



GWRRA CHAPTER K NEWSLETTER

Chapter K long Island, NY Newsletter

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MONTHLY MEETING

The Chili Patty Meeting was filled with new and old friends. Many came from a distance to join us on this festive evening. Richie, Rob and Bob hung our new Chapter K banner. The meeting was opened by CD Richard Aylward who led the group in the Pledge of Allegiance. CD Richie Aylward, introduced and thanked our new Rider Educator, Rob Bellasai and MEC Claire Aylward for setting up the slide show of GWRRA events of 2011 which continued throughout the meeting. We had three kinds of Chili, macaroni, rice, hot dogs and sauerkraut, no one went home hungry. CD. Richie thanked Bob & Cathy Turner and Ed and Wendy Blum for the delicious food.



Our guest speaker Walt Russell from the Ready Riders Shop in Dix Hills, NY graciously presented "Ready Riders' Touring Tips, Getting Ready for the Long Haul!" Walt approached the subject matter with good common sense as well as humorously providing good tips for future care and how to protect yourself while traveling far from home. He also joined in the raffle fun with lots of prizes.

Our Rider Educator Rob Bellasai introduced himself and told the group about his qualifications and his plans for our chapter. He stated that he will be instructing "Cornering and Braking" up at Americade this year. The Chapter K March meeting, RE Rob will be holding a rider seminar on "Group Riding".

CD Richie went over the past months' events. He said that Michael and Michelle Pugliese attended the IDCP Course the first week of January 2012. Bob, Cathy, Claire and Richie attended the NY District Meeting in Syracuse. Richie and Claire attended the Maryland Winter Thing .

CD Richie reminded the group to sign the attendance sheet and be sure we have your email address so you will receive the months newsletter. The **next meeting March 13th** will again be at the **Moose Lodge, at 631 Pulaski Road, in Greenlawn, NY 11740** by popular demand, as comments were that the meeting area was cozy but spacious and was well set up for seminars and group gatherings. We have a tentative **ride schedule for 2012** and will be going over it at the next meeting so be sure to attend to get your favorite ride in.

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What's new in GWRRA
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conventions

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Richie announced that on May 12th we are having a **Mall Show** at the Walt Whiman Mall in Huntington Station, NY. Rob Bellasai and Bob Turner are getting the details down and we should have them soon. We are looking for volunteers for that day to greet and meet people and give out literature. Also a few bikes to have in the mall for the showing would be nice. We are also possibly hoping to run a Road Captain Course with a seminar that same weekend, but we are still working on that plan.

Something new. Earlier in the evening CD Richie gave yellow raffle tickets to everyone who was wearing their vest with the GWRRA Chapter K patch on the back. Richie had Walt draw the winner and Cathy Turner won the \$5.00 prize.

Richie announced that Cathy Turner has volunteered to be our Chapter Raffle Coordinator. Claire said that Cathy does such a creative and beautiful job with the raffle prizes. Cathy had three really pretty "Chili Party" theme raffle baskets to raffle off. We also raffled off two jars of peanut butter pretzels. So many attendees went home with lots of goodies.

Cathy went over a new raffle event that is planned for the upcoming year and the winner will most likely be announced later in the year around September / October 2012. The prize is a Flat Screen TV system.. Bob Turner is in this business and will be able to provide the prize at a very low cost. Cathy said all details are not set as yet but the chapter needs to raise money for events throughout the year for the members of GWRRA Chapter K and this is a good way. Cathy stressed that each member will have the opportunity to sell raffle tickets to friends and family.

CD Richie said his notes say "drum roll" so everyone did a drum roll, LOL. Richie reminded the group what a **(COY) "Chapter Couple of the Year"** was and then he asked Robert and Cathy Turner to please step up to the front. CD Richie and Claire presented them with their engraved **COY** Medallions and **COY** name badges and thanked them for all they do throughout the year. Everyone applauded.

The meeting finished up with the Chili Basket raffles, Peanut Butter Pretzels Jars and a 50/50 drawing. The 50/50 was won by Ken Johnson. The chapter proceeds were \$60.00.



February 2012
Happy Birthday to you!

Bob Turner

Note: If we missed anyone for February be sure and get your birthday month to us.

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THAT'S THE WAY!





GWRRA MEMBERSHIP

There is a misconception that if you attend chapter meetings that you are a member of that chapter. This is not a true statement. You must be a member of GWRRA to be a participant and have the ability to attend chapter meetings and join in the fun by taking advantage of all the free trainings and events held throughout the year. The chapter raises funds to care for small events like printed flyers, newsletters and parties, etc. GWRRA dues money pays for the organizations training programs, websites, awards and the continual updating of all materials so that the member always has the latest information so everyone is well informed. When you attend without paying your dues you are a guest and a guest is only welcome three times, in order to see the value of the association. GWRRA takes great pride in what they bring to the table so that the Chapter, District and Region experiences are of value and worthwhile. So be sure that you are up to date with your dues payments, do not allow them to expire. Do not embarrass your volunteers in your chapter by making them continually remind you that you have not lived up to your responsibility to the membership and to your fellow members. If you have not checked out the RESCUE PLUS which adds onto your membership for an additional \$25.00 you are missing out on a great deal. On the family plan it covers all vehicles in your household as well as knowing how to tow a motorcycle properly when it needs to be relocated for repair. From experience CD Richie broke down up in Syracuse, NY a long way from home. For FREE, at no additional expense, RESCUE PLUS picked up our vehicle and all passengers (four of us) and took us to a car rental and then took our Ford Excursion (a very large vehicle) and brought it to an indoor repair shop which opened up for us on a Sunday. We felt very special and the towing was FREE thanks to RESCUE PLUS. The last time with a different Towing Company it cost \$230.00 to tow a vehicle that size. GWRRA membership has a lot of value for the money.

CHOY: Chapter of the Year

What is it and how does it affect the chapter gathering. GWRRA has guidelines with point values on what makes a fun chapter. What are our chapter goals to be “ friends for fun, safety and knowledge”. Each chapter throughout the state competes to be the best chapter of the district (state). Competing with others is as old as the hills that people stand on to preach. Keep in mind competing with others has advantages and disadvantages. At this time we are a very small group and competing with others who have much larger attendance and therefore can accomplish a great deal more would be frustrating. So we are going to compete with ourselves. What did we do last year? What are we doing this year? What are we going to do next year? To compete with yourself just means that you have set certain guidelines to strive for and counting what you actually accomplish helps to measure what you have accomplished and what needs to be worked on. You set the guidelines of what you think is important. Competing with others can be frustrating if you are not all on the same page physically, mentally and have the desire to accomplish the same goals. GWRRA has set up guidelines on what “can be” important to have an active fun chapter. Your Chapter Directors Richie and Claire from Chapter K on Long Island are looking over the guidelines for our chapter to see if we can meet certain criteria and what is working for us in our group gatherings. Believe it or not we are meeting many items on the list and we are going to strive to meet more so that we have a chapter that is full of fun and interesting events throughout the year. For instance doing a Mall Show which we have on our agenda for May 12th . So at a meeting we may refer to something and say that’s worth “1” point or “3” points towards building a chapter of quality. A Chapter where you would want to bring your friends and family because you are proud to say you belong to a group of people with a purpose while having fun and learning safety and knowledge the GWRRA Way? We can do this together!

Looking forward to the year ahead and all it has to offer.

From your Chapter Directors:

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**Chapter K Meetings held the
Second Tuesday of the Month.
Moose Lodge
631 Pulaski Road
Greenlawn, NY 11740**

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”. GWRRR 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 GWRRR and Chapter K Long Island

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NY District Leadership Trainers: Richard & Claire Aylward
Regional Leadership Trainers: Eileen and Tim Guile
Regional Directors: Ed & Dottie Bahrenburg



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UPCOMING EVENTS FOR 2012 MARK YOUR CALENDAR

Mar 13, Chapter K Meeting, Moose Lodge, 631 Pulaski Road, Greenlawn, NY 11740

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

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

April 21-22 Region “Funshop” in Freehold, NJ Elks Club

May 12, 2012 NY-K, Mall Show Walt Whitman Mall Huntington NY

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 3-5, 2012 Bi-State Convention NY & NJ Districts

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