



**2018
4th Edition**



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Director's Notes

Quarter 4, 2018

News Letter

Happy New Year! Hope everyone had a wonder holiday season and you are all staying warm during this COLD month of January. Just remember, since the Winter Solstice on December 21st, the day has gotten 30 minutes LONGER!

December was certainly the month for celebrating! Bonnie and I spent most of the month "BEING MERRY" at many of the wonderful NH & VT Christmas parties held during the month. The holiday season started out by traveling to Rutland VT and joining VT-A at the Hanger Café for Christmas party on December 1st. The food was delicious...the serving of Chicken Parmesan was the biggest we have ever seen. Not sure where those GIANT chickens came from! Chuck and Judy Fowler were announced as the 2019-2020 VT-A Couple of the Year. VT-A had a Yankee swap at their party...so many wonderful gifts all set under a beautiful Christmas tree. Don Allen and Nelson Gee got the 2018 Mileage Awards for the chapter.

Bonnie and I spent the night in Rutland but had to leave early Sunday morning as we went Christmas caroling with Chapter NH-A at Villa Crest Nursing Home in Manchester, NH. Dressed in our Santa hats and jingle bells, we did our best to sing traditional carols as well as some other Christmas songs accompanied by Russ Marotta playing his guitar and his harmonica- our one man band. It was an amazing experience like it is every year when NH-A holds this event. As we were singing, many of the residents were joining in and singing with us. And their smiles were so uplifting. And to add to the event, Santa Chris Kringle "Christensen" made a visit, passing out candle canes and wishing everyone a MERRY CHRISTMAS.

VT-K held their Christmas party on December 8th. It was a pot-luck event at the home of chapter members Robert & Courtney Gourley. Everyone had a wonderful time.

Chapter NH-G had their Christmas party on the evening of the 8th at the Greenside Restaurant in Tilton NH. The tables were decorated with green and red Santa hats, chocolates and Christmas "crackers", a party favor that are snapped open and contained a paper crown, some riddles and jokes and a small gift. The dinner buffet was delicious and the chapter had a Chinese Auction with so many nice things. Russ and Cathy Neal were announced as the 2019-2020 NH-G Couple of the Year.

On Saturday, December 9th, Chapter NH-E held their Christmas Celebration at the Jaffery Country Café where we had a lasagna dinner with salad and cheesecake for dessert. After dinner, there was a Yankee Swap where gifts like lottery tickets, a ham, a yard of "Snickers" bars and a Christmas Light Projector were swapped and traded.

Chapter NH-A had their Christmas Party on Sunday, December 16th at Belmont Hall in Manchester NH. The buffet dinner included ham and prime rib. The pulled pork rice was delicious and there was cake for dessert. There were lots of Chinese auction items and a 50/50 raffle. Santa Claus made another visit to hand out the Chinese auction items. We watched a YEAR IN REVIEW slide show put together by Liz Paszko who later in the evening was honored as NH-A's Individual of the Year. Bruce and Susan Luhrs were announced as the 2019-2020 NH-A Couple of the Year. Frank Clayton and Don Clark won the Chapters Mileage Contest. The evening continued with music and dancing by Dick Bernier who always does a great job as DJ and Master of Ceremonies.

Chapter NH-T had their Christmas party on Saturday, December 23rd at the American Legion in Epping, NH. It was a wonderful pot luck event with so many yummy dishes to choose from. There was a silent auction with gift baskets to bid on. There was quite a bidding war on several of the baskets, especially the Bird-Lovers basket that included a bird house, bird seeds, suet and suet basket and a bird watchers book. Bonnie's bids won a huge fruit basket and a Christmas cookie basket donated by Carole & John Sheehan, NH-G Chapter Directors and I won the candy tower. After lunch, we played a Christmas Trivia game. Jay Joplin was honored as NH-T's Individual of the year.

2019 is already in full swing. Many of the Chapters within the NH/VT District are working on their ride planning for the new riding season. There are training events going on at many chapters who are taking advantage on using the cold winter months to brush up on their GWRRA education offerings. Check the TEAM-UP calendar for the training events being held at Chapter Gatherings throughout the winter months. Feel free to contact Doug Melanson, our District University Coordinator, if you would like to hold a training event at your chapter. The NH/VT District has a number of ITCP trainers that would be happy to help!

A special "THANK YOU" to all NH/VT Chapter Treasurers for your 2018 financial reports. Our District Treasurer, Julie Bernier, was happy to have received your end of year information so quickly!

Bonnie and I are excited for the New Year and we are looking forward to the rally being held in Rutland VT at the end of July. HAVE YOU REGISTERED for this exciting weekend? In the following months, we will be looking for volunteers to lead and tail rally rides...let us know if you might be interested. Frank Clayton of NH-A has volunteered to be our Rally Ride Coordinator. We will also be looking for "PIT CREW" help at the Match-Box Derby being held at the rally on Friday evening. Watch for updated Rally news as we get closer to July! Now off to a NEW YEAR. Together, let's make 2019 another great year of Fun, Many Miles of Safe Riding, and Making Friends.

Warm Wing Wishes,
David & Bonnie Bolster
NH/VT District Directors

ROCKING AROUND THE CHRISTMAS TREE ▶





VT Assistant District Director's

On to Memphis Tennessee

The Last quarter article I wrote about some high lights of Nashville Tennessee. This quarter I will extend the trip to Memphis TN.

Upon leaving Nashville we picked up Route 70 to ALT 70 and into Memphis to trip was for the most part was good but we did hit a traffic tie up that held us up for an hour in the July heat and not a tree could be seen! Finally, the word was passed down the line that an accident up ahead involved a trailer truck That rolled over after a woman jumped out of the truck going 65 mph. This is not to best way to start out for Memphis!

As we approached Memphis we discovered that we were in a very seedy part of the city. There were a lot of stoplights and I got to the point where I didn't want to stop for the lights. Hard to roll up the windows and lock the doors on the bike. Soon we were headed for our first destination, Graceland.

The next day we explored Elvis Presley's estate It took us all day and into the evening to see it all. Well worth our time. The next day we took a guided tour bus ride around the City and stopped all the sites that we would never have found by our self's, like the Sun Record Company that cut a lot of Elvis's hit songs.

Out onto the Island Visitor center where the World War Two B-24 Mitchel bomber, the Memphis Bell is resting in her retirement and is the pride of the city. In the early evening on the same tour bus, we were taken to old tavern on Beale Street for a rack of ribs that were lip smacking good, warm beer on tap and sawdust 2 inches deep on the floor, there was a three-piece blues band booting out the Blues tunes. From there we were lined up and told to keep together with the Bus driver in front and a Police person in the rear we walked up Beale Street and went into three night clubs to hear the Music. They saved the best one for last! The BB King Night Club. We were all seated upstairs with a bird's eye view of the stage. Mr. King was not there but his famous first Guitar Lucille lives out her retirement in a thick glass wall case in the back of the stage. Again we were escorted back to the bus. We were returned to our motel after 11pm.

At this point you may think Beale Street is a ruff place after dark. It's a zoo outside of the clubs after dark!

The last day in Memphis we took the time to see Beale Street in the day light. All the building fronts are original but the buildings behind the fronts are new.

Having spent all the time we had for vacation, we were on the road back to Vermont the next day. This time we picked the interstate to get out of Memphis. The trip back to Vermont was uneventful. In the 10 days we gone we only had one half day of rain.

Vermont Assistant District Directors
George & Pat Parizo



Training Update from the District University Coordinator

Doug Melanson

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Happy New Year! I hope everyone had a great holiday season and enjoyed their chapter holiday parties. With the holidays behind us, we can now turn to thinking about our training needs as we prepare to move into a new riding season. I'd like to ask everyone to think about training needs that will help us prepare for a new riding season full of safe, fun rides. Chapter members, please let your Chapter Directors know about any training offerings you'd like to see presented so the Chapter Directors can let me know of the chapter's needs and desires, and so that I can incorporate these into our existing training schedule, either prior to or during our riding season.

I will continue 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. I would especially like to get some training events scheduled in VT, as nearly all our training offerings thus far have been or are scheduled to be delivered in NH.

Training events sponsored by the district for this past quarter included:

Date	Location	Classes
4-Nov	American Legion, Epping	FA/CPR
11-Nov	NH-G meeting	Remembering Names
16-Nov	NH-A meeting	Co-Rider Seminar

Future trainings events currently scheduled into 2019 are:

Date	Location	Classes
13-Jan	NH-T meeting	Helmet Facts or Fiction ~ GWRRA Module Helmets
18-Jan	NH-A meeting	Motorcycling for the Mature Rider
10-Feb	NH-T meeting	Motorcycle Crash Scene Response

10-Feb*	NH-G meeting	Trailer Seminar
10-Mar	NH-G meeting	Riding Readiness ~ GWRRA Module R U Ready 2 Ride
15-Mar	NH-A meeting	Communication ~ GWRRA Module Can You Hear Me Now?
31-Mar	NH-E meeting	Riding in the Cold ~ GWRRA Module Brrr, It's Cold
14-Apr	NH-T meeting	Riding Mountains, Hills and Curves
19-Apr	NH-A meeting	Work & Life Balance ~ GWRRA Module Juggling
28-Apr	NH-E meeting	Riding at Night ~ GWRRA Module Who's Afraid of the Dark

*** Date changed due to availability of meeting venue; originally scheduled for February 17th.**

See the [NH/VT District Teamup Calendar](#) for specific details on times and locations for these scheduled training offerings as well as to keep up with any scheduling changes that may occur.

In addition to the training events already scheduled, we will be looking to add a Road Captain Course, Motorist Awareness, ARC and/or TRC, and First Aid/CPR, as well as any other training that may be requested in the April – June timeframe. I am also collecting requests and ideas for additional training offerings that might be scheduled over our peak summer riding months. This could include training delivered as part of a ride where each chapter plans their own ride to a centrally located venue to attend one or more classes.

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

Stay safe and warm!



District Educator;

January 23, 2019

Well, hello once again District,

Well once again here we are in the middle of Winter. I hate winter, as most of you do as well, unless of course you have a winter sport, like snowmobiling, skiing, or something else like that. As some of you may know I bought a 2010 Gold wing trike back in November and it's just sitting there, under a cover waiting for spring. It's killing me, but I'm hanging in there.

As you know the riding season is approaching and most of you are thinking about training. As always I am looking to put on an ARC training seminar in the spring and a TRC seminar in the fall. Both of which can be done at the NHTI parking lot and classroom in Concord, NH. If anyone would be interested please let me know ASAP, as I already have 9 people who have said they would like to take it. The classes have not yet had dates put to them so it will be up to the availability of the instructors as well as the availability of the parking lot. I think Concord is a good center for these courses because it is central for both NH and VT. As you may or may not know these classes are restricted to 12 bikes and will be filled on a first come first serve basis. We do

require a \$35.00 deposit to hold your spot and if for any reason you do not show up, your deposit goes into the Rider Ed. Fund for the District.

It costs us about \$350.00 to run this course so let's make sure it is a success. If anyone has any questions please feel free to contact me at the numbers listed below.

Ride safe everyone,

Richard (Dick) Bernier
GWRRA, NH/VT District Educator
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District Webmaster & Newsletter Editor:

Hope you enjoy the NH-VT District's "NEW" Web site and the Newsletter.
New 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!*

You can now set it up to get event "Reminders".

<https://calendar.teamup.com/kb/can-i-set-event-reminders/>

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/>

CONGRATULATIONS

To the Chapter's
Couple of the Year and Individual of the Year!



NH-A

**Bruce & Susan Luhrs
&
Liz Paszko**



**NH-E
Bill & Dee Bascom**



NH-G
Russ & Cathy Neal



NH-T
Russell & Cassandra Powers
&
Jay Joplin



VT-A
Chuck & Judy Fowler



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



JULY 26 & 27, 2019

2019 "NO NAME" *New England*

GET AWAY WEEKEND



Holiday Inn · Rutland/Killington · 476 Holiday Drive Route 7 South · Rutland, VT 05701

EVENT DETAILS

- Rally rooms available for \$109/night including Hot Breakfast Buffet in Greenfields Restaurant, served 6:30 am—9:30 am

For Hotel Reservations call hotel direct @ 802-775-1911. Mention *GWRRRA* for Group Rate.

On Line Hotel Reservations: Click below and you will be directed to the Holiday Inn Rutland/Killington reservation website. The link is for the "2019 No Name Weekend" only. The discounted room rate is already factored in.

*****CLICK HERE TO REGISTER*****

- Friday night Pasta Dinner \$16.00/pp at hotel restaurant
- Friday Night Hot Wheels Racing Derby—Prizes for top three finishers
- Daily 50/50 drawings (paid out 25/15/10)
- Chinese Auction both days!
- All Chapter Challenge: Create a truly unique centerpiece that will be judged by the "PEOPLE'S CHOICE" on Saturday evening.

FULL REGISTRATION INCLUDES

- Sunrise Rides both days
- Guided, Self-Guided and Destination rides Friday and Saturday through beautiful back roads and mountain gaps.
- Daily bike washing station outside hotel entry door #2
- Friday night ice cream social
- Banquet dinner Saturday night with your choice of 3 entrees: Beef, Chicken, and Fish.
- Line Dance Lessons Saturday Night after dinner with instructor Christine Davidson (NH-T) and our own Dick Bernier as DJ.
- Saturday Movie Night

One Day Rally Pass for \$10 Includes

- All Events for that day up until 5pm and ice cream social (Friday Night Only)

****NO ONSITE FULL REGISTRATIONS***



2019 "NO NAME" NEW ENGLAND GET AWAY WEEKEND 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 SIGN HERE			Date
Ride Name (print)	GWRRA #	Exp. Date	
Address	City	State	Zip Code
Email (required)	Phone #	District & Chapter	Position
Co-Rider Signature SIGN HERE			Date
Co-Rider Name (print)	GWRRA #	Exp. Date	
Co-Rider Address (if different from Rider)	City	State	Zip Code
Co-Rider Email	Phone #	District & Chapter	Position

REGISTRATION INFORMATION

Rally Registrations (Prices per person):

Number of Full Registrations

GWRRA (\$49.50) x Life Member (\$44.50) x Non-GWRRA (\$59.50) x

Friday Night Ice Cream Social # Attending # Sugar Free Ice Cream Requested

Saturday Night Meal: Land, Sea & Air Buffet (1 Beef Entrée, 1 Chicken Entrée, 1 Seafood Entrée), Salad, Warm Rolls and Butter, Chef's choice of vegetable and starch, Beverage Station including coffee, tea, lemonade, and ice tea, and assorted dessert display. # if Vegetarian Entrée is desired

Friday Night Ice Cream Social & Saturday Night Meal are included in registration fee.

TOTAL REGISTRATION AMOUNT ENCLOSED \$

Cancellations in writing will be accepted if postmarked by July 5, 2019 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:

GWRRA NH/VT DISTRICT

Please Mail to:

Georgia LeBlond
63 Endmoor Road
Westford, MA 01886

Looking for volunteers to help with the rides being planned for this event. Let us know if you are interested.

I would like to lead a ride. I would like to be a tail gunner for a ride.