



# GWRRRA REGION K CHAPTER ON-B



## WING-IT NEWS

### 2007 - MARCH

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#### **WHAT HAPPENED TO EARLY SPRING?**

March certainly arrived like a Lion this year and dashed any hopes of doing an early Motorcycle Trip any time soon. On the 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> of March a major snow and wind storm came through the area which caused many traffic mishaps and delays. That was followed by a major Deep Freeze on the 6<sup>th</sup> of March (My Birthday), which kept everyone close to the home front and set a record for the coldest temperature ever for that date. In spite of all this on March 5<sup>th</sup> I did see a guy on a Honda 70 type motorcycle riding around the west end of Ottawa. I think he was either on his way to the Civic Hospital to be treated for frostbite or on his way to the Royal Ottawa to turn himself in. We can only hope that tradition holds true and March goes out like a lamb. ☺

#### **FEBRUARY WING NIGHT**

Our wing night was held at the Rideau Carleton Raceway. Thirty-two of our members arrived for a fun evening. Some members came earlier and got a head start on the fun, but I did not hear about any huge winnings. We toasted the March babies and feasted on the buffet. Keith came away with a wee bit of their money. Pat and I enjoyed the five cent machines and will try the new 2 cent ones next time. It was nice to see a few faces that had not been seen over the winter months.

#### **FIRST AID COURSE**

Ken & Carol Rabidoux presented the “Medic First Aid” course on Saturday February 24, 2007. Ten Chapter B members attended plus 5 members from Chapter F. Our Chapter Educator, Ron

Lemieux, organized and assisted with the logistics. Some participants started their day with breakfast at the White Horse Restaurant on Tremblay Rd. I understood there was love at first sight between the men and the nice quiet CPR dates provided by Ken & Carol. The course differed from St John Ambulance; comments were that it was more practical. We thank Gerry & Danielle for providing the meeting room.

**MINI COURSES**

Thanks to all that came out, our members did a great job in presenting the different courses planned, 19 came plus 8 from Chapter F. Congratulations to Fern Bérubé of Chapter F who won the 50/50 draw of \$44.00 and thanks to your patience when we went overtime.



*We paid close attention at the Mini Courses.*

**2007 RIDE SCHEDULE**

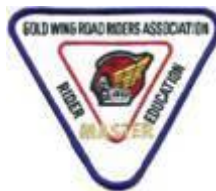
Thanks to the members who assisted with putting together the ride schedule for this year. Everyone should have a copy by this time as it was sent out as an attachment to an e-mail. There will be a copy on our Chapter website and in our Members Guide. As always the schedule is subject to change so therefore a ride reminder will be sent out a few days before each ride day.

**MARCH WING NIGHT**

Our March dinner will be at Danielle & Gerry's favorite place, & one of our sponsors. Serving fine Italian food, Pizza, Seafood & voted best Steak by a viewer poll. Guaranteed to please **Louis Steak House, 1682 Cyrville Rd, Ottawa 613 741-2130**

**Date: Tue, March 27<sup>th</sup>  
Time: 7:00 P.M.**

**CHAPTER SAFETY CORNER**



**ADVANCED RIDER COURSES**

On Saturday May 5, 2007 there will be an Experienced Rider Course (one up only). The Ottawa Safety Council has reserved that date for the "Ottawa Valley Wings" at the Group rate of \$53.50 (tax included) per person. (For this course there is no requirement for GWRRA membership, however, priority will be give to members of Chapter B with the possibility of including others if space permits).

This course will count towards advancement in the Rider Education Program.

Mark your calendar and contact [Ron Lemieux](#) for further details or to reserve your place.

**RIDER EDUCATION PROGRAM**

Toni Gumbinger is the latest to enrol at Level 1 in the REP. Congratulations to Carol and Rick Warner who have moved up to Level II and to Janet and Keith Connors who have moved up to Level III. For more information about rider education contact [Ron Lemieux](#). More

information may also be found at:

<http://www.vwh.ca/rider-ed-canada/>

## **RIDING IN THE RAIN**

As the saying goes April showers bring May flowers. But April is also the start of our Riding Calendar. If we want to enjoy those May flowers we may have to put up with a little rain. Of course if you are a regular rider and do some travelling by motorcycle you will eventually have to ride in the rain. Besides dressing suitably to keep yourself warm, dry and comfortable – there's nothing like the feeling of that first trickle of cold water making its way down your body – we must consider the road conditions.

Assuming that your tires are in good condition with plenty of tread to squeeze away the water, traction may still be compromised. Wet, clean pavement has about 80% of the traction of dry, clean pavement. Pavement is not often clean, all sorts of things leak from vehicles and is added to the rubber and dirt on the road. The first few minutes after rain starts are the worst for traction. All the debris that

has collected on the road starts to float and becomes a slippery mess. This is a good time to stop and put on your rain gear. A heavy rainfall will wash most of the crud from the road surface and restore some traction in a short time. If the surface water gets deep enough you may experience hydroplaning; in other words, your tires are riding on top of the water and no longer contacting the pavement. For this reason always ensure your tires have plenty of tread depth and are properly inflated so contact with the road can be maintained. Reducing speed will lessen the chance of hydroplaning. Of course if the water gets too deep you should consider stopping for a while. Avoid sudden changes in speed or direction. Because of the decreased traction on a wet surface, smooth inputs for throttle, braking and turning are important to maintain control. Pay particular attention to other road surfaces such as road markings, steel plates in construction zones and metal decked bridges. Rain is one thing whereas lightning is another. Rubber tires do not insulate you from a lightning strike. Take shelter, take a break.

For more detailed wet weather riding information refer to "[Proficient Motorcycling](#)", by [David L. Hough](#).

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## **JOKE CORNER**

**Paddy was driving down the street in a sweat because he had an important meeting and couldn't find a parking place. Looking up to heaven he said, "Lord take pity on me. If you find me a parking place I will go to Mass every Sunday for the rest of me life and give up me Irish Whiskey!"**

**Miraculously, a parking place appeared.**

**Paddy looked up again and said, "Never mind, I found one." ○**

*Courtesy Pat Taylor*

## **GWRRA REGION K RENDEZVOUS 2007**

The [Rendezvous 2007](#), Region "K" – Central Canada GWRRA 30<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Rally will take place on August 3 – 6 in St. Thomas, Ontario. Please check out the [Rendezvous 2007 website](#).

### 2<sup>nd</sup> ANNUAL OTTAWA VALLEY BIKE SHOW

The 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Ottawa Valley Bike show is coming June 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup>, a 10'x10' booth with a 6 foot table and 2 chairs is available to promote our chapter and GWRRA. Please let us know if you would like to volunteer and whether we should decide to accept the invitation.

### NEWFOUNDLAND TRIP MEETING # 2



*Serious planning is taking place at the Nfld Trip Meeting.*



*But NOT so serious for everyone I'm afraid.*

The second meeting for the trip this summer was held on March 14<sup>th</sup> and most people going were in attendance. The meeting was chaired by Pat and Paul and covered last

minute questions and concerns. If you are still sitting on the fence about going or considering joining in at a later date, no problem, but please let [Pat and Paul](#) know so they can get information to you regarding the dates, places we're visiting, the route, and phone numbers to reach the group.

### BIRTHDAYS FOR APRIL

18<sup>th</sup> Coleton Gumbinger (Toni's son)

24<sup>th</sup> Janet Connors

### NEW MEMBERS

The Chapter would like to welcome Ron & Susan Kolodij to our GWRRA family. Ron and Susan live in Kemptville and are the new owners of a 1999 1500 Goldwing.

We would also like to welcome Debbie & Shaun Pilon who joined in January. We hope you folks come out and take part in some of our activities. I'm sure you will enjoy them.

### SPONSORSHIP BOOK

As many of you already know, we have been very busy working on a Chapter sponsorship book and hope to be ready to publish by the end of March. When

completed everyone in the Chapter and each of our Sponsors will receive a copy.

### CRASH SCENE SEMINAR/ROAD CAPTAINS COURSE

Okay, mark your calendars for April 14 as we need to get a count on who would be interested in taking this course. At this time we have no more information but more details to follow when known. We would like to know how many members are interested, so, if you are, please send [Keith](#) or [Ron](#) an e-mail.

### NEXT NEWSLETTER

*Coming in our next Newsletter:*

- Our First Ride (I Hope)
  - Trip Reports
  - Getting Ready for Tech Day
  - Wing Night Report
  - More Fun Stuff
- Don't miss it*