

Gold Wing Road Riders Association



Chapter "D" Region "N"



Your Next Meeting Will Be Held

Wednesday, October 22, 2003

Italian Delight (starting in October)

6330 Jahnke Road

7:00 PM

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- **Please Note: New Meeting Place Starting in October 2003**
6330 Jahnke Road (past Chippenham Hospital)
Italian Delight 320-6700 at 7 PM 4th Wednesday. Come early
and join us for a delicious dinner and an informative and fun get-
together. The November get-together will be on the 19th, and
December get-together on the 17th due to holidays.



Chapter Director's Corner

Finally, some decent weather for riding. Hope everyone has been able to get out and about the last few weeks. We hope that everyone weathered Isabel safely and that you weren't without lights for too long. Our power was out for 9 days, but we managed OK in our driveway in our motorhome. Used the generator to power the house refrigerator, so things could have been a lot worse. Sorry about having to cancel the last meeting at Picadilly, but with the power out all over, and not knowing when it would come back, we made a command decision on Monday, to cancel and try and get the word to everyone. Hopefully you didn't show up at Picadilly, because we understand that they were about the only place on Midlothian that had power (go figure), but that half the city of Richmond was there trying to get something to eat. It would not have been a pretty sight trying to hold a meeting.

Well, Rally in the Valley is over for another year, and by all accounts, it was one of the best yet. Early accounts indicate that attendance was up, and that the District's PR attempts to promote the rally have really paid off. Congratulations to all of the GWRRA District Staff and the various Chapters who had duties. Rally in the Valley is truly one of the best in GWRRA. Unfortunately, we didn't get to experience much of the rally this year. We normally go down to Salem on Wed. evening and come back Sunday. This year, because of a delayed refueling outage at Surry Nuclear Power Station due to Isabel, we couldn't get there until late Friday night, and then we had to come back late Saturday evening, after closing ceremonies, so we could go to work on Sunday. We got to walk through the vendor area once, and then had to do our other rally duties on Saturday. But, we sure do hope that YOU had a good rally experience. Please pass on your comments to us, or to Steve & Diane Flournoy, as we all will be attending the District Officers meeting in November, and will bring them up there.

We did receive some bad news at the rally. We knew that Jean Leehy had been ill recently with colon cancer, but word came on Saturday that she had passed away. Neal and Jean had been participants for years, and we are sorry to hear this news. We included Jean in the Rally in the Valley Candlelight Ceremony, along with Kim & MacRae Powers. The Candlelight Ceremony, although the result of unhappy events, is one of my favorite things at rally. Life is so short, and we all must leave it at some point - that is inevitable. The Candlelight Ceremony gives us a brief opportunity to remember all of the good times that we have had with our departed friends, and to wish them a final farewell in a setting where everyone can understand the joys that we all experience on our motorcycles.

Now, on to some good news. Steve & Diane Flournoy both won second place in the bike show. Tom McGrath won some money in the 50/50 on Friday night. Congratulations to them. We won the 10% pot on Saturday night at the banquet - \$464. Guess that made our rally trip worthwhile. We have decided to donate all of our winnings to the 2004 Richmond Ride for Kids. That will be coming up on June 6th this coming year, and we hope that everyone will take an opportunity to get involved. If anyone else won anything or placed in any competition at the Rally, please let us know so we can let everyone else know.

Congratulations go to Chuck & Dani Karl, Chapter VA-I (Manassas) COY, on their selection as GWRRA VA District COY for 2004, and to Bruce & Gayle Babcock, also of Chapter VA-I, on their selection as 2003-4 Spirit of Virginia Award recipients. These are all fine people and will continue on in the traditions of their predecessors.

Some other important news was announced at Closing Ceremonies at Rally in the Valley. John & Louise Koty, GWRRA Region N Director, are stepping down effective Nov. 1, and our own GWRRA VA District Directors Mike & Angie Mitchell will replace them.

Asst. VA District Directors Keith & Carol Lindgren will replace Mike & Angie. All of these people have and are doing a super job, and we know they will continue to lead our Region and District in fantastic fashion. By all accounts Region N and Virginia District are at the top of GWRRA, and with their continued leadership, we will stay right there.

Another announcement at Rally was that Chapter VA-Q (Covington) has been reactivated and has held a couple of meetings. They will not be holding a traditional Kick-off meeting, but we hope that everyone takes the opportunity to visit them in the near future. Congratulations to VA-Q. That gives Virginia District 24 Chapters and more opportunities to go places and attend events.

The Chapter D Christmas Party is just around the corner on Dec. 6th, at the Highland Springs American Legion Hall. Our favorite DJ, Bob Rediske, will be back to play your requests, so we can dance the night away (those of you that can dance). Santa Claus will be making an appearance, and as usual, we will announce our new Chapter Couple of the Year for 2004. We will be asking for your nominations for Chapter Couple at the October meeting, so put your thinking caps on.

On Friday evening Oct. 25th, our sister Chapter VA-W (Chester) will be holding their annual Halloween Party at the Bensley Community Center in Chester. This is always a great evening with our friends from down Chester way. Then, don't forget the Blue Knights Teddy Bear Run on Saturday, Nov. 1. This year the start point will be Virginia Center Commons Mall, rather than Chesterfield Town Center. This will be a little more inconvenient for most of us; since it is on the north side of town, but the folks at Virginia Center Commons are definitely more motorcycle friendly. Hopefully the route will bring out as many people as usually showed up for the old route. Then, after the Teddy Bear Run, head on down to South Boston and the Chapter VA-J/Ed's Honda Gold Wing Celebration that evening. That is always one of our favorite events, plus you have a chance to win a bike or some really big money.

Don't forget to check out the Calendar of Events on the GWRRA VA District website at <http://www.frashure.com/goldwing>. There are lots of things going on all around Virginia. We hope that everyone rides safely, and stays healthy. **See you at Italian Delight on Wed. night Oct. 22, for our Chapter meeting.**

Chris & Kathy Hooper - Directors, Chapter VA-D (Richmond)

Chapter Web Site <http://www.frashure.com/chooper/vad>
Virginia District WebSite <http://www.frashure.com/goldwing>

Marie Reports the News (Gossip, Rumor and Heresay) and Special Events

SEPTEMBER BIKE NITE WAS A POST HURRICANE PARTY!! Everyone was so "OVER" the hurricane. They were just looking for an excuse to exchange "Isabel" stories with friends. We had a huge turnout with rows and rows of fancy machines. You don't want to miss the October Bike Nite because it's the last one of the season for 2003, on Friday, October 24. We want to see you there. Remember that 10% of the proceeds from all meals purchased from 6-10 PM will go to VaMAC. Check out the VaMAC website for pictures of the Bike Nite

participants in 2002. We try to take pictures of all the bikes each month and post them under the Bike Nite banner on the website at www.vamac.org. River City Diner is opening a new location at Parham Road and I95 in September 2003 (weather and plans permitting). They have asked VaMAC to please have another Bike Nite there on the 2nd Friday of the month starting in 2004.

ENTERTAINMENT BOOKS ARE HERE AND THEY ARE A BIGGER BARGAIN THAN EVER BEFORE. This is the greatest book of bargains you will find on the East Coast. It's a bigger bargain than ever this year because the cost is only \$20.00 instead of \$30.00. You need to get two to make sure you are covered for every meal and event for 2004.

VIRGINIA IS FOR MOTORCYCLE LOVERS T-SHIRTS. We have long sleeve t-shirts in *black, white and gray*. Long sleeve shirts are \$15 for Med.-XL and \$18 for XXL. Short sleeve shirts are *White, Black, Canyon Red and Salmon pink*. Price is \$12 for M-XL and \$14 for XXL. Proceeds from the sale of these shirts go to VaMAC. Once these shirts are sold, there will be no more available to purchase. I still have most sizes in most colors now. If you want t-shirts be sure to call me at 271-6345 before each meeting to let me know what size and kind. I will not be bringing boxes and boxes of t-shirts to each meeting, but I will be glad to bring some if needed. We have hats as well as t-shirts now.

BLUE KNIGHT-VA 21st ANNUAL TEDDY BEAR RUN. It's the same great event but at a brand new place. It's on Saturday, November 1 at the Virginia Center Commons Mall at US Route 1 and JEB Stuart Parkway. We set up and line up in the rear parking lot near Hecht's for registration and for the parade, which leaves promptly at 1 PM. Registration on site starts around 9:30 AM. Donation is \$10.00 per bear. For more information contact Cycle Connection of VA at 804-379-0578. There is a flyer on the website at <http://www.frashure.com/goldwing/images/teddybear03.pdf>. We want to see everyone there.

IT'S TIME TO MAKE PLANS FOR THE CHAPTER D HOLIDAY DINNER AND DANCE. The Chapter D's Holiday Dinner and Dance is on Saturday, December 6 this year at the American Legion Hall in Highland Springs, VA. Mark your calendar so you won't forget. It's the best entertainment around for only \$8.00 per person (free for kids). We have a great DJ to help us celebrate the season with music of all kinds. Social Hour starts at 6:30 PM followed by any announcements and dinner at 7:00 PM. Everyone please bring a covered dish to share. The chapter will be providing ham, turkey, bread, desserts and beverages. Santa and Mrs. Claus arrive around 8:00 PM to distribute gifts to everyone and once he has finished our favorite DJ will get our toes tapping and hands clapping. Don't forget to bring a guy or gal gift for the gift exchange. Bring gifts for the kids if you bring the little one's with you. You will need to have your picture taken at our photo booth. You need a holiday picture to take home. We know you will be feeling really lucky and you should be sure to buy a few of the Holiday Chance tickets for a chance to win the grand prize of \$150.00 or four chances to win \$25.00. This event has all the things you like...FUN, FOOD, FRIENDS, GIFTS, SURPRISES & MONEY!!!

Charities

Chapter D (at our last staff meeting) has decided the Chapter will help support two charities in the Richmond area. The two charities will be Noah's Children and Miles Jerome Jones Elementary School. Both are local organizations that can certainly use our help.

Noah's Children provides hospice care so that sick and terminally ill children and their families can receive home care and end of life support services. They depend on the support of hundreds of volunteers who contribute thousands of hours and varied talents every year to this organization.

The volunteers also receive specialized training to work directly with hospice or home health families. This organization provides help for children from birth to age 17 in need of hospice and who have a life-limiting illness. The health care workers are highly skilled professionals providing the highest quality of care. Noah's Children is a non-profit, home-based care program that serves the Central Virginia area. Their primary goals are pain and symptom control to enhance the quality of life for the child and family.

Miles Jerome Jones Elementary was built three or four years ago as an overflow school for a number of run down Southside neighborhoods such as Swansboro and Blackwell, so it doesn't have its own community. The Community Action Group (of the Community in Schools program) plans educational and life skills programs throughout the year for students. They are always looking for people to join them as volunteers as well as cash donations, books, school supplies, etc. Many of the kids don't have their own books to use at home. A lot of the parents are young and not very involved with the children. One of the programs started last year by the CAG was the Lunch Buddies Program. Every other week volunteers go to the school and have lunch with the lunch buddies. The experience has been quite rewarding and the kids look forward to the visits. The kids need more lunch buddies as well as tutors.

Please make note of these upcoming Events

- **Chapter W has their Halloween Party on October 25th**
- **Chapter D has the Annual Christmas Party on December 6th**
- **Chapter D's New Year's Eve Dinner scheduled for December 31st (more details later)**
Visit the VA District WebSite at <http://www.frashure.com/goldwing> for a complete listing.

WORDS OF WISDOM FROM THE ANCIENT ONE

*“Stopping distance depends on road surface and vehicle.
It really doesn't matter how much of a hurry you're in”.*

**Let's Talk Hazards by Marty Link, Assistant Chapter Educator
Part 2**

In last month's column, I mentioned the hazards on the road. Now, let's talk about hazards around the road. With the fall season coming up on us rapidly, last month I mentioned leaves, grass and trash on the road, especially wet leaves. Another hazard, and one we need to pay some attention to, is deer and other creatures that graze the shoulders of the roads, especially in the rural counties.

What most of do not think about is the method used by some hunters. In the area east of the mountains, hunters are allowed to use dogs to flush the deer out of the dense woods and swampy areas. This means that the deer will usually be running to get away from the dogs, often crossing the road at, for a deer, high speed. This hazard does not necessarily go away after dusk, the legal end of the hunting day, or on Sunday when hunting is not permitted. Some of the dogs do not return to their owner/handler, but continue the chase, and they do not know what day of the week it is. Should this occur, the deer would be moving very rapidly when they cross the road. This brings us two hazards, the deer and the dogs.

Both can cause severe damage to our machines, as well as the risk of serious or fatal injuries. And don't forget about the smaller critters either, possums, squirrels, skunks, etc. They may not cause as much damage, but they could give you a rough ride.

What can we do about these hazards? As mentioned before, not much, but we can be aware that they may be present and ride defensively.

Ride Often, but Ride Safe. Marty Link

Marty's Musings (a "new" article submitted each month by Marty Link)

I wanted to start a section in the newsletter that would inform, amaze, amuse and get people thinking and responding to those comments. I had some rough idea of what I wanted to put in the first one when I got a request to address a particular topic.

That topic was winterizing a motorcycle. More directly it asked what to do when putting the motorcycle away for the winter. My first thought was "Why would anyone want to do that"? We do have some good days during the winter months that are very good for riding.

If you asked this of 6 people, you will probably get 10 answers, but here goes with some suggestions and comments.

First, lets assume that all of the fluids were maintained during the riding season. If so, the antifreeze levels and strength should be good over the winter months (a 50/50 mix) with distilled water.

Next, the fuel tank should be topped off to prevent condensation from forming and should include a fuel stabilizer, such as Stabil, to keep from developing a varnish coating on the carbs. Run the engine long enough to get the stabilized fuel into the carb. bowls. Some people may suggest that the fuel tank be emptied and the carbs. run dry, but over the years, in all sorts of engines, I have found it better to keep the carbs. wet. This should keep any seals or gaskets from drying out and leaking when fuel is put in again.

The other critical item is to keep the battery charged. In addition to making it easy to crank up and ride if the weather turns nice, it will prolong the life of the battery. A trickle charger can be used (no more than 1 to 1 ½ amp.), but a battery maintainer would be better. The trickle charger, if left on for a prolonged time, can boil the fluid out of the battery electrolyte. A battery maintainer senses the state of charge and adjusts the output of the charger accordingly.

As I stated above, there are many opinions on accomplishing this task. These are mine. Some are from personal experience, others from inputs from other people, published articles, etc. If you must store the motorcycle over the winter, keep it dry and ready to roll if we get some good weather and time permits. We will tackle putting it back in service after a winter rest in future articles.

News from the District Directors, (soon to be Region N Directors) Mike and Angie Mitchell

Plan Early for Next Year.....2004 The Gold Wing Road Riders Association (GWRRA) is proud to announce a WingDing like none before!

The 26th celebration of the Association's annual event will be held at the newest of the Gaylord Opryland resorts, "**Gaylord Opryland Texas**". Come experience the grandeur of Opryland along with the splendor of GWRRA's 26th **WingDing from July 4 - 8, 2004**. It's going to be so big...we had to add another day. Now 5 days long! Register on-line today.

GET WELL WISHES AND EXPRESSIONS OF SYMPATHY

- Kathy Hooper, CD of VA-D (Richmond), has been diagnosed with breast cancer. She had a lumpectomy on Sept. 10 at Johnston-Willis Hospital. She will undergo radiation in the near future. Keep Kathy in your thoughts and prayers during her recovery period.
- Junie Miller had to undergo surgery once more. His incision from the gall bladder surgery had not healed (been 6 months) so they opened him up to check on this. He's healing very well this time around. Keep him in your thoughts.
- Jean Leehy, a long-time member of Chapter D passed away on Friday October 10th after a long battle with cancer. Neal and Jean joined GWRRA, Chapter D in the middle 80's. Neal hasn't had a gold wing in quite awhile but has always had a motorcycle. He's been to Bike Week and Biketoberfest with the guys and has always kept up with his Chapter D friends by way of our newsletter posted at Cycle Connection. Please keep Neal in your thoughts and prayers. If you want to send a card the address is listed below.
Neal Leehy, 5005 Barkbridge Circle, Chesterfield, VA 23832-9408 Phone: 804-279-9559
- Chris Hooper, our Chapter D Director is having some knee problems due to arthritis. We hope it won't be long before he is feeling much better too.
- CarolLynn Suplee of Gettysburg, PA, sister-in-law of Barbara Doan passed away. Those who went on the trip to Gettysburg last year with the "Touring Gourmets" would remember her. She was the wife of Barbara's brother who was your tour guide and had dinner with you that evening in Gettysburg. Barbara our thoughts and prayers are with you and the whole family at this time of your sorrow.
- The doctors are telling the Crouse family that the readings/results, which they are receiving from Eddie's monitors, are not good. His condition is deteriorating and at this point there are no medications or procedures, which will improve the situation. He has moved into ICU at Chippenham Hospital for watchful care and at this time there is no talk of his coming home from the hospital. Please keep them in your prayers and let Carolyn know you will be there for her. Most of you have known and loved Eddie for a long time.
- Manassas VA-I's Assistant Chapter Directors, Lou & Patti Card were injured while returning from Rally in the Valley on Sunday. Their brakes locked and both were thrown from the motorcycle and received severe road rash. Both were treated and released from the hospital and returned to their home. Here is their address if you want to send them a card.
Lou & Patti Card, 12008 Point Longstreet Way, Lake Ridge, VA 22192

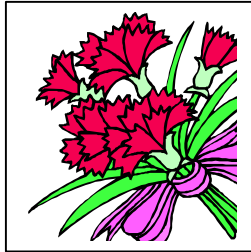
"If you know of anyone who is ill or needs our thoughts and prayers, please let me know".

748-3742 Thanks, Ethel

BIRTHDAYS

Lynda Burk	10/3
Dennis McKensey	10/18
Chris Hooper	10/20
Wyse Burton	10/21
Ginny Broughton	10/23
Kathy Hooper	10/26
Peggy Yeoman	10/26
Debbie Dowell	10/29
Joe Washington	10/30

October



ANNIVERSARIES

*Happy 1st Anniversary to
Jimmy & Faye Hedley 9/21
(Sorry we missed that last month).*

Important!! Have you checked the expiration date on your GWRRA membership card lately? If your expiration date is coming up, you can extend your membership on-line at www.gwrra.org It's quick and easy, don't delay, do it today!!!!

NORTH MEETING PLACE

McDonalds
Brook Road (Rt. 1)
Near Virginia Center Commons

CHAPTER D MEETING PLACES FOR RIDES

EAST MEETING PLACE

Hardees 737-1064
Airport & 9 Mile Road
Highland Springs

**Don't forget the Blue Knights
Teddy Bear Run on November 1st.
Virginia Center Commons**

SOUTH MEETING PLACE **

Sheetz Service Station & Convenience
2053 Huguenot Road & Robious Rd
Richmond, VA

WEST MEETING PLACE

Market Café – Exxon (used to be a Texaco)
10950 Nuckols Road 934-0144
Glen Allen I-295 exit 51B

CHESTER MEETING PLACE

Shoney's- Rt. 10 748-9087
I-95 exit 61B in the Bermuda Sq. Shopping Ctr.
Chester, VA



Remember to wear your vests or shirts with the 10" back patch when attending or hosting meetings and events. It shows pride in your organization. Don't forget the many Recruiting contests going on with both the District and National level. Recruiting someone will bring a new friend into our family; of course it could mean \$100 bucks in your pocket or even a new Gold Wing in your garage!

From Pat Noel, AMA Representative

I am offering a Grand Tour for the state of Virginia for 2004

Who: River City Rides

What: A Grand Tour

When: April 1st to September 30th, 2004

Where: Virginia (mostly)

Why: fundraiser for the PBTF (Pediatric Brain Tumor Foundation)

Entry Fee: \$20 (tax deductible)

It will consist of 20 checkpoints throughout Virginia and 2 in North Carolina and 2 in West Virginia. The cost is \$20 due in March 2004. The entire \$20 will be going to the Pediatric Brain Tumor Foundation. The tour will run from 1 - April 2004 to 29 - September 2004. I will be sending out the tour books as soon as I receive the entry fee, obviously, first come, first serve.

You can ride the tour as a group, individually, anytime during the 6 months that is convenient to you. The 20 checkpoints will consist of Restaurants, museums or points of interest. You will (from your tour book) find the check point and have your book validated, then moving on the next checkpoint. You do not need to complete the checkpoints in any particular order.

You ride when you want, where you want, any day(s) of the week you choose.

The web site *www.rivercityrides.com* is not yet complete but you can send an email to ***RiverCityRides@aol.com*** for inclusion to the list of people who want to participate. What I need is name and address (where to mail the tour book) and a phone number, should there be any questions. People can also contact Pat at 804-641-7027 or Gene Snead at 804-987-9876.

Thanks so much, Pat Noel, AMA Representative

Chuck and Dani Karl "2003 DISTRICT COUPLE OF THE YEAR" VA-I's Chapter Couple became only the third VA-I Chapter Couple to compete and become the District Couple of Year, awarded at 2003 Rally in the Valley! We congratulate them and wish them only the best.

Having a Ball in Daytona... by Ethel Nelmes

Ted, Steve Flournoy, Vernon Cook, and Larry Crow all are in Daytona for Biketoberfest. All the guys left for Daytona on Sunday after Rally in the Valley except Ted who didn't get to leave until Monday. Just talked with Ted and they are having a ball in Daytona. Ted got there around 10:30 Monday night and hooked up with the guys at the Boot Hill Saloon. He said they had left him a message at Larry's condo....

- eat this.. (they left him a licorice stick)
- drink this... (was a cold beer in the fridge)
- *smoke this...(a small cigar Steve left him) and then " meet us at Boot Hill."*

Let's Spotlight our Members

Name(s): Steve and Diane Flourney

How long have you been riding a motorcycle? Steve 4 Years this time around but 1973 originally. Diane 6 months.

Moved to Richmond from: Gaithersburg, Maryland When: 1989

How old were you when you started riding? First time Diane 16, Steve 19, Second Time Diane 48, Steve 47

Kind of bike you ride: Diane – Kawasaki Voyager XXII Trike, Steve - GL1800 (Poseidon)

Military History: Steve - USAF 7 Years

Type of Work you do: Diane - Account Manager, Steve - Laboratory Director

Married: 32 Years

Children: Two Sons, Sean and Todd - Age 30 and 23 respectively

Grandchildren: 1 Grandson – Harrison, Age 5 (going on 18)

Best Ride you have been on: To Madison and back and ties with the Burke's Garden Ride

Worst Ride you have been on: Is there truly a bad ride??

Would you be interested in a staff position with the Chapter? Have several, thank you.

Complete this form and give it to Ethel. We will spotlight a member each month in the newsletter.