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From your directors...

Our motorcycle family met this month and we talked about the past (past rides), the present (5th All New England Rally), and the future (Ride for Kids). The other chapter events have pretty much come to an end, except Chapter W has their BBQ for Battered Women on Sept. 17th, which you should pre-register for soon. Our Chapter picnic is August 27th – the Chapter buys the hot dogs, hamburgers and rolls. We will need salads, condiments, and deserts from those who plan to attend.

The issue of safety and how to be sure that, if needed, your medical information can be handy has been a big discussion for the past few months. A medical tag that is not much bigger than zipper pull was presented as a possible solution. This could be worn either as a zipper pull or you can have it on a chain around your neck with your entire medical information listed for emergency purposes. Paramedics do not look in or around your bikes, but they do look on your person for either medic alert chains or bracelets. Not all of us need medic alert, but we all should have this information readily available if the need arises. If you would like to get more information contact me.

Mentoring Moments

Flying Old Glory Correctly

Now that riding season is here, in most parts of the United States most motorcycles have Old Glory and other flags on their bikes. If we fly Old Glory, let's fly her correctly.

The US flag should always be on the bike's right hand side (and, therefore, the Rider's and Co-Rider's right hand side as they sit on the bike). Any other flag should be on the bike's (and, also, Rider's and Co-Rider's) left hand side.

When there are more than two flags – for example, a number of flags of states or localities or pennants of societies – grouped and displayed from staffs, then the flag of the United States of America should be at the center of the group and at the highest point of the group.

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The Importance of Pre-Registration

Most **GWRRA** events will provide members with a pre-registration form for their event. Forms are used for a number of reasons:

1. The price is lower for participants who pre-register.
2. The pre-registration form is used as an unofficial head count of attendance.
3. The form can be used to tally the largest chapter, oldest/youngest or, longest 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. This item was copied from a newsletter—but it's good for all to be aware of why this is done.

Claude & Claire Pouliot

Chapter Directors

...and from the Assistant Director...

Rain, rain, go away, come again another day. Okay, so someone was listening and the rain went away. But who forgot to pay the air conditioning bill? Just when we thought that the weather would cooperate, we were bombarded with unbearable heat. This did not stop some of us from attending the All New England District rally.

There were lots of opportunities to play the people games which were taking center stage. Then there was the challenge put out to the New Jersey folks by our own Bill Lacey, District Director. This was a great challenge starting with miniature golf, go-carts and the final event was bumper boats. I had the chance to meet Fred Rau and his wife Cee. Fred has written many articles—some of which have appeared in Wing World. Both Fred and Cee are world travelers and have ridden thousands of miles on their motorcycles.

Fred was part of the first team of Mass District people to take part in the challenge, along with Mark and Wayne Anderson. All of them were like little boys and seemed to enjoy the bumper boats the most. With temperatures in the high 90s, it's no wonder that the water challenge was the most enjoyed.

For those of you who were unable to join us this year at the rally, I have some pictures for everyone to enjoy.

Let's hope that the weather gets cooler, we have lots of rides still to enjoy. Remember when you ride in the heat keep bottled water handy as well as something to keep you cool.

Ride safe, ride cool and hopefully we will see all of you soon.

Mark & Marie

Assistant Chapter Directors

Monthly Features

Attendance: 22 Members
Guests: 1
New member:

Next Meeting: August 21st , 2006
B'Shara's, West Springfield, MA
7: 30 pm

Biker Bakers: Mystery Baker!

If interested in helping let us know—we can use the help. A small payment is paid for supplies, and about 30 members come to a meeting.

July

Joyce Beaupre	3
Joe Marsche	17
Maria Desmarais	19
Donna Lemoine	24
Tom Scheiblich	30

August

David Hawley	3
Lynn Szaban	4
Chris Lamontagne	10
Ken Walker	10
Jerry Nedeau	11
Roger King	16

If you're birthday isn't on our list, please let us know!

Claude & Claire

Classifieds / Articles for Sale:

Are you looking for motorcycle related articles for sale or to purchase? Send me e-mail so I could paste it here in our news letter lots of people get to read it.
