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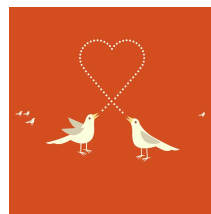
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IMPORTANT UPCOMING DATES

Jan 8 - District Mtg @ 9am Holiday Inn, Liverpool
**Jan 12 - Gathering @ Euclid Restaurant - 6:00pm Dinner,
7:00pm Gathering**
**Jan 22 - Movie Night @ Great Northern Mall theaters 4pm
followed by dinner at Friendly's**
**Jan 27 - Dinner Ride - Twin Trees, North Syracuse @
6:30pm**
**Feb 9 - Gathering @ Euclid Restaurant - 6:00pm Dinner,
7:00pm Gathering**
**Feb 13 - Crash Scene Response Seminar followed by Chili
Cookoff - 1pm Chittenango Fire House**
Feb 24 - Dinner Ride @ Coleman's Rest 6:30pm

ANNIVERSARIES



BIRTHDAYS

Jan 12 - Jim Thayer
Jan 17 - Bill Downey



DASH-FOR-CASH (2011)

0 pts as of 1/1/11





...to our Chapter Directors...

Greetings!

We trust everyone had a very Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!

We would like to start by, again, thanking Rick & Pam for their hard work these past three years. They have done a great job promoting the Chapter and keeping it viable. We look forward to continuing their efforts.

With that in mind we would like to share some of our goals for the coming year for Chapter D:

1. Ensure continuity of Chapter D into 2012
2. Promote the values of GWRRA: fun, safety, and, knowledge
3. Maximize participation of members and make sure people are acknowledged for their contributions
4. Provide support to aid in the success of the District convention
5. Promote and support at least one charitable organization/event
6. Investigate alternatives for website and newsletter formats that enable these to be relatively easily supported. (If someone is no longer able to do a particular job, someone can step in relatively easy.)
7. Maintain existing sponsors and add at least two new sponsors
8. Promote the Chapter and continue efforts to attract new participants
9. Introduce some healthy activities into the Chapter

We look forward to sharing our ideas to achieve these goals in the coming months.

The recent Tour Committee meetings resulted in some good ride ideas, and suggestions in general. For the months of January and March we have scheduled a Movie/Game Night, as suggested by Brian O'Brien. This will give us a chance to relax and socialize with our GW friends in the non-riding season. For a new twist, we would like to schedule a "Hike & Bike Ride" once or twice this summer. This would take the form of riding to a specific destination, followed by a short hike, giving us a chance to stretch our legs a little. We are also planning some "test rides" for the NY/NJ District Convention. These would be rides that would be offered as guided or self-guided rides at the Convention. We are in the process of developing a tentative Ride Schedule for 2011 and will share it with you soon.

We had a great turnout (over 30 people) for our Christmas party at the Euclid Restaurant on December 16. Entertainment was provided by Dr. Paul, the Singing Dentist, and was enjoyed by all. The Chinese gift exchange was a hit, with many people ENJOYING the opportunity to steal other gifts.....all in good fun of course!

Bill and Julie Spencer



...to our Assistant Chapter Directors...

Hi Everyone,

"Happy New Year!"

It's a new year, and this is my first newsletter as your Assistant Chapter Director. I just want to introduce

Chris and myself. We have been members since 2007, and just got our first Gold Wing this year. We have been married for 30 years and have two adult children, both girls. We both have enjoyed being a part of Chapter D.

I would like to express our thanks to Rick and Pam for making us feel very welcome and doing all they have done to make our Chapter stronger and better. They have given much of their time. I feel that we have gained a lot from being members and friends. We also would like to thank all of you for making us feel very welcome and a part of the group. We hope to help Bill and Julie to continue to make our Chapter a fun, knowledgeable and safe experience for all.

Well, we have put the bike to bed for a long winter's night in hopes that spring will soon be here. Now we can add the accessories that we have received for Christmas over the winter and be ready to ride when the weather changes. Now is a good time to check over the things that we may not have been able to see without doing more work. We have more time now that we can't go riding.

We hope that everyone had a good, safe and healthy holiday.

Bob and Chris Makai



...to our Rider Education Directors...

Post Season Review

In November's newsletter I wrote about my ride south and how training played an important role on how I handled myself on the road. After that article I was reading through my December "Motorcycle Consumer News" magazine, when I came across an article written by Ken Conden entitled "A Higher Level." In the article, Ken states many motorcyclists feel that it is unnecessary to develop their skills beyond what they consider adequate, until a life threatening event happens. When it happens they reconsider riding at all, or, it gets them involved to update and improve their riding skills. The article touches on all the basics of advancing your skills like braking, cornering, posture, and leaning. What really caught my interest was his statement regarding lean angle. Ken states that humans are hardwired into leaning at up to a 20° angle, and, that anxiety starts to set in at any angle greater than that. To rid ourselves of this anxiety, we need to train/practice. Our body and mind develop a trust with leaning further.... comfort and confidence increases. Those of us who have taken either the ARC by GWRRA, or the ERC by MSF can relate to that statement. As an ARC Instructor I see first hand their confidence increases as the students progress on the road range. Learning to ride at a higher level as Ken states improves your riding awareness and enhances your enjoyment as included in GWRRA's motto "Friends for Fun, Safety, and Knowledge." Looking at it, the training portion is where you can get it all. Discovering new friends at the training, having fun learning and the knowledge we take with us. Last year my records for Chapter D show that 45 people attended seminars (including some folks from Chapter T in the Co-Rider Seminar); 2 people attended advanced riding courses; and, we had a total of 262 people attend the Rider Education portion of our gatherings.

Thanks for being there and having a safe riding season. I look forward to seeing old friends and making new ones at this years Rider Education Events. With Wing Ding on the east coast and the NY/ NJ Convention slated for Liverpool, this coming riding season is going to be lots of fun.

Pam & John Van Deusen
Chapter D NY Rider Educator



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

Things are slow to get moving for the upcoming convention due to the holidays. Paul W. is meeting with the hotel staff on 12/27/10 to discuss food service/price for the Wednesday night buffet, Ice Cream social, Friday night entertainment, and Saturday night Banquet. We have contacted a few vendors so we can be put on their schedule.

Once the Holidays are over things will pickup. We will need to put guided & unguided routes in motion (start thinking about long and short routes to take our guests on). The unguided routes will have to be mapped out and put on paper. These will be handed out to whoever wants to take an unguided ride. All of the routes, both guided and unguided, will have to be pre-run to make sure that the routes are good - both for distance and for no riding hazards.

Dave Perry is the Ride Coordinator. Dave will be heading up the ride coordination with help from us and others that know the areas around here.

Pam Pearson is the Vendor Coordinator. Pam will be coordinating the list of Vendors and will help others in getting the info out to our prospective Vendors list.

Tim and Eileen Guiles from Chapter N will be the Seminar Coordinators. Chapter T has volunteered to keep the Hospitality function running smoothly. Dottie Bahrenburg is working on the Fun - Theme. (At least getting some ideas together.)

We are still in need of a Facilities Coordinator.

There is more to come, believe me, and plenty of work to do. We will need the help of everyone to pitch in and lend a hand. It will make things run a lot smoother.

I will update you, as I get more info.

Thanks
Rick Reardon



...to our Chapter Technical Director...

Looking For More Light

Most people riding their motorcycle at night wish they had better lighting. There are multiple options available to accomplish this.

There is a kit available called a Blue Diamond HID Headlight Kit. These lights are usually found on expensive cars, but are now available for your GL 1800. The kit includes everything you will need to connect your low beams to brilliant 35 watt HID 6000K lamps. These lights produce a white/bluish light close to natural daylight.

These lamps are advertised as lasting longer and run cooler while producing 3x more light than a Halogen bulb.

The kit has everything with step by step instructions and all electrical components needed to do the job. The list price is somewhere around \$330 at Wingstuff. (continue next page)

Avoiding Speeding Tickets

There is a fully integrated, portable motorcycle radar/laser detection system available. There is no need to try and adapt an auto radar detector to fit the motorcycle. These units have a wireless headset and visual alert systems available.

The Wireless headset is compatible with most helmets and will alert you to radar and laser in the area via the earphone. There is also a visual alert available.

Mounts are available made from aircraft grade aluminum.

The system comes with a wiring harness so you can easily connect to your biker's power source. The unit is water resistant and has larger buttons so it may be operated with gloves on. The back lit LCD is easy to read. The unit is vibration and shock resistant, is portable and can be used on multiple bikes as well as on your car. Price for TPX Main Unit \$309, TPX Wireless Headset \$70 and Visual Alert \$45.

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Bill Downey



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