

WingWords...

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Message from the Director

Here we are 2½ months from riding again, hopefully the weather will be better. The Ride Committee is meeting on Saturday to do the ride schedule. There will be some great rides to go on and have fun with.

The Rays of Hope Dance is coming soon, and Darlene will talk about that in another part of the newsletter.

We had the first meeting at our new meeting place, the IHOP Restaurant on Riverdale Road in West Springfield. There were 17 members present, everyone seemed to enjoy the meal and the room. The winner of the drawing was Chris Leber.

We are having a Red Cross CPR class this Sunday put on by Neil Hawley. Some people were asking for this so Neil is doing it for us!

We hope to see you all at the rides and meetings this year.



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Other News

Rays Of Hope Benefit Dance

This year we have to work a little harder!

Our dance is coming up SOON—March 27th! The flyer is available on our website at:

<http://www.gwrramachapterd.com/fundraiser.htm>

There is **another** group holding a benefit dance for Rays of Hope the night before ours. It is a different type of dance, but they may be going for door prizes as well. We'll have to get out there and get our door prizes as soon as possible. We have lost four sponsors this year because of the economy, so we have our work cut out for us. Please remember this is **your** benefit dance, and everyone should do their part.

NO ONE PERSON CAN DO THIS.

If you can take tickets and sell them, please contact us and we will get tickets to you. Remember all those you work with that have you buy Girl Scout Cookies etc. It is now your turn. If someone says they don't go to dances, ask them to sponsor you by buying a ticket. Ticket sales are not good this year.

Remember members have a discount price of only \$10 until February 15th (next meeting). The form is on our web site. Even if you can't go to the dance, please support your chapter and buy a ticket.

We are looking for people to work the night of the dance. We need someone to sell 50/50 tickets and someone to work the door from 8:30 to 9:15. We will also need snacks—no popcorn, please!

Darlene Clark

GWRR MA Chapter D Director

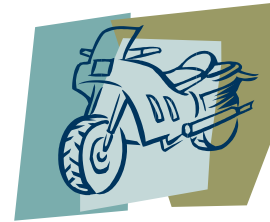
Safety & Education

You and your friend are far from home on secondary roads that are not known to either of you. You are leading the way with your buddy riding behind. The road you're on was selected by your friend's GPS, but is looking more and more like a road better suited for tractors than motorcycles. You stop at an intersecting road to confer with your navigator. His GPS suggests that taking a right-hand turn might provide a better route with an improved road surface.

With a nod, you both point your front wheels to the right and accelerate briskly. The road ahead quickly rises uphill. As you crest the hill, you are shocked to see the road turn to loose dirt and gravel. You brake quickly to slow before reaching the loose surface. That's when you feel a violent impact from behind. The next thing you remember is lying face up on the edge of the road with your friend lying about 20' away near the fallen bikes. You assess your condition as mostly shaken, so you crawl over to your friend to offer assistance. Your friend will need medical help and both motorcycles are in a heap of wreckage and will need towing.

After quizzing your friend about what happened, you find out that he was still messing with his GPS while you both were accelerating up the hill. With his eyes glued to the GPS screen and his left hand punching the buttons, he never noticed your brake light and proceeded to plow into the back of your bike.

GPS devices can really help you find the way during riding adventures. But, it's important to not let them draw your attention away from the immediate need to watch what's going on ahead. It's best to refer to any navigational aid when stopped and resist the temptation to read a map or GPS while rolling.



Street Strategy Device Distraction

By Ken Condon

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Meeting Info

Attendance: 17 Members
New Members: n/a
Guests: n/a

Monthly Drawing: Chris Leber

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

Birthdays

January

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

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

Upcoming Events

Chapter Breakfast – Bickford's, Westfield	Feb. 14, 10:00 am
Chapter Meeting – IHOP, West Springfield	Feb. 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.

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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
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Valley Motorsports

216 North King Street
Northampton, MA 01060
(413) 584-7303