

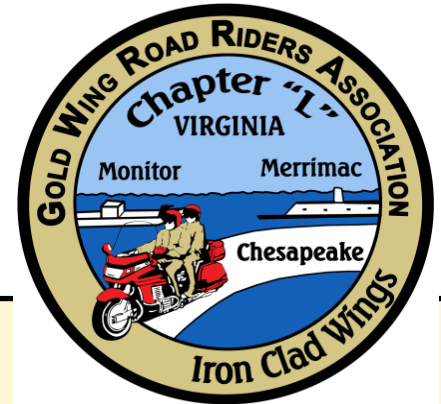
# The Iron Clad Wings



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

**Chartered  
 15 April, 1995**

**BRONZE Level Chapter for 2017**



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



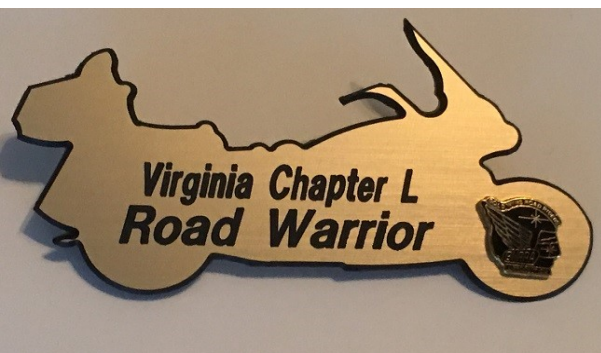
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## Ride & Grow with VA-L

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

## 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  
 October: Debbie Mandigo  
 November:  
 December: **No Gathering**



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**Please remember our Heroes  
that cannot be home for Thanksgiving**



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## Chapter Directors



Greetings Chapter,

The month of October was somewhat uneventful with only two Chapter events, the monthly Chapter dinner and Rally in the Valley. For those of you that missed either of these events, you missed a grand time.

Rally in the Valley was a great success in my opinion with nine of our Chapter members attending. This was a new venue in a new city and all those in attendance loved the facilities. Although the hotel did not have a restaurant open due to the Covid restrictions, there was a small restaurant near by that everyone raved about, the food was good the wait staff friendly and fun along with the cook being a jokester. There were visitors from many states, Ohio, Louisiana, Pennsylvania, West Virginia, Maryland, Tennessee, just to name a few. I'm sure I missed a couple.

The Carnival at the Rally was a great success as well. I think everyone enjoyed the activities. Our Chapter had a ring toss and dart game along with yours truly making popcorn. There was a competition for the best decorated booth and congratulations to Chapter I in Manassas for winning that competition. Chapter C in Newport News won with the most tickets collected, and our Chapter came in second. I think everyone enjoyed the different games and the food items. Manassas had snow cones and Newport News had nachos and cheese.

The Spirit of Virginia Award was awarded to Marie and Larry Crow from Chapter D in Richmond. They have been members for many years and have continued to support the Organization, the Chapter, and help other members in any way possible. Please congratulate them on this prestigious award for there work in the State and the organization.

Once the Rally closed and all the gear was stowed in the District trailer, members of Chapter C hosted a party where the food was good, and the drinks better. Our Chapter had 8 of the 9 members in attendance that were inducted into the fraternity of Ooggie Boogie. If you don't know what this is about, don't ask, we cannot tell you, we took an oath of secrecy. I will tell you this, it was fun.

The ride calendar is being updated. Please look at the Ride Coordinator article for updates. In closing I want to wish our Veterans a happy Veterans day and all out members a Happy Thanksgiving. I am sure many of us will be stuffed like the turkey by the end of that day.

Till we meet again, stay healthy, be safe, ride safe and keep the shiny side up.

Dan Clark & Lorrie Thomas

Chapter Directors, Va-L

## *The Iron Clad Wings*

**Dennis & Phyliss Easton**

Membership Enhancement Coordinators

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



## Membership Enhancement

Hello Chapter L Members,

It was great to see everybody who came to the last Chapter Gathering at Zino's. Since Covid hit, Pops decided to stop evening services. He stayed open for two months just for us, but because of rising cost, he could not continue without a big kick in the pot from the Chapter. So, Dan asked Zino's and they agreed.

I think we had a good turnout at the last gathering. Repeated a game for the first time in three years as MEC. Space is limited and did not want everybody running around like we usually do. We will have a great game for next time.

With the state reopening in phases, we are still looking forward to finding locations we can hold Motorist Awareness and Recruiting events. When we do find a location and a date, we will get the information out quickly as we will need your participation to make this type of event a success. If you know of any locations we can set up a tent, surrounded by a couple Wings and about 4-5 people to pass out brochures and information about GWRRA, please let us know.

Hope those that made it had a great time at the All Chapter Picnic back on September 19, 2020 at Twin Lakes State Park in Green Bay, VA. This District sponsored event with zero cost to attend was a great success. Games were played, laughs by all. Such a great time.

Until we can gather again, please continue to be safe and let us know if we can be of any assistance.

Thank You,

Dennis and Phyliss Easton

GWRRA VA-L

Chapter Membership Enhancement Coordinators

Chapter Couple of The Year 2019

VA District Couple of the Year 2019-2020

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NOVEMBER 2020

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## Ride Coordinator

The rides for October were few as the weather continues to play havoc on our events. The month of November looks to be somewhat better and we will have cooler temperatures for riding. Just a reminder, if you decide to go riding on your own or with the Chapter to be prepared for the changing of the weather. The temperatures can be crisp in the mornings and heat up during the day, so remember to take extra clothing for the cooler rides.

By the time of this being published, we will have taken a ride to Michie's Tavern in Charlottesville for lunch along with an apple picking afterward. The Tavern was established in the late 1700's and served as a restaurant and hotel for travelers during those times. They serve food in a familiar fashion as they did in those days. If you have never been to this facility, you need to try this historic place.

Listed below is the upcoming rides for the month of November. Come out and enjoy a ride and camaraderie of your fellow Chapter members and the wind therapy. With the cooler temperatures coming, the riding will be less, so enjoy what rides we do plan.

- 11-20 Chapter Monthly Dinner – destination TBD
- 11-21 Quarterly Adopt a Spot clean up
- 11-24 Monthly Chapter Gathering

Dan Clark

Ride Coordinator

# The Iron Clad Wings

## District

### What was Old is New Again!



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I can hear my grandpa, Peep, saying, "back in the day". Or my mom telling me, "when we were kids..." I'm certainly not suggesting that we go that far back!

What I am suggesting is that we think about our past time in GWRRA and remember the things we did that we may no longer do. I got my memory refreshed at Rally a few weeks ago when several of us got Oogie Boogied! Do you recall when Chapters used to join with each other for rides? Chapter visitation was huge when I first joined. Times when there were more visiting Members than Chapter Members at a Gathering. The Couple's plaque never stayed in one place for long. Time to dust off the Chapter mascot? Mascots were kidnapped and were returned only after the Members who owned it visited the kidnapper's Chapter. Chapter Va-C, Newport News, was just recognized for being the largest Chapter at Rally. It was wonderful to see so many Members from one Chapter. More common in the past than now.

With surgical precision, we must carve away the reason things were tough in 2020. We all know how it impacted the District. Let us put our efforts into making up for lost time! The fun stuff started fading away long before Covid raised its ugly head. Somehow, we allowed the traditions, the things we looked forward to every year, to be left behind. The new Members have no idea of some of the fun and crazy things each Chapter was known for...

- \* Crazy Suppers, Spaghetti Dinners, Poker Runs, Casino Picnics, Mother's Day Picnics, Polar Bear Runs.
- \* Wingless 2020 wasn't the first time Dave Huey was seen in a diaper.
- \* "What happens at Fall Sprawl stays at Fall Sprawl" was quoted many years ago.
- \* Gnome Napper earned her nickname after sliding into a first aid class with the mascot's handler close on her heels.
- \* Don't know the whole story, but it involved a mattress in a hallway at a Rally.
- \* Playing cards into the wee hours at Rally.
- \* Camping and moonshine?
- \* Men's rides that involved dead catfish dropped on a helmet from overhead by a bird.

It is pretty evident, that we like each other's company. We are all Members of GWRRA. Even if we choose a Chapter to associate with, we can and should participate with other Chapters. We will be offering a calendar for Chapter rides. You can contact the Chapter, rsvp, and visit their favorite places with them. There will be contests to compete in that will encourage riding and visiting. The plaque will be chased once again. No reinventing the wheel necessary, just a bit of chrome polish and some new rubber is required.

**Virginia District Directors**

**Lorrie Thomas & Dan Clark**

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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

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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



### NOVEMBER BIRTHDAYS

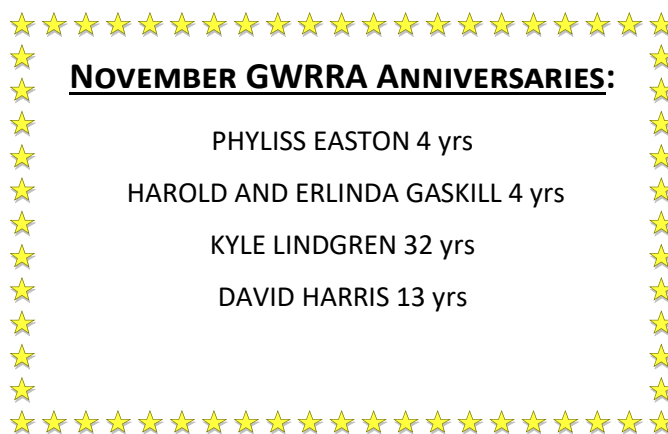
DARRELL PAULEY  
 MIRJANA SAVICH  
 KATHY SKINNER



### NOVEMBER ANNIVERSARIES:



JOHN AND KATHY SKINNER  
 ROCKY AND GAIL LINK



### NOVEMBER GWRRA ANNIVERSARIES:

PHYLISS EASTON 4 yrs  
 HAROLD AND ERLINDA GASKILL 4 yrs  
 KYLE LINDGREN 32 yrs  
 DAVID HARRIS 13 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](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
Nov 20	L	Chapter Monthly Dinner, location TBD. Watch for email from CD
Nov 21	L	Chapter Quarterly Adopt a Spot clean-up. Meet at 201 Hanbury Rd in Chesapeake at 10:00 am and afterward will go for lunch at a destination to be determined.
Nov 24	L	Chapter L Gathering, Zino's Café & Tavern, 850 Old George Washington Hwy N, Chesapeake, VA. Eat at 6pm Meet 7pm
Jan 15-16	VA	Virginia District Officer's Conference, Comfort Inn-Monticello, Charlottesville, VA
Feb 12-13	VA	Wingless Weekend—Best Western Hotel, 351 York St, Williamsburg, VA

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## WinterThing 2021

January 7, 8 & 9 2021

Hyatt Place, Dewey Beach Delaware



And the Beat goes on

1301 Coastal Highway,  
Dewey Beach, Delaware 19971

Click Here  
For Map

### Ice Cream

Car Races



Entertainment

Tax Free  
Shopping



• **YES! WinterThing 2021**  
**is going to happen!**

- Registration ends November 26<sup>th</sup> (Thanksgiving Day).
- Banquet limited to 125 people
- (another reason to register early).
  - Hyatt Place is adhering to Covid-19 guidelines.

This year's Theme is  
**MASKED**

Be creative and wear your special Mask on Friday night. Could it be Spiderman, Batman, Chuckie or some other face covering? Awards given to the 3 best, chosen by people's choice.

Masks and social distancing will be required throughout the rally

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### **GWRRA VA District Officer's Conference**

**January 15-16, 2020**

**Comfort Inn – Monticello**

**2097 Inn Drive, Charlottesville, VA 22911**

**434-977-3300**

**Friday, January 15 at 6:30 PM - 9:30 PM Social and Dinner**

**Saturday, January 16 at 8:00 AM – 4:00 PM Conference and Break-Out Sessions**

All Members are invited to attend, specifically Chapter and District Team Members, those who may be interested in taking a leadership position and/or those who would like to participate in the planning of the Virginia District's year.

Room rates: \$82.00, per night. Make your own reservations

Full, hot breakfast included for all guests with room reservation

Cancellation policy for rooms, 24-hour prior without penalty

Guests call and identify themselves with the **GWRRA – VA District Room Block**

**Group Number VZ39W2**

The District is covering the cost of the Friday night dinner and Saturday breakfast, if not available, Saturday lunch, so RSVP's are necessary. Please respond by December 31.

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Chapter \_\_\_\_\_ Position \_\_\_\_\_

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Chapter \_\_\_\_\_ Position \_\_\_\_\_

Yes, I/we are attending the Friday night Social and Saturday Conference

Yes, I/we are attending the Saturday Conference, only.

Send RSVP to:

Lorrie M. Thomas, District Director, [lorriemthomas@aol.com](mailto:lorriemthomas@aol.com) or to

5308 High Street West, Portsmouth, VA 23703 954-599-5178

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# HILLBILLY HOEDOWN

Tennessee District  
38th Annual  
Spring Fling



**WHEN**  
April 29, 30, May 1, 2021



**WHERE**  
**PIGEON FORGE** at the Evergreen Smoky Mountain Lodge & Convention Center located at 4010 Parkway, Pigeon Forge TN 37863. All activities will be at the Evergreen Smoky Mountain Lodge & Convention Center to include opening, inside vendors, outside vendors, hospitality room, chapter challenge games, training and much more. The Talent Show on Friday night and Closing on Saturday night will also be at the Evergreen Smoky Mountain Lodge & Convention Center. Call 865-453-1823 for room Reservations.

**REGISTRATION FORM &  
Schedule of Activities**  
Will soon be on our WEB SITE  
[www.gwrratn.org](http://www.gwrratn.org)

Daily 50/25/25  
awarded every day.  
Grand 50/50  
awarded at closing.

**Point of contact for more  
information.**  
**Dennis Peterson**  
**Tennessee District Director**  
**931-302-5283**  
**gwrratn.dd@gmail.com**

**GRAND PRIZE**  
**\$1000.00**  
**BABY GRAND PRIZE**  
**\$500.00**

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

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

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

## *The Iron Clad Wings*

### What Would You Do?

Submitted By: Dennis Easton, VA-L Member

On any typical Chapter ride, you start the ride at a central meeting place. Maybe picking up a rider or two at points along the route. But you should always start with a safety briefing as well as an explanation of the route, stops along the way as well as the destination. Add a game if you want or a safety bike training session if you see fit.

Here is a tale worthy of telling...

The event is real, the actions did happen, and all names have been changed and distinguishing bike features, have been altered to protect everyone's identity.

Saturday morning started like any other. Wake up, take a shower, get dressed for the ride, gather some drinks and snacks for the ride ahead. We decided to go in 4 wheels instead of on the bike. Health reasons currently, but next time on 2 wheels.

We meet up with the ride organizer and one other, both on their respective bikes. We chat and shoot the bull for a few when another rider approaches. Then another in a 4-wheel cage vehicle. One last visitor approached on 2 wheels, they lived nearby and decided to give us a send off as they could not make the trip that day. To many honey do's at the house.

So, if you counted it correctly, we start the briefing with 4 bikes and 2 cages, (car/truck). Total of 9 people and 6 vehicles.

One rider did not feel well and decided to return home. Of course, the visitor was just visiting and was headed home as well. Now we are down 2 bikes and 3 people before getting started.

Heading out was 2 bikes and 2 cages. Weather is perfect around 70 degrees, the sun is shining bright with a bit of fog which will surely turn into a clear blue sky. The trip will take us about 3 ½ hours to get to for lunch. About 30 minutes into the trip, the bike in the #2 position develops mechanical issues and pulls over on the busy 4 lane Interstate. I was pulling the tail and followed to the side of the road leaving the lead bike and # 3 position cage continuing.

I step out of my cage to the roar of the cars passing at 65-75mph, the noise was deafening. I am no mechanic, and no real assistance, but this rider was. He had already started disassembling his covers to get to the fuse panel. Pulled a fuse from a spare auxiliary and replaced the burnt fuse and the bike started. About 10 minutes and the bike is running again. As he's putting the covers back, the bike cuts off. Blown fuse again? Removing covers, he sees the same fuse has blown and when removing it, slightly burns his fingertips and drops the hot fuse. Plan B and we try again. This time the fuse pops immediately. Out of Fuses and out of options, he reassembles the covers to prepare for the next step.

We head to my cage and he settles in the back to call his son for a trailer. He is out on a job site and cannot get there for several hours. Next, he calls his neighbor with a trailer who says sure, I'll load up and head over. Highway Safety patrol pulls behind me and the rider steps out to explain. Safety man sets up a few cones behind us as a precaution. Says he will stop by later to retrieve them.

Back to as we pulled over, I made a call to our ride leader to leave a voice mail. He has already pulled over and was sitting at a gas station about a mile ahead at the next off ramp. Seems the cage ahead of me pulled up to the lead bike, got his attention and they were about to pull off at the off ramp. Not knowing what was happening, they sat patiently as I was accessing the situation back on the highway.

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So, the bikers friend pulls up behind me and we back up the cage and bike to give him some additional space in front of the bike. Loading the bike up the ramp with no power took all 3 of us to push it up. Bike is about 8', trailer is about 8', tight squeeze. We angle the front tire to the side a bit to give some distance between the bikes rear case and the ramp door back of the trailer. Five straps later and he is all secure. Biker and friend are off. We head to the next off ramp and meet up with our friends.

One bike and two cages now head off to our destination. I have a portable CB and can communicate with the lead bike; my wife is in communication with the second cage by text and phone calls. We pass the first rest stop but hit the second to stretch and use the facilities. Ride is great, weather is perfect.

At our destination we settle into a line to get tables. The scenery is beautiful, the foothills, trees are turning and there is a crispness to the air. Maybe that's the fried chicken at the restaurant we are at. During lunch, the other cage driver mentions they are having some transmission issues and feel a trip to the local dealership is in order.

They locate a dealer about 36 minutes through town. Just 9 miles, but 36 minutes. After a wonderful lunch we head out to the dealership. Since I have the CB, and Google maps, I lead, cage 2 behind me and lead bike pulling tail this time. About 40 minutes later we arrive at the dealership. Biker needs gas so he heads to get gas and says he will be back. I wait for the two occupants of the first cage as they leave it behind. Nobody in service can look at the vehicle today. I waited about 5 more minutes and decide the four of us in one cage should head to the gas station and catch the rider.

Nope, we miss him and do a 'U' turn to head back to the Dealership. Yep, there he is, it is nearly 3:30 and we planned to hit an Apple Orchard after lunch. Rider 1 had a chosen orchard and I googled and found it was 40 minutes away and closed at 5pm. Should arrive about 4:10 with plenty of picking time.

Heading out we catch a bypass, so we do not have to crawl back through town. Hitting some of these twisty's I was wishing I were on my bike catching the dips and twirls of the road. What a wonderful trip, just seemed to take forever to get there. The sun is starting to set, temperature is dropping slightly but a wonderful ride.

What do we see out in the middle of nowhere, roundabouts with leading rumble strips? If you don't know, rumble strips are those bumps in the road to tell you to slow down and rattle your teeth. The roundabouts are freshly built, I grumble about having to slow and turn avoiding the other car in the circle and we have a passionate discussion about how studies say "..... "boring stuff inserted here. Sorry to my passengers, I am the driver and roundabouts can go away.

We make it to the orchard and instead of picking, they have a dozen or so varieties already picked in bags labeled ½ peck and peck. Or they have baskets you can take one or two of different varieties. Everybody finishes their stretching and bathroom breaks, buys their selections and we prepare to head out.

Lead biker says he should follow since it is getting dark. You know, I am in the cage and will be the "Critter Catcher", hopefully. We Google the return trip, and the interstate home is less than 10 miles from the orchard. Since I am in the cage leading, we catch the last gas station before the interstate. Gas up and we head out. I am leading and start to head to the opposite direction as everybody in the cage is yelling the other way you @\$%^&. Well, that was fun, off we go.

Alright, we are on our way home and you would think that with this much excitement is enough for the day. Nope, the day is not over yet.

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Driver of the first cage is now sitting behind me and get a text from the rider that did not join us this morning. They are the ones who had some housework to do. It is about 6pm and they were heading on an evening ride enjoying the nice crisp fall air when on a country road, in the state below us, they breakdown. Sitting on the side of a State Route connecting the two states there are no streetlamps in this area of the byway. They call and we discuss rescue plus. They don't have their cards, so we give them the phone number and they call. As they wait, a stranger arrives and asked if she can assist. After explaining what is happening, the stranger says, I have a friend with a trailer, will that help?

This stranger arrives, they load the bike and drives 40 miles to drop the bike and riders off at their house then leaves to head back to the other state, 40 miles away. With no ask for payment, just a thank you will suffice.

Back to us, the last rest stop is 5 miles away, I radio the rider and ask if he wants to stop, yes. He calls his wife at the stop, who did not join us as she was feeling sickly. A trip to the doc in the box and she has a sinus infection. Some meds later and she is home to recover.

At this time, let me recap. We now have 1 cage with 4 passengers, and 1 bike with 1 rider. Started with 9 people, 4 bikes and 2 cages.

We head out from here with no plans to stop again. About halfway home, I hit debris in the road, hear it hit my undercarriage and see it fly to the left of the rider behind me. I grab my handheld CB and ask if he's OK and he says everything is alright. He thought it was a plastic bag. Let me tell you, that was no plastic bag that hit my undercarriage, thanks to the gremlin bells for looking out for us again. I did not have any room for another passenger.

Heading home we get close to the separation point and say our goodbyes and thanks for a wonderful day. Rider one pulls off heading to a different highway heading home as we head to ours. Now we still have passengers and head to their place. About 20 minutes past ours. They offer to by us dinner or something for our troubles, but nope, we would do this for anyone if needed. She can tell her own story of how she will get back to here she left her cage after repairs are made. I don't think that will be as exciting as this one, but who knows.

Tired and hungry, we stop by Waffle House for a couple meat and cheesy egg sandwiches coffee and a break. Home to our doggie and well, we are home safe and sound, had a wonderful day and did exactly what we needed to do that day. What would you do?.....the end.

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### First Aid Kits: Does Yours Need a Check-up?

by: Cash Anthony, The Master Strategy Group

[www.msgroug.org](http://www.msgroug.org)



Do you carry a First Aid kit on your bike? If so, when is the last time you took a look inside? If you don't know what your First Aid kit contains, you may be unpleasantly surprised if you ever need to use it. What passes for a First Aid kit from sources such as discount stores and auto supply shops (and sometimes given away as Poker Run prizes) may be woefully short of what is needed for our sport. In case of a motorcycle accident, I dislike to say it, but band-aids ain't gonna help much, folks.

- Your First Aid kit needs to have a really good pair of scissors in it, to cut away (thick) clothing. If you can't see the injured area, it's hard to figure out what is best to do. You may find it worthwhile to invest in a heavy-duty shears which can handle thick material.
- Every rider should carry a pair (several pairs is best) of latex gloves to be used in case of an accident where blood is spilled. Having them on your bike may allow persons who want to assist you to make that decision without fear of contamination, as well as being available to you to help someone else.
- A good First Aid kit should have a number of triangle bandages in it, which can be easily made from inexpensive muslin purchased at any fabric or discount department store -- I got mine for about .99 a yard. These pieces should be large enough that you can make a sling from them, or fold them to use as a pressure-point type bandage, or put them on a head injury to hold other bandages into place. Mine are about 30" by 30" and are cut on the diagonal. These are just unbleached muslin, but they are clean and strong and BIG. I've NEVER seen a commercially purchased First Aid kit with these supplied. If you need more than one (for example, after making a sling for an arm, it's a good idea to immobilize that arm by binding it to the upper body), you can tie several of these together if the patient is a large individual. Carrying a minimum of three triangle bandages would be a good idea.
- I've also seen very few kits that have anything like enough sterile gauze pads. If you need to put pressure on a bleeding wound, you'll go through these items fast and will want enough to add another clean one often. NOTE: Place a new gauze patch on top of an existing blood soaked patch in order to prevent tearing any existing clotting that has begun and reopening a wound. Your First Aid kit needs to have a really good pair of scissors in it, to cut away (thick) clothing. If you can't see the injured area, it's hard to figure out what is best to do. You may find it worthwhile to invest in a heavy-duty shears which can handle thick material.
- It is helpful to have a bottle of filtered or distilled water in your kit. This can be useful in case of broken bones, eye injuries, cleaning out other minor injuries, and for dehydration. If you've got a compound fracture, it may be helpful to put a muslin bandage over a damp gauze bandage on the end of the exposed bone, to keep it from drying out, though an experienced EMS person has advised to simply use a clean (sterile), dry, dressing as you would any other open wound. Many minor problems can be dealt with initially by washing them with clean water, and debris in the eye can often be relieved by this, with nothing else required. (Even if the water isn't distilled or filtered, it can still be used if it's of potable quality.)

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- In the case of very bad head injuries, it's not unusual to have substantial eye injuries. Unfortunately, eyes can come out of place on impact. The recommended First Aid in this situation is to have a cup (like a clean Styrofoam cup) available to contain the damaged and displaced eye, and to strap that cup onto the face with a triangle bandage or use a roll of gauze. The medical folks today can do amazing things to put an eye back into place, but it's a good idea to bandage both eyes to keep the person from panicking (and to slow the 'eye-matching' reflexes, which try to make our eyes work together), while touching and reassuring the injured party. Having a clean cup in your kit may permit you to do someone an invaluable service by helping to save their sight.
- Most simple First Aid kits contain some kind of antiseptic ointment or cream. These can be useful for minor sunburns or insect bites, but they should usually NOT be used on an serious injury. When the medical folks start working on a wound, they don't want to wonder what has already been applied to it. When in doubt, throw it out.

In case of an accident, the first response these days is to call 911. In most regions of the country, even in rural areas, emergency assistance can be sent out right away. However, if you ever become a witness to a bad accident, you'll discover how important it is to have current information and adequate First Aid gear, even if you can't really do very much at the scene. It may save a life to know what NOT to do.

When you reach for that First Aid kit, you'll be better prepared if you know what's in it and how to use it. Take some time to look at what you're carrying on your bike, to see if it's what you really need.

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

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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# In the Spotlight

### **Meet Dan Clark, Chapter Director & Ride Coordinator, VA-L**

My name is Dan Clark, and I am the Chapter Director for Chesapeake Chapter "L". I have been a member of GWRRA since September 2005 and started my membership in Chapter "O" in Williamsburg.

I first started riding a dirt bike in 1965 and bought my first bike in 1968 purchasing a 66 Honda 305 Scrambler. I rode that bike for a couple years and actually rode it from my hometown of Grove City, Ohio just outside of Columbus to San Francisco, Ca. I ended wrecking that bike and totaling it and decided riding was not for me. Two years later a friend asked to use my car and he had a Honda CB350 which I rode for a week. The bug had bitten me again and I have been riding virtually ever since. I bought that bike from him and rode as much as I could with school, working and sports occupying most of my time.



In 1971 I graduated from High School and soon after received an invitation from Uncle Sam to join the Army. I joined the Coast Guard instead and proudly served for over 23 years. My mother sold my bike for me while I was in Engineman school in Yorktown in 1972 and I didn't ride again till 1976. I bought another CB 350 and rode that for 3 or 4 months. I went to Cycle World in Virginia Beach to buy a new chain and gears and saw a new CB750-4 customized bike. I instantly fell in love and bought the bike on the spot, forgetting to get the chain and sprockets. The dealer took the old bike sight unseen as a trade in for the new bike.

I rode that bike for over two years every day, in sun, rain, snow, it didn't matter. I sold that in March of 79 when I returned from Japan and was transferred to Seattle, WA. I couldn't drive two cars and a bike cross country. While in Seattle I bought another CB 750 and rode that till I was transferred back to Portsmouth, Va.

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After a year of not riding I bought a Kawasaki KZ900 and rode that for a year. I then went back to a Honda V65 Magna and sold that in 1985. I borrowed friends' bikes and rode sporadically for the next 20 years and in 2005 I bought a 1982 Suzuki 750 and rode that for 4 months. I was looking at a Cycle Trader magazine one morning and found my present bike, a 93 Goldwing and trailer in Roanoke. I called the owner and after a few conversations, told him I would be over that weekend. I got the money out of my account and bought the bike. I rode it back home that day and evening in November and have put over 40,000 miles on it. I worked with a guy that was a member of GWRRA and Joe Dickson coerced me into joining.

In 2011 I met my wife Lorrie and she loved riding as much as I did and quickly joined GWRRA after we started dating. I was involved in the Chapter Team and she became involved as well soon after joining. Lorrie and I were both on the Chapter Team, I was the Mileage Coordinator and Lorrie was the Events Coordinator. We married in 2015 and soon after decided to change Chapters to Chapter "L" since it was closer to our home. It wasn't long and I was asked to be the Ride Coordinator for the Chapter. I have also been the Assistant Chapter Director and hold titles of Road Captain, University Instructor, and Trike Rider Course Instructor.

Lorrie and I also serve as the District Directors for Virginia and we both enjoy teaching. I thoroughly enjoy the organization, the camaraderie, and the great members. We look forward to continuing to serve the members and the organization in the years to come.

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## SNAPSHOTS

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



Chapter Dinner  
October 16, 2020  
Surf Rider



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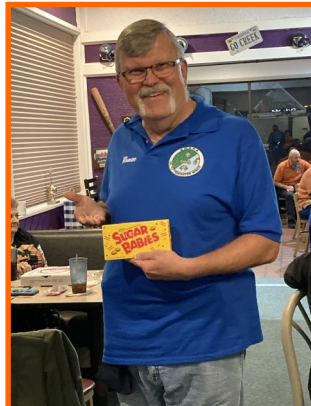
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### Chapter Gathering October 27, 2020



Debbie won Ride Pot



Roman Paryz won quarter game



Joe Daniel won \$10 door prize



Lorrie Thomas was awarded custody of VAL



**GNOME NAPPER**  
NEVER leave VAL unattended!  
Gnome Napper also won 50/50



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### Rally in The Valley October 29-31, 2020 Lynchburg, VA



L to R: Lorrie Thomas, Joe & Trish, Dennis & Phyliss, Karen & Debbie, Dan Clark



Joe & Trish Daniel receive their Level 1



Karen receives Newsletter of the Quarter award for 2nd Quarter



Memorial service for fallen GWRRA members

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Dan, Phyliss, and Dennis manning Chapter L Carnival booth



Dinner at the Depot Grill downtown Lynchburg  
Conrad, Karen & Debbie, Phyliss & Dennis



Debbie and Phyliss manning ticket booth



Dennis & Phyliss



Dan & Karen teaching TRC



Karen doing a demo for TRC

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### Michie Tavern/Apple Picking November 7, 2020 Charlottesville, VA



Fruit Hill Orchard



Michie Tavern



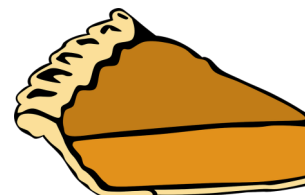
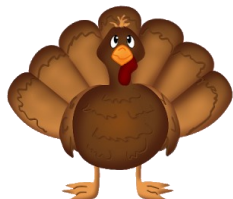
Dan, Dennis & Phyliss, Debbie & Karen



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## Word Search

Theme: *Thanksgiving*



- ACORNS
- APPLES
- AUTUMN
- BAKE
- BLESSINGS
- BREAK
- CELEBRATE
- CORN
- CORNUCOPIA
- DESSERT
- DINNER
- EAT
- FALL
- FAMILY
- FEAST
- FELLOWSHIP
- FOOD

- FOOTBALL
- FULL
- GATHER
- GIVING
- GOD
- GRATEFUL
- GRAVY
- HARVEST
- HOLIDAY
- INDIANS
- JESUS
- LEAVES
- LEFTOVERS
- MASSASOIT
- MAYFLOWER
- NATIVE AMERICANS
- NOVEMBER

- PIE
- PILGRIMS
- PLYMOUTH
- PUDDING
- PUMPKIN
- PURITANS
- SERVE
- SLEEP
- STUFFING
- THANKS
- THANKSGIVING
- THURSDAY
- TOFURKEY
- TRADITION
- WORSHIP
- YAMS

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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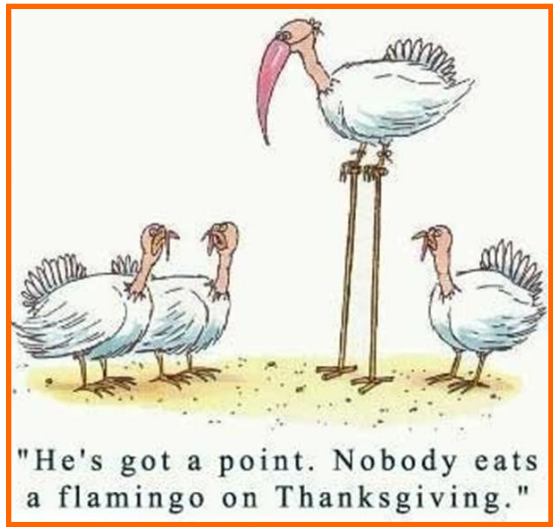
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## Chapter-L Funnies



If we're not meant to have midnight snacks, why is there a light in the fridge?

You won't be bored on 9GAG.COM



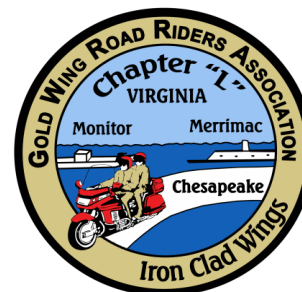
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VA-A	Burke	Mary O'Connor (11/09)	703-635-6775 <a href="mailto:maryoc4429@aim.com">maryoc4429@aim.com</a>	<b>2nd Wed. 7:30 pm</b>  The Ponds Community Center, 9837 Burke Pond Lane, Burke, VA. 22015
VA-C	Hampton/Newport News,	Dave & Donna Huey (01/18)	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
VA-L	Chesapeake	Dan Clark & Lorrie Thomas (1/20)	757-343-1783 (D) 954-599-5178 (L) <a href="mailto:Wingernut93@aol.com">Wingernut93@aol.com</a> <a href="mailto:lorriethomas@aol.com">lorriethomas@aol.com</a>	<b>4th Tue. 6:pm</b>  Zino's Café & Tavern 850 Old George Washington Hwy N, Chesapeake
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-X	Salem	Larry Stanton (01/15)	304-922-1401 <a href="mailto:Larry250222@gmail.com">Larry250222@gmail.com</a>	<b>1st Sat. 3:pm</b> Riverside Evangelical Methodist Church, 1920 Lucas St, Salem



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## Other local gatherings

- **Chapter C-Hampton/Newport News:** 2nd Sunday each month, 5pm. Angelo's Steak House at 755 J Clyde Morris Blvd in Newport News
- **Chapter 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

