

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 Pop's Diner, 1432 Greenbrier Parkway, Chesapeake, VA 23320 Our meet, greet and eat—begins at 6pm, our gathering begins at 7pm. We invite you to come out and have fun with us

2020 Road Warrior Awards



- January: Will Conrad
- February:
- March:
- April:
- May:
- June:
- July:
- August:
- September:
- October:
- November:
- December:



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February is Black History Month



The theme for Black History Month 2020 is "African Americans and the Vote"

Black History Month 2020 Theme

Since 1976, every American president has designated February as Black History Month and endorsed a specific theme.

The Black History Month 2020 theme, "African Americans and the Vote," is in honor of the centennial anniversary of the Nineteenth Amendment (1920) granting women's suffrage and the sesquicentennial of the Fifteenth Amendment (1870) giving black men the right to vote.

In the Radical Reconstruction period that followed the Civil War, newly freed black men made great political gains, winning office in Southern state legislatures and even Congress. The Southern backlash was swift and marked by the passage of "black codes" designed to intimidate black voters, prompting a call for formal, national legislation on the right to vote.

The women's rights movement grew out of the abolitionist movement, with activists like Frederick Douglass working alongside Elizabeth Cady Stanton to secure the right to vote for all. That goal was reached with the passage of the nineteenth amendment in 1920.

Success is to be measured not so much by the position that one has reached in life as by the obstacles which he has overcome while trying to succeed.

-- **Booker T. Washington**

The battles that count aren't the ones for gold medals. The struggles within yourself—the invisible, inevitable battles inside all of us—that's where it's at.

-- **Jesse Owens, *Blackthink* (1970)**

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**Chapter
Directors**



The winter weather has been in our midst for the past couple of months. Needless to say, riding has not been much on our minds, or maybe it has. Some hardy souls still ride in this cool atmosphere. I personally don't mind it but do prefer the warmer temperatures.

With that being said, those that have not ridden, now is the time to maybe get some maintenance done and get those bikes ready for the riding season. Some things to consider besides oil changes are your antifreeze and fluids for the brakes and the clutch. When was the last time that you changed those or have had them changed? Brake fluid does break down and even though they are in a sealed system, they still absorb moisture from the atmosphere and this deteriorates and can produce rust inside your brake and clutch systems. Antifreeze also breaks down over a time and will start to clog up your cooling system making it less efficient. It is recommended to change both of these at least every two to three years to keep the systems working to optimum efficiency. So, get those bikes ready for the riding season and take the worry out of the ride.

I will be putting on a Ride Planning meeting in the next couple of weeks. This will be open to all members and give you the opportunity to tell us what rides, destinations or events you would like to take or participate. In the past I have asked for input from the members and this will be an open planning discussion. Put on your thinking caps and come up with some ideas of places you would like to attend. I will send out an email as to when and where this will take place.

For those that missed the first Gathering of the year, I mentioned that one of my goals for the Chapter is to grow the Chapter. We are planning on having numerous Motorist Awareness events throughout the year and hope to recruit some new Members in the process. We will be attending the March Madness Craft and Vendor Expo on Saturday March 7th from 10:00 am till 3:00 pm. at the Russel Memorial Library on Taylor Rd in Chesapeake. Come on out and help support your Chapter, help with the Awareness and Recruitment and have some fun at the other vendors. Till then, as always, be safe, ride safe, and keep the shiny side up.

Dan Clark & Lorrie Thomas, Chapter Directors

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Dennis & Phyliss Easton

Membership Enhancement Coordinators

eastondm@cox.net



Membership Enhancement



Chapter L Membership Enhancement

Hello Chapter L Members,

There is so much going on this year, we need to make sure we can communicate with each Chapter L member. From Rally's, Wing Ding, Dinner Rides, Ice Cream Rides, Motorist Awareness events, other Chapter's events like the Crazy Supper, Chili Cook Off, Fall Sprawl, Casino Picnic and much more.

Do you get the emails we send with upcoming events?
Do you know how to get ahold of your Chapter L leadership team?

If you answer NO to either question, I want to help. You can always contact Phyliss or I and we will get your concerns addressed. Chapter team names and contacts are listed in this newsletter. By the way, check out some of the Team positions that are still open.

If you have a change of address, new phone number or main contact, changing Chapters, all this can be done on the WWW.GWRRA.org website or call the home office @ 1-800-843-9460 and speak with a live person.

If you're reading this newsletter article, you probably got it from an email. That's great, we can get ahold of you via email. But, if anything else needs to change, please do so as soon as possible so you don't miss any of the fun upcoming events.

Don't forget to keep your contact information up to date. If you update the main office, please email Phyliss and I as well so we can update our database.

Thank You,

Dennis and Phyliss Easton
GWRRA VA-L
Chapter Membership Enhancement Coordinators

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Dan Clark

Ride Coordinator

wingernut93@aol.com

Ride Coordinator



The winter is upon us and riding seems to be on the back burner. The Ride Calendar has a few entries and is being updated on a regular basis. Keep an eye out for the changes and what is planned for the Chapter.

We are always looking for new and exciting venues to ride to and would like input from the members. If you have an idea for a ride or a destination please let me know. We will be planning these rides in the near future.

One thing we will be doing differently is attending and supporting more of the fellow Chapters. Do you have your Chapter visitation headpin for your vest? You may need one as you venture to the other Chapters and collect their Chapter bars. It's a lot of fun collecting these and see how far and how many of the Chapters you have been able to visit. You never know how many new friends you can make by visiting Chapters that you have never been to. Till we meet again, be safe, ride safe and keep the shiny side up.

Dan Clark,

Chapter Director, Va-L

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District

Notes from the Officer's Conference and Beyond



What a great way to spend a weekend with 80+ of your friends learning about each other and GWRRA while eating Pizza and Wings on Friday night, then Meat Wagon BBQ on Saturday! Between licking our fingers and playing some team building games (congrats to HOOT HOOT, the JAMS) we caught up with each other, told some war stories and simply enjoyed the company we were in.

What did we accomplish? There was a sense of renewal, fresh ideas and some new leaders to carry them out. It was an honor to swear in the newest Chapter Directors. Congratulations to Dave and Robin Hotaling, Chapter I, Manassas. Welcome to Susan Stuppiello and Jim Dailey who have taken the helm at Chapter K in Roanoke. Susan Huttman, Director of Rider Education, agreed to do the honors and swore in Dan Clark and me as Chapter Directors of Chapter L, Chesapeake. Thanks, Susan.

Those stepping aside were Mack and Tracy McMillan, Chapter I, Bobbie Jo Harrison, Chapter K and Zach and Angie Bon, Chapter L. "Former" patches were presented to Mack and will be presented to the others soon. Thank you all for your contributions.

What happened Jim Hazen?? All that convincing Sheila had been doing finally worked on you. Welcome to the Team. Looking forward to bringing you deeper into the family!

We focused on several topics. Of course, recruitment is priority one. What we discovered was that all the other topics we discussed all lead back to priority one. As an example, communication.

To recruit, we must be visible. Whether it is at a Motorist Awareness event, on our rides with flyers on hand to offer free Membership, the websites or on social media, we must be seen. Effective communication is getting the message out so interested people can find us, read about us and want to join in the fun. Newsletters are not only required, (one-page bulletins or multiple page issues), they are inexpensive yet one of the most valuable tools we have. They keep Members informed, they can be used while recruiting and, if posted on your website, give prospective Members insight into your Chapter's activities.

TRAINING! Four of our Chapters asked for MFA©/CPR classes. Arrangements are being made. Four others asked for a Road Captain seminar to train more of their Members in riding safely. Keep an eye out on the District calendar for dates and locations. We are fortunate to have Ride Course Instructors in Virginia for Trike, two-wheel and the other courses GWRRA offers. We don't have to wait for Rally to put one or two on. And with training comes Levels.

So proud of the Level I's we signed up at the conference and the half dozen more who updated their Levels. This program is integral in recruiting and retention. Everyone seemed excited about our refocus on the Program.

Your Chapter Team left with flyers, notes and heads filled with new ideas. Thank you all for sharing your successes with others and your willingness to discuss your challenges while asking for solutions. The District Team felt re-energized and prepared to grow the District with you. Keep the discussion going. Pick up the phone (you know who you are, SD) or email!

Virginia District Director

Lorrie Thomas

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National

Look at some of the programs Gold Wing Road Riders Association offers to its members:

Programs ...



Rider Education - Our World Class Educational Program has many avenues to educate both our motorcycle community and the general driving public. The GWRRA Rider Education Program (REP) is intended to make the motorcycle riding environment safer by reducing injuries and fatalities and increasing motorcyclist skills and awareness. <http://www.gwrro.org/regional/ridered/index.html>



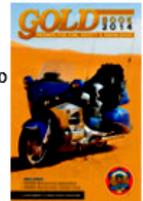
Leadership Training - Our passion is to help you grow. Learning is one of the important ingredients for personal growth and our job is to make sure that every Member has ample opportunities to learn new and exciting things. We offer seminars and programs that not only apply to GWRRA but your personal and professional lives as well. <http://ltp.gwrro.org/>



Member Enhancement - is designed to help the new Member find out all that GWRRA has to offer, create new programs and opportunities for all Members and to enhance the GWRRA experience for all. We recognize our standing Members and Chapters for all their hard work and support of GWRRA. If you want to have fun come check us out!! <https://gwrroamep.org/>

Gold Book ...

The "Gold Book" is our annual Service Directory that has thousands of names of fellow Members offering services that range from roadside assistance to lodging. visit <http://membership.gwrro.org> to edit your options, or offer your assistance! You can also contact Member Services and they can edit your information over the phone! Phone: 800-843-9460 or 623-581-2500 (Phoenix)



About GWRRA ...

/// GWRRA VISION

Gold Wing Road Riders Association [GWRRA] is recognized as the world's largest single-marquee for safety, technical, educational and social organization for riders of touring motorcycles.

/// GWRRA MISSION

Dedicated to our Motto; Friends for Fun, Safety and Knowledge, GWRRA Members enjoy the freedom of belonging to a not-for-profit, non-religious and non-political organization.

/// GWRRA VALUES

- **Friends** - GWRRA Members are men and women from all walks of life with varied interests and backgrounds. We have Gold Wing and other touring motorcycle riders of all age groups. Some ride solo and many ride with small and large groups! New Members join GWRRA especially for the technical information we share; some of our Members join for the enjoyment of riding with friends and also meeting new friends. Find your future riding friends with your [Region Map](#).
- **Fun** - As a family organization, GWRRA has certain fun groups to include restaurant, picnic and campout runs. We also have GWRRA groups to include charities, parades, and small or large events across the country. GWRRA Members can participate in live or video seminars through [Rider Education Programs](#).
- **Safety** - We strive for improvement through GWRRA safety workshops. We will share technical expertise, news and tips about riding, maintenance and the best touring routes in the world. [Safety is for Life](#) on our GWRRA Rider Education Programs page.
- **Knowledge** - While generalization about a group of individuals as large as today's GWRRA is difficult, GWRRA Members are likely to be independent thinkers, fun-loving, generous, adventuresome, cooperative and unfazed by the natural challenges of riding in the rain, temperature extremes or highway uncertainties. Many Members have completed CPR and first aid training, making them the best-prepared motorcycle riders on the world's highways! Find " CPR and First Aid Training " on our GWRRA [Medic First Aid International® Programs](#).

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Our Mission Statement: RIDE & GROW

Respect all motorcycle riders and motorists

Inspire members to participate in the Levels Program.

Dedicated towards providing a family atmosphere so everyone has fun.

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

&

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

Relax, and enjoy the ride!

Offer assistance and encourage participation by all members.

Work with members by assisting them in achieving their goals.

So, what are we really saying...

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

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

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

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

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

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

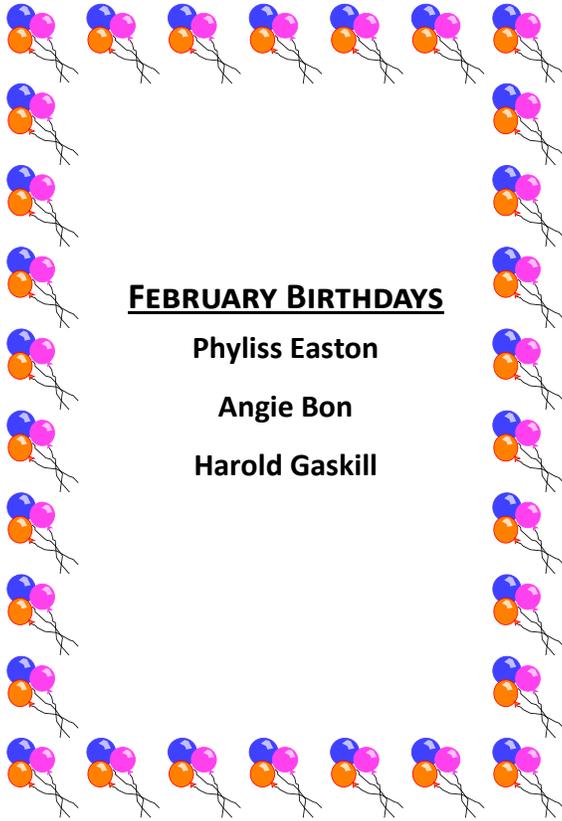
It takes everyone to make the Chapter successful. But what is the definition of **successful**? Successful means the Chapter is fun. Successful means the Chapter rides a multitude of routes with varying distances. Successful means people want the Chapter to thrive. Successful means people ask "what can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

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

Our Motto: RIDE and GROW with VA-L

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Birthdays, Anniversaries, & Other Information



FEBRUARY BIRTHDAYS

Phyllis Easton

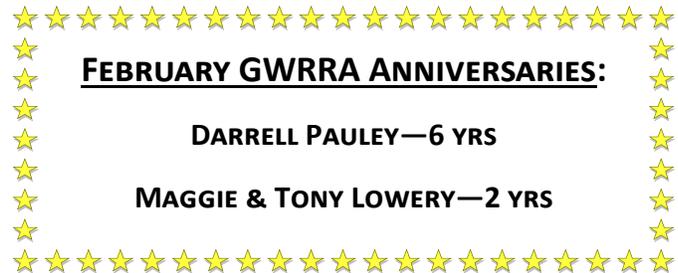
Angie Bon

Harold Gaskill



FEBRUARY ANNIVERSARIES:

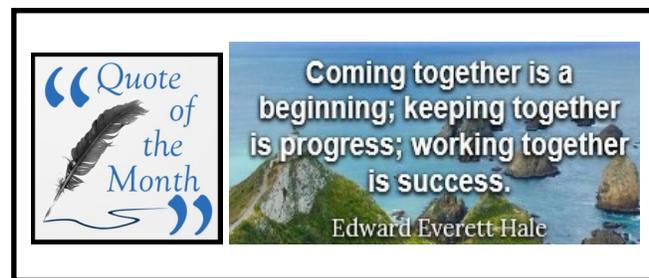
NONE



FEBRUARY GWRRA ANNIVERSARIES:

DARRELL PAULEY—6 YRS

MAGGIE & TONY LOWERY—2 YRS



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.

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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
Feb 14-15	Virginia	Wingless Weekend -Best Western Hotel, 351 York St, Williamsburg, VA
Feb 17	Holiday	President's Day
Feb 18	L	Officer's Team Meeting, Zino's. Meet at 6:30pm
Feb 22	F	VA-F Crazy Supper, 155 Fairgrounds Rd, Clearbrook, VA (Frederick County Fairgrounds)
Feb 25	L	Chapter L Gathering, Pop's Diner, 1432 Greenbrier Parkway, Chesapeake, VA. Meet at 7pm
Mar 7	L	Motorist Awareness Event at the March Madness Craft and Vendor Expo, Russel Memorial Library, Chesapeake, VA. 10am-3pm
Mar 8		Daylight Savings Time Begins
Mar 14	L	Quarterly Clean-up
Apr 30—May 2	Tennessee	Tennessee District Rally "Spring Fling": Smoky Mountain Lodge & Convention Center, Pigeon Forge, TN
May 2	L	Tour de Cure. If interested in volunteering, contact Sherry Morgan for details.

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VA-F
Saturday
February 22

Crazy Sports Supper 2020



**EVENT LOCATION: 155 FAIRGROUNDS ROAD CLEARBROOK VA
{FREDERICK COUNTY FAIRGROUNDS}**

**PRE-REGISTRATIONS WILL END ON FEBRUARY 14th, 2020
PRE-REGISTRATIONS IS \$10.00 PER ADULT GUEST (\$12 @ DOOR)
\$6.00 PER CHILD AGES 6-12 (\$8 @ DOOR)
CHILDREN ARE FREE UNDER THE AGE OF 6**

**COMFORT INN HAS ONCE AGAIN OPENED THEIR DOORS FOR OUR GUEST TO COME AND
STAY FRIDAY 21st, SATURDAY 22nd, 2020
1601 MARTINSBURG PIKE WINCHESTER, VA 22603**

**Phone: (540) 667-8894
\$70.00 PER NIGHT FOR 2 INCLUDING YOUR BREAKFAST
PLEASE CALL TO CONFIRM RESERVATIONS NO LATER THAN
FEBRUARY 14th, 2020**

I/WE AGREE TO HOLD HARMLESS GWRRA OR CO-SPONSORING ORGANIZATION OR
PROPERTY OWNER FOR ANY LOSS OR INJURY TO SELF OR PROPERTY IN WHICH I/WE
MAY BECOME INVOLVED BY OUR PARTICIPATION IN THIS EVENT I/WE AGREE TO ASSUME
RESPONSIBLY FOR ANY PROPERTY WHICH I/WE KNOWINGLY DAMAGE.
I HAVE READ AND AGREE WITH THE ABOVE.

(ALL MEMBERS IN YOUR PARTY MUST SIGN THE DISCLOSURE STATEMENT)

SIGN

PLEASE MAIL BACK REGISTRATIONS TO OUR TREASURER:
REGISTRATIONS ARE NON - REFUNDABLE FOR THIS CHARITY

DAVE SHIRLEY
P.O BOX 24
STEPHENSON, VA 22656

QUESTIONS PLEASE CALL STEPHANIE 540-664-6430

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HOST HOTEL

Evergreen Smoky Mountain Lodge and Convention Center

4010 Parkway

For Reservations Call 865-453-1876

Rates Start at \$88.00 / night Wed thru Sat.

Be sure to mention GWRRA to get the special rate.

This is the Host Hotel and the location for the vendors and all activities to include the Talent Show and Closing

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 1-800-523-3919.

COUNTRY CASCADES

204 Sharon Drive

Rates starting at \$95.00 per night

CREEKSTONE INN

4034 River Road S.

Rates starting at \$88.00 per night

Be sure to mention GWRRA to get the special rate.

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, 2020, without the District Director's approval.

← **Early Bird Deadline March 2, 2020** →

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, 2020



38th Annual

Tennessee District "Spring Fling"

April 30 May 1&2, 2020

Pigeon Forge, TN

Hillbilly Hoe Down



All full registrations will increase by \$5.00 after April 10, 2020

GWRRA Members	\$30 x _____	= \$ _____
Life Members	\$25 x _____	= \$ _____
Non-Members	\$35 x _____	= \$ _____
13-15 Year Olds	\$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

SS Tee	S, M, L, XL - \$16 / 2XL & up - \$19
Size _____	Quantity _____ Amount \$ _____
Size _____	Quantity _____ Amount \$ _____
LS Tee	S, M, L, XL - \$20 / 2XL & up - \$23
Size _____	Quantity _____ Amount \$ _____
Size _____	Quantity _____ Amount \$ _____
SS Golf	S, M, L, XL - \$27 / 2XL & up - \$29
Size _____	Quantity _____ Amount \$ _____
Size _____	Quantity _____ Amount \$ _____
	Shirt Total \$ _____
After closing Dinner Show	\$39.50 X _____ = \$ _____

Soul of Motown

The Grand Majestic Theater

2330 Parkway, Pigeon Forge TN

The show is after Closing Saturday 8:15 PM. There will be an all you can eat buffet before the show at 7:15 PM. Cost is \$39.50 per person.

You must Pre-register on this registration. Tickets will be in your packets.

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

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WING DING 42

SPRINGFIELD, MISSOURI / JUNE 30-JULY 4, 2020



Register today! Simply mail or fax your completed form.

GWRRA Member Services

P.O. Box 42450, Phoenix, AZ 85080-2450

Call: 1-800-843-9460 or 623-581-2500 (Local)

Fax: 877-348-9416

Register online at: www.wing-ding.org

FULL REGISTRATION INCLUDES:

- Access to 'Pre-Event Day' activities! - **Tuesday 6/30**
- Wing Ding Welcome Party - **Tuesday 6/30**
- 4-day pass to indoor Trade Show - **Opens 7/1**
- 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

Please visit www.wing-ding.org or text WingDing to 555-888 for the latest news, updates, and special offers!

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BEST WING DING 42 PACKAGES!

PREMIER PACKAGE

- | | |
|--|--|
| <input type="checkbox"/> SINGLE | <input type="checkbox"/> DOUBLE |
| 1 Full Registration | 2 Full Registrations |
| 1 Both Dinners | 2 Both Dinners |
| 10 Gold Wing Tickets | 20 Gold Wing Tickets |
| 3 Yards 50/20/15/10/5 Tickets | 7 Yards 50/20/15/10/5 Tickets |
| 1 Event Shirt - Size: _____ | 2 Event Shirts - Size: _____ / _____ |
| TOTAL: \$120 | TOTAL: \$225 |

GOLD WING NIGHT PACKAGE

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| <input type="checkbox"/> SINGLE | <input type="checkbox"/> DOUBLE |
| 1 Full Registration | 2 Full Registrations |
| 1 Gold Wing Night Dinner | 2 Gold Wing Night Dinners |
| 10 Gold Wing Tickets | 20 Gold Wing Tickets |
| 3 Yards 50/20/15/10/5 Tickets | 7 Yards 50/20/15/10/5 Tickets |
| 1 Event Shirt - Size: _____ | 2 Event Shirts - Size: _____ / _____ |
| TOTAL: \$99 | TOTAL: \$179 |

STANDARD PACKAGE

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| <input type="checkbox"/> SINGLE (NO DINNER) | <input type="checkbox"/> DOUBLE (NO DINNER) |
| 1 Full Registration | 2 Full Registrations |
| 10 Gold Wing Tickets | 20 Gold Wing Tickets |
| 3 Yards 50/20/15/10/5 Tickets | 7 Yards 50/20/15/10/5 Tickets |
| 1 Event Shirt - Size: _____ | 2 Event Shirts - Size: _____ / _____ |
| TOTAL: \$69 | TOTAL: \$129 |

BUFFET 1: SPONSOR NIGHT

Tossed salad w/ 2 dressings
Grilled chicken w/ signature sauce
Roasted potato
Green beans
Plated cookie
Beverage service
\$24.00 per person

BUFFET 2: GOLD WING NIGHT

Pulled pork
Potato salad
BBQ sauce
Baked beans
Kaiser roll
Plated brownie
Beverage service
\$24.00 per person

RIDER'S NAME: _____ GWRRA MEMBER # _____

CO-RIDER'S NAME: _____ GWRRA MEMBER # _____

MAILING ADDRESS: _____

CITY/STATE/ZIP: _____ COUNTRY: _____

HOME PHONE: _____ ALTERNATIVE PHONE: _____

EMAIL ADDRESS: _____

ENCLOSED: CHECK MONEY ORDER

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

GRAND TOTAL: \$ _____

Split payments over two consecutive months. (Credit Card payments only)

CHARGE MY: M/C VISA AMEX DISCOVER CARD # _____

EXP. DATE: _____ / _____ SIGNATURE: _____

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Three-Wheeled Vehicles

A few sobering realities

By: James R. Davis

Motorcycle Tips & Techniques. Retrieved from <https://www.msgrgroup.org/Tip.aspx?Num=051&Set=037-072>
(James R. Davis is a recognized expert witness in the fields of Motorcycle Safety/Dynamics.)

I must admit, converting my Wing to a trike has been thought about. So, too, have I thought about adding a sidecar. If two wheels are fun, three might be all the better, right?

Perhaps, but not for me.



I suffered from a delusion that many of my fellow riders seem to have - that three wheeled vehicles would be easier to drive because they are more stable as a result of lacking any lean. Yes and no.

People have sent me many messages regarding their experiences on three-wheelers and I will use this Tip to share with you what they had to say.

- There is NO COUNTER-STEERING involved when driving a three-wheeler. If there was no other reason to be careful about these machines, this one should at least tell you that *you need to practice driving one before you take it out onto public streets!*
- Front wheel traction is COMPROMISED in turns. You must drive more slowly in a curve than you would with a normal motorcycle because unlike with a two-wheeler which leans and therefore almost always has the front wheel aligned with the bike's body, a three-wheeler must be steered by actually turning the wheel. Thus, the bike's inertia is constantly trying to straighten that wheel, or ride over it. At similar speeds a three-wheeler will lose front wheel traction sooner than will a two-wheeler.
- Both rider and passenger are substantially stressed during turns. The bike stays level so they are both forced by centrifugal force towards the outside of their seats. Indeed, one person actually told me that he installed a SEAT BELT for his passenger on his trike for this reason!
- Trike handling is generally superior to that of motorcycles with sidecars, particularly those that do not allow some lean of the motorcycle on curves. Sidecar handling in a curve is typically described as "constantly pulling to one side when accelerating or decelerating, and requiring constant steering adjustments in turns."
- Changes to a standard motorcycle that are ideal for making a sidecar handle better (such as shortening the trail of the front-end or using a flatfooted automobile tire on the sidecar), make the motorcycle almost un-rideable without the sidecar (if detachable - a rather dumb idea, in my opinion) or if there is insufficient weight in the sidecar.

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- With or without an automobile tire, an empty sidecar proves to be more difficult to handle than when occupied with a passenger or load, for some people. One person reports that the sidecar manufacturer actually advises that he put a 50 pound load into it if unoccupied, for stability and handling.
- Unlike the conclusion that riding a two-wheeler leads you to, a sidecar's wheel can be lifted (dangerously) only when turning TOWARDS it (to the right, if mounted on the right side, for example.) This is the result, as described above, of having to steer the bike by turning the front wheel rather than by leaning it. Note, please, that as soon as the sidecar's tire leaves the ground you will once again be a two-wheeler. Since the bike would at that point be leaning heavily away from the curve you would INSTANTLY get a severe COUNTER-STEERING push in the direction of the lean!!!

(Actually, one person advises that this is not really a severe reaction and manifests itself somewhat gradually - depending on the height of the lifted wheel.)

- Similarly, and just as unexpected based on two-wheel experience, if you take a turn too fast in a direction AWAY from the sidecar you run the risk of actually lifting the REAR wheel off the ground and nose diving the rig (i.e., a highside.)
- Despite the fact that a flatfooted automobile tire would be ideal, the tires found on sidecars are almost always NOT a standard automobile tire. It has been found on some occasions that Honda 15" motorcycle rims were fitted with standard 15" automobile tires with less than comforting results. Automobile rims actually have a SMALLER inside diameter than do motorcycle tires. Unless the rim has been specifically designed to automobile specifications you should NEVER mount an automobile tire on a sidecar. I suppose it also could go without saying, but while I'm at it, one should NEVER inflate the tire on a sidecar (indeed, any tire) in excess of the pressure recommended by the tire manufacturer (they have been known to KILL when exploding.).
- Mounting a sidecar on most motorcycles will void the motorcycle warranty and many (possibly most) dealership shops will not take them in for service.
- Both acceleration and mileage are less with either a sidecar or a trike rig than a standard motorcycle.

This Tip is designed to forewarn rather than to discourage. I know several elderly riders that can no longer manage a two-wheeler who routinely ride three-wheelers without any trouble at all.

On the other hand, I know a woman who decided to 'practice' driving her husband's Wing with its new sidecar on the public streets. She put her daughter in the sidecar and her husband rode as passenger. There would be no high speeds for her - this was just a 'get familiar' ride.

At the very first turn she had to make at normal highway speeds she lost it. The daughter was flung out of the sidecar and was hurt, but not badly. The husband sustained a broken collar bone. But the motorcycle landed on top of the lady. It destroyed many of the organs in her pelvic area as well as broke many bones. (She survived it - barely.)

Thus, the point of this Tip is that three-wheelers do not handle like two-wheelers and REQUIRE practice other than on public roads before you should feel confident to venture out among 'em.

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Paying Attention is NOT the Same as Being Alert/Aware

It is deadly, at the wrong time

By: James R. Davis

Motorcycle Tips & Techniques. Retrieved from <https://www.msgroup.org/Tip.aspx?Num=205&Set=>
(James R. Davis is a recognized expert witness in the fields of Motorcycle Safety/Dynamics.)

Yesterday I saw two motorcycle incidents that, thankfully, involved no accidents - but could have. One was funny, the other was an invitation to a disaster.

In the first instance I saw a motorcycle pull up to a red light and stop. There was a police car immediately behind him. The motorcyclist decided after about ten seconds that the light was stuck (I guess) and casually took off and crossed the street. I was right next to the police car and both occupants looked at each other and shook their heads. They took off after the motorcycle, lights flashing. The rider was not trying to get away - he saw the flashing lights and pulled over to get his ticket. He obviously had not noticed the police car behind him. I suspect most people would argue that he was not paying attention.

In the second instance I was walking my dog and as we got near the end of the block there is a stop sign because there is a busy side-street crossing there. A motorcycle rode up to the stop sign and stopped. He apparently looked both ways and saw that the only traffic was a city bus approaching from the left. But that bus had its blinkers on and was slowing to a stop at the bus stop on my left. Seeing that the bus was actually stopping the motorcyclist decided it was clear to enter the intersection and took off. ONE HALF SECOND later he grabbed a handful of brake and panic stopped as the car that had been to the left of the bus (and had, thus, been invisible to him) screeched its tires and did a panic stop trying to avoid hitting the motorcycle. They were both successful in stopping in time but the motorcyclist could reach out with his left hand and touch the car's hood at that time. Close! Some would argue that the motorcyclist was not paying attention.

In both cases I would argue that the motorcyclist WAS paying attention - too much of it - and was not alert or aware of his surroundings. It is simply not true that paying attention means alert or aware. It means, because we have a limited amount of attention to 'spend', that you are focused on something, not scanning and not particularly sensitive to other potential problems.

The first rider paid attention to the red light. He completely missed the fact that a police car was behind him. He also failed the patience test as ten seconds seemed like a long time to him, again I'm guessing. That lapse of awareness cost him a ticket but it could just as easily have cost him his life. Entering an intersection on a red light is a bet your life decision.

The second rider was paying attention - to the bus. He obviously failed to do anything like a 'What if there's a car hidden by that bus?' kind of self-preservation inner dialog. Instead, with all his attention on the bus, and seeing that it was not a threat to him, he concluded that there were no other vehicles and took off from the stop sign - right into the path of that hidden car.

Paying attention is usually the wrong thing to do when you are riding. Being alert and aware of your surroundings ('situational awareness' is what pilots call it) is life saving accident avoidance mental activity.

You pay attention AFTER you recognize a threat in order to assess what you should do about it. You do NOT pay attention before that so that you can detect threats.

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BIKE OF THE MONTH



2013 Gold Wing Trike Conversion
Owned and Operated by Martha Phelan, VA-L

Martha started riding with her husband back in 1973 and they both had Hondas - they were small then. They rode for about three years then gave it up. Then in 2006 Martha had some friends that rode bikes and they suggested she get her license and join them. Well she did .. she got a 2006 Honda Shadow. Rode it everywhere. Their group was called Women on Wheels. She loved it. Martha went with the Women Freedom Riders on the Freedom Ride in 2016 - 2017 - 2018 with that bike. They had ridden 18 days and 18 to 21 states. They did this to raise money for the Veterans. They had a great time.

In 2019 Martha purchased her 2013 Gold Wing Trike online and had it delivered to her house. She went on the Freedom Ride again on the trike. She also rides with GWRRA and has another group with just a few friends that she rides with. Also last year she joined a new group Women in The Wind (WITW) - Gypsy Diamonds. She's been on a few rides with them. She went to Key West last September. In February, she's going to Las Vegas with them for two weeks or so. As you can see Martha loves riding and hopes she can keep going. She's really happy that she joined GWRRA—they all are a great group.

Some things about Martha and her trike. She had some designs put on her trike that included her nickname "Knuckles". She had lights put under the bike and around the wheels. She replaced her stock headlight with bright halogens. She also has a non-wheel color matching cart that hooks up in the back directly to the hitch.

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



Chapter-L Gathering January 28, 2020



Zach & Angie Bon receiving the Senior Award for Longevity for their years of service as Chapter Directors



Sherry Morgan receiving a plaque from Mary Ann Collins for her support to the 2019 Tour de Cure bike ride



Door Prize Winner Zach Bon



Karla & Al Dobbins receive their Level I Patches



MEC Game Fun—"Cuppacino"



Ride Pot Winner Will Conrad



50/50 Winners Lorrie & Terry



Winners Roman, Kody, Rocky, Martha, Carm & Doug

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**Officer's Conference
January 17-18, 2020
Charlottesville, VA**



Dan Clark & Lorrie Thomas being sworn in as Chapter Directors, VA-L, by Susan Huttman, Director Rider Education, GWRRA



Dennis & Phyllis Easton, District COY reviewing conference agenda



Lorrie Thomas, District Director kicks off Conference



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Ride to Valentine, VA February 8, 2020



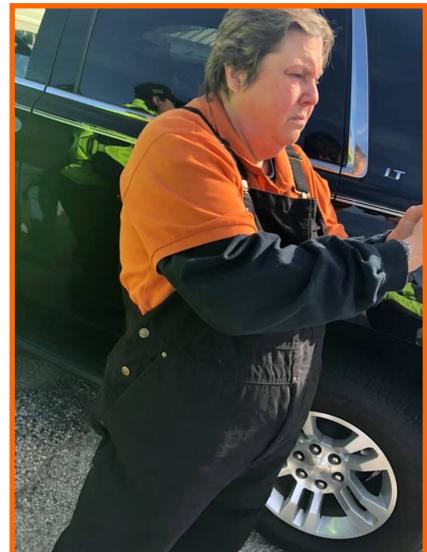
There were well over 100 bikes that showed up to Valentine



VA-L members Madonna & Terry in line to mail their Valentine cards



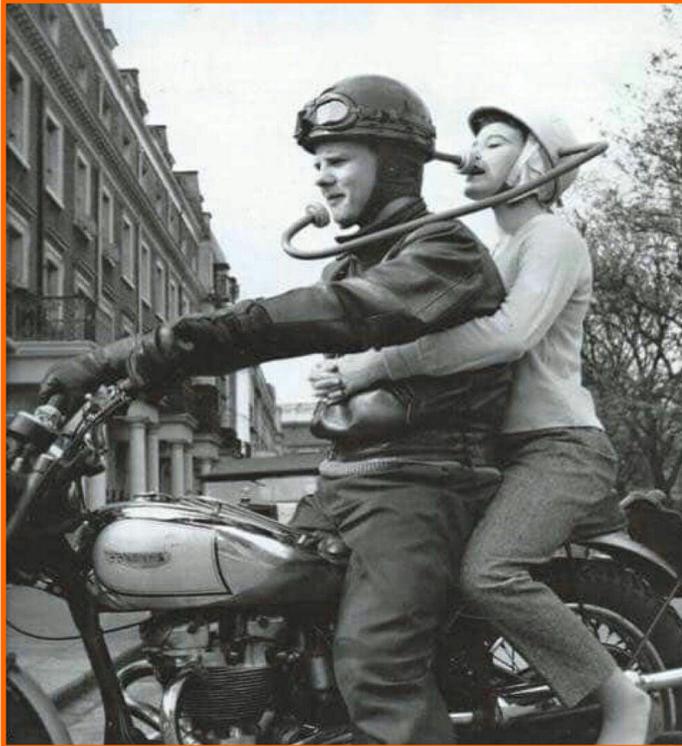
Chapter L members waiting in line to mail their Valentine cards to their loved ones



VA-L member Phyliss Easton taking pictures

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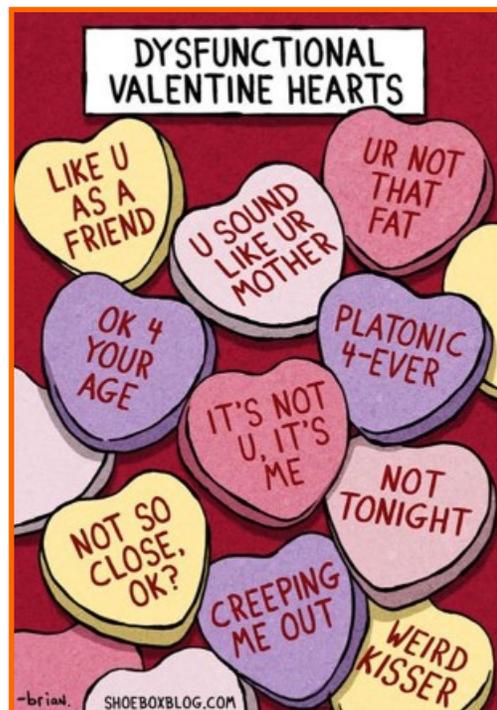
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Other local gatherings

- **Chapter C-Hampton/Newport News:** 2nd Sunday each month, 5pm. Angelo's Steak House at 755 J Clyde Morris Blvd in Newport News
- **Chapter 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. Golden Corral at 406 Halstead Ave in Elizabeth City, NC



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VA-C	Hampton/Newport News,	Dave & Donna Huey (01/18)	757-719-0668 dhuey1800@verizon.net	2nd Sun. 4:pm Angelo's Steak House 755 J. Clyde Morris Blvd, Newport News
VA-D	Richmond	Fritz Sassine & Iris Guillet (01/18)	804-938-9183 fritz.sassine@gmail.com	4th Wed. 6:pm Candelas Pizzeria & Ristorante Italiano, 14235 Midlthoian Tnpk., Richmond
VA-E	Fredericksburg	Claude Revely (01/19)	540-207-7646 Knightwing263507@gmail.com www.battlefieldwings.com	3rd Wed. 6:pm 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 davis.stephanie80@yahoo.com	4th Sun. 8:am Golden Corral, 120 Costello Dr., Winchester
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