



# GWRRR Chapter K– NY Newsletter

GWRRR Chapter K  
March 2012 Edition

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Editor

## MARCH MEETING

The meeting opened with CD Richie Aylward leading the group in the pledge of Allegiance. It was nice to see a couple new faces joined our group this Tuesday evening. In addition to being able to purchase cold drinks at a nominal cost, coffee, tea and cake were served. This was offered because the group in the past were able to purchase food at the previous meeting location. The new Greenlawn meeting place was scheduled again in March due to having another presentation which benefits the participants of Chapter K. Unfortunately, the diner would not give us a larger room unless we could provide a minimum of 25 participants and our attendance is falling below that count. So be sure and make the meetings so we can make our meetings location more available to more of our GWRRR members.

The discussion this evening was the ride schedule and group riding. Our Rider Educator Rob Bellasai gave a presentation on "Group Riding". Rob distributed a two page questionnaire for the group to follow along throughout the video and also during his presentation. Rob stressed that "Group Riding" is a "We" and "Us" and not an "I" and "Me" mind set. It is important to remember that what is good for the group is what will be honored. The members were given a tentative ride schedule to look over. Rob followed up



his presentation with a discussion with the group to do a short ride on March 25, 2012 in order to observe riding skills and any issues that need to be addressed. MEC Claire Aylward said she would send out an email notice and also post the ride on the website.

CT Cathy Turner went over the future raffle plans for the future Big Raffle. Please note, after the meeting Cathy Turner contacted Claire Aylward and that due to Cathy's mother's health issues she will not be able to coordinate the "Big Raffle" after all. Therefore, we have put that "Big Raffle" plan on hold for the time being.

Richie Aylward contacted the Walt Whitman Mall about our Mall Show and it seems that our date was not secured and therefore we will postpone the Mall Show that was to be held on May 12, 2012 for a different date and time.

Cathy raffled off lots of St. Patrick Day goodies to all those lucky winners. The 50/50 was won by Richie Aylward and the chapter received \$23.00.

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What's new in the Chapter

What's new in our New York State District

### **What's new in GWRRR**

seminars

meet-ups

ice cream socials

conventions



**New Hampshire Winter Bash**

Chapter C Maine put on a fun weekend the end of March 30-April 01, 2012.



Of course it was a really long ride up to New Hampshire but was great to get away for an inexpensive weekend (not counting the gas) where all kinds of fun and games were had by everyone.

We started out by gathering and catching up with everyone in the great room of the hotel. Saturday morning everyone gathered together for breakfast and told about what was going on in their particular chapter. GWRRA Maine Chapter C had a wedding shower for a couple of members who had met at their chapter. The afternoon was open to go shopping and tour the area. We took a ride up to White Mountain where the top of the mountains were covered with snow just glistened under the sun. It was

a beautiful site. We could not go all the way up because of the snow the path was closed but we could see the mountain top with a scientific building and radio towers through a telescope.

Saturday night everyone gathered at the Muddy Moose Restaurant, I was surprised they were able to accommodate us. Steve the new Maine Chapter C Director did a great job seating over 50 of us and the service was very efficient. Then back to the hotel great room for ice cream dessert and fun and games. Sunday morning everyone gathered for breakfast and said their good-byes and promised to get together again at the Ride in May 18,19 & 20 up in Canandaigua Lakes New York. Everyone had a great time, lots of hugs to go around.

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**THAT'S THE WAY!**

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**Do you have a favorite vender that you would like your friends to know about.....Here is the place to add them.**

**Business Card Size Ad annual rate \$50.00  
Circulation 90 motorcyclists and climbing!  
Each ad will run throughout the year at this very low rate!**

**Get your favorite vendors to advertise in our newsletter which is circulating to our members in Suffolk and Nassau County, Queens, Staten Island and Brooklyn—Chapter K—NY member base.**



## LETS GET TO KNOW YOU!

This is where in our newsletter we have tried to encourage our members to share their stories with each other.

Tell us about yourself. To help you get started here is a list of questions that you can share with your fellow members.

- 1) What is your name?
- 2) Are you married or single?
- 3) Do you have any children, pets, etc , how old are they and what are their names?
- 4) What do you ride (motorcycle, trike, etc) ?
- 5) How long have you been riding?
- 6) What other hobbies or sports do you like to do?
- 7) Is there anything that we should know about you that you would like to share with your fellow members?

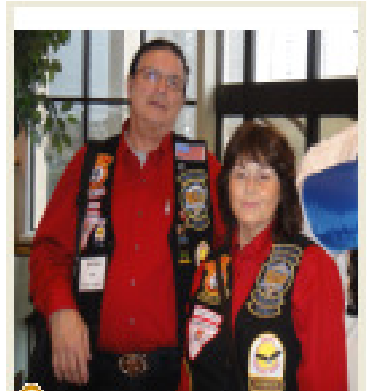
Did anything funny or not so funny happen to you that you would like to share that may help us to be aware of in the future?

*“You must  
become the  
change you  
want the  
world to  
be”  
- Gandhi*

## LET’S GET TO KNOW YOU!

2012 March featured members are **Richie & Claire Aylward**

We are married for over 25 years. We have five children, his and hers, three sons and two daughters. We have nine grandchildren. We love animals. We lost our precious Shela the Sheltie last December 2010 and have not really gotten over it. We have been, over the years bicycling, boating and now motorcycling. When we bicycled, we did the 5 boroughs of NYC, a 100 mile tour. When we boated, we boated to Connecticut, to Montauk and up to Haverstraw, NY in our 30 foot Searay Sedan Bridge. As we are busy with our grandchildren, we are now becoming very involved with GWRRA. Richard has accepted the position of Chapter K- NY Director and Claire has accepted the position of Chapter K Membership Enhancement Coordinator. We have also been busy taking numerous trainings and have been doing presentations throughout the northeast Region B to share what we have learned from the GWRRA programs. We have also accepted the positions of NY District Trainers.



We were very impressed with all the free trainings and help we received as we grew to know so many of the GWRRA members throughout the region. We had spend so many times laughing and enjoying ourselves that we wanted to share this with our members here at home on Long Island.



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Chapter K Meetings held the  
Third Tuesday of the Month.  
Sweet Hollow Diner  
Rt 110, 100 Broadhollow Rd.  
Melville, NY 11757

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**Friends for Fun, Safety and Knowledge**



**GWRRRA**

**Coming soon a new  
website**

**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”. GWRRRA 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 GWRRRA oteRegion 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 GWRRRA and Chapter K Long Island**

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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  
Regional Directors: Ed & Dottie Bahrenburg



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**UPCOMING EVENTS FOR 2012 MARK YOUR CALENDAR**

**April 17, 2012 Chapter K Meeting, Sweet Hollow Diner , RT110, 100  
Broadhollow Road, Melville, NY 11747**

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

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

**June 4-9, 2012 Americade, Lake George, NY**

**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**

**October 22, 2012 Camp Out, New Jersey**