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GWRRA MA Chapter D

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- Safety Educator  
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- Membership Officer  
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## From the Director's Chair...

Well here we are in second month of our term and things are happening. The February meeting / anniversary party we think went very well.

Sarge was there and was honored as the first area representative (chapter director). We had a cake with the chapter dragon on it. We also had some old photo albums for all to look at; Sarge brought in an album too. We had some guests in attendance--Gale & George Mayo, our District Directors, were invited for the party. They brought Ken Weglarz, MED Coordinator, and Karen Newhall, District Treasurer. Also in attendance were new members Tony & Caryn Lopez. We hope to be seeing them at upcoming events—welcome.

### Rays of Hope Dance

We need you to bring any door prizes you may have collected. We are still looking for volunteers for snack and prize tables and 50/25/25 raffle.

### Safety

Jack is trying to put together a Ride Captain Course. We hope to have the classroom portion in March hopefully on a Sunday. If that doesn't work then we'll try for a Saturday. The road portion of the course can be done during the riding season.

We talked about the wonderful state we live in is now not notifying you when your driver's license expires. You need to watch when your license renewal is due—because forgetting can be costly. Check your registrations as well!



This takes the cake!! From our party!

Adrienne Lacey.

Ride calendars will be available at the March meeting—so be there to get yours. The ride committee gave up a Saturday to get this done, and it looks good, so come ride with us! I also want to thank Claude & Claire for their work on the ride committee, getting the calendar finished, printed and bound.

Don't forget the last breakfast until next fall is at Bickford's on March 8!

Remember to get your bike ready for riding—do safety checks and get inspection stickers. Be very careful on your first ride—as four-wheelers are not used to seeing you! You also have to get used to riding again, and shake off winter blaas.

A special thanks to our Biker Bakers—March: Debbie Cardin; and April:

**Bill & Darlene Clark**  
Chapter Directors  
MASS Chapter D

## Other news...

### Rays of Hope Benefit Dance Update

Our benefit dance will be here before we know it. Please get your door prizes as soon as possible and let me know about them so I can get the sponsor board done. If you need a letter of introduction when you go out for the door prizes, you can print it out from our web site.

I still need some help with the dance. Volunteers are needed to sell 50/25/25 tickets with Rich Goessling as people come in. We also need someone to watch over the snack table with Chris Leber to refill the goodies as needed, and I need two members to watch over the door prize table from the time the door opens until around 8:15 pm.

We need people to bake and bring snacks for the evening. Please no popcorn!

The \$10 discount price for tickets for GWRRA members ended on Feb 16<sup>th</sup>. Tickets are now \$12 until March 15<sup>th</sup>, and then they will go up to \$15.



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## Chapter Sponsors:

### Ace Shoe Repair

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

### Once Around

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)...

### Something new for the website...

As some of you know, I have been working on the history of our chapter. After a little more tweaking, I will be giving it to Faith for our web site. Also going on the web site will be a copy of the Chapter Charter.

*Darlene Clark*

### Update on the May 17th Fundraiser for Mass Chapter B...

We spotted in the District Newsletter that George & Gale Mayo will be heading down there a day early and staying at the EconoLodge (MA031). Their web site is [http://www.econolodge.com/hotel-west\\_yarmouth-massachusetts-MA031](http://www.econolodge.com/hotel-west_yarmouth-massachusetts-MA031). They're located at:

59 East Main Street  
West Yarmouth, MA 02673  
(508) 771-0699 / FAX (508) 775-1808

They suggest if you're planning to go down a day early, it would be best to book your room online. If you call directly, they will quote you \$119; whereas they booked online for \$58.25 (room & taxes). They have an Olive Garden nearby. If you want to travel with them, just let them know!

### 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:

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

For the meeting places go the District web site at [www.gwrramass.org](http://www.gwrramass.org)





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## Safety & Education

### Street Strategy / Slippery Scenes

Unknown Author

(from April, 2006 Motorcycle Consumer News, by permission)

The road can be lubricated with slippery stuff where you least expect it.

You and a riding buddy have been on the road all day, heading home after a two-week trip. It's only another 200 miles, and you've mutually agreed to keep on riding straight through, even though it's getting dark. After dinner you change to your clear face shield, add your jacket liner for insulation and check your tire pressures.

Pulling back onto the freeway, you merge into the through lanes behind a truck. You're surprised by some pieces of tire tread in the road, but you manage to swerve around the debris, and tap your brake light as a signal to your buddy. You'd rather not follow a truck, especially at night, so you're planning to change to the far left lane where there are fewer trucks.

Suddenly your bike starts to fishtail, and you can't control it. The tires slide out and the bike slams down on its left side. You catch a glimpse of your buddy before crashing, too. Fortunately, drivers behind you see there's a problem, and they scatter to avoid running over both bikes and riders.

You were smart to prepare for the night ride, and skillful to swerve around the pieces of truck tire. But you failed to realize that when a truck tire disintegrates, the huge pieces of rubber and steel wire can damage fuel and brake lines. In this situation, the freshly spilled diesel oil on the surface severely reduced traction. When changing lanes behind a view-blocking truck, it's better to leave several seconds in front of you. And when you saw the tire shards, you might have stayed in the right lane a little longer to avoid both the loose rubber and the possibility of a fuel spill.

### Update on Experienced Rider Courses...

As seen in the District Newsletter, here is some information on Experienced Rider Courses. The information about the riding course you have been waiting for has now arrived. **Time is of the essence.** We have 4 dates available:

5/1 Friday 1-6 PM 8 openings (Maybe a retiree?)

5/9 Saturday 7:30 AM to 1 PM 12 openings

5/10 Sunday 7:30 AM to 1 PM 12 openings

5/25 Monday 7:30 AM to 1 PM 8 openings

Some other information to be aware of: License is required (of course). Full riding gear is a requirement: full-fingered gloves, long-sleeve shirt/jacket, long pants, over-the-ankle footwear, and a DOT approved helmet.

Relative to your bike: Proof of registration, which should show you're insured. Your bike will be inspected prior to taking the class. (<http://www.centralmasafety.org/motorcycle.htm>) This link will get you to their site for more information and a map to their training facility.

We need to know RIGHT AWAY how many riders are now interested in booking a spot. We have to call "The Man" to block available spots. We also need payment up front to assure participation. We need you to call me at 978-927-2246 with your preference. It will be a first come, first served. Should we fill up all the classes, we will start a waiting list and see about more dates. If you have any questions, email [seanginny@comcast.net](mailto:seanginny@comcast.net).



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## Birthdays & Chapter Meeting News...

### Chapter Meeting News...

**Attendance:** 27 members  
**New Member(s):** Tony & Caryn Lopez  
**Guests:** George & Gale Mayo, District Directors;  
 Weglarz, MED Coordinator  
 Karen Newhall, District Treasurer.

**Next Meeting:** March 16, 2009  
 B'Shara's  
 7:30 pm

**Bakers:** February—Anniversary Cake!  
 March—Debbie Cardin  
 April—Adrienne Lacey

**50/50 Winner:** Larry Stevens

### 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...

#### February

4 Ron Archambault  
 14 Don David  
 14 Juan Lizardi  
 15 Darlene Clark  
 15 Alan Wilcox  
 16 Marie Debarge  
 27 Elaine Gilroy  
 27 Cheryl Walker

#### March

5 Melanie Davie  
 28 Brenda Archambault  
 30 Mark Debarge

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](mailto: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\*)**  
**SARGES CYCLE SERVICE**  
**SARGE**



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## Fun Events Update...

Chapter D held their February breakfast gathering at Bickford's in Westfield, MA, on February 8<sup>th</sup>. The questions asked were about Rider Education and lottery tickets were won by five chapter participants. Melanie David and Claire Pouliot both went home winners. March is the last breakfast before the riding season starts. Make sure you make it and perhaps you too can win some cash. Either way we all leave winners because we get to spend some quality time with and get to know the other participants in the Chapter. Next Fun Events are listed below:

Chapter Breakfast

Location: **Bickford's Family Restaurant**

Rte 20 (Back Room Reserved)  
Westfield, MA

Time: **10:00 AM**

Date: **March 8<sup>th</sup>, 2009**

We are also attending a Pancake Breakfast to help Lorraine's Soup Kitchen. Lorraine has stated that Dennis (married to her daughter Debbie) is her favorite son-in-law. The details for that event (also in March) are as follows:

Lorraine's Pancake Breakfast

Location: **Applebee's Restaurant**

Memorial Drive  
Chicopee, MA

Time: **9:00AM (meet at Applebee's)**

Date: **March 21<sup>st</sup>, 2009**

Cost: \$5 p/person

NOTE: Tickets must be purchased in advance from our very own Claude Pouliot. No tickets available at door. Claude can be reached at **(413) 592-2007**.

FUN Events are additional activities for the chapter that may or may not include motorcycle riding. We try to do most of them in the off-season but if you have any ideas that you would like us to pursue please send them to Adrienne Lacey (not Bill Lacey) at [adrienne.lacey@verizon.net](mailto:adrienne.lacey@verizon.net).

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### Upcoming Events...

#### MARCH:

3-8	Chapter D Breakfast—Bickford's in Westfield	10:00 am
3-16	Chapter D Meeting—B'Shara's in West Springfield	7:30 pm
3-21	Lorraine's Benefit Pancake Breakfast—(see page 5 for details!)	9:00 am
3-28	Chapter D Benefit Dance—KOC in Chicopee, MA	8:00 pm

#### April:

4-20	Chapter D Meeting—B'Shara's in West Springfield	7:30 pm
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~The rest of April's events are a secret! Come to the March meeting and pick up your 2009 ride calendar!~