



GWRRA MA Chapter "F"

- NEW BEDFORD - FALL RIVER - TAUNTON AREA -

All MA Chapter "F" get-togethers are **NON-SMOKING**- Thank You!

"Gatherings" are held on the **2nd Wednesday** of each month at American Legion Hall on RT 79 - Berkley, MA at 7:00PM
Winter gatherings will be held on the **3rd Sunday** of each month at the Country Buffet in Dartmouth.

A very Merry Christmas and Happy New Year to all!

The "Gathering:" This month's gathering and Christmas party was held on Saturday, December 3rd with 30 associates present for the festivities. The meeting portion began at 6:30 PM and lasted for only 15 minutes before we ate. The meeting portion consisted of reminding everyone that there will be a ride schedule meeting on Monday, January 2, 2012 at the American Legion Hall in Berkley. Everyone is invited to bring all your ride ideas for the upcoming season. Let's try to do something different for this coming year. I want to remind you once again that our monthly Sunday breakfast will be held on December 11th at the Country Buffet in Dartmouth. For this month, there will be no Thursday night dinner ride. That will recommence next month. Please don't forget that from January through April, the gatherings will be held along with the Sunday breakfast at the Country Buffet in Dartmouth. This year's Saddle Sores contest was postponed due to a computer crash but will definitely resume for next year. Please note that IF and only IF the weather is decent on January 1st of 2012, there will be a ride to the Middletown Beach to watch the Polar Bears run into the water. We haven't had the opportunity to do this ride since 2004 since the weather has been either wet, snowy, sandy or salty. Let's hope we can do it for 2012. If this is a go, everyone will be notified in advance.

Director's Comments:



It was great to see such a smiling, happy "gathering" of our members at our annual **Christmas Party!** Good food, good cheer, and great family and friends enjoyed a wonderful evening. The **Yankee Swap** was loads of fun as many of the gifts were swapped time and time again. I believe all in attendance had lots of fun! 😊

As the year draws to a close I'd like to take this opportunity to thank each and every one of you that continue to dedicate your time and support to our chapter and the many family and friends we are privileged to enjoy the company of. All of **you** are the reasons that, in my humble opinion, **make us the best chapter in all of GWRRA** (I'm biased, of course 😊)! I'd especially like to thank all of our **chapter officers and support staff** that give so much of their time and energy to insure we continue to grow and prosper together. They all work tirelessly in an effort to make sure we live by the motto "**Fun, Safety, and Knowledge.**" I am eternally grateful... 😊

Best wishes go out to **Al Nunes** as he has knee surgery along with **Ernie Dube**, who was unable to join us along with **Carol** at the party **as he decided to pick a fight with a nail gun and LOST quite convincingly** (better luck next time **Ernie!**)...

As Dave mentioned previously, don't forget that we **WILL NOT** be "gathering" at the Legion for the winter months on our regular Wednesday nights. Our monthly get-togethers will take place at our Sunday breakfast each month after everyone enjoys a hearty meal. At the moment our January "gathering" is set to take place on the 8th as I am unavailable on the 15th. Each month from January to April I'll let you know the "gathering" date ahead of time...

Lastly, on behalf of my beautiful bride Robin, my Dad, my brother Mike and all the rest of the Alvarez family I want to wish all of you a very healthy, happy, and safe Holiday Season. We love all of you... 😊

MERRY CHRISTMAS and HAPPY NEW YEAR!!!! 😊

Doc... 😊

Chapter F- Rider Educator: *Allan Nunes*



Allan's tip for the winter months is to dress warm, watch for ice on roadways, watch out for deer especially at dusk and dawn when the deer have a tendency to come out to the roads and have a very safe winter riding season.

Chapter Store:

Our *MA Chapter F patches and decals* are available for purchase. The cost of the chapter patch is **\$2.50** and decals are **\$1.00**. *MA Chapter F* appreciates your continued support by purchasing these items. The **LARGE black and gold GWRRA logo patches** are **\$12.00**; the *smaller versions* are **\$6.00** each. The **LARGE Chapter and State rockers** are **\$6.00** each, and the *smaller State and Chapter rocker* versions are **\$4.00** each. *Memorial patches* for our "lost" members are still available, and can be purchased for **\$4.00** each. The *MA Chapter F pins* are also available and cost **\$5.00** each. Year bars (2011) are in and are **\$5.00** each. See our Chapter sales rep *Mike Bartnowski* at chapter "gatherings" and other functions for all of your *GWRRA* and *MA Chapter F* needs! "*Abra Cadabra Embroidery & Screen Printing*" supplies our chapter T-shirts, Polo's, jackets, hats, etc. For the purchase of any of these items and more please contact our Purchasing Coordinator *Bunny Kirchdorfer*.

For any further information visit our web page for a complete list of all available chapter and other merchandise @ http://www.gwrramachapterf.org/chap_f_merchandise.html



Member Birthdays in January: Jerry Bergeron, Russ Connell, Robin Cardin, Perry Robertson, Robert Demoranville and Joanne Horsman.



Members Anniversary in January: None have been turned in for this month.

Best Wishes and Many More!

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

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MA Chapter F rides for 2011:

Chapter rides begin at the east end of the *Dunkin' Donuts* parking lot located @ *128 Myricks Street in Berkley* near exit 10- Route 79 (Myricks/Lakeville), just west of Route 140. *Come with a full tank of gas, an empty bladder and bring along a smile and perhaps some new friends!* 😊

**Ride schedule (see below) is *subject to change*. Unless otherwise noted all chapter rides kick-off at 9:00AM. Please watch for e-mails from the *Ride Coordinator*, the *Chapter Director* or check our newsletter regularly for changes or updates...

**If anyone wants to organize a ride on any *Open Date* on the ride calendar please feel free to arrange rides amongst yourselves. Remember: some of us can and do ride on holidays or holiday weekends, so check with friends to see if anyone is looking for some extra unscheduled *FUN* and *ADVENTURE!* 😊

Dinner Rides- Will continue with Len Fern with 4 wheels for the winter.
Ice Cream or Coffee Rides- Will resume in the Spring

Sunday Breakfast get-togethers will be held on the first *Sunday* after our monthly “gatherings” beginning in November through April.

1. *Saturday Nite Get-togethers in Plymouth, MA*- Mosey on down to Plymouth at your leisure and join us on Saturday evenings (when the weather breaks) generally from May through October! Park your bike (or trike) in front of Isaac's Restaurant on Water Street along the harbor every Saturday night throughout the summer (weather permitting). Gather with friends (and bring new ones with you), enjoy dinner, ice cream, or coffee, show off your machines (especially the light shows after dark) and swap lies (err... stories of your adventures) from approximately 6:00 to 9:30PM... 😊

2. *Wednesday evenings* are generally our designated ice cream/coffee ride nights (with the exception of our monthly “gatherings” on the second Wednesday). Meeting place is the D&D in Berkley and we usually head out at 6:30PM. Destinations (and sometimes temperature) may determine whether we head out for ice cream, coffee, or both!

3. *Monthly “Dinner Rides”* generally take place on the *THIRD THURSDAY* (weather permitting) each month from May through October. Allan Nunes is the “*Dinner Ride Coordinator*” and usually announces the destination at our monthly “gatherings.” Meeting place is the D&D in Berkley with a leave time of 6:30PM. Should the weather be uncooperative, the dinner rides are usually rescheduled for the following Thursday evening.

4. *October Sunday rides* that are “*non-reciprocal*” start at 10:00AM unless a predetermined time has already been established. Local *November Sunday rides* start at 11:00AM and are dependent upon seasonal temperatures.

5. The *Ride Coordinator* reserves the right to adjust the ride schedule should a situation arise that would require such adjustment and shall do so after consultation with the *Chapter Director*. Any issues, concerns, known ride schedule conflicts or other matters should be directed to the *Ride Coordinator* and/or *Chapter Director*. Revisions to the ride schedule will not occur randomly or without the consent of the *Chapter Director* and/or *Ride Coordinator*.

To Our Members:

All of your chapter newsletters are sent out in a *MS Word Document format*. If you are having trouble opening the chapter newsletter in *MS Word format* you may visit our website at: www.gwrramachapterf.org where you will find our current and past newsletters. While you're there, check out our “Photos” page and as well as the rest of the website for other helpful and useful information.

If you would like to contribute to the newsletter or have ideas for articles for future newsletters, please submit them to the **Newsletter Editor**. If you are not receiving or are having trouble opening newsletters, please let us know. Also be sure to update any changes to your e-mail address. Please send your updated information to the **News Editor** and/or the **Chapter Director**. ☺

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Directions to the next "Gathering":

During the riding season, our "Smoke Free Gatherings" begin at 7:00PM on the **second non-holiday Wednesday of the month**. If our monthly "gathering" falls on a holiday, we will change the get-together forward or back a week with advance notice. During the winter months they will be held at 9 AM on the third Sunday of the month at the Country Buffet in Dartmouth.

The next gathering is Sunday January 8, 2012 @ the Country Buffet at 9 AM in Dartmouth

From Route 195 East or West: Route 24N (Fall River area) to exit 11- Padelford Street, Berkley. Bear right off of ramp and follow to stop sign. Turn right onto Myricks Street (Route 79). American Legion Hall is on the right side a short distance from the corner.

From Points North: Route 24S to Route 140S (Exit 12). At the bottom of ramp bear to the right (toward New Bedford). Follow Route 140S to exit 10 Route 79- (Myricks/Lakeville). Bear right at bottom of ramp and travel approximately ¼ mile. American Legion Hall is on the right.

From New Bedford: Route 140N to exit 10 Route 79- (Myricks/Lakeville). At bottom of ramp turn left under Route 140. Follow approximately 1 mile; arrive at destination on the right.

BRING YOUR FRIENDS!

>>>> ALL MAKES & MODELS of BIKES & TRIKES WELCOMED HERE <<<<

MA Chapter F needs VOLUNTEERS! Looking for Road Captains, Membership Enhancement Coordinators, and a Recording Secretary.

Items for Sale: Goldstar 600watt microwave. Perfectly clean with original box and instructions. First \$15 takes it! Contact *Dave Chenard*, 508-673-9479 or dach162@aol.com

Please see our chapter web site for a list of items for sale...

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

King Ozymndias of Assyria was running low on cash after years of war with the Hittites. His last great possession was the Star of the Euphrates, the most valuable diamond in the ancient world.

Desperate, he went to Crosus, the pawnbroker, to get a loan. Crosus said, "I'll give you 100,000 dinars for it.

"But I paid a million dinars for it," the king protested. "Don't you know who I am? I am the king!"

Crosus replied, "When you wish to pawn a Star, makes no difference who you are."



Happy Trails!!



