per night.

**CREEKSTONE INN**

4034 River Road S.  
 Rates starting at \$77.00 per night

Be sure to mention GWRRA to get the special rate.



38<sup>th</sup> Annual  
 Tennessee District  
 "Spring Fling"  
 April 29-30 May 1, 2021  
 Pigeon Forge, TN  
 Hillbilly Hoe Down



**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,  
 2021, without the District Director's approval.

**Early Bird Deadline March 2, 2021**

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, 2021

All full registrations will increase by \$5.00 after April 1, 2021

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

# The Iron Clad Wings

## 1<sup>st</sup> Annual GWRRA VA-L Motorcycle Rodeo & Safety Awareness Event

May is Motorcycle Awareness Month

In partnership with the Virginia Beach Motorcycle Division and Fire Rescue

Rain or Shine

Saturday, May 15<sup>th</sup>, 2021

9am – 4pm

Kempsville Presbyterian Church  
805 Kempsville Rd, Virginia Beach



### Learn About...

- GWRRA
- Motorist Awareness Program
- Crash Scene Response Demo
- Riding Demonstrations
- Shiny Side Up Riding Skills Challenge
- And More

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Tickets are \$1.00 each

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

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

Join us to Have Some Fun, Test Your Skills,  
And Learn about Motorcycle Safety

There will only be 1000 tickets sold for the TV Raffle

Tickets are \$1.00 each

Make checks payable to : GWRRA-L

Send to: Dan Clark 5308 High St W. Portsmouth, VA 23703

# *The Iron Clad Wings*

## **Missouri District Rally**

at Angel Inn  
June 3-5, 2021  
Branson, Missouri  
**'Wingin the Ozarks'**

Bob & Jan Wills, District Directors  
Jan's cell (720) 351-6663 Bob's cell (720)333-0153  
Moddirector2022@gmail.com



Photo by: Noraleen Hord Wingin the Ozarks

### **Host Hotels:**

<b>Southern Oaks Inn</b>	<b>Angel Inn</b>
3395 Shepherd Hills Exp. (417) 335-8108	3311 Shepherd Hills Exp (417) 334-2300
\$61.99/night + tax Pet friendly \$25/ 1x fee	\$62.99/night + tax No Pets

**Campers:** Willow Tree RV Park, 3381 Shepherd Hills Exp., (417) 334-8890

**All Pre-Registration forms must be post marked by April 30, 2021.**

**NO REFUNDS after May 15, 2021.**

Full registration includes: Free lunches and 3 dinner vouchers valued at \$32.00.

First 400 registrations receive a free rally pin.

Registrations post marked by April 30, 2021 receive a DUB card for \$250.00 drawing.

Huge 50/50 drawings daily, give-away tickets to shows, gift baskets and much more!



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June 29 – July 3, 2021 | Springfield Expo Center in Springfield, Missouri

<https://www.wing-ding.org/>

Wing Ding is the ultimate Honda Gold Wing & Touring Bike convention! Hosted by GWRRA at different locations across the United States every year, the rides to Wing Ding as well as unique atmospheres are unforgettable. Come join us for a motorcycle convention unlike any other, where you can enjoy the company of friends with live entertainment in a beautiful location, learn more about motorcycle safety, discover all the latest products for your bike, and even test drive a new one.

# The Iron Clad Wings



**GWRRA**  
wing-ding.org

## Wing Ding 42



**Springfield, Missouri, June 29 - July 3, 2021**  
Springfield Expo Center, 635 St. Louis Street, Springfield, MO 65806

**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](http://www.wing-ding.org) & click "REGISTRATION" at the top of page.

TRADE SHOW OPENS JUNE 30, 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: \_\_\_\_\_  
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**PREREGISTRATION:** (Postmarked before May 25, 2021)

Number of Life Members \_\_\_\_\_ x \$20 = \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
 Number of Members \_\_\_\_\_ x \$40 = \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
 Number of Non-Members \_\_\_\_\_ x \$50 = \$ \_\_\_\_\_

**LATE:** (Postmarked May 25 - June 8, 2021 )

Number of Life Members \_\_\_\_\_ x \$22 = \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
 Number of Members \_\_\_\_\_ x \$45 = \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
 Number of Non-Members \_\_\_\_\_ x \$55 = \$ \_\_\_\_\_

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 8, 2021, 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 8, 2021. 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 6/29
- Wing Ding Welcome Party - Tuesday 6/29
- 4-day pass to indoor Trade Show - Opens 6/30
- 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  
 1.800.843.9460 or 623.581.2500 (Local)  
 Fax: 877.348.9416  
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# The Iron Clad Wings

## 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!**

**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. 8 hours (class and range)

**ARC (Recertification):** The GWRRA ARC for those who have PREVIOUSLY COMPLETED the ARC. Includes discussions at the beginning of the course and between exercises. 5 hours (range only)

**SIDECAR:** Experience advanced techniques of riding with a sidecar as well as situation strategies and accident avoidance tactics. 8 hours (3 classroom/5 range).

**TRAILERING:** Learn advanced trailering techniques and strategies for safe and enjoyable travel. Motorcycles only--no trikes or sidecars please. 8 hours (3 classroom/5 range)

**TRIKE:** This course teaches advanced riding skills for the trike rider such as maximum braking, swerving and turning. 8 hours (3 class/5 range)

**TRIKE/TRAILER:** This course combines the Trike Rider Course (TRC) with some guided practice in backing a trailer. 8 hours (3 class/5 range)

**TRC-R (Recertification):** The GWRRA TRC for those who have PREVIOUSLY COMPLETED the TRC. Includes discussions at the beginning of the course and between exercises. 5 1/2 hours (range only)

**Vanguard Rider Course:** A performance based course to be used in conjunction with a 2 1/2 hour seminar to be taken separately.

**AORC (Add-On Kit Rider Course):** A Rider Course designed for the motorcycle with a 2-Wheel Add-on Kit installed.

**CPR/First-Aid:** This course is designed to teach and certify you in the basic principles of CPR and First Aid. 4 hours

CLASS	#OF PEOPLE	TOTAL
ARC	\$50 per bike = _____	
Rider	Co-Rider _____	
ARC (Recert.)	\$50 per bike = _____	
Rider	Co-Rider _____	
Sidecar	\$50 per bike = _____	
Rider	Co-Rider _____	
Trailering	\$50 per bike = _____	
Rider	Co-Rider _____	
Trike	\$50 per bike = _____	
Rider	Co-Rider _____	
Trike/Trailer	\$50 per bike = _____	
Rider	Co-Rider _____	
TRC-R (Recertification)	\$50 per bike = _____	
Name _____	Name _____	
Vanguard Rider Course	\$50 per person = _____	
Name _____	Name _____	
AORC	\$50 per bike = _____	
Rider	Co-Rider _____	
CPR/First-Aid	\$50 per person = _____	
Name _____	Name _____	

\*\$20 refund after course completion  
Rider Education Total \_\_\_\_\_

## GRAND PRIZE - Must be present to win! Drawing held at Closing Ceremonies

\_\_\_\_\_ 5 Tickets = \$15      \_\_\_\_\_ 10 Tickets = \$20  
 \_\_\_\_\_ 20 Tickets = \$30      \_\_\_\_\_ 40 Tickets = \$50  
 Total \_\_\_\_\_

## GRAND 50/20-15-10-5 (4 Winners!) Must be present to win!

1 Yard (18 Tickets) = \$10    3 Yards (54 Tickets) = \$20  
 7 Yards (126 Tickets) = \$40 Drawing held at Closing Ceremonies  
 Total \_\_\_\_\_

## GWRRA DINNER AND ENTERTAINMENT EVENT!

Thursday, July 1, 2021

Includes Dinner and Entertainment!

Pulled pork, Potato salad, BBQ sauce, Baked beans, Kaiser roll, Plated brownie, Tea and Water. (Seating is limited, while supplies last).

Number of people \_\_\_\_\_ x \$24 = \_\_\_\_\_

## CORPORATE SPONSOR EVENING EVENT!

Wednesday, June 30, 2021

Includes Dinner and Entertainment with Tossed salad w/ 2 dressings, Grilled chicken w/ signature sauce, Roasted potato, Green beans, Plated cookie, Tea and Water. (Seating is limited, while supplies last).

Number of people \_\_\_\_\_ x \$24 = \_\_\_\_\_

## PEOPLE'S CHOICE BIKE SHOW! - Includes a souvenir pin.

Number of bikes \_\_\_\_\_ x \$10 = \_\_\_\_\_

## SOUVENIR T-SHIRT (Place quantity next to size.)

\_\_\_\_\_ Small x \$15 = \_\_\_\_\_      \_\_\_\_\_ 2XL x \$17 = \_\_\_\_\_  
 \_\_\_\_\_ Medium x \$15 = \_\_\_\_\_      \_\_\_\_\_ 3XL x \$17 = \_\_\_\_\_  
 \_\_\_\_\_ Large x \$15 = \_\_\_\_\_      \_\_\_\_\_ 4XL x \$20 = \_\_\_\_\_  
 \_\_\_\_\_ XL x \$15 = \_\_\_\_\_

## Embroidered Polo Shirt (moisture wicking performance material)

Small - XL (\$30 ea.) 2XL (\$35 ea.) 3XL (\$37) 4XL (\$40)  
 Total \_\_\_\_\_

## 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: \_\_\_\_\_

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

# The Iron Clad Wings



**LYNCHBURG, VA  
OCTOBER 14-16, 2021**

## Lynchburg Grand Hotel

601 Main Street, Lynchburg Virginia 24504

We will be **Cruising in Grand Style!** for a new and unique experience in beautiful Lynchburg. Lynchburg is rich in history on land and sea (river) waiting to be explored. The traditions remain in the Rally offerings but have we got some new stuff for you!

Get your Tropical attire ready for the Costume Contest (Tropical, Tacky Tourist, Best Coconut Bra!)

Hope to "SEA" You in Lynchburg!

### Room rate includes breakfast.

Reserve by September 28, 2021. After that date, reservations will be taken on a space available basis. Price remains the same, \$110.00 per night.

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

Rally Shirts				
	Size	Price	Qty	Total
Short Sleeve T-Shirt	S	\$15		
	M	\$15		
	L	\$15		
	XL	\$15		
	2X	\$18		
Long Sleeve T-Shirt	3X	\$18		
	4X	\$20		
	S	\$17		
	M	\$17		
	L	\$17		
Short Sleeve Polo	XL	\$17		
	2X	\$20		
	3X	\$20		
	4X	\$22		
	S	\$21		
Total	M	\$21		
	L	\$21		
	XL	\$21		
	2X	\$24		
	3X	\$24		
	4X	\$26		

Shirts are pre-order ONLY

Rider Education			
Course	Price	Qty	Total
ARC	\$50		
TRC	\$50		
MFA	\$30		

Pre-Purchase Saturday 50/50 Tickets			
Tx	Price	Qty	Total
25	\$10		
60	\$20		
100	\$30		

**MUST BE PRESENT TO WIN**

Circle Answers				
Arriving On	W	T	F	S
First Time Rally	Y		N	
Current or Former COY	Y		N	



## Come Cruisin' with us at The Lynchburg Grand Hotel for the 33rd Annual Rally in the Valley!

- Modules & Seminars
- Muster Fun & Games
- Pizza Party Thursday Night
- Bon Voyage Ice Cream Social
- Love & Marriage Game Show
- Door Prizes
- Hospitality Room & Crafts
- Wingo, Wingo, Wingo
- Rides / Excursions
- Flea Market
- Daily 50 / 50
- DJ & Dancing
- The "Quest"
- ARC / TRC On-Bike Courses\*
- MFA/CPR Course \*
- Master's Breakfast \*
- Captain's Dinner \*
  - ◊ Wear your best Tropical Attire
- And Much, Much More!

\* Additional charges apply

ARC (Advanced Rider Course) and TRC (Trike Rider Course) (Must be pre-registered) Classroom portion will be **THURSDAY, October 14 at 12:00-4:00**. Range portion will be **FRIDAY, October 15 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) The CPR/Medic First-Aid class will be on **Saturday, October 16 at 8:00-12:00**. The cost for the course is **\$30** per person.

**MAXIMUM OF TWELVE PER ARC / TRC / MFA CLASS**  
**NO REFUNDS UNLESS CLASS IS CANCELED BY INSTRUCTOR**

Master's Breakfast (Must be pre-registered) Be recognized for your achievements at the Master's Breakfast on Saturday morning, **October 16 at 7:30-9:00**. **\$15** per person. There will be a guest speaker, gifts and door prizes.

Captain's Dinner (Must be pre-registered) Put on your best tropical attire and join the Captain for your **Cruisin' Feast on Saturday, October 16 at 5:30-7:00**. The cost of the dinner is **\$20** per person.



PRINT	Full Name	GWVRA #	Dist / Chap	Position
Rider				
Co-Rider				
Address				
Email		Phone		

Registration Prices	Mailed Before	Member	Non-Member	Child 6 - 12	Summary	Tally
Early	Sep 1	\$50	\$60	\$10	Registration	
Regular /On Site	-	\$60	\$70	\$10	Master's	
Day Passes	-	\$25	\$30	\$10	Captain's	
Master's Breakfast	-	\$15	-	-	ARC	
Captain's Dinner	-	\$20	-	-	TRC	
					MFA	
					Sat 50/50	
					Shirts	
					<b>Total</b>	

Refunds incur \$5 fee. No refunds after 1 Oct

Mail registration with check payable to:  
GWVRA Virginia District  
Roman Paryz  
331 Paine St.  
Newport News, VA 23608

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

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

I/We agree to hold harmless GWVRA, 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: \_\_\_\_\_

## The Iron Clad Wings

### Something We Hope Never Happens, but just in case reminders!

By: Chuck Bonnett, GWRRA MT District Educator, SI-2262

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#### March Rider Ed Article

#### Something we hope never happens, but just in case reminders!

##### Five Things You Must Do Following a Motorcycle Accident

By Tom Roderick <http://www.motorcycle.com>

Crashing sucks and never more so than when riding a motorcycle. The risk of bodily injury from even a minor accident is far greater than when involved in a similar situation while piloting an automobile.

Protecting yourself begins with proper training and continues with riding practice and acquiring experience. Great advances have been made in the materials and manufacturing of **motorcycle apparel** regarding both protection and comfort. But none of these are a 100% safeguard against having an accident. If you're involved in a **motorcycle accident** (or come upon the scene of one), knowing how to react is the next step in protecting yourself, your passenger and your motorcycle from further harm.

Hopefully this is a list you'll never have to use.

##### Remain Calm

Unless you're cognizant of some impending danger, do not move. Lay there, then – beginning with your toes and finishing with your skull – take a mental inventory of your body parts. Evaluate each for pain and movement. Try to remember that you may be experiencing shock and that adrenalin masks pain, both of which may cloud judgment of your physical condition. Once satisfied you're uninjured, then begin moving and/or removing riding apparel.

The scene of an accident is inevitably chaotic. If you become anxious, calm yourself by taking deep breaths. Compose yourself because anxiety is infectious and arousing others only complicates matters. You also need a clear head to effectively assess the situation.

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### **Assess the Situation**

Once you're satisfied that everyone's safe and any further dangers have been contained, call the police and report the accident.

If you're carrying a passenger, check on their condition, then check on the condition of others involved in the accident. Instruct everyone to perform the same mental inventory of body parts you did. If necessary, dial 911 and immediately request emergency services. Survey the scene for other present dangers such as fire, leaking hazardous fluids, oncoming traffic, etc. Take any necessary precautions to secure the safety of anyone present. Once you're satisfied that everyone's safe and any further dangers have been contained, call the police and report the accident.

### **Record Details**

Use your smartphone to notate details of the accident and take photos/videos, or write notes if pen and paper are available but no smartphone.

### **Things to record:**

1. Date, time, location, weather and road conditions of the accident
2. Your account of the accident including a diagram
3. Injuries and damages
4. Make, model and license plate of any vehicle involved
5. Names, phone numbers and insurance information of all people involved. Be certain to include the names and numbers of willful witnesses.

### **Things to photo/video:**

1. Skid marks
2. Street signs
3. Visual obstructions
4. Road abnormalities
5. Property damage

### **Contact Insurance Company**

Contact your insurance agent as soon as possible. Provide them with all the information you procured and be proactive in assisting them with acquiring any further information. They are there to protect you after the accident, so assist where and when you can to help expedite the process.

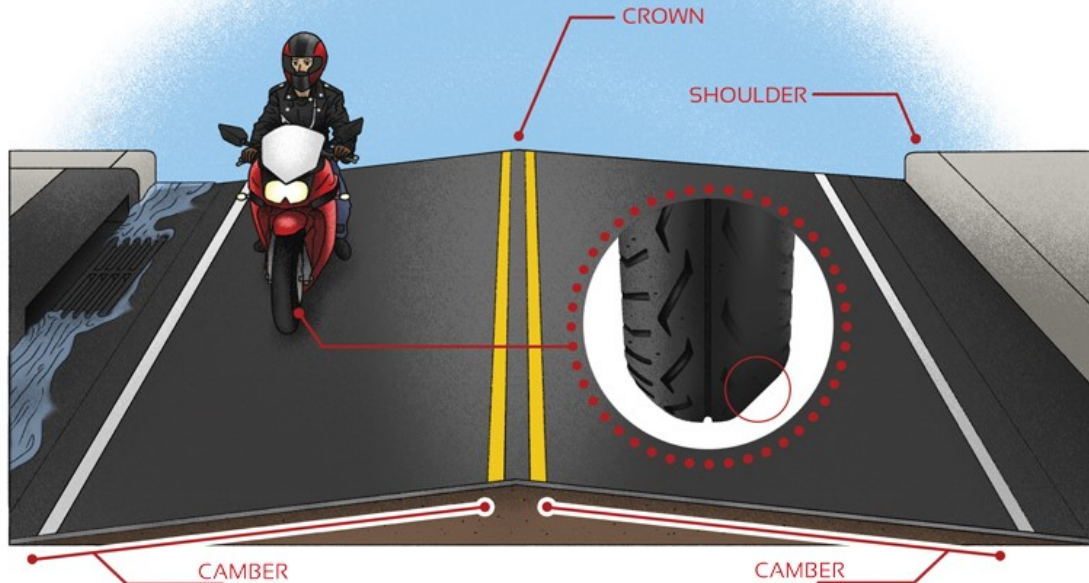
### **Maintain Records**

Create a folder, or some other central location, for keeping all your notes and photos of the accident, as well as contact information for everyone including witnesses and police officers. Procure a copy of the police report. Make new notes including names, dates and times of phone conversations with insurance agents or law enforcement officials. Print copies of email exchanges, etc. Save all receipts of costs incurred related to the accident including towing, storage and rental car costs. These records will help support your case if there are any complications.

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### How Crowned Roads Affect Motorcycle Handling

Retrieved from RiderMagazine  
<https://ridermagazine.com/2018/04/30/how-crowned-roads-affect-motorcycle-handling/>



*Crowned roads affect how your motorcycle handles and how your tires wear. Illustration by Kimberley Chapman.*

Roads are engineered to disperse rainwater and minimize pooling on the road surface. The way those clever civil engineers achieve that is by designing roads with a crowned profile. The surface is higher in the middle (where the double-yellow is) and slopes downward to each side of the road—a bit like a pitched roof on a house. The cross-slope design does much to make wet-weather riding safer. But motorcyclists should also consider how a crowned road comes into play even when the road is dry.

We travel on the right side of the road here in America. On a crowned road, that means the pavement slopes from its highest point at the left side of our lane down to its lowest point on the right edge of the lane. Have you ever noticed that the left side of your bike's tires wear more than the right? It's because your bike travels along a slanted plane for miles on end.

But here's a new slant: Think about how the crown effect comes into play when the pavement turns. In right-hand corners, the cross slope of the road creates a banked turn within our lane, providing slightly more traction, ground clearance and more responsive steering as we lean into the curve.

Conversely, a left-hand curve has a reverse camber as the pavement slopes away from the rider, slightly reducing traction and ground clearance and contributing to less responsive steering. This is one reason many riders find left-hand curves to be more challenging. A more conservative entry speed, combined with positioning your head and upper body toward the inside of the curve will reduce the bike's lean angle and more than compensate for any compromise in ground clearance and traction due to the crowned road. With a little practice, those crowned left-hand curves may become your crowning achievement!

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### **Been to The Desert...**

On a horse with ?? name  
Submitted by Karen Bottoni, VA-L

I think the date was February 15th. I was sitting at my computer at home doing what teleworkers do. I remember it was cold and rainy. Another one of those “wish I were somewhere else” days. During my daily paper shuffling routine, my phone rang, and it was one of my older Sisters in Spokane, Washington. She tells me I should join her and my younger Sister in Cave Creek, Fort McDowell, Fountain Hills area of Arizona for some Birthday fun. The younger Sister’s birthday is February 22<sup>nd</sup>. My immediate response was “Patty, you know I cannot just book some flights and leave on short notice like this, besides, I have to watch my budget”. She then offers to fund my lodging and some food and some activities. Oh boy, now what. I told her I could not allow her to pay my way, does not seem right. She insisted. I’ve learned over the years to never argue with older Sisters, I rarely ever win. I saw that the temperatures would be in the high 70’s and sunny in Phoenix. I was sold, nothing wrong with a little spontaneity especially to a warmer dry climate that tames my asthma. I then told Debbie of this proposal and she too insisted I go as well. Don’t have to tell me twice.

Next thing I remember I was boarding a flight to Phoenix on Sunday, February 21<sup>st</sup>. The Sisters had arrived a couple days earlier, so they were able to pick me up at airport. Off to the resort we went. Oh, the air felt so good, I felt good. Couldn’t wait to lay poolside and order one of those non-alcoholic umbrella thingys. Once settled, we did a little exploring around the resort grounds. Incredibly beautiful place to stay. The name of the resort was “We-Ko-Pa” offering breathtaking views of the McDowell Mountains, Red Mountain, Four Peaks and the Superstitions. The golf resort is part of the Yavapai Nation land that will never be commercially developed.

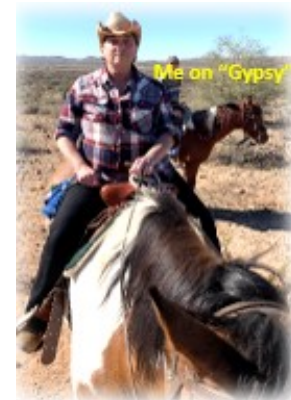


After a long day of flying and exploring, we met for dinner in the resort restaurant. I was briefed on the agenda for Monday, Feb 22<sup>nd</sup>. We were going on a four-hour 🐾 horseback ride through a 25,000-acre desert playground. That’s what the birthday girl wanted. Both my Sisters are horse lovers and have ridden all their life. The ride would take us through the Verde River and Sonoran Desert. I quietly questioned myself if I had the endurance to sit in a hard saddle for that long. I knew how I’d feel on return and dismount. It didn’t matter, this was about an experience and some Sister time.

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Six o'clock in the morning came around quickly. Got up, ate breakfast, dressed in our riding attire, hats and all. They wore ball caps I wore what seemed to be an ugly straw cowboy hat that got smashed in my suitcase. Our ride was scheduled at 10am. The resort shuttle picked us up and we were on our way, about a 15 min drive to the stables. We met the owner inside and signed our release from liability waivers, got our instructions, joked around a bit, then back outside to preview the horses. This was a private ride, just us three and our trail lead, Jarem. I knew immediately what horse I wanted when we drove up to the ranch. I didn't share that with my birthday Sister cause she should get to choose first, it's her birthday. I was secretly hoping she'd choose a different horse. She did thankfully..lol



We set off at 10am with our guide Jarem. A very nice young man who loves his job. About a third of the way into the ride, we saw our first critter, a jackelope... a rabbit with horns..lol. Seems the horses know the land very well because they alerted us of this traveler who apparently had right of way. Not long after that encounter, the horses stopped again because something a little more intimidating was nearby. Yep, it was coyote. We happily let him meander across our trail. We also saw some woodpeckers, hawks, cattle, and some glorious eagles. No rattlesnakes thank goodness. On the trail riverbed, our guide rode us quietly past a huge tree with an eagle's nest. There she was, sitting on her eggs. You can kind of see her head perched above that tonnage of nest material. That nest was huge!



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We stopped a few times for photo ops and water breaks. The scenery throughout the ride was phenomenal. Jarem let us ride our horses into the water so they could cool off too. My horse briefly thought about rolling in the sand post water break. I caught her just in time. I had these visions. Last thing I needed was to be flattened by a horse in a riverbed. When we hit the 3-hour mark in the ride, we all agreed on ending the ride early. We were out of water and we thought our guide needed a break too. We all needed the outhouse too! Upon our return, we were helped getting off our horses. I could barely walk. We all walked bull legged to the office for restroom break. It was a sight. We had a wonderful time and tipped our guide well.



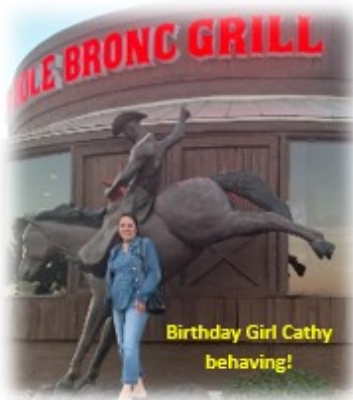
My Older Sister Patty  
trying to walk post ride



Jarem  
Trail Guide

Troy  
Ranch  
Owner

We returned to the resort hotel for some much-needed rest to prepare for the second half of birthday celebration. Later we all went to a local eatery called Saddle Bronc Grill, a western-themed sports bar & grill offering an array of local craft beers on tap and hearty pub fare. We carried on about our day of riding, shared lots of laughs, ate some good food. Of course, our server brought out an ice cream hot brownie sundae for us to share as birthday cake.



Birthday Girl Cathy  
behaving!



Not sure what older Sister  
Patty is doing here. Taking  
cover from rain!

We called it a night and declared it a successful day cause none of us fell off our horses and we can still walk. We also decided the next day would be "do whatever you want to do" day. They wanted to go into Fountain Hills shopping. I had different ideas...hee hee. The adventure continues on next page.

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Tuesday morning the 23<sup>rd</sup> came quickly. I was walking much better. Worked out some of those aches and pains in my butt and legs. We met for breakfast and the Sisters asked me what I had planned for the day. I didn't know yet, but I'd let them know when I figured it out. We parted ways and I immediately made a phone call to Fort McDowell adventures which ironically is where the horse stable is located. There were other adventures there as well. I looked over the two options, the Green Zebra off road adventure in a go cart on steroids or a Desert Segway Tour on two wheels. The latter piqued my interest so that's the one I signed up for. If it's on two wheels, no problem, just like a motorcycle...ummm no. I luckily got the last open reservation for the day at 3pm. It was a two-hour ride. I arrived at 2:30 for orientation and training. Sheez, why do I need training? How difficult could this be? You just jump on and go, umm no. I was in a group with two others and our tour guide Cowboy Wayne. While he was talking to us three about the operation of the Segway, I was watching the other group out of the corner of my eye practicing on their machines. Cowboy Wayne admonished me and said pay attention to me Sugar, your life depends on it. I'll explain the Sugar part later. Figured I had better pay attention cause this ain't nothing like riding a motorcycle.



Before we could step onto our Segway, Cowboy Wayne brought out a bucket of stuffed animal heads on sticks. He said we each pick out the one we want and then he'll tell us the name of our ride-a-long companion. Mine was Sugar, a cute pony with a red bandana. So that's what he called me the entire tour. Not Karen, not Gnome Napper, just Sugar. Finally, after lectures and instructions, he picked me first to practice. I admit, it was a little dicey there in the beginning. Once I figured it out, I was getting a little cocky going around the cones, yes doing weaves around cones. Cowboy Wayne picked up on that aggressiveness and begged me to slow down. I obliged. Once Cowboy Wayne was satisfied with everyone's training, we set off into the desert. I decided to let the two young kids go before me. I brought up the rear which was better. It was a fun ride, nice little hills and valleys, up close views of desert plants and such. I saw many tarantula and snake holes, more than I cared to see. Cowboy Wayne gave us some detailed history of the land and tribes that occupy it. I learned quite a bit. The Sisters, meanwhile, were texting me asking me what I was doing. Of course, I cannot text and ride a Segway at the same time. So naturally, they were worried. I shared my adventure with them that evening. They were relieved I was alive. This adventure concluded my Arizona/birthday celebration quickly get a way. We flew out the next day and headed home with great big smiles on our faces. Sing with me now ***"I've been through the desert on a horse with no name, it felt good to be out of the rain, In the desert you can remember your name, 'Cause there ain't no one for to give you no pain La, la...*** Lyrics by America, 1971, written by Dewey Bunnell.

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## SNAPSHOTS

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

### District Ops Meeting February 13, 2021



Lorrie Thomas, DD, kicks off Ops Meeting



Karen Bottoni receives Newsletter of the Quarter  
VA-L 4th Quarter Award

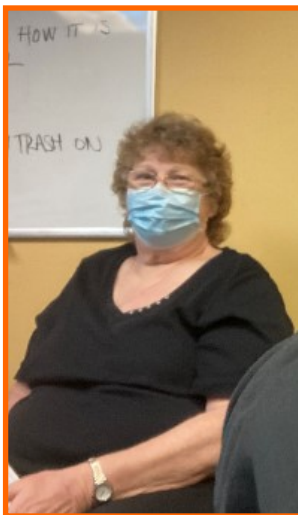
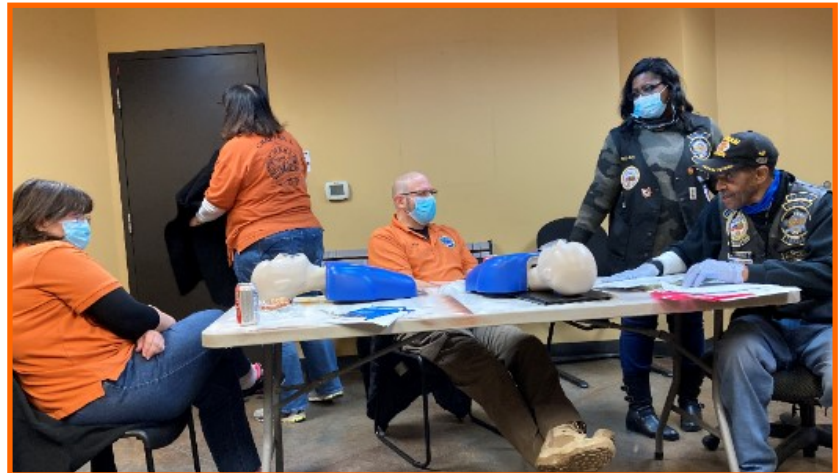


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### Medic/First Aid Class February 20, 2021



**MEDIC**  
**First Aid**



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

### Chapter Gathering February 26, 2021



1st Place - Roman



2nd Place - Debbie



3rd Place - Carm

VA-L members played a game called Tenzi. Roman Paryz won 1st place, Debbie Mandigo 2nd place, and Carm Stobie took 3rd place



Dan Clark won 50/50



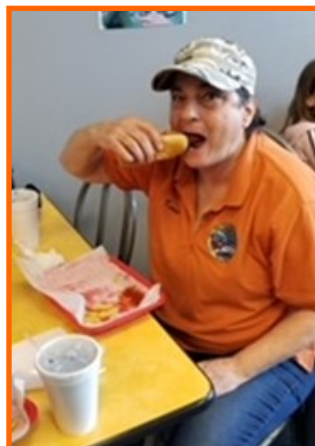
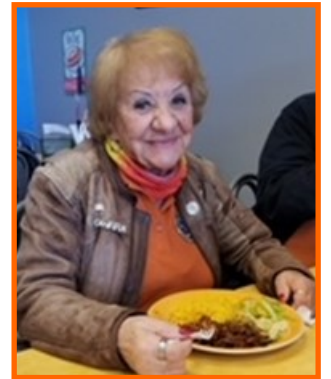
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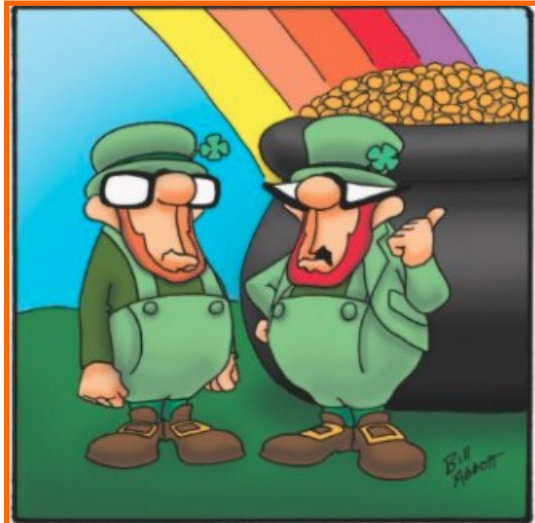
A look at what Chapter-L's Been Up To

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## Chapter-L Funnies



"So when I said, 'hide the gold in an inconspicuous place,' you put it under a rainbow?"



The rainbow was on your property, Mr. O'Toole, so technically, you are responsible for claiming the gold as personal income.

Luck of the IRS



It's not easy being green.

Reynolds

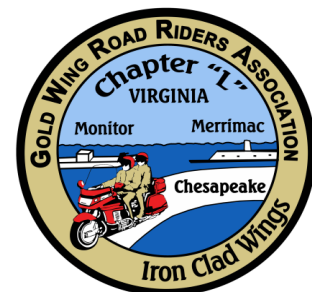
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VA-C	Hampton/Newport News,	John & Lynn Floyd (01/21)	757-838-0607 <a href="mailto:crayonjohnfloyd@gmail.com">crayonjohnfloyd@gmail.com</a> <a href="mailto:myluckymnm@yahoo.com">myluckymnm@yahoo.com</a>	<b>2nd Sun. 4:pm eat / 5pm meet</b>  Angelo's Steak House 755 J. Clyde Morris Blvd, Newport News
VA-D	Richmond	Fritz Sassine & Iris Guillet (01/18)	804-938-9183 <a href="mailto:fritz.sassine@gmail.com">fritz.sassine@gmail.com</a>	<b>4th Wed. 6:pm eat / 7pm meet</b> Candelas Pizzeria & Ristorante Italiano, 14235 Midlthoian Tnpk., Richmond
VA-E	Fredericksburg	Claude Revely (01/19)	540-207-7646 <a href="mailto:Knightwing263507@gmail.com">Knightwing263507@gmail.com</a> <a href="http://www.battlefieldwings.com">www.battlefieldwings.com</a>	<b>3rd Wed. 6:pm eat / 7pm meet</b> Great American Buffet. 1780 Carl D Silver Pkwy, Fredericksburg Central Park Shopping Center, exit 130 off I95
VA-F	Winchester	Stephanie Davis (08/14)	540-664-6430 <a href="mailto:davis.stephanie80@yahoo.com">davis.stephanie80@yahoo.com</a>	<b>4th Sun. 8:am eat / 9am meet</b>  Golden Corral, 120 Costello Dr., Winchester
VA-H	Abingdon	Paul & Dorothy Baker (11/01)	276-628-6047 <a href="mailto:09nellie@comcast.net">09nellie@comcast.net</a>	<b>2nd Tue. 7:pm</b>  Abingdon Moose Lodge US19, Porterfield Hwy, Abingdon
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VA-K	Roanoke	Jim Dailey & Susan Stuppiello (6/19)	540-230-0511 <a href="mailto:DaileyENT@yahoo.com">DaileyENT@yahoo.com</a> <a href="mailto:susantuppiello@gmail.com">susantuppiello@gmail.com</a>	<b>2nd Mon. 6:pm eat / 7pm meet</b>  Great 611 Steak Co., 3830 Franklin Rd., Roanoke
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VA-R	Harrisonburg	Gary Hoover <a href="mailto:hoov@shentel.net">hoov@shentel.net</a> (01/18)	540-742-1751 Judy Russell <a href="mailto:tiggerly13@hotmail.com">tiggerly13@hotmail.com</a>	<b>1st Sun</b>  Location to be Announced
VA-V	Bedford	Jonathan Whitworth (04/17)	540-425-0028 <a href="mailto:OtterRideVAV@gmail.com">OtterRideVAV@gmail.com</a>	<b>3rd Sun. 2:pm NO FOOD</b>  Bedford Church of God 1212 E Main St, Bedford
VA-X	Salem	Larry Stanton (01/15)	304-922-1401 <a href="mailto:Larry250222@gmail.com">Larry250222@gmail.com</a>	<b>1st Sat. 3:pm</b> Riverside Evangelical Methodist Church, 1920 Lucas St, Salem

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## Other local gatherings

- **Chapter C-Hampton/Newport News:** 2nd Sunday each month, 5pm. Angelo's Steak House at 755 J Clyde Morris Blvd in Newport News
- **Chapter NC-E2-Elizabeth City, NC:** 3rd Thursday each month, 7pm. The Villa at 846 Halstead Ave in Elizabeth City, NC

