



# WingWords

GWRRA MA Chapter D

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- WebMonster  
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## From the Director's Chair...

Here we are in mid June, and the weather hasn't gotten real hot yet—great riding times. That's if you don't listen to the weatherman, they seem to be always wrong. We have some great rides coming up, and we hope to see you all there. The next rides we have coming up are:

- June 28 Topiary Gardens in RI leaving at 8:00
- July 5<sup>th</sup> Marble Museum leaving at 8:00
- July 12<sup>th</sup> Quechee Gorge leaving at 8:00
- July 16-18<sup>th</sup> New England District Rally
- July 19<sup>th</sup> Mt Greylock leaving at 9:00

Most GWRRA events will provide members with a pre-registration form for their event. This form is used for a number of different reasons.

- The price may be/usually is lower to participants who pre-register.
- The pre-registration form is used as an unofficial head count of attendance.
- The form can be used to tally the largest chapter, oldest/youngest or longest distance traveled rider, etc.
- Some events offer an additional raffle or door prize to pre-registered guests and it also helps to provide the sponsor of the event with working capital to hold the event.

If at all possible, please pre-register for all events

Americade had some of the best weather in years. We had a great time, and Jack Gilroy led us on two great rides:

- The first ride was to Fort Ticonderoga. We rode some great back roads to get there, and we only visited the gift shop. Jack then took us to a great diner he had heard about, it was worth the stop. The food was great, the strawberry shortcake was huge, and the prices were reasonable. The ride back to Lake George was as good as the ride up.
- The second ride was a ride to enjoy the day and the ride. Jack found another great diner to stop for lunch. On the way to lunch we passed an old closed restaurant that had a tree in the middle of the building. One of the locals told us people used to eat sitting around the tree.

There were a lot of vendors as usual but not as many people as in past years, so it was easier on Friday to move around. The fireworks were great as always and they had some great prizes as well. If you have never gone to Americade, you should take a day trip—I always enjoy the week there.

Our Thursday night chapter supper was well attended, and we were greeted by the owner with a hug. The food and the people in our group were great. In past years, we have invited Slick, who stays in the same motel as we do, to join us. He is from London, England, and is a real biker. He has built a jet trike that is on youtube.com. He's the life of the party and he flies over for Americade every year.

## All New England Rally

We discussed at our last meeting the reason for the All New England Rallies. They came to pass because each district (state) had their own rally, and there were many to attend. By having only one rally a year in a different district you only go to one a year, so the travel and costs were less.

This year it's in Rhode Island, so it's not that far away. We, as a chapter and as being part of a district, share in the proceeds of each rally. We are expected to do some work at the rally. This year MA Chapters are in charge of 50/50 sales. Please volunteer to work at the rally. We can only get to be there on Saturday, I would hope that some other members can be there.

**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 Krynicky 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...

### Ice Cream Ride

Janine's Frostee, at 149 East Street in Ware, is having a Cruise Night on Friday July 10<sup>th</sup> from 5-8:00 pm. This Cruise Night is sponsored by Chicopee Savings Bank (CSB). CSB is the biggest sponsor for our dance and has been since the beginning. In addition to door prizes they also give us a cash donation.

I would like for our chapter to go to this event and wear our chapter shirts. I will take a picture to pass on to the board of CSB to show that we supported this event. Janine's has great ice cream, and they have a good looking menu. You can go to the web site and check it out ([www.janinesfrostee.com](http://www.janinesfrostee.com))

We will leave from McDonald's on Burnett Road in Chicopee at 5:15 pm. I realize that this might be to early for some, so please meet us there when you can, and we will enjoy the cars, ice cream and socializing.

Darlene Clark

Half of the team of GWRRA MA Chapter D Directors

### 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:

- 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 / Crosswalks

By Ken Condon

(from July, 2009 \* Motorcycle Consumer News, by permission)

A brief rain shower passes through the area while you are getting ready to leave work, dampening the road way and cooling the air. You know that this time of year often brings wet weather, so you are prepared with weatherproof gear. You are aware that safe wet weather riding requires good traction, so you are sure your tires have a good amount of tread remaining and that the tire pressures are at the proper level.

With the assurance that you and your bike are ready, you thumb the starter and ride off. You know that water not only lubricates the road surface, but it also suspends accumulated road grime so that traction is reduced. Since the shower did not last long, it crosses your mind that the grime probably isn't completely washed away, so you ride cautiously, making sure you brake early and smoothly and corner carefully.

Many of the intersections on your way home have crosswalks that feature painted areas with a decorative brick border. You know that both can be slippery when wet, so you ride over these areas carefully, keeping the motorcycle upright and avoiding abrupt braking, turning or accelerating.

You are stopped at one such intersection waiting for the traffic light to turn green. When it does, you release the clutch and begin to roll forward. But, as soon as your rear tire reaches the brick section of crosswalk, the tire suddenly spins and you fishtail out of control. The bike whips left, then right and slams to the ground.

You are stunned at the sight of your bike on its side with your leg trapped beneath. You are able to get your legs free and right the motorcycle with the help of bystanders. Because you were wearing protective riding gear and your speed was low, damage is minimal to both you and the bike.

The blacktop afforded decent grip for a normal launch, but the brick section of crosswalk did not. The reduced amount of grip was not adequate for the amount of driving force you introduced, which caused the rear tire to spin. When starting off over potentially slippery surfaces, it is important to roll on the throttle smoothly and ease the clutch out slowly in anticipation of a change in the amount of traction the road surface has to offer.



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- National Director:  
Melissa Eason  
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Lorraine & Earl Knight  
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- District Directors  
George & Gale Mayo  
gmayo19@verizon.net

## Birthdays & Chapter Meeting News...

### Chapter Meeting News...

**Attendance:** 24 members  
**New Member(s):** 1—Jack O.  
**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:** Bill Lacey

| Chapter Birthday List... | June                 | July            |
|--------------------------|----------------------|-----------------|
|                          | 4 Carol Walker       | 3 Debbie Cardin |
|                          | 17 Dennis Lamontagne | 17 Joe Marsche  |
|                          | 17 Karen Newman      |                 |
|                          | 20 Kathy Bravo       |                 |
|                          | 22 Thomas King       |                 |
|                          | 23 Gary LaPalme      |                 |
|                          | 27 Frank Kamlowski   |                 |

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

### 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!

## 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).

### Looking to BUY:

Used GL1500--preferably 1998 - 2000 Contact Gary Heard (413) 267-5656.

### Looking to SELL:

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](mailto: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

(IF YOU TO COME DURING THE WEEK\*CALL 589-9261\*)  
SARGES CYCLE SERVICE  
SARGE

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### **Upcoming Events...**



|                |                                                 |  |         |
|----------------|-------------------------------------------------|--|---------|
| <b>JULY:</b>   |                                                 |  |         |
| 7-5            | Vermont Marble Museum                           |  | 8:00 am |
| 7-2 to 7-5     | Wing Ding                                       |  |         |
| 7-12           | Quechee Gorge Village                           |  | 8:00 am |
| 7-16 to 7-18   | New England All District Rally                  |  |         |
| 7-19           | Mt. Greylock                                    |  | 9:00 am |
| 7-20           | Chapter D Meeting (B'Shara's West Springfield)  |  | 7:30 pm |
| 7-26           | MA Chapter F Poker Run                          |  | 7:00 am |
| <b>AUGUST:</b> |                                                 |  |         |
| 8-17           | Chapter D Meeting—B'Shara's in West Springfield |  | 7:30 pm |

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