



**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> Thursday of each month at American Legion Hall on RT 79 - Berkley, MA at 7:00 PM

### The Meeting:

The meeting began at 7:15 with 20 members present. First off, word is that Dick Arruda is in good spirits and asks us for our continued prayers for a speedy recovery. Doc thanked all of us for the excellent time had by all at our annual Poker Run. The early rain may have dampened things a bit, but we still had a good turn out and the weather held up for a fine day. Kudos to Allan for the Poker Run Route. He did a fine job of it. Our District directors, George and Gale Mayo asked if anyone would like to join them on a trip to Killington, Vermont for Labor Day weekend leaving on September 4<sup>th</sup>. George may be reached at 508-987-0252 if you are interested. On Thursday, August 20<sup>th</sup>, Ernie will lead a ride to P-Town for the day. Leave time will be 9:30 AM from the eastbound rest area on RT 195 in Marion. This will be followed by the dinner ride to Bobby Byrnes in Sandwich. Congratulations to Allan for winning the Light Show at the N.E. District rally this year. Gerome was this month's 50/50 winner- AGAIN.

### Director's Comments

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

Well, it took long enough but we've finally reached a stretch of excellent weather! Time now to make up for the earlier weather woes and get some real ridin' in.....

Dick Arruda is progressing through his treatments and his spirits are good. Cindy has been staying in Boston to be with Dick throughout his ordeal. I sent out an e-mail with the address and phone number where you can send cards or call Dick and wish him a speedy recovery. Get well soon Dick! ☺

My thanks to those that attended the wake and funeral service for Pat Reall. It has been a difficult year for loss in our GW community. My hopes and prayers are that Pat traded her Gold Wing in for a set of "Golden Wings," but that she's still able to ride heaven's highways.....

Once again I thank those of you that raised funds for and participated in the *Pediatric Brain Tumor Foundation's Ride for Kids*. MA Chapter F was well represented once again, and through your individual efforts and collectively our chapter came in second in overall chapter monies raised. Special kudos to Dave Chenard and Mike Bartnowski as they each raised over \$1000. Well done!!!! ☺

It is with great pleasure that I announce that Robin and I have once again become grandparents for a *fourth* time! Our daughter Mandy and my "son-in-law" Paul welcomed *Skyla May* into the world on August 17<sup>th</sup> at 7:54AM. Skyla weighed in at a petite 5lbs 11oz and she's 20" tall. Both Mom and baby are just great, and although we specifically ordered a *BOY* this time, she's a keeper!!!! Grandpa Bob is thrilled to be a great grandpa for the fourth time, too!!!! ☺

The *District Picnic* in *Hubbardston* is on the calendar for August 29<sup>th</sup>. You need to send in your pre-registration by this Friday, August 21<sup>st</sup>. Please keep in mind that you must pre-register and there is no registration "at the door" so to speak.....

Lastly, I mentioned to the membership present that I may have to call on all of you once again. When I first joined GW as your Chapter Director I grudgingly had to ask all of you to change our meeting night to the second Thursday of the month because I had a job-related mandatory training class on the second Wednesday. I've just recently learned that the hospital that mandates the training has switched the meeting night, unbelievably, to the second Thursday of the month. I have spoken to the doctor that coordinates the training and informed her of our plight. She is going to discuss the matter with our peers in September and see what she can do to make the training on another night. There is a distinct possibility, however, that if you want me to continue to serve as Chapter Director I may have to ask all of you to make a sacrifice once again..... ☹

September's meeting will still be held on Thursday the 10<sup>th</sup>, but the meeting night may have to change for October and beyond. I will keep you informed as information becomes available. Thanks for your continued support..... ☺

Take care, Ride Safe, and Keep the Rubber on the Road!  
Doc

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

Allan's Tip for this month is to be sure to wear your helmet, even in a parking lot. Even something as small as a fall over can cause great damage if your head isn't protected. Also be careful of cars entering from driveway, side streets, etc. Watch the wheels of the car to be sure they aren't moving. If they do move, be prepared to stop.

### ***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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***Birthdays*** - Member Birthdays this month: September: Dave Chenard, Bob Alvarez & Jayda Alvarez

**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

Thursday, August 20<sup>th</sup> at Bobby Byrnes in Sandwich.

### 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:

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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 September 10th @ 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 \$6495 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*

### **Results of damage testing**

It seems the US Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) has a unique device for testing the strength of windshields on airplanes. The device is a gun that launches a dead chicken at a plane's windshield at approximately the speed the plane flies.

The theory is that if the windshield doesn't crack from the carcass impact, it'll survive a real collision with a bird during flight. It seems the British were very interested in this and wanted to test a windshield on a brand new, speedy locomotive they're developing.

They borrowed the FAA's chicken launcher, loaded the chicken and fired. The ballistic chicken shattered the windshield, went through the engineer's chair, broke an instrument panel and embedded itself in the back wall of the engine cab. The British were stunned and asked the FAA to recheck the test to see if everything was done correctly.

The FAA reviewed the test thoroughly and had one recommendation: "Use a thawed chicken."

*Happy Trails!!*



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

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