

Delaware Chapter - A Newsletter

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A Message from the Chapter Directors

We're hoping that the weather cooperates and provides us with some nice days to ride. We have a great day of riding after our next gathering on the 25th. Judy and I have planned a 4 hour ride through Lancaster County and touring some covered bridges. We were planning on trying to hit 12 of them but with time constraints we were only able to fit in ten. We're planning for a nice lunch outside of Lancaster and then joining the Careys at the Moore Family Farm for our annual Hay (straw) ride. We hope you can all come out and join us!!

We've got a few more things we would like to get done before the end of the riding season and that would be to help out with Meals on Wheels on

Thanksgiving Day. We will be asking anyone who can commit to this to sign up on our sign-up sheet. It's critical that we know how many can join us for the morning. This takes only about an hour and a half and you'll meet some great people. Please come and join us.

Also the Elsmere Christmas Parade is coming up on December 14th and we would love to get some bikes in the parade. Decorate your bikes and show them off to the kids. They only ask that we do not use a Santa Claus. They would like only one and that to be theirs at the end of the parade, which makes it fair.

Also Toys for Tots is coming up. Although I have not re-

ceived any information on it, we would like to get the word out. If you would like to go, they ask that you bring one new, unwrapped toy. As we get info on it, we'll pass it out.

Again this year we'll be wrapping things up with our holiday dinner. This is a great night to be had by all and it keeps getting better and better each year! Time to dress up and put your best feet forward on the dance floor. Show off what you got! Mark your calendars for December 6th and look for invitations in the mail.

So now for a little reflection. For those of you who have been here a while, we've done a lot of riding. So much so, sometimes we forget where we've been and just how much

fun we had. For some fun, and to see if you are really reading my article, on the back page are some pictures from rides and events. Look at these pictures and during our next gathering, I will ask who can tell me where all these pictures were taken. The first one to get them all correct will receive 10 free raffle tickets for October's 50/50 drawing. So with that I'll close and let you get to thinking. Don't be asking Judy either cause she's not telling.

Have a great month and ride safe!

Mike & Judy

From the Asst. Chapter Directors:

Hello Everyone,

Well, here it is almost the middle of October and the nights are getting chilly. The end of this year's riding season is coming quicker than we really want.

The hay (straw) ride and bonfire is coming up the 25th of October and we hope to see as many people as possible there. Where else can you share a great ride, and enjoy good food with the best company ever. Last year those who attended

the hay (straw) ride and bonfire had a fantastic time. This year the 25th of October is going to be a very busy day. The monthly gathering is in the morning, followed by a covered bridge ride later in the day, and finally the hay (straw) ride and bonfire. So take a chance and come join us, you'll be glad that you did.

We still have some upcoming events that we want to encourage everyone to attend if at all possible. From assisting in the

delivering of meals for Meals On Wheels on Thanksgiving Day to the most enjoyable upcoming Holiday Party. Please don't hesitate to look up the riding schedule to see the upcoming events and choose those that you may enjoy attending.

Although the year has not been quite what we had hoped for as a riding season, it has still been an enjoyable year. We know that people have cut back and selected only a few rides or

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the 10th of every month

Newsletter Procedures to submit:

- Newsletter Articles •Want Ads
- Favorite Recipes •Jokes / Stories
- Photo's (membership, rides, guess who's, etc.)

Please send electronically if able to:
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events to attend, and we want to thank everyone for their help in the various events and for attending as many of the rides as possible. We do believe that things will improve for next year and that all of us will be able to attend more of the rides and events. If you have any ideas for possible rides,

hang on to them for I believe that we will be having a meeting in several months to plan the ride schedule. All ideas are wholeheartedly welcomed.

Take care and we look forward to seeing everyone at the upcoming gathering and at the hay (straw) ride and bonfire. Please note that Dan and I have a new email address bearyl-

ours1@verizon.net so if you need to get in touch with us you now can.

Ride Safe and Have Fun,
Dan and Terrie

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Rider Education

One of the biggest threats motorcyclists have today when riding is the general population's knowledge of bikes and our ability to be seen. Reflector strips on our clothing, helmets and even the back of our boots will call attention to us. Another way for us to be seen is to install headlight modulators to our bikes. The modulators change the intensity of the headlight up to five times a second; this will attract the attention of others on the road. The modulators are legal in all states under federal law.

Another item that is good for safe riding is called the SPOT. SPOT is a Satellite Personal

Tracker system. This is especially good for those of you who take off on a ride by yourself and you go on all the back roads you can find. This is a GPS receiver that can with a push of a button find your position anywhere on the planet and send a pre-programmed text or e-mail message to loved ones or emergency agencies. This is especially good for those who roam both off and on main roads. The basic service includes unlimited 911 alert services and unlimited check-in service that lets your contacts know you're okay without alerting the authorities. The tracking service allows anyone

you choose to log onto the computer to locate you in real time.

Another way to keep safe when riding is to keep your mind on what you are doing and not on what you are going to do when you reach your destination. If while riding down the road you are wondering if that item you ordered has been delivered or who is playing on Monday night football or if you have enough snacks and drinks, etc. you won't be paying the right amount of attention to what is going on around you until it is too late to avoid the incident that might just take you down.

FYI-- Delaware has increased the fine up to \$200 for anyone covering a license plate with tinted or any other material that conceals or obscures on the information on his or her license plate.

Take care and ride safe

Charles & June



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Chapter Happenings

What's Happening and Ride Schedule

De-A events are in black, you will notice that there may be several events on the same days.

Non-De-A events are in Red (these events are your own ride). We have provided these events so you can plan on which events you may wish to attend.

Notice!!!! We provided a ride schedule earlier in the year. Remember to update your information.

(We suggest that you be fed and all fueled up before our departures on the rides.)
Remember that some of the events have a registration deadline. Check the flyers

October 25 Delaware Chapter A.... gathering. Breakfast starts at 8:00am, and the gathering starts at 9:00am. After our gathering we will ride be doing the covered bridge ride again ending the day at Sheila's sister and brother in law's (Jake and Katy Moore) where for \$10.00 a person we will enjoy a night of fun. The evening will include a hayride, bonfire, hotdogs, coffee, hot chocolate, chips and marshmallows and S'mores. The address is 72 Moore Farm Lane, Rising Sun, MD they are the second farm house. It is on the left. We do need a head count for the hayride and food. Call Mike and Judy or email us at mike.judy@comcast.net For those that can not make it for the covered bridge ride meet at the Moore farm around 6 or 6:30pm..

November 2 De-B Gathering at Golden Coral in Seaford, De. Leave the Lowe's Parking Lot on Rte 40 in Bear at 6:15 am we will then make a quick stop at Happy Harry's on Rte 13 and Bayview Drive at 6:40 am then head down to Seaford RSVP Mike and Judy if you will be going.mike.judy@comcast.net

November 8 and 9 John and Bonnie McClun, the PA District Trainers, are holding a Horizons Training Seminar in New Holland, PA, November 8 and 9– **deadline to sign up is Oct 30**) RSVP You can read more information from Brian and Missy in their article in the Delaware A November newsletter.

November 15 Dan and Terrie Chappell are our sponsors for our chapter Dinner. We will be Dining at Delaware Park for Slots and Slop at the Horse Trough. <http://www.delawarepark.com> Be there at 6:00pm Please RSVP Dan or Terrie Chappell at bearlyours1@verizon.net (302) 836-0633 (home) (302) 983-6222 (Dan's cell #) (302) 983-8699 (Terrie's cell #)

November 15 Delaware Chapter B is having their annual Holiday Kick-Off Dinner Party at the Bridgeville VFC Fire Hall. (AltRt404) Social hour will be from 5 to 6. With dinner beginning at 6pm.The cost of the dinner is \$8.00 person. They will also be starting the Dirty Santa at 7.00pm.(purchase a \$10.00 gift to exchange) RSVP by November 10th letting De-B know how many will be attending Send check to Barbara Walters 13811Oakland Road Ridgely De 21660

November 22 Movie and Dinner night. We will be looking at all the movies that are out. If you have suggestions on what movie you would like to see call us or email us. Mike.judy@comcast.net With so many movies coming out each month we have to wait until time is closer to choose the movie. After the movie we can head out and get a bite to eat. More information coming

November 27 Thanksgiving day.....Giving back to our communities, we will ride again for Meals on Wheels on Thanksgiving. We will spend a few hours in the am delivering meals to those that can not cook or get out and have Thanksgiving with their families. Each weekday around lunch time, Meals On Wheels volunteers deliver much more

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than hot, nutritious food. For homebound seniors. <http://www.mealsonwheelsde.org/> We will have a sign up sheet at the October gathering. We do need a head count for this. We will also need a few back up bikes. We will be getting a certain amount of meals to put into our bikes so it is very important that we have the people. We will email out the times as it gets closer. Meals on Wheels sets that. So the meals will be warm.

Meal delivery volunteers should plan on working on average 90 minutes when scheduled to deliver.

December 6 November/December Delaware Chapter A gathering. Breakfast starts at 8:00am and gathering starts at 9:00am. We will not be having a ride after the gathering. This way we all can go home and get ready for our Holiday Party that is in the evening. Park West Diner

December 6 Winter Blast Holiday Party at Harry's in the evening at <http://www.harrys-savoy.com/> Dinner will be starting at 7pm and ending at 12pm. We will be sending out invitations in the mail very soon. If you know you will be coming please start letting us know. Call or email Mike and Judy at mike.judy@comcast.net A Flyer will be sent out also be sent out.

December 7 De-B gathering at Golden Coral in Seaford, De. Leave the Lowe's Parking Lot on Rte 40 in Bear at 6:15 am we will then make a quick stop at Happy Harry's on Rte 13 and Bayview Drive at 6:40 am then head down to Seaford

December 14: We will be joining Elsmere Fire Company in their Holiday Parade again. We will be meeting at Boston Market; it is at Prices Corner on Kirkwood Highway. You need to be there at 12:00 sharp. The parade doesn't start until 2pm. From there we will travel to Elsmere. Remember if you would like to decorate your bike and trailer, please bring all the materials you will need with you when you leave your house. (Tape, ribbons, suction cups with hooks, string etc) We will have over an hour or so to decorate our bikes while we are waiting in line. Also, remember it may be very cold, so be sure you dress for the weather (if need be bring extra clothing), and to bring hot drinks and munchies along. Please call (302)-547-2102 or email mike.judy@comcast.net to let us know if you will be joining us wave to all the wonderful people.

***Your help is needed. Please step up and help.....**We will need Road Captains to lead and or be a gunner for some rides. Please call or email us if you would like to choose a ride or event that you would like to lead or gun.

If we have no lead we may have to cancel the ride and we would not like to do that. We are planning on having or getting someone to have or conduct a road captain's course if we get enough interested parties.

We have a few road captains that have not lead a ride. Do you need a refresher course?

Remember the schedule may change, look for emails or calls to keep you informed of the changes. Also check our website) <http://www.gwrradea.org>

Special Welcome to a Future Biker!!

Dan and Terrie Dickerson's granddaughter Chloe Mae Fouts



Sunshine Coordinator *by: Terrie Dickerson*

Hello Everyone,

We are having such wonderful weather. I hope that you are taking advantage of it and riding as much as possible. Fall is the most colorful season of the year. Just look around at the leaves changing and the smells of smoke and grass being mowed. I hope that all of you are appreciating what God has done for us. I know that with the way things are with the economy we rarely think about all that he has given us. But he has given us a lot of wonderful things to see and enjoy. It's hard to believe that we will soon be celebrating Halloween, Thanksgiving, and Christmas. And the New Year is just around the corner. I would like to wish a Happy Birthday to the following peo-

ple:

HAPPY BIRTHDAY
Jennifer Brown 11/16
Monica Chappell 11/03

Right now, there are no known anniversaries for the month of November. So I would like to wish a Happy Anniversary to our members on the anniversary date of their joining GWRRA.

HAPPY GWRRA ANNIVERSARY
Guido Martelli 11/01/93

I apologize if I have missed anyone's special day. If you have not provided me with the following information, please send it to me as soon as possible. I really hate to miss out on someone's special day.

Your name and the name of your significant other
Address, Phone Number and E-Mail Address
Month and day of your birthday and your significant other's birthday
Anniversary
You can e-mail the information to me at Danelkton@aol.com or call me at

(443) 553-8174.
If you have any important news in your life and wish to share it please let me know and I will be happy to share it with everyone else at your discretion.
Shining brightly,
Terrie Dickerson



District Directors *by: Brian & Missy Gillard*

DISTRICT DIRECTORS MESSAGE

Thanks to everyone who took time out of your last meeting to fill out our climate assessment form. We got some great feedback to show how we can help move GW forward in the State. (If you didn't get a chance to fill one out, we will have them at the next few meetings as well.) One main topic addressed was the request for more training. Well, now that our riding and rally season is about over, it is a great time to focus on training. A course which is extremely beneficial not only for GW but for your personal and professional life as well is Horizons Training. We took the course and just loved it. John and Bonnie McClun, the PA District Trainers, are holding a Horizons Training Seminar in New Holland, PA, November 8 and 9 (see attached flyer – **deadline to sign up is Oct 30**). Bonnie couldn't have said it better: "Yes, it's training. No, there isn't any homework. Yes, there is a test ;-)" Yes, there is food. Yes, there is more fun than normally associated with learning. Yes, it is HUGELY beneficial to the future leaders of your chapters and any other members who would like to know more about how GWRRA operates. Expect to learn a bunch, have a great time, and make some new friends!" Give it a shot.

As you know, District set up an ERC course in Dover the first weekend in October in an effort to have as many Wings in one program as possible – for support, experience, etc. Well Missy and Jen, on their way back from DE-Bs meeting, couldn't resist peeking in on the 9 hearty riders and stopped at the DMV to take some pictures. They were warmly greeted by the instructors who let them take lots of up-close pictures and who even lined everyone up for one big group shot. I believe the group, experienced as they were, learned and honed up on some key riding skills. Missy had a few lessons of her own – "Hey, why aren't they keeping in between



Front Row: Dan C., Dave T., Gary B., Mike B., John S. (on end)
Back Row: Bob L (second in line, MD-L), Tobie, Brian (waving), Chris (on end)

the lines on the curve.” She had no clue we were practicing an emergency stop in a curve. The girls joined us for lunch and heard all about our trials and tribulations of the morning, some of which involved a certain highly skilled person on yellow bike tipping over. Of course, one bike was not going over for certain – Tobie, on his spanking new, 2 days old, shiny, red 1800. Yep, Tobie bought a new bike and did absolutely fantastic on the course after only 2 days on the road. (Word tells that Johnna had a key role in the purchase, but we’ll let them tell you the story.) A lot of people discovered, even though they were riding a big bike, they can still maneuver in tight spaces; like Chris and Dan keeping it inside the tight S-box. Having all Wings in the course gave us a confidence boost also, because when we saw someone else doing a difficult maneuver and executing it beautifully, we realized it can be done. Riding a motorcycle is more than just getting on the bike and riding. The course teaches you how to scan ahead for road hazards, have a plan of action (an “out”), and that riding is not all physical, but mainly mental – in fact it is 80% mental. Being mentally prepared before you get on that bike is critical. So we plan on setting up another ERC course in the Spring with as many Wings in it as possible. Let us know if you are interested, but watch for more info soon.

Finally, we want to encourage you to visit our NE Region website and especially read up on the newsletters. <http://www.gwrra-northeastregion.org/>. While we forward the news on electronically, the website has a lot of information about our Region, more than we are able to pass along in your newsletters. Please take some time and visit the world of GW.

GWRRRA Makes Great Friendships – If you haven’t been out to a meeting or ride lately, come see what you are missing.

Keep the Shiny Side Up

Brian and Missy

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Judy and I would like to introduce Motorcycle Touring Made Easy. We've enjoyed motorcycle touring and motorcycling since we've been together and now we would like to give back by providing information and resources that we've gathered so that others can have a place to get all the information they need to go motorcycling. We welcome all motorcycle enthusiasts to stop by and use this website as well as contribute their experiences to help make one big collective source of information.

From Where I Sit by: Judy DeGeiso

The year is winding down. The leaves are starting to show a lot of color. So make sure you get out and ride through the beautiful country. I remember my mom would take me out to collect leaves so I could make cards for our friends. That reminds me that the holidays are coming up and it is time that we all spend time with our families, and loved ones, yes and even get together with our GWRRA family and friends. With the economy the way it is, you can even invite others over to do potluck. I want to wish every one Happy Thanksgiving and Happy Holidays. I am

looking forward to next years rides and fun.

Many of you attended the Hobo Stew., Wing Ding, The Delaware District Daze, and other Chapter events. Plus gone on some chapter rides. That's wonderful, but in general, our Chapter's participation in other GWRRA functions has been very low. Actually it has spread through out all of GWRRA and other motorcycle groups. So... I ask that you consider choosing at least one GWRRA event next year that you've not attended in the past

and go - provide a bit of encouragement and support, in turn you will have helped the other chapters out like you helped your own chapter. You see, with all the other chapters coming and supporting us, helped us reduce our cost for the Holiday Party and getting chapter materials and paying for breakfast or lunches during our Piranha Sports events.

Judy

