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# **APRIL 2011 NEWSLETTER**

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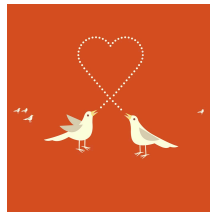
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### IMPORTANT UPCOMING DATES

- Apr 13 - Gathering @ Euclid Restaurant - 6:00pm  
Dinner, 7:00pm Gathering*
- Apr 17 - PLP 1:00pm NSFD Station 2 Parking Lot*
- Apr 28 - Dinner Ride to Tabatha's, B'ville 6:30pm*
- May 7 - Tech Day @ Al & Linda Yerdon's home,  
10:30am*
- May 11 - Gathering @ Euclid Restaurant - 6:00pm  
Dinner, 7:00pm Gathering*
- May 22 - Children's Miracle Ride*
- May 26 - Dinner Ride to Five Guys, Fairmount, 6:30pm*
- May 28 - Ride to Seneca Falls/Purity Ice Cream, Ithaca*

### ANNIVERSARIES

*Apr 11 - David & Deb Hartley*



### BIRTHDAYS

*Apr 1 - Chris Makai  
Apr 2 - Dick Lawton  
Apr 10 - David Hartley  
Apr 20 - Deb Hartley  
Apr 28 - John Moran*



**DASH-FOR-CASH 2011**

**4 pts as of 4/1/11**





*...to our Chapter Directors...*

Our time here in Wilmington is winding down. We have certainly enjoyed the great weather and the opportunity to extend our riding season. We look forward to getting home to see family and friends and to get busy with the many things we have to do. The temperatures have been in the 70's and 80's the past few weeks and we know we are in for a rude awakening when we get back.

Once again we will be having "Tech Day" as a joint event with Chapter T. This year it will be held at Al and Linda Yerdon's place in Redfield on May 7th beginning at 10:30 AM. Please plan to bring a dish to pass. A "donation" to cover the cost of the meat will be determined. Please be thinking of some maintenance or upgrade items you might like to do. For those of you interested, we will have an open discussion about routine and non-routine maintenance for the GL1800 that we will lead. This will be an opportunity for us to share what we know and identify what we don't know. Hopefully this will lead to arrangements for some targeted smaller groups to get together and do some of the more complex work such as suspension upgrades. Perhaps others might like to do the same for the 1500.

Please keep Saturday, June 4th open. We have arranged for a spot at the Marcellus Olde Home Days where we can display some of our bikes, as well as, promote rider education, motorist awareness, and, Chapter D. We will be located in the large parking area adjacent to the Town Hall on Main Street. We will need to have our set-up completed and staffed by 9:00 am, through the start of the parade at 3:00 pm. We are awaiting approval to participate in the parade. If you have a portable canopy that we could use for this event, that would be great. We will need volunteers to set up and tear down the display, staff the display, display their motorcycles (and trailers), and, participate in the parade, pending final approval. We should be able to schedule volunteers so that you will be able to enjoy wandering through town to check out the craft, business, non-profit, and, other displays, as well as, try some of the food and snacks that are available. This event is very well attended by the public and should provide a good substitute for the traditional "mall show" in promoting rider education and motorist awareness.

Thanks to Henry Jedra and Jim Tillotson for their work in contacting sponsors. We are making progress on our 2011 efforts. Also thanks to Rick and Pam for their assistance in working with some of our sponsors. Our thanks also to John Van Deusen and Rick Reardon for making arrangements for a PLP session. Please see John and Pam's Rider Ed article below for more details about this very important event.

As the weather improves we will try to work in some group rides. Please check your email and the Chapter website.

It seems that the first stretch of good weather often results in a number of motorcycle accidents. The reasons for this are many.....drivers and riders leaving caution by the wayside after having to deal with difficult driving conditions all winter, residue of sand and stone on corners and intersections, inexperience of newly licensed drivers and riders, and...the list goes on. Let's think this through before we get on the road instead of having to be reminded by tragedy!

As always, please keep our sponsors in mind for your dining and other business needs.

We look forward to seeing you at the April Gathering.

Bill and Julie Spencer



*...to our Assistant Chapter Directors..*

I wanted to thank everyone for coming to our Chapter breakfast at The Gristmill last Saturday. Also, I would like to thank Rick Reardon for making all the arrangements. We had a large turn out; about 43 attended from both Chapter T and D. The attendance was almost even between the two chapters. The weather was not good enough for riding yet. It was a sunny day, around the 30 degree mark, but it was warm and friendly inside. I think everyone had a great time. I know everyone is anxious for spring to arrive. We have a great ride schedule planned this year. I hope that the weather cooperates and everyone can join us. We will welcome our Chapter Director back for our April meeting, and I would like to thank everyone for making my time filling in for Bill a very easy and fun experience.

Ride safely and stay dry,

Bob and Chris Makai



*...to the Chapter D Co-ordinator for the 2011 NY/NJ District Convention...*

Registration for the Bi-State Convention is now open.

The Flyer, Fact Sheet and Registration form are found on the NY District home page:

<http://gwrra-ny.org>

April 2<sup>nd</sup> is the committee's next get together to get everyone up to speed on progress of things and there will be more info to pass along for next month's newsletter.

There is a position for anybody and everybody to lend a hand - before, during, and after the Convention.

We certainly want our New Jersey District and everyone else to enjoy this Convention like we did when we travelled there last year.

We look forward to everyone's support.

More updates to follow next month.

Submitted by Rick Reardon



*...to our Chapter Technical Director...*

## Jump Starting Your Motorcycle

There is always going to be that wrong time, wrong place when you have a dead battery. Unless you carry a self-sustained jumper system to jump start your own motorcycle, you will have to depend on someone else to jump start it. This could be done by an automobile, another motorcycle, a lawn mower or 4 wheeler.

- 1) If you use an auto to jumpstart the bike, make sure the auto is not running. If you jump it with the car running, it will destroy the diodes in the voltage regulator/rectifier.
- 2) Use smaller jumper cables as they are less likely to arc against the frame or other components and cause a fire or ruin the paint.
- 3) Consider the fact that motorcycle batteries use less amperage than auto, boat, or lawn tractor vehicles. Jumping with these vehicles could overstress the wiring harness and cause damage. Be cautious to only jump the battery long enough to start it and make sure the other vehicle is not running during this process.
- 4) Cables need to be attached parallel. + to+ and - to - ; do not trust the cable color when hooking these up. If you have another motorcycle with you, then jump from that one by:
  - a. Start with both bikes shut off.
  - b. Clamp + booster cable from jumper bike to + on dead battery.
  - c. Clamp negative booster cable to negative battery post on bike to be jumped.
  - d. Clamp negative cable to part of motorcycle to be jumped that will make a good ground. Example unpainted, uncoated metal part of frame, chasis bolt or a foot peg mount.
  - e. At this point, you can try to turn over the dead bike.
  - f. If no response, start the booster bike and let it run a few minutes; then turn it back off and try to restart the dead bike.
  - g. When you have succeeded in starting the dead bike, then remove the jumper cables in reverse order. (Negative from dead bike; Negative from booster bike battery; Positive from booster bike battery; Positive from the dead bike battery.)

Written by William Downey, Tech Advisor (Taken from Cycle Connections Magazine Tech tips)



*...to our Rider Education Directors...*

## **It Doesn't Hurt to Practice at the PLP**

Most of us have heard of the Hurt Report in some form or another. For those who haven't, it's a study done on motorcycle accidents in 1976 to 1978 and released in 1981. Even though this report was done in the 70's and no one has done as extensive study since, many professionals believe the core results still hold true today. So what did the report find?

Accidents involving another vehicle, usually a passenger car, accounted for almost three quarters of the 900 accidents investigated and 3,600 police reports studied in the same area. Two thirds of these accidents involved the other vehicle violating the motorcycle right-of-way. Failure of the motorist to detect and recognize motorcycles in traffic was the predominating cause of the motorcycle accident. Accounting for almost a quarter of the remaining accidents were single vehicle accidents, with the motorcyclist hitting either the road or some fixed object in the environment. With two thirds of the single vehicle accidents, the precipitating factor was motorcycle error. Slide out and fall due to overbraking or running wide on a curve due to excessive speed or undercornering was the typical error.

The report holds some other interesting facts - 92% of the motorcyclists were self-taught or learned from family and/or friends. One of the many positive things this report brings out is rider training reduces accident involvement and is related to reduced injuries in the event of an accident.

The GWRRA motto "Friends for Fun, Safety and Knowledge," may have come from understanding the Hurt Report. One of the many ways which GWRRA incorporates this motto is by providing us with a Parking Lot Practice. The purpose of the program is to build confidence and reinforce basic riding abilities. To kick off the season, Chapter D will be holding a Parking Lot Practice Sunday April 17 . It will be south of the North Syracuse Fire Station No. 2 at the vacant parking lot found at the corner of General Irwin Boulevard and Steward Drive in the Town of Cicero starting at 1:00 PM (Location is south of the intersection of E. Taft Rd and Thompson Rd - GPS coordinates N43 07.284 W76 05.908). My intent is to have two Facilitators on board, myself and Rick Reardon. Our role is to maintain the safety of the range, remind, and, refine skills and habits of those riding. Certain rules are required to be adhered to while on the range. Those rules will be discussed prior to the start, as well as going over a T-CLOCS inspection for the safety of all at the class. Each rider will have a Parking Lot Practice Guide brochure that contains 6 range exercises to help aid and refine your abilities. What better way to start the riding season than to tone up and rediscover your riding abilities?

Pam & John Van Deusen  
Chapter D NY Rider Educators

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