



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 [2nd Thursday](#) of each month at American Legion Hall on RT 79 - Berkley, MA at 7:00 PM

The Meeting:

The meeting this month began at 7:10 pm with 30 members present. Doc first mentioned the pride he had for those who were able to attend the MSF Experienced Rider Course. Great job, Allan, Ray, Gerome, Tom, and also our director himself, Doc. Bob Pacheco, who has been doing the Chapter web site for the past quite a few years is stepping down to follow other interests and Roger Chartier has been gracious enough to take on the responsibility of this undertaking. Thanks, Bob for all you've done and also thanks to Roger for his commitment. See under the director's comments for a close look at this new site. Nice job, Roger. The All Chapter picnic which is scheduled for June 28th has been finalized with all permits in hand. Remember that our own chapter function (Poker Run) is set for July 26th and we need door prizes and raffle prizes for this event. Bring in what you can at the next meeting in June and then again for the July meeting if not done so already. Cindy Arruda expressed her thanks for all the cards, etc in behalf of her father who passed away. The meeting concluded at 8:30 pm with Ann Blandin winning the 50/50.

Director's Comments

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

Let me start by saying that I was honored to have my better half *Robin* at this month's meeting! It is the first time since we have been Directors that she has been able to attend a monthly meeting due to a change in her work schedule. I hope this is a permanent change for her, but you never know...

We met *Claudia Cummings*, Jim's wife (we met Jim last month, and hopefully they can join us together next month). We also met prospective members, *Dave Newberry* and *Lee "Doc" Corwin*, and welcomed back *Dick & Cindy Arruda* from their winter wonderland...

I offered condolences on behalf of the chapter and all of GW to *Ernie Milot* on the passing of his mother, and extended our sympathies once again to *Mark Abdelnour* for the loss of his mother as well. We have lost too many of our loved ones lately (*Deidra Tansey's* father as well) and I hope we have reached the end of a very tough stretch for a while.

We had a "changing of the guard" if you will this month. It is with the utmost appreciation that I thank *Bob "Neons" Pacheco* for his longstanding dedication to Chapter F serving amongst other jobs as our chapter webmaster. Bob is enjoying his retirement and has diversified his interests and has decided to step down in order to devote more time to his other "hobbies." Bob will remain active in the chapter and lead some of his favorite rides. I cannot thank Bob enough for his generous service to Chapter F and GW over the years!

Our new webmaster is *Roger Chartier*. Roger has already taken the ball and run with it in launching our new web site, <http://www.gwrramachapterf.org> (officially being unveiled as of this newsletter). He has set up a great interactive site with plenty of helpful information, links, and other hot topics. Although the new site is in its infancy, Roger has done a super job in getting it off the ground (Thanks Roger!). When you have a moment please go check it out...

Several members of our chapter, namely *Allan Nunes, Ray Kirchdorfer, Gerome Vardaro, Tom White* and I were able to attend the MSF Experienced Rider Course last weekend and all successfully passed. It was a great learning experience and I highly recommend the course to anyone who hasn't taken it yet. You do indeed learn much from the course regardless of how "experienced" one might think they are (and trust me, I learned much from my experience on the course). My thanks to District Directors *George & Gale Mayo*, and District Ride Educator *Sean McCarthy* for setting up the course for us. I am extremely proud of all that participated! ☺

Wednesday night ice cream rides, Sunday morning rides and Saturday night Plymouth gatherings are in full swing. Check our ride schedule and get out and have some fun!

As everyone begins to get out and take advantage of the great weather, please remember to be safe above all else! Let's have a great riding season... ☺

Doc

Chapter F- Rider Educator: Allan Nunes

Allan's tips for this month remind us to keep hydrated while riding. It's easy to forget that our bodies need liquid nourishment in the form of water while riding in the heat. Also be especially careful in turns and blind corners. Be sure to keep on your side of the centerline in the road.

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.

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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 this month: June: Diedra Tansey, Mary Howard, Patricia Foster, Sandi Alvarez and Paula Jean

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

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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

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

Wednesday night rides will begin on April 29 and all Wednesdays thereafter until fall. Weather permitting

Sunday Breakfast- Are over until November. The Time to Ride is NOW!

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:

<http://home.comcast.net/~neonsmaf/> The State Directors Site is now up but will not be doing Newsletters for our Chapter at this time, because we post them on our own site now. 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. Please update any changes to your email. Send the new one to the News Editor or the Chapter Director.

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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 Thursday June 11th @ 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

2005 Honda VTX1300R. The color is "magenta". I bought her in 2006, and have only driven her 1,092 miles! ! Price is \$8900 OBRO. You are getting a truly super bike, so please, serious inquiries only. For more information, please contact Bob Alvarez @ (781) 608-7721

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

Two guys were roaring down a country road on a motorcycle when the driver slowed up and pulled over. His leather jacket had a broken zipper, and he told his friend, "I can't drive anymore with the air hitting me in the chest like that." "Just put the jacket on backwards," his friend advised. They continued down the road but around the next bend, they lost control and wiped out. Banta came upon the accident and ran to call the police. They asked him, "Are they showing any signs of life?" "Well," Banta explained, "the driver was until I turned his head around the right way!"

Happy Trails!!



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- March 28th Saturday- Annual Chapter D-MA Dance. Springfield, MA
- April 5th MA "F" Breakfast – (Last one) - Old Country Buffet Dartmouth, MA
- April 26th RI "B"-Annual Kickoff Breakfast
- May 3rd Cape Cod Shore Ride Choice of picnic or restaurant dinner at noon
- May 9th Saturday - Venco Wings Open House - Loudon NH
- May 10th Mother's Day – Open Date
- May 17th Mass "B" Mystery Ride
- May 24th Memorial Day Weekend – Open
- May 31st Open date due to Americade starting
- June 1-6 Americade – Lake George NY
- June 7th Left Turn Ride – Everyone leads
- June 13th Saturday – Possible Mass District event
- June 14th America's Stonehenge Salem NH \$9.50 admission
- June 18th Thursday - Mt. Washington Ride with Ernie
- June 20 Saturday - Mass "M" Cruisin' for a cure – Tentative
- June 21 Father's Day – Hampton Beach Sandcastle sculpture competition
- June 28th All Chapter Picnic-Pulaski Park
- July 2-4 Wing Ding – Tulsa Oklahoma
- July 5th July fourth weekend – Open Date
- July 12th Life Saving Museum – Hull Mass. Also Jerusalem Rd.
- July 16-18 New England District Rally – Rhode Island
- July 19th Mt. Greylock N. Adams, Ma – **Early Leave**
- July 26th Mass "F" Poker Run
- August 2nd Mass Chapter A event –More to come on this.
- August 9th Chapter Picnic at Dick & Cindy Arruda's with an early ride
- August 16th Ride For Kids – Oxford, Mass - **Early Leave**
- August 20-22 Pa. Rally
- August 23rd Wolf Hollow – Ipswich, Mass
- August 29th Saturday – Mass District Ride-In Barre Falls Dam, Hubbardston
- August 30th Frisbee Golf – Barre, Mass.
- September 6th Labor Day weekend - Open Date
- September 13th NH "E" Hobo Stew – Keene NH
- September 20th Mass W Chicken BBQ
- September 24-26 Wings over the Smokies – N. Carolina
- September 27th Kittery Trading Post & Kennebunkport Me.
- October 4th Quabbin Reservoir Picnic
- October 11th Columbus Weekend – Open Date
- October 18th Connecticut Corn Maze (Location to be announced)
- October 25th Groton Sub Base
- November 29th Putnam Ct. Christmas Parade

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