

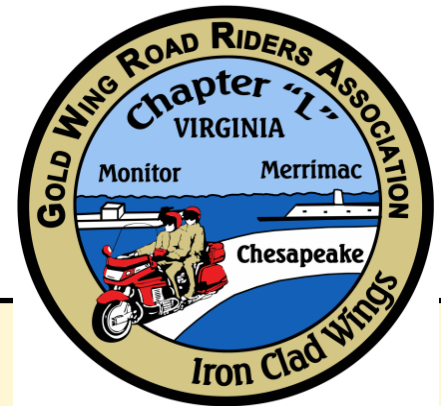
# The Iron Clad Wings



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

**Chartered  
 15 April, 1995**

**BRONZE Level Chapter for 2017**



*We're More Than Gold Wings...*

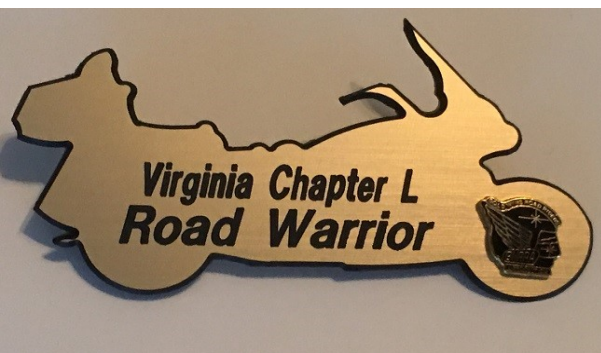


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## Ride & Grow with VA-L

*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*

## 2020 Road Warrior Awards



January: Will Conrad  
 February: Steven Morgan  
 March: **No Gathering**  
 April: **No Gathering**  
 May: **No Gathering**  
 June: Sherry Morgan  
 July: **Rolled Over**  
 August: Dan Clark  
 September: Keith Lindgren  
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 December:



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# Chapter La-J in Need of Help



Louisiana was hit hard by hurricane Laura last month, and is in the path of another. The District there says that one of the Chapters, La-J in Lake Charles has been hit real hard, losing everything or mostly everything they had. They are asking anyone who might be interested to please send gift cards for Lowe's, Kroger, Walmart, Sam's or Home Depot.

The address is:

Louisiana District

101 Nelda Street

Leesville, Louisiana 71446

If you prefer, send them to me and I will forward. I'm sure cards, prayers and letters will be welcomed, too.

Lorrie M. Thomas

5308 High Street West

Portsmouth, Va 23703

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## Chapter Directors



We are starting the month of October and the year 2020 is nearing the end. What an adventure it has been thus far. I took over the reins of Chapter Director the first of January with visions of change, training, and fun.

During the past 10 months, we have welcomed 3 new members to the Chapter. We would have liked to get out and recruited more but have been sidelined by the Covid. This disease has impacted our lives and that of the Chapter, and even infected several of our Members. Because Members have been adhering to the recommendations from the CDC, we have had low attendance at our Gatherings. This has forced us to find another facility and it happens to be at a place where we held them in the past. Zino's Pizza on Old George Washington Hwy in Chesapeake is glad to have us back. We will see how this works for the time being.

The team is still finalizing the Holiday party for this year. Some changes for this event will be that it is for our Members only, not our extended family or children. Santa Claus will not be coming this year and you will not have to cook and bring a dish. We will still have the gift exchange. With the Covid, it is difficult to find a facility that will provide a space large enough to have a party, but we are working on it and I will keep you informed of the progress. We are looking at the 12<sup>th</sup> or 19<sup>th</sup> of December.

We will be starting our monthly dinner outings very soon, the 2<sup>nd</sup> Friday of each month. If anyone has a favorite restaurant where we can join for a dinner, write it down on a piece of paper and bring it to the Gathering. We will draw a name of a restaurant and that is where we will go the next month. Please make sure the restaurant can handle a somewhat large group and has indoor seating.

We hope to see you at our new facility for our monthly Gathering on the 27<sup>th</sup> at Zino's and remember the Rally in the Valley in Lynchburg, it looks like it is going to be a grand time. Till then be safe, ride safe and keep the shiny side up.

Dan Clark

Chapter Director, Va-L

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**Dennis & Phyliss Easton**

Membership Enhancement Coordinators

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



## Membership Enhancement

**Your new District MECs!**

**Dave and Randi Green**



Let us take a moment and meet your new MECs. Well, at least on paper. We hope to meet many of you personally at this year's Rally in the Valley!

We live in Gloucester, VA and are the current Chapter MECs for VA-C out of Newport News. We are excited to expand the fun of Membership Enhancement to the State of Virginia as your newly appointed District MECs!

We joined GWRRA six years ago and have never looked back. During this time, we've assisted in Membership Enhancement, Rider Education, and Ride Coordination as well as serving as Chapter C's Couple of the Year for a 2-year period. We learned so much along the way and are looking forward to helping the District grow and succeed.

Randi is a homegrown Virginia girl. Born at Langley AFB, she has strong family ties to the military (her dad, brother, and now her son, Grey). She attended Christopher Newport College (now CNU) and is the Member Services Manager for the Newport News Municipal Employees Credit Union where she has been employed for 34 years. We can thank the military for bringing Dave to us as well. Raised in the Shenandoah region near Staunton, Dave joined the Army after graduating high school. He landed here at Fort Eustis and stayed on after his service. Dave is "semi-retired" after a 40+ year career in Adult Corrections. He is currently a Protection Supervisor for Riverside Regional Medical Center.

We had a surprise wedding 12 years ago that attendees are still talking about today. Between us, we have 2 sons (both married), 1 step-daughter, and 3 grandkids.

When not riding, our hobbies and interests are pretty varied. Dave was a Little League Umpire for over 20 years. He also enjoys golfing, fishing, and putting around their property on the tractor (when Randi lets him ride it!). Randi enjoys reading, singing, playing cards and games, and Hallmark movies (doesn't everyone?).

We both love road tripping on our motorcycles and have really enjoyed the friends we've made in GWRRA. You're sure to see us out and about – Dave on his blue

"Goofy" GL1800 and Randi on her white "Wizard of Oz" GL1800 Trike. Throw a hand up and say hi!



**Dave & Randi Green**  
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**Virginia District Membership Enhancement Coordinators**

**Dave & Randi Green**

## *The Iron Clad Wings*

Dan Clark

Ride Coordinator

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## Ride Coordinator

Greetings Chapter,

The month of October Ride Calendar currently does not have much as far as rides or events. We will be updating the calendar in the next few days.

A few of the events we are looking to add are to start our monthly Chapter Dinners. If you have an idea of a restaurant to attend, please bring me the name on a piece of paper with the address. Also contact the restaurant to make sure they will accept us. We will put all the names in a bag to draw a name and that will be the place we will go to for the next month.

We have the District Rally in Lynchburg the end of the month. If you haven't registered, please do so soon. The District is still accepting registrations. Currently the Rally will have about 120 people attending and we will be having, Medic First Aid along with an ARC and TRC classes. I understand there is still space available for all the classes.

Keep an eye on the Ride Calendar as I will be adding rides in the next few days. This will be weather permitting. If you do go out riding, please be aware of the cooler weather and the movement of wildlife, not just during the night, but daytime as well. Ride safe, be safe and keep the shiny side up.

Dan Clark

Ride Coordinator

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## District

### **It's Carnival Time!**

It has been way too long, 18 months to be exact, since we gathered under one roof as a District with our friends. It will be well worth the wait. After over 8 months of anxiety, limitations, quarantine, and fewer ice cream rides, it is time to celebrate.

The District Team has been working hard to bring you another fun filled Rally. As you look at the schedule in this newsletter, you will be hard pressed to find much do-nothing time. You may even want to do more than the schedule will allow.



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Not only are there plenty of planned events, Lynchburg offers legacies to explore. There are gardens and historic homes to visit, Old City Cemetery, a Civil War Center, and a Civil War Chaplains Museum. The Rightmire Children's Museum is fun for us big kids, too. The Legacy Museum of African-American History on Monroe Street is a must-see.

Of course, there is dining and shopping! We made a Belly Book for you listing local eateries.

For the explorers there is Natural Bridge once owned by Thomas Jefferson, the Blue Ridge Parkway and Appalachian Trail. Tours galore, driving tours and walking tours.

It is a beautiful city, friendly and welcoming. They will supply us with pamphlets and maps to use during your visit.

New city, new sights but the traditions of Rally live on. It wouldn't be Rally without pizza and ice cream. Classes every day, Advanced Rider, Trike Rider, MFA/CPR and Co-Rider on the schedule. Bike Show, games, crafts and WINGO, 50/50, door prize raffles and live entertainment, with comedian, Jim Seward, too.

Vendors! Something for everyone. Our greatest supporter, Mountain Man Mike, will be there to pin stripe or paint a mural on your bike or trailer. You can schedule ahead of time at [www.mountainmanart.com](http://www.mountainmanart.com). Makers making helmet bags, blankets, purses, and beautiful embroidered clothing. We will have 6<sup>th</sup> Gear for jackets and gear, Motorcycle Flag store with flags and hats, the Law Group and Sky Med. More coming...

Group rides to the D-Day Memorial and California Sidecar are planned. Members familiar with the area will be happy to supply you with directions or guide you for rides through the area.

It's not too late to register. Day passes are available, but you must let us know if you wish to take on-bike or MFA/CPR, seats are limited.

If you can volunteer an hour or two, please let me know. See you soon!

**Virginia District Directors**

**Lorrie Thomas & Dan Clark**

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## RITV 2020 TENTATIVE SCHEDULE

SUBJECT TO CHANGE

Day	Time	Registration	Vendors	Hospitality	Class	ARC & TRC Classroom (Must Be Pre-Registered)	Wingo, Games, Crafts	Lunch On Your Own	Sky Med	Ride #1 to D-Day Memorial	Ride #2 to California Sidecar
Thursday	12:00	Registration	Vendors	Hospitality	Class	ARC & TRC Classroom (Must Be Pre-Registered)	Wingo, Games, Crafts	Lunch On Your Own			
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Friday	8:00	Registration	Vendors	Hospitality	Class	ARC & TRC Range (Must Be Pre-Registered)	Wingo, Games, Crafts	Breakfast On Your Own			
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Saturday	7:30	Registration	Vendors	Hospitality	Class	CPR /MFA Class (Must Be Pre-Registered)	Carnival	Breakfast On Your Own			
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A way to clean out your garage and closets of Motorcycle Parts, Clothing and Accessories at the First Annual Rally in the Valley Flea Market!

Friday, October 30<sup>th</sup> , 10:00 – Noon.

A 6' table is included. Bring your own bank to make change. Tag your treasurers and be prepared to haggle. All tables must be attended during the duration of the sale. To reserve a table or for further information, please contact Dan Clark at

[Wingernut93@aol.com](mailto:Wingernut93@aol.com) by September 29<sup>th</sup>.

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## National

Gold Wing Road Riders Association

# Recruit



# Get a Year Free

### How it works:

**Start Date: 2/1/2020**

Recruit **1** Household

= **1 month free membership**

Recruit **2** Households

= **1 additional month free**

Recruit **3** Households

= **1 YEAR FREE MEMBERSHIP**



[www.GWRRRA.org](http://www.GWRRRA.org)  
1-800-843-9460



## *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

### OCTOBER BIRTHDAYS

PERSALEE COLLINS  
 RACHEL ELEY  
 WILLIAM ELEY  
 BOB GUNTER  
 DOROTHY HILDMAN  
 ROCKY LINK  
 MARTHA PHELAN

### OCTOBER ANNIVERSARIES:

STEVEN & SHERRY MORGAN



### OCTOBER GWRRA ANNIVERSARIES:

LORRIE THOMAS 8yrs  
 DAVE HUNTER 30 yrs  
 CHRIS BEHLING 4 yrs  
 FREDRICK EVANS 30 yrs  
 JACOB ALEXANDER 6 yrs

October is about trees revealing colors they've hidden all year.

People have an october as well.

- Jm Storm

### 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
Oct 27 <b>NEW LOCATION</b>	L	<b>Chapter L Gathering</b> , Zino's Café & Tavern, 850 Old George Washington Hwy N, Chesapeake, VA. Eat at 6pm Meet 7pm
Oct 29-31	Virginia	<b>Virginia District Rally</b> —"Rally in the Valley": Lynchburg Grand Hotel, 601 Main St, Lynchburg
Nov 24	L	<b>Chapter L Gathering</b> , Zino's Café & Tavern, 850 Old George Washington Hwy N, Chesapeake, VA. Eat at 6pm Meet 7pm

## *The Iron Clad Wings*

# It's Carnival Time!

Come Join the Fun!

October 29 -31, 2020



**Lynchburg Grand Hotel**

601 Main Street, Lynchburg, Virginia

434-528-2500

**Carnival Games**

On Bike Courses (ARC and TRC) and Classes

Rides, both guided and on your own including California Side Car and the

**D-Day Memorial**

**Bike Show**

**Vendors**

Live Entertainment

**History Tours of Lynchburg**

And much more!

More information on <http://www.gwrravadistrict.com>

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## Lynchburg Grand Hotel

601 Main Street, Lynchburg Virginia 24504

Come join us for a new and unique experience in beautiful Lynchburg. Lynchburg is rich in history and waiting to be explored. The traditions remain in the offerings of On-Bike and other classes, reconnecting with friends, guided rides, games, entertainment and more.

Virginia promises to bring you back in time to the fun of an Old-Fashioned Fall Carnival!

### Room rate includes breakfast.

Reserve by September 29, 2020. 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"

### Pre-purchase your Saturday night 50/50 tickets!

Drawing held Saturday during closing ceremonies. **Must be present to win.**

25 tickets for \$10 = \$ \_\_\_\_\_ OR 60 tickets for \$20 = \$ \_\_\_\_\_ OR 100 tickets for \$30 \_\_\_\_\_

### 2020 RALLY IN THE VALLEY SHIRTS:

Choice of shirt style; all shirts will be white with 2020 Rally in the Valley logo.

SHORT SLEEVE T-SHIRT: \_\_\_\_\_ (#) (size) (Amount)

S, M, L, XL, 2XL -- \$14/3XL-4XL -- \$17

LONG SLEEVED T-SHIRT: \_\_\_\_\_ (#) (size) (Amount)

S, M, L, XL, 2XL -- \$16/3XL & 4XL -- \$19

SHORT SLEEVE GOLF SHIRT: \_\_\_\_\_ (#) (size) (Amount)

S, M, L, XL, 2XL -- \$20/3XL & 4XL -- \$23

**A Couple of the Year Reception** will be held Friday afternoon; all current AND former Couples are welcome to attend!

*There is no guarantee that all shirt sizes will be available on site*



## Come join us at The Lynchburg Grand Hotel for the 32nd Annual Rally in the Valley!

- ◇ Pizza Party Thursday Night
- ◇ COY Reception Friday afternoon
- ◇ Door Prizes
- ◇ Modules/Seminars
- ◇ Bike Show
- ◇ On-Bike Courses
- ◇ Hospitality Room
- ◇ 2021-2022 Virginia District Couple of the Year Selection on Saturday
- ◇ Poker Run
- ◇ History Tours of Lynchburg
- ◇ Saturday 50 / 50
- ◇ Ice Cream Social Friday night



The ARC (Advanced Rider Course) classroom portion will be THURSDAY at 12pm, the range portion will be FRIDAY morning at 8am. The TRC (Trike Rider Course) classroom portion will be THURSDAY at 12pm, the range portion will be FRIDAY morning at 8am. 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. **MAXIMUM OF TWELVE PER CLASS**

NO REFUNDS UNLESS CLASS IS CANCELED BY INSTRUCTOR

### Master's Breakfast

Be recognized for your achievements at the Master's Breakfast on Saturday morning, October 31. \$12 per person. Must be pre-registered. There will be a guest speaker, gifts and door prizes.

### CPR/MFA Class

We will be offering a CPR/Medic First-Aid class at RTV. The course will begin PROMPTLY at 8:00am. The cost for the course is \$30 per person. Maximum of 12 for the class and must be pre-registered.



Rider: \_\_\_\_\_ Full Name \_\_\_\_\_ District/Chapter \_\_\_\_\_ Position \_\_\_\_\_ Member # \_\_\_\_\_

Co-Rider: \_\_\_\_\_ Full Name \_\_\_\_\_ District/Chapter \_\_\_\_\_ Position \_\_\_\_\_ Member # \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_ Street \_\_\_\_\_ City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ E-Mail: \_\_\_\_\_ For registration confirmation

Are you a current or former COY? \_\_\_\_\_ Is this your first time at Rally in the Valley? \_\_\_\_\_

Arriving on: Wed  Thu  Fri  Sat

Registration Prices	Received Before	Member	Non-Member
Early Bird	7/15/20	\$25	\$30
Pre-Registration	9/15/20	\$30	\$35
Regular / On Site		\$35	\$40
Day Passes/On Site		\$20	\$25



Children 6 to 12 are \$10 each; Children 5 & under are free

Adult Member \$ \_\_\_\_\_ x \_\_\_\_\_ = \_\_\_\_\_

Adult Non-Member \$ \_\_\_\_\_ x \_\_\_\_\_ = \_\_\_\_\_

Children 6 to 12 \$10 x \_\_\_\_\_ = \_\_\_\_\_

Total (See above pricing schedule) \_\_\_\_\_

- Refunds incur a \$5 cancellation fee
- No refunds after October 1, 2020

Please make checks payable to:  
GWRRA Virginia District

Mail registration with payment to:  
GWRRA Virginia District  
Roman Parыз  
331 Paine St  
Newport News, Va 23608

Registration Fees	\$ _____
Master's Breakfast	\$ _____
ARC Class	\$ _____
TRC Class	\$ _____
CPR/MFA Class	\$ _____
Saturday 50/50	\$ _____
T-Shirts	\$ _____
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ _____</b>

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

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### **I Walked Away...**

By: knotjohnson, Goldwing Docs Member  
<https://goldwingdocs.com>

Goldwing Crash Video - What went wrong? What can we learn? <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=1EyByHm6nkg>

2015 GL1800 Audio/Comfort

The crash happened in southern Oregon a few weeks ago, 9:30 PM. I hit a patch of sand on the road and the wing got into a "wobble" and ran out of pavement before I could recover. Ran across a T intersection still out of control, went airborne and into a 4 foot deep ditch. I remember most of the event but there are a few blanks. The Innovv K2 recorded my speed at 45, the rear camera recorded the Mini Mate camper going up on its left side and dragging across the last of the pavement in a shower of sparks just before following me into the ditch. This happened in a very rural area on a very dark moonless night. This was just me, there was no other traffic. I remember being ejected from the Wing and going thru the windshield and landing in front of the bike. No idea how long before I got up. The bikes lights were still on so I could see that it was laying on its right side in the ditch and the trailer was on its left side. Took stock of my condition, shook up and full of adrenaline but I'm OK. Able to assess the situation but really didn't have a plan at this point. Somehow, and I have no idea how, the police arrived and called for medical or it may have been the other way, I really don't remember who arrived first. Medical checked me out as did 2 different cops. Questions were asked and I gave what info I could. Tow truck showed up and got the bike and trailer loaded, gave me a ride to a town where I got a motel for the night. Next morning I'm getting a U-Haul for the 400 mile trip home.

A Few After Thoughts...

I give thanks to all the people that came to my aid.

I'm thankful that I was wearing my safety gear. First Gear mesh pants and jacket, gloves, helmet, and boots. These items all showed signs hitting the ground but were mostly very dirty but not damaged. The gear did its job and protected me. Money well spent.

In looking back, there were a series of events and decisions in the miles leading up to this accident. Its not just one thing that caused this crash. I am still processing it all but I'm learning from the experience as memory returns and I review the video.

Now I'm waiting for the shop to submit the repair estimate to the insurance co., should happen in the next few days. I hope its not totaled but its not looking very good.

I'm happy to have walked away and be able to ride another day!

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### **Octane Stability: High Octane vs Low Octane Fuels**

Submitted by: Dave Hunter, VA-L Member

Retrieved from [www.Sunocofuels.com](http://www.Sunocofuels.com)

It is necessary to briefly review what octane is in order to dive deeper into stability issues. At fueling stations in the United States, octane is typically displayed as a number, 87 through 93. This number is known as Anti-Knock Index (AKI). AKI is the average of Research octane number (RON) and Motor octane number (MON)(Totten). Essentially, these numbers provide a scale to measure how much heat and pressure can be put on the fuel before it spontaneously combusts. Spontaneous combustion is a source of engine knock which can quickly damage an engine. Octane ratings are important because different engines expose fuel to different amounts of pressure and heat. Engines must use the proper octane fuel to avoid knock and provide reliable operation.

A key aspect of gasoline stability is vapor pressure. This is determined by how much pressure builds up inside a sealed fuel container when the fuel is heated to 100°F. A higher vapor pressure suggests a higher concentration of low boiling point hydrocarbons that vaporize under 100°F. Pump fuels with high (12 pounds/square inch, psi) vapor pressures are used in cold weather to prevent engine starting issues due to low temperatures. Pump fuels are limited to 7.8-9psi maximum in warm weather depending on county and state ([www.epa.gov](http://www.epa.gov)). If stored in a vapor tight container the vapor pressure can be maintained for long periods of time. Fuel exposed to the atmosphere can lose light components within a couple of days. Over time as vapor pressure decreases the fuel can become stale. Stale fuel doesn't evaporate as easily and can cause rough engine idle and hard starting. Butane is a volatile gasoline component used to tailor vapor pressure in accordance with seasonal needs. Cold weather fuel has higher concentrations of butane. Butane has a high blending octane value which helps manufacturers hit their octane targets. The main downfall of butane is that it boils at 32°F. If the fuel tank is vented to atmosphere the butane can start to evaporate out unless the daily temperatures are below freezing. This makes cold weather fuel more susceptible to vapor pressure loss and octane decreases.

87 octane fuels tend to be less refined and contain more unstable hydrocarbons. As the months pass during storage these unstable components react to form gums, varnishes and lower octane hydrocarbons. As a result the octane can decrease within months for 87 octane fuels, especially when stored under less than ideal conditions. 93 octane fuels are more refined and contain more stable hydrocarbons. These stable hydrocarbons can last 2-3 times longer than 87 octane fuel. Even in proper storage 87 octane gas can start to degrade in 3 months, 93 octane fuel should last closer to 9 months before degradation is noticeable. Keep in mind that 93 octane fuels are still susceptible to octane loss and vapor pressure decreases due to butane evaporation.

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## **Temperatures and Pavement**

Submitted by: Lorrie Thomas, VA District Director

Authored by: Joy Mattson, MN District Educator

Happy Halloween!! I know, it's a little early, but it's still that time of the year! As I sit here eating my Pumpkin Pie *Blizzard* Treat, I can't help but think that Fall is in the air. I noticed a couple of weeks ago that the leaves were already changing colors. That's scary and brings to mind two topics:

### **Temperatures**

Remember to add an extra layer or two when you leave in the mornings. You can always take those layers off as the day progresses and the temperatures climb, but you can't add what you don't have. If you can, keep a couple of long sleeve shirts in the saddlebag. If you have electrics, a long sleeve shirt should be adequate. Too many layers and you may not feel the effect of the heating.

### **Pavement**

The pavement is much cooler now and tires aren't as sticky as we've gotten used to. It's time to slow down and be smooth and steady with the throttle, clutch and brake. With the changing of the colors, watch for wet leaves on the roadways. They make for slippery surfaces. Also watch the paint stripes on the roads marking crosswalks, etc. They can be slippery with the morning dew.

Hopefully that white stuff will continue to hold off for a while yet. I'm not quite ready to give up riding this early in the year. I know they've had snow west of us and it's such a shock to the system.....I've heard that Rapid City had 100° one day and the next they had 2" of snow covering the ground. What the heck???

Till next time, ride safe and be healthy. I look forward to seeing you down the road.

Joy Mattson  
MN District Educator



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## Bushtec Trailer Hitch

Retrieved from October 2020 TN District Newsletter



### Assistant Rider Educators

Roger and Marie Crow



### BUSHTEC TRAILER HITCH

There are some interesting items concerning the Bushtec trailer hitch components. Information obtained from direct conversation with Bushtec, members experience of the stated issues and/or the trailer owner's manual (which everyone always reads - ??????)



HITCH PIN ADAPTER WITH SS LOCK - 98900000

**WARNING:** *If the trailer is not securely attached to the motorcycle, it could uncouple from the motorcycle. The key can be removed from the lock regardless of whether or not the lock is engaged on the hitch pin.*

**“LIFT UP ON THE LOCK TO ENSURE LOCK IS ENGAGED ON THE HINGE PIN”**

**CAUTION:** *Failure to use the supplied rubber cap will result in dirt and debris settling into the keyhole. This may prevent you from being able to insert the key and remove the lock.*

**“COVER THE KEYHOLE WITH SUPPLIED RUBBER CAP”**

**ALERT:** *When the trailer is not in use, do not leave the lock on the hinge pin. Leaving the hinge lock in place during operation without the trailer attached could lead to premature hitch lock fatigue and/or failure.*

**“REMOVE THE LOCK AND STORE OFF OF THE HITCH PIN UNTIL ITS NEXT USE”.**

To learn about the effects of pulling a trailer with your motorcycle, the classroom only Rider Education Trailering Seminar is highly recommended. Also, there is a Rider Education TRC/ARC with Trailers Riding Course that can be taken that includes range exercises.

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### **THE JOY OF NEW SOCKS!**

Submitted by: Lorrie Thomas, VA-L Member

As is the spirit and heart of GWRRA Chapter Va-L, we have, again, chosen to contribute to our community this year during the holidays.

Years past we filled the closets of the newborn nursery at Sentara Norfolk with baby clothes. This year we have designated the Union Mission as the recipient of our donations, again.

OK, why socks?

**We all have a sock drawer. The homeless don't.**

**People very rarely donate new socks to the homeless.**

**The number one needed clothing article is new socks.**

**Numerous health problems result from the lack of new socks.**

We will be collecting new adult and children's socks starting at the October Gathering, at the Holiday Party and finishing at the January Gathering.

Any questions or to have your donation picked-up, contact Lorrie Thomas.

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### **Meet Joe & Trish Daniel, VA-L Newest Members**

I was born in Norfolk, VA and reared in Chesapeake (Green Meadow Point in Churchland) along with my two brothers. I did the usual things, participated in many sports, boy scouts, got into trouble and attended church. In the 6<sup>th</sup> grade, I moved to Suffolk (back then the World's Largest Peanut Market). I was then introduced to friend's mini-bikes (Honda Z-50 and TR-70). Gained experience jumping ditches, trash cans, pulling skateboards behind (How crazy we are when we are young!) Never lost the excitement for the feeling of being free. Too many Evel Knievel jumps on television (Wild World of Sports), movie, etc. to watch (One of my all-time faves). Graduated from Nansemond-Suffolk Academy and was voted the most talented (by the girls!). I then graduated from Elon University in North Carolina and lived there for a few years before coming back to the good old VA. It was during my time in the tar-heel state that I had additional experience riding a Suzuki 450 which was my only means of transportation. (Forgive me for the Suzuki, I was young).

Then there is Trish, she grew up in Franklin, VA with her two sisters and one brother. She was the only blonde (there you go!). She grew up helping her grandparents on their farm in Gates County, NC. Her father worked for the Government which transferred them to Iceland for a few years. Besides being beautiful, my wife is talented and plays piano (played with the Icelandic Junior Symphony).

Unfortunately, I have to hear about how many boys\dates she had, etc. Oh, did I fail to mention, she was voted Homecoming Queen (twice, at least she says so?). She graduated from Franklin High School and then went straight into Nursing school completing her LPN and then RN designations. She has been a nurse longer than I can remember (hence her loving and compassionate disposition). She is currently an Oncology nurse for Riverside Hospital Cancer clinics on the Southside. Everyone there will tell you she is the best and she earned recognition and Ambassador status. (Although she won't brag on herself)

So, we will turn the page. We met at a pig-pickin' in Franklin, VA (an event that we both got dragged to by friends). I almost didn't go. Needless to say, it was love at first sight (at least for me!). I gave her my business card and asked that she call me the next day (wanted to know if she was really interested, or just playing games). Well she called, right on time. We have been together ever since. We moved to Lynchburg, VA after getting married and lived there for nearly four years before coming back to Tidewater. We have two great children, Mackenzie (24 and just as pretty as her Mom) and Chad (21 and just as handsome as his Mom, if she were a man). We currently have two dogs, Gabe (My wife's dog a Pomapoo, LOL) and Nala, our son's female Dobermann Pinscher. So, I guess you could say we have four children. We have been married for 28 years and dated for nearly 5 years prior to that. My how time flies! Did I mention, we love Pizza! No really, we looove Pizza!

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Anyway, I was diagnosed with Cancer about three years ago, completed treatment and hope to remain cancer free. I had toyed with the idea of getting back into biking for a few years (secret to Trish). Then one day, I saw my bike on Craig's List and inquired about it. Long story short, it became mine. This bike came from Alaska, was driven from Oregon to Virginia by the last owner in order for them to pick-up their other bike located in Va. Beach. He didn't want to fly due to the Covid, so he purchased this bike that was in his friend's airport hangar, drove it here and then sold it. Prior to that the previous owner completed two 3 Flags trips driving from California, to the Florida Keys, to Main and then back to Cali. During our first visit to see the bike, there was another buyer that had already spoken to the owner (Bob) prior to us showing up. The other buyer drove up just as we were looking at the vintage 1988 Honda Goldwing GL 1500 and stated he had the cash to buy it. Bob, allowed me to throw down a deposit and then ultimately sold the bike to us. Funny thing, the other buyer showed up again the day we picked up the bike and stated again that if I didn't get it, he had the cash on hand. (Divine intervention) I am pretty sure Bob wanted to sell us the bike instead of the "other guy".

We are looking forward to getting in many miles of road with the vintage GL 1500 and much needed wind therapy. Trish has recently enjoyed her first ride and has now been bitten by the bug. I think she may love the bike more than myself. She even mentioned bringing it into our bedroom. (Just kidding). We enjoy all things outdoors, fishing, camping, hiking, sight-seeing, boating, sports, and the mountains. We also enjoy antique shopping, family time, gardening, exploring new restaurants and attending church. We have thoroughly enjoyed the short time that we have been involved with GWRRA and look forward to the remainder of this year and next. God is good, all the time!

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## SNAPSHOTS

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

**District All Chapters Picnic  
September 19, 2020**



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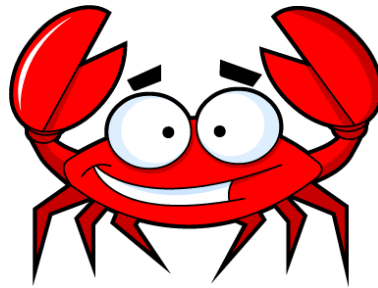
## SNAPSHOTS

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

### Chapter Gathering September 22, 2020



Dan is twisting feverishly to reel his crab in while Lorrie assists with the guiding



Winners of Crab Race Game  
1st Place Dan Clark & Lorrie Thomas  
2nd Place Dave Hunter & Marth Phelan



Dave's hands are sore from wrenching all day but still manages to reel his crab in while Martha cheers him on



Brandon won the Pop's Diner door prize



Keith Lindgren cleaned house and won both the ride pot and 50/50



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*Retrieved from facts.net*

### **Finding a spider on Halloween night is considered good luck.**

Despite the common phobia of spiders many people share, spotting this insect on Halloween night is considered great luck. It is believed that if you see a spider during Halloween, it means that a loved one is watching over you.

In many parts of the world, spiders are seen as a symbol of wealth and prosperity. Another superstition states that if a spider crawls into your pocket, it will bless you with everlasting wealth.

### **The first Jack-o-Lanterns were carved from turnips.**

You may automatically associate pumpkins with Jack-O-Lanterns, but this wasn't always the case. Traditionally, the Irish used large turnips and potatoes for carving the first Jack-O-Lanterns. Upon bringing the practice to America, the use of pumpkins soon took over, probably as a less-smelly alternative.

### **The Jack-O-Lantern borrows its name from a stingy man named Jack.**

According to an old Irish legend, the practice of carving produce for Halloween comes from a man named Stingy Jack who once invited the devil for a drink.

True to his name, Jack didn't want to pay for his drinks, which led to a series of tricking the devil. After some years, Jack passed away and had his soul left in the dark using only a carved turnip to light his way. How's that for dark Halloween facts?

### **Reese's cups rank as one of the highest-selling candies during Halloween.**

In 2019, Monmouth University conducted a study to rank the most popular Halloween candies in the United States. In the survey, 36% of participants favored Reese's peanut butter cups over all other Halloween candies.

This is followed by the Snickers bar which was favored by 18% of participants.

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## Word Search

Theme: **Horror Movies**



- ALIENS
- ARMY OF DARKNESS
- BLACK SABBATH
- BLACK SUNDAY
- CANNIBAL HOLOCAUST
- CARRIE
- DAWN OF THE DEAD
- DAY OF THE DEAD
- DRACULA
- EVIL DEAD
- FRANKENSTEIN
- HALLOWEEN

- HORROR OF DRACULA
- HOUSE OF WAX
- NIGHT OF THE DEMON
- NOSFERATO
- PHANTASM
- POLTERGEIST
- PSYCHO
- SAW
- SCREAM
- THE BEYOND
- THE BIRDS
- THE EXORCIST

- THE FLY
- THE FOG
- THE HAUNTING
- THE HOWLING
- THE MUMMY
- THE OMEN
- THE POSSESSION
- THE SHINING
- THE THING
- THE WOLFMAN
- WHITE ZOMBIE
- ZOMBIELAND

You can find the words in the grid by looking Diagonal, Forward, Backward, Up, and Down. Circle them with a pencil or use a marker to highlight the letters. But most of all HAVE FUN!!!

ANSWERS: [Click here](#)

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## Chapter-L Funnies



Exercise should be more like Trick-or-Treating: Walk 20 feet, get a piece of candy, walk 30 feet, get another piece of candy, walk 15 feet, get a piece of candy...



THERE ARE TWO TYPES OF HALLOWEEN PEOPLE



I BETTER TAG MYSELF IN THIS PHOTO OR NO ONE WILL KNOW I'M IN IT...



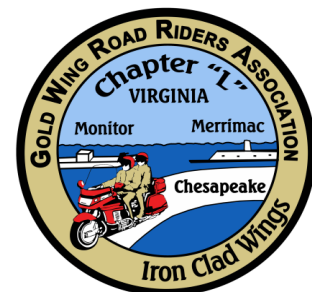
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VA-C	Hampton/Newport News,	Dave & Donna Huey (01/18)	757-719-0668 <a href="mailto:dhuey1800@verizon.net">dhuey1800@verizon.net</a>	<b>2nd Sun. 4:pm</b>  Angelo's Steak House 755 J. Clyde Morris Blvd, Newport News
VA-D	Richmond	Fritz Sassine & Iris Guillet (01/18)	804-938-9183 <a href="mailto:fritz.sassine@gmail.com">fritz.sassine@gmail.com</a>	<b>4th Wed. 6:pm</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</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</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
VA-I	Manassas	David & Robin Hotaling (1/20)	646-406-1200 <a href="mailto:Rah889195@yahoo.com">Rah889195@yahoo.com</a> <a href="mailto:davidsgoldwing02@gmail.com">davidsgoldwing02@gmail.com</a>	<b>2nd Sun. 9:am</b>  Great American Buffet 8365 Sudley Rd, Manassas
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</b>  Great 611 Steak Co., 3830 Franklin Rd., Roanoke
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VA-O	Williamsburg	Ray & Tammie Pierce (04/14)	757-268-6286 <a href="mailto:gwravaochapterdirector@cox.net">gwravaochapterdirector@cox.net</a>	<b>4th Sun. 4:pm</b>  Denny's Restaurant 409 Bypass Rd. Williamsburg
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-W	Chester	Sheila & Jim Hazan (06/18)	804-396-9088 (S) 804-396-9089 (J) <a href="mailto:gwravaw@gmail.com">gwravaw@gmail.com</a>	<b>2nd Tue. 6:pm</b>  The Patron Cantina 12211 Jefferson Davis Hwy., Chester
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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- **Chapter C-Hampton/Newport News:** 2nd Sunday each month, 5pm. Angelo's Steak House at 755 J Clyde Morris Blvd in Newport News
- **Chapter O-Williamsburg:** 4th Sunday each month, 4pm. Denny's Restaurant at 409 Bypass Rd in Williamsburg
- **Chapter NC-E2-Elizabeth City, NC:** 3rd Thursday each month, 7pm. The Villa at 846 Halstead Ave in Elizabeth City, NC

