



WingWords

GWRRA MA Chapter D

www.gwrramasschapterd.com

email: masschapterd@charter.net

October 2009

Page 1

Chapter Officers:

- Chapter Directors:
Bill & Darlene Clark
- Asst. Chapter Directors
Dennis & Debbie Cardin
- Chapter Secretary
Debbie Cardin
- Treasurer
Elaine Gilroy
- Safety Educator
Jack Gilroy
- Chapter Couple
Claude & Claire Pouliot
- Membership Officer
Open
- Fun Chairman
Adrienne Lacey
- WebMonster
Faith Blackwell

In this issue:

From the Director's Chair 1

Other News... 2

Safety & Education 3

Birthday &
Chapter Meeting News 4

Classifieds 4, 5

Upcoming events... back

From the Director's Chair...

Well here we are at the end of the riding season, and it has been a rainy year. We all hope next year will be better.

Lorraine's Soup Kitchen ride was finally held on the rain date—October 4th. The weather was a lot better, and it was a great ride. The food was good; and, of course, we went for ice cream after.

It rained for the Chicken Run, so we went in cars (surprise). As always, the meal at Village Haven was good with sticky buns and a stop at Wright's Dairy after.

The ride committee is looking for ride suggestions for next year. The forms are at the website on the Events page, or I will have them available at the meetings. We have all the other chapter fund raisers so we just need input from the members.

We are working on a ride to Statue of Liberty during the summer with Don David leading. He really knows New York, so it should be a great ride. Last year's ride to the Intrepid was really a great time—ask anyone who went!

Christmas Party

This year's Christmas Party will be held on December 6th at the Ludlow Elks on 69 Chapin Street in Ludlow, MA. We will be having a sit-down family style dinner. The meal will be roast sirloin of beef and roast loin of pork with gravy. There will be soup, salad, potato, vegetable, assorted rolls, coffee, tea, and cake. The price is \$5 per person. We need to know who is attending and need the money by November 22nd.

We will do our Chinese auction again this year. Everyone who is going to participate in the auction should bring a \$10 gift. For our new members, we will explain the auction at the next meeting.

As of now, the time is noon – 3 pm. We must be out by 3 pm. We are going to see if we can start at 11 instead of noon, and we can do half the auction before we eat and finish it after. We will inform you if we can start at 11 am.

Bill & Darlene Clark
Chapter Directors, MASS Chapter D



WingWords

GWRRRA MA Chapter D

October 2009

Page 2

Chapter Sponsors:

Ace Shoe Repair

1215 Parker Street
Springfield, MA 01129
(413) 782-3770

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

Latin American Motorcycle Association

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

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...

Meeting Location Reminder!

We have a new meeting place the LAMA's Clubhouse! There is enough room for us, and you don't have to buy food. When I announced the loss of our meeting place, the LAMA'S offered their Clubhouse to us right away! It is clean, and they have enough tables and chairs for us. **My staff and I want to thank the LAMAs for their offer.**

Directions to the LAMA Club House, 120 Maple Street, Holyoke, MA.

If you come on Route 391, go to High Street,
Turn right,
Go all the way to the end,
Turn left
Then take next left which is Maple Street.
120 is the next block on left.
There is on street parking.

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 "GWRRRA Chapter D Nod to 2009" album on our Photos page!



WingWords

GWRRA MA Chapter D

October 2009

Page 3

Safety & Education

Street Strategy / "Shark Repellent"

(from Motorcycle Consumer News, by permission)

You're riding a familiar two-lane highway that is often clogged with tourists during the summer months. At the moment you're being held up by a carload of gawking tourists, but you're looking for an opportunity to get around. Because of the curves there are very few places to pass, but you know there is a straight coming up where you might be able to get around the dawdlers. You've learned to be patient on this road after seeing a number of close calls when over-eager drivers took chances trying to pass slow-moving vehicles. But when you scrutinize the passing zone ahead, you see traffic in the other lane, and decide not to pass. What's more, you don't like the looks of a tailgating "road shark" who is driving aggressively, darting over the centerline, apparently looking for a hole where he can squeeze around.

You realize that the shark might dart over to pass as the car ahead of you goes by. You also suspect that an aggressive driver might not be expecting or looking for a motorcycle. To position yourself farther away from a possible sideswipe, you move over to the right side of your lane.

Sure enough, as soon as the car ahead of you has gone by, the shark immediately swerves over to pass. Had you stayed in the left side of your lane, you very likely would have been hit. You've managed to avoid what could have been a fatal accident by scrutinizing the road ahead, observing the aggressive "shark" and taking evasive action before the situation became critical. Moving towards the right side of the lane reduced your conspicuity, but increased your separation from a potential hazard.



WingWords

GWRRA MA Chapter D

October 2009

Page 4

GWRRA Officers:

- National Director:
Melissa Eason
meason@gwrra.org
- Region B Directors
Lorraine & Earl Knight
lknight33@cox.net
- District Directors
George & Gale Mayo
gmayo19@verizon.net

Birthdays & Chapter Meeting News...

Chapter Meeting News...

Attendance: 13 members
New Member(s):
Guests:

Next Meeting: November 16, 2009
LAMA Clubhouse, 120 Maple Street,
Holyoke, MA
7:30 pm

Biker Bakers: Looking for volunteers!

Monthly Drawing: Claude Pouliot

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...

October

2 Eddie Colon
7 Jack Gilroy
8 Claude Pouliot
9 Bill Clark

November

23 Lynn Cyr
23 Mary Patrie

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



WingWords

GWRRA MA Chapter D

October 2009

Page 5

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

GWRRR MA Chapter D

Bill & Darlene Clark, Chapter Directors

Email: masschapterd@charter.net

<Mailing label here>

www.gwrramachapterd.com

Upcoming Events...



November:

- | | | |
|-------|-------------------------------------------------------------|----------|
| 11-1 | Daylight Savings Time! Fall BACK! | |
| 11-8 | Chapter D Breakfast—Bickford's in Westfield | 10:00 am |
| 11-16 | Chapter D Meeting—LAMA Clubhouse, 120 Maple Street, Holyoke | 7:30 pm |

December:

- | | | |
|-------|---------------------------------------------|-----------|
| 12-6 | Chapter D Holiday Party—Ludlow Elks Club | noon-3 pm |
| 12-13 | Chapter D Breakfast—Bickford's in Westfield | 10:00 am |