

GWRRA VA Chapter D



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CHAPTER DIRECTOR'S CORNER

FALL ON THE WAY

Iris and I had a wonderful time at WingDing 41 in Nashville, TN. As I had mentioned in last month's article, this was our first induction into WingDing. We had a great time meeting up with GWRRA participants we had not seen for a while, so therefore, the event felt like a family reunion. We participated in the Advance Rider Course that was both challenging and exciting. The two instructors, Woody and John Skinner kept us on our toes by conducting realistic scenarios on the course. I'm glad that we rode 2-up. Having Iris on the bike with me and going through these exercises, gave us the opportunity to feel how the bike would handle in various situations. Overall, we felt a bit more confident and more vigilant after the class.

We took a tour of Broadway and checked-out a couple of bands one evening. The music, as expected, was incredibly good. The bands actually play for tips and are not paid by the establishments with most of the musicians hoping to be discovered and become big stars. I wish we had more time. I would have loved to have spent a few more days listening to more talented musicians play and sing. One morning, Iris and I rode the Natchez Trace Parkway. Although the route was peaceful and beautiful, it wasn't as pleasing as riding through the Blue Ridge Mountains. It didn't offer the same breathtaking views found at many of the scenic stops. Nevertheless, if you are in Tennessee, please make sure to experience it yourself.

Fritz Sassine and Iris Guillet

VA-D CD

GATHERING



Candela's Pizzeria & Ristorante

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Midlothian, VA 23113

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When : Dine at 6 PM Gather at 7 PM the 4th Wednesday of each month

Directors

Fritz Sassine & Iris Guillet

KEY DATES

All Chapters Picnic
September 21, 2019

COY & ASSISTANT DIRECTOR'S CORNER

Hello everyone,

The doors open at Wing Ding 41 on Tuesday to where recognition was given to Awards and Couple of the Year Day! Arriving early to join in all recognition and some of our outstanding Officers, Directors, University Instructors and more! Allen & I had the chance to meet our International Couples of the Year.

Overseas: Roger & Rafhella Hefez, Canadian Territory: Mark & Dale Williams, Northeastern Territory: Bob & Liz Fowler, Northwestern Territory: Don & June Detwiler, Southwestern Territory: Robert & Joan Partigianoni. Southeast Territory: Carl & Kathy Williams.

Congratulations to all!

Wing Ding rolls out the carpet when we arrive starting with the "Welcome Party". Allen &

I didn't make that event. Boogie with the live music, dinner with friendship. Then we rode over to watch the Drill Teams precision. Fantastic job. I know Allen & I walk in 5 days 75 miles inside the Gaylord Ophyland, that's the way our feet felt! Between were we had to be at that time or just finding our room. But, we still had fun. As part of the District Team, VA. Allen & I wish to say "THANK YOU" to all of you from Chapters D, C, L, E, O, X, A and the District team for volunteering at Vendors doors for checking armbands.

I believe there was over 5,500 people attending. Next year "Wing Ding 42" in Springfield, Missouri on June 30 – July 4, 2020. The Gold Wing Road Rider Association (GWRRA) is a friendly group of people who enjoys motorcycling, socializing, and having a good time with other motorcycling enthusiasts through the freedom of belonging to a non-profit, nonpolitical, nonreligious organization. Membership in GWRRA is not limited to just Gold Wing or Valkyrie owners. Anyone may join and participate in any activities, regardless of the brand of motorcycle you ride. Our emphasis is on having fun, sharing knowledge, and stressing safety. If you're a motorcycle rider and want to meet and make new friends, we invite you to join us. Whether you are a new or seasoned rider, you will be welcomed to our Chapter, one that closer to your home, or joining friends that already members. That's up to you. We'll help you build/hone your riding skills through ongoing ride education and many different seminars with loads of fun.

Once you join GWRRA, you may participate with as many chapters as you choose; you decide your own level of involvement. Wherever you travel, you're welcome. A GWRRA membership opens doors to friendship wherever you ride! There are no expectations, riding requirements, election, politics, or required uniforms. Put up your feet and stay a while - you'll find all sorts of information on GWRRA and our Chapters. Be sure to check out the newsletters from each chapter puts out each month on the latest news and events.

Al & Debbie Dowell

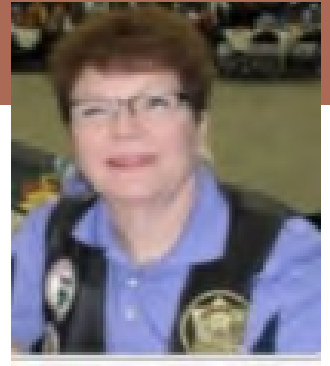
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MARIE REPORTS THE NEWS (GOSSIP, RUMOR & HERESAY) AND SPECIAL EVENTS



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DONATIONS TO THE HOMELESS HEARTS ARE WELCOME We're still collecting toiletries all year long. We are collecting the individual soaps, shampoos, conditioners, lotions, etc. that you get from the hotels when traveling. We deliver these to the McGuire Veterans Medical Center's Chaplains Program.

"TWO WHEEL TUESDAY"



The Tuesday riders are venturing out every week to ride thanks to the planning and execution of times and places by Ted Nelmes and Tommy Broughton. Depending on the temperature and weather, we hope that there will be a lot of opportunities to ride so check your schedule and take the opportunity to ride with them. If you want to be added to the Tuesday ride list, let us know.

UPCOMING CHAPTER PROJECTS:

We're collecting DVDs to donate to the McGuire VA Hospital. This is our 5th year collecting DVDs for the veterans there. Consider going through your collection or picking up a few new or used DVDs for the Fisher House and the McGuire Veterans Medical Center and donate them.



RVA BIKE NIGHT 2019 is every Wednesday from 5 PM to 8 PM at Mission BBQ at Glenside and Broad Street. You don't want to miss seeing all the motorcycles. Some nights there are 400+ motorcycles in the parking lot. The last RVA Bike Night event is on Wednesday, October 30.

CHANGE...RVA BIKES and COFFEE is every Sunday morning starting at 10 AM at Regency Square Mall at Quioccasin & Parham. Some issues with the VA Eye Institute has prompted a change in location recently.

CHECK OUT THE CHAPTER D WEBSITE & FACEBOOK PAGE at www.richmondwings.com is our website where you can find all the information on events (with fliers) and planned rides or visit us on Facebook at <https://www.facebook.com/GWRRVAD/>

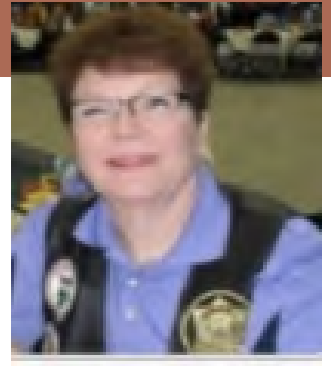
WING DING 2020 You have probably heard but if you haven't, Wing Ding will be in Springfield, MO in 2020. Next year the dates will change back to include July 4 th again. Start making your long range plans!



From Your Membership Enhancement

New Recruiting Tools for GWRRRA

GWRRRA has recently started a new recruitment program. They offer a 4 month free trial membership to GWRRRA for all prospective members. This is available to Goldwing owners or other motorcyclists. The trial includes one issue of *Wing World* magazine, and several informative brochures about our benefits, the Association, and other information! Access to the Online Message Boards and Member Benefits is not included in the trial. Limit one trial per year / per household.



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Check it out at the website and sign up a few riders. http://gwrrra.org/free_trial.html

NEWS FLASH: *There is a new GWRRRA recruiting contest. It's a 7 day Alaska Cruise starting on June 5, 2020 and each person/family you recruit will give you 1 entry into the contest to win this prize. Also if you renew your membership, you are eligible for 1 entry as well. There is a little fine print so check out the website at http://gwrrra.org/oconnect/images/advertisements/Cruise_Contest_Newsletter1.pdf or check out the flier in this newsletter and start talking to everyone about joining GWRRRA.* Marie Crow
Membership Enhancement Coordinator

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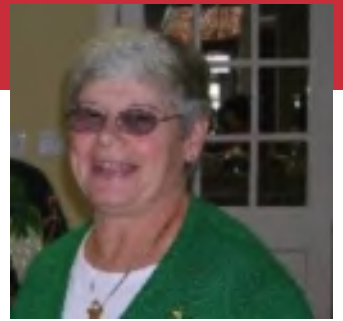
Our Mission is to "Facilitate a Reduction in Motorcycle Crashes with Other Motor Vehicles."

MOTORIST AWARENESS PROGRAM

Let's talk about motorists and their tendency to not see motorcycles on the road. We want to focus a little more time sharing with all drivers about Motorist Awareness. We have Motorists Awareness brochures that we have available for events where we can promote awareness. We would like to bring awareness to all drivers that motorcyclists share the roads with them. If you have a Facebook page, occasionally post a message about the need to watch out for motorcyclists in your neighborhood and on the open road. Reminders help everyone to be aware of our motorcyclists while driving.

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Ginny Broughton



Birthdays & Anniversaries

Susan Brown 9-Sept

Lloyd Chaser 13-Sept

Richard Zimmer 25-Sept





Virginia District Times

Gold Wing Road Riders Association



By The Best is Yet to Come!

Roman, our illustrious Newsletter Editor, sent out an email to remind us to Roman, our illustrious Newsletter Editor, sent out an email to remind us to send in our articles. He titled it "The party's over..." Other than being slightly angry with him for putting that song in my head to play over and over, it got me to thinking about what is instore next.

First, I want to share a little about Wing Ding 41. The Virginia Members in attendance did an excellent job working security at the vendor's doors. Thanks to Debbie Dowell for collecting the names of those who volunteered and to Dan Clark for representing us and overseeing the operation while I was presenting modules.

There wasn't a costume 'contest', my mistake, but when Team GWRRA saw some of us from my home Chapter in costume they were impressed. The entertainment both nights was free after dinner and exceptional. It was a great time to spend with some Virginia people including Elvis and his hippie girlfriend fresh from WV (aka the Stanley's)! Loads of cowboys and cowgirls including Willie Nelson and a couple of inflatable horses. I must say that the men in wranglers, boots and cowboy hats sure were nice to look at. Looking forward to Wing Ding 42 in Springfield, Missouri.

Next on our calendar for the District is the **All Chapter's Picnic**. The details are as follows:

Twin Lakes State Park, 788 Twins Lakes Road, Green bay Virginia 434-392-3435. Camping is available.

It is at Shelter 1, 11:00 AM to 3:00 PM. Bring a dessert to share and/or one to auction off. Proceeds from the auction will go to the Couples Program. Lunch will be provided. Only cost is parking (free with a disabled permit), 50/50 and the auction.

Just as a reminder:

We will have an **Officer's Conference**, formally the OP's meeting, in January. All Chapter and District Team Members are invited, as well as, any interested Member. More information to follow. It will be as centrally located as possible to best serve all of you. Breakout sessions for training on each position is planned.

It is coming! **Wingless Weekend** is back by popular demand. Traditionally scheduled for Valentine's weekend, the event is planned for the 14th and 15th of February. I have been gifted with archives of prior Wingless Weekends. What I would like to have is input from those of you who have attended in the past to share with the District Team. What did you enjoy most about it so we can include those things in the planning? Even better, volunteer to help us put it together. Contact me by phone or email.

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*Lorrie Thomas
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