



NH-VT DIRECTOR'S NOTES;

Our Wing Ding 2018 Journal

Wing Ding 40 was a great time! There were members at Wing Ding from EVERY chapter in the NH/VT District. Bonnie and I chatted with many of you as we ran into you at Wind Ding events and hope you had as good a time as we did.

Our trip started Sunday morning, 8/26 where we met with our two other riding partners, Glenn and Laura Daniels and Finn and Gitte Nielsen on Route 13 in, Milford, NH. By 8.30 AM we were on the road. We rode highways on our way to Knoxville with our goal of reaching Winchester, VA by evening, a ride of about 530 miles. We rode in 2 hour blocks and then stopped for gas, snacks, and breaks. Lunch the first day was at Subway in Port Jervis, NY. We met a truck driver at the truck stop who was also going south towards Virginia but had to stop for the night in PA because of his driving time limit so unfortunately he would not be following us on our trip. The first day's ride was uneventful. Riding was good but LONG. By 6:00 pm, we were in Winchester and unloading our bikes at the Wingate Hotel. We had dinner at Chili's which was conveniently in the parking lot adjacent to the hotel and within walking distance.



Our plan for Day 2 of our journey was to reach Knoxville, another 500 mile day. We kept with our 2 hour block plan which seemed to work well for us the day before. The day was HOT and traffic was congested especially in Harrisburg and Roanoake. Just north of Harrisburg, we were riding "tail", the Niensens were in the lead and the Daniels were in the middle. It

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was mid-morning and traffic was heavy with many tractor trailer trucks around us. A deer ran down a banking on the right hand side of the interstate. It ran right between the Nielsen's bike and in front of the Daniels and then "banged a u-ey" and ran back across the highway and up the banking where he had come from. That was a bit of a scare!

In Roanoke, we pulled up beside a tractor trailer truck and the driver honked and waved at us..the driver looked familiar. Well what do you know, it was the driver we met the day before in Port Jervis. ☺ Lunch was another Subway lunch in Chilhowie, VA. As we filled up with gas just before lunch, our tractor trailer friend passed us for the final time on our trip and gave us a final honk and wave. We hit a downpour of rain just after we crossed the Tennessee border but it was SO hot, the rain felt great! We arrived at the LaQuinta Papermill Hotel in Knoxville just before 6:00 pm. After a long day of riding, we decided to stay in for dinner and ordered out pizza and spaghetti.

Tuesday morning, Bonnie and I went to find the Convention Center and to check out the parking. What did you think about that AWESOME parking under the hotel on the other side of the street, polished concrete floors. What a nice secure place to leave your bike.



Monday afternoon we drove over to Food City to get some lunch and snacks for the room. The hotel was in a very convenient location, only 2 exits from the convention center and very close to many

restaurants and stores. Tuesday evening, our riding group headed out to The Museum of Appalachia in Clinton, TN where the Welcome Dinner was being held.

As we were driving we heard a voice come over Channel 1 on our CB, "HELLO, NEW HAMPSHIRE, IT'S VERMONT BEHIND YOU!" So we gained another rider on our way to dinner, Laurie Barnett from VT-K! Our little group grew as we caught up with more and more Goldwings on our way to Clinton. There a small fender bender on the interstate on our way so travel was slow but we were in company. Lots of folks got there ahead of us, plenty of bikes already parked when we got there. We picked up our Wing Ding packets and tee shirts and had pulled pork, chips, ice tea and ICE CREAM for dinner. There was a blue grass band playing, saw plenty of folks we knew and met some new friends too. Nice night.

Wednesday morning, we headed out to the Convention Center early. Laurie Barnett and I met to carry the New Hampshire and Vermont state flags for opening ceremonies. We spent the day at the Expo shopping. Bonnie got some new passenger arm rests for her trike. We got our NEWBIE pins as this was our first Wing Ding. Dinner that night was at the J&M Banquet. It was also Finn Nielsen's birthday! Bonnie and I brought in six Viking helmets to help him celebrate his special day. What attention that brought to our table, including getting crazy hat pins from Ray Garris. The after dinner entertainer was hypnotist, John Moyer. Liz Paszko of NH-A was one of the panel of folks hypnotized. Very entertaining...we laughed as Liz easily picked up the mic stand while the big guy next to her could not as he was told it weighed hundreds of pounds by the hypnotist. J & M gave away great door prizes at the dinner. The Grand Prize was two Arai helmets with the winner's choice of integrated corded or blue tooth headsets. Congrats to the winner, our very own Chris Fish, Chapter Director of VT-A .





Thursday was our riding day. We took RT 129 over to ride Deal Gap. Finn let it all out on his new 2018 GL1800. From there we rode over to the Cherochala Skyway. It was a beautiful day and it seemed like the rain was ten minutes ahead of us. While we were on wet roads, we never really got wet. Wonderful roads! Never even missed the frost heaves we have here in the Northeast!



Friday morning it was back to the convention center. The NH/VT and MA District were responsible for the door prize booth for the day. NH/VT had a great team of helpers. Thank you to our door prize booth volunteers, Laurie Barnett, Ron & Susie Black, Finn & Gitte Nielsen, John & Carole Sheehan, Vince & Louise LaPosta and Chris & Lynne Christensen. We did some last minute shopping at the Expo. We had dinner at Calhouns. Our waitress asked us where we were from and when we told her we were from New Hampshire, she smiled and said she had waited on a group of folks from New Hampshire earlier in the week. Turns out we had the same waitress as the group from NH-A had a few nights before.

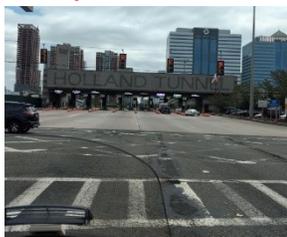


We left for home on Saturday morning. The Daniels decided to leave a later so our ride home was

only us and the Niensens. We again took the "interstate" way home, following our 2 hour break schedule that we followed on our way to Knoxville. We spent Saturday night in Carlisle PA, about a 520 mile ride for the day. Another uneventful day of riding. We found a nice English pub in the downtown area for dinner. That night we got a call from the Daniels and they were in Winchester VA about 95 miles behind us.

Sunday was our last day of riding, homeward bound. We changed our route home and somehow near Newark NJ, we missed our exit. Bonnie asked me how I would feel about taking a ride to Manhattan. I said, "No way do I want to take the Wing into NYC." She said, "Honey, we are headed toward the Holland Tunnel. Take a look to your right." I did and there in the distance was the Statue of Liberty. Well, it wasn't exactly where I expected to be on Sunday afternoon but it certainly was an adventure. NEW YORK, NEW YORK, not exactly MY KINDA TOWN...but everything turned out fine!

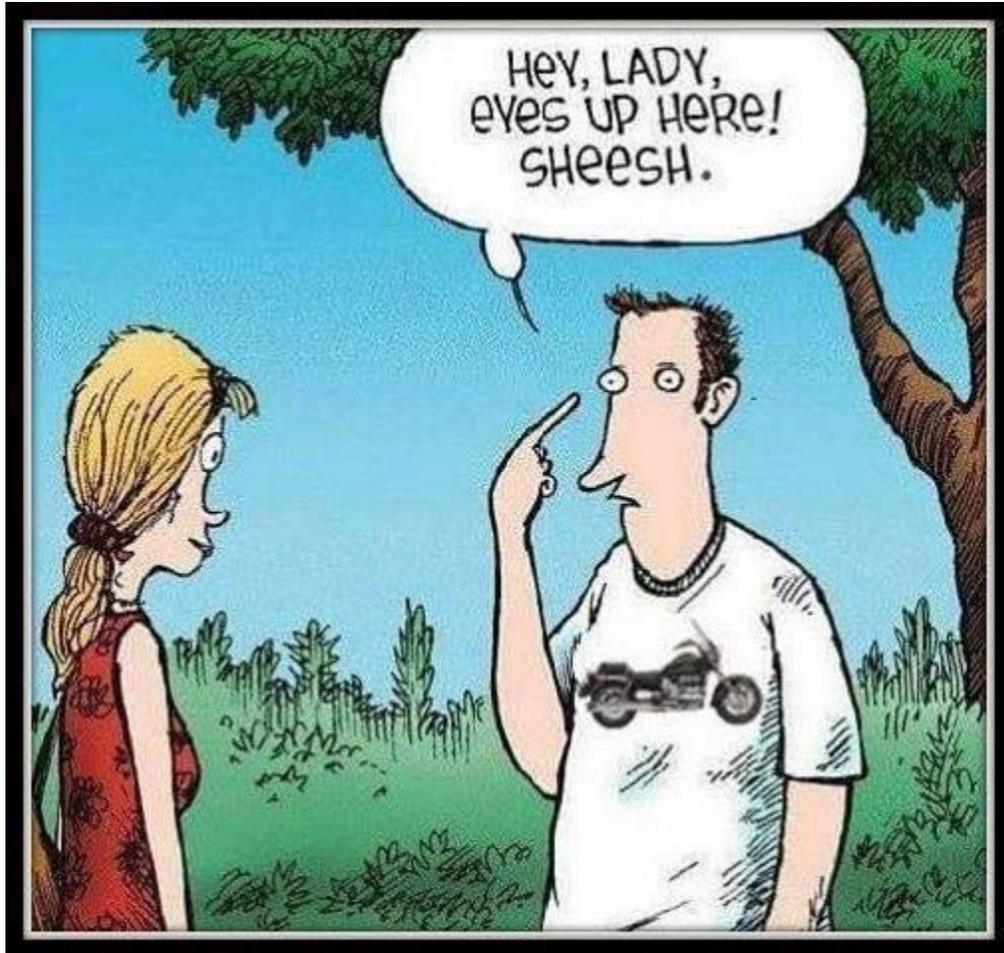
Lady Liberty!



We arrived back in Milford around 5:00 pm. As we were on the last stretch of Route 13 North, a familiar voice came over the CB. "Bonnie, is that you?" he said. Bonnie said, "David, did you just hear Glenn?" I heard him but couldn't bring him back up on the CB. He and Laura were about 5 miles behind us. The Nielsens and us had decided to stop at Mi Jalisco, a Mexican restaurant in Milford for a dinner to celebrate our ride home and our Wing Ding Week. We gave the Daniels a call and they came over to join us and we joined in a toast for a great time and trip together.



So, Wing Ding 2019 is being hosted by Nashville TN, Music City USA! We had such a great time at our FIRST Wing Ding. Our reservations are made at the Gaylord for next year! Hope to see you there!





NH Assistant District Director's & NH-E Director;

Hello GWRRA members,

Michelle, Susie and I left for WingDing 40 Our first stop was In PA. to go to an Armish Feast. Our next stop was in Marion VA. to ride the Back of the Dragon to Tazwell, VA.

After a couple of Days riding the Claws of the Dragon we found Buds Market where the best chicken in the world is. We made it to Knoxville, TN. for WingDing 40. We met up with Armand, Pat Brems and Anne-Marie. We had a great time riding and eating. We had Alligator (tastes like Chicken Just tougher). We rode over and did the Tail of the Dragon. The Devil's Triangle was a great ride Armand had added some extra roads. The Cherohala Skyway was also one of our rides.

Armand did a great job teaching me how to use my GPS. (I am still working on my end the learning part). We didn't win the GoldWing ! The Guy that won a new Wing in 2007 won another one this year.

We also got to see Rod & Barb Stone. Ted and Karen Zitany. Pat and KenThibaudeau Florence.

Just incase you thought there was no mention of Ice Cream Well there were many stops for Ice Cream WingDing41 will be in Nashville, Tn. 2019

The New England Rally 2019 will be in Rutland, VT. Holliday Inn. We will send out information for the 2019 Rally

Armand & Michelle, Susie and I went to VTA Get Away in Wells/Ogunquit, ME and had a lot of fun with great rides and food and of course Ice cream.





VT Assistant District Director's

Bucket list of rides

As I write this article Pat and I would like to share some of our favorite rides we have taken over the years in hopes that we may inspire some riders to try some of the rides.

Intercourse, PA., which is in the Amish country, is an easy trip from Vermont and can be reached in about eight hours including time for lunch. Of course the ride will use some interstates and toll roads. So let's begin our trip in Bennington VT. Turn west to Albany, NY and In Albany we take I-287 south unto I-87 south. This is a toll road with rest stops. We stayed on I-87 south until it intersected I-84 west which is the end of Toll Roads. We rode on to Port Jarvis, NY where we exited the interstate and made our first fuel stop. We then crossed the state line into Pennsylvania onto route 209 south through the Delaware Water Gap. This 40 mile trip through the Gap at 40 MPH is a breath of fresh air after driving the interstates! A word of caution in the Gap, keep a sharp eye open for road critters as the Gap is teeming with Deer, Fox, Woodchucks, Ducks, Geese and possibly Bear.

At this point I am going to give a little known fact of history. The first time we drove though the Gap 30 plus years ago before the road was rebuilt there was a sign on the side of the road stating that in one mile you will approach an optical illusion site. The next sign in a mile stated stop here and put your car in neutral and take your foot off the brake. Are you going uphill or downhill? Well it looked like the road was going down a slight grade. Taking my foot off the brake we were surprised the car backed up! But with all the traffic now days and the road being .rebuilt the signs are gone.

Back to our trip to Intercourse, PA.; The next town on route 209 is Stroudsburg, PA where you pick up route 33 south to Bethlehem where you will pick up I-78 west for a short run around Allentown. Expect heavy traffic on I-78. Count 4 exits after entering I-78 and exit onto route 29/100 south until it intersects route 202 west to until you see route 340 turn onto route 340 west and you are just miles from Intercourse, PA. We always stayed at the Travelers Rest Motel that would be on your right. The motel has a nice front lawn and the horse and buggys travel the road day and night. The Motel will have all kinds of things to do and see and good places to fill up on all you eat Amish smorgasbord food serviced family style. Save some room for some Shoo Fly Pie. Quilt shops are must see stop. I know as we purchased a handmade Amish Quilt right out of a farm Quilt shop. It's a step back in time that is worth the trip.

There are many ways to get to Intercourse PA from Vermont but I picked the original Chapter A route that to us, seems to be the most interesting.

If you have time, there is a Smorgasbord up in Blue Ball called Shady Maples about ten miles away that seats 1400 people at a time suppling great food. A word of caution all Amish owned shops, places

to eat, filling station etc.' are closed on Sundays A short trip into Lancaster you will find an Out Back Steak House that opens at 4 pm. Pizza shops and plenty of good places to eat. It is inappropriate to take pictures of Amish people and their children.

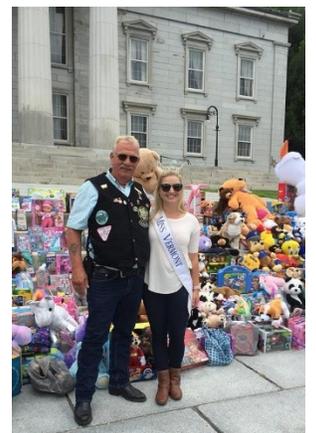
Happy safe rides to you

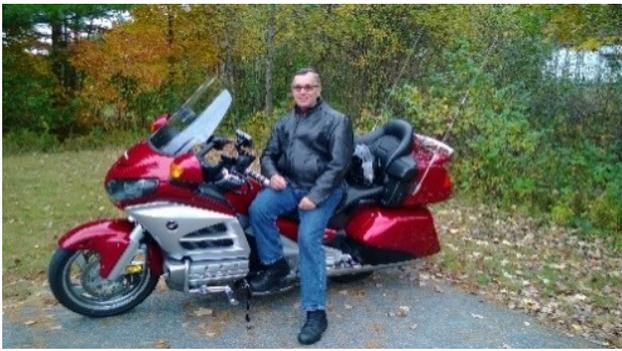
Vermont Assistant District Directors George and Pat Parizo

A special **THANK YOU** to Betty Hurd, GWRRA VT-A for sharing these photos!

GWRRA VT GIVES BACK

UMV/Shriners Toy Run





Doug Melanson

Training Update from the District University Coordinator

The summer riding season is over, and the fall riding season is starting (my favorite season for rides). As we move into fall and the realization that the riding season is drawing to a close for those of us who remain in New England for the winter, I'd like to ask everyone to think about training needs that we can present over the fall and winter months.

I would like to plan some training events for the non-riding season. Back in July, I sent an email looking for opportunities to host training events in the October – March timeframe. Thus far, I have not received any responses for additional classes beyond the MFA/CPR class that was already scheduled for November, so I will refresh that email and send it out again so that I can get your input in order to build a training plan for the winter months that addresses the training needs of our chapters while our Gold Wings are in hibernation. We will continue trying to spread the opportunities to host the training events around the district to give everyone the chance to attend training events, so if your chapter would like to host a training event, please contact me so we can work it into the training plan and schedule a training event at your chapter.

Training events sponsored by the district for this quarter included:

- August 17th – Riding in the Heat ~ GWRRR Module When You're Hot, You're Hot presented after the NH-A gathering by Bruce Luhrs and Doug Melanson
- September 30th – ARC class presented by Brenda Bollivar, Dick Bernier and Kevin LeBlond in Westford, MA (This is the ARC class that was rescheduled from May.)

For the next quarter, we currently only have one training event scheduled thus far:

- November 4th – MFA/CPR will be presented at the American Legion Post 51 in Epping, NH. Enrollment for this class is now open. See the Training Event Announcement below.

I know that most (maybe all) chapters have their holiday parties in December, which will probably preclude us from doing any training in December, but if any chapter wants to hold a training event in December, please contact me and we can try to make it happen. I'd also like to see if we can add a training event or two to the schedule for October and/or November, so please contact me if there's any interest in holding a training event at a chapter gathering during these months.

Remember that all district training events are open to all GWRRR members, so please come to any event that works for you.

As we move into fall, let's make sure we enjoy the remainder of our riding season and make sure we apply the knowledge we've gained to have fun and ride safe as we move into fall!



NH-VT District Riders Ed;

September 25th, 2018

Hello again,

Wow, here it is October again. Boy did this summer go by fast. I guess it's true what they say about age, the older you get the faster time goes by. It certainly is true in my case.

Well with Autumn upon us we should all be thinking about this great riding season. We can feel comfortable in all that gear, our heated liners, heated gloves, etc. Lets not forget about SAFETY. Keep in mind that along with the beautiful colors comes falling leaves, wet roads, sandy spots, and just about anything else they can throw at us motorcyclists. When we ride we have to keep in mind that the combination of wet roads and leaves can be devastating to those of us on two wheels. It's just so easy to go down on wet leaves, so watch out for these obstacles during our riding this fall.

The other thing to talk about is winter storage of our bikes. Some of you may have them stored by your local dealer, and in most cases that storage fee includes changing your fluids, and stabilizing the gas and battery care as well as tire pressure. For those of us who store our own bikes keep these things in mind.

Always change your oil before you store your motorcycle.

This gets rid of any metal and water residue in your oil and filter.

Take your battery out of the motorcycle and put it in a cool dry place, (not on cement) with a trickle charge on it.

Make sure your tire pressure is up to what it should be.

Fill your gas tank to the top and add your stabilizer to keep the gas fresh.

A full tank does not create fumes, so less chance of an accident.

If you have a shut off valve, turn it off and run your bike till it runs out of gas.

This drains your carbs, (if you have carbs) of all gas.

Always store your bike on its main stand and try to get both tires off the ground.

This helps with dry rot and flat spots on your tires.

Well hopefully these tips will help some of you so let's get out there and enjoy the rest of this great riding season. Just be careful out there and keep the rubber on the ground.

Until next time, enjoy your ride,

Richard (Dick) Bernier

GWRRA, NH/VT District Educator

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The New Hampshire/Vermont District Team

would like to welcome our new District MEP, Don Clark, to the District Core Team.

Don joined GWRRA in 2012 with a family membership. Don and his wife Diane have been married for nearly 45 years and they have lived in Windham, NH since 1977. Don and Diane are “snow birds” living in Florida during the winter where it is nice and warm. They have two grown sons and three grandchildren. The Clarks ride a 2004 Gold Wing that was converted to a trike in 2015 by Tim Rathbun, a member of GWRRA VT-A.

Besides riding and enjoying GWRRA, during the week, Don rides with the ROMEOS. (Retired Old Motorcyclists Eating Out) Don is currently a candidate to join the Elks Freedom Riders, a group that loves to ride and raise money for charities.

Other than riding, Don’s other hobby is shooting clay targets in a game called trap.

As District MEP, Don’s responsibilities will include assisting the Chapter MEPS as needed, distributing the monthly and quarterly ARL (area region listing) reports to the District Chapters, support the participation in the Couple of the Year program and most importantly to HAVE FUN!

Please join us welcoming Don Clark in his new role as NH/VT District MEP!



District Webmaster & Newsletter Editor:

Hope you enjoy the NH-VT District's Web site and the Newsletter.

Web site can be found at <http://gwrra-nhvtdistrict.weebly.com/>

If you have anything you want added to either, or needs correcting, feel free to email me at gwrranh.webmaster@gmail.com

This Newsletter is chuck full of “Link’s:, can you find them?

NH/VT Calendar

NH/VT District Calendar shows events for all 4 NH Chapters & 2 VT Chapters.

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

Please sign up for email alerts for new/edited or canceled events!

***NOTE;** Monthly Gatherings may change times and places.. so be sure to check the Calendar!

SIGN UP FOR EMAIL ALERTS!

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
Sep 30, 2018	Oct 1	2	3	4	5	6 9am Breakfast, Chapter Gath
7 NH-E Ride TBD	8	9	10	11	12	13 Champlain Island Ride 9:30am NH-T Gathering & Ride 11:30am Pumpkin Festival Par
14 8am NH-G Monthly Gathering	15	16	17	18	19 7pm NH-A Gathering	20 1pm NH- A only: Fall For Fun
21	22	23	24	25	26	27
28 12pm NH-E Gathering-Hallow 12pm NH-G Join NH-E Gathe	29	30	31	Nov 1	2	3 VT-A Gathering

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
Oct 28, 2018 12pm NH-E Gathering-Hallow 12pm NH-G Join NH-E Gathe	29	30	31	Nov 1	2	3 VT-A Gathering
4 10am NH-VT Training Event	5	6	7	8	9	10 9:30am NH-T Gathering - 2018
11 8am NH-G Monthly Gather	12	13	14	15	16 6:30pm NH-A Gathering	17
18	19	20	21	22	23	24
25 12pm NH-E Gathering (Any)	26	27	28	29	30	Dec 1 4pm VT A Chapter Christmas

NH Chapter's

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

VT Chapter's

Chapter A- <https://gwrravta.weebly.com/>

Chapter K- <http://gwrra-vt-k.weebly.com/>

FROM VT-K

VT Chapter K "Bridge to Bridge" Ride – submitted by Lynn J. Gauthier

Another great but cool day for a bike ride. Several of us met at Maplefields in Essex to begin the trip through the Champlain Islands where we met up with 2 of our members who live in Grand Isle VT. We then went over the Rouses Point bridge where we met up with another of our members who lives in New York. We had brunch/lunch at Best Friends Diner in Rouses Point NY. Then a ride down the New York side of the lake on Rte 9 N. Of course there was the "required" stop for ice cream in Moriah/Port Henry NY before going over the Crown Point Bridge and back into VT. Past Apple Orchards, Corn Fields & Farmstands - Fall is in the Air !!



Classified's

To see NH/VT District Classifieds, go to

<http://gwrra-nhvtdistrict.weebly.com/classifieds.html>

PLEASE!!!!!!!!!!!!!! *If you have an item you want posted/edited/removed on the District's classified page let me know at gwrroh.webmaster@gmail.com



GWRRR NH & VT (and others)

ENJOYING MAINE

VT-A Wells Weekend



**Photos by
Betty Hurd
GWRRR VT-A**





GWRRA UNIVERSITY

TRAINING EVENT ANNOUNCEMENT



NH-VT DISTRICT IS HOSTING A TRAINING EVENT ON

Sunday, November 4, 2018

EVENT LOCATION: American Legion Post 51 - 232 Calef Highway, Epping, NH

Class will be held in Bradshaw Hall, first floor space

EVENT HOURS: 10:00 AM to 5:00 PM

MEDIC FIRST AID / CPRFEE PER PERSON: \$20.00

❖ TO REGISTER FOR THE EVENT CONTACT ❖

Julie Bernier (NH-VT District Treasurer)

To reserve your spot, send a check payable to **GWRRA NH/VT District** to Julie Bernier, 46 Burns Hill Rd., Hudson, NH 03051

Enroll early, as class size is limited to 24 students. Spots will be reserved on a first-come, first-served basis upon Julie's receipt of payment. If the class fills, Julie will notify you and your check will be returned.

PHONE: (978) 201-6566 EMAIL: nh-vttreasurer@outlook.com

PLEASE RSVP ON OR BEFORE: October 27, 2018

LUNCH WILL NOT BE PROVIDED: Take-out is available from Telly's (across the street) or bring your own lunch.

❖BRING YOUR GWRRA MEMBERSHIP NUMBER WITH YOU TO THE EVENT-THANK YOU❖

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July 25-28, 2019



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Hotel Registration: Individual Registration, Individual payment. Check-in begins @ 3:00PM Check-out time is 11:00AM

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