



# GOLD WING ROAD RIDER ASSOCIATION (GWRRA)



Region B (Northeast Region) / **Maryland - Chapter H**  
Serving Harford, Baltimore & Cecil Counties & Southern Pennsylvania  
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## "Mason-Dixon Wings"

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**NEWSLETTER**

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### ACTIVITIES & ARTICLES

#### [The Progressive & 50/50 Raffle Winners Are!](#)

There was no Gathering in December

#### [Happy Birthday!!!](#)

Marge Nagel – 2 Jan  
Babs Jarvis – 17 Jan  
Jim Harper – 21 Jan  
Cathy Kelley – 23 Jan  
Gene Woods – 31 Jan

#### [Happy Anniversary!!!](#)

Judith & Shane Patishnock – 3 Jan  
Cathy & Rick Brown – 25 Jan  
Ruth & Rodney Malone – 26 Jan

#### [Director's Article\)](#)

**By Cathy Kelley**

#### **Happy New Year, Chapter H!**

We hope everyone had a wonderful holiday season and are ready to start the year 2010 with a great attitude of fun, safety and knowledge.

We have the **Holiday Party on Saturday, January 2** at the Bayou Restaurant in Havre de Grace where we'll enjoy good company and food and have some fun too. Don't forget your \$10 gift! We'll have the contest entry for Winterthing there again this year for you to view and comment on. Hopefully you'll think it's a winner like we do. A bunch of folks used a lot of talent to make it great.

We will also announce our new **Chapter Couple** at the party. See you there!

The next thing in January is our District Rally **Winterthing** in Ocean City on January 7-9. There's still time to get in on the fun, so plan to join us there. As we announced earlier, if you go, the chapter will reimburse you \$20 of the cost. There is so much more going on this year – you have to come check it out. See the link in the events box below to check out the schedule. Those of you coming, be sure to bring those costumes and accessories to go with our Halloween theme for Friday night. Our Irish get-ups last year were great and lots of fun. I've seen some of your costumes from Ginger's wedding so I think we'll look great again this year.

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#### Our Christmas Needy Family

Thanks to Ruth Malone for working with the folks at Army Community Services to find us a needy family to support at Christmas. I hope most of you saw the emails so you know we did an all-out effort, spending over \$600 to support the wife and 4 kids of a deployed serviceman. Thanks to your generosity throughout the year and our great treasurer for keeping the bank account fat, we were able to provide a nice Christmas for them.

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We'll have Chapter H calendars at the Holiday Party and at the gatherings to show the events already planned. Of course you can always check the Google calendar that Rick updates online and Chris has linked from our website. We hope to see many of you at events and on rides this year. Stay healthy and let's see how many

**Chapter Meeting - 4th Sunday at the Golden Corral, Aberdeen, MD  
Breakfast @ 8:00 A.M. / Meeting @ 9:00 A.M.**

new folks you can **recruit** for Chapter H this year. We added 7 new members in 2008 and 4 new members in 2009. Let's see if we can beat those numbers in 2010. One of our goals this year is to have completed and documented what we need to be considered for **Chapter of the Year**, a relatively new honor in GWRRA that we can easily qualify for. Recruiting is one of the requirements. Come to the gathering to hear more about it.

Also, we'll be going over the Spaghetti Bingo duties in our January gathering so if you have questions or want to do something new, be sure to join us. You'll get some emails this month also.

### [Assistant Director's Article](#)

**By Sue Miller**

As I start the new 2010 decade and my first year as a newly retired person, I want to take a moment and reflect backward, thanking everyone who made an effort to go visiting in 2009. It seems some of us have gone everywhere this past year. While everyone is busy with life's events in general and it might seem difficult to spare time for chapter visits, I hope to see some fresh faces join us in 2010. It will be wonderful to think that more members will take advantage of the enjoyment that comes with sharing the road on a bike and visiting with friends.

I hope your holiday season was as enjoyable as mine was. I didn't get any riding in but I look forward to getting out there soon. On that note, anyone who has been riding since Nov 30th, please send Cathy Kelley your new starting mileage as of Jan. 1, 2010, otherwise she will use your 2009 ending mileage for this year's starting numbers. Anyone who didn't send any mileage to Cathy last year and wishes to do this year please do so by Jan. 1, or as soon as you can.

I think by the time you get this newsletter we will have had our Christmas party. Hopefully everyone had as good of a time as I am sure I did. The next week we will be at Winterthing I am looking forward to just as good a time. Don't forget your costumes for the contest at the Friday Night dance. We will also have table decorations for the contest Friday night too. Wendy and I are putting together our chapter's basket for the raffle. Check it out when you get there along with all the other chapter baskets. We have bingo on Fri. and Sat. I'm not sure what time, but we need a few people to help with sales during the games. We will be also selling the race cars Friday & Saturday until the race Saturday afternoon. We will need volunteers to help sell them. There are plenty of seminars to take as well. So see you there.

Well be careful out there if you are still riding.  
Sue Miller

### [Ride Coordinator's Article](#)

**By Rick Brown**

Hello Chapter H,

Our first big snow has come and gone already; the New Year will have started by the time you get this; the days are getting longer. So, put all that together and it means that it won't be long before most of us will be dusting off the machine, washing and waxing to get her all pretty for the first ride of the season, our annual Frozen Chosen. All hopes being fulfilled many of us will be chosen; however none will be frozen - at least that's my idea of a "frozen" ride - just chilly thank you very much. Maybe, just maybe, March 6 will provide that very weather for us. Balmy breezes and 60 ish - ahhhhhhh! Now that's my kind of ridin'!

On another note, our Chapter H calendar is still a work in progress and it has progressed much over the last couple of months. Hopefully the calendar will automatically notify everyone of each event on our calendar in plenty of time to make plans and clear a spot on your own calendar should you choose to participate in any particular event. Keep in mind that the event notices that you receive are just that, notices. In and of themselves they are not saying that anyone else is going or that a meeting time and place has been established to go to that event. It is just information that the event is happening on that day. Also, in with each notice you will have the opportunity to accept, not accept or maybe accept the event. It will not be necessary to respond to that inquiry in any way. We will not make signup sheets or lists from these notices. The participation inquiries are a part of the calendar but no need to feel obligated to respond in any way.

As in the past if plans are developed to set up a meeting place and time with a ride leader that information will be contained within the notice or you will be notified by your ride coordinator when that information is developed and will certainly be kept informed of any changes as well. For now, for major events you should be notified 1 week, 3 days and 2 days in advance. For minor events you should be notified 3 days and 2 days in advance. These time frames can be changed if not needed or not wanted by the membership. If this becomes confusing or is simply too much notifying then it can be changed to practically anything we can reach a consensus on. As I said in the beginning, it is a work in progress and for a short time at least we need to see what works and what doesn't. So, when you have a few moments check out our brand new Chapter H web site. Chris has done a fantastic job in there. And while you're in there check out the whole calendar and familiarize yourself with the layout and what's on it for the whole year. From time to time new things will be added and some will be dropped. But you will have an excellent idea of what to expect and what to look for.

Cathy and I are currently getting revved up for Winterthing. We are looking forward to that very much and hoping to get some beach time in this year. It was way too windy and cold last year. There is a lot going on this year and the reservations as I understand are quite good. Hopefully many of you will be with us at Winterthing 2010. And, if you have nothing else to do and you want to waste an hour make plans to attend my membership seminar at 5PM on Friday. On the other hand you might like it. I think I'll be done in about 15 minutes and then have 45 minutes at the bar - sounds like a plan!

Chapter H's destination for this year is the combined New York-New Jersey Rally that will take place on August 5, 6 and 7 at Bridgewater, New Jersey. Much will be said and heard about this one in the coming months but you need to clear your calendar now so you don't get left out. It was great last year up in Norwich, New York. The spread that New Jersey provided on the Battleship New Jersey was wonderful so I can only expect that this rally in Bridgewater is only going to be bigger and better. I have read some scant articles on some of the anticipated rides in the country and other promotions taking place and it sounds like it's going to be a winner.

On January 1, 2010 Cathy and I will assume responsibility as Chapter H's Membership Enhancement Coordinators (MEC). I would like to thank Ken and Pam Bixler, our outgoing MEC. Under their leadership on this area, we have managed to increase membership during a time when the district recognized a small decline of approximately 5%. During 2009 many of you were contacted by Ken or Pam when your GWRRA end of membership term date drew near just as a reminder. Ken was also responsible for acquiring for us some public relations materials to hand out to prospective new members while out on our trips and short rides. As the Maryland District M.E.D. Coordinators we send many thanks to Ken and Pam for their steadfast and enthusiastic work which was accomplished so very well. But, they aren't getting off that easy. They aren't that far away. We plan on tapping into their knowledge and resources for some time to come - as long as they pick up the phone and answer their email anyway! I will likely have more on this mission in next month's newsletter.

I hope this little note finds everyone in good health, high spirits and warm and dry. Cathy and I wish you all a very happy new year, one filled with good health and safe comfortable riding. Our district had our share of accidents and injuries in 2009 so I would like to appeal to everyone to ride safely and only ride when you should. If you're not sure, park it. I can truthfully say that more than once we have gotten it all together, packed lunch, packed the bags, got dressed, put on the boots, coats, gloves and gear - only to sit on the bike and say "this don't feel right" - and we stayed home. Riding a motorcycle is kind of like sex - if it don't feel

good, it's not worth it! That's what I say anyway! Having said all that, here's wishing you a Happy New Year - particularly those who can't make the holiday party on January 2. Hopefully we'll see everyone bright eyed and bushy tailed at our gathering on the fourth Sunday!!

### [Editor's Comments](#)

**By Rodney Malone**

Ruth would like to pass on the heartfelt gratitude expressed from Mr. Alleyne, with the Army Community Services (ACS) office on Aberdeen Proving Grounds. As she dropped off the many wonderful gifts provided by Chapter H, he was very surprised that all the packages were for only the one family and noted how surprised and happy the family would be to see all the gifts under their tree on Christmas day.

**Member # 77346**

### **UPCOMING EVENTS**

*Please also remember to check the calendar online*

**Jan 7, 8, and 9** - Winterthing at the Clarion Resort in Ocean City MD. Visit the link for more details:

[http://www.gwrri-mddistrict.org/index\\_files/WinterThing.htm](http://www.gwrri-mddistrict.org/index_files/WinterThing.htm)

**Jan 13** - Ice Cream Night – 7pm at the Aberdeen Baskin Robin/Dunkin Donut Shop, located on Beards Hill Road

**Jan 28** – Our gathering 8-10 am Golden Corral, Aberdeen

**Feb 20** - Spaghetti Dinner Bingo, Mt Ararat Masonic Lodge. 136 E Gordon St. Bel Air, MD (snow date 27<sup>th</sup>)

**WATCH FOR EMAILS FROM RICK!**

## CHAPTER GATHERINGS

<b>MARYLAND CHAPTER</b>	
<b><u>MD A - 1st Sun. Eat at 8 A.M. meet at 9:00 A.M.</u></b>	<b><u>MD B - 3rd Mon. 7:30 P.M.</u></b>
Golden Corral Restaurant Arundel Mills Road Arundel Mills Outlet Mall Satelite Area CD/Bill Cogbum 443-904-0639	Seat Pleasant Recreation Center 5720 Addison Road Seat Pleasant, Md. CD/Bruce Hill 301-856-2329
<b><u>MD C - 2nd Sun. Eat at 8 A.M. meet at 9:00 A.M.</u></b>	<b><u>MD H - 4rd Sun. Eat at 8 A.M. meet at 9:00 A.M.</u></b>
Golden Corral 6701 Chesapeake Center Drive Glen Burnie, Md. CD/Butch & Debbie Harvey 410-519-5563	Golden Corral Route 40 accross from Wal Mart, Aberdeen, Md CD/Steve & Cathy Kelley 410-879-3063 skelley@jetware.net
<b><u>MD I - 1st Sun. Eat at 8 A.M. meet at 9:00 A.M.</u></b>	<b><u>MD J - 3rd Sat. Eat at 9:00 A.M meet at 10:00 A.M.</u></b>
Old Country Buffet Festival Shopping Center Route 301 South Waldorf, Md. CD/ Robert & Juliana A'Heam 301-997-1254	Bob Evans 2402 Brandermill Blvd Gambrills Md. 21054 CD/Michael Mangum and Kathryn Valdez 410-266-0092 familymangum01@aol.com
<b><u>MD K - 3rd Sat. Eat at 4:00 P.M. meet at 5:00 P.M.</u></b>	<b><u>MD L - 2nd Sun. Eat at 8:30 AM Meet at 9 AM</u></b>
New York J P Pizza Finksburg Plaza) Route 140 & 91 Westminster, MD CD/ David & Lori Boyce 410-775-2670	Batter Up Cafe 9 S. Central Ave. Ridgely, Md. CD/Milton "Spanky" Barth (410) 924-8371
<b>DELAWARE CHAPTER</b>	
<b><u>DE A - 4th Sat. Eat at 8:00 A.M. Meet at 9:00 A.M.</u></b>	<b><u>DE B - 1st Sun. Eat at 8:30 A.M. meet at 9:00 A.M.</u></b>
Damon's Grill 149 N. Dupont Hwy. New Castle, DE 19720 CD/Dan & Terrie Chappell (302) 836-0633	Pizza King 300 W. Stein Hwy. (Rt 20) Seaford, De. CD/ Ken & Lois Ingram 410-208-4803
<b>PENNSYLVANIA CHAPTER</b>	
<b><u>PA A – 1st Sun. Eat at 9:00 A.M. Meet at 9:45 A.M.</u></b>	<b><u>PA B - 4th Sat. Eat at 9:00 A.M. meet at 10:00 A.M.</u></b>
Holiday Inn 943 South High St. West Chester, PA. CD/Gary & Barb Dunn	Apple Tree Family Restaurant 100 South Centerville Road Lancaster, PA. CD/ John & Bonnie McClun
<b><u>PA C - 3rd Sat. Eat at 8:30 A.M. Meet at 9:30 A.M.</u></b>	<b><u>PA V - 2nd Sun. Eat at 8:00 A.M. meet at 9:30 A.M.</u></b>
Antrim Restaurant 104 E. Baltimore St, Route 16 Greencastle, PA., use banquet door entrance CD/Larry & Linda Dice	Cross Keys Motor Inn Banquet Center Corner of Routes 30 & 94 Hanover, PA. CD/ Doug & Cyndy Motter



<b>Bingo</b>					
7	28	38	51	66	
3	19	34	59	67	
14	29		53	74	
13	17	37	54	65	
8	18	40	60	72	

Come Join MD Chapter H For Their  
**13th Annual Spaghetti Dinner & Bingo**  
Mt Ararat Masonic Lodge  
136 E.Gordon St.  
Bel Air , Maryland  
February 20, 2010  
Snow Date February 27, 2010

Doors open at 4:30 PM, Dinner at 5:00 PM, Bingo at 6:00 PM

**MENU**

Spaghetti, Italian Bread, Salad & Dressing  
Coffee & Iced Tea, and Dessert  
And a night full of Bingo Fun!!

Dinner cost will be: \$10.00 a person in advance OR \$12.00 at the door  
Bingo Packages available for purchase.  
Reservations are encouraged by February 13, 2010

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Number Attending x \$10.00 = \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Name(s) \_\_\_\_\_ from Chapter \_\_\_\_\_

Please send reservation slip and a check made out to

“GWRRA MD Chapter H” to

Ms. Fran Haslup

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Abingdon MD 21009

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**CHAPTER "H"**

Steve & Cathy Kelley  
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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.](#)