



## GWRRA REGION K CHAPTER ON-B



## WING-IT NEWS

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### **IS SPRING RIDING COMING ANYTIME SOON?**

I write this as we dig out from the biggest snowfall in recent history with PMS getting worse everyday. No, I haven't started any maintenance yet and I'm not sure when that will happen as I require a clear driveway in

order to move the bike around. Although our first ride was scheduled for April 6, we have had to resort to our alternate date, April 13. We will keep you informed via email. As you may notice, the newsletter format has been changed slightly from three columns to two columns to make reading online a little easier. Printed copies work fine in three columns but it seems most people are reading on line without printing which I encourage since it's good for the environment.

Our 2008 ride program is now complete and has been e-mailed to all members. It is also available on our [Web Site](#) and a condensed version will be inserted as the centerfold of the 2008 Members Guide. Any major changes to this Ride Program will be made to our Web Site copy ONLY. Members will also be e-mailed during the week with amplifying information concerning the upcoming Sunday Ride.

The 2008 25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Edition of our Members Guide, when complete, will be given to members as we see them and we will maintain a list so please don't lose your copy. Production cost is approximately \$4.00 per copy.

### **OUR 25<sup>TH</sup> ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATIONS**

Plans for the 25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebrations to be held on 17-18 May 08 are pretty much completed thanks to the Anniversary Committee. Please visit our [25<sup>th</sup>](#)

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[Anniversary Web Site](#) to sign up and obtain more information.

**Remember after April 15, 2008 the price goes up.** All paying Members and guests have a chance to win the early bird prize. The Saturday Dinner and Entertainment is worth far more than the registration costs. Members may hand in their completed Registration Forms with cash, cheque or money order to Janet or Keith at any of our functions. Or, it can be mailed to the address on the form. This promises to be a fun and entertaining event and we will need your support, time and participation in order to make it all happen. We have volunteer lists available for members to sign up. Thanks in advance for your support.

### FEBRUARY WING NIGHT

February Wing Night was held at D'Arcy McGee's in Bells Corners on February 27.



*When oh when is riding Season?*

All had a good time but many were saddened by the late winter. This was Bruce and Irene's last wing night and everyone wished them a safe and enjoyable trip home.

### MEET & GREET

The Meet and Greet will again start up when the weather permits and that doesn't look like anytime soon. Looks like May now! Please send in any suggestions for this popular event. The day will stay the same, second Wednesday of the month.

### MARCH WING NIGHT

Wing night for March was held on Tuesday, 25 March 08 at Rideau Carleton Slots Restaurant. The all-you-can-eat-buffet was enjoyed by 23 members and guests. Ed Easton won the 50/50 draw of \$28.50. Mike and Kathy won the Dinner for Two (value about \$45.00) and now they have to come back to the Slots to use it. Darn! Many of us enjoyed a few minutes throwing our money in the machines after dinner; I saw Chris cash out with money for their up and coming trip to Tennessee, lucky devil. (editor's note: Arthur left with more money than he came with too!)

### NEW MEMBERS

Congratulations to Jennifer C. who is now an official member of GWRRA ON-B. We would like to also welcome Gerald, Frankie, Graham & Shannon C. of Greely. Also a big welcome to Brian R. of Renfrew! We hope to see you out to one of our events in the near future.

### CHAPTER SAFETY CORNER



**Toni Gumbinger – Chapter Educator**

### EXPERIENCED RIDER COURSE

The details for the course are as follows:

- 1) Date: Sat. June 21st. 8:30am meet for coffee @ [Tim's around the corner](#) from [Mitel parking lot](#). 9:00a.m. at the parking lot, course begins in the [Mitel parking lot](#). (Same location as last year)
- 2) Fee: \$ 50.00 + GST = \$ 52.50 to be sent to the [Ottawa Safety Council](#) with

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registration form before May 20, 2008 to reserve your spot.

3) Riding Gear: Here is a list of the minimum that the rider must have - Full gloves, riding boots that at least cover the ankle, leather or jean jacket, full pants (jean or leather), eye protection (full face helmet or open face with goggles or glasses).

**\* Please Note\*** this course will take place rain or shine. There will be no rain date for Sat. June 21st. If the weather becomes unpleasant, make sure you are dressed for it. There will be no last minute refunds if a rider decides he or she doesn't want to participate in the rain.

If anyone has any questions regarding the course or its content, please feel free to contact myself (Toni) or Mike Laflamme. This gentleman is an instructor with the OSC as well as being responsible for organizing the group courses. He can be reached at 613-837-8301. Currently Mike is in Florida, he will be there until mid April, but can be reached at this number.

If you contact Mike, you might want to brace yourself! He is very eager to brag to you about how much riding he is getting in down there and how nice and warm it is.

Grit your teeth and "Bear - it".

Please contact Toni at:

[countryboyaj@hotmail.com](mailto:countryboyaj@hotmail.com) with any further questions.

### **TECH DAY – APRIL 26, 2008**

Tech Day will be held this year on April 26, 2008, and the rain date is May 3, 2008. This event has been hosted by Ray and Nicole Komendat for a number of years now and for newer members this is your chance to learn from the best, our experienced and senior members. Pick up tips on how to maintain your motorcycle and what not to do. Meet some of your fellow members that you have not seen since last fall, bring your manuals and questions. Just ensure you can ride your bike back home that afternoon! Lots of tools will be on hand and a BBQ lunch will be provided. Also you are

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welcome to bring parts and other bits and pieces to sell, BUT you must take home what you don't sell. Please RSVP to Ray & Nicole if you are staying for lunch as they will need an idea on how much food is required.

**ADDRESS:**

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North Gower

[\(Click here for map\)](#)

[rayk2@sympatico.ca](mailto:rayk2@sympatico.ca)

### **JOKE CORNER**

A woman in her fifties is at home, unclothed, happily jumping on her bed and squealing with delight. Her husband watches her for a while and asks, 'Do you have any idea how ridiculous you look? What's the matter with you?'

The woman continues to bounce on the bed and says, 'I don't care what you think. I just came from having a mammogram and the doctor said that not only am I healthy, but I have the breasts of an 18 year-old. The husband replies, 'What did he say about your 55-year old ass?' 'Your name never came up,' she replied.

### **GWRRA REGION K RENDEZVOUS 2008**

The Region K Rendezvous this year will be hosted by our North Bay Chapter ON-N (The Blue Sky Wings). It will be held at **Canadore College in North Bay** on Aug 1-3, 2008. It's hoped that a lot of our members can attend since the ride takes only about 5 hours from Ottawa. More information can be found at: [Rendezvous2008](#) or by visiting our [website](#), then click on the Region K rendezvous link in the Upcoming Events Box. Rendezvous information will be updated on the Web Site as the event date draws closer. To date, Arthur Smith has indicated that he will be attending.

**BIRTH AND ANNIVERSARY DATES**

To our newest members, please send in your dates to [patandpaultaylor@rogers.com](mailto:patandpaultaylor@rogers.com)

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18-Coleton (Toni's son)

18-Deb Dennison

24-Janet Connors

29-Harry Hamilton

Best wishes to everyone.

**WING DING 30**

***Phoenix, Arizona, January 17, 2008 - The Gold Wing Road Riders Association (GWRRA)*** is pleased to announce its annual Wing Ding has instituted, for the first time in its 30-year history, a Pre-registration Program complete with many incredible Prizes!

According to GWRRA's Executive Director, Melissa Eason, "GWRRA is celebrating a very special Wing Ding this year -- Wing Ding 30! To commemorate its 30-year celebration, GWRRA is offering to those individuals, who register before May 15, 2008 an opportunity to win one of three different prizes.

First prize is a California Sidecar Trailer. The trailer is donated by California Sidecar and is extra special because the winner can customize the Escapade CSC trailer with many different features up to \$4480 in value! The winner will have several options for customizing their trailer including a custom spoiler with brake light and lid-activated interior dome light.

Choose your accessories to create your own Escapade CSC trailer. We have never had the option for our winner to be able to build their own trailer. This phenomenal prize will be given away at Opening Ceremonies. Second prize is a 3-in-1 Jacket. The GWRRA 3-in-1 jacket will be available for the winner to take home from Opening Ceremonies. We have a few sizes to choose from including medium, large, and extra large.

Third prize is a Free Wing Ding Registration for Two. The winners will be announced at Opening Ceremonies. We will reimburse the winner for two Wing Ding pre-registration fees. They will be reimbursed the amount they paid for their registration. Ms. Eason goes on to say, "To make things even better, there will be monthly drawings! On April 1, the winner of two Wing Ding 30 T-shirts will be drawn; and on May 1, the winner will be drawn for a 25% off discount certificate to the GWRRA Goodie Booth. (The certificate will expire at 2pm on July 6, 2008.)

The final pre-registration winner of a 5-night stay at the Holiday Inn on Interstate 85 for two people must be registered for Wing Ding before midnight on May 14, and the drawing will be held on May 15".

Thrilled about this program, Ms. Eason said, "We are very excited to offer these great prizes to all who pre-register for Wing Ding 30! Make sure we have a current telephone number to be able to reach you in case you are the lucky winner of one of these great prizes. We will also post the monthly winner on the [Wing Ding website](#)."

"I am getting so excited! Riding season is right around the corner; and before you know it, we will be on our way to Wing Ding. This is going to be a great year with many new things on the way," says Ms. Eason. "Check the [Wing Ding 30 website](#) regularly to see what's new and happening at Wing Ding. If you have any suggestions about what you'd like to see or do at Wing Ding, please let me know."

To pre-register and be eligible for this Program, simply call 800-843-9460 or 623-581-2500 and tell our friendly Customer Service Representative you want to register or go [online](#) to do it yourself. You will be automatically registered for these prizes. "I hope you will be joining me in Greenville. I look forward to meeting you all," said Ms. Eason.

GWRRA, whose motto is "Friends for Fun, Safety and Knowledge," is a not-for-profit,

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organization with over 80,000 Members in 52 countries and 4,000 volunteer leaders providing rider education, social structure, organizing events, rallies, rides and meetings throughout the year. Visit GWRRA's websites: [www.gwrro.org](http://www.gwrro.org) and [www.wing-ding.org](http://www.wing-ding.org) or call 800-843-9460 or 623-581-2500 for more information.

*Reprinted from Region K Director E-mail.*

This year's Wing Ding will be held in Greenville, South Carolina on July 3-6, 2008. Your itinerary should be finalized in the near future in order to get your choice of hotel or camping accommodation. Some members would like to hook up for the ride down so let us know and we can get your contact info together. So far Ron & Susan K, Harry & Johanne and Keith & Janet have registered for this event.

### **BABE**

Well, we are now the proud hosts to a special little pig called Babe; she will be spending some time with our chapter on her tours through Canada and the States. Babe was turned over to Keith and I at breakfast several weeks ago by Bruce and Irene with regards from their chapter in Victoria, B.C. We in chapter ON-B hope that Babe will enjoy her stay with us. She has so far not been impressed with the mountain of snow in our yard, and keeps her eye on the children in my care. They have been checking out the many badges and pins on Babes jacket. She was disappointed that she could not attend Wing Night but we explained she was too young to go gambling. Next month Babe can go, if she is good and no more tantrums.

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**"Babe" Our latest ON-B member.**

### **HORIZONS TRAINING**

A GWRRA Horizons Training week-end will be held at Woodstock, Ontario on 26 & 27 April 08 and is open to all GWRRA members. This 1 ½ day event will be held in the Quality Hotel & Suites, 580 Bruin Blvd with a room rate of \$96.99 + tax (Mention GWRRA). For further information contact Keith Connors or Brad Barfoot at (519) 371-5990, e-mail [brad@barfoot.ca](mailto:brad@barfoot.ca)

### ***NEXT NEWSLETTER***

*Coming in our next  
Newsletter:*

***-Last Minute Updates on 25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary  
-Wing Night Reports  
-Ride Report- Maybe  
-More Fun Stuff  
Don't miss it!***