

GOLD WING ROAD RIDERS ASSOCIATION

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**GWRRR
Richmond, VA
Chapter "D"
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JUNE 2011 NEWSLETTER**



**Couple of the Year – Bob and Hope Carneal
Your Next Gathering will be JUNE 22, 2011**

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2011

VA-D

SUN	MON	TUES	WED	THUR	FRI	SAT
			1	2	3	4
5 Ted's B'Day	6	7	8 Tom and Jacque Westendorf's Anniversary	9	10	11
12 Marie Crow B'Day	13	14 Chapter W Meeting 7 PM Pietroe's Flag Day	15 Chapter E Meeting 7 PM Fredericksburg	16	17	18 Chapter W Ride to Ralphs BBQ
19 Chapter U Meeting 3 PM New Ashcake Rescue Squad	20	21	22 Chapter D Gathering Chapter 27 th Anniversary Ethel's B'day	23	24	25
26 Tommy B B'Day	27	28	29	30 Billy Russell B'Day		

FUTURE IMPORTANT DATES – MARK YOUR CALENDAR

Monthly Gatherings Candela's Italian Restaurant – Eat at 6 Meeting starts at 7PM

Rte 288 to Midlo/Powhatan Exit –

Then right towards Midlothian 1 mile on Right

Rich and Debbie Bonham, Chapter D Directors News



Friends,

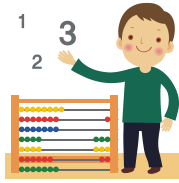
Well summer has not “officially” arrived yet but don’t tell me that! Has it been hot or what? I know we are all wondering what July and August will bring as far as the thermometer goes but we will see. Maybe the heat will wear itself down and bring better temperatures ahead.

I know July will be a busy month for Chapter D. Our Chapter will be 27 years old in July. We will have some special things going on for our July gathering so be sure you don’t miss it. Come celebrate our 27th year with us and bring all your friends to join in the fun. Also, several of us from Chapter D will be heading over to Knoxville to enjoy Wing Ding. I travel to Knoxville all the time for business but I never have time to take in the sights and all the nearby scenery. Debbie and I are looking forward to exploring the area and enjoying the many fun activities that are planned for us at Wing Ding. If you haven’t made your reservation yet, come on and join us. There are still many hotels available on the west end of town and you can still register for this great event. What better way to meet new friends and have a great time doing it. Come join us!

I know June has already been a busy month with the Tuesday rides that seem to be attracting more and more riders. This is a great way for you to come out and enjoy a great ride that is planned out by either Ted or Tommy. If you want to join the fun, call or email any of us to get the details. Also as I write this article, there are six folks from our group up in Americade. I checked in with a few of them already to be sure they haven’t depleted their checking account yet and to be sure they are having fun. They have reported the temperature in upstate NY is even above normal up there for this time of year. Americade is on my bucket list as I really want to make that trip one of these years. I have decided I am ready to retire if only somebody would give me the magic six numbers I need to win the lottery! If you do and I win, I will even buy you a kid’s meal at Burger King. Come to our June gathering on the 22nd to get all the Americade stories that I am sure the six guys will bring back with them.

You say you would like to take a ride? Where to? Tell us and we will plan on it. We encourage everybody to offer suggestions and come along with us on our rides. There are many opportunities for everybody to join in on the fun. Let me hear from you with your suggestions.

Until next month, ride safe and let’s ride!
Rich & Debbie



Membership Number

Look for your Membership # in this Newsletter. If you find it and bring your current membership card to the next dinner meeting, you will win ten 50/50 tickets for the drawing at the close of the next monthly meeting. Look for your number in this newsletter. It might be very profitable for you. A member recently won the 50/50 jackpot with his membership # tickets. It might happen to you!

Wing Ding News by Mike and Angie Mitchell, District Directors

Angie & I recently spent the weekend in Paint Bank with another couple who have become great friends over the years. We met these folks through GWRRA. Paint Bank as most of you know is the destination for a couple of rides that Chapter X has set up for us at Rally in the Valley. We enjoyed our ride out Rte 311 past the Home Place and winding up and down over several ridges before arriving at the Paint Bank General Store and Swinging Bridge Restaurant. We checked into the "Company House" which is a beautifully restored 1900s Railroad house. It was equipped with three bedrooms, two baths, living room, dining room and a full kitchen. It was set on a stocked trout stream across from the General Store in a private setting.

We enjoyed dinner of various types of Buffalo dishes, which is what they are known for. As we were unloading the cars, a helicopter arrived with 7 folks who had flown in from West Virginia for dinner. That was a good sign. Anyhow, we enjoyed the evening by the creek, sitting and talking. Like most conversations with our friends, the talk always turns to GWRRA. We talk about and debate the inner workings of the Organization, and how we feel that things could be better. We talk about what has worked and what has not, the good, the bad, and the ugly. I like to analyze things. I always have.

I know you are wondering "is there a point to this story?" well yes there is. Actually, there are several, but a couple I want to emphasize.

One, we spent a wonderful weekend enjoying the company of friends that we would not have known if we were not long time members of GWRRA. We have been lucky over the years in GWRRA in meeting folks that enjoy the same interests that we do. Those interests are not always GWRRA related. That certainly is the main common bond, and we almost always get around to "solving the world's problems" as it pertains to GWRRA. We have met people that we travel well with, and as most of you know, that is no small task. We have met people that we share hotel rooms with, and have on many occasions. Even more of a challenge. I know a guy that I can call up and say "let's ride to St Louis for ribs" and away we go, traveling the same way and enjoying each other's company along the way. We even have folks that we meet with regularly for dinner and games that are no longer members of GWRRA. Their lives have changed for one reason or another. We would not have met any of these wonderful people that we enjoy so much if we had not joined and maintained our membership in GWRRA.

Second, just like any other member of GWRRA, there are things that I personally like and dislike about GWRRA. Now I am not implying anything negative, just a fact of life. I don't know of anyone that likes anything 100% no matter how good it is. The point is, my friends and I can debate and discuss GWRRA and when the talk is done, remain not only friends, but fans of the organization. Does GWRRA appeal to every-one in every way? Of course not. Does everyone take advantage of all that GWRRA has to offer? No. 259665 Does anyone like all that goes on in the organization? No. The point is that GWRRA has things about it that everyone likes and dislikes, but the people you meet along the way, are what makes this such a great Association. Enjoy the people that you meet, and the activities and programs that are there for you, don't get too wrapped up in things that really don't make a hill of beans, and experience as much fun and enjoyment from GWRRA as I do! *Mike and Angie*



Marie Crow, Historian and Events Coordinator reports the Gossip, Rumors, Hearsay, along with Special Events

July is Chapter D's 27th Anniversary. Be sure to come out and see what we have planned for this special event.

Bike Rallies for 2011 – Larry insists that we should ride to all of them in 2011!

- June 6-11 Americade – Lake George, NY
- June 9-17 Bike Week – Laconia, NH
- July 6-9 Wing Ding – Knoxville, TN
- July 8-14 Bike Rally – Sturgis, SD
- Sept. 15-18 Delmarva Bike Rally – Ocean City, MD
- Sept. 28-Oct 2 Bike Week – Myrtle Beach, SC
- Oct. 6-9 Rally in the Valley – Salem, VA
- Oct. 13-16 Biketoberfest – Daytona Beach, FL

Chapter D will put together a “Virginia Wine” basket (see below) for the rally, so we will be looking for donations from you for the basket. Anything that is wine related is welcome. The more the better as the Chapter will make money on the basket. See Debbie Dowell or Hope Carneal if you have something we can use. Thanks a lot! See information on Basket Raffle Below ↓

**VA GWRRA HARVEST FESTIVAL
BASKET RAFFLE**



Enter a basket at Rally in the Valley to be raffled off and whatever amount your Chapter basket makes in the raffle, the District will reimburse you 50% of what your basket makes. For example, if your basket makes \$250.00, we will reimburse the chapter \$125.00. In many cases, the Chapter has the ability to make more than the value of the basket, especially if you get the items for your basket donated. Tickets for the basket will be purchased for \$1.00 a ticket.

Theme baskets are great, and we offer the following as ideas:
Harvest Basket, VA Tech Basket, Washington Redskins Basket, Dallas Cowboy Basket, Gold Wing Items Basket, Kitchen Items Basket, Items from VA Basket, Fall Food Basket, etc.

This is totally voluntary, so talk it over amongst yourselves in the Chapter and let Mike and Angie know by July 30, 2011 if your chapter would like to be included in this raffle. All baskets should be delivered to the Civic Center if at all possible on Thursday, October 6, 2011. The baskets will be put away in the evening for safekeeping.

Billy Russell, Chapter Educator



GWRRRA
Rider Education



June, 2011! Really? Already?

This summer promises to fly by even faster than all those before. There are a few rides on the calendar – Wing Ding, too – and, of course, we don't need ANY excuse for a ride. A few of us went to Americade (lucky dogs) and we're awaiting their reports.

Don't let it go so fast that you miss something ...

I think most of you know that I am a staunch supporter of the Levels program. With all the rides we're taking and the rallies we're attending, it's important to remember those Levels requirements. Are you due for a CoRider Seminar? CPR course? ERC? Another course/class? It's important to keep up those skills you use on two wheels – or four, six, or eighteen!

We all know the stuff, but sitting through a class or taking a range course supports that knowledge and might even make us remember a piece we had lost!

Chapter W (THANKS, LINDA) will be hosting a CPR class on June 11th and other courses are offered at Wing Ding and other rallies. We're going to host either a Group Riding class or a Road Captain class as soon as we can get it on our schedule (anyone interested please contact me). Sign up for a Wing Ding class or a Rally in the Valley class, or an independent class ... OR just let me know that you would like a certain class hosted by our Chapter!

However you do it, please remember to keep up your skills and learn more every chance you get ...

Levels program or not ... but don't forget those Levels program requirements!!

Anyone who is not in the Levels program and would like more information about it let Marty Link (our Assistant Chapter Educator) or I know. If you're in the program and need help with maintaining your Level or promoting, we're here to help.

We'll be happy to help you any way we can!

Keep your skills up!

Keep the rubber side down!

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2011 Couple of the Year News by Bob and Hope Carneal

June is here and brought with it some extreme hot weather. We hope everyone stays cool while out riding and don't forget to drink lots of water. We hope everyone is getting out and visiting other Chapters & their events. Good times were had by all that came to the Bill Miller Memorial Picnic. It was held at Westmoreland Park, a very nice place to camp. The poker run led us down to the beach area. We did we mention the great food didn't we? Very yummy!

We had a great time with friends and Bill's smile will be forever, remembered!

The All Chapters Picnic is August 27th. Mark the date for a day of good food, & fun with all the VA Chapter Couples.

Registrations for Rally in the Valley are coming in. Hope to see everyone attend Oct. 6th-8th in Salem, VA. Get your registrations in, hotel reservations made and mark your calendar. Angie & Mike have worked hard to plan lots of things to get involved in. Come and have fun with your GWRRRA family.

It's almost Wing Ding time. Hope to enjoy all that is offered in Knoxville TN. Bob and I will be heading out to California after Wing Ding, through Oregon, up to the GWRRRA Washington Convention, Sturgis & around Michigan, before heading home.

Here's hoping to see many of you at a meeting, event or just out riding. Hope to see you at our July Anniversary Special Meeting on July 27th. Bob & Hope

Buy, Sell or Trade (Motorcycle related items only)



If you have something motorcycle related to sell trade or give away, please contact our newsletter editor for information. The email address is graneth1@verizon.net or Rich at richardbb@comcast.net Please remember to let Ethel or Rich know when you would like to have the ad removed, especially if the item has been sold. Thank you.

Submission of pictures and articles is requested and encouraged. As a Chapter member, this is YOUR newsletter; articles may be submitted on a wide range of topics related to motorcycling and Chapter activities. All articles submitted to this newsletter will be edited at the discretion of the Newsletter Editor and Chapter Director based on available space. E-mail submissions to the newsletter editor at graneth1@verizon.net must be received no later than the 10th of the month to be entered in the current edition. Thanks for your support and articles.

GWRRA is on
[Facebook](#)



Check out GWRRA's Facebook page and sign up to follow us! It is easy!!

[Your Opinion Matters!](#)



Remember to check out GWRRA's Homepage at
www.GWRRA.org
to let us know your opinion of a variety of subjects in our polls.



The “All Chapters Picnic” will be held August 27 at White Banks Park in Colonial Heights. They will have fun, food and games for all to enjoy. Flyer in this newsletter.

In the mood for a good Hawaiian Luau? You’re in luck! Chapter U in Hanover is planning one for July 23 from 9-3 at Ashcake Rescue Squad and they invite everyone to come out and attend. Last year we were treated to some cold water-melon, awesome food and an air conditioned room to eat in all in.



The Cook’s Corner by Debbie Bonham **BACON TOMATO CUPS**

8 slices bacon, crisply cooked and chopped
1 medium tomato, seeded and chopped

1/2 small onion, chopped
3 oz. Swiss cheese, grated
1/2 c. mayonnaise
1 teaspoon basil
1 pkg (10 oz) refrigerated flaky biscuits

Preheat oven to 375 degrees. Mix all ingredients except the biscuits. Set aside. Separate each biscuit into 3 thinner biscuits. Lay each biscuit over a mini muffin pan cup. Press each biscuit into a cup. Fill cups with approximately 1 Tbl SP. bacon mixture. Bake 10 -12 minutes or until golden brown. Yield: 30 appetizers

Our well wishes for those ill, injured or hospitalized. Let’s please keep these fine folks in our hearts and prayers. If you hear about someone being ill, please pass this info on to Ethel or Rich so we can note this in the newsletter.



Lawanna was in St. Francis Hospital. She has had some recurrence of fluid buildup in the heart/lung area, accompanied with breathing difficulties. She had a lung function test done recently, which did not show any problems. At her visit with the cardiologist, he decided to put her in the hospital, try to get some of the fluid off and they did a heart catherization. All her arteries were clear.

Belle Miller is home and doing better each day. She was in the hospital over 40 days but is recovering now. She thanks everyone for the cards, phone calls and prayers during her illness.

Tommy and Ginny Broughton are proud grandparents of a baby boy, Timothy Scott Broughton.

He was born April 26th at 11:38 AM. He weighed in at 8 lbs and 7 ½ ounces and was 20 ¾ inches long. After 4 girls now Scott and Stephanie have a boy. Yep, he'll probably be spoiled. This makes 7 grandchildren for us, 4 girls and 3 boys.



Ted and Ethel Nelmes are proud grandparents of a baby girl, Jacqueline Elizabeth Elliott born on May 20, 2011 at 1:11 AM. Jacqueline was 5 ½ pounds and was 19 inches long. She has a big brother named Lincoln who is 2 ½.

We welcome Phylis Kitts as our newest member. She is the daughter of Marty and Lawanna Link. Welcome to Chapter D and we are looking forward to many years of friendship and fun riding and participating with you.

Phoenix News Summary

Wing Ding 33 – Knoxville, TN

July 6, 2011 through July 9, 2011 <http://www.wing-ding.org>

Register and make your room reservations now!



Officer Certification Program News

By **Virginia Leadership Trainers**, [Rick and Elsie Baker](#)

Registrations are now open for the GWRRA Officer Certification Program (OCP) in Burke, Virginia, 30 – 31 July 2011.

Introducing you, all of our GWRRA members, to a professionally-run organization operated on solid business principles, policies, and procedures aimed at saving your life, benefiting you as motorcyclist, and benefiting the community is a good idea. Attending the OCP serves that purpose and enlightens you. So, for that reason, any member, read that as, “you,” may take the OCP, and we encourage you to, on a space-available basis, at any location in the U.S. and Canada, to find out exactly how GWRRA is organized and run to ensure we remain friends for fun, safety, and knowledge.

Virginia will present a July OCP at a large facility in Burke, Virginia, which accommodates many. Please register now with Virginia Leadership Trainers Rick and Elsie Baker at VADistTrainer@gmail.com



JUNE Birthdays and Anniversaries to Celebrate

Birthdays

Anniversaries

Ted Nelmes June 5, 2011

Tom and Jacque Westendorf June 8

Marie Crow June 12

Ethel Nelmes June 22

Tommy Broughton June 26

Billy Russell – June 30

If we don't have you listed in your month, please contact either Ethel Nelmes or Brenda Cook with the relevant dates. Thanks

Interesting June News

Flag Day June 14

Flower of June – Rose

Jeff Davis was born June 3

JFK Assassinated June 5, 2011

George Bush born June 12

Helen Keller born June 27

Gems for June – Pearl, Alexandrite, Moonstone

June Quotation

Then let us, one and all, be contented with our lot;
The June is here this morning, and the sun is shining hot;
Oh! let us fill our hearts up with the glory of the day,
And banish ev'ry doubt and care and sorrow far away.

Source: James Whitcomb Riley

Chapters' Picnic August 27th

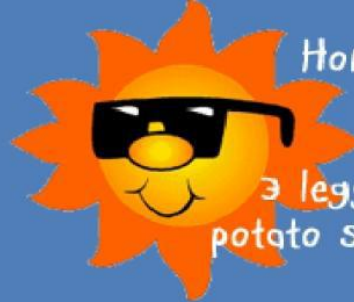
Free to All GWRRA Members

Menu:

pulled pork
Chicken
potato Salad/Salads
Watermelon
pie
Dessert



Where:
White Bank Park
5501 Conduit Road Moose Lane,
Colonial Heights, VA
9AM - 3PM



Horse Shoes
Frisbee
Disk Golf
3 legged Races
potato sack races
egg toss
VolleyBall
Bean Carry
pie eating contest
and more.....

SATURDAY AUGUST 27TH

THE ALL CHAPTERS PICNIC



Rally in the Valley - Salem, VA October 6-8

THE DISTRICT OF VIRGINIA
Presents
the
23rd Annual

Salem, Virginia
October 6 to 8, 2011



Hay Rides - Pumpkin Carving - Square Dancing
Country Cooking - Door Prizes - Bike Show
Hospitality Room - Seminars - 50/50



Salem Civic Center, Salem, Virginia (Exit 141 off I-81)

REGISTRATION FORM

(\$5 HANDLING FEE FOR CANCELLATIONS, NO REFUNDS AFTER 09/25/2011)

Rider _____ Age _____ GWRRA # _____ Exp _____
CoRider _____ Age _____ GWRRA # _____ Exp _____
Address _____
City _____ State _____ Zip _____
Phone # (____) _____ Miles to Rally (one way) _____ Chapter _____
Arriving Thursday Friday Saturday
One-Up ____ Two-Up ____ Side Car ____ Trike ____ Valkryre ____ Other ____ For registration confirmation, please include your email address: (print clearly): _____

Master's Buffet Breakfast:

Number attending _____ x \$5.00 each = _____ Master's Patch Number: _____

Pre-Registration

GWRRA Member \$40 x = \$ _____
Non-Member \$45 x = \$ _____
Child \$10 x = \$ _____ Children under 12 is \$10.00, Children under 5 are FREE.

After 09/25/2011 and on-site

GWRRA Member \$45 x = \$ _____
Non-Member \$50 x = \$ _____ Day Pass \$15 x = \$ _____
Shirts total from below: _____ = \$ _____
Total Enclosed: \$ _____ (US Dollars)

I/we agree to hold harmless the GWRRA, the co-sponsoring organizations and any property owners for any loss or injury to self or property in which I/we may become involved by reason of participation in this Rally.

Rider _____ (Signature) Co-Rider _____ (Signature)

Please let us know....Is this your first time attending this Rally?

How did you find about the Rally?

Rally Shirts

All Rally shirt orders must be received no later than September 25, 2011. Shirts may be purchased on site from Freedom Enterprises Vendor at a slightly higher price.

T-Shirt Small _____ Medium _____ Large _____ XL _____ \$13.00 each = _____
XXL _____ XXXL _____ \$15.00 each = _____
Long Sleeve T-Shirt Medium _____ Large _____ XL _____ \$15.00 each = _____
XXL _____ \$17.00 each = _____
Sweat Shirt Small _____ Medium _____ Large _____ XL _____ \$19.00 each = _____
XXL _____ XXXL _____ \$21.00 each = _____
GolfShirt Medium _____ Large _____ XL _____ \$21.00 each = _____
XXL _____ \$23.00 each = _____



River City Diner

First Friday Bike Nite

-Open to all Motorcycles and Riders-

Join us the **FIRST FRIDAY** of every month for
RCD Bike Nite! Next date is July 1st!
Plenty of parking, an outdoor patio, and an atmosphere that
guarantees a GREAT TIME!
Not to mention delicious food and drinks!
Don't miss out on the fellowship and fun!



Other Surprise
Give-Aways Too!

Plus!

10% Off for Every Rider

(excludes alcohol, RCD merchandise, and Gift Cards)

1 FREE RCD Gift Card Raffle Every Hour 6-9pm

FIRST FRIDAY Special Menu Items, too!

Gold Wing Road Riders VA - U Hanover

Poker Run



JOIN US FOR A DAY IN THE TROPICS
SATURDAY JULY 23, 2011
ASHCAKE VOLUNTEER RESCUE SQUAD
8375 NEW ASHCAKE ROAD
MECHANICSVILLE, VA 23116



PREREGISTRATION: \$ 17.00 PER COUPLE. \$ 9.00 PER PERSON**

MAKE CHECKS PAYABLE TO:

**GWRR VA. -U
5100 HUROP ROAD
SANDSTON, VA. 23150**



ON SITE REGISTRATION: \$20.00 PER COUPLE - \$11.00 PER PERSON **

**** PRICE INCLUDES: ADMISSION, FOOD, PLUS POKER HAND (EXTRA CARDS \$1.00 EACH) COY'S FREE**

I / WE AGREE TO HOLD HARMLESS GWRR, THE CO-SPONSORING ORGANIZATIONS AND ANY PROPERTY OWNERS FOR ANY LOSS OR INJURY TO SELF OR PROPERTY BY REASON OF PARTICIPATING IN THIS EVENT;

PRINTED NAME _____ SIGNATURE _____ DATE _____

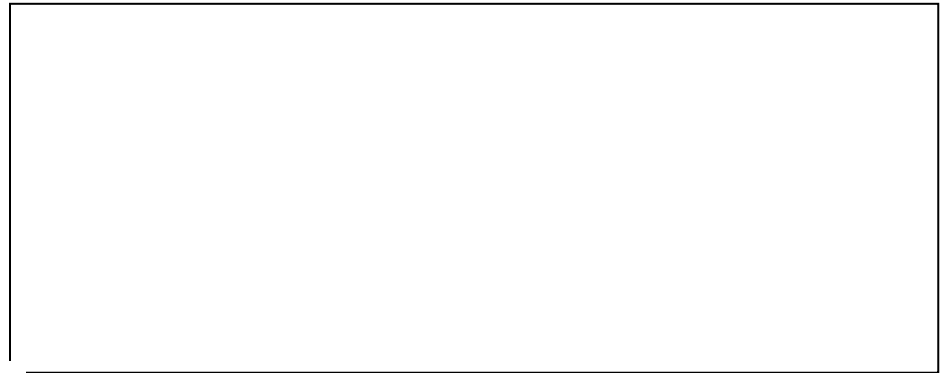
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June is Rose Month



GOLD WING ROAD RIDERS ASSOCIATION
MOTTO: FRIENDS FOR FUN, SAFETY AND KNOWLEDGE

Your Next Gathering will be at Candela's on JUNE 22, 2011



Quote of the Month: "You can make more friends in two months by becoming interested in other people than you can in two years by trying to get other people interested in you."

~ Dale Carnegie