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DASH-FOR-CASH 2012

3 pts as of 2/1/12

IMPORTANT UPCOMING DATES

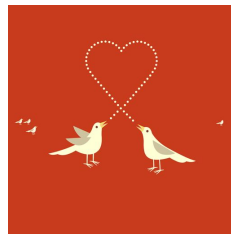
Feb 8 - Monthly Gathering @ Euclid Hotel; Dinner @ 6PM (optional); Gathering @ 7PM

Feb 12 - Chili Cookout @ Chittenango FD @ 9:30AM

Feb 23 - Dinner Ride to McShanes, E SYr @ 6:30PM

Mar 14 - Monthly Gathering @ Euclid Hotel; Dinner @ 6PM (optional); Gathering @ 7PM

Mar 18 - Breakfast Ride @ Gristmill Restaurant, Parish with Chapter T @ 9AM



ANNIVERSARIES

Feb 6 - Fred & Debbie Goodson

Feb 14- Keith & Alice Ridgeway

Feb 23 - Stan & Ann Petrus



BIRTHDAYS

Feb 2 - Brian O'Brien

Feb 12 - Rick Reardon

Feb 12 - Ann Petrus

Feb 19 - Karen Peterson

Feb 26 - Joe Hammond

 DETOUR

...to our Chapter Directors...

Bill Nickal has officially become our Chapter Treasurer. We call attention to his excellent article below. Thanks again to Bill for stepping into this important position and contributing to the viability of Chapter D. Thanks also go out to Trish Thayer and Bob Makai for putting together the “Game Night” held on January 14. Turnout was a bit limited, however, we understand that those that went had a good time.

Chapter D had several members attend the District Meeting on January 21 and qualifies us for 3 Dash-For-Cash points. We want to credit Rick Reardon for his extra effort in securing the facility for this event and making sure it was properly arranged and equipped. Also, thanks to Bob Makai, Bill Nickal, Rick Reardon, John Van Deusen, Jim and Trish Thayer, and Al Yerdon for attending.

We have some very good news from Henry Jedra, our sponsor co-ordinator. CNY Power Sports in Cortland has become one of our sponsors. Their ad is included below in the newsletter. We want to welcome CNY Power Sports and we look forward to a mutually beneficial relationship with them. Next time you stop by their facility in Cortland, please mention you are from Chapter D and that you appreciate their sponsorship!

We want to recognize Henry for his efforts in securing CNY Power Sports as a Chapter D sponsor. In addition, Henry has updated our “sponsor” letters to better reflect information needed. There is now one form letter for “New” sponsors and one for “Renewals.” He has also already sent out the 2012 renewal letters to all of our existing sponsors. Thanks to Henry for doing a great job on this!

Trish Thayer, our Chapter D MEC, continues working hard to contact former NY-C members that have been re-assigned to our Chapter (see her article below). We want to welcome these folks that are now receiving a copy of this newsletter and are on our electronic mailing list. We hope you will join us in our activities! Thanks to Trish for doing an outstanding job in contacting these folks. Please see news from Trish below.

Pam Pearson continues doing an excellent job of keeping the Chapter D website up-to-date. We hope you remember to look through the site when you download the newsletter as new items are regularly being added. A Chapter website can form the first impression that new or prospective members have and it is very important that the site be kept current. We are very fortunate to have someone like Pam that is willing to tackle this job on an ongoing basis. Comments on information you would like to see on the website are always welcome...let Pam or us know!

Our Chapter D Rider Educators, John and Pam Van Deusen, are always busy planning new events and activities. Please be sure to read their excellent article below and the flyers for the upcoming events they have in the works. Newsletter space prevented us from placing their closing with their article, so, we will add it here on their behalf...”May all your miles be safe miles.”

Bill and Julie Spencer

DETOUR 

...to our Assistant Chapter Directors...

We had our first game night and Chris and I had a great time. We had a small turnout but the six of us had fun. I want to thank Trish for organizing the event. She brought the games and gave us instructions on how to play them. I hope that we can try this again when more people can participate.

I attended the District Meeting this year and it was the best one yet. After the District Director went over the meeting agenda, he went around the room and asked all the Chapter Directors or Assistant Chapter Directors what worked for their Chapter this year and what didn't work. This got everyone thinking and learning from what was discussed. I know that I learned some things from listening to what other Chapters did well and didn't do so well. It started some good conversations between everyone. I think that everyone felt that they learned some good ideas from the meeting and had a chance to express some of their thoughts and concerns about their Chapter and the organization as well.

We had our dinner ride to the Village Burger this past Thursday and had a great turnout for it. There were 14 people who participated. It was great to see Burt again. Now that he is living in Buffalo, we may have to ride out to visit him some time. I felt everyone had a good time. I hope everyone is well!

Bob and Chris Makai

DETOUR 

...to our Technical Director

Handlebar Modifications

Even though Goldwings are the pinnacle of touring machines, they have some drawbacks. Not everyone can fit comfortably with the seat / handlebar combination. There are kits available that allow adjustment of the handlebars to fit various size people.

MBL Innovations has a kit available that allows some adjustments.

The standard version brings the bars up 3/4 inch, 1 1/2 inch back and 2 1/4 inch closer together. The Wide version allows for raising the bar grips 3/4 inch and brings them back 1 3/8 inch. There is no narrowing of the bars with this set-up.

These adjustments allow you to ride in more comfort without developing wrist and back pain for stretching. The stock cabling allows enough slack to make this modification. The plastic fork clamps cover will need some trimming but will not show any defects once done.

The cost price quote was \$69.95 with free shipping. This can be purchased from J.D. Custom Lighting and Ultimate Seats.

Bill Downey - Technical Director

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...to our Treasurer

A message from your “Treasurer”

As we welcome in 2012, let me say Happy New Year and I am pleased to serve as Chapter “D’s” new Treasurer. As such a new member to GWRRA and Chapter “D”, I am honored to have been appointed to serve. In the last two months I have learned so much about the organization, its leadership and responsibilities. But most of all we must always remember its about “Friends, Safety, and Knowledge”.

With the transfer of the books complete, I wanted to take a few minutes to refresh everyone about the Chapter/District and Regions fiscal responsibility both locally and nationally. GWRRA is a 501 C-4 organization (Tax exempt). We must report our monthly/annual income and spending to the IRS. Although we truly enjoy the friendship of the organization, 51% of our spending must be on Rider Education. We are privileged to have two of the best Rider Educators right here in Chapter “D” with Rick and John.

This brings me to documentation. To maintain the 501 C-4 status and complete the proper paperwork necessary to support our activities, we MUST have accurate documentation. For Chapter “D” to provide reimbursement for funds spent by our membership, I must have the following documentation.

- A separate receipt for goods and/or services purchased on behalf of Chapter “D”. The receipt must be dated and signed by the member making the purchase. In the event you cannot attend the gathering and send the receipt with another member it must be dated and signed in order to issue reimbursement.
- Each receipt must indicate the nature of the expense (i.e. Rider Ed, PLP, First-Aid, Guest Speaker, Social function for the benefit the education and safety of the Chapter, Member Enhancement, and Motorist Awareness, among others).
- All receipts **MUST** be turned over in a timely manner. Any receipts in excess of 60 days will be accepted at the discretion of the Chapter Director and Treasurer. Receipts may be mailed to my home with proper documentation for reimbursement.

It is the Chapter Director’s role, as is the Treasurers, to insure that all funds are used for the betterment of the Chapter Membership! If at any time you have a questions please do not hesitate to contact me.

Respectfully,

William “Bill” Nickal
Treasurer GWRRA Chapter “D” NY

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...to our Rider Educators...(See Next Page)



GWRRA

Rider Education

Did you know... in Europe when dining out, you will not receive your bill, until you ask for it? But that is not what this article is about. It's more about doing a quick check of your mirrors. So, when are we suppose to check our mirrors? Is it just when we are riding down the road, we occasionally check our mirrors, or, is there more to it?

GWRRA teaches us to use the Seek, Anticipate & Act (SAA) method when riding a motorcycle. We should scan aggressively, seeking or looking for factors that may bring harm to us. When we are scanning for hazards it not only means in front of us, but all around us. Not only looking over our shoulders, which should always be done before changing lanes, but also our mirrors. So what should we be looking for? Just about anything that could pose a threat to us. Things like erratic behaving vehicles, vehicles tailgating, vehicles looking to pass, fast approaching vehicles or just knowing that a vehicle is behind you. What about the skyline? Bad weather is just as likely to come from behind us as it is in front of us.

When we spot something that may present a danger, we go to the anticipation stage and play the "what if" game. The other part of "what if" is "...what do I do?" Checking your mirrors at this point, will help you determine what to do if it does happen. In our thought process we have 3 primary actions we can take. We can change speed, change direction, or communicate. Doing a mirror check will help you with the first two, by letting you know who or what is behind you and if it is safe to slow down, or change lanes safely.

Let's do a quick review on coming to a controlled stop. Our head is up and eyes are looking straight out. We square the handle bars, apply both brakes evenly with increasing pressure on the front, as we decrease pressure on the rear brake. As we come to a stop, down shift to first gear and the left foot comes down to stabilize the bike. The right foot stays on the rear brake and we do a mirror check as we stop. Why is this mirror check important? You never know what the vehicle behind you is actually going to do. Checking your mirrors may prevent you from being hit from behind. What are your options if you notice the vehicle isn't slowing down? Flashing your brake lights may gain their attention, if that doesn't work it may behoove you to move out of the way. This is why you should always leave yourself an out when pulling up behind another vehicle at a stop and why you put the bike in first gear.

To sum it up, check your mirrors whenever you come to a stop. When you reach for your brakes to slow down, look into your mirrors. To avoid target fixation and to keep those eyes moving, look into those mirrors. Never stop looking into your mirrors. By the way, this is one of those skills which you should be applying while driving a car or truck.

Beat the Wintertime Blues w/ D's Chili Cookout & Seminar

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Sunday February 12th

9:30 am Door Opens for Coffee

10:00 am Team Riding Seminar

11:30 am Co-Rider Seminar

1:00 pm Chili Time

10:00 am **Team Riding** is designed to educate & inform members about benefits of team riding, suggested planning and conduct of a team ride resulting in the reduction of rider risk which will increase rider enjoyment and team bonding. Attendees will receive a free **Team Riding Manual**.

11:30 am **Co-Rider** (New & Improved) is designed for increased awareness, greater interaction between the rider and co-rider and reducing risk associated with motorcycle riding.

1:00 pm - **Chili Cookout**

What to Bring? Chili - Bread - Toppings - Dessert

To better coordinate this, Pam & I would like to know how many are coming, & what you are planning to bring, and if we could offer an alternate choice if we are getting to much of one thing. E-Mail us @ vandeusen2@hotmail.com Title it Chili

T'CLOC's, Cook Out & PLP for Bikes & Trikes

Saturday May 12 @

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To help determine who and how many people are coming please. Pre-Register by Saturday April 28th with Pam & John with an email to vandeusen2@hotmail.com. Title your e-mail PLP.

Free admission to the Park

9:00am --- Coffee

10:00am --- T'CLOC Time

12:00pm --- Lunch provided by your
Dish to Pass.

1:00pm --- PLP 4 Bikes & Trikes



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...to our Chapter MEC...(Trish Thayer)

Food pantry reports for November/December 2011

Copied from the Phoenix Register
1-13-2012

The Phoenix Food Pantry received much appreciated support during November and December which helped assist the Pantry in serving 130 families in November with a total of 421 individuals, including 170 children, 227 adults and 24 senior citizens. The Pantry also served 129 families in December with a total of 387 individuals including 135 children, 227 adults and 30 Senior Citizens. As a total for the year 2011 the Phoenix Area Food Pantry served 39,987 meals to 4,443 individuals. Katherine Mulligan, Aroid Kuahela, Robert and Janet Lee Agostini. Waldo and Mary Kline, Beverly Hayes, Paul and Dolores Bean, Duan Putt, Gorden and Carolyn McKay. Cynthia Saarie, Karen Defrer, Michael and Laurie Mammolito, and Kenneth Dietz Jr

**THE PHOENIX AREA FOOD PANTRY
43 BRIDGE STREET
PHOENIX, NY 13135**

9 December 2011

**Patricia Thayer
28 Biddlecum Road
Pennellville, NY 13132**

Dear Patricia:

On behalf of the Phoenix Food Pantry I would like to thank all the members of the GWRRA, Chapter D-NY for the food donated to us on 9 December 2011.

It is community members such as you that help the less fortunate in this area.

Sincerely,



**Roberta Daly & Virginia Auyer
Phoenix Food Pantry
Co-Coordinator**

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**Food and Non-Perishable
Donations for
November/December 2011**
St. Stephens Church parishioners, First United Congregational Church, Phoenix and Pennellville Methodist Churches, Phoenix School Bus Drivers, Phoenix Senior Nutrition Site members, Phoenix Community Band-Sue DuBois, Corner Stone United Methodist Church, Phoenix School District Food Services, Maroun Elementary School, CJ Banks and Christopher Banks store, GWRRA Chapter D-NY, The Lions Club, Paddocks Landing residents, Katherine Mulligan, Barbara Smith, Leon Smith, John Lynch, Nancy Downing, Wendy Howard, Roberta Daly, Miller Family, Mary Williams, Pat and Bill Waters, Pam Considine, Anonymous, Mel Sifts, ABC Comp Trust, Fern Isham, Chuck Conners, The Noble Family, Allen and Rosemary Narewski, James Hagg, Chris Pine (St. Joe's Hospital collection), Becky Yates, Joann Dawley, Sue and John Lynch, Sue Munger, Dan Palmer, Holly Fox, Gordon Family, Billie Jo Erwin, Carrie Gibbs, Mary Jane Storing, Stephanie Edwards, Peggy Wilkinson, Bill Woodridge, Joel and Julie Phelps, Mr. Dixon, Mr. Anonymous, Mrs. Anonymous, Susan Lawson, Holly Fox, Chris and Brett McBean, Jim and Bernice Brown, Nell Francis, Rosanne Foster and Family, Crystal and Julia Francisco, Mary Williams, Mary Green, Barbara Smith, Jennifer Johnson, Beverly Haye, Bill and Nancy Vavercheck, Mark Holbrook, Kathleen Brown, Bernice and Jim Johst, Marion Havon, Sue and Dan Munger, Julie and Joel Phelps.

Thanks to everyone for their continued support to the Phoenix Food Pantry.

Roberta Daly and Virginia Auyer — Phoenix Food Pantry Co-Coordinator.

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...to our Chapter MEC...(Trish Thayer continued)

As most of you know, Chapter C has closed. Our District MEC, Pete St. Amour, has assigned some of the Chapter C members to our chapter. As our Chapter's MEC, I have spent the past couple of weeks reaching out to these folks. We would like to invite them to be a part of our Chapter. You may know some of these folks from prior interactions with their Chapter. I am hoping we will be seeing some new faces at the gatherings and being the friendly folks that we are, I just know we will make them feel welcomed! We will be up-dating the sign-in sheet in the near future in order to accommodate our new participants in our Chapter.

Now here's a question...Why do they put pictures of criminals up in the post office? What are we supposed to do, write to them? Why don't they just put their pictures on postage stamps so the mailperson can look for them while they deliver the mail?

Trish Thayer ~ Chapter D, MEC

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