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IMPORTANT UPCOMING DATES

Jun 6-11 Americade - on your own

*Jun 8 - Gathering @ Euclid Restaurant - 6:00pm
Dinner, 7:00pm Gathering*

*Jun 18 - Ride to Henderson Harbor; meet at 7:45am @
Good Golly's*

Jun 23 - Dinner Ride to Waterfront Tavern; 6:30pm

*Jun 24 - Ride to Genesee Country Museum; meet @
Port Byron Diner @ 8:00am*

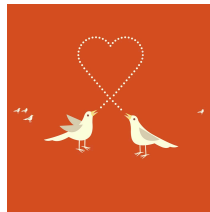
Jun 25-6 Thunder in the Valley Ride

ANNIVERSARIES

*June 14 - Bob & Chris Makai
June 15 - Dick & Lorraine Lawton
June 17 - Jim & Trish Thayer
June 20 - Jim & Lind Tillotson
June 30 - Ernie & Sherri Boynton*

BIRTHDAYS

*June 4 - Henry Jedra
June 17 - Betty Jedra
June 19 - Will Williams
June 26 - Don Hollister*



DASH-FOR-CASH 2011

11 pts as of 6/1/11



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...to our Chapter Directors...

The riding season is finally in full swing. We had 7 bikes and 8 people from Chapter D join Chapters C and W to ride in the Fulton Memorial Parade on May 28th. This is the first community parade the chapter has ridden in in some time. We followed up the parade with a picnic at Chapter C's ACDs, Gordon & Jody Munger's home. The cloudy skies made riding in the parade more comfortable and we had a beautiful, enjoyable, sunny afternoon for the picnic. The food and company was great and we thank Gordon and Jody, as well as, Chapter C for their hospitality!

The following day we attended a CPR/Medic First Aid course at the NSFD. 24 people from Chapters D & T took advantage of this very important class. Four new instructors taught the class and are now certified instructors. We would like to thank Rick Reardon, Gary Cork, Tim Guiles and Cindy Lewis for volunteering their time, especially during a holiday weekend, to become Certified Instructors for the NY District. We would like to thank the other Chapter D participants for taking the time to stay current with their training.

Rick Reardon and John Van Deusen recently spent a weekend in Albany to become Certified Trike Instructors. We understand that they had a very busy time and all went well. We thank them for spending their time achieving this certification for the benefit of GWRRA riders.

Because we are a little late with the newsletter, we are able to report on our participation in the Marcellus Olde Home Days. We had a good turnout with 8 people helping out at the booth and 5 bikes that rode in the parade. Our booth location and perhaps the chilly and drizzly weather prevented us from interacting much with passersby, although we did have a few people stop. On the positive side, preparation for this did help us to organize what we need for the booth. We will continue to consider opportunities to substitute for the former mall shows where we can promote motorist awareness and GWRRA values. The parade portion of the day went well...the crowd was pretty good size and enthusiastic. We were all amused that parade planners located us near the end of the parade because they thought we were noisy! Thanks to all that took the time to participate!

At this writing a number of people from Chapter D are getting ready to attend Americade. We wish them all a safe ride and good weather. For those of you remaining in town, we will have a gathering this coming Wednesday at the Euclid...dinner at 6:00pm followed by the gathering at 7:00pm. We hope to see you there!

We have a number of people that are currently having health issues. We are happy to report that Dick Lawton is now out of the hospital and recovering at Seneca Hill Rehab. If all goes well, he should be able to return home in a few weeks. Bill Downey, Deb Hartley, and, John and Marilyn Vinquist have also had some recent serious health issues. Please keep them in your thoughts. We hope for a speedy recovery for all.

Bill and Julie Spencer



...to our Assistant Chapter Directors..

We had our first parade ride in Fulton this past Saturday. It was a very slow ride, but well attended with 22 bikes participating. Memorial Day has finally arrived and hopefully so has our riding season. The first event is Americade, which is coming up very quickly. I am looking forward to going to Americade and getting in some riding time, and, maybe an accessory or two to add to my Goldwing. After this winter, I really want to get out of the house and on the road.

There have been a lot of motorcycle accidents since the weather has changed. I hope that we are all being very careful and are aware of our surroundings at all times. It is early in the riding season and the other drivers are not completely aware of the two-wheelers sharing the road with them. Let's make this another safe season for all of us. So, let's get out and enjoy the ride!

Bob and Chris Makai



...to our Chapter Technical Director...

As Bill Downey has been a little busy with some other events in his life, I will guest write this month's Tech article. This will likely sound like a sales pitch, however, it is not intended to be. After considering the possible purchase of smart cell phones this past Christmas, Julie and I instead decided to keep our plain old cell phones and purchase an Apple IPAD instead. One of the reasons for this purchase was to have a device we could carry on the bike while traveling to check email, weather, and, motel and restaurant availability. Also, we decided we wanted a device with a large screen to more easily see what we were doing. We purchased a 3g (cellular) capable version of the IPAD so that we could use it in areas where wi-fi is not available, or, reliable. We have found this device to be very useful for our initial purposes. Internet and email access is very good and acceptably fast, even in the 3g mode. The ability to check weather via sites with real-time doppler radar and NWS watch boxes allows us to know what to expect before we begin our ride and to check during stops. We have used it to check motel and restaurant information as well.

Something we did not originally plan on utilizing the IPAD for is storing a huge amount of information to have available on the bike. We have a 700+ page maintenance manual for the GL1800 along with a manual of wiring diagrams and the Operators Manual for the bike all stored in the IPAD. I have found that thumbing through the 700 page maintenance manual is actually much easier with the IPAD than with a laptop. We have the manual for our Garmin GPS stored on the IPAD. We scanned in the instructions for the STOP n GO tire plug kit and saved them on the IPAD. In addition to storing technical information, we have access to our GWRRA information including members phone numbers and emails addresses.

We like to take photos and the IPAD allows us download pictures to check for quality, as well as, keep the camera cleaned out. The great display on the IPAD and its ease of portability, lets us show others our photos when discussing our travels and special places we have been.

Another built-in capability of the IPAD is the Google maps feature. This allows looking at conventional road maps as well as satellite maps and you can readily switch between these modes. I have used this to plan some of our bike trips as it provides a much larger map view than a GPS unit. Also, this feature allows ground level views to check to see if a road is paved, or gravel, has wide shoulders etc. and allows checking out what a destination site looks like, such as a hotel, to see if it is in a quiet area or next to a highway. This feature does do some point-to-point routing, however, does not accommodate multi-point planning. You can, however, do Google Maps planning using a laptop and then access the results

from the IPAD. Searching for restaurants, addresses, and, motels is very easy to do and display on the map.

The IPAD is just one of several available touch screen devices on the market. Our experience is limited to this one make/model, however, we would recommend you give this type of device serious consideration. While not cheap, the value far exceeds the couple of pieces of chrome you could purchase for the same money. This is by far the most useful accessory we have purchased for our GL1800. I would be more than willing to answer any additional questions you might have about this device or give you a first hand look at it. Give me a call, email, or, get my attention at a Chapter event.

Bill Spencer
(Guest Writer for Bill Downey)



...to our Membership Enhancement Coordinator...

This month we received our National report and we, NY, came in 2nd in our over-all growth of new members for the Northeast Region. This is a fact we should ALL be proud of. Don't forget to hang one of those handle bar hangers on the handle bar of a motorcycle. It could be at a restaurant or maybe a shopping mall parking lot. You never know...we could help NY come in first place for new member growth!

Trish Thayer



...to our 2011 NY/NJ Convention...

The 2011 NY/NJ Convention to be held August 10 - 13, will be here before you know it. Have you registered yet? We have! Word has it that registration at the host hotel is good, but registrations for the Convention itself, are coming in very slow. Some highlights of the Convention include: Thursday evening Ice Cream Social; Friday evening Mexican buffet and entertainment by "The ODY Show", (we understand this to be a "don't miss" event); and Saturday evening banquet. In addition, there will be vendors, Rider Ed courses, and, of course, rides! Save yourself some money and register soon! The early registration deadline is July 15th.

An email was recently sent to everyone asking for your favorite places to ride, eat, shop, etc. The response has been rather light. We would like to provide a "favorites list" that will be in the Convention handbook and the deadline for that is coming up in another week or so. If you haven't already done so, please email or call us with your favorite places soon. Thank you to those that have responded. Let's provide our out of town guests with the best Convention experience ever!

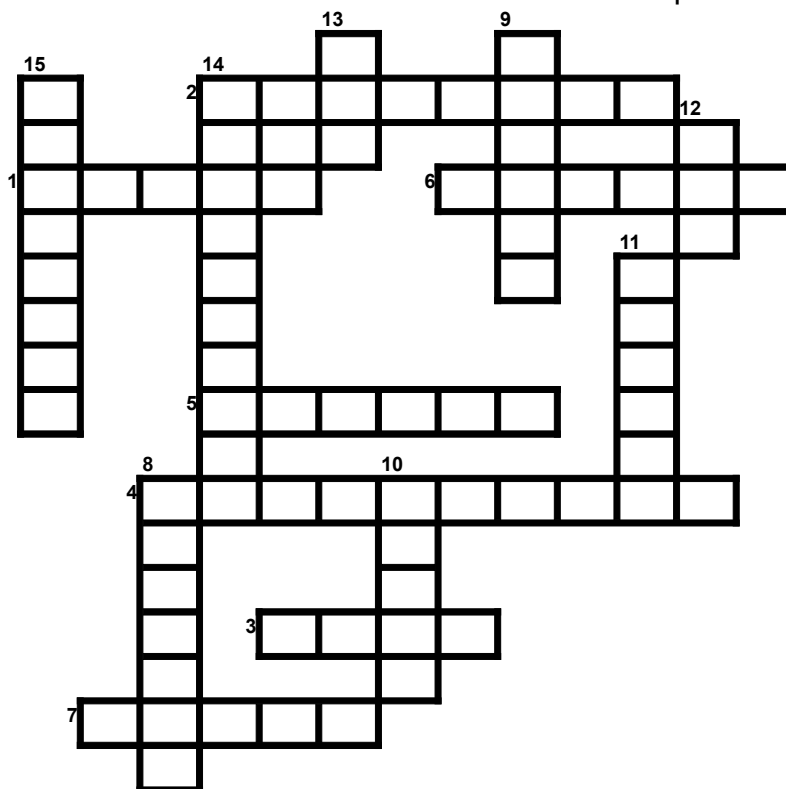
There possibly remains a need for road captains. There are some routes that have been largely planned out, however, the planners have other duties at the convention and are unable to captain the rides. This is a good way to contribute while having fun at the same time.

We have had several folks step forward to provide equipment, parts, and, manpower to enable us to provide limited emergency road assistance to Convention attendees. If you would like to help with this, let us know.

Following is a Rider Ed crossword puzzle. Complete the puzzle correctly to be eligible for free 50/50 tickets at the June Gathering. Submit answers to John Van Deusen in one of the following ways: 1) email answers; 2) print the page-pencil in answers-bring to the gathering; 3) send email to Bill & Julie Spencer and we will send you the spreadsheet version that allows you to enter the answers directly into the spreadsheet that can then be emailed to John.

John and Pam Van Deusen
Chapter D Rider Ed Directors

Rider Ed.
Cross Word Puzzle



Across

- 1 Preparing yourself for riding you should be mentally fit and _____ .
- 2 The most critical riding skills needed are Braking, Cornering and _____ .
- 3 When riding we are responsible to ride to see and be _____ .
- 4 SAA stands for Seek, _____ and Act.
- 5 _____ seconds is the approximate range you should be scanning ahead.
- 6 When coming to a stop a _____ check needs to be done.
- 7 Traction is the _____ of friction or the amount of varying grip that tires have on

Down

- 8 Drugs and _____ impair your vision & judgement.
- 9 Know your _____ and ride within them.
- 10 Rule of Thumb. _____ any part of your body you are planning to use later in life.
- 11 The most important piece of riding gear is a _____.
- 12 An U.S.approved helmet carries what stamp at the back of the helmet? _____
- 13 What we _____ is the most important source of information when riding.
- 14 The best technique for braking in a curve is to _____, square and squeeze.
- 15 _____ is effected by tire condition and tire temperature.



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