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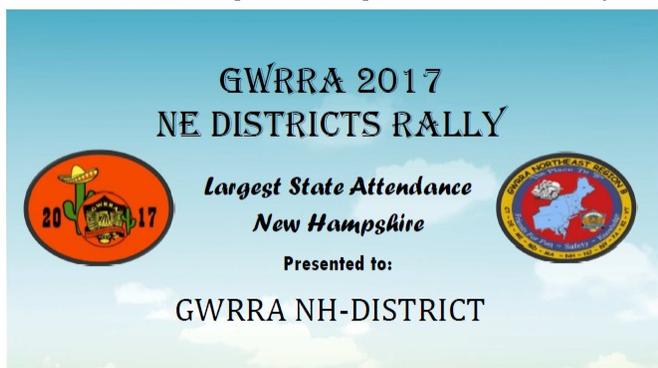
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**District Director's Notes;**



NH PROUD....that is what GWRRRA NH was showing during the 2017 New England Rally held at the end of July. Thanks to that "PROUD", the NH District won the recognition as the Largest State Attendance at this year's rally, with 59 NH Chapter Members registered!



NH PROUD...it showed in the innovative and beautiful pinata's created. All of the NH Chapters participated and what talent all of you have! Your hard work certainly shined through!



NH PROUD...we are proud to represent the New Hampshire District as this year's District Couple of the Year. What an honor and we want to thank everyone for their support. Thank you to NH District MEC, Carole Sheehan for organizing the District COY Selection Process. It was so much work and Carole did a wonderful job. Thanks to all that helped Carole during the program, the judges, the COY escorts, NH District Assistant Directors, Ron and Susie Black, the time keeper, VT District Director, Brian Thomas, and door keeper, Ernie Brown from NH-G.

Thanks to ALL OF YOU that attended the selection process. Your support helped us SO MUCH and kept us ON TRACK!



It takes a lot of volunteer helpers to make the rally a success...and a special thanks goes out to the Ride Planners, Road Captains, like Ron & Susie Black and Frank Clayton.

Thank you to District Educator, Dick Bernier for being our DJ and Master of Ceremonies during the Friday Night Fiesta and Saturday Banquet.

Thank you to all the trainers and seminar presenters that took the time to teach us some "stuff" and thank you to the folks that took time to attend those seminars and learn some "stuff".

Thanks to the 2017 Rally Team for all their hard work...

Thanks to all the NE Chapters for donating wonderful raffle prizes.

SO many to thank...SO many that made the rally GREAT...THANK YOU, THANK YOU, THANK YOU.

We hope you all enjoyed the New England Rally as much as we did! We are looking forward to 2018 as the Rally moves to the great state of Connecticut. The theme for the 2018 rally is the AGE OF AQUARIUS...get those tie-dye shirts and hippie glasses out of the attic trunk and get ready to get "GROOVY"! Share the fun you had in Sturbridge this year with all your fellow Chapter members and urge them to register for 2018!

And continue being NH PROUD!

In August, we joined NH-G on their Get-Away weekend in Rangely, ME. What beautiful country! 23 folks took the ride up...some of them rode up early to miss the rain...WE DID NOT. ☹ Chapter Directors, John and Carole Sheehan planned a fun packed weekend full of games, food and other fun. Assistant Chapter Directors, Bob and Beryl Reid, planned a wonderful Saturday INTERNATIONAL RIDE, including the MAINE towns of Mexico, Norway, and Naples. The Saturday BBQ dinner was delish! And when we played the Not So Newlywed Game, we found out how much we knew (and didn't know) about our other-halves! Thank you NH-G for such a great weekend.



If you haven't visited another GWRRA Chapter or attended one of the many events and rides available in our great state, we URGE you to do so! You are missing out on so much FUN! And the FUN is easy to find...just look at the DISTRICT TEAMUP CALENDAR. It is available on the NH District website or you can download the app so you can have the schedule of FUN right there on your cell phone!



On September 10<sup>th</sup>, we were invited by NH-A Member and NH Patriot Guard Rider, Frank Clayton, to attend the 100 Nights of Remembrance Closing Ceremony at the NH Veterans Cemetery in Boscawen, NH. Our group presented a flag line during the ceremony.

NH-G member, Lee Hirtle was also at the ceremony and plays TAPS during the 100 Nights of Remembrance which begins on Memorial Day and ends on 9/11. It was a moving and memorable event. We thank those for their service and sacrifice. NH PROUD and AMERICA PROUD.

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"..and as we quietly look to our left,  
so as not to spook the species..



we can see a herd of majestic  
**GOLD WINGS**  
in their natural habitat"

From the August 2017 Insight Newsletter

<http://gwrra.org/oconnect/newsletter/2017/InsightNewsletter0817.pdf?v=2>

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### **The Sky is Falling...Or Is It?**

The Change is here and I have mostly heard positive things from the Members. But for some, they are certain that the sky is falling. Some have questioned my thinking. I want everyone to understand that I respect all opinions. Now I may not agree with them but I have answered every email and phone call and have answered the Facebook posts when I see them. I share back why I believe in this change. Most all discussion has been respectful as it should be and I appreciate that from everyone!

I have had the pleasure to read newsletters from all over the country and Canada. The talent and passion in this organization is amazing!! If you wondered about our future, go out and read some newsletters, our leadership is taking the lead!

I want to share with you a few of the most asked questions from leaders just as yourself as we all take in the changes and see how they are going to fit for us.

The first is a very critical one, NO ASSISTANTS ARE NOT GOING AWAY!!! The position of Assistant does not normally go on an organizational chart. BUT, we must have Assistants to do our tasks and to teach and mentor them to take the position next. Some Assistants are just great helpers so have a couple. My only request is PLEASE use your Assistants, they are there to help and want to help!

Rider Education, is it going away? ABSOLUTELY NOT!!! There is some change and my belief is it will be change for the better. I really hope that the vision of why these changes can be understood. The Chapter needs to become less structured, a gathering of Members to share experiences, adventures, new gear, safety tips and our leaders to bring the news of the Chapter, District and GWRRA. Does that mean we are going away from safety? Quite the opposite, I believe that safety is all of our responsibility. In my Home Chapter, CA-1F we used to say, "your safety is my responsibility". I believe this in my heart. So the approach here is that we all take the responsibility by encouraging each other to think, ride, dress, act with safety as our 1st priority. Without a formal Chapter Educator, we will share, teach, mentor and encourage others to take safety courses when offered from the District and to get involved in the levels program.

So what about this Ride Coordinator? What are they going to do? They will first be a person who loves to find the back-roads, fun roads and find some fun places to visit. Maybe overnights, or day rides, a picnic or a longer trip, they will be the coordinator. Will they do this alone? I sure hope not. Share the fun, planning and logistics, I just know that someone has to be the instigator and that is the primary responsibility. We have made this position an Officer position and put it under Rider Education. I did this because safety and sharing safety is critical for our Members. I want this position to share

safety in a fun and thought provoking way. Use the Rider Meeting cards to have a great meeting before the ride.

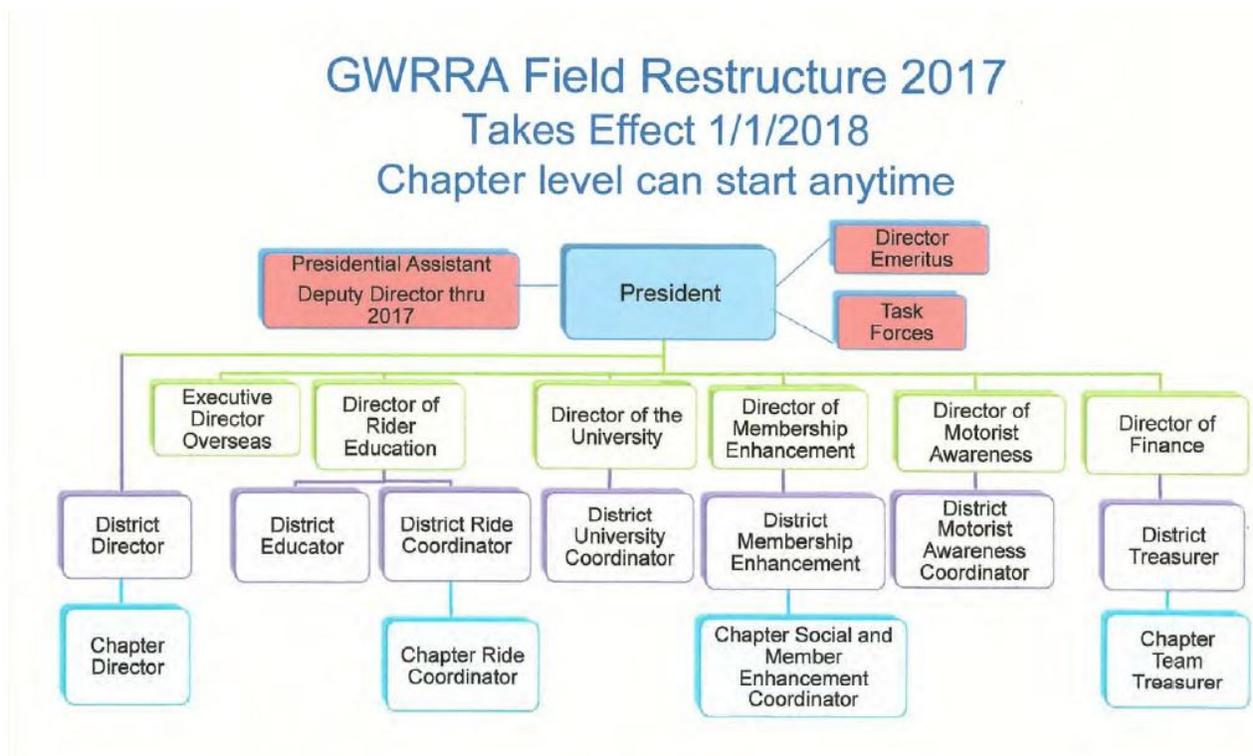
Go to the Rider Ed form page, [http:// gwrra.org/regional/ridered/officerpage.html#a10](http://gwrra.org/regional/ridered/officerpage.html#a10) and scroll down to Inspection Forms and you find forms for Motorcycle, Trike, Trailer and Sidecar and then demonstrate how to do the inspection while having the other riders inspect their own ride. Lead by example and encourage others to follow. It's just a different approach, a gentler approach, to share our "Friends for Fun, Safety and Knowledge" motto.

With change we will continue to refine what we are looking for. After a discussion tonight with Bob Berry, Director of Rider Education, we are going to ask the Ride Coordinator to also be a Road Captain, that just makes sense! Thanks Bob and Tim!

I hope this helps you continue to understand why we are making the changes and how you can become a change maker. If you have a specific question, please email it to [President@gwrra.org](mailto:President@gwrra.org) and it may appear in my column from now to the end of the year. Either way, I will answer your question.

I want to personally thank all of our Officers for keeping a great attitude and keeping the faith while leading our GWRRA Members.

Til next time!  
Anita & JR





### **Assistant District Director's Notes;**

This has been an incredible Riding Season! We hope you all have been able to get out and ride to great destinations.

Susie and I went to Grapevine, TX. to WingDing39. On the trip down we were led by Mike Vailancourt, Tail was John & Carole Sheehan, Armand, Susie & I went to VA. to do the Back of the Dragon. When we got to Texas it was Hot 93 . Susie and I carried the NH and VT state flags Bob & Sheila Chevalier ME.DD carried ME. & RI Flags in the opening ceremony, what an Honor and experience.

The Gaylord Texan was a great place to have a WingDing. You sure can get exercise walking from your room to the Ballroom is about 15 -20 minutes. The food was really good we ate a lot of BBQ.

Walking around the Vendors was a real lot of fun as we all know.

Pat Brems had flown down to Texas to pick up the Show Bike he bought from Rivco Products. Pat did the return ride on his Bike with no Radio so guess who was being picked on the whole trip home.

We rode Route 66 on the way home it was awesome! While riding on Route 66 we drove into Cuba, MO . The Mural City they have murals on the side of the buildings everywhere. We stopped at the Gateway Arch St.Louis, MO. If you have not been to this attraction put it on your Bucket List. We then stopped at the Indianapolis Motor Speed Way. We actually rode around the track on a bus and stopped at the Start/Finish Line and got to Kiss the Bricks a very old tradition. I don't know why they wouldn't let us ride our bikes around the track.

We went to Niagra Falls on the Canada side and spent a couple of nights. We rode the Canadian Horn Blower Boat in by the falls. We went down on the River walk to see the power of the water down stream from the falls. We also went on the journey behind the falls through the tunnels.

The last 2 days we rode Scenic Route 20 through NY for a great couple of days of riding home.

September 14th, 15th, 16th and 17th was the VT-A weekend away in Wells/Ogunquit, ME. The weather was perfect and the food was great! It was a really relaxing weekend.

Ride Safe

**Ron & Susie Black**



## District Rider Ed Notes;



Well, hello once again District,

This letter goes out at a good time as it's now getting cooler and a great time to ride with All The Gear All The Time. (ATGATT). I personally love to ride at this time of year, as it's cooler, and the trees are beginning to turn. Keep in mind these same leaves can cause a motorcycle to slip out from under us.

This is also the time of year that we run the Trike Riders course (TRC). This year it will be held on October 1<sup>st</sup> in Rochester NH at the Rochester Civic Center at: [150 Wakefield Street Rochester NH 03867](#). Class is limited to 12 trikes, so if you are interested, I would suggest you send your check for \$50.00 made out to GWRRA NH District, to Julie Bernier at 530 a Mammoth Rd. Pelham, NH 03076. This check will not be cashed and is to insure your place in the course. It will be returned to you upon completion of the course. You are welcome to invite your co-rider along and they do not count as one of the 12 bikes. The classroom portion starts at 8:00 am sharp, so please be on time. It will last about 4 hrs and then we move to the parking lot for the practice session. This will last about 4 or 5 hrs or until everyone has completed the course. This class will be taught by Keven LeBlond and myself, Dick Bernier. We already have 4 checks so please send your check in ASAP if you intend to attend this TRC course.

You will need to ride your trike for this class, so be sure your Trike will pass all of the requirements such as good tires, proper air pressure, proper gear, which consist of Helmet, full gloves, foot wear above the ankle, full sleeve jacket or shirt, long pants, and proper registration and insurance.

If anyone has any questions or concerns about this course or anything in this newsletter feel free to contact me at the number listed below.

Ride safe everyone,

Richard (Dick) Bernier  
GWRRA, District Educator  
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### **District Membership Enhancement Coordinator**

I have enjoyed being the District MEC for the last several years. It has provided me the opportunity to learn more about our NH district, our chapters and our members. As the NH-G Assistant Chapter Director I could easily manage both my chapter and my district responsibilities. In 2017 I assumed the NH-G Chapter Director position which brought significant new responsibilities. I became strapped for time and while I managed the basics of the District MEC position I did not have the time to execute or add more value

to the position which was not fair to our chapters who should be able to rely on the District for additional support.

With this said, I have decided to step down as District MEC at the end of the year. We are actively seeking a new volunteer to take over the District MEC responsibilities for 2018. If you feel that you would like to learn more or assume the responsibility we would love to have you join the team.

As you have all heard, in 2018 the entire GWRRA organization will change. The District Membership Enhancement Coordinators responsibilities will be changing as well. The District MEC will:

- Help the Chapter MEC with fun ideas and encourage them to participate with programs that would be beneficial to the Chapter.
- Work on contacting Membership in the District.
- Work with the District Ride Coordinator, Educator and Director to plan fun education days or weekends.
- Help plan fun events inviting all Members in the District to join in. If the District puts on a rally, the MEP Coordinator will work with the Team and volunteers to put on a rally focused on fun, socialization, rides and education that fit the District's needs.
- Will guide each Chapter in reaching out to those prospect and new Members faithfully every month through the monthly Area Resource List provided by national.

I will be available to help you and pass on the knowledge I have gained over the last several years so you will not alone should you decide to assume this responsibility. I have already shared a few ideas with the District and Chapter Directors of events that I think could bring us closer together as a district.

Examples include:

- Continue the Consolidated Event & Ride Calendar.
- A District Weekend Away for all chapters (vs. each chapter doing their own). This would be increase cross chapter participation as well as the number of people that participate.
- District Progressive Dinner where each chapter takes a "meal" and each chapter rides in to the location. Example, Breakfast, Lunch, Brunch, Appetizers, Dinner, Ice Cream. It could be a member's house, meeting location, anywhere. The idea is to have the chapters do something together.
- Plan a group ride to the New England Rally so folks can all drive down together.

But I am sure there is someone out there who has other ideas and the time to contribute to our NH family of GWRRA members. If you have any questions please don't hesitate to ask. I believe the position could be great FUN and fulfilling. You can also reach out to Dave and Bonnie Bolster with questions and/or interest.

**LOOKING FORWARD TO WHAT 2018 WILL BRING FOR OUR NH DISTRICT!**

**Carole Sheehan**



**District Webmaster & Newsletter Editor:**

Hope you enjoy the NH District's "NEW" Web site and the Newsletter.  
 If you have anything you want added to either, feel free to email me at  
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**This Newsletter is chuck full of "Link's:, can you find them?**

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**NH Calendar**

NH District Calendar shows events for all 4 NH Chapters.

It can be found at <http://gwrra-nhdistrict.weebly.com/calendar.html>

You can also sign up for email alerts for new/edited or canceled events!

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
Oct 1, 2017 TRC Course (ALL GWRRRA M	2	3	4	5	6	Dick & Julie Bernier "FALL FC
8 8am NH-G Gathering - Foliag 8am American Legion Mon 8am GWRRRA NH-T Gatherin	9	10	11	12	13	14
15	16	17	18	19	7pm NH-A Gathering	21
22	23	24	6pm NH-G DINE OUR - PLAC	26	6:30pm NH-E Gathering	10am Beech Hill Farm Hopkin
29	30	31	Nov 1	2	3	4

**Chapter A-** <http://www.gwrranha.org/index.html>

**Chapter E-** <http://gwrra-nh-e.weebly.com/>

**Chapter G-** <http://www.gwrra-nhg.org/>

**Chapter T-** <http://www.gwrra-nht.org/>

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## Classified's

To see NH District Classifieds, go to

<http://gwrranhdistrict.weebly.com/classifieds.html>

If you have something you want added to the NH District's Classified page, email it to Bill at [gwrranh.webmaster@gmail.com](mailto:gwrranh.webmaster@gmail.com)

Also, if you have something on the page and need it taken down/changed!

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### Announcement of Resignation of GWRRRA NH District MEC

It is with regret that we announce Carole Sheehan's resignation as GWRRRA NH District Member Enhancement Coordinator, effective January 1, 2018.

Carole has played a critical role in the growth and inter-chapter participation within the NH District. While we will miss her and her inspiring leadership in this District position, we understand her desire to focus her energy and talents on her current position as Chapter Director of GWRRRA NH-G. Carole, your passion and enthusiasm for GWRRRA is contagious. Thank you for your dedicated service and support over the past several years as GWRRRA NH District MEC. We know you will continue to spread the "FUN" through the NH District!

Over the next few months, the NH District will be looking for someone who would be interested in joining the District Team by taking on the responsibility as District Member Enhancement Coordinator. If you would like to help with FUN ideas and encouraging and contacting NH GWRRRA members to participate in Chapter life, let us know!