

DIRECTOR'S NOTES

As the first quarter of 2018 comes to an end we hope that everybody is ready for the winter to end. The snow and frost seems to have lasted longer than expected. Even longer than Phil thought it would. Yes, Punxsutawney Phil got it wrong...so wrong that he ended up on a WANTED POSTER in the Monroe County Sheriff's Office. On Groundhog Day, February 2nd, Phil predicted SIX more weeks of winter! DECEPTION was Phil's crime...as winter was still coming on strong WAY after March 16th! Never trust a rodent to predict the weather or the beginning of riding season!

But now we are getting our sights on Spring and getting our bikes out. It's almost like getting reacquainted with a long lost friend.

February was rough as I was sick for three weeks, spending some time in the hospital. I am doing much better. Thank you to all of you for your prayers and good wishes during that trying time.

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2018 started right out-DAY 1-with some changes and newness with the merger of the New Hampshire and Vermont District. We are very happy that VT Assistant District Directors, George and Pat Parizo are remaining on the District Team.

We also welcome Doug Melanson to the District team as our District University Coordinator, or “DUC” for short! You have probably seen some of the training announcements he has been sending out lately. One of Doug’s responsibilities is to review the training wanted by the members throughout the District and to coordinate the trainers and dates to GET IT DONE! So if there is some training you would like to see in your Chapter or area, let your Chapter Director know so Doug can try to get it on the calendar.

We have had the pleasure of installing some new Chapter officers this first quarter as well.

NH-A has new Assistant Chapter Directors, Vince and Louise LaPosta as well as a new Chapter Treasurer, Susan Luhrs.

Welcome VT-A’s new Chapter Directors, Chris and Carolle Fish. Tim Rathbun will remain on the VT-A team as Assistant Chapter Director.

Bill and Dee Bascom has taken the position as Assistant Chapter Directors for NH-E and Michelle Shepard as become the Chapter Treasurer.

NH-G also welcomed a new Chapter Treasurer, Catherine Neal.

Another sign that Spring is coming is seeing the ride calendars from all the District Chapters being updated. As spring gets even closer, you will want to keep an eye on the TEAMUP calendar so you don’t miss a ride, event or gathering. Many of our Chapters are including their monthly gatherings are part of a scheduled ride. So be sure to check with TEAMUP for updates and new events.

“Spring breathes new life into the world around us.” Take a deep breath...Smell That??? It is almost Spring and that is AWESOME!

Warm Wing Wishes,

David and Bonnie Bolster



NH Assistant District Director's Notes;

Hello to all GWRRA Members,

March has truly come in like a Lion and sure hope it goes out like a Lamb! Spring is next week and we really want to think about riding our Motorcycles.

We had a wonderful time at the NH-A March Gathering Friday the 16th. The Gathering was held at Naults Honda in Manchester, NH where we were served complementary Pizza and a chance to look at the New 2018 Goldwings. The Staff members at Naults were very informative. Answering most of our questions and demonstrating all the great features on the Motorcycles. NH-A also had their 50/25/25 raffle which they had two winners. The night was filled with Fun & Friends & Food & looking at and talking about Motorcycles.

This is a Great example of what the Future of our GWRRA Meetings should be all about.

Going on a ride can also be considered a monthly gathering. During the Riders meeting is when you can go over different Safety Tips & demonstrate Safe Riding Techniques. Then when you all arrive at the destination or place to eat you can discuss Chapter business. A Chapter Weekend Away can also be considered a monthly gathering.

We all have very busy lives and Family should always come first. The best way to make it all work is concentrate on one event a month for your Chapter. So then you can enjoy getting together with other Chapters and other events.

These are the very same ideas that Anita Alkire discussed with us at Wing Ding 39 Grapevine, TX. She wants everyone to have Fun and for our Chapter members to be enjoying themselves.

Our Teamup District Calendar for 2018 is full of lots of Great Rides and Events that we hope you will all have the chance to participate in.

Hope to see you all at the New England Rally in Connecticut and I know a good amount of you are going to Wing Ding 40 in Knoxville, TN see you then.

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VT Assistant District Director's

The 40th GWRRA Wing Ding Convention will be held Knoxville Tennessee this year

This Convention brings back memories of our Trip to Tennessee. Back in 1999 my late brother, his wife, Pat and I planned a trip to Nashville and Memphis Tennessee.

This article will be about the first part of the trip to Nashville.

We made out reservations for July in January to include the 3ed, 4th and 5th of July in Nashville. Our plans were to attend the Grand Old Opera, The General Jackson show and dinner boat to see the fireworks on the Cumberland River at Fort Nashbraugh and the Ryman Theater.

On the 3rd we were at the Grand Old Opera at the Gaylord Theater. Potter Wagner was the MC that night. And our seats were front row center stage! Potter Wagner kept winking at Pat! Well it was all part of the show. We saw some top notch performers and had some laughs. It was a night to remember.

On the 4th of July we were on the General Jackson show boat. The diner was a porterhouse steak done to perfection. The show was excellent and the fireworks were out of this world! Now remember we made reservation early? Well our table was front row center stage!

Our last day in Nashville, we took a small tour bus to see the sights and where the stares lived.

We stopped at the Hard Rock Cafe mid-day for a cold drink (imagination used here) then off to Tootsie's Orchid Lounge in the back of the Ryman Theater where the performers would waited to be called on stage to perform. They say no Performer that was down and out on their luck ever went hungry as there is always a pot of beef stew was on the stove. I know as it smelled like beef stew in there. From there we entered the Ryman Theater. A

grand well-kept old building and it's still used for special shows. Walking across the stage with all the props still in place was a walk back in time.

If you like Country Music Nashville should be on your bucket list of places to see!



MOTORCYCLE THINGS I HAVE LEARNED

By: James Snyder, Member #159613, Huntsville, NC
Taken from Wing World Magazine, August 2016

Approximately 42 years and over 200,000 miles of Gold Wing adventures later, this chapter of my life has unfortunately ended for health reasons. Here are motorcycle things I have learned.

- If your head and face are worthless, don't wear a helmet.
- Your personal safety is held in your right handlebar (which is on the throttle!) and both sides of your brain.
- Left turns can kill you quickly...alter your route to avoid them, particularly in local, repetitive travel.
- When in a hurry, leave the bike at home...hurry plus motorcycle equals disaster.
- Expect the unexpected at all times...it will happen.
- Always, always, always have an escape route in mind...green grass is much softer than the chrome bumper.
- Beware the untraveled route...the unknown is always waiting.
- Beware of dead ends...the big dog will always be waiting there to greet you.
- Tire health is imperative. A flat tire ruins a whole day.
- Avoid vehicular at all times...you are outweighed about 10 to 1.
- Never follow a truck closely...his load (and his tire tread) can quickly become yours!
- Impress your macho friends? Don't even try...Mother Nature is watching!
- **Be kind and help someone...you may need help someday.**

Training Update from the District University Coordinator

Doug Melanson



As you all know by now, GWRRA made some significant changes to its organizational structure to allow us to focus more on the fun and social aspects of riding. The biggest impact of this change is to how we approach Rider Education, with the primary responsibility for the Rider Education Program being shifted to the District level.

Effective January 1, 2018, the Chapter Educator role was discontinued, leaving the District Educator to work with the newly formed roles of the District University Coordinator and Chapter Ride Coordinators to keep them up to date and aware of the offerings and opportunities from the Rider Education Program that can be made available, and to assist as needed to meet the needs of the chapters.

As your newly appointed District University Coordinator, my role is to assess the training needs of the District and coordinate training events across the district. This includes gathering requests for training needs from the chapters and coordinating training events for the chapters and the district. As District University Coordinator, I will work with the District Educator, Chapter Directors, Chapter Ride Coordinators, and ITCP-certified University Instructors to plan and deliver education events on at least a quarterly basis.

So, what's been done so far?

I have queried all the chapter directors in the district asking them to identify their training needs, and using this list, I am working with the District Educator and the ITCP-certified University Instructors to deliver the requested training. My objective is to provide at least one district sponsored training event each quarter. As of this writing, we have delivered two training events this quarter with a third scheduled:

- On February 10th, NH-T hosted the Team Riding Seminar
- On March 11th, NH-G hosted Riding in the Rain ~ GWRRA Module Only Sugar Melts in the Rain
Thanks to our Dick Bernier who delivered both training events.
- On March 24th, NH-VT District instructors will deliver MFA/CPR at Banks Chevrolet in Concord

For the next quarter, ARC is scheduled for May 19-20, and we're working on additional training events we might be able to deliver through chapter gatherings.

I know the locations for these training events can be difficult for some to attend due to the distances involved, but please remember that these events are open to all members in the district, so please come to any event that works for you. We are 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 an event at your chapter. I also expect that we will be providing some training at the New England Districts Rally – stay tuned for more on that later. Another thing the district team is looking at is the idea of each chapter riding to a central spot where we can all meet for a fun time and maybe do some training at the same time – again, stay tuned.

With the riding season rapidly approaching, most of us will change our focus to more riding and less training. Let’s just remember to apply the knowledge we’ve acquired so we can all have fun and ride safe!



District Webmaster & Newsletter Editor:

With the coming of 2018, NH & VT were combined into one District..

As such had to re-name the web site (aka; new url) and other things..

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

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

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!

NH Chapter's

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

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

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

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

VT Chapter's

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

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

Feb 25, 2018	26	27	28	Mar 1	2	3
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25	26	27	28	29	30	31
			6pm NH-G Winter Dine Out		March Gathering Canceled	

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
Apr 1, 2018	2	3	4	5	6	7
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						10am NH-T Fundraiser @ Me

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20 2pm Advanced Rider Course 8am NH-G Monthly Gathering	21	22	23	24 6:30pm NH-E Gathering Mov	25	26
27 11am Stairway to nowhere/co	28	29	30	31	Jun 1	2 RIDE TO NH STATE VETER Chapter Gathering with Texas 8:30am Join New Hampshire

Classified's

To see NH/VT District Classifieds, go to
<http://gwrra-nhvtdistrict.weebly.com/classifieds.html>

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

You're invited to the
GWRRA - MA Chapter C
2018 KICK OFF BREAKFAST



*Join us for an "all you can eat" breakfast buffet.
Chinese Auction; 25/25/50 Raffle;
Blessing of the Bikes at 11:00 AM*

Date: Sunday April 29th

Time: 9:00am -11:00am

*Location: Willow Brook Restaurant
16 Hastings St. (Rt. 16)
Mendon, MA*

Cost: \$20.00 per person

Send your check and registration form to:

*Liz Spindola – Chapter C Treasurer
11 Tammie Rd
Hopedale, MA 01747*

*Only 100 seats available!
Deadline Date is April 15th*



GWBRRA – MA Chapter C

2018 KICK OFF BREAKFAST

Registration Form

Number attending: _____ @ \$20.00 each

Total: \$_____

Names attending & Chapter:

Address:

Email:

Phone:



**GWRRA NH-VT DISTRICT
MEET & GREET
BLESSING OF THE BIKES**

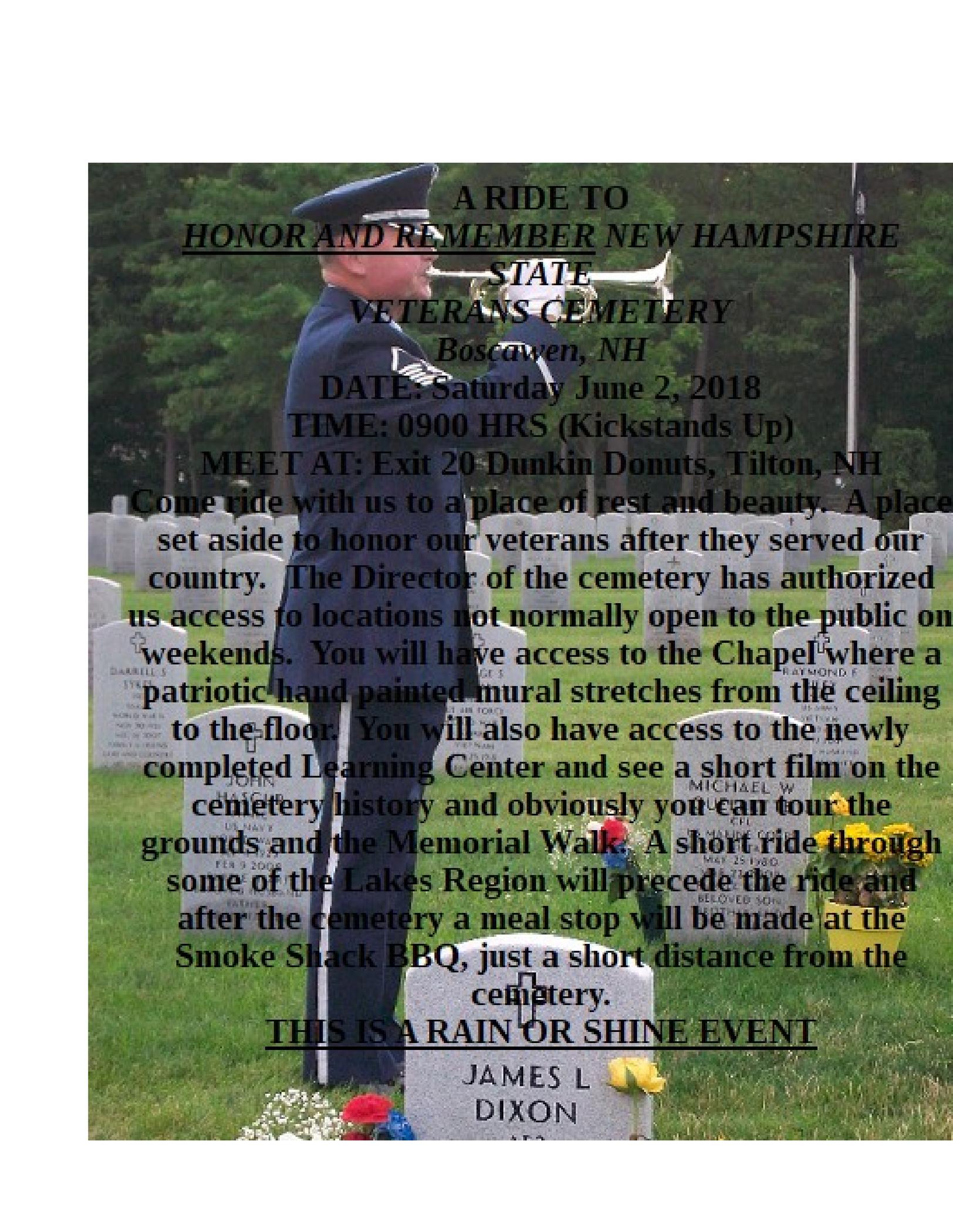
**BETHANY CHAPEL
54 NEWBURY ROAD
MANCHESTER, NH 03103**

**SATURDAY
MAY 12, 2018**

**ALL BIKES WELCOME
SAFE & HAPPY RIDING SEASON
BLESSING AT 11:00 AM**

**BREAKFAST AVAILABLE 8:00AM - 10:00AM
\$8.00 PER PERSON**



A man in a blue military uniform is playing a trumpet in a cemetery. The background shows several white headstones with names and dates. The text is overlaid on the image.

**A RIDE TO
HONOR AND REMEMBER NEW HAMPSHIRE
STATE
VETERANS CEMETERY**

Boscawen, NH

DATE: Saturday June 2, 2018

TIME: 0900 HRS (Kickstands Up)

MEET AT: Exit 20 Dunkin Donuts, Tilton, NH

Come ride with us to a place of rest and beauty. A place set aside to honor our veterans after they served our country. The Director of the cemetery has authorized us access to locations not normally open to the public on weekends. You will have access to the Chapel where a patriotic hand painted mural stretches from the ceiling to the floor. You will also have access to the newly completed Learning Center and see a short film on the cemetery history and obviously you can tour the grounds and the Memorial Walk. A short ride through some of the Lakes Region will precede the ride and after the cemetery a meal stop will be made at the Smoke Shack BBQ, just a short distance from the cemetery.

THIS IS A RAIN OR SHINE EVENT

**JAMES L
DIXON**



GWRRA New England District Rally 2018

July 26, 27 & 28

Medic/FirstAid Pre-Registration

Whether you need it to maintain your Levels Program, or you want to take it "Just In Case"

Medic/FirstAid Will be held on Friday July 27th
9:00 to 4:00

We will cover Basic FirstAid, CPR and AED

Checks are to be made out to GWRRA MA-District

Please fill out the form below and send it with your check for \$25 (\$30 for Non GWRRA Members) to
Pete Siford
PO Box 232
Middlebury, CT 06762

**Pre-registration forms
must be submitted prior
to June 30, 2018**

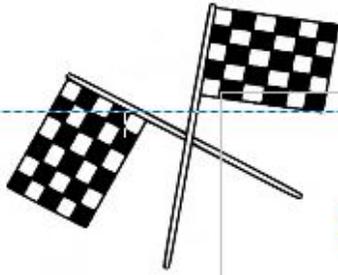
**What you learn here,
could save a life!**

Medic/FirstAid Pre-Registration

Name _____

GWRRA Membership Number _____

Check included



JOIN THE PIT CREW

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2018 NEW ENGLAND RALLY
FLOWER POWER 032
HOT WHEELS DERBY RACE



The GWRRRA NH-VT District is hosting the Hot Wheels Derby Race on Friday Night, July 27th at the 2018 New England Rally in Southbridge CT. We need Pit Crew members to help at the races. Volunteers are needed to sell cars, register race participants, race starters, finish line monitors, and race car managers.

If you are interested in joining the race team, please contact us at gwrra.nhvt.district@gmail.com.

HOPE TO SEE YOU AT THE FINISH LINE!

David and Bonnie Bolster, District Directors, GWRRRA NH-VT District.

2018 New England Districts Rally

Age of Aquarius

Relive the Summer of '69
in Beautiful Connecticut

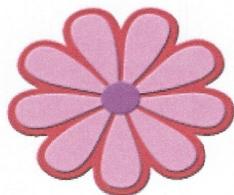


Wyndham Hotel
1287 Strongtown Road
Southbury, Connecticut



July 26, 27, & 28

Room Rates \$125.00 night plus tax includes a **Free Full Breakfast Buffet for Two**
Call (203) 598-7600
Mention GWRRA for the Special Rate



**Numerous Guided & Self Guided Rides
Through the Beautiful Country Side**

First Aid/ CPR Courses Available

Rider Education Seminars

Inside & Outside Vendors



**Join us Friday & Saturday Afternoon for
People Games**

**Psychedelic Bingo
Thursday Night**

**Ice Cream Social
Friday Night**



2018 NEW ENGLAND DISTRICTS RALLY REGISTRATION FORM

LIABILITY RELEASE

I/we have read and understand this application. I/we hereby agree to conform and comply with the ideals governing this rally and agree to hold harmless GWRRA, co-sponsoring organizations, and any property owners for any loss or injury to self or property in which I/we may become involved by reason of participation in this rally.

I/we also agree to assume responsibility for any property that I/we knowingly damage.

Rider Signature			Date ____/____/____
Ride Name (print)	Age (optional)	GWRRA #	Exp. Date
Address	City	State	Zip Code
Email (required)	Phone #	District & Chapter	Position
Co-Rider Signature			Date ____/____/____
Co-Rider Name (print)	Age (optional)	GWRRA #	Exp. Date
Co-Rider Address (if different from Rider)	City	State	Zip Code
Co-Rider Email	Phone #	District & Chapter	Position
Direct Mileage to Rally (Motorcycle Ridden) _____			

REGISTRATION INFORMATION

Rally Registrations (Prices per person):

Number of Full Registrations

GWRRA (\$60) x _____ Life Member (\$55) x _____ Non-GWRRA (\$70) x _____ Child (\$30) x _____

Saturday Night Banquet Meal # _____ Loin of Beef # _____ Baked Scrod Total for Registrations \$ _____

Optional Friday Dinner: Hamburgers, Hot Dogs, Fried Chicken, Mac & Cheese

Potato Salad, Cole Slaw, Baked Beans, and Soft Drinks

Number of registrations \$20.00/pp) Total Number _____ Total for Dinner \$ _____

Rally Product TBD:

Number of xxxs _____ xxxx _____ xxxx _____ xxxx _____ \$xx Each

\$ _____

TOTAL AMOUNT ENCLOSED \$ _____

Cancellations in writing will be accepted if postmarked by July 5, 2018 and is subject to a \$5.00 handling fee.

No other method of cancellation will be accepted

All information subject to change

Checks made payable to: **New England Districts Rally**

Please Mail to: **Georgia LeBlond
63 Endmoor Road
Westford, MA 01886**

<https://nedistrictsrally.shutterfly.com/>