



# GOLD WING ROAD RIDER ASSOCIATION (GWRRA)



Region B (Northeast Region) / **Maryland - Chapter H**  
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### ACTIVITIES & ARTICLES

#### **The Progressive & 50/50 Raffle Winners Were!**

Progressive payout next gathering will be \$10  
 Jeanne Parker (PA) \$10.00 (1st 50/50)  
 Cathy Kelly \$15.00 (2nd 50/50)  
 Fran Haslup \$25.00 (3rd 50/50)

#### **Happy Birthday!!!**

William Wheeler 12 Apr  
 Kay Bond 29 Apr

#### **Happy Anniversary!!!**

Paul & Betty Koermer 15 Apr  
 Mike & Fran Haslup 26 Apr

#### **Greetings from the Chapter's Director** **Sue Miller**

Spring is finally here. I just wish the weather would cooperate. All this rainy weather can be challenging so be careful out there.

Here is a recap of what we did in March. We attended Chapter A's Bowl-A-Thon. We were not only the largest chapter in attendance with 23 bowlers and 3 non bowlers, we won the tournament. We had fun and won \$100.00. Our thanks for this big win goes out to Mark Davis (Paul Koermer's brother-in-law) with a 394, Paul bowled a 366, Chris a 317, Peter a 304 and Bill Hartman with a 284. We will definitely be back next year.

On the 12 March, 23 brave souls met at Route 222 and Route 1 at 0900 for our Frozen Chosen Ride. Boy, it was cold. Neal Reynolds led us on a short ride to a great breakfast. The food was great and the hot coffee was even better. We ate until we were busting at the seams. The Chapter surprised us by picking up the breakfast tab. After breakfast the sun was trying to come out and warm us up. It made the riding a little more comfortable. Neal led the way to an Amish market in PA. We bought cheese, jams, and admired the many knickknacks that were for sale. Neal then surprised us by leading us to his house where Carol was waiting with homemade pies, ice cream and coffee. What a treat and the pies were delicious. I want to thank both Neal and Carol for doing such a great job. Can't wait to see what happens next year.

*(Pictures of Frozen Chosen Ride courtesy of Cathy Kelly)*



*Neal leading the crowd*

There are many events coming up in April and early May. Wednesday, April 6<sup>th</sup> will be our first ice cream social. We are meeting at Brooms Blooms on 543 & 136 at 7:00PM. Come early and have dinner. Saturday, 16 April is the Oyster and Ham supper at GAP, PA. If you are interested, be at the Royal Farms at Route 222 and Route 1, gassed and ready to go at 2:30PM.

Due to Easter falling on the 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday, we will hold our gathering on 17 April. After the gathering, weather permitting we will hold our annual Parking Lot Practice at the Lowes on Route 24. For those of you who cannot attend the gathering, the parking lot practice should start about 1030 AM. On April 30, we have two events to attend. Some of us will be attending Delaware's A fundraiser, the HOB0 Stew at Lums Pond State Park in Delaware. There are others who will attend Chapter B's fundraiser the Fish Fry. This fish fry is not to be missed for those who like fish. On Sunday, May 1<sup>st</sup> is the MAP Baseball game in Waldorf. We will be talking about motorcycle awareness and you will have the opportunity to ride your bikes around the ball field before the game. Included in your fee, is a nice lunch. Please come and join us. It is for a good cause and it will be fun. As you can see, we have eventful months ahead of us.

One other note, if anyone might be interested in being my Assistant let me know. I can hold this position for 3 years but without an ACD, the chapter could fold in 3 years. Please do not let it happen. That's about all the news I have for now. Please ride safely.

Sue

**[Greetings from the Chapter's "Rider Educator"](#)**  
**Debbie and Dave Sorrick**

I thought the following article, written by Bruce and Melissa Thayer, former Asst. Rider Educators for Michigan District, was worth sharing. I hope you all agree.

Dave

**Why Should I Take a Rider Course?**

This question is one that many of us find easy to answer. What we may not understand is why anyone would need to ask it. There are some riders in each of our chapters that choose not to participate in an instructed Rider Course. Let's examine this and try to understand why, and look at what a Rider Course can do for you.

Some may say, "I've been riding for years. I don't need to take a class." Others will boast about the miles they have accumulated on two wheels and ask "what can they

teach me?" Have you ever tried to persuade someone with that attitude that a Rider Course might help them be an even better rider? Their position can be so negative and so strongly put that you don't want to talk to them about the benefits of rider training. Sometimes, people hide their self doubt behind a curtain of confidence and bluster. Is it possible to have all the knowledge and skill necessary to avoid any accident? Well, if one chooses not to ride very far or very often, then perhaps it is possible. But I wouldn't want to bet **my** life on it!

Do you remember a single season in your riding career without at least one close call or near miss due to another motorist's driving behavior? How about a single *month*? If you ride around the state or across the country, you expose yourself to many different situations that require anticipation of all the possible actions of other drivers. You have to be prepared to counter with the proper response – *whatever their action* – and do it in a split second! A motorcycle Rider Course helps prepare you mentally and physically to execute the kinds of maneuvers called for by a driver's unexpected actions. We look upon these classes as an opportunity to learn and improve our riding skills in a safe environment.

The instructors are trained to spot the little techniques during range exercises that riders tend to forget to employ on the road. They provide reminders to all students in a positive manner. Their trained eyes and constructive comments are geared to put each of us on the path to being the safest riders we can be. This can help with your attitude and performance on the road. Being reminded of the best techniques to execute different skills does not hurt at all. It is painless. The practice and coaching helps to improve our skills, whether we never knew the technique to use, or just need the occasional reminder. Hey, who doesn't appreciate a reminder from time to time? Especially when it is about something you want to do correctly and safely, but may have just forgotten the best method.

In athletic training we are taught that practice makes perfect. And when you practice something you enjoy doing, it's just a lot of fun! Practicing motorcycle riding maneuvers in a closed parking lot with someone else (the instructors) monitoring the range to protect the riders from outside hazards helps you focus your attention on the task at hand – becoming a better rider!

On another level, taking a Rider Course will help you qualify for advancement in the Rider Education Levels

Program, to Level II or above, or keep you current in your present level. And there is one more thing to remember about *all* GWRRA Rider Course offerings. Nobody fails! Everyone who completes the course receives a course completion card. There are no minimum performance requirements. You are asked to push yourself to improve your abilities. You won't get better at it if you don't try. Sign up for a Rider Course today. You will thank yourself later!

(By Bruce & Melissa Thayer)

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### **CHAPTER FAMILY NEWS!**

On one very cold day in March,  
Pete & Alice Surette picked up their new boat  
*"Our New Adventure"*

#### **CONGRATUALTIONS PETE & ALICE**



Paul Koermer is selling his motorcycle trailer.

**FOR SALE / FOR SALE / FOR SALE**



**2003 Kompact Kamp Excell  
Motorcycle Cargo Trailer**

Ordered and picked up direct from the manufacturer in PA in 2003. It has never titled or registered/considered new, not used. This trailer has only been used on several short trips. "Being sold because of non use", the trailer is in excellent condition and has been stored indoors and covered.

- Weighs less than 150 pounds
- 17 cubic feet of cargo space
- GVWR rating of 500 pounds
- Options/standard features; molded fender & light bar assembly, rubber torsion independent suspension system, 12in tires and wheels, gas-assist lid props, LED tail and marker lights, chrome hinges & lid handle, chrome covered tow bar, black gel coat fiberglass with red pin striping (pin striping is tape not paint and can be removed).

It can be towed by Gold Wing, HD, or other small vehicle for extra space. The trailer retails for \$2495.00/Asking \$1800.00 OBO. If interested, contact Paul directly @ (410) 877-9010 or email: [cliffy1353@gmail.com](mailto:cliffy1353@gmail.com)

### **\*\*\* Gold & Wing Update \*\*\***

*When last spotted, the two birds were hanging out at the Kelly's ranch in Bel Air. Keep an eye out for these two birds; they are prone to dropping in un-announced...*

*More pictures of the Frozen Chosen Ride.*



**THIS MONTH'S MEMBER SPOTLIGHT!!!**



**DO YOU KNOW WHICH MEMBER THIS IS?**

Here are some answers given by this member *during a recent interview* > > >

**What was your first motorcycle (year/make/model)?**

1973 Honda CB 350

**Describe your first motor cycle ride (including when and where)?** *I borrowed a Yamaha 440 Sport from the owner of the home where I lived and spent the day riding around the local area. At the time I did not have a motorcycle endorsement on my driver's license.*

**Why did you decide to become a member of GWRRA/MD CHPT H?** *While traveling for work I stumbled across the Mississippi State GW rally in Biloxi Mississippi. After spending the day talking to attendees at the rally and seeing the vendors I was intrigued at the organization and immediately contacted the Chapter Membership Coordinator upon returning home.*

**What has been your most memorable bike ride?** *This one is a tossup. It would have to be either the first time that I took a long distance trip (over 500 miles from home) on my wing or the 9 straight hours of riding home in the pouring rain from a rally.*

**What would you say is your ultimate stress buster?** *My hobbies...*

**What would you like more time for, to do what?** *I would like more time to spend perfecting one of my hobbies and traveling with family.*

**What would you say your life motto is?** *Celebrate the Future, Hand in Hand*

**What would be your most favorite home cooked meal?** *Sour Beef and Potato Dumplings*

**NOW DO YOU KNOW WHO THIS IS?**

**Email the editors and let us know who you believe it is ([housanml@comcast.net](mailto:housanml@comcast.net)).**

## UPCOMING EVENTS

(see online calendar for most current events listing)

[http://www.google.com/calendar/embed?src=62cvnknm91c5jhb5h30bn2sfp0%40group.calendar.google.com&ctz=America/New\\_York&pvttk=e5a4f78a1426af1589b9657977676304](http://www.google.com/calendar/embed?src=62cvnknm91c5jhb5h30bn2sfp0%40group.calendar.google.com&ctz=America/New_York&pvttk=e5a4f78a1426af1589b9657977676304)

Please Visit Chapter H's Web Page for flyers  
with additional details @:

<http://www.gwrra-mdh.com/Home-Page.php>

**Apr 06: MD-H** Ice Cream Ride, Brooms Bloom, Route 543 7PM

**Apr 10: MD-C**  
**MD-L** Chapter Gatherings  
**PA-V**

**Apr 13: MD-H** Staff Meeting

**Apr 16: MD-I**, 4<sup>th</sup> Annual Golf Tournament  
**MD-K** Westminster

**Apr 17: MD-H** Chapter Gathering

**Apr 17: MD-H** Parking Lot Practice (Lowes, Rt 24)  
Lead by Pete and Alice Surette following the chapter h  
gathering

**Apr 23: DE-H** DE A - Bear DE  
PA-B Lancaster

**Apr 30: MD-B** Fish Fry Fun Day  
**DE-A** Hobo Stew

**May 01: MD-District** MAD Event (Regency Furniture  
Stadium) Waldorf, MD (flyer attached, w/registration)

**May 18: MD-H** Staff Meeting

**May 22: MD-H** Chapter Gathering

**Jun 16-18: Wing Fling**, Duluth, GA

**Jun 22: MD-H** Staff Meeting

**Jun 26: MD-H** Chapter Gathering

**Jul 28-30: Maine** New England Rally

## CHAPTER GATHERINGS

### **MD A - 1st Sun. Eat at 8 A.M. meet at 9:00 A.M**

Golden Corral  
Arundel Mills Road, Arundel Mills Outlet Mall  
Satellite Area  
CD/Tom & Gail McCormick 410-787-2584

### **MD B - 3rd Mon. 7:30 P.M.**

Seat Pleasant Recreation Center  
5720 Addison Road Seat Pleasant, Md.  
CD/Charles Simms [cjsimms1956@aim.com](mailto:cjsimms1956@aim.com)

### **MD C - 2nd Sun. Eat at 8 A.M. meet at 9:00 A.M.**

Golden Corral  
6701 Chesapeake Center Dr Glen Burnie, Md.  
CD/Butch & Debbie Harvey 410-519-5563

### **MD H - 4th Sun. Eat at 8 A.M. meet at 9:00 A.M.**

Golden Corral (across from Wal Mart)  
Route 40 Aberdeen, Md  
CD/Sue Miller 410-668-1318

### **MD I - 1st Sun. Eat at 8 A.M. meet at 9:00 A.M.**

Hooters  
3600 Crain Hwy, Waldorf, Md.  
CD/ Robert & Juliana A'Heam 301-997-1254

### **MD J - 3rd Sat. Eat at 9:00 A.M meet at 10:00 A.M.**

Bob Evans, 2402 Brandermill Blvd,  
Gambrills, MD 21054  
CD/AI & Jackie General 410-963-3414

### **MD K - 3rd Sat Eat at 4:00 P.M. meet at 5:00 P.M.**

New York J P Pizza (Finksburg Plaza)  
3000 Gamber Rd, Westminster, MD  
CD/ Richard & Dolores France

### **MD L - 2nd Sun. Eat at 8:30 AM Meet at 9 AM**

Denny's  
8493 Ocean Gateway. Easton, MD 21601  
CD/Milton "Spanky" Barth 410- 924-8371

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### **DE A - 4th Sat. Eat at 8:00 A.M. Meet at 9:00 A.M.**

Damon's Grill  
149 N. Dupont Hwy. New Castle, DE 19720  
CD/Dan & Terrie Chappell 302-836-0633

### **DE B - 1st Sun. Eat at 8:30 A.M. meet at 9:00 A.M.**

Pizza King  
300 W. Stein Hwy. (Rt 20) Seaford, De.  
CD/ Ken & Lois Ingram 410-208-4803

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### **PA A - 1st Sun. Eat at 9:00 A.M. Meet at 9:45 A.M.**

Holiday Inn 943 South High St  
West Chester, PA.  
CD/Randolf Chessman 610-358-2624

### **PA B - 4th Sat. Eat at 9:00 A.M. meet at 10:00 A.M.**

Apple Tree Family Restaurant 100 South Centerville Road  
Lancaster, PA.  
CD/ Larry & Ruth Ann Greathouse 717-626-7435

### **PA C - 3rd Sat. Eat at 8:30 A.M. Meet at 9:30 A.M.**

Antrim Restaurant (use banquet door entrance)  
104 E. Baltimore St, Route 16 Greencastle, PA.,  
CD/Betty & Blain Wiswander 717-369-3570

### **PA V - 2nd Sun. Eat at 8:00 A.M. meet at 9:30 A.M.**

Cross Keys Motor Inn Banquet Center  
Corner of Routes 30 & 94 Hanover, PA.  
CD/ Dennis & Kathy Brillhart 717-266-4829



## CHAPTER "H"

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Home of GWRRA MD  
Chapter "H" Meetings  
Join us for Breakfast  
8am Fourth Sunday (Each Month)

*GOLDEN CORRAL*  
Rout 40  
Across from WalMart  
Aberdeen, MD



[Map to "Golden Corral" Aberdeen MD.](#)