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GWRRA MA Chapter D

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From the Director's Chair...

Well here we are in April, the riding season finally got here. Our first ride was the chicken run, and it was well attended. We went to Wrights Farm and then to Wrights Bakery for dessert, both were a great treat.

We would like to see all members riding with us, but real life is always here—so join us if you can. The ride committee worked hard at getting us some great rides to go on.

Last Monday's meeting had 23 Chapter D members and 14 members from Chapter W and the district directors George & Gail Mayo. Chapter W recaptured their mascot and Sarge so by now they should have all 6 chapter mascots. It was a fun time and all had a lot of laughs.

We are looking for officers to fill the vacant positions and some new ones so come on and join the fun.

I would like to thank Judy Lizardi for making the quilt square for Mass entry into the national's contest for a quilt. It was a well done square! (We should have a nice photo of it in our next newsletter! **Thank you again Judy!**)

Bill & Darlene Clark
Chapter Directors
MASS Chapter D

Other news...

Americade Supper

On Thursday, June 4th, we will have our traditional chapter supper at Americade. We will meet at Ciro's Restaurant – 1439 Lake Ave—Lake Luzerne, NY, at 6 pm. We have been going to Ciro's for the last 4 years and everyone seems to enjoy it. I have sent an invitation to all the chapters to join us. It should be a fun night.

If you are planning to join us that evening, please let me know by Sunday, May 31st. That is when we are leaving for Americade, and we will be there for the week. Hope to see many of you there.

Rays of Hope

At our May 18th meeting we will be presenting Rays of Hope a check for \$3,000. Please bring your bikes that evening (weather permitting) and wear your chapter shirts. Neil Hawley usually can get the picture in the Plus Section of the newspaper. Since this was a chapter event, I would like to see everyone in the picture as we present the check.

Wednesday E-Mail

Remember to watch for my Wednesday e-mail reminding you were we will be riding the following Sunday and any information I can pass along about that ride.

Darlene Clark
Half of the team of GWRRA MA Chapter D Directors



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1215 Parker Street
Springfield, MA 01129
(413) 782-3770

B'Shara's Restaurant

and Catering Service
1268 Riverdale Street
W. Springfield, MA 01089
(413) 732-4740

Center City Muffler

709 Russell Road
Westfield, MA 01085
(413) 562-3944
(413) 562-2929

PL Krynicki Ins. Agency

459 Main Street
Indian Orchard, MA 01151
(413) 543-9119

Liquori's

659 Westfield Street
West Springfield, MA
(413) 737-9690

Ludlow Heating

1056 Center Street
Ludlow, MA 01056
(413) 583-6923

Main Street Auto

77 Main Street
Indian Orchard, MA 01151
(413) 543-3211

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325 Walnut Street Ext.
Agawam, MA 01001
(413) 786-0266

Popoli Powersports

46 Springfield Road
Westfield, MA 01085
(413) 562-5661

Sarge's Cycle Service

32 Rood Street
Ludlow, MA 01056
(413) 589-9261

Valley Motorsports

216 North King Street
Northampton, MA 01060
(413) 584-7303

Other news (cont'd)...

Capture the Mascots <reminder...>

Our Chapter D mascot is a dragon named Sarge, so named after the first director to charter this chapter. And other chapters want Dragon Sarge.

The district has a new game, and that is capturing all other Chapter Mascots and/or Mascot Calendars. A chapter officer and at least three chapter members must attend another chapter meeting to be able to capture that mascot and any other captured mascots. If two or more guest chapters are present, the guest chapter with the most members wins. If an equal number of members are present a coin toss or card draw will determine the winner. Any chapter which captures all 6 mascots at the same time will have its Charter fees paid by the district next year.

There are also points awarded for attending other chapter meetings as well as other fundraisers which will add to the fun. So get a group of people together and let's get those mascots traveling around and support all chapter fund raisers as well.

Meeting schedule for all chapters are as follows:

- 2nd Sunday of the month 9 a.m. Chapter M
- 2nd Thursday 7 p.m. Chapter F
- 3rd Sunday 9 a.m. Chapter B
- 3rd Monday 7:30 p.m. Chapter D
- 3rd Tuesday 7 p.m. Chapter A
- 3rd Friday 6:30 p.m. Chapter W

For the meeting places go the District web site at www.gwrramass.org



Safety & Education

Street Strategy / Rooftop Risk

By Ken Condon

(from April, 2009 * Motorcycle Consumer News, by permission)

Traveling on the highway can get tedious, especially when you've been on the road for hours. You know that the highway is one of the safest places to ride, but you also know there are plenty of opportunities for mishaps to occur, so you plan to exit to take a refreshing break.

Before you can exit, you notice one such opportunity presenting itself. You see an SUV far ahead in the right lane with a mattress and box spring precariously tied to the roof. The driver's 65 mph speed indicates that he is unconcerned that the wind is deforming the mattress and may stress the straps beyond their ability to hold the cargo in place.

You keep an eye on the load as you approach the SUV. A closer look reveals that the violent windblast seems to be stretching the straps holding the mattresses, threatening to rip the cargo from the roof. Riding behind and next to the SUV is not a good idea, so you decide to make quick work of passing this driver. Your plan is to slow slightly to increase space between you and a second vehicle ahead that is also traveling in the left lane. This will allow you to accelerate hard past the SUV without getting dangerously close to the rear of the car ahead.

All goes as planned; you slow to let the car in front get farther ahead, and then when the time is right, you downshift and twist the throttle. You dart ahead of the SUV and the flailing mattresses.

Once past, you look in your right mirror to see the front strap break and the two pieces of bedding stand almost vertically on the roof. Another quick glance sees the other strap break and the mattress and box spring sail into the air and onto the roadway in front of an unlucky driver who attempts to avoid the cargo without any luck. You exit at the next opportunity to take a break and count your lucky stars.



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Birthdays & Chapter Meeting News...

Chapter Meeting News...

Attendance: 21 members
New Member(s): 2
Guests: 14 from Chapter W; 2 District Directors

Next Meeting: May 18, 2009
 B'Shara's
 7:30 pm

Bakers: April—Adrienne Lacey
 May—Al Wilcox

Monthly Drawing: Nelson from Chapter W

Coming soon: Chapter Store Information

Reminder to all of our birthday babies!

Save yourself a headache! Don't forget to check the expiration date on your drivers license! You may be up for renewal. Massachusetts isn't sending reminders anymore!

Chapter Birthday List...

April

2 Bill Lacey
 3 Donna Roy
 17 Chris Leber
 21 Paul Gallant
 21 Julio Vega

May

1 Faith Blackwell
 4 Robert Patrie
 11 Don Dupuis
 29 Claire Pouliot
 30 Kevin Roach

If your birthday is missing from our list, please let us know!

Classifieds...

If anyone has any ads they'd like to post in this newsletter, please contact our chapter director, Bill Clark, at masschapterd@charter.net.

<see your classified ad here!>



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Classifieds (cont'd)...

“NOTICE”

NO SERVICE WORK WILL BE DONE

I WILL BE SELLING PARTS ONLY
SATURDAY FROM 9:30 AM. TILL 3:30 PM.

AT

50% OFF

UNTIL THE PARTS ARE
GONE

PLEASE NOTE; EXCEPT THE OIL WHICH WILL BE
30% OFF THE REGULAR PRICE

(IF YOU TO COME DURING THE WEEK*CALL 589-9261*)
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Upcoming Events...

MAY:		
5-3	New England Carousel Museum	9:45 am
5-10	Mother's Day Pick-Up Ride	9:00 am
5-17	MA Chapter B Fundraiser—Cape Cod Mystery Ride	7:00 am
5-18	Chapter D Meeting—B'Shara's in West Springfield	7:30 pm
5-24	Berkshire Scenic Railway	9:00 am
5-31	Ludlow, Vermont (BBQ Lunch, Fantastic Roads)	10:00 am
JUNE:		
6-15	Chapter D Meeting—B'Shara's in West Springfield	7:30 pm
