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January Gathering

The first meeting of the the new year opened as usual with the **“Pledge of Allegiance”** while our funny **“Mascot Alf”** watched over us.

We wished a Happy Birthday to the members: Phil Genova, Mike Romano, Lorraine Ingenito and Gus Argyros.

Linda Reichling distributed birthday cards to all those present.

CD Richie and Claire Aylward had Bill and Linda Reichling stand up in front of the group. Claire explained that in 2012 Chapter K did not have an **“Assistant Chapter Director”** but 2013 was to be different as Richie and Claire welcomed Bill and Linda Reichling as the new **“Assistant Chapter Directors”** as of January 1, 2013.

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Special points of interest:

- **What's new in the Chapter**
- **What's new in NY State District**
- **What's New in GWRRA**

Seminars

Meetings

Ice Cream
Socials

Conventions

ATTENTION: GATHERING PLACE FOR NEXT MEETING:

NEXT MEETING February 12 2013, HELD AT BERTUCCIS RESTAURANT, **881 Walt Whitman Road (RT 110) Melville, NY 11747Dinner at 6:30 pm and Meeting starts 7:30 pm.**

Directions to location: Long Island Expy exit Rt # 110, Huntington North , heading north, go under viaduct for Northern State Parkway, Bertuccis Restaurant is on the left (west) side of the road.

Come and join us and help us plan future rides and events.



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Bill and Linda Reichling will be sworn in at the “New Officers Swearing In Ceremony” held at the District Meeting up in Syracuse, NY on January 19, 2013.

We had several presentations this meeting. First, Linda Reichling, our “Dash for Cash” Coordinator explained to the group the DFC program and what it would entail and how we have to document with pictures and text certain events held throughout the year. This program only covers events and members in the New York District. Next we had Bill Reichling go over the “Chapter of the Year” program Coordinator, so that the members will understand how we earn points and compete with the other chapters throughout the nation. Bill explained that we are competing with ourselves, that we want to do more events on the CHOY program which encourages the members to take advantage of all the different programs and events offered to help make our Chapter K more interesting, for Fun, Safety and Knowledge. Also he noted that if we submit a “CHOY” packet we also earn points for our “Dash For Cash” program. This looks to be a really exciting year to look forward to.

Our Rider Educator Rob Bellasai presented a great presentation entitled “Intersection Safety Awareness for the Motorcyclist and the Motorist”. This was a great presentation. It was a great kickoff to another program that we want to incorporate into our events this year and that is of the “Motorist Awareness” program. CD Richie Aylward hopes to have a team of volunteers to get this program going. Rob reminded everyone who has yet to fill out their “Level One Application N7) a program that will earn you Rider Ed badges as you improve your Riding Skills.

The upcoming second Annual Chili Party will be held on February 19, 2013 (third Tuesday of the month) at the Huntington Moose Lodge in Greenlawn, NY. We have several volunteers to make chili so this is going to be a “Chili” tasting party. **No one will want to miss that.. Contact Richie or Claire if you are going to bring or help out for this event.**

Six of our members are attending the NY District Meeting in Syracuse, NY on January 19, 2013; Bill and Linda Reichling, Bob and Cathy Turner and Richie and Claire Aylward. A Officers Certification Program is being held following the District Meeting and running through to Sunday. Richie and Claire Aylward, will be doing this presentation with the Lead Instructors Tim and Eileen Guile. After this OCP training, Richie and Claire Aylward should be able to have this training in the future as they are earning their Senior Instructor’s Certification.

We ran a bit over time at this meeting so we did not do a 50/50 raffle. Richie Aylward did do the “Are You Wearing your GW Chapter K Patch?” raffle and Linda Torres won (she picked her own number, that’s the way to go!!!! LOL

Correction from last December 2012 Newsletter; our RocknBob won the 50/50 not Bill Reichling which was stated incorrectly.



CHAPTER K—NY RIDER EDUCATOR

Helmets – Part 1

Based on some of your feedback, we have decided to talk about riding gear. In this month's newsletter we will start to talk about helmets. This is part 1 in a 5 parts series on this subject.

Most activities have their own suitable protective gear and equipment. Motorcycling is no exception. Every rider and passenger should wear over-the-ankle footwear, long pants, a long-sleeved jacket, full-fingered motorcycle gloves, and a helmet manufactured to meet DOT (U.S. Department of Transportation) standards.



There is no doubt, Helmets work!! Helmet effectiveness has been confirmed by responsible studies, while helmet myths – “helmets break necks, block vision and impair hearing” – have been consistently disproved. Safety conscious riders wear helmets by deliberate choice every time they ride.

What a Helmet Does for You

First, it is the best protective gear you can wear while riding a motorcycle.

Think of it at the same time you think of your ignition key: Pick up the key; pick up the helmet. They go together. Helmet use is not a “cure-all” for motorcycle safety, but in a crash, a helmet can help protect your brain, your face, and your life.

Combined with other protective gear, rider-education courses, proper licensing and public awareness, the use of helmets and protective gear is one way to reduce injury.

You hope you never have to “use” your helmet, just like you hope you won't ever need to “use” the seat-belt in your car. But crashes do happen. We can't predict when or what kind they will be.

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You should not say to yourself, “I’m just running down to the store, ”and not wear your helmet. In any given year, a lot of people make good use of seatbelts, and a lot of riders give thanks that they were wearing helmets.

Second, a good helmet makes riding a motorcycle more fun, due to the comfort factor: another truth. It cuts down on wind noise roaring by your ears; on windblast on your face and eyes, and deflects bugs and other objects flying through the air. It even contributes to comfort from changing weather conditions and reduces rider fatigue.

Third, wearing a helmet shows that motorcyclists are responsible people; we take ourselves and motorcycling seriously. Wearing a helmet, no matter what the law says, is a projection of your attitude toward riding. And that attitude is plain to see by other riders and non-riders alike.

Rob Bellasai

Chapter K – Rider Educator



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NY DISTRICT MEETING JANUARY 19, 2013

Well as usual Syracuse was “cold” but the meeting, meals and Officers Certification Program was held within the warm building of the Holiday Inn so everyone was pretty comfortable.

The meeting started off with everyone standing up and introducing themselves and what Chapter and stated what position they held. All new Officers for 2013 from all the Chapters stood up in the front of the room and read the Oath of Office as they were sworn in for 2013. Discussions on the Dash for Cash program changes and the Couple of the Year and the Chapter of the Year programs were held. Region B NE Assistant Educator Al Stahl spoke about the Rider Education program and to be sure your members are getting involved in the levels program. Richie Aylward NY District Trainer spoke about the changes from Leadership Training program Instructors Development Certification Program is now called the GW University which now encompasses all three programs: Riders Education, Leadership Training and Membership Enhancement under one program so all seminars will be recorded on one database and each member will have their own record card to keep track. NY District Public Relations Coordinator Linda Waterman spoke on our attitude with dealing with members up and down the line and remember to be considerate of each other. NE Region Trainers Tim and Eileen Guile had Richie and Claire Aylward come to the front of the room and they presented to



them their Leadership “Senior Instructor” Certification certificate and new badges. The NY/NJ Bi-State Convention which is to be held this year in Syracuse, NY is our number one priority as this is a fund raiser for all of NY and NJ as they split the profits in half to serve the chapters of their district. If we do not support this convention with a large turnout there may not be any programs to assist throughout the upcoming future. Americade which is held up in NY in June has extended an additional three days to the event so the GWRRA booth will need additional volunteers. There are numerous shifts to be filled. District Newsletter Editor Phil Coons went over how to create a better newsletter and what software you can use to save your work so that it can be minimized to email to your members. Suzette Wood the District Website Coordinator created and distributed information flyers to all who attended on newsletter and websites. No chapter stepped up to do **the “Ride-In” this year. Chapter K tried but was not able to find a hotel and gathering place close together.** Bob said Long Island has a great deal to offer but we are not prepared to take it on this year.

Assistant District Director Bob Turner conducted the segment on Chapter / District Discussions on what went well and not so well in your chapter this past year. Can the District be of help?



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MOTORIST AWARENESS



Your Chapter Director is aware that many of our members want to become more involved with the upcoming programs and the events of Chapter K and we are listening to you.

There is a “Motorist Awareness” program with lots of information and guidance so that we can be productive and get out there and let the motorist know that motorcycles have rights also.

We need to be proactive and make other vehicles on the road “Share the Road” and lets all have a better attitude so we all can enjoy the ride and everyone arrives home or to their destination safely. We need a Coordinator and many Liaisons to be able to carry this program off.

Your Chapter also needs a “Ride Coordinator” one who can schedule the ride and event program for 2013 with assistance of a second or even a third person. It is important that we never schedule a ride or event that coincides with GWRRRA events especially in our Northeast Region B area. This coordinator needs to see who can lead and when rides. When there is a big event out of state like WingDing and a few members cannot attend that event, we also need to schedule a ride on Long Island on Sunday of that weekend.

So you can see this is just the tip of the iceberg. There are many programs to get involved with that take much too much time for your Chapter Directors to do a good job. That means everyone can do a little and a lot will be done so we all have lots of fun in 2013.

So think about your skills and talents and how much time you can either take on as a coordinator or maybe you have enough time to just do a small part of a larger event. Every little bit of involvement makes you a part of this wonderful family we call GWRRRA Chapter K.



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OFFICERS CERTIFICATION PROGRAM (OCP)



On January 19, 2013 at 4:00pm an OCP training was held for eighteen members of GWRRA. This training went till 8:30 pm that evening and continued on January 20, 2013 at 8:00 am and continued through well into the afternoon without a break for lunch (the attendees choice) as many had a long ride home. Your Chapter K Directors prepared and instructed this training while Region Trainers, Tim and Eileen Guile assisted us and monitored our presentation. Eighteen members completed the course and took a knowledge quiz and all passed and earned their OCP Certificates. The knowledge they gained should give them a better understanding of what GWRRA is about and if they choose to take on an Officer Position they will be prepared.



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The “Winter Thing” in Ocean City, Maryland January 10-13, 2013

It was a cold and windy Thursday morning about 4:15 am that six Chapter K members; Gary Neppell, Susan Dithridge, Bill and Linda Reichling and Richie and Claire Aylward piled their luggage and themselves into Richie’s Ford Excursion as we all took off for Ocean City, MD. Some of us talked, some of us slept but we all arrived safe and sound. We all had a great time as we did the meet and greet thing. We attended the “Ice Cream Social” and our favorite was the hospitality room with all the free snacks and drinks



and more ice cream. The picture above is our six Chapter K members with Maryland District Director, Ray Hartman. Friday evening we went to a Buffet Restaurant with other NY friends where the selection was overwhelming (we really ate much to much). Then we attended the “American Patriot Dance” and we all looked the part as Bill and Linda went shopping before the trip and got us the best headgear with flashing lights. Everyone got up and danced, lots of line dancing etc. Friends Al Stahl, Vicki Ross, Eileen and Tim Guile and Cliff joined our group as Richie and Al teased each other, LOL throughout the evening. Saturday was Motorcycle Assimilator Machine with an instructor, driving this machine was harder than it looked. In the afternoon games, seminars, picture taking, raffles, just lots of things going on. Saturday night was the banquet night where lots of awards and lots of raffles purchased during the last couple of days produced money and basket wins. Gary Neppell won and Bill Reichling won and Everyone went home very happy they came.



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UPCOMING EVENTS FOR 2013 MARK YOUR CALENDAR

January 8, 2013 Gathering Meeting, Bertuccis, Melville, NY

January 10-12, 2013 Maryland Winter Thing

January 19, 2013 NY District Mtg, followed by OCP Training

4:00 pm Jan.19 through 3:00 pm on the 20th

February 2, 2013 First Aid CPR Class Syosset, NY

February 12, 2013 Gathering Meeting, Bertuccis, Melville, NY

*February 19, 2013 Chili Party, Second Annual, Huntington
Moose Lodge, Greenlawn, NY*

March or April (depending on the weather) BR2 Class

**WATCH FOR EMAILS OF UNSCHEDULED GATHERINGS FOR
BREAKFAST**



We are on the Internet:
www.gwrra-ny-k.org



NEXT MEETING IS February 12, 2013 HELD AT BERTUCCIS RESTAURANT, 881 WALT WHITMAN RD., MELVILLE, NY 11747. DINNER AT 6:30 PM AND MEETING STARTS 7:30 PM

Come and join us and help us plan future rides and events

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