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GWRRA MA Chapter D

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From the Director's Chair...

Well this month is coming to an end which means that riding season is close. The first ride is the chicken run on April 5th starting at McDonald's; a drivers' meeting at 9:30 and leave at 10:00 promptly.

On March 20th, I went with three chapter members to Chapter W's meeting and captured their mascot "Woody." It was great fun to see their faces, and they knew what we were there for. I will have some pictures of the capture in the newsletter. We will have pictures at Lorraine's Soap Kitchen Breakfast and at the Rays of Hope dance.

Last Sunday we had a team riding get together, and I think everyone learned a great deal. Then, some took a ride to practice what they learned—I'm told it was a good time.

Next month we'll discuss past and future rides, so if you have any questions bring them up. The ride leaders for each ride will talk about the ride, where we're stopping for rest breaks and projected time of arrival. They will talk about what we're doing there as well as lunch plans and the time we're returning.



The mascot crusaders...

I hope this will generate interest in our rides and get new ideas for next year.

We have included the article and picture that was sent to national to be put into Wing World. I hope it makes it soon as there is about a three-month lead time for the magazine.

Bill & Darlene Clark
Chapter Directors
MASS Chapter D

Other news...

Rays of Hope Benefit Dance Update

Well it looks like we did it again. The dance went well, and everyone seems to have had a good time. I have heard from some of the "dancers," and they all said it was great as usual. Channel 22 and Channel 3 showed up and did a segment on the dance. We can all be proud of doing a great job. Without the teamwork, we could never pull it off. I want to thank everyone for your help. We should be able to announce the donation to Rays of Hope at the April meeting. We will present the check at our May meeting. Now we can relax and enjoy our riding season.

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



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

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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)...

On February 26th, 1983, history was in the making. A group of motorcycle enthusiasts met in Ludlow to discuss joining a rapidly growing motorcycle organization, GWRRR. After a lot of brow beating Frank "Sarge" Gallo was persuaded to step up and become the first "Area Rep" (now called Chapter Director) of Massachusetts Chapter D. A lot has changed since that date. Region C merged and became a part of Region B. Chapters have come and gone but MA Chapter D has remained a constant.

The motto, 'Friends for Fun, Safety, and Knowledge' is still an important part of the Chapter. Sarge has kept many of our Wings running over the years and has been a beacon of light to many a stranded mc rider.

Rich & Brenda Goessling's son Mark, designed our Chapter logo, the Green Dragon.

We have always participated in charity events and 6 years ago started our annual dance to help raise money for a local breast cancer awareness group called Rays of Hope. We have raised approximately \$20,000 to date for this cause.



The Chapter rides every weekend and goes on ice cream rides during the week. We play on our bikes from April until November. Our Fun continues during the winter months with breakfasts and other Fun events. Thank you GWRRR for motivating our original charter members to take on the responsibility of starting the Chapter so that so many of us could have FUN.

Attached is a Chapter photo taken at our 26th Anniversary party. Missing from the photo was our Chapter Photographer, Neil Hawley (because someone had to take the pictures).

Kneeling: Denis Lamontagne, Tony Lopez

Row 1: Elaine Gilroy, Darlene Clark (Chapter Director, "Sarge" Gallo, Adrienne Lacey, Melanie David, Caryn Lopez

Row 2: Al Wilcox, Faith Blackwell, Karen Newman, Jack Gilroy, Mark Goessling, Debbie Cardin, Carol Walker, Brenda Goessling, Rich Goessling

Back Row: Neil Newman, Bill Clark (Chapter Director), Bill Lacey, Chris Leber, Paul Gallant, Dennis Cardin, Larry Stevens, Ken Walker

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.gwrrmass.org





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Safety & Education

Street Strategy / Sitting Ducks

Unknown Author

*(from January, 2007 * Motorcycle Consumer News, by permission)*

You're riding home through the maze of shopping center entrances and neighborhood access streets after a hard day of work. Traffic lights control the heavy commuter traffic. It's a routine ride, but you are distracted by the nagging thought that you've left your cell phone at work, so you take the opportunity at the next red light to quickly search your tank bag to find out.

You stop behind a minivan, click the transmission into neutral and begin opening the bag's zipper when you hear squealing tires behind you. A quick glance in your mirrors reveals the sickening sight of a car closing very fast. You squeeze the clutch and stomp the bike into first gear, but you're too close to the minivan to maneuver out of the way. The impact sends you violently backward onto the hood of the careless driver's car with the back of your head smashing into the windshield. Thankfully, you were wearing a helmet and you escape with only a seriously bruised elbow and shoulder. Unfortunately, your motorcycle is a total loss.

It was a good idea to eliminate the distraction about your cell phone, but it would have been smart to pull over out of traffic, or at least wait until the surrounding traffic was completely stopped before attempting to search your tankbag. When sitting in traffic, it's smart to keep your motorcycle in first gear and your attention on your mirrors to identify and react quickly to hazardous situations from behind. Flash your brake light to alert inattentive drivers that you are stopped. Finally, it's better to stop far enough away from vehicles in front to allow a near-straight escape route between the rows of cars to the left of in the breakdown lane to the right. Following these simple steps can prevent you from being a sitting duck.



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Birthdays & Chapter Meeting News...

Chapter Meeting News...

Attendance: 23 members
New Member(s):
Guests:

Next Meeting: April 20, 2009
 B'Shara's
 7:30 pm

Bakers: March—Debbie Cardin
 April—Adrienne Lacey
 May—Al Wilcox
 June—Chris Lamontagne

Monthly Drawing: Jack Gilroy (it's a fix! Haha)

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...

March

5 Melanie David
 28 Brenda Archambault
 30 Mark Debarge

April

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

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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“NOTICE”

NO SERVICE WORK WILL BE DONE

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Upcoming Events...

APRIL:

4-5	Chicken Run—Wright's Chicken Farm	10:00 am
4-12	Pick-Up Ride	10:00 am
4-19	Sugar Ride	10:00 am
4-20	Chapter D Meeting—B'Shara's in West Springfield	7:30 pm
4-26	Higgins Armory Museum	10:00 am

MAY:

5-18	Chapter D Meeting—B'Shara's in West Springfield	7:30 pm
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