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GWRRA MA Chapter D

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From the Director's Chair...

We're into about midpoint of the riding season, and the weather hasn't been too bad unless you listen to the weatherman or live in the Berkshires. We've had some great rides, and I hope you've been on them. We have some great ones coming up; there are 3 more chapter fundraisers to come. You should remember this is how they raise money to run their chapters and donate to charities. We do the same with our dance.

We had a good July meeting. Bob Quirk lead us to a great ice cream stand—Bob is the expert when it comes to ice cream.

Darlene and I went to the all New England Rally on Saturday. There were about 200 people there as well as a few vendors. People looked like they were having fun.

The past months rides were a lot of fun and most were not affected by the weather.

6/21-- Moore State Park was rained out. Because we couldn't go to Newport on 6/28 due to the Air Guard Show, we went to Moore instead. It was a good ride.

7/5 -- Marble Museum and the Castle in Rutland, Vermont. It was a good ride up and interesting to see.

7/12 -- Quechee Gorge—maybe the curse has been lifted. This time it didn't rain even though Claude was there and it was in Vermont. When we stopped for ice cream, the chapter pitched in \$2 towards everyone's ice cream. This is the second time we have done this.

7/18 -- NE All District Rally. Claude & Claire went Thursday and Friday, and Darlene & I went Saturday. It looked like it was successful and people had a great time.

7/19 – Mt. Greylock. It was a great day, and the new road up to the summit was a great improvement over the last time we went there. I led to Lee and Chris Leber led the rest of the way. The views were breathtaking, and the weather was clear. We had a picnic lunch and some people went up into the tower. We met with some of Chapter A's members as they were rode there also. Chris led us to an ice cream stand (what a surprise) then we traveled home on some back roads, great day.

Next month's rides;

8/8 -- TJ O Connor Ride for the Animals ~ 8:00 ~ I'm leading

8/9 -- Gillette Castle ~ 9:00 ~ Dennis Cardin leading

8/16 -- Ride for Shriner's ~ 10:00 at Westwood Restaurant, Westfield ~ Bill Lacey leading

Also—I have a copy of Sarge's inventory which includes part for 1200, 1500 and 1800 accessories.

Bill & Darlene Clark
Chapter Directors, MASS Chapter D



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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...

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.

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





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Safety & Education

Street Strategy / Sudden Stopper

By Ken Condon

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

You and your longtime riding partner are in synch most of the time. The two of you seem to read each other's minds and maneuver as a carefully choreographed duo.

This day, you and your friend decide to meet up with a group of riders from an internet forum. You are a bit late to the meeting spot, so when you arrive the parking lot is already full. You and your partner must search for a suitable spot in an adjoining parking lot, so you follow your friend to the parking area.

Your friend seems to have a plan, so you follow close behind. Suddenly he makes an unexpected turn and comes to an abrupt stop. You react instinctively by grabbing the front brake, but because you are leaned slightly the bike begins to tip to the left. Your motorcycle is tall for your inseam, which makes it difficult for you to support the motorcycle securely. You try to keep the bike upright, but it's too heavy and down you go.

You are now on the pavement with your foot caught underneath the motorcycle. Your friend quickly comes to your aid and lifts the bike. Thankfully you are wearing your sturdy riding boots, which prevents significant injury.

It's easy to depend on fellow riders to act as you expect, but even the most predictable people can throw a curve. Next time keep more distance and stop if there is any question about what the parking plan is and then proceed when he is settled.

To prevent a low-speed fall, it is also important to understand the techniques for riding slowly and the consequences of abrupt braking. Stability diminishes with speed, so it is smart to maintain at least a fast walking pace when possible and avoid abruptly closing the throttle which can upset balance. To help control speed, it is better to use the clutch and rear brake while maintaining a steady throttle position. When it is time to stop you must be perfectly upright with your handlebars perpendicular to the bike to prevent a tipover and apply the brakes gradually so you have time to ensure that the bike is in fact upright. Keeping these tips in mind will help you to avoid another embarrassing mishap in the future.



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Birthdays & Chapter Meeting News...

Chapter Meeting News...

Attendance: 20 members
New Member(s): Chuck Anderson
Guests:

Next Meeting: June 15, 2009
 B'Shara's
 7:30 pm

Bakers: July, August

We've given up Biker Bakers
 In favor of post meeting
 ICE CREAM rides!

Wa-HOOOOOO!

Monthly Drawing: Faith Blackwell (YES! Finally!)

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...

July

3 Debbie Cardin
 17 Joe Marsche

August

3 David Hawley
 10 Chris Lamontagne
 16 Roger King

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.

Looking to BUY: Used GL1500--preferably 1998 - 2000 Contact Gary Heard (413) 267-5656.

Looking to SELL:

Front rim - 1500 - pictures on request. Had as spare. Bought 1800. \$200 + shipping (what I paid for it). Contact: Burnickas@Comcast.net

Cruiserworks Waterproof riding boots. Size 9W Ladies. Pull-on style. Good condition. Asking \$100 or BO. Contact Faith at (413) 596-8507.

Two KG rain suits—one size large; one size small. Color: blue with black trim. Contact Jack Roberts (413) 583-8662 (home); or (413) 222-4409 (mobile).

One size large air conditioned helmet that heats and cools your head. You need to wire it into the bike and mount the control—comes with all the parts needed. Contact Bill Clark for details: masschapterd@charter.net



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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

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Upcoming Events...



AUGUST:

8-8	TJ O'Connor "Ride Like an Animal"	10:00 am
8-9	Gillette Castle	9:00 am
8-16	Ride for Shriners (leaving from Westwood Restaurant, Westfield)	10:00 am
8-17	Chapter D Meeting (B'Shara's West Springfield)	7:30 pm
8-23	Kancamangus Highway	8:00 am
8-29	MA District Event—Barre Falls Dam (pre-registration required by 8/21)	9:00 am
8-30	Devil's Hopyard	8:00 am

SEPTEMBER:

9-21	Chapter D Meeting—B'Shara's in West Springfield	7:30 pm
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