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Delaware Chapter - A Newsletter

From the Chapter Directors: Terrie & Dan Chappell

Newsletter Deadline:

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:

Terrie & Dan

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Well, summer is almost over and fall is about to begin. This is the time of the year that the rides are very, very lovely. The leaves are changing and the weather is slowly cooling down. Coming up over Labor Day weekend is the ride to the Natural Bridge in Virginia. If you plan on going, please make sure that you have made your reservations at the hotel that Chris has contacted. Please see his emails about the trip for information.

As you know, we have changed the chapter gathering place. We are now meeting at the 896 Diner, 1108 College Avenue (Rte 896), Newark, DE 19713. Breakfast begins at 8:00am and the gathering begins at 9:00am. The food and service is very good and they have also fixed up the place. Those who attended the gathering last month enjoyed the food and the service (three guesses as to who our waitress was). If you guessed, Cindy, the waitress we had when we were there before, you are right. She was very happy to see us again and she is looking forward to seeing many more of us this Saturday, August 28th. We hope to see as many of you as possible there.

Our riding season will be coming to a close in a few months and we are looking forward to seeing as many of you as possible at the upcoming rides and events before the motorcycles are put up. Remember, when riding in the heat to carry plenty of fluids to keep your-selves from becoming dehydrated and take enough breaks to keep from overheating.

Take Care and Ride Safe, Terrie & Dan



From the District

Directors: Mike & Jennifer Brown



Greetings,

Now that the riding season and summer are in full swing, we hope all is well with everyone. We are sure everyone has taken advantage of our lovely weather and taken some sort of vacation with or without our two wheels. We haven't done much riding ourselves this year, because we are keeping our granddaughter Diamond for the summer and she is keeping us quite busy. Jenny & I had the opportunity to take a short vacation to New Hampshire in July. We had never been to this part of New England and it was both memorable and

enjoyable. Riding through the countryside with all the beautiful forest was absolutely breathtaking. We even saw a moose along the roadside and got a chance to go to the top of Mt Washington. I even talked Jen into Zip Lining – flying through the air about 800 feet and landing on a platform. We can't wait to go back and experience all the things we didn't get a chance to do the first time.

Jenny & I want to personally thank Richard & Sheila Carey for the lovely time we had at their home for Chapter "A" annual picnic. Ate way too much food, but had a lot of fun and it was great seeing everyone.

Regional News

There are a couple of changes within our regional staff:

We want to wish Lorraine and Earl Knight well with their stepping down as our Northeast Region B Director's. I'm sure that the decision was not made lightly, but now they can move on to being "JAMS" – Just a Member of GWRRA. During the next 60 days our interim Regional Director's are Jere and Linda Goodman. Please share any ideas, thoughts and concerns regarding our region with me and I will gladly pass it along.

Effective immediately Dave and Crystal Godin, Assistant Northeast Region B Director's have resigned as of this time no replacements have been named.

A selection process has started to find a new Region B Director. Anyone wishing to be considered for this position should send their resume to Director@GWRRA.org. Let us all keep our focus on the betterment of the membership and do our part to ensure the continued success of Region B.

Also a switch of positions: Regional Educator Keith Price will be stepping down and will be taking the position as CPR-First Aid Coordinator. The current CPR-First Aid Coordinator, Tim Grimes will be replacing Keith Price as the Regional Educator. This change will be effective September 1st 2010.

Ride Safe,

Mike & Jenny Brown

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Rider's Education : by Dale Chapman

Effects of Alcohol on Vision

“Consuming alcohol can have short-term negative affects on vision. For a low blood alcohol level, visual performance is less affected by the visual changes than by alteration in brain functions. Brain functions can be impaired by alcohol within minutes of consumption since alcohol is absorbed in the blood and the brain is supplied with more blood than other organs.

When the legal blood-alcohol level is reached and surpassed, depth perception and night vision are affected. It becomes impossible to accurately judge how far away objects are when depth perception deteriorates. Vision becomes **blurred** or you may see **double** since eye muscles lose their precision causing them to be unable to focus on the same object.

Alcohol affects night vision by keeping the **pupils from adapting from darkness to light**. The oncoming headlights of a car will cause a drunk driver to be dazzled much more severely than a sober driver. Alcohol consumption also produces tunnel vision and can make night blindness worse. [One study indicates that vision is limited to 20% of normal vision!]

Contrast sensitivity can be reduced preventing an intoxicated driver from detecting obstacles in his field of view in some situations. A reduction in [contrast sensitivity](#) combined with changes in ocular-motor control and attention deficits may have a strong effect on performance while under the influence of alcohol. During the daytime, under normal driving conditions, reduction in contrast sensitivity might not cause any problems. In more unfavorable conditions, such as fog or at night, alcohol can reduce the visibility of an object to the point of being below the threshold of detect ability. Under conditions where an object is moving rapidly with respect to the driver or flickering quickly this deficit is likely to be enhanced.

Alcohol adversely affects performance on many tasks. At moderate blood alcohol levels and possibly lower levels, a slowed [perceptual speed](#) is a component of the task performance.”

Excerpt from the article found at:

<http://www.cs.wright.edu/bie/rehabengr/vision/visionalcohol.htm>

Sunshine:

Hello Everyone,

We would like wish a Happy Birthday and Happy Anniversary to all the great people in DE-A who are celebrating a birthday and / or an anniversary in August and September.

Happy Birthday and Happy Anniversary

To All of You and Many Happy Returns

We apologize for not having current birthday and anniversary announcements. We are excited to announce that Sheila Carey is in the process of taking over the Sunshine and we will bring everything up to date as soon as we can supply her with the current information.

Please see one of the officers or staff for a form that gives us the information for your birthdays, anniversaries, names of family members who are members of DE-A, address, phone number, and email address, along with any other pertinent information that we need to stay in contact with you.

Have a Great Special Day and Ride Safe,

Officers' & Staff of DE-A

Chapter Happenings August--September

August 28th: Chapter Gathering at 896 Diner, 1108 S. College Avenue, Newark, DE 19713. Breakfast begins at 8:00am and the gathering begins at 9:00am. Come join us for a good time. After the gathering for those who like to ride we will have a short, leisurely, and scenic ride through DE & MD.

September 4th to 6th: Ride to the Natural Bridge leaving Saturday, September 4th and returning Monday, September 6th. Please contact Chris Kissell at crkissell@comcast.net if you are interested in going. We will ride down on Saturday, spend the night and then explore around the Natural Bridge on Sunday, spend the night and leave bright and early on Monday.

September 9th: Chapter dinner at Bakers Restaurant, 1075 Augustine Herman Highway (Rte 213) Elkton, Md (directions: coming from Elkton going towards Chesapeake City it is on the right hand side a few miles before the bridge). We will meet at the restaurant between 6:15 and 6:30pm. Please contact Dan & Terrie at bearlyours1@verizon.net or call us at 302-983-8699 (Terrie's cell) by Wednesday, September 8th if you plan on attending so we can give an approximate head count to the restaurant.

September 11th: Ride to Intercourse, PA. We will meet at the McDonald's on Rte 273 by the Newark Post Office at 8:30 for a quick breakfast. We will head out after eating at approximately 9:00am. We will take a leisurely ride there and walk around the town for a bit and then eat lunch before returning home. Approximate time to arrive home will be about 4:00pm.

September 12th: Delaware District will be supporting the Piranha Sports Event at Lum's Pond. Please meet at the entrance to the camping area (off Rte 71) at approximately 6:30am. We are encouraging everyone to come out and support our District.

September 15th: Chapter Ice Cream Run. With the weather we have been having lately, we will play it safe and go to Friendly's Restaurant, 1500 People's Plaza, Newark, Delaware. We will meet there between 6:30 and 6:45pm. Please contact Dan & Terrie at bearlyours1@verizon.net or at 302-983-8699 (Terrie's Cell) by Tuesday, September 14th if you plan on going so we can give an approximate head count to Friendly's.

September 25th: Chapter breakfast and gathering at 896 Diner, 1108 S. College Avenue, Newark, DE 19713. Breakfast begins at 8:00am and the gathering begins at 9:00am. Weather permitting there will be a short ride following the back roads of Delaware.

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.

www.motorcycle-touring-made-easy.com

