



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

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BRONZE Level Chapter for 2017

We're More Than Gold Wings...













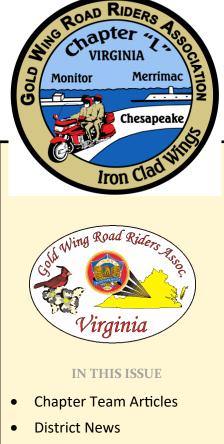
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We meet the 4th Tuesday of each month (except December) at Zino's Café, 850 George Washington Hwy N, Chesapeake, VA 23323. Our meet, greet and eat—begins at 6pm, our gathering begins at 7pm. We invite you to come out and have fun with us

2021 Road Warrior Awards



January: Lorrie Thomas February: Rolled Over March: Paula Dignan April: Madonna Elliott May: Paul Bricker June: Dan Clark July: Dan Clark August: September: October: November: December:

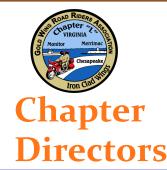


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As I sit here contemplating what to write about, I think back at the fun I have had since joining GWRRA. I first joined in 2005 thanks to a coworker named Joe Dickson, who heard me talking to another coworker about buying a bike. Joe invited me to an ice cream ride which was just around the corner from my house, so I decided to drive over and enjoy a sundae. While there, I saw a former coworker from my days in the Coast Guard and he was a member of Chapter "O" as well. We rekindled our friendship, and I bought my bike and became a member of Chapter "O". Unfortunately, Joe is no longer with us, but I still remember the fun times we had.

Why do I mention all of this? For a couple reasons. One is the friendships that I have developed over the years, still enjoy seeing my friends and making new ones, as well. The other is how fun it was to attend Rally in the Valley in Roanoke. The first one I attended; dinner was a first come first serve basis with reservations for the first 1,200 people. Can you imagine a State Rally of that magnitude? It was simply mind boggling.

Rally in the Valley is fast approaching and will be held in Lynchburg, Va again this year from Oct 14th thru the 16th. Although Rally isn't as large as it once was, it is still fun to see old friends and to make new ones. We have Members come in from Maryland, Delaware, and Tennessee and other states. Some of these people we only see once a year during our Rally. So, make plans to attend, get your registrations in and make your hotel reservations, as well. The theme this year is "Cruising in Grand Style", and we will set sail on the SS Virginia on Thursday evening.

We hope to 'sea' you there.

Dan Clark & Lorrie Thomas Chapter Directors, Va-L

Dennis & Phyliss Easton Membership Enhancement Coordinators <u>eastondm@cox.net</u>

Membership Enhancement





One of our responsibilities is to assure the recognition of our Members. At Rally each year, we recognize a Member for the "Spirit of Virginia" award. Please read the criteria for the award below. Do you know someone to nominate that "By their works you shall know them"?

Vernon L. Needham SPIRIT OF VIRGINIA Award

All Members within GWRRA are outstanding Members, but there are those few who continue to help others and exemplify the motto of this organization, "Friends for fun, safety and knowledge." These Members deserve to be recognized for their contributions that go above and beyond. The "Spirit of Virginia" award is presented to an outstanding person or couple within the Virginia GWRRA District that represents this meaning.

With that in mind, an award has been initiated to recognize this member. Only one award will be presented in any year. If a deserving recipient or couple is nominated and selected, the presentation will be made at the District Rally. The Member(s) receiving this award does not have to prove themselves by any type of test or oral presentation. They do not have to present themselves in any way after they have been nominated. In fact, it is preferred the nominated person(s) is not aware of the nomination.

A selection panel will be chosen each year to consider all nominations received and will select one award recipient. The nominator of the selected recipient will be contacted upon selection to ensure that the recipient will be attending Rally in the Valley for presentation of the Award.

Rules of the award are as follows:

- The nominee or couple must be a Member(s) of the Virginia GWRRA with Membership fees paid in full for the year they are nominated.

- The nominator(s) must also be a Full Member(s) of the Virginia GWRRA with Membership fees paid for the year they are nominating.

- The nominator(s) does/do not have to be an Officer or hold any position within GWRRA.

- The nominator(s) must submit a written dissertation stating why they believe the person, or couple should be considered for this prestigious award. Try to be as comprehensive as possible as to why the nominee or couple should be considered.

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- The written dissertation is to be submitted to the Chapter Director or Assistant Chapter Director of the nominator's Chapter to be forwarded to the District Director. All nominations are to be sent US Mail or electronic mail (e-mail) to the District Director, or their designated recipient, and received no later than 6 weeks prior to the District Rally (revisions to this date at the discretion of the District Director with written notice to all Chapter Directors in advance) of the

year of the potential award.

- The selection panel will then consider the submitted nominations to determine if a "Spirit of Virginia" award warrants presentation at that year's District Rally.

- How does a Member or couple qualify for this prestigious award? "By their works you shall know them."

All submissions should include nominators full name, Chapter, and GWRRA Membership number, along with full name, Chapter, and member number of the nominee.

Dan Clark Ride Coordinator wingernut93@aol.com

Ride Coordinator



Greetings Chapter, it is a pleasure to announce that our Chapter now has three new Road Captains. The district conducted the training on Saturday, 31 July in Williamsburg and we had 11 participants. Congratulations to Doug Gilliam, Paul Bricker, and Martha Phelan for taking the class and learning to be a Lead or a Tail gunner. I am sure that in the future we can count on one of them to lead a ride.

Our schedule of events for August and September will be listed below. We have a full schedule and look to have some fun rides. We hope to see you on some of these rides and keep an eye on the ride calendar as it is updated frequently.

Aug 13- Ice Cream Ride to Uncle Rick's in Portsmouth. KSU 6:30 from Hardee's

Aug 14- Ride to Warsaw and Weems, Va for Va. Grand Tour sites. KSU 8:00 from Hardee's. Lunch at Northern Neck Burger in Kilmarnock

Aug 21- Ride to visit Karla Dobbins, a member in home care. KSU 10:00 am from Hardee's

Aug 24- Our next Chapter Gathering at Zino's Pizza. 6:00 pm for social, 7:00 for dinner

Aug 28- Ride to Ellisville, Va for Va. Grand Tour site. KSU 8:00 am from Hardee's

Sept 2-4 Wings over the Smokies in Waynesville, N.C. depart Thurs. morning

Sept 10- Ice Cream Ride to DQ in Windsor, KSU 6:30 from Hardee's

Sept 11- VA-C Fall Sprawl Extravaganza, 485 Simmons Lane. White Stone, VA

Sept 12- Ride for Kids in Richmond. KSU 8:00 am from Bojangle's 3605 Bridge Rd in Suffolk, Va

Sept 18- All Chapter Picnic in Twin Pines State Park, Green Bay, Va.

Dan Clark

Ride Coordinator

Karen Bottoni CSEA <u>kbottoni@gmail.com</u>

Chapter Skills Enhancement Advisor



With Great Power Comes Great Responsibility

Whether you drive a car, truck, bus, minivan, SUV, or ride a motorcycle – you have great power.

- You have the power to help you and your family get home safely
- You have the power to help me and my family get home safely
- You have the power to allow, cause, or prevent great damage, injury, suffering, and even death on our roads

With this power comes the responsibility to use it wisely and with due caution. When a crash happens, many times we hear the phrase "I didn't mean to." We have to ask ourselves honestly what the difference is between "I didn't mean to" and "I meant NOT to."

'Meaning NOT to' says that the driver (or rider) took action and precautions to be prepared for something to go wrong and allowed enough time, space, and attention to be able to prevent a crash. THAT is taking responsibility. Here are just a few examples of things we see every day in traffic that show this responsibility:

- Keeping at least a 2-3 second following distance
- Letting another driver into the traffic flow (courtesy)
- Keeping eyes on the road (and not on a phone, book, laptop, passengers, the radio, etc.)
- Coming to a full stop at a stop sign
- When the light turns green, waiting for the car in front to go BEFORE taking a foot off the brake
- Stopping for pedestrians and bicycles
- Slowing down in school zones
- Ensuring everyone in the car is buckled up (or using ATGATT on the motorcycle)

On the other hand, we also see many examples of drivers and riders who have the power, but do not exercise responsibility. Here are just a few examples where the driver or rider may have forgotten that they are responsible for the safety of themselves, their passengers, and the other road users:

- Aggressive driving
- Tailgating

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Chapter Skills Enhancement Advisor

- Driving while distracted
- 'Rushing' this does not mean just speeding, it means being more focused on getting somewhere quickly than getting there safely
- Drinking and driving/riding

When someone on the road is not being responsible for your family's safety, I bet you get upset. Me, too. Let's all do our part – in cars, and on bikes – to be responsible for each other. The promise of freedom brings with it the burden of responsibility. When we share the road, we are taking on this responsibility.

My promise to you – I will do my part to help keep your family safe. I ask that you do the same.

"Safety is for Life" "Practice Makes Permanent"

Karen Bottoni CSEA



District

So, you want to put on a Rally...

Like the old-time movies that featured a group of young folks who could sing and dance who needed to raise money to save a theater or save the town or feed the orphans, people have been putting on shows. For many, many years GWRRA Districts have been doing the same. For me, I am grateful I am not expected to sing nor dance. You should be grateful, too.

The steps to organize, finance and produce a spectacular Rally takes creativity, (wo)man hours of physical labor, meetings, budgeting, and a dose of luck. This is true for the 2021 Rally in the Valley, *Cruisin' in Grand Style*.



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We are fortunate that we found a hotel that was so accommodating and welcoming, in a location that was centrally located and offered some destinations for riding, attractions for visiting and good eats. With Virginia having such an unusual shape, a location that was more centrally located was a definite plus. Random trivia: The actual geographic center of our state is approximately 40 miles northeast in Buckingham County. The hardest part of our decision to move the Rally location was that we knew some members would be disappointed that we left Roanoke. In addition to considering a location more convenient to everyone, attendance had fallen off so much so that it was no longer cost effective to hold it there.

Speaking of costs...When we met with the hotel staff, plans were made as to how many sleeping rooms we needed to block. They graciously changed the size of the block as registrations started to come in. Next, we negotiated costs for the meeting rooms, the vendor area (both inside and out), the classrooms, hospitality room, bike show and other gathering spots. Each location comes with a cost. Every mic stand, av cart, dance floor and staging are added to the total. As is standard when contracting with a venue, the more hotel rooms that are booked by the attendees, the more leverage we have in negotiating costs. Now, some might counter with, "Well, the hotels really want our business so it shouldn't be a problem." While that may be true, these meeting spaces are not given to us for free.

There are additional costs for advertising, entertainment, hospitality room food, decorations, year pins, registration bags, signage, and miscellaneous supplies. All of these expenses are covered by registrations. We didn't charge for the Flea Market spaces last year nor did we ask the Chapters to donate food, make baskets or decorate tables. It seems that the number one request from members has been vendors. In an effort to try and attract more vendors, we didn't charge them for their space, only a refundable deposit if they, in fact, showed up.

So that brings us to the question of why am I writing about this? We wanted to give you a bit of insight as to what goes into the decision making behind Rally or any event for that matter. All we ask in exchange for this labor of love is for you to register early and to offer to volunteer some of your time to help during or in preparation for the Rally. Also,

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District

submit suggestions as to what you'd like us to bring to the experience or what you think we need to change.

"Sea" you soon on the SS Virginia in Lynchburg!

Virginia District Directors

Lorrie Thomas & Dan Clark

National

GWRRA Levels Program Update January 1st, 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 31st, 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 <u>universitydir@gwrra.org</u> or Susan Huttman, GWRRA Rider Education Program Director <u>director re@gwrra.org</u>

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.

Birthdays, Anniversaries, & Other Information



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 (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.

Gathering & Ride Calendar



Date	Chapter	Event
Aug 13	L	Ice cream ride to Uncle Ricks in Portsmouth, KSU 6:30 from Hardee's, 864 George Washington Hwy, Chesapeake
Aug 14	L	Ride to Warsaw and Weems, Va for Va. Grand Tour sites. KSU 8:00 from Hardee's. Lunch at Northern Neck Burger in Kilmarnock
Aug 21	L	Ride to visit Karla Dobbins, a member in home care. KSU 10:00 am from Hardee's, 864 George Washington Hwy
Aug 21	Α	VA-A Poker Run—MotoMember Manassas 9105 Mathis Ave Manassas, VA
Aug 24	L	Chapter L Gathering. Zino's Café & Tavern, 850 Old George Washington Hwy N, Chesapeake, VA. Eat at 6pm Meet 7pm
Sep 2-4	NC	Wings Over the Smokies Rally, Waynesville, NC. See flyer in newsletter
Sep 10	L	Ice Cream Ride to DQ in Windsor, KSU 6:30 from Hardees, 864 George Washington Hwy
Sep 11	С	VA-C Fall Sprawl Extravaganza, 485 Simmons Lane. White Stone, VA
Sep 12	L	Ride for Kids in Richmond. KSU 8:00 am from Bojangle's 3605 Bridge Rd in Suffolk, Va
Sep 18	VA	All Chapter Picnic in Twin Pines State Park, Green Bay , Va.
Sep 28	L	Chapter L Gathering. Zino's Café & Tavern, 850 Old George Washington Hwy N, Chesapeake, VA. Eat at 6pm
Oct 14-16	VA	Virginia District Rally in the Valley, "Cruisin in Grand Style", Lynchburg Grand Hotel, Lynchburg, VA

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

In March of this year, the Chapter Team came up with a new adventure. As per the instructions, visit 8 different Hot dog stands thru November and turn in your sheets to the MEC at our Gathering. If you visit one on the list of the local area, such as Uncle Al's, you must visit the one listed at that address. To qualify you need to take a picture of yourself in front of the sign outside and post it on our Facebook page. If you turned in paperwork and posted these, and visited a minimum of 8 facilities, you will be given a Hot Dog pin at our Christmas party. Lets have some fun and see how many can fill out the sheet. Enjoy the eats and be safe. Print the next page off of this newsletter to keep track of the hot dog places you visit.

HOT DOG RUN Challenge

Rules:

Visit as many Hot Dog places as you can, In state or out of state.

Find and List Hot dog places in each of the VA Chapter Cities. Along with 13 local Hampton Roads Hot Dog Eateries. As well as a place to input up to 10 of your own not listed Hot Dog Eateries. Only 1 of any Franchise counts.

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

Fill out the Hot Dog Run sheet with Date of attendance. 1 point per location. 8 points gets the coveted Hot Dog pin during the chapter L Christmas Party 2021. Turn in all forms no later than the November 2021 VA-L Chapter Gathering.





HOT DOG RUN Challenge

		Name	Address	City	Date Attended	Initials	Rating 1-5 5 is Best
Α	Burke						
С	Newport News						
D	Midlothian						
E	Fredericksburg						
F	Winchester						
н	Abington						
Ι	Manassas						
К	Roanoke						
L	Chesapeake						
R	Harrisonburg						
٧	Bedford						
х	Salem						
	VA BEACH	Kevin's Hot Dogs	5011 Cleveland St				
		Famous Uncle					
	VA BEACH	Al's	2828 VA Beach Blvd				
	VA BEACH	Lulu's Hot Dogs	4402 Indian River Rd.				
	CHESAPEAKE	Bill's Hot Dogs	848 Providence Rd				
	CHESAPEAKE	Perfectly Franks	236 Carmichael Way #314				
	CHESAPEAKE	Ray's Hot Dogs	6239 Portsmouth Blvd				
	NORFOLK	Lew's Hot Dogs	1531 Azalea Garden Rd				
	NORFOLK	Perfectly Franks	4408 Monarch Way				
	NORFOLK	Doug's Hot Dogs	9643 Granby St				
	NORFOLK		4542 E Princess Anne Rd				
	SUFFOLK	Poppy's Top Dog	3575 Bridge Rd				
	NEWPORT						
	NEWS	Hot Dog King	10725 Jefferson Ave				
	HAMPTON	The Barking Dog	4330 Kecoughtan Rd				

Come ride the mountain roads, enjoy the scenery, renew friendships and make new friends.

Both Best Western in Maggie Valley and Lake Junaluska Resorts have room blocks with special rates reserved for GWRRA. Lake Junaluska has online booking at

Online Registration

See the North Carolina District Website: www.gwrranc.org for a comprehensive list of more hotels, cabins, and campgrounds, in the vicinity.

Free Guided & Unguided Tours

For rally information contact: NC District Directors Glenn & Joy Kennedy 919-740-0045 919-740-0395 districtdirector@qwrranc.org

For Vendor Information contact: NC District Vendor Coordinator Diana and Rex Temple 919-528-0503 dianatemple21@gmail.com

Day Passes On-Site \$15/day

All refunds will include a \$5.00 cancellation charge

No refunds after August 1, 2021

Registration

Please Print Clearly

Chapter GWRRA No_____ Exp. Date____

State Chapter

Registration includes:

- Rally Pin (first 300 registered) ٠
- Access to All Vendors
- GWRRA University Workshops
- Light Parade .
- Free Ice Cream Social
- 1 Free Grand Prize Ticket Included in Each Adult Pre-Registration
- 1 Free Door Prize Ticket
- Hospitality •
- Entertainment
- Self Contained Camping Available

Grand Prizes



Hartco Seat Provided by Hartco



Shirt Order Form

T-Shirt: Short Sleeved

Qty:	Size:	s
Qty:	Size:	\$
2XL & 3XI	\$20	
Qty:	Size:	s
Qty:	Size:	\$
4XL & 5XI	- \$23	
Qty:	Size:	S
Qty:	Size:	\$

Golf Shirt: Short Sleeved

S, M, L, XI	L - \$24	
Qty:	Size:	s
Qty:	Size:	s
2XL & 3XI	L - \$27	
Qty:	Size:	S
Qty:	Size:	s
4XL & 5XI	L - S30	
Qty:	Size:	S
Oty:	Size:	S

T-Shirt: Long Sleeved

S, M, L, XI	\$20	
Qty:	Size:	\$
Qty:	Size:	S
2XI. & 3XI	- \$22 22	
Qty:	Size:	S
Qty:	Size:	s
4XL & 5XI	\$25	
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Wings Over the **Smokies®** Hosted by NC GWRRA



stled in the Southern Appalachian Mountains just th of Asheville, The North Carolina Arbore offers acres of cultivated gardens and groomed trails featuring some of the most beautiful, botanically diverse plants in the region.. The Arboretum is 27 miles from fairgrounds.

Smoky Mountain Event Center 758 Crabtree Rd. Waynesville, NC 28785

September 2-4, 2021 "Family Reunion-

Back together again"

Waynesville, NC September 2-4, 2021

GWRRA Member	\$35 x	= \$
Non-Member	\$40 x	= \$
13 - 15 Years old	\$10 x	= \$
12 & under		=\$ FREE
Masters' Breakfast	\$18 x	= \$
Camping	\$35 x	= S
(no hookups available)		
Grand Prize Tickets	\$ 5 x	= \$
(sold as a book of 5)		
Shirt Order Total		S

GRAND TOTAL

All Pre-Registration forms with shirt order must be received by

August 1, 2021

All other Pre-Registration forms must be received August 13, 2021

Registration On-Site \$5.00 More

Please Send Check or Money Order Payable To: NC GWRRA MAIL ENTIRE FORM TO: Bev Chapman 2000 34th Ave. Drive NE Hickory, NC 28601 828-256-7192

> Register by PAYPAL at www.gwrranc.org

Zip Email Distance traveled to rally_____ (one way,

Exp. Date

straight line).

Rider State

Position Co-Rider

Position Address

City

State

Phone

GWRRA No

Liability Release

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

Rider

Co-Rider_

SIGNATURE IS REQUIRED

Shirts Available On-Site At A Higher Price

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The Iron Clad Wings

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		on - Pre-Registered August 29 th	
	Current Chap Registration Lunch of	n - 9am to 12pm around 1pm after lunch	Spend the entire weekend starting on Friday if you like (no additional cost) • Friday Night Weenie Roast (or bring your own brats) • Saturday Night Pot Luck
	Steak - Baked Potato	STEAK lunch! - Salad - Drink - Dessert plate, knife & fork	 Saturday "Entertainment" Sunday Morning Brunch
<u>Chapter C Fun</u> Crusty Derby Race on Saturday! Chapter Challenge		If yo	first 100 steaks are guarantted. u register by August 31 st you e entered into a drawing for
Pre-Registration Deadline - August 3 Cost: \$18 per person pre-registered, \$23 (Current Chapter Couples Free)		Please make check payable to GWRRA VAC and mail to: Name:	GWRRA VAC PO Box 1267 Yorktown, VA 23692
# Attendingx \$18 = \$ _		Address:	
# Attendingx \$23 = \$ _		City: St	tate: Zip:
What day are you arriving? If camping, please check what type: Tent/Pop Up RV _ How do you want your steaks cooked	5 th Wheel	further agree to hold harmless GW	th the ideas governing this event, and I/we /RRA VAC or any property owner for any loss ch I/we may become involved by reason or
	/ Indicate the number		

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LYNCHBURG, VA OCTOBER 14-16, 2021

Lynchburg Grand Hotel

601 Main Street, Lynchburg Virginia 24504

We will be Cruisin' 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"

	R	ally Shirt	s		
	Size	Price	Qty	Total	Course
	S	\$15			ARC
	м	\$15			TRC
Short	L	\$15			MFA
Sleeve	XL	\$15			
T-Shirt	2X	\$18			
	3X	\$18			Sat
	4X	\$20			Тх
	S	\$17			25
	Μ	\$17			60
Long	L	\$17			100
Sleeve	XL	\$17			MUS
T-Shirt	2X	\$20			
	3X	\$20			
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Sleeve	XL	\$21			
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Shirts are pre-order ONLY

Rider Education Price Qty Total \$50 **\$50** \$30 Pre-Purchase turday 50/50 Tickets Price Qty Total **\$10** \$20 \$30 T BE PRESENT TO WIN

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



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

Daily 50 / 50

The "Quest"

DJ & Dancing

MFA/CPR Course *
 Master's Breakfast *

And Much, Much More!

* Additional charges apply

Captain's Dinner *

ARC / TRC On-Bike Courses*

Wear your best Tropical Attire

- 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

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, Oc-tober 16 at 5:30-7:00. The cost of the dinner is \$20 per person.



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

Registration Prices	Mailed Before	Membe	er Nor Mem		Child 6 - 12	Summary Registration	Tally
Early	Sep 1	\$50	\$6	0	\$10	Master's	
Regular /On Site	-	\$60	\$7	0	\$10	Master s	
Day Passes	-	\$25	\$3	0	\$10	Captain's	
Master's Breakfast	-	\$15	-		-	ARC	
Captain's Dinner	-	\$20	-		-	TRC	
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Registration	Pr	ice	Qty	Т	otal	MFA	
Member: Ac	lult					Sat 50/50	
Non-Member: Ac	lult						
Child: 6 -	- 12					Shirts	
TO	TAL					Total	

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

Mail registration with check payable to: **GWRRA Virginia District** Roman Paryz OR 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 GWRRA, The Virginia District, the Lynchburg Grand Hotel and any property owners for any loss or injury to self or property by reason of participating in this event.

Rider Signature:	Date:
Co-Rider Signature:	Date:

Stayin' Safe: A Pain in the Grass

By Eric Trow https://www.ridermagazine.com



Grass on the roadway can be a non-issue or an extremely slippery condition. If possible, slow down using clear pavement ahead of the covered area.

I've got a grass-fed beef. And, based on recent conversations, so do a lot of riders. Homeowners mowing their lawns and throwing abundant grass clippings onto the roadway can create a special kind of threat to motorcyclists.

Dry grass will typically blow away as vehicles pass through or breezes sweep it off the roadway. But if grass is wet, it clings to the surface and can be like grease under motorcycle tires.

If possible, when confronted with grass-covered pavement, do all slowing on clear pavement leading up to the grassy area. Keep eyes up, looking well ahead to increase stability. To maximize traction, minimize steering, braking and throttle inputs and coast through the grass patches. If the equivalent of one of these Chia Pet patches of pavement appears in a corner, the rider should minimize lean angles and look to the exit, not down at the grass or toward the edge of the road.

Remember that grass will stay wet longer than pavement. So, after a rain shower or in the morning when dew blankets the landscape with moisture, the road surface may be dry, but grass clippings may still be wet and slippery.

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When riding through grass, minimizing steering, braking and throttle inputs will help to maximize available traction.

The best way to avoid problems? Ride only as fast as you can see and anticipate the possibility before you encounter it. If you see homes with lawns-especially on the weekends when homeowners are most active doing yardwork-there's a good chance someone will be mowing. Larger lawns, like those found in rural areas where we like to ride, are often maintained with lawn tractors that process large amounts of grass and throw it greater distances.

While discharging grass onto roadways is illegal in many areas, it remains a threat to riders. Anticipating the condition and riding smoothly and calmly through it will reduce the likelihood that grass on the road will clip you.

Failed Pulse Generator Assembly

By Dave Hunter, VA-L Member

Recently we at Honda Of Norfolk have had a rash of gold wings that would not start or were intermittent at starting. We have found five or six pulse generators failing on different motorcycles and different years. The pulse generator is located on the front engine cover and will require a new gasket. The part has a two wire connector that goes up behind the coils and plugs into the wiring harness.

This is not easy to get to on a non-ABS Goldwing, but it's a horrible thing to get to on an ABS brake System model. In order to get

to the ABS connector you must remove the seat; false gas tank cover; The fuel tank and the entire airbox assembly. The pulse generator receives electronic signals from a trigger wheel on the front of the crankshaft, if it should have an open circuit or a poor connection at the plug-in you will get no spark to the spark plugs. It is a mystery why we have had a rash of these lately.

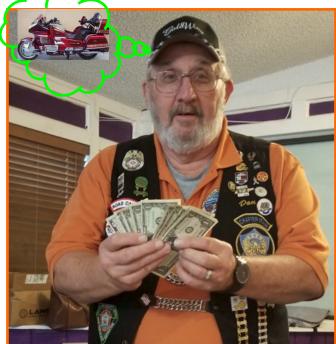
Keep in mind there are probably 3 to 400 GL 1800's in the vicinity so the percentage of failure is still small but surprising.



SNAPSHOTS

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

Chapter Gathering July 27, 2021



Dan won Ride Pot



Keith & Carol won 50/50



Ping Pong Bounce Challenge GAME PARTICIPANTS



Bob Dignan Martha Phelan Al Dobbins

Lorrie Thomas

WINNER

Paula Dignan



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Road Captain Course July 31, 2021



All new Road Captains—Congratulations to all



Doug Gilliam



Martha Phelan



Paul Bricker



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Virginia SW District Ride August 7, 2021





District Ride - Southwest Chapter's: H - Abingdon, K - Roanoke, V - Bedford, X - Salem



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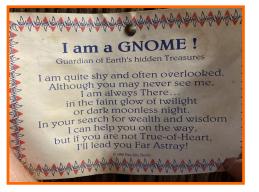
VAL's Vacation out West June/July 2021

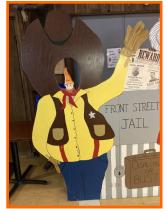


Heading out of Virginia Beach June 25th



Washing clothes





New Sheriff in Town



Bathroom Break



Waiting for a Shave



Play time



Nap Time



Getting a shot (non covid type)



My New Ride

Did You Know?

Retrieved from did-you-knows.com

One of the greatest things in life is the ability to learn and gain knowledge. As we grow older we learn that we never really stop learning outside of school. While some did you know facts may be strange and seem a bit trivial, you never know when it might come in handy. Here a few "did you know" facts that are sure to get your brain itching for more information.

Did you know Coca-Cola originally contained cocaine

Did you know the Internet was originally called ARPANet (Advanced Research Projects Agency Network) designed by the US department of defense

Did you know toilets use 35% of indoor water use

Did you know the fortune cookie was invented in San Francisco

Did you know Koalas sleep around 18 hours a day

Did you know the first Burger King was opened in Florida Miami in 1954

Did you know all insects have 6 legs

Did you know the croissant was invented in Austria

Did you know In eastern Africa you can buy beer brewed from bananas

Did you know African Grey Parrots have vocabularies of over 200 words

Did you know a giraffe can clean its ears with its 21 inch tongue

Did you know Australia was originally called New Holland

Did you know 'Lonely Planet' for travelers is based in Melbourne Australia

Did you know the sentence "the quick brown fox jumps over the lazy dog" uses every letter in the English alphabet

Chapter-L Funnies







today's forecast

What happens when you cannot stay out of trouble



So this is what "I have a spare tire" means



"I see you decided to build your own motorcycle. By the way, did you, by chance, fail shop class in school?"

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Virginia Chapters

Chapter	Area / Location	Chapter Director	Phone Number & Email	Monthly Gatherings
VA-A	Burke	Mary O'Connor (11/09)	703-635-6775 <u>maryoc4429@aim.com</u>	2nd Wed. 7:30 pm
				Location to be Announced
VA-C	Hampton/Newport News,	John & Lynn Floyd (01/21)	757-838-0607 crayonjohnfloyd@gmail.com myluckymnm@yahoo.com	2nd Sun. 4:pm eat / 5pm meet New Location to be Announced
VA-D	Richmond	Fritz Sassine & Iris Guillet (01/18)	804-938-9183 fritz.sassine@gmail.com	4th Wed. 6:pm eat / 7pm meet Candelas Pizzeria & Ristorante
				Italiano, 14235 MidIthoian Tnpk., Richmond
VA-E	Fredericksburg	Claude Revely (01/19)	540-207-7646 <u>Knightwing263507@gmail.com</u> www.battlefieldwings.com	3rd Wed. 6:pm eat / 7pm meet Basilico Italian Deli 7013 Harrison Rd, Fredericksburg, VA 22407
VA-F	Winchester	Stephanie Davis (08/14)	540-664-6430 <u>davis.stephanie80@yahoo.com</u>	4th Sun. 8:30am eat / 9am meet Stephens City Diner 5460 Main St, Stephens City, VA 22655
VA-H	Abingdon	Paul & Dorothy Baker (11/01)	276-628-6047 <u>09nellie@comcast.net</u>	2nd Tue. 6:30pm Turf Pros 827 Cummings St, Abingdon (temporary, check before going)
VA-I	Manassas	David & Robin Hotaling (1/20)	646-406-1200 <u>Rah889195@yahoo.com</u> <u>davidsgoldwing02@gmail.com</u>	2nd Sun. 9:am eat / 10am meet Manassas National Battlefield Park, William Centre Blvd, (off Groveton Rd)
VA-K	Roanoke	Jim Dailey & Susan Stuppiello (6/19)	540-230-0511 <u>DaileyENT@yahoo.com</u> <u>susantuppiello@gmail.com</u>	2nd Mon. 6:pm eat / 7pm meet Great 611 Steak Co., 3830 Franklin Rd., Roanoke
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VA-R	Harrisonburg	Gary Hoover <u>hoov@shentel.net</u> (01/18)	540-742-1751 Judy Russell tiggerly13@hotmail.com	1st Sun Location to be Announced
VA-V	Bedford	Jonathan Whitworth (04/17)	540-425-0028 OtterRideVAV@gmail.com	3rd Sun. 2:pm NO FOOD Bedford Church of God 1212 E Main St, Bedford
VA-X	Salem	Larry Stanton (01/15)	304-922-1401 <u>Larry250222@gmail.com</u>	1212 E Main St, Bedroid 1st Sat. 3:pm Riverside Evangelical Methodist Church, 1920 Lucas St, Salem

Zino's Café & Tavern

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Please come and join us!

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

