



# GWRRRA NEWSLETTER

## Chapter K long Island, NY Newsletter

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January News 2012

### MONTHLY MEETING

The January 2012 meeting was opened by CD Claire Aylward as Chapter Director, Richie Aylward was attending a funeral for a dear friend and associate. It was announced for those who were not able to attend the January 1, Cold Finger Ride that was on our Chapter K schedule, that CD Richie while leading this ride in his metallic green vest, gloves and ankle straps was hit by a car. It was noted that the car made a left hand turn from the right lane (Richie was in the left lane going straight, when the car turned into Richie, hit him twice and knocked him off his bike. The result is that Richie fractured his thumb and the bike will be in the repair shop for a while.

Claire welcomed Rob Bellasai as he became a new GWRRRA member the first week in January and has been assigned his GWRRRA Member Number.

The new attendance sheet is going to include just your GWRRRA Member Number and your name. Periodically a Contact List will be passed around so if you have any changes this is your opportunity to get the information to us. If it is an email address change please email the Chapter Director, so we will always be able to keep everyone on the same page at all times.

Claire congratulated the new officers for 2012. Cathy Turner is the new Chapter Treasurer. Claire Aylward is the new Chapter Member Enhancement Coordinator and Rob Bellasai is the new Chapter Educator. Richie Aylward is the new Chapter Director as of January 1, 2012.

Rob Bellasai our new Chapter Educator passed out literature and talked about safety tips especially being distracted while driving a vehicle. He did a great job. Thank you Rob.

Claire reminded everyone of the upcoming District Meeting and following the meeting is a OCP training held partly on Saturday and then into Sunday, in Syracuse, NY. Richie and Claire will be training.

**Please take note, the next February 14, 2012 meeting has been rescheduled to February 21, 2012 being held at the Moose Lodge, in Greenlawn, NY where we are having a Chili Party Meeting. You must RSVP to come, for a food and drink count. Bob Turner said he is planning on three types of Chili for everyone's taste buds. HmmmmGood, Don't miss this one.**

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State District

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**“FUN SHOP” BATAVIA, (WESTERN) N.Y.**

March 17, 2012 come and join in the fun, seminars, rider safety and First Aid /CPR courses. All either free or at a nominal charge.

FUN is the key word here; group gatherings for Friday nite gathering then Saturday lunch and dinner gatherings mixed with other activities. This is most likely a four wheel gathering. This is scheduled to bring western NY to meet the north south and east and possibly Pennsylvania will join in.

All GWRRA Members are welcome to come and join in.

Camaraderie Gatherings

Come by yourself or gather a group and come see what other Chapters are doing.

**Phoenix, AZ (December 1, 2011)**—Gold Wing Road Riders Association (GWRRA) announces a Chapter, Region & District contest to coincide with the revamped recruitment program, “FIND-A-FRIEND” with a twist, NEVER PAY DUES AGAIN! The contest will begin January 1, 2012 and run through December 31, 2012. It will be open to all Chapters, Regions & Districts of GWRRA. This program is just part of GWRRA’s way to help celebrate their 35th anniversary (1977-2012).

Here is how it works:

**Chapter Contest:**

The top three Chapters in each Region that recruit the highest percent of new memberships in 2012 (based on the greenbar report), will win a Find-A-Friend plaque and have FREE Charter fees for the next year!

**District Contest:**

The District in each Region that recruits the most new memberships in 2012 will win a Find-A-Friend trophy, pictured in *Wing World* and special seating at Wing Ding. All District winners will be featured in an article in *Wing World* & E-newsletter (*Wingin’ It*). A picture of each District winner will be featured on GWRRA’s web page, and each will be recognized and have special seating at Wing Ding.

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***FROM THE NORTHEAST REGION EDUCATORS:***

Tim & Anna Grimes <orangewing@md.metrocast.net

**GWRRA EDUCATOR OF THE YEAR NOMINATIONS**

You **DO NOT** need to be an Educator to nominate one. I am hoping that I get nominations from District and Chapter Directors and Educators. Please review the attached document and forward your nominations to me **NO LATER THAN MARCH 5, 2012**. This will give me time to review the nominations prior to forwarding to National. Thank you, in advance, for your help in recognizing our outstanding Educators.

**ASK YOUR CHAPTER DIRECTOR FOR THE HANDOUT AT YOUR NEXT MEETING**  
**“How to nominate Educator of the Year” or IF REQUESTED WILL EMAIL IT TO YOU.**



## District Meeting January 21, 2012

The District Meeting held on January 21, 2012 was cold outside but really hot inside. New officers were sworn in while members from all over New York State watched and applauded. Our District Director Paul Wood led us through an agenda packed with 2012 goals and went over from the Leadership Trainers, Rider Educators and Member Enhancement Coordinators. Then the Assistant District Directors Gary and Donna Cork and our very own (Assistant District Directors) Bob and Cathy Turner went around the room to all the Chapter Directors and asked them what did the Chapter members like and what worked within their chapter and what did not work and needed improvement. They filled out six very large posters with the results to give the Chapter Directors some new directions for 2012.. It was great to see so many people trying their best to bring fun and knowledge to their chapters and achieve our Motto: Friends for Fun, Safety and Knowledge.



## Officers Certification Program (OCP)

As you know the last two years it has been mandatory to take the Officer Certification Program if you are an Officer or about to hold an official position. So now the program is being held mainly for the new officers holding a new position. The OCP training took place about 4:00 pm and went to 8:30pm on Saturday and continued into Sunday from 8:00 a.m. to about 3:00 p.m. NY District Trainers, Richie and Claire Aylward assisted The Region Trainers Eileen and Tim Guile in the training. We taught four of the modules out of the fifteen modules covered. There were nine new Certified Officers that took the training and the final test. We congratulated them as they received their certificates of achievements. The OCP covers the structure of GWRRA and informs you of what their visionary goals are. It helps to understand why things are done the way they are.

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**THAT'S THE WAY!**

## **CHILI PARTY MEETING; FEBRUARY 21, 2012**

### **DON'T FORGET.....**

Our meeting has been rescheduled to the following Tuesday, February 21, 2012 at the Moose Lodge, 631 Pulaski Road, Greenlawn, NY.

This was done because our regular scheduled meeting date fell on Valentines Day.





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Meet Second Tuesday of the Month  
Hauppauge Palace Diner  
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**Chapter K Long Island, NY**

**[www.meet-up.com/  
GWRRA/Chapter-K](http://www.meet-up.com/GWRRA/Chapter-K)**

**The Gold Wing Road Riders Association is a social organization for owners and riders of Honda Gold Wing and Valkyrie motorcycles. Come join our “family” for “Friends for Fun, Safety and Knowledge”. GWRRA members enjoy the freedom of belonging to a non-profit, non-religious and non-political organization. This organization welcomes all motorcycle brands to join in the fun for safety and knowledge.**

*Chapter K-NY is a local chapter of Region B. Region B includes the following Districts (States); Connecticut, Delaware, Maine, Maryland, Massachusetts, New Hampshire, New Jersey, New York, Pennsylvania, Rhode Island and Vermont.*

#### **Who's Who in GWRRA and Chapter K Long Island**

Chapter Director: Richard Aylward, Contact: [raphco@verizon.net](mailto:raphco@verizon.net)

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NY District Directors: Paul & Suzette Wood

NY Assist. Directors: Robert & Cathy Turner and Gary & Donna Cork

NY District Leadership Trainers: Richard & Claire Aylward

Regional Leadership Trainers: Eileen and Tim Guile

#### **UPCOMING EVENTS FOR 2012 MARK YOUR CALENDAR**

**Feb 21, 2012 Chili Party, Moose Lodge, Pulaski Rd., Greenlawn, NY March 17, 2012,**

**Mar 17, 18 & 19, 2012 Batavia, NY “Fun-shop Weekend”**

**March 30-Apr 1, Chapter C, Maine Bash in Hampton Inn, Conway, NH**

**May 18, 19 & 20, 2012 Chapter-W Ride-In held In Cheshire, NY just west of Canandaigua Lake**

**July 4-7, 2012 WingDing34, Fort Wayne, IN (Big trip of the year)**

**Aug Bi-State Convention NY & NJ Districts; Chapter K Fundraiser**

**September 6,7 & 8, 2012 Gettysburg, Pennsylvania Convention**

**September 26, 2012 (TBA) Diamond Point, Lake George, NY Ride Out**



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Chapter K Long Island is a local Chapter of the National Organization: Gold Wing Road Riders Association