



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

The "Gathering:"

This evening's gathering began at 7 PM with 25 associates present. We had Jack Smith and Ed O'Neil from RI chapter B join us this evening. Also in attendance were John & Sherry Wiemann along with Ralph Hansen. They are all GWRRA members but have just decided to attend a gathering. First on the agenda was the decision for the leave time for the Hobo Stew in Keene, NH. We decided to make it an early leave from Honey Dew Donuts on RT 104 for 7:30 AM with a 7:10 leave from DD in Berkley due to the fact that this is a 2-1/2 hour ride to NH. The Labor Day ride taken by some to Maine turned out to be quite an eventful time. It seems like there was rain, lightning, thunder and hail for an exciting half hour just to keep everyone on their toes. News that Judy Burns is recovering nicely from her hip surgery. Good Luck, Judy for a speedy recovery. Also wishing a speedy recovery to Bob Demoranville who also just had surgery. The Chapter A event this past weekend turned out to be excellent. The weather was great and so was the ride. There were vendors plus the highlight of a bike stunt team with three bikes doing some fantastic moves. Slow wheelies, burnouts, quick stops on only the front wheel, etc. Absolutely some amazing riding skills. Len & Claire Fern reminded us of the dinner ride scheduled for Sept 22. On Sept 24th, RI chapter B will be hosting a 50's dance. Interested parties should contact Doc for more information. The gathering terminated at 8 PM with Al Holmes winning the 50/50 of which he unselfishly returned back to the chapter. Thanks, Al.

Director's Comments:



Hard to imagine that summer has already passed us by. As I write my comment this morning there is a significant chill in the air. Oh how I wish summer were just starting all over again...

Anyhow, on to the business at hand. As Dave mentioned we were joined by members *John & Sherry Wiemann* and *Ralph Hansen* who were finally able to join us along with *Al Holmes* whom we hadn't seen in some time. **RI-B Director Jack Smith and Ed O'Neil** joined us as well, and Jack reported that District Director Judy Burns is ahead of schedule with her rehab and should be returning home today (Friday). Our best "get well" wishes go out to you Judy, along with *Bobby D, Ernie Dube* (feeling under the weather), and *Al Nunes*...

Those that attended MA-A's event had great fun and by all accounts they had some really interesting and enjoyable events and displays along with great food and riding. Kudos to MA-A for another successful day! I'm sure Hobo Stew with NH-E will be as much fun as it always is (see Dave's note for Sundays' plan to ride to Keene). Make plans to join *Len & Claire Fern* for this month's dinner ride next Thursday. **RI-B**, as mentioned by Dave, is holding a 50's dance on Saturday, September 24th. Please do whatever you can to come out and support them and join in what's sure to be a lot of fun! There is also an upcoming Cape Cod ride planned for next weekend as the riding season begins to wind down. Check the ride schedule to what we have left on the agenda, as there are still some fun rides left to do... 😊

Lastly, I ran an idea by members present regarding winter "gatherings." I think it would be a good idea to have our winter meetings on Sunday mornings when we hold our breakfast "get-togethers." My concern is for the safety of our members who many times during the worst months risk their safety to come to gatherings at night. This way we still get together monthly but only have to meet up once and the meeting would be during the day when weather conditions should be easier to deal with (at least in theory). Give it some thought, and join us next month to share your opinions... 😊

Doc... 😊

Chapter F- Rider Educator: *Allan Nunes*



Allan's tips for this month are to watch out for deer especially during the early morning and evening hours when they have more of a tendency to come out onto the roads. Also be careful at the expansion joints on bridges. Some are not even and can give you quite a jolt. Another topic pertains to the valve stem on your tires. Be sure to change them when changing tires. It's a small price to pay for safety.

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 Kirchorfer*.

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 **October**: Richard Beaulieu & Ann Blandin



No anniversary's given for this month of October.

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 resume Thursday, May 19th.

Ice Cream or Coffee Rides- Wednesday nights 6:30 PM

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":

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.

The next gathering is Wednesday, Oct 12th - 7 PM @ the American Legion Hall - RT 79 in Berkley, MA.
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

Burma Shave (For those who remember)

The place to pass
On curves
You know
Is only at
A beauty show
Burma-Shave

On curves ahead
Remember, sonny
That rabbit's foot
Didn't save
The bunny
Burma-Shave

A guy who drives
A car wide open
Is not thinkin'
He's just hopin'
Burma-Shave

Violets are blue
Roses are pink
On graves
Of those
Who drive and drink
Burma-Shave

Train approaching
Whistle squealing
Pause!
Avoid that
Rundown feeling!
Burma-Shave

Cautious rider
To her
Reckless dear
Let's have less bull
And lots more steer
Burma-Shave

Proper
Distance
To him was bunk
They pulled him out
Of some guy's trunk
Burma-Shave

Better try
Less speed per mile
That car
May have to
Last a while
Burma-Shave

I hope this brought back some memories.



Happy Trails!!





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Ride & Event List for 2011

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friends! 😊**

Rides begin at 9:00AM unless otherwise noted...

Please note that this is only a tentative list and is subject to change.

- Sep 4 Open-Labor Day Weekend
- Sept 11 Mass Chapter A event
- Sept 18 Hobo Stew-Keene, NH
- Sept 25 Cape Cod Ride
- Oct 2 Mystic Pizza-followed by??? N. Stonington, CT.
- Oct 9 Open-Columbus Day Weekend
- Oct 16 Frisbee Golf-Barre, Mass
- Oct 23 Quabbin Reservoir Picnic- Central Mass.
- Oct 30 Open

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