

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

## Chartered 15 April, 1995

## **BRONZE Level Chapter for 2017**

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



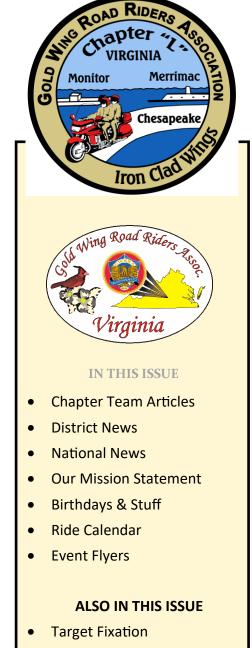
#### Chapter Directors: Dan Clark & Lorrie Thomas wingernut93@aol.com lorriemthomas@aol.com Dan's Cell 757-343-1783 Lorrie's Cell 954-599-5178 **Ride & Grow with VA-L**

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

#### **2021 Road Warrior Awards**



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



- Weekend of Mountain Riding
- SNAPSHOTS—a look at what Chapter L's been up to
- Chapter L Funnies



Disclaimer: The numbers on this picker wheel do not count as finding your number!

# FIND YOUR MEMBERSHIP NUMBER

Starting in September 2021, Karen Bottoni, your Newsletter Editor will hide 3 random Chapter L Membership numbers somewhere in the newsletter. She will spin the wheel three times and a membership number will appear. If you locate your membership number, please notify Karen, kbottoni@gmail.com, tell her what page and where you found it. Then attend the next Chapter gathering and get your reward.

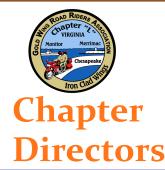
### Where will you find your membership number?

Look in the margins, Read the Articles, read the special event inserts, along the margins, along the headers, footers, anywhere and everywhere in the Newsletter is fair game. It's not going to be too hard, but it will not be too easy either.

#### Only two special Rules:

- 1. Chapter-L Team Members are ineligible to participate.
- 2. All other members eligible and must attend the Gathering during the month of the newsletter to receive your reward. Must get with the MEC by 7pm start of the meeting.

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Hello Chapter,

Welcome to October with cooler weather, cooler riding conditions, more Deer movement, and the start of the Holiday shopping season. UUUGH!!!

Speaking of holidays, we will be having a Chapter Christmas party this year. We have just about completed the planning process and I will send out an email with the information just as soon as everything is finalized.

The Chapter finished having ice cream rides for the year and the last one was to the Dairy Queen in Windsor. We only had 4 participants, but we still had a lot of fun. We will now replace the ice cream rides with Chapter Dinners starting with our first dinner on October 8<sup>th</sup>. Look at the Ride Coordinator article for the destination and time.

Some of the Members may have noticed in the September newsletter that there were membership numbers hidden within the newsletter. Was one of the numbers yours? If so, you will need to contact our Newsletter Editor, Karen Bottoni to let her know you found your number. Each month 3 new numbers will be drawn at random and if you find yours, contact Karen and attend the next monthly Gathering to receive a prize. You will also need to bring your Membership card.

Rally in the Valley is fast approaching and will be in Lynchburg, Va at the Lynchburg Grand Hotel. The theme this year is Cruising the SS Virginia. There will be cruise games and activities throughout the day and plenty of money to be won, (fake money). If you haven't registered yet, get those in quickly or come attend for a Day pass, the ship will dock daily for new passengers. We hope to "SEA" you there and look forward to having you enjoy the day.

As always, be safe ride safe and keep the shiny side up.

Dan Clark & Lorrie Thomas Chapter Directors, Va-L

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

# **Membership Enhancement**



### Membership Enhancement Program

# Thank you for visiting the Membership Enhancement Program pages!

The Purpose of the Membership Enhancement Program is to ensure that GWRRA members at every level in the organization have an enjoyable experience while participating in the many opportunities GWRRA provides. To make a long story short... we want you to have FUN!

We all joined GWRRA because of our love of motorcycling, and that's certainly a primary focus of the organization. And our many Chapters around the globe contribute to the joy of riding by connecting us with like-minded individuals and creating a network of family so that—no matter where you go—you always have friends nearby. Imagine having a worldwide family that is just waiting to welcome you home, wherever that may be—it's a great feeling!

Our GWRRA events, from the Chapter level all the way up to Wing Ding, are designed to provide everyone with FUN opportunities that include exciting rides, social gatherings and educational opportunities.

And that that feeling of family, of belonging, of more opportunities to have FUN...that is what the Membership Enhancement Program is all about!

Our goals for the Membership Enhancement Program are to:

- Participate with Region, District, and Chapter directors to assist in creating the FUN portion of GWRRA's events
- Ensure that we stay in touch with our current members and have our MEP representatives at every level take the time to really get to know our GWRRA family members better—the better we know one another, the more FUN we can have!
- Contact new and prospective members to give them information about GWRRA and encourage them to have FUN with us
- Track successful FUN ideas and share them with MEP staff at every level of the organization
- Provide information to GWRRA leadership to assist them in planning and making informed decisions about GWRRA's direction

While the Chapter Directors are known as the "FUN Directors", our Chapter Membership Enhancement Coordinators can support the "FUN Directors" by becoming the "FUN Experts". They are the folks you can talk with about ideas for increasing the FUN in your Chapter life—and don't be surprised if you end up becoming more involved as a result! Remember – the more you participate, the more FUN there is to be had!





Directors Larry & Penny Anthony

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Dan Clark Ride Coordinator wingernut93@aol.com

# **Ride Coordinator**



#### Hello Chapter,

The Chapter Team has been busy with planning the Chapter Christmas party along with upcoming rides and events. There are a couple subjects that need to be covered prior to listing the rides and events.

At the beginning of the year, our MEC came up with a Hot Dog Challenge. The requirements were to visit 8 places, eat a hot dog or two, rate the establishment, take a picture of yourself in front of the store sign and post it on our Facebook page. Those flyers must be turned in to Dennis Easton prior to 1 December. Preferably at our November Gathering.

Our first chapter Dinner ride will be to Mack's Great American grill located at 801 N. Battlefield Blvd in Chesapeake. We will meet at the restaurant at 6:30. If anyone has any suggestions for a dinner outing, please send me an email with the name of the restaurant.

The Chapter Christmas party is scheduled for December 18<sup>th</sup> at The Black Pelican located at 1625 Ring Rd in Chesapeake near Greenbrier Mall. The remaining information will be sent out in an email to all the Members the first week in October. We look forward to having a grand time at the party.

Below is a list of the upcoming rides and events for the month of October:

Oct 2- No Ride

Oct 8- Chapter Dinner 6:30 pm Mack's Great American Grill

Oct 14-16 Rally in the Valley

Oct 23 Chapter Adopt a spot clean-up / lunch ride

Oct 30 TBD

We hope to see some of you at the events and rides, till then be safe, ride safe and keep the shiny side up.

Dan Clark

Ride Coordinator

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

# **Chapter Skills Enhancement Advisor**



### Rule #1—Ride Your Own Ride!

By Jerry James, https://motoadrenalinetours.blog

I came across this excellent article about riding your own ride. It reminded me of how important it is to realize what you are capable of on your machine and how to manage those skills when confronted with challenges especially riding in groups. Your goal is to enjoy the ride and keep that shiny side up as our CD likes to elude to.

You are in control of your machine and your ride. Riding in a group is fun and exciting. Don't let it obscure your own common sense and judgment.



It has happened to all of us. You are out riding with a group of friends, the road becomes twisty and the leader takes off. You get into a groove. Shifting around on your seat, setting the line, shooting out of the corner, this is one of the reasons you love riding a motorcycle. Then it happens... you realize that you are entering the right hand corner way to fast. You heart starts to race, this is not going to end well. That is all you can think about.

Miraculously you make it through the corner, you have not crashed the bike and your heart rate eventually starts to slow. A number of factors might have come into play in keeping you safe. Maybe your

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skill level kicked in, maybe it was not your day to slam your bike into the ground, or maybe it was pure luck. You may never know, but one thing is obvious. You got caught up with the group. Riding harder and faster than your skill level would allow. It has happened to all of us. The bad news is that not all of these stories end like the one I just described. It could have ended much worse, it could have been life changing.



Unfortunately for Jamie and I, it did not end as outlined above. I low sided the bike and when the world stopped spinning, I was fine, the bike was totaled and my beautiful Pillion was being lifted into an ambulance with a broken scapula and some fractured ribs along with a number of deep bruises. It was the worst day of my motorcycle life.

Looking back at the accident, the only reason this happened was the lack of my ability to control the urge to try and ride someone else's ride, instead of my own. It was not the fault of the very skilled rider I was trying to follow. It was not Jamie's fault, it was 100% mine. From that day forward I have tried to follow the one rule that can save your life That rule is

#### • Ride you own Ride

Here are a few tips that might help you avoid the scenario pictured above. These are not all inclusive, I am sure there are a number of things that I will miss, or you may not agree with. These are just some things I have observed through the years of riding within a group.

#### **Understand & Respect your talent level – Leave your EGO at home.**

Even if you don't want to admit it. There is always someone faster, more talented and with a better understanding of Survival Reactions than you. My accident above was caused by my **L.O.T**. Yes folks that was caused by my **Lack Of Talent**. Be honest with yourself concerning your riding skills and you will live to ride for many more years to come.

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#### **Speed Kills**

Most single rider accidents occur because the rider enters a corner "too hot" and then the L.O.T. kicks in and **BAM** it happens. The road is not a race track, you are not a MOTO GP racer and believe it or not, there are times, when gravel, animals, cars and other things that you can't control enter your path. If you have your speed under control, these factors are easier to avoid and your day will end with a smile. Riding a motorcycle has its risks. Controlling things like speed can lower those risks.

#### Common Sense - Listen to it!

We all have it, some people use it more than others. Common sense is a riding skill that is needed for you to have a long and enjoyable riding life. How many times are you following someone and they get tired of following the same slow car for the past mile, so they take a chance and pass them on a double yellow line. Yes they can see through it and no they did not put themselves in harms way, however if you try to follow, those same factors may change. *Use common sense and Ride your own Ride!* 

The group has been riding for over an hour and you need a break. You are starting to feel tired or need to stretch, but the group is not stopping. Do you go with the group, or do you try and get their attention, letting them know you need to stop? *Use Common sense and Ride your own Ride!* 

Your group pulls into a parking lot and you do not feel comfortable parking on a downward slope or in the gravel. Should you just park and take your chances. Maybe you won't drop the bike, maybe you will. Why chance it? *Use Common Sense and Ride your own Ride!* 

You get the point. You are in control of your machine and your ride.

I am sure that even after riding for a number of years and writing these kinds of articles, I will still get caught up and not Ride my own Ride! Hopefully it will work out for the best, but if it does not, I will own it. We are all human and we will make mistakes from time to time. So when I take off with a group. I always remind myself to Ride my own Ride! It has become a habit and so far it has worked!

Until next time everyone, enjoy the cooler temps, the changing colors and the wonderful sights and sounds that escorts in the end of the riding season.

**Ride Safe!** 

#### "Safety is for Life" "Practice Makes Permanent"

Karen Bottoni CSEA

# **District**

## It's Fall Ya'll

Pumpkin spiced coffee, pumpkin muffins, pumpkin donuts, pumpkin filled ravioli, pumpkin curry, pumpkin spiced motor oil, pumpkin bread, pumpkin pie...

I read that Walmart wants us to wear our Halloween costumes while eating Thanksgiving turkey followed that evening with decorating the Christmas tree!

All I know for sure is that the weather has been amazing. It was such a pleas-

ure seeing over 75 of you at the All-Chapter Picnic September 18<sup>th</sup>. Fewer flies, cooler breezes and mayo and mustard (had to be there last year to understand why that was mentioned). The desserts were awesome, and the auctioned desserts went to deserving homes. Congratulations to Va-C for your gamesmanship and for winning the Chapter Challenge. Thank you all for your support.

> Love, exciting and new Come aboard, were expecting you Love, life's sweetest reward Let it flow, it floats back to you Love Boat soon will be making another run The Love Boat promises something for everyone Set a course for adventure Your mind on a new romance

I know a new romance is not on MY mind. I'm happy with Captain Dan. Yet, in the next few weeks, we will be on the high seas, dancing, sharing a meal, playing at the casino, and loving life. Have you registered yet for the Virginia District Rally? Even if you are planning a day pass, please register. We want to prepare a proper S.S. Virginia cruise ship welcome for you.

There is still room in the ARC, TRC and MFA classes. Tables are available at the Flea Market. The window for registering for the Captain's dinner and the Master's breakfast is closing soon, so let us know if you are coming.

Upcoming events include the annual Operations (OPS) meeting in January 2022 on 14<sup>th</sup>-15<sup>th</sup> in Monticello, Va. This is the time for planning the new year, preparing Chapter and District leaders for the best way to serve our Members and give potential new leaders a chance to see how it's done. It is open to all Chapter and District Teams and interested Members. It's a perfect time for new Team Members to learn more about their responsibilities. Friday night will be a social for those who are arriving that night, usually pizza and games. Saturday morning starts the meeting, lunch is included. We usually finish early afternoon. Put it on your calendar and rsvp with a head count as soon as you know.

Your District Team has been working hard being able-bodied crew mates, planning a great time for you at 'sea'. Hope to sea you there!

#### Virginia District Directors

### Lorrie Thomas & Dan Clark

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## National

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

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

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

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

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

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

For more information, please contact the appropriate Team GWRRA Program Director: Lorrie Thomas, GWRRA University Program Director <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
Oct 8	L	Chapter Dinner Ride, Mack's Great American Grill located at 801 N. Battlefield Blvd in Chesapeake will host our first Chapter Dinner of the year at 6:30 pm. Come join the Chap- ter for a nice meal and camaraderie.
Oct 14-16	VA	Virginia District Rally in the Valley, "Cruisin' in Grand Style", Lynchburg Grand Hotel, Lynchburg, VA
Oct 23	L	Chapter Adopt-a-Spot clean-up/lunch ride. Meet at Walgreens, 201 Hanbury Rd, Chesapeake, VA at 9am
Oct 26	L	Chapter L Gathering. Zino's Café & Tavern, 850 Old George Washington Hwy N, Chesapeake, VA. Eat at 6pm Meet 7pm
Nov 23	L	Chapter L Gathering. Zino's Café & Tavern, 850 Old George Washington Hwy N, Chesapeake, VA. Eat at 6pm Meet 7pm
Dec 18	L	Chapter Christmas Party, The Black Pelican, 1625 Ring Rd, Chesapeake, VA (near Greenbrier Mall)

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



### Sunday October 10, 2021

Join us on this escorted ride from the beautiful Newport News Park through the scenic views, with open vista and the broad shady sweeping curves of the Colonial Parkway. Ride this historical trail along the York River's western shoreline through the pine and hardwood forest, tidal estuaries and natural landscapes before returning to the Newport News Park.

#### Registration

Newport News Park (Shelters 19 & 20) Beginning @9:00am 13560 Jefferson Ave Newport News, VA 23603 Cost: \$20 per Bike & \$5 per Passenger The Kick Stands will rise at 11:00am

For more information about Project Lifesaver and to register by mail please visit: http://www.nnsheriff.org/community/programs/pl-ride.html or Contact Lt. K. Patrick-Gross at (757) 926-3991 E-Mail: kpatrick@nnva.gov

The second Following the ride please join us for a Hot Dog Social, 50/50 Raffle, Door Prizes, Live Entertainment and much more.

Thank You for Supporting Project Lifesaver (A Search & Rescue Program) Newport News Sheriff's Office Please make checks payable to NNSO

Fully ESCORTED ride by Newport News Sheriff's Office



#### 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"

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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

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#### 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
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Co-Rider				
Address				
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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:

#### **RITV Schedule**

#### Thursday, Oct. 14 11:00 5:00 Registration & 50/50 Sales Open Vendor Area Open (Ballroom A) 12:00 4:00 TRAINING: (Room 303) TRC Classroom (must be pre-registered) 1:00 2:00 TRAINING: (Poplar Forrest) "Co-Rider Seminar" (meets Levels req) 4:00 Hospitality Open (Room 223) 2:00 4:00 Self-Guided Rides 2:00 3:30 3:00 Candlelight Ceremony Practice 4:00 3:30 Afternoon Trivia (Poplar Forrest) 4:00 5:00 WINGO (Poplar Forrest) 6:30 Pizza Party / Bon Voyage Ice Cream Social 5:00 (Poplar Forrest) ?? 6:30 Opening Ceremonies (Ballroom BCD) Candlelight Ceremony MUSTER MADNESS Love & Marriage Game Show Daily 50/50 Drawing Friday, Oct. 15 8:00 4:00 Registration & 50/50 Sales Open Vendor Area Open (Ballroom A) 8:00 12:00 TRAINING: ARC/TRC Range (must be pre-registered) 9:00 10:30 TRAINING: (Room 303) "The Mature Rider"

- 9:00 3:00 Hospitality Open (Room 223)
- 9:30 10:00 Morning Trivia (Ballroom BCD)
- 10:00 11:00 WINGO (Ballroom BCD)
- 1:30 3:00 <u>TRAINING:</u> (Room 303) "Crash Scene Response"
- 3:00 3:30 Afternoon Trivia (Ballroom BCD)
- 3:30 4:30 WINGO (Ballroom BCD)
- 7:00 ?? Casino Night/Dancing (Ballroom BCD) Daily 50/50 Drawing

#### Saturday, Oct. 16

7:00	8:30	Master's Breakfast <i>(Poplar Forrest)</i> (must be pre-registered)
8:00	12:00	Registration & 50/50 Sales Open
8:00	2:00	Vendor Area Open (Ballroom A)
8:30	12:30	TRAINING: (Ballroom BCD) "CPR/MFA" (must be pre-registered)
9:00	12:00	Hospitality Open (Room 223)
9:00	12:00	Guided Rides
9:30	10:00	Morning Trivia (Poplar Forrest)
10:00	11:00	WINGO (Poplar Forrest)
11:15	12:00	SET-UP for Flea Market (Ballroom A)
12:00	3:00	Flea Market (Ballroom A)
2:00	3:00	CD/ACD Forum (Poplar Forrest)
3:00	4:30	WINGO (Poplar Forrest)
5:30	7:00	Captain's Dinner (Ballroom BCD) (must be pre-registered)
7:00	??	Closing Ceremonies (Ballroom BCD) Costume Contest The Quest GRAND 50/50 Drawing

SPECIAL THANKS TO OUR SPONSORS:

SkyMed Travel Pizza Party

McGrath Motorcycle Law Group Ice Cream Social



# Rally in the Valley Guided Rides

# Thursday: 2 pm - 4 pm Saturday: 9 am - 12 pm

To plan for adequate Road Captains for each group, please sign up at the Rider Education table! Or contact: David at davidsgoldwing02@gmail.com





A way to clean out your garage and closets of Motorcycle Parts, Clothing and Accessories at the Second Annual Rally in the Valley Flea Market!

Saturday, October 16th, Noon - 3:00

A 6' table is included. Bring your own bank to make change. Tag your treasurers and be prepared to haggle. All tables must be attended during the duration of the sale. To reserve a table or for further information, please contact Dan Clark at <u>Wingernut93@aol.com</u> by September 29<sup>th</sup>.





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#### You're invited! WINGERS-N-WAVES Panama Canal Group 2022

We are thrilled to announce a trip of a lifetime to the Panama Canal for 2022! Our group will depart on the Celebrity Edge, sailing on November 21, 2022 for 12 days! Great news... Celebrity is offering an extra 20% OFF our group rate through next week only!!

**WINGERS-N-WAVES** will depart on the Celebrity Edge round-trip from Fort Lauderdale, Florida to amazing ports that include **Panama Canal, Panama, Aruba, Curacao, Colon and Colombia**. The Celebrity Edge is not just any ship it was voted for best premium ship and known for exceptional food and service. Open to all friends & family.

This week only you'll take an extra 20% OFF (rates below include port taxes) and is based on double occupancy.

Infinite Veranda: group rate \$3,774 pp - you'll pay **\$3,090 pp** this week only! Sky Suite: group rate \$5,584 pp – you'll pay **\$5,093 pp** this week only! (receive \$800 FREE onboard credit for the cabin with a suite)

Inside cabin: group rate \$2,904 pp – you'll pay **\$2,394 pp** this week only! \*The Infinite Veranda is an incredible stateroom. With a touch of a button your entire living space becomes the balcony.

\*The Sky Suite (S1) offers a Butler, premium beverage package, exclusive suite restaurant, X celebrate stream Wi-Fi, access to retreat lounge and sundeck for suite guests only and much more! This suite has an incredibly large balcony on the back of the ship and the view is out of this world!

**Receive 3 FREE perks:** Unlimited open bar for two, FREE tips & FREE internet! In addition, as a gift, you will receive up to \$200 FREE onboard credit per cabin!

\* Free onboard credit offer will end soon. The 20% off promotion is calculated before port taxes. The rates listed are subject to change at any time. There is a **\$450 pp refundable** deposit and final payment is August 2022.

\*Special promotion ends on Thursday, September 23 at 12:00pm EST or until sold out.\_ Please ensure you reserve with our group for private parties, special events, group dinners and perks.

Please click <u>here</u> and complete the reservation form and email back or call Deanna Cisson at **386-299-7535** to reserve your cabin today!

It's more FUN to travel with your Winger friends!

Best regards (3) Deanna Cisson 386-299-7535



In the past few years the Chapter has collected clothing for CHKD and the Maternity ward at Norfolk Sentara. We have also collected socks and donated these to some of the area homeless shelters.

This year we have decided to donate in a different capacity. As many of you may know one our members had an epileptic seizure and broke a couple vertebra and is now in a Residential Home Care Facility. We would like to donate footie socks to the residents and they have asked for plastic bags, the ones you get at the grocery store to take your food home. We would like to deliver these soon after the first of December and we will collect the items at each of the gatherings.

Thank you for helping and donating to a worthy cause. Be safe, ride safe and keep the shiny side up.



### **Target Fixation**

By: Bob Minor, WA District Educator

Sometimes we riders tend to minimize the risks we hear about. Take for example what every student of the Motorcycle Safety Foundation has heard about 'target fixation'. This is the phenomena wherein our motorcycles tend to go the direction in which we are looking and is usually described with an example familiar to all, that if you see a pothole in the street ahead of you and don't take your eyes off it, you probably going to hit it.

While that is true, it is also too trivial an example to get our attention appropriately. We are left with the opinion that 'target fixation' is of trivial concern because we all think that if we try, we can avoid that pothole while looking at it (maybe). The following is a story that may change your opinion about 'target fixation' for life. This is a real-life case study. It may just save your life if you take it seriously. The victim, Karen Miller has authorized this case study to be made public.

It was Sunday, November 12, 1995 @ 3:30 p.m., near Cleveland, Texas. There were four of us, riding three motorcycles, out for a ride in the country. Elaine, Road Captain, was in the lead on her Honda Magna (700 cc's), riding in the 'left track'. Karen Miller was in the 'slot' (right track) riding her Honda Shadow (500 cc's), and I was riding 'drag' (last) on my Honda Goldwing (1200 cc's) and carrying Judy, a guest from Canada, as a passenger.

We had been on the road since 11:15 that morning and were on the return leg of the trip. It was a clear though nippy day (60 degree's) with mild traffic on the country road at the time. The road had many gentle curves to it and nobody seemed to have any difficulty negotiating them. We typically drove at posted speed limits and were at approximately 55 MPH at the time of this accident.

I mentioned that Karen was riding in the 'slot' position. We do this with all new members to our group because it is the safest position, and we watch how they handle themselves in the group before letting them take any other position. This position keeps the newer drivers as far away from a potential head-on collision as possible.

All three bikes had just come out of a mild right turning curve. Road conditions were nearly perfect with the exception that the lanes seemed to be slightly narrower than one might expect. A white pickup truck was approaching us traveling at somewhat below normal speed in the opposite lane. As we completed the curve, I noticed that Karen was in the left track rather than the right one (not unusual after negotiating a curve) but instead of moving to the right to get back into the 'slot' she seemed to be aimed directly for the white truck. She had apparently swung a little wide in the curve, saw the truck, 'target fixated' on it (locked her eyes on it) and panicked. She quickly crossed the centerline of the road and was headed for a collision with the truck.

She was leaning towards the right, but the bike kept moving left, counter-steering totally forgotten! The driver of the truck took overly aggressive action to try to avoid the accident and pulled the truck sharply to his right. This avoided a head-on collision, but Karen still sideswiped the truck, hitting it at its left-front quarter-panel and all along its left side from front to back. The combined speed at impact was more than 90 MPH.

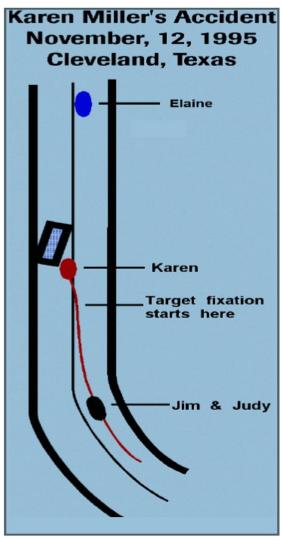
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Karen survived this accident but just barely. I'll spare you all the gruesome details but suffice to say that over the next five years she had 22 surgeries. Painful surgeries such as skin grafts, muscle grafts and bone grafts. She actually lost four inches of her left femur that was replaced with bone from her pelvis. She has spent months in the hospital and while her recovery has been miraculous, she will never, ever be the same as she was before the accident.

Because taking safety information casually can put you in Karen's place or worse, the information posted here is meant to influence the way you think and act and not to be casually considered. Karen had years of experience and had recently completed her MSF training. She had insisted that her boyfriend attend the MSF class before he could ride with us; she thought about safety in a serious way and surrounded herself with people that she knew to be safety conscious in the extreme. She had heard her MSF instructor talk about 'target fixation' and understood what it was all about - but apparently did not relate it to anything but pothole avoidance. Target Fixation is not so trivial as that. You should know it now without any doubt at all and knowing that hopefully means someday we might meet on the road and stop for a chat. We are after all, family.

Ride Safe.

[Ask yourself what Karen could have done to avoid this accident? What would you do in a similar situation?]



### Weekend of Mountain Riding

By: Keith Lindgren, VA-L Member

#### First a Little History

Rotary International, is a world-wide service organization dedicated to "Service Above Self." Rotary (founded in 1905 in Chicago, IL) is a global network of 1.2 million neighbors, friends, leaders, in over 35,000+ clubs from over 220 countries around the globe who believe that we have a shared responsibility to take action on our world's most persistent issues. Our clubs work together to:

- Promote peace
- Fight disease
- Provide clean water, sanitation, and hygiene
- Save mothers and children
- Support education
- Grow local economies
- Protect the environment

We provide service to others, promote integrity, and advance world understanding, goodwill, and peace through our fellowship of business, professional, and community leaders.

While Rotarians are dedicated to helping others, we like to have fun while doing so. One of the ways we do this is through Rotary Fellowships. Rotary Fellowships are international groups that share a common passion. Being part of a fellowship is a fun way to make friends around the world, explore a hobby or profession, and enhance your Rotary experience. I have been a Rotarian for over 40 years, and I have been a member of the International Fellowship of Motorcycling Rotarians (IMFR) for almost 15 years.

On the weekend of August 19, 20, 21 & 22 of this year members of IMFR - North American Chapter, assembled in Maggie Valley, NC for fellowship and motorcycle riding. There were 30 of us from across the country. The closest Rotarian was from Waynesville, NC just a few miles away, and the furthest was a couple from Santa Margarita, California. We spent three days riding the twists and turns of the Blue Ridge and Allegany Mountains with a couple different stints on the Blue Ridge Parkway. There were separate rides in the mornings and in the afternoons. While we may have crossed over the trail from another ride, none of the separate rides covered the same ground. The route had been well planned and pre-ridden to ensure we got the full enjoyment of riding the twisties. On Saturday afternoon we all met at Wheels Through Time, a motorcycle museum that is dedicated to all motorcycles from vintage to fairly new. The main attraction is that every single one of the hundreds of motorcycles in that collection runs. We heard them start up several of the old-timers. It was awesome.

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At the end of the museum tour, our Fellowship honored the founder of Wheels Through Time (who passed away just this spring) and two of our long time and active Fellowship members who passed away in 2020. Due to Covid restrictions we had to put off honoring them until this year. The IMFR-NA donated 3 trees to be planted at Wheels Through Time Museum in each of the individual's honor. While the trees had not yet arrived, we have made arrangements for them to be planted when they arrive, and we will get pictures of the trees and plaques placed by them. Saturday evening, we concluded our weekend with a very nice dinner where we again enjoyed the fellowship and honored all of the IMFR members.

Sunday was a day of goodbyes for some of us and for others another day of exploring the mountains around Maggie Valley. Seeing as how it was 458 miles from our hotel to my house, I got an early start Sunday morning and arrived home early evening, safe but very tired. It was a great weekend of fun and fellowship and I can't wait until we can do it again!



# SNAPSHOTS

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

VA-C Fall Sprawl Whitestone, VA September 11, 2021











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

All Chapter Picnic Green Bay, VA September 18, 2021





### Ride to Weems & Warsaw, VA September 25, 2021



L to R: Trish Daniel, Terry Elliott, Dan Clark, Lorrie Thomas, Madonna Elliott, Joe Daniel



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Paula Dignan receives new member Gremlin Bell





Paula Dignan won 50/50

Martha Phelan won Door Prize



Dave Hunter—Card Game Winner



Lorrie Thomas won Ride Pot

# **Interesting World Facts**

#### https://bestlifeonline.com/world-facts/

#### 1. The entire world's population could fit inside Los Angeles.

The world's total population is more than 7.5 billion. And obviously, that number sounds huge. However, it might feel a little more manageable once you learn that if every single one of those people stood shoulder-to-shoulder, they could all fit within the 500 square miles of Los Angeles, according to National Geographic.

#### 2. The Canary Islands are named after dogs, not birds.

It might seem safe to assume that the Canary Islands were named after canary birds, but the location was actually named after dogs. Although it's off the coast of northwestern Africa, the archipelago is actually part of Spain. In Span-ish, the area's name is Islas Canarias, which comes from the Latin phrase Canariae Insulae for "island of dogs."

# 3. The Paris Agreement on climate change was signed by the largest number of countries ever in one day.

When 174 world leaders signed the Paris Agreement on Earth Day in 2016 at the United Nations (UN) headquarters in New York, it was the largest number of countries ever to come together to sign anything on a single day, according to the UN. The agreement aimed to combat climate change and accelerate and intensify the actions and investments needed to strengthen the global climate effort. The United States withdrew from the agreement on June 1, 2017.

#### 4. The world's quietest room is located at Microsoft's headquarters in Washington State.

Silence is golden, as they say. And while it may not be worth quite as much as jewels and gold to most people, it certainly was the primary goal for those who built the quietest room in the world. Located at Microsoft's headquarters in Redmond, Washington, the lab room measures a background noise of -20.35 dBA, which is 20 decibels below the threshold of human hearing and breaks previous records for spaces that were deemed the planet's quietest places, according to CNN.

#### 5. There are only three countries in the world that don't use the metric system.

For simplicity's sake, most of the more than 200 countries in the world use the metric system when describing things like length or mass. However, there are three countries that stand out: Liberia, Myanmar, and the United States have not adopted the International System of Units as their official system of weights and measures.

#### 6. The coldest temperature ever recorded was -144 degrees Fahrenheit.

You might think you're accustomed to frigid air and blustery winds, but the average winter day has nothing on the coldest day ever recorded, which was -144 degrees Fahrenheit. The temperature was recorded in Antarctica during a span of research between 2004 and 2016. Just a few breaths of air at that temperature could induce hemorrhaging in your lungs and kill you.

#### 7. There are around 4 quadrillion quadrillion bacteria on Earth.

Not all bacteria are bad. In fact, some of those itty-bitty biological cells are actually good for us and aide the world in various and complex ways. And that's nice to know, considering there are around 4 quadrillion quadrillion individual bacteria on our planet, according to NPR.

# Word Search

### Theme: Halloween

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BAT BLACKCAT BONES BOO BROOM CANDYCORN CASTLE COBWEB COFFIN COSTUME DARK DRACULA DREADFUL FRANKENSTEIN FRIGHT GHOST GOBLIN HALLOWEEN HORROR HOWL MASK MIDNIGHT MONSTER MOON MUMMY OCTOBER PHANTOM PRANK PUMPKINS SCARECROW SCARY SKELETON SPIDER SPOOKY SUPERSTITION TERROR TOMB TRANSYLVANIA TREAT TRICK VAMPIRE WEB WEREWOLF WITCH

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: http://www.whenwewordsearch.com/word\_search/halloween/11651/word\_search\_hints.jsp

## Chapter-L Halloween Funnies







"When did you first notice the heartburn?"



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<u>VA-E</u>	Fredericksburg Basilico Italian Deli 7013 Harrison Rd	Claude Revely knightwing263507@gmail.com	540-702-7913	3rd Wednesday 5:30pm Eat 6:30pm Meet
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<u>VA-X</u>	Salem Riverside Evangelical Methodist Church 1920 Lucas St	Larry Stanton larry25022@gmail.com	304-922-1401	1st Saturday 3pm Meet

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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

