

WingWords...

February 2010

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Message from the Director

Highlights from our last meeting included a discussion about the upcoming ride calendar and monthly drawing.

- The calendar should be ready by next meeting.
- The members decided that the monthly drawing is no more.

We are waiting to get the Rays of Hope Dance done and start riding.

As always the Chicken Run will be the first ride of the year. We'll be going to Wright's and the bakery afterwards. It should be a lot of fun, and we hope to see you all there.

We have accepted the resignation of Dennis & Debbie Cardin as assistant chapter directors effective Monday February 15th. We thank them for their service to us and the chapter.

Is there anyone interested in becoming a chapter director, assistant chapter director or chapter educator? All these positions will need to take the Officer Certification Program. If you are interested, please contact us.

There were 15 members at the meeting.

Bill & Darlene Clark

Chapter Directors, Mass Chapter D



Chapter Officers

Chapter Directors:
Bill & Darlene Clark

Assistant Chapter Directors
Open

Chapter Secretary
Open

Treasurer
Elaine Gilroy

Safety Educator
Jack Gilroy

Chapter Couple
Open

Membership Officer:
Open

Fun Chairperson:
Open

WebMonster
Faith Blackwell



Other News

March 14th Breakfast Change - For the last winter breakfast, we will meet at **Pomeroy Sugar House** instead of Bickford's. We have to meet there for 10 a.m. They will be waiting for us, and have asked us to be prompt. Here are the directions:

Pomeroy Sugar House

From Mass Pike West:

- Mass Pike I-90
- Take Exit 3 Westfield/Northampton
- Turn left at lights - Southampton Road.
- Turn Left at 2nd set of lights – North Road/Purple Onion.
- Turn right at the Stop Sign – Russellville Road.
- Pomeroy Sugar House ¼ mile on the right.

From US 91 North:

- US 91
- Take Exit 15 - Ingleside
- Turn left at lights – Lower Westfield Road.
- Turn right at end of street – Homestead Ave.
- Turn Left onto Westfield Rd/US-202.
- Follow US 202 past the Purple Onion at the corner of 202 and Southampton Road.
- Turn right at Russellville Road
- Pomeroy Sugar House ¼ mile on the right.

Rays of Hope Benefit Dance

Unfortunately, because of poor ticket sales, a decision has been made to **cancel** the Rays of Hope Benefit Dance this year. It was to be held on March 27th.

Everyone who has purchased tickets will be reimbursed, and all door prizes will be returned.

If you have any flyers posted anywhere, please remove them.

Bill & Darlene Clark
GWRRR MA Chapter D Directors

Safety & Education

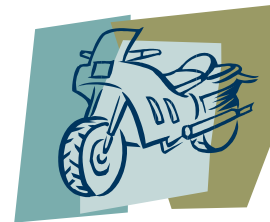
The trouble with living in the big city is that you have to survive heavy traffic to get out of town to the twisty back roads you prefer to ride. Today, you're about halfway across town, approaching a confusing situation with pedestrians, cabs, busses, cross traffic and a lane closed ahead for construction. There's a girl on a bicycle waiting to cross but she seems to be staying put.

You're more concerned about that black van ahead waiting to turn left. You'd prefer to move right to get farther away from the black van, in case the driver attempts a quick left turn. You shift down and apply the front brake lightly to prepare for a quick stop and monitor the van's front tire for movement. But the driver of the black van waits for you to get through the intersection, and you breathe a sigh of relief.

Then, without warning, the gray van on your right starts moving over toward you, and you have to swerve out of the way to avoid a collision. You're barely able to get out of the way in time, yet the driver just motors along without any awareness he almost hit you.

You were smart to be aware of the left-turning van, because that's the most likely accident scenario for a motorcyclist in city traffic. But you should also have been aware of the moving van ahead, and predicted that the gray van next to you would move left to avoid it.

You should also have been more aware of your position relative to the gray van and avoided riding in the other driver's blind spot. He might not have seen you at all, or didn't realize you were so close. When riding through an intersection next to another vehicle, it's better to move up parallel to the driver's window.



Street Strategy Midtown Mayhem

By Ken Condon

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Meeting Info

Attendance: 15 Members
New Members: n/a
Guests: n/a

Next Meeting: Mar. 15, 7:30 pm
IHOP
640 Riverdale Street
West Springfield, MA

Birthdays

February

Ron Archambault	Feb. 4
Don David	Feb. 14
Juan Lizardii	Feb. 14
Darlene Clark	Feb. 15
Al Wilcox	Feb. 15
Marie Debarge	Feb. 16
Elaine Gilroy	Feb. 27
Cheryl Walker	Feb. 27

March

Melanie David	Mar. 5
Brenda Archambault	Mar. 28
Mark Debarge	Mar. 30

Upcoming Events

Chapter Breakfast – Pomeroy Sugar House, Westfield Mar. 14, 10:00 am

Chapter Meeting – IHOP, West Springfield Mar.. 15, 7:30 pm

Classifieds

Sarge's Cycle Service – No Service Work will be done. Selling parts only— Saturdays from 9:30 am – 3:30 pm. 50 percent off until all parts are gone. Oil will be at 30 percent off regular price. **During week, call (413) 589-9261.**

Cruiserworks Waterproof Riding Boots – Size 9w Ladies, pull-on style. Good Condition. Asking \$50 or BO. Contact Faith at (413) 596-8507.

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

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