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From the Director's Chair...

We would like to wish all members a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

We had our Christmas Party on the 6th and all who attended had a good meal. The Elks did a great job for us. We had about 20 people there and had fun with the Chinese Auction and talking about coming rides. The district directors George & Gail Mayo joined us.



We have a new place to hold our meetings, the iHop on Riverdale Road in West Springfield. Some members have said they wanted to go back to a restaurant so that they can come from work and get a meal. The date and time for meetings has not changed. It is the third Monday of the month at 7:30 pm starting the 18th of January.

the Statue of Liberty.

The ride committee will be meeting soon, so get your suggestions in. We are looking at a New York trip to

We are also looking for a new Fun Chairperson—you don't have to attend all the events, just get them set up. We would like to thank Adrienne Lacey for the years she has given the chapter in this role!

Bill & Darlene Clark
Chapter Directors, MASS Chapter D





Chapter Sponsors:

Ace Shoe Repair
1215 Parker Street
Springfield, MA 01129
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Center City Muffler
709 Russell Road
Westfield, MA 01085
(413) 562-3944
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PL Krynicki Ins. Agency
459 Main Street
Indian Orchard, MA 01151
(413) 543-9119

**Latin American
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120 Maple Street
Holyoke, MA

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
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(413) 543-3211

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325 Walnut Street Ext.
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(413) 786-0266

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Westfield, MA 01085
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Sarge's Cycle Service
32 Rood Street
Ludlow, MA 01056
(413) 589-9261

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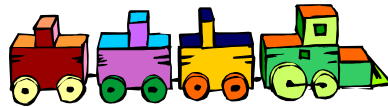
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Other news...

Meeting Location Reminder!

We are moving our meeting place to the IHOP at 640 Riverdale Street in West Springfield. **Many thanks to the LAMAs for allowing us to use their clubhouse!**



Secret Pal

There has been some interest in starting up Secret Pal again for next year. Please think about it, and we will discuss it at the next meeting and explain what Secret Pal is to our newer members.

A Note from your WebMonster

I would like to put a new photo collage on our home page! If you have a good fairly recent digital photograph from a chapter event or of a chapter member, please e-mail it to me! If I get enough pictures, we'll have a new front page soon! My e-mail address is Faith.Blackwell@comcast.net

We don't really have enough photos to generate albums for all the events—but if I can get one or two from each event, I'll do a "GWRRA Chapter D Nod to 2009" album on our Photos page!





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Safety & Education

Street Strategy / "Sunset Surprise"

(from December, 2005 Motorcycle Consumer News, by permission)

Just because there wasn't any gravel on the road a few minutes ago doesn't mean it isn't there now.

You've enjoyed hanging around the motorcycle rally, "kicking tires and telling lies," but late Saturday afternoon you decide to experience that twisty road over the mountain pass that everyone has been bragging up. The road turns out to be exciting as they said, and one advantage of turning around and riding down the mountain is that you've just seen the road and you know what the surface is like. You feel more comfortable riding aggressively, closer to the limits of the traction and lean angle.

But, halfway down, approaching a sharp, downhill left-hander, you are shocked to see a fresh trail of gravel spread across the pavement. It wasn't there a few minutes ago. You quickly lift the bike vertical and get hard on the brakes, sliding through the loose gravel and straight off the pavement onto a level dirt area. Apparently within the last few minutes some local driver spun his tires, spreading gravel out onto the pavement.

Your tactic of getting the bike vertical and sliding straight off the road was good, but you were extremely lucky there was a level area to slide into, rather than a tree or a rock wall. This could have been a serious crash.

While it's fun to ride aggressively, avoiding accidents requires that you always keep speed within sight distance, and never assume you know what you can't see. Downhill left-handers are more hazardous because of gravity and surface camber. Clever riders slow down earlier when approaching potentially hazardous situations, not only to scrutinize the surface, but also to ensure there is no cross traffic.



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Birthdays & Chapter Meeting News...

Chapter Meeting News...

Attendance: 10 members
New Member(s):
Guests:

Next Meeting: January 18, 2010
 IHOP, 640 Riverdale Street,
 West Springfield, MA
 7:30 pm

Biker Bakers: Looking for volunteers!

Monthly Drawing: ?

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...

November

23 Lynn Cyr
 23 Mary Patrie

December

2 Ken Walker
 7 Brenda Goessling
 7 Jim Haggerty
 15 Terry Cripps

January

9 Peter King
 11 John Fortini
 11 Ron Hood
 14 Neil Hawley
 17 Rich Goessling
 21 Judy Lizardi
 28 Jane Dupuis
 31 Adrienne Lacey

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).

2007 CSC Escapade Trailer fully loaded. Original cost of \$5700 for sale for \$3900. Less than 1000 miles on it; looks like new. Ad on the GL Board: <http://gl1800riders.com/forums/showthread.php?t=224578>. Contact: Steven Vieira, Rehoboth, MA; Mobile #: (508) 962-3267



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“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...



January:

1-10	Chapter D Breakfast—Bickford's in Westfield	10:00 am
1-18	Chapter D Meeting—IHOP 640 Riverdale Street, West Springfield	7:30 pm

February:

2-14	Chapter D Breakfast—Bickford's in Westfield	10:00 am
2-15	Chapter D Meeting—IHOP 640 Riverdale Street, West Springfield	7:30 pm