



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 began at 7:05 PM with 25 members present. News of Rhonda Porowski is good. She is progressing nicely and is continuing her recovery from home. The main topic of discussion was the upcoming Poker Run due on July 26th. Donations are still needed and also volunteers to help at the start and finish. There was talk about the NE District rally (now over with) and the need for volunteers. Don't forget that the Ride for Kids is scheduled for August 16 in Oxford, Mass. This is a great event and we hope you can all make it. Dick & Cindy Arruda will be bringing a sign-up board for volunteers for foodstuff's for our chapter picnic. Doc spoke of possibly stepping down as director and allowing someone else to step up with new thoughts and ideas. Think this over and let Doc know if you are interested. There was no 50/50 this evening due to many members had to leave early and there weren't enough to make it worthwhile.

Director's Comments

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

My comment this month starts off on a sad note. Dave & Claire Chenard's granddaughter Katrinah fell and broke her arm... ☹ We wish her all the best! Deidre Tansey's mother passed away. We extend our deepest condolences to her and Pat Foster and the rest of their families.....

We welcomed Richard & Marijane Mello, John Rogers, and Claude Boudwin this month. We hope to see all of you at the upcoming rides and events! ☺

My appreciation to those that made the ride to the All Chapters Picnic despite the threat of inclement weather.

Thanks to Bob "Neons" Pacheco for a enjoyable ride to Pulaski Park and another to Hank's Dairy Barn afterwards.

Congratulations to Gerome Vardaro who won the 50/50 raffle and then donated his winnings to the Ride for Kids..... ☺

The main focus of discussion this month is our upcoming Poker Run on July 26th. We can still use donations of any type for the Chinese Auction, door prizes, foodstuffs, and volunteers to help our at the start point as well as at the hall. If anyone can help set up at the Fox and Coon Club the day before we will be meeting around 2:00-2:30PM. If you have not pre-registered for our event, please do so ASAP. Let's do what we can to make this our most successful event ever!

The ride to the Life Saving Museum in Hull had to be changed due to a scheduling conflict with the museum. The new destination will be the Butterfly Place.

The New England Rally is the weekend of July 16, 17 & 18. The MA District Directors, George & Gale Mayo are looking for help with the 50/50 Raffle as well as volunteers to ride in the light parade on Friday night.

August 9th is our chapter picnic. Cindy Arruda will be bringing her sign-up board to the poker run to see who wants to bring what to the picnic. We will have a ride in the morning and the picnic in the afternoon.

Deb Clement brought us information regarding medical alert bracelets for bikers. These would be a tremendous help to anyone should the need for medical help arise while you're out and about. For more information please visit www.carememoryband.com.

Wayne Tripp brought us information regarding the Killington Classic slated for September 10-13th. For further information please visit www.killingtonclassic.com.

Dinner ride next Thursday is to the All Seasons Restaurant in Halifax. Allan Nunes will lead the ride as usual.

Lastly I mentioned to those members present that it may be time for someone else in the chapter to consider leading the group. Robin and I have had a wonderful experience up to this point but perhaps it's time for someone else with fresh ideas and thoughts to step forward and lead us in a new direction. If you or anyone you know is interested, please feel free to let me know..... ☺

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 watch out for snakes (tar strips) in the road. They are very slippery, especially when damp, wet or hot. Also keep away from the centerline in the road because it puts you too close to oncoming traffic and when on a left curve, it puts your body *over* the centerline.

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: August: Dick Arruda, Lynn Gautreau, Greg Weider, Thomas Woodall, Jo-Anna Abdelnour, Ken Westhaver, Mike Gazard and Jim O'Donall

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

Thursday, July 18th at Mermaids in Fairhaven, Ma. Meet at DD in Berkley or at Mermaids.

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:

www.gwrramachapterf.org 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.

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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 August 13th @ 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

Slide Under The Table

A man and a woman were having dinner in a fine restaurant. Their waitress, taking another order at a table a few paces away noticed that the man was slowly sliding down his chair and under the table, with the woman acting unconcerned. The waitress watched as the man slid all the way down his chair and out of sight under the table.

Still, the woman dining across from him appeared calm and unruffled, apparently unaware that her dining companion had disappeared. After the waitress finished taking the order, she came over to the table and said to the woman, "Pardon me, ma'am, but I think your husband just slid under the table."

The woman calmly looked up at her and replied firmly, "Ohh no, My husband just walked in the door."

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 – District picnic-Purgatory Chasm-Sutton, Ma.
- June 14th America's Stonehenge Salem NH \$9.50 admission
- June 18th 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 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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