



## **GWRRA MA Chapter "F"**

**- NEW BEDFORD - FALL RIVER - TAUNTON AREA -**

All chapter "F's" get-togethers are NON-SMOKING Thank You!

Get-togethers are held on the [2<sup>nd</sup> Wednesday](#) of each month at American Legion Hall on RT 79 - Berkley, MA at 7:00 PM

### **The Meeting:**

The meeting began at 7 PM with 36 members present. We welcomed a new member, Henry (Buster) LeComte and guest, Bill Church to the meeting tonight. Doc presented Bob Pacheco with an award for his services with the newsletter, ride schedule, ride coordinator, etc. that he has done in the past. Thanks Bob. Don't forget that the RI chapter B breakfast is April 25<sup>th</sup> and that pre-registration must be in by April 10<sup>th</sup> if you plan on going. This has always been a good kickoff breakfast; so let's try to attend. The new District Directors are Judy and Bob Burns from RI. Most of the rest of the evening was dedicated to the new mandate put forth by GWRRA stating that all officers (Chapter Director and Assistant Chapter Director) must attend an Officers Certification Program (OCP) class before August 31<sup>st</sup> of this year in order to remain CD & ACD. Next year the Ride Safety Educator must also attend. This is causing quite a frustration for people because of the distance to be traveled on their own time (Gorham, NH or Vernon, CT). It is also a two-day seminar in which the participant would have to stay overnight or have a very long drive home and early leave in the morning. The seminar in itself is of no cost, but what of the travel expense, food, lodging, etc? There are only certain days that the seminar will be offered and could very well conflict with personal jobs or other commitments. It is rumored that there are chapters that will disband because of this mandate. The meeting ended at 9:30 with no 50/50 held.

### **Director's Comments** *From the "Director's Chair"...*

It was great to finally meet one of our members, Henry "Buster" LeComte, and to welcome my friend Bill Church to this month's meeting. I was also happy to finally present Bob Pacheco with his plaque for his dedicated service to MA Chapter F. Bob has served MA F and GWRRA admirably over the years and it was an honor to offer him a token of our appreciation.

My thanks to those of you that have attended our meetings and endured the "stressors" we have been facing as of late. It has been a difficult couple of months but I believe there is a light at the end of the tunnel just around the corner. After meeting with many of the members this month and your interest in maintaining our chapter status with GWRRA and a recent meeting with our interim District Directors and our Regional Directors, I have decided that I will attend the OCP training as required by National. It's my hope that once I've completed the training along with Mike Gazard and Allan Nunes that we'll be better able to serve our chapter and GW in general.

My thoughts and prayers go out to Pat Foster as Pat's father is gravely ill. If you have a moment, please contact Pat and Deidra and let them know they're in your thoughts. They also recently lost their beloved pet Keasha to illness. They can use all the support we can give them through this very difficult time.

I've already been out on the bike and am thrilled we've had some decent weather lately! Please be safe as the riding season begins and enjoy whatever time you can sneak in before the weather finally breaks for good!!!!

*From the "Director's Chair"...*

## **Chapter F- Rider Educator: Allan Nunes**

**Animal Hazards:** It doesn't happen often but even on a freeway you can suddenly be confronted with an animal in your path. It certainly happens more on country roads or city streets with domesticated animals. If you see an animal in your path, given plenty of warning, the best move is to slow down and give it as wide a clearance as possible. However, in the case of an animal that is there without warning, you have an immediate decision to make...to swerve and try to avoid it, or to panic stop. That is a false choice to make! If you think you can figure out where a deer is going to be in the next 5 seconds, you are dead wrong! But more than that, if you think you can swerve a motorcycle and retain control of it then you also are of the opinion that it can't happen to you at all. Therefore your best move is to try a CONTROLLED panic stop. Do not lose control of your bike. Minimize the speed of impact. Even if luck is against you, you will probably still walk away from it. Play the odds in your head before you get into the situation. Condition yourself - bias yourself - panic stops are not a bad thing.

## **Chapter Store:**

Our MA Chapter F patches and decals are available for purchase. The cost of the patches is \$2.00 and the decals are \$1.00. The Chapter appreciates your continued support by purchasing these items. The large black and gold GWRRA logo patch is \$12.00, and the smaller version is \$6.00. The large Chapter and State rockers are \$6.00 each, and the smaller State and Chapter rocker versions are \$4.00 each. GWRRA patches and rockers as well as the MA Chapter F patches and rockers can be sewn on at most Tailor/Cleaner shops in the phone book.

NOTE: The older red or black "helmet" type patches are no longer available for purchase. The new "star" style patch is what is available and is the GWRRA patch of choice. The memorial patches are still available, and can be purchased for \$3.75 each. The Chapter F-MA pins are also available and cost \$4.50 each. Year bars are \$2.50 See our Chapter sales rep Mike Bartnowski for all of your GWRRA and Chapter F needs! "Abra Cadabra Embroidery & Screen Printing" is doing the shirts and such and Bruce Wargat is handling the orders.

### **K-321 by Port Authority, 6.3 Ounce Mock Turtleneck in maroon.**

S-XL \$23.95      2XL \$24.95

### **G 2400 100% Ultra Cotton Turtleneck in maroon.**

S-XL \$17.50      2XL \$19.50

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S-XL \$18.95      2XL \$21.95

### **G 2000 100% Cotton Tee in maroon.**

S-XL \$14.95      2XL \$16.95

**Birthdays** - Member Birthdays next month: **April:** Steve Henriques, Mike Bartnowski, Irene Coffill, Tom White, Bunny Kirchofer, Gerome Vardaro, and Ed Sisk.

**Best Wishes and Many More!**

**Note from Editor:** Please let me know if I miss you on your birthday month so you can be recognized.

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## **Ride List - Chapter F- MA for 2009**

Rides Start @Dunkin Donuts 128 Myricks St. in Berkley, Exit 10 E. from Rt. 140

Full Tank of Gas, Empty Bladder. Bring us a smile for a Happy Day!

There will be some changes here. Unless noted all rides start at 9:00 AM (Bold) confirmed Read Newsletter  
If people want to ride on an Open Date. They can arrange amongst themselves. Some of us can ride on holidays.

### **Dinner Rides – Thursday Eves. At 6:30 Sharp - Allan Nunes Leads**

Dinner rides are over for the year.

### **Ice Cream or Coffee Rides 2009 - Wednesday Eves at 6:30 PM Sharp**

Wednesday night Ice Cream rides are over for the year. Lets look forward to warmer weather.

### **Sunday Breakfast will begin on November 15<sup>th</sup> at the Country Buffet in Dartmouth at 9 AM!**

Saturday Nites - Plymouth, MA- Park in front of Isaac's Restaurant along the harbor.

All Bikes Lights Nite – Every Weekend Thru the Summer – Gather and Swap Lies 6PM -9:30PM??

Waterside @ Isaacs Restaurant. Come at will. Usually weather permitting. May thru October. Coffee Ride 9:30PM

Notes:

1: Wednesday will be our designated evening ride night for Coffee/Ice Cream. Temperature determines which we go for. 2nd Thursday Chapter meets. Ride after?

2: The THIRD Thursday evening rides for a dinner will be once a month. Destination names have not been determined for all places. Al Nunes – Safety Educator will select these. He does these rides. Rain Date the following week.

3: Wednesday night Rides will start at 6:30 PM.

4: October rides that are non-reciprocal start at 10AM. Unless predetermined times. November Sunday rides locally start at 11AM dependent on temps for the season.

More Updates to follow at a later date. Please direct all inquiries to me first (Ride Coordinator) for any revisions. The list is not final. Read the Newsletter or Chapter Website monthly for updates and links to where we are going on the calendar.

5: The Ride Coordinator reserves all rights to move rides in this list should the need be called upon.

## Hello Members:

All you're Newsletters at this time are sent out in a MS Document format. If you are having any trouble opening this information in the MS Word format you may visit the Chapter F-Ma website to read it at:

[www.gwrramachapterf.org](http://www.gwrramachapterf.org) If you think you would like to participate in the Newsletter, come on and feed us articles for the coming letters. If you are not getting or you are having trouble with a newsletter, tell us. We really don't know. Check the pictures from the past years while you are there.

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## ***Directions to the next Get-Together:***

Our Smoke Free Gatherings will start at 7:00PM on the Second non-holiday Thursday of the month. If there is a holiday, we move it up to the next week.

**The next meeting is Wednesday, April 14<sup>th</sup> @ 7 PM @ The American Legion Hall - RT 79 in Berkley, MA.**

**From Rt. 195 East or West.** Take RT 24 North in Fall River to Padelford St. Berkely Off ramp 7miles. Take right turn East on Padelford St. to Rt. 79. Go about 2 miles. At the Rt.79 stop sign, take a right turn near the White church. American Legion Hall is on the right side a short distance from the corner.

**Coming in from Rt 24 N. or S:** Take Rt 140 E. Run past the Silver City Galleria toward New Bedford and get off at Rt 79 South and go about ½ mile past the blinking Yellow light and then the White church. American Legion Hall is on the right side of the street a short distance from Rt. 140.

**From New Bedford:** Take Rt 140 North to Rt. 79 South and same as above.

***Bring a friend.***

**>>>> ALL MAKE BIKES WELCOME HERE <<<<**

## **MA - F needs U! Talk to us!**

We could also use the services of: Road Captains, Activities Coordinator, Welcome and Recording Secretary.

### **For Sale: Motorcycle Related**

See the website [http://www.gwrramachapterf.org/for\\_sale.html](http://www.gwrramachapterf.org/for_sale.html)

Let the News Editor know when you have sold your property. We do not want to advertise SOLD items. This is a member free perk. An after Sale minimal donation would always be welcome though. (Ed).

## ***Humor or the Month***

A Charlotte, NC, lawyer purchased a box of very rare and expensive cigars, then insured them against fire among other things. Within a month having smoked his entire stockpile of these great cigars and without yet having made even his first premium payment on the policy, the lawyer filed claim against the insurance company. In his claim, the lawyer stated the cigars were lost "in a series of small fires." The insurance company refused to pay, citing the obvious reason: That the man had consumed the cigars in the normal fashion.

The lawyer sued...and won! In delivering the ruling the judge agreed with the insurance company that the claim was frivolous. The Judge stated nevertheless, that the lawyer held a policy from the company in which it had warranted that the cigars were insurable and also guaranteed that it would insure them against fire, without defining what is considered to be unacceptable fire, and was obligated to pay the claim. Rather than endure lengthy and costly appeal process, the insurance company accepted the ruling and paid \$15,000 to the lawyer for his loss of the rare cigars lost in the "fires."

NOW FOR THE BEST PART... After the lawyer cashed the check, the Insurance Company had him arrested on 24 counts of ARSON!!!! With his own insurance claim and testimony from the previous case being used against him, the lawyer was convicted of intentionally burning his insured property and was sentenced to 24 months in jail and a \$24,000 fine.

***Happy Trails!!***



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### Ride & Event List - Chapter F- MA for 2010 (Tentative)

**Rides Start @Dunkin Donuts 128 Myricks St., Berkley Ma. Exit 10 E off of Rt. 140**

**Full Tank of Gas, Empty Bladder, Bring us a smile for a Happy Day!**

**Rides begin at 9 AM unless otherwise noted**

- April 18<sup>th</sup> MA "F" Breakfast – Last one - Old Country Buffet Dartmouth, MA
- April 25<sup>th</sup> RI "B"-Annual Kickoff Breakfast
- May 2<sup>nd</sup> Gillette Castle-Ct.
- May 8<sup>th</sup> Saturday - Venco Wings Open House - Loudon NH
- May 9<sup>th</sup> Mother's Day – Open Date
- May 16<sup>th</sup> Mass "B" Mystery Ride
- May 23<sup>rd</sup> Left turn only ride-Destination to be determined later
- May 30<sup>th</sup> Memorial Day Weekend-Open Date
- June 6<sup>th</sup> Bud Brewrey/Clysdale tour – Merrimack NH
- June 7-12 Americade – Lake George NY
- June 13<sup>th</sup> Frisbee Golf – Barre, Ma
- June 20<sup>th</sup> Father's Day - All Chapters Picnic-Pulaski Park
- June 27<sup>th</sup> Short Ride & PM Bike Blessing
- June 30-July 3<sup>rd</sup> Wing Ding – Des Moines, Iowa
- July 4<sup>th</sup> July fourth weekend – Open Date
- July 11<sup>th</sup> Heritage Museum/Mount Greylock – No. Adams, Ma.
- July 18<sup>th</sup> High Flying BBQ – Newport, RI
- July 22-24<sup>th</sup> New England District Rally – Gorham NH
- July 25<sup>th</sup> Castle in the Clouds – Moultonborough, NH
- August 1st Mass Chapter "F" Memorial Poker Run
- August 8<sup>th</sup> Open
- August 15<sup>th</sup> Ride For Kids – Fiskdale, Ma. - **Very Early Leave** **Reg-8:00-9:45**
- August 22<sup>nd</sup> Kittery/Kennebunk, Me.
- August 29<sup>th</sup> Mass Chapter "A" Poker Run - Beverly
- September 5<sup>th</sup> Labor Day weekend - Open Date
- September 12<sup>th</sup> NH "E" Hobo Stew – Keene NH
- September 19<sup>th</sup> Ringe/Manodnock NH
- September 23-25 Wings over the Smokies – N. Carolina
- September 26<sup>th</sup> Mass Chapter "W" BBQ
- October 3<sup>rd</sup> Corn Maze – NH, MA or CT – Destination to be announced
- October 10<sup>th</sup> Columbus Weekend – Open Date
- October 17<sup>th</sup> Mystic Pizza II – Stonington CT followed by Clyde's Apple Steam Press
- October 24<sup>th</sup> Sub Base – Groton, CT.
- October 31<sup>st</sup> Life Saving Museum – Hull, MA.
- November 28<sup>th</sup> Putnam Ct. Christmas Parade

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