

Richmond Wings Newsletter



What a Weekend

What a weekend we had at Region N Rally on November 4-5, 2016 in Johnson City, TN. After 8 years of not hosting a rally, Tennessee had a great turn out and everyone seemed to enjoy themselves. If you did not attend, you missed out on Educational sessions, the 3-hour riding tour and much much more. Region, District and Chapters participants' support was evident in making the rally a great success for our region.

The new Region N Couple of the Year is Ervin and Denise Blake for 2017. We are elated that Virginia's couple was chosen. For the first time, the competition was shared by videoconference. VA Chapters present, which supported our couple, were Chapter D, B, C, L, O and W. The individual Chapters presented Ervin and Denise with bouquets of flowers. Not only for taking the title, but also to say "Thank You" for all that they have done.



Couple Selection



Region N Couple of the Year 2017

On Friday evening, Rosalie Boyles from West Virginia entertained us to the point of stitches. What a super performance by a super lady. Rosalie started back in 1991 with her act, and asked the same question Friday evening "Who would like their husband to be trained"? Well, my hand shot up so fast that she picked Allen. Allen AKA "Water boy" was first given several tasks. The first one was to give Rosalie water every time she summoned him. Then she gave him a napkin and asked him "do you know what this is for?" He looked confused. And

Allen & Debbie Dowell
Directors
"Richmond Wings"
Virginia Chapter D

Gathering

Candela's
Pizzeria & Ristorante

14235 Midlothian Turnpike
Midlothian, VA 23113

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Dine at 6 PM/Gather at 7 PM
4th Wednesday of each month



Teaching him how to give her water



Rosalie forgave Allen. What a loving person

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she said," it's for you to wipe me." So then she said," wipe me". Allen did not miss a beat and proceeded to wipe her butt. That surprise Rosalie and everyone else. Well, the audience was in an uproar as she jumped out of his reach and said," not there. My forehead." I could have fallen off my seat when he did that. She just shook her head at me and said you need a lot of help with him. Only Allen would do that!

Rosalie had not remembered that she had chosen Allen back in 1991 when she picked him again. At that time, Allen danced on the table for her, and kept telling her that he was single until the end of the entertainment. Then she recognizes who she was dealing with. This was all in fun at the rallies.

"Gathering Dates Moved"

More Photos from the Rally

Virginia District Directors
John & Kathy Skinner

More and More Fun!



Back to news

Due to the Thanksgiving holiday Chapter W has moved their gathering to **November 15, 2016. Also, Chapter D's gathering has been moved to November 16, 2016. Mark your calendar. In places of Chapter D and W December's gatherings, we will hold our Annual Christmas Party so Please check the fliers for more information.**

As the riding season is winding down, the days are getting shorter and somewhat cooler. You will have less optimal riding days. For those who are diehard motorcyclist, remember to carry extra warm riding gear and GWRRA Recruiting supplies in your vehicles too in case you meet people who may remark about you being out in those conditions. This may be an opportunity to talk to them about GWRRA. However, we need to be safe on the roads because even in good weather conditions drivers have a difficult time in watching out for motorcycles. Imagine now with the time change and less daylight. Be prepared and make sure you put on protective gear before any rides you do with the motorcycle.

Fritz Sassine has agreed to schedule weekend rides for the members who do work. Yes, that four letter word "Work". Fritz will send out the emails for those rides. Tom will continue to email the Tuesday rides.

Happy Holidays,

Allen & Debbie Dowell

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CPR and First Aid Class

Chapter D is hosting the

CPR & First Aid Class on

November 19, 2016.

Lunch and Drinks will be provided

We have two seats available if anyone wishes to register.

The cost is \$30.00 per person. Please make check payable to: GWRRA-VA.

**—Contact Debbie Dowell at 804-222-1303 or ddowellmickey@comcast.net —
to reserve your seat or if you have any questions.**



John Howe, Region N MFA Coordinator, 701 471-0795

Directions

From South- Go North on 295 Exit 22A toward Richmond on RT.5.
Stay straight and see Library on left.
Go to first parking lot on right.
Walk into library & go down steps, turn left into hall. You are there.

From North- Go South on 295 Exit 22B toward Richmond on Rt. 5 Stay
straight and see Library on left. Go to first parking lot on right.
Walk into library & go down steps, turn left into hall. You are there.

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Christmas Party



Goldwing Wing Road Riders Association
Annual Christmas Party
Central Virginia Chapters D & W

Sunday, December 4, 2016
5 PM - 8 PM
American Legion Post 186

910 Otterdale Road Midlothian, VA 23114 804-794-9785



Directions: Rt. 60 West.

Take **left turn** at Bon Secours Watkins Ctr, Med. Ctr. (Westchester Shopping Center will be on the right) You will be on Otterdale Rd. Go straight on right side of road, around circle. Kept going straight, and American Legion on left. **Park cars in back of building. Be careful of oncoming traffic and rocks in the driveway.**

Everyone brings a covered dish to share



Turkey, Ham and drinks are provided by the chapters

Santa will be there If you bring a child, please bring a gift for that child to *receive from Santa*.

Optional Gift Exchange Guys bring a guy gift, girls bring a girl gift. Limit is \$10.

Please buy what you would like to receive, if you plan to participate in gift exchange.

RSVP TO: Debbie Dowell at dowellmickey@comcast.net or call 804-222-1303

Deadline to RSVP is Thursday, December 1, 2016.

Let us know how many will attend and if you will be bringing children.

Inside Story Headline

As we enter in to the winter months, we will be riding less so it is a good time to get maintenance work done on our motorcycles. The following was taken from the Bike Bandit Blog and highlights the 10 most neglected things on your bike.

Shop Secrets: The 10 Most Neglected Things on Your Bike

25. August 2016 [Aaron Cortez](#)

When you work at a motorcycle shop, you see every kind of maintenance mishap imaginable roll through the door. After a while, some patterns inevitably emerge, and you get to know exactly the things that most motorcycle owners tend to neglect on their bikes.

Because we're always on a mission to inform our customers about how to best take care of their machines, we thought it would be best to get the skinny on what maintenance items most people *really* overlook, put off, or downright ignore on their bikes - right from the people who deal with them the most! So we visited Lee's Cycle in San Diego, CA, and sat down with the team to figure out what problems they're always being faced with in the shop - *many of which riders have no idea they even have*. You'll probably be surprised by the results!

"A" Customers and "B" Customers

While trying to learn about how the problems with some bikes get so severe, Eric, the owner of Lee's Cycle, explained it like this:

"For the most part, there are really two kinds of people who bring their bikes into a shop: "A" customers and "B" customers. "A" customers care about their bikes, stay on top of their maintenance, and want to do things right. They may not know a lot about proper maintenance, but if you tell them they need something done, they'll come in and get it, and do it on time.

"B" Customers are the type that truly don't give a crap. They are either so clueless about their bikes they don't even know maintenance is needed, or they know but genuinely don't care. This is the guy who will roll in on a tire showing cords to get HIDs installed before a bike night, and we'll tell him how important it is for him to replace his tires - and he'll ignore us and get the HIDs anyway!"



Team Educator,
Carl Halye Jr.

Ride safe and remember
ATGATT.



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"B" customers obviously have a lot of maintenance problems, and usually only take care of them after it's too late. But "A" customers actually end up in the shop a lot too - most often because they tried to do some maintenance *themselves*, but listened to a friend or watched a YouTube video and ended up breaking something! Either way, we see a lot of the same stuff come in, day after day."

What All This Means To You

At BikeBandit, many of our customers are DIYers, shopping with us to get the parts and tools they need to keep their machines running in peak condition themselves. Here's how this info helps you - because motorcycle shops do tend to see so many of the same jobs over and over, you can prevent problems with your bike by just knowing what they are, and staying on top of them in advance!

With that, lets dive into the 10 most common maintenance mishaps that roll into the shop!

1) Low Tire Pressure

Far and away, this is the most common problem techs see with bikes that come into the shop. Motorcycles are much more sensitive to changes in tire pressure than other vehicles are, and because the tires are relatively small, they lose pressure a lot faster too.

As a result, usually only the most experienced and disciplined riders keep their tire pressure topped off at the proper level - most riders let it fall without even realizing it, from just a few PSI (which is not a huge problem) to pressures so low, the bike is literally at risk of the tire coming off the rim!



"If I see 10 bikes in a day, 7 or 8 of them are going to have tire pressure that is too low, guaranteed." This bike was pretty well maintained, but a quick tire pressure check showed that this tire was at 19 PSI, at least 11 PSI under spec. Lee's checks the pressure on every tire that comes in through the door, and tops them off as a courtesy.

2) Excessive Tire Wear

Most motorcycle riders are guilty trying to squeeze a few more miles out of our tires - after all, those things are expensive, and we want to get every mile we can out of them! Unfortunately, many riders push it way too far as a result, and don't realize their tires need replacing until way after it should have been done. With only two tiny contact patches keeping you upright at any time on a bike, the importance of having serviceable tires *cannot be overstated*.



"This tires is way beyond needing replacement and is dangerous to even ride on - but you wouldn't believe how many tires we see come into the shop just like this."

3) Old Brake Fluid

Many riders don't understand the nature of



brake fluid, and that it is not only hygroscopic (meaning it attracts water from the environment) which dilutes its effectiveness, but that it is affected by sunlight, which causes it to darken and age prematurely. Regular brake fluid flushes are essential on a motorcycle, but this is a maintenance item that is overlooked very often.



This brake fluid is old and very dark, and probably in need of being flushed. Sunlight attacks brake fluid, so it's a good idea to use a reservoir sock to cover your reservoir if it is clear.

4) Overtightened Clutch Cable

The most common problem with clutches comes from overly tight clutch cables, usually the result of someone adjusting them on their own and not giving it the proper slack. This causes the clutch to be partially engaged all the time, and it wears prematurely as a result. The truth is, it's a lot better to have a bit too much slack in a clutch than not enough!



Sure enough, one of the bikes on the shop floor had this exact problem - a clutch cable that was adjusted too tight, with no slack in the lever at all. This means the clutch is always partially engaged, which will burn it out much earlier than normal.

5) Overtightened Throttle Cable

The same riders who are guilty of overtightening their clutch cables often do the same with their throttle cables. A throttle cable might not seem too tight when you set it up - but when you're trying to make a u-turn at full lock and the cable pulls on the throttle, causing your bike to lurch forward, you see how this is a problem really quickly! This is most often a problem when riders swap handlebars, but don't buy the appropriate length cables to accommodate it (usually just to save a buck.)

6) Neglected Chains

When it comes to chains, an alarmingly high number of riders do no maintenance on theirs whatsoever. Excessive chain slack is the most common problem; riders will complain of having laggy acceleration, not even realizing their chain has double the amount of recommended slack!

The other problem is in maintenance of the chain itself - many chains show up rusted and dry, showing no sign that they've even been clean or lubed, and more than likely have never had their slack adjusted either. The most common cause? Many riders don't even know that chain maintenance is a thing!



Here's a great example of a chain that was in desperate need of servicing, and probably even replacing - it was dry, rusted, dirty, and very slow to bend the links.



7) Excessively Worn Brake Pads and Rotors

Another common wear item is brake pads and rotors, and the most common reason, as Eric explains is that "a lot of riders, especially commuters, don't understand how much they actually use their brakes while they ride. They don't realize that 20K miles on a bike isn't like 20K on a car - it's more like having 60K on a car. They feel like their bikes are still pretty new, but we see a lot of brakes that are metal on metal way before riders even start thinking about a brake job."

8) Loose Fairings and Cosmetics

A majority of the bikes that come through the shop will have a fairing fastener, seat bolt, or license plate bolt missing somewhere. This may not seem like a big deal at the time because the bike "rides just fine," and many riders end up just forgetting about it. The problem occurs when another fastener loosens up and you suddenly have a fairing flapping in the wind, which is not only unsightly, it's dangerous - especially if it flies off!

9) Botched Electrical Jobs

The guys at Lee's estimate that a staggering 90% of the bikes that come into the shop with any kind of aftermarket lighting accessories installed on them are done incorrectly, leaving open circuits that end up grounding themselves out and burning fuses - or worse! Moral of the story - if you want to install anything that goes into your wiring harness, get someone who knows what they're doing to install it for you!

10) Neglected Oil

Ask not only any motorcycle tech, but anyone that works servicing any kind of vehicle, and they'll probably tell you one the problem they see more than any other is old, worn, dirty oil! Changing your oil and filter are part of vehicle maintenance 101 - unfortunately, too many riders either push it too far trying to save a buck, or they apply car mileage oil-change intervals to motorcycles, which often run at higher RPMs and compression ratios, and therefore need oil changes more frequently.

Drive safe and Remember ATGATT,

Carl Hayle Jr.



Falling Leaves

"The falling leaves drift by my window
The falling leaves of red and gold
I see your lips the summer kisses
The sunburned hands I used to hold."

As I rode through the back roads of Tennessee this past week during the Fall Finale, I was quickly reminded of my mother's favorite song, "Autumn Leaves." She would sing that song all the time and as I child, I learned to play it on the guitar. We would often spend Sunday afternoons after an early dinner singing her favorite tunes which included songs by Tino Rossi, Charles Aznavour, and Dalida but her favorite of all was the song composed by a Hungarian-French composer Joseph Kosma and lyrics by poet Jacques Prévert. In 1946, Yves Montand with Irène Joachim introduced it in a film called *Les Portes de la nuit*. The song was sang in French with the title "Les feuilles mortes."

The leaves scattered around Iris and me as we rode through the twisty turns of several hills and mountain sides of Tennessee and Western Virginia. We were in an entourage of 20 bikes made up mostly of trikes. One thing I admired during the ride was the co-rider in front of me. She confidently warned the riders behind her of all impending road hazards and systematically signaled with her hands to oncoming traffic. Her movements were smooth and flowed as though she was conducting an orchestra. She exemplified one of the primary goals and moto of GWRRA.

The road captain, grew up in the area and led us through some of the most amazing roads that we'd ever seen. The changing leaves contrasted beautifully with the brilliant blue sky and the temperature was just right. We made it back to the hotel after a 3 hour excursion and just in time to see Ervin and Denise Blake win Region N Couple of the Year. Congratulations to you both for all that you have done for the COY programs this past year.

During the rally, I made the mistake of agreeing to be part of the skit and here is why. The night before, I was taken to a room to review the skit and practice. At the same time, I was to preview my attire for the show. A.K.A. Crazy lady, Rosalie Boyles which is the show Production Manager walked me over to a table and before my very eyes was only a loincloth and a tiny guitar. "Where's the rest of it?", I asked with a perplexed look on my face. "That's it", she said. "You are going to be Tarzan in the song called Guitarzan". What on earth had I gotten myself into? I asked myself.

Being the good sport that I was, I agreed to continue with the show while all the time thinking, Oh Lord. What have I done. I kept wondering what will Iris think of this act and praying that my boys will never see this video which will undoubtedly show up on Facebook. What made matters worse is that we had to stand in the hotel hallway for 15 minutes waiting for our cue to get on stage while passerby's pointed and jeered at our expense. How embarrassing. Nonetheless, I did it for GWRRA because we all need a good laugh and to have fun regardless of how humiliating it can be.

Riding back home on Sunday with Iris, we continued to laugh at the fun weekend we had with wonderful friends as the falling leaves fell silently around us.



*Fritz Sassine, Webmaster
and
Iris Guillet, Editor*

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

DONATIONS TO THE HOMELESS HEARTS ARE WELCOME Now that you have finished most of your traveling for the year, bring in those toiletries that you have been collecting. The shelters are usually packed to capacity when the weather gets cold so they will be glad that we have these items to donate. We are always collecting the individual soaps, shampoos, conditioners, lotions, etc. that you get from the hotels when traveling. We deliver these to the YWCA Battered Women's Shelter and an organization called Family Lifeline in Richmond. Bring them to our gatherings or give them to someone in Chapter D. Thanks for all your help during the year.

2017 CALENDARS FOR LUCY CORR RESIDENTS. We're looking for calendars for the residents. They may start coming in the mail now or are being offered to you from your doctor's office, pharmacy or insurance company. If you have more than you need, consider donating them to Lucy Corr Village. They give every resident a new calendar each year and also provide one to new residents when they move into the complex.

"TWO WHEEL TUESDAY" RIDES... The weather has been wonderful now that the fall temperatures are offering relief from the super-hot summer we had. If the weather is good you can guarantee there is a ride planned for somewhere. Tommy Broughton and Ted Nelmes have planned some excellent rides this year and will continue to plan them for us. Thanks for all your hard work Tommy and Ted. If you want to be added to the Tuesday ride list, let them know.

LUCY CORR "TRICK OR TREAT" BINGO on Saturday, October 22 at 2 PM was a huge success. Modern Woodmen of America provided the funds for the "treat bags" full of goodies for the residents who played on Saturday. We helped some residents play their cards and it's always a good opportunity to visit with them and have a few laughs and their stories.

CHANGES FOR NOVEMBER GATHERING. Our monthly gathering is the day before Thanksgiving this year, so we're moving the gathering up one week to the 3rd Wednesday, November 16. We eat at 6 PM and gather for FUN at 7 PM.

CHRISTMAS IS COMING and you need to mark your calendar for annual Holiday Party on Sunday, December 4 from 5-8 PM. See the flier for all the details.

HAPPY NEW YEAR!!! Join us for New Year's Dinner at Rivers Bend Grill on Saturday, December 31. Come have dinner with us and then off to your special celebration event. See the flier with all the details.

ABOUT THE AMERICAN LEGION RIDERS OF POST 186

American Legion Riders of Post 186 in Midlothian have invited us to attend any of their social gatherings on the 1st and 3rd Thursdays of the month to meet their members and ask any questions about membership and their events, activities and rides. Let me know if you need additional information or if you want to become a member or even if you just want to visit.



Membership
Enhancement
Coordinator,
Marie Crow





From Your Membership Enhancement Coordinator

ABOUT THE CHAPTER OF THE YEAR PROGRAM

We're down to the home stretch for the Chapter of the Year program. There has been a lot of events and rides on our schedule this year. Please be sure to check the calendar often and check your emails so you don't miss any of the events and activities planned. All activities, rides and events are listed on the calendar at <http://www.richmondwings.com/#!/calendar/zkl2p>. Most every event and activity is eligible to be included in our Chapter of the Year entry for 2016. Remember we must have at least **3 people** participating to count it towards our goal; if we have more than 3 we get extra points. The Chapter of the Year program, designed and created to stimulate the chapters to strive for excellence within their respective Districts and Regions, will wind up this planning year on December 31, 2016. We're counting on everyone to come out and participate as much as you can so we can meet our goal and rack up as many points as possible.

There are things we have done in past years, that we done this year as well.

Lucy Corr Bingo in October, parades in May, September and December in Powhatan, Ride for Kids event in June, 4th of July celebration at the VA Hospital, chapter gatherings (ours and others), chapter fundraisers (ours and others), educational seminars (at our events, at rallies or other venues) and more.

We are planning a few seminars, Rider Ed events, other volunteer opportunities and Motorcycle Safety Awareness events along with other Motorist Awareness events.

All this planning and coordinating is great, but we need your help to *participate, participate, participate* as much as you can.

Marie Crow

Membership Enhancement Coordinator

MOTORCYCLE SAFETY AND MOTORIST AWARENESS IS GOING STRONG FOR CHAPTER D:

RVA Bike Nights are finished for 2016 and we were fortunate enough to have a lot of responses to our table of information for Motorist Awareness. Our thanks to Mission BBQ for sponsoring the event. Bike Night returns in April 2017. These events will count for our Chapter of the Year program.

UPCOMING CHAPTER PROJECTS:

We're collecting DVD's to be donated to the McGuire VA Hospital during our 4th of July celebration there in 2017. Consider going through your collection or picking up a few used DVD's for the Fisher House and the McGuire Veterans Hospital to donate.



**A SPECIAL SHOUT OUT TO OUR NEWEST MEMBERS
WELCOME TO CHAPTER D!!!**



Celebration

Happy Birthday

Thomas F	Westendorf	4-Nov
Lawanna G	Link	6-Nov
Rick	Tanner	7-Nov
Frank	Sollito	22-Nov
Iris	Guillet	25-Nov



Corresponding Secretary,
Ginny Broughton

Happy Anniversary

Allan & Debora L	Dowell	2-Nov
Calvin & Linda D	Hall	11-Nov

Happy GWRRA Anniversary

No GWRRA Anniversaries

FYI

Riders' Schedule

Tue, 01 ,08, 15, 22 & 269VA - D Tue. Ride; email sent
 Sat, 05 Nov - VA-X Evangeliccal Church @3
 Sun, 06 Nov - VA-R Golden Corral @3
 Tue, 08 Nov - VA-H Abingdon Moose Lodge @7
 Wed, 09 Nov - VA-A The Oaks Community Ctr. @7:30
 Wed, 09 Nov - VA-B Providence Sq. Shopping Ctr. @7
 Sun, 13 Nov - VA-I Great American Buffet@2
 Sun, 13Nov - VA-C Bella's Restaurant@6pm
 Mon, 14 Nov - VA-J Spare Time Grill @7:30
 Mon, 14 Nov - VA-K Great 611 Steak Co.@7
 Tue, 15 Nov - VA-W Pietro Pizza Rest. @7

Wed, 16 Nov - VA-D Candela's Pizza Rest.@7

Wed, 16 Nov - VA-E Golden Corral @7:30
 Sun, 20 Nov - VA-V Original Italian Pizza @3
 Sun, 20 Nov - VA-B1 Bella's Italian Rest. @2
 Tue, 22 Nov - VA-L Pops Diner Co.@7
Thurs, 24 Nov - Thanksgiving
 Sun, 27 Nov - VA-O Belgian Waffle & Steakhouse @5
 Sun, 27 Nov - VA-F Golden Corral @9am

Soon to come new weekend rides. Emails will be sent.





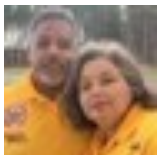




Game Center

Answer to last month the
Sudoku

8	9	6	7	4	5	1	3	2
1	3	2	8	9	6	4	5	7
4	7	5	3	2	1	8	9	6
9	6	7	2	5	4	3	1	8
3	5	8	6	1	7	2	4	9
2	4	1	9	3	8	7	6	5
5	8	3	1	7	9	6	2	4
6	2	4	5	8	3	9	7	1
7	1	9	4	6	2	5	8	3

How many words can you make with the word Happy Holidays.

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Region N Chapter D

This basket took a muscle man to carry. It was the must sought-after basket in the rally. Members were surprised over the Virginia ham hidden from all the other items jammed pack inside and from the decorations on it. It took two members to carry the basket to the winner. The participants at the rally even asked to buy the ham. I am not sure of all who helped, but Job well done: Denise, Debbie and Linda.



2016 Virginia's Region N Basket.

Chapter D

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Skyline Drive Weekend Ride with Bob, Hope, Al, Fritz & Iris