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Dale Snipes of WA Chapter G with her trike - a memorial to our troops and to her family members who are currently serving and have served in the military. Read more about Dale on pages 34-35.

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July, 2009, Lexington. Regional, State, Chapter events, some of you will go to all of the rides open to you and some will go to what they can. Both are exactly what you should do. I know that times are hard for most of us. So the expense for our group is what comes to my mind. (What’s-her-name would say my mind doesn’t work so well at times.) When you look at the cost of a fun run, a rally, or Goldrush, you might want to add up the cost in this way.

1. When was the last time you saw some of the members of your chapter? Cost of registration plus gas divided by people seen multiplied by smiles, equals your true expense.

So – let’s take it up to the state.

2. Number of friends from the far side of your state times the miles traveled divided by total cost of actual expenses multiplied by each person’s enjoyment. Not too costly after all.

Plus,

3. Regional Rallies have high actual cost because of typically greater miles traveled, however, the divider is greater also because you have most likely not seen some of these friends for a longer time. So the formula for a Regional goes like this: Long distance friends divided by total miles traveled multiplied by smiles per mile traveled multiplied by smiles received. Once again, low cost at best.

4. Goldrush. Now this one takes a special mathematical skill found only by a motorcyclist on his or her way to see people that they almost assuredly have not see for a year or more. Once again the formula might go like this: Miles times smiles times people seen rarely, times days spent at the rally, divided by the square root of lodging and food and gas expense. Now this fictitious number should also be multiplied by the good feeling you will get each time you see and use the motorcycle items purchased at the vendors at Goldrush. Also multiplied by the number of inches your chest pops out when a friend and even a stranger says, “Nice bike, man” (or something like that).

Now add up all of the above, and I am sure the answer is Priceless.

Ok, so it’s corny – so what? As was said on an old TV show that we used to watch.

Please, let’s be careful out there.

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I have been known to promote a style of leadership, about which I recently heard a new description, so I thought I’d take the time to talk more about that style and others.

Our GWTA Chapters usually face the issue of leadership change every year or two. And, when it comes to selecting a Chapter Director (and/or Assistant Chapter Director, and/or Treasurer, and/or Ride Captain, and/or whatever other offices we may have in our local Chapter), we can often hear the chant, “We need new blood in our Chapter.” I heard a new term for this: “Vampire Leadership.” Get it? “New Blood”? Vampires? OK, I thought it was funny. And I still do.

I do believe in getting new people to step up to roles of Chapter Leadership. In my experience of working with Chapters, and Chapter Leadership, whenever new people step up, I hear new ideas and new enthusiasm. I also see veterans who are willing to take on other roles, and help the new leaders whenever possible. Yes, of course, there is a steep learning curve, where some things don’t come easily during the first few months, or maybe even a year into office, but eventually the leaders get into a groove, find ways to inject their own ideas of how things can be done, and imprint their own stamp on the Chapter.

And everyone is happy, usually.

Rarely have I seen or heard of veterans who don’t quickly and heartily go the extra mile to give the new leadership a smooth start. But I have seen it. I recently saw a veteran member make a snide comment about a newsletter being a few days late over the email group to the whole Chapter. When I replied, privately, that they could have contacted the person directly, and heard of the issues playing out in the newsletter editors life (which I relayed in my email), the veteran member said that they didn’t know the email (even though it was all over the web site, and in the previous month’s newsletter). Then I was personally attacked, accused of doing the same thing to others. This member eventually joined another Chapter, so it’s probably all for the best. I only tell the story to acknowledge that there are exceptions to my general experience that veterans are usually the most supportive group to new leaders.

I suppose the opposite of “Vampire Leadership” is “Recycled Leadership”, when nobody steps up to be CD, and a former CD from years ago agrees to do it again. You know, I applaud this kind of commitment, too. Someone who’s been there, done that probably knows techniques and tricks to jump-start the learning effort, and can accrue the loyalty of other veterans for assistance, too. And, when a long-time veteran steps up, it may be that a newer, less experienced soul will volunteer for another staff position, to “learn the ropes” as it were. If the “Recycled”-leadership can take on the new ideas of the new people, all the better. My approach would be to seek out and involve new members and their ideas whenever possible. I personally believe that that kind of flexibility gets us more involvement, and more fun ideas. So not all the ideas work out; too bad. Let’s try some other ones. If we’re not having fun, we’re not doing it right.

I have also seen what I call “Cyclical Leadership”. This is where party “A” does the job for a time, then it goes to party “B”, and then back to party “A”, then back to party “B”. Not much changes when this happens, I think. Which may be OK; if things are working, then don’t break them, I suppose. However, my definition of “working” includes attracting new members, taking on new challenges, trying new things, riding new rides, and other ideas that help bring new members to our ranks. I always figure if we’re not growing, then we’re dying. I’d prefer to grow.

Whatever approach to leadership works for your Chapter, I hope you employ the method that gets you and other new members out on the road to “Destination Friendship”.

Cross-Eyed Crossroads
Vampire Leadership

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Happy Independence Day! Welcome to July, the month of our annual family reunion, Gold Rush! We hope to see most of you there in beautiful Lexington, Kentucky. If you are unable to make it we hope to see you soon somewhere out there. This is our 22nd annual Gold Rush and proves to be an exciting one. Please take in all you possibly can as we have given you the opportunity to make it a wonderful memory. We hope to show you the beautiful countryside of Kentucky by visiting Keeneland race track for living logo, Gainesway Thoroughbred Farm, Woodford Reserve Bourbon Distillery, and Kentucky Horse Park for the Old Kentucky Night event on Tuesday July 14th. Old Kentucky Night includes entrance into the Kentucky Horse Park, dinner featuring Kentucky cuisine, the International Museum of the Horse, a video, parade of breeds, and more! Wednesday afternoon offers an event in Triangle Park where we will display our magnificent machines and parade around in our creative hats. We have guided rides available as well as numerous vendors, games and skilled events to entertain you all week. It is up to you now to make it the best it can be. Get details on activities by checking your schedules. Keep informed by reviewing the updated schedules posted in the vendor and registration areas and at the information table daily.

This rally is made possible by all the countless hours of volunteers who donated their time for you. That is what makes our organization unique from so many others. Volunteers write our magazine. Volunteer officers organize and lay out chapter meetings, rides and get-togethers. Volunteers plan, execute and delegate State, Regional, and National rallies, meetings, and seminars. A volunteer is one who offers him/herself of their own free will. Volunteers are just like you and me. They have lives that are filled with conflicts that might be financial, emotional or physical. But we don’t hear about those, just the enthusiasm and drive they have to offer for others in what little spare time they may have. During the week of Gold Rush especially, be sure to thank a volunteer for all they do. It will definitely bring a smile and be much appreciated.

Ride Safe,
The Keenons
How important is maintaining tire pressure?

Maintaining your tire pressures is one, if not the most important maintenance task you perform. This is particularly so on a motorcycle. For a start, you must realize that the air pressure in a tire is what carries that load. Although the carcass and overall structure of the tire has a significant effect in the overall dynamic performance of the tire, you must have sufficient air pressure in the tire for it to function.

When it comes to supporting load, air pressure is the basic ingredient. Once this is realized, you can easily see why air pressure is so important with respect to load carrying for large touring motorcycles. Most of these motorcycles are at or in excess of their rated load, so having enough air pressure is critical.

Check your pressures daily when you are on a trip and remember that every 4-psi of inflation air lost is approximately equivalent to losing 60 or 70 pounds of load carrying capacity. That means that if your tire pressure is 36 psi instead of 40 psi, then you need to take 60 or 70 pounds of load off the motorcycle.

The over flexing that occurs from running a tire for an extended period of time in an under inflated condition can cause the tire to split in the sidewall. If this happens on the inside of the tire and is hidden from your sight, then it can spread and eventually result in a blister and blow out of the sidewall. This sudden deflation may cause loss of control with serious consequences.

A particular hazard of an under-inflated tire is hitting, for example, a pothole. This may result in a sudden deflation or it can buckle the tire over the rim flange causing extensive damage to the tire and eventual failure.

How can I keep my tires from cupping?

You may not be able to entirely avoid cupping. Tire cupping or irregular wear is a somewhat common occurrence on all vehicles. On a four-wheel vehicle, you are advised to rotate your tires periodically to even out wear. Unfortunately, you do not have this luxury with a motorcycle because front and rear tires, unlike those on a four-wheel vehicle, are not interchangeable.

However, there are steps that can be taken to minimize cupping and uneven wear on a motorcycle. Maintain your motorcycle and particularly your front forks and suspension. Avoid hard braking whenever possible. Braking causes the tire to grab and wear in one direction. When braking is applied to the front tire, the load transfer over-flexes the tire and increases the tendency for cupping and uneven wear.

Maintain your tire pressures. Under inflation or over inflation in motorcycle tires are significant causes of cupping and uneven wear, particularly in association with hard braking and/or trailer use.

Some of today’s tires feature tread patterns and constructions that are less prone to cupping than the ribbed tires of old. The Dunlop 491, D401 and D402 touring and sport touring tires are good examples.

Tire companies can, and are, helping to minimize cupping and uneven wear but you, the rider, must do your part. Follow the aforementioned guidelines. How Much Run-in Should I Give a New Tire? When new tires are fitted, they should not be subjected to maximum power or hard cornering until a reasonable run-in distance of approximately 100 miles has been achieved.

This is necessary for a number of reasons. Replacements for worn tires with different patterns and construction will not react the same. Also, a new tire is stiffer than an old tire. The new tire has a rounder tread profile, different contact patch and “lean-over edge” than the worn profile of an old tire. The new tire will also not react the same in combination with its remaining tire.

Carrying out the required run-in will allow you to become accustomed to the “feel” of the new tires and tire combinations, so you are better able to achieve optimum road grip for use in high speed, high acceleration and handling situations.

Can I have my motorcycle tires repaired?

Some punctures in motorcycle tires can be repaired if no other damage is present. Dunlop recommends only individual permanent
plug-patch repairs of small tread area punctures from within the
demounted tire by a qualified tire repair shop or motorcycle dealer.
Never perform an exterior repair and never use an inner tube as a
substitute for a proper repair. Your bike should not exceed 50 mph for
the first 24 hours after the repair and the repaired tire should never
be used over 80 mph. Dunlop speed ratings are voided by repairs.

No form of temporary repair should be attempted because
secondary damage caused by the penetrating object may not be
detected and tire or tube deflation may occur at a later date.

Dunlop does not recommend the use of liquid sealants. These are
a form of temporary repair that may adversely affect ply material
and mask secondary damage caused by the penetrating object. Reliance
upon sealants can result in sudden tire failure and accident.

**Can I use sidewall protectants or cleaners on my tires?**

No, you should never use protectants, cleaners or dressings

\[\text{on your tire sidewalls. These may degrade rubber and remove}
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The inherent ozone cracking and weather checking resistance put
\[\text{into the rubber by the tire manufacturer. Also some dressings will}
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leave a slick oily residue behind that can cause a loss of traction
\[\text{in a corner.}
\]

It is best to use a mild soap solution and water to clean your
sidewalls, white striping or lettering, and then rinse off with plenty
of plain water.

*I hope you learned a little something from this series. If nothing else
it should remind you of what you already knew….*

Ride Safe!

Randy
Thanks to everyone for all your hard work to show the members a WA State Rally is over and was a tremendous success once again. Region A covers so make a call and go see how the others have year? There are plenty of activities out there in all the states that going to Dairy Queen and all that good stuff we do this time of the year. Has your calendar filled up with all the camping, riding, camping, Call quick and you won’t miss out on all the fun. Available at the Lexington Downtown Hotel which is the Host Hotel. Plans yet, you still have time to do it and there are still some rooms just as much fun as all Gold Rushes are. If you haven’t made your XR was back there in 1990 for GR but says it’s changed just bags and getting ready to fly out to Lexington, KY for Gold Rush XXII. Can you believe it? It’s July already and we’re packing our bags and getting ready to fly out to Lexington, KY for Gold Rush XXII. JR was back there in 1990 for GR but says it’s changed just like everything else. It’ll be my first time and it should prove to be just as much fun as all Gold Rushes are. If you haven’t made your plans yet, you still have time to do it and there are still some rooms available at the Lexington Downtown Hotel which is the Host Hotel. Call quick and you won’t miss out on all the fun. Has your calendar filled up with all the camping, riding, camping, going to Dairy Queen and all that good stuff we do this time of the year? There are plenty of activities out there in all the states that Region A covers so make a call and go see how the others have some fun! WA State Rally is over and was a tremendous success once again. Thanks to everyone for all your hard work to show the members a great time. Ritzville pulled out all the bells and whistles to show us a great time.

OR State Rally has been moved to August 21-23 and will be at Valley of the Rogue State Park in Grants Pass, OR.

Here in Region “A” we’re going to do something a little different this year. The annual Rally will be a campout at the Salem KOA and for some of the fun and activities planned we’ll have the Enchanted Forest Theme Park on one side of us and a Winery on the other side. Flyer can be found on the Region “A” website, www.regiona.org. We’ll have the normal 50/50, Chili cook-off, ice cream social, and much more for your entertainment. Mark your calendars for Sept 4-7 and send those registrations in for a good time.

Raffle Tickets… did you get yours yet? If you didn’t they’ll be on sale at Gold Rush and if you would still like to purchase a few give us a call and we can get them to you. ALL sold ticket stubs...
July is one of our favorite months of the year, and we probably attribute it to going on one of our favorite vacations... Gold Rush! Yes, we do enjoy wherever the location of Gold Rush is held but we firmly believe it’s more the camaraderie, all the activities, catching up with old friends and meeting new friends that really makes the vacation a memorable one.

During the Operations Meeting in November of last year, we were able to get a small glimpse of Kentucky. I’ve ridden through the state before in some of my travels, but it was Ralphie’s first time. When Kentucky was claimed for being the “blue grass” state, they weren’t kidding in Ralphie’s eyes. We both thoroughly enjoyed the scenery especially to and from the airport. All those that were in attendance at this meeting were given the opportunity for a short tour of the Horse Park, approximately eight miles from this year’s host hotel. We also got to visit the Honda and Harley shops who will be hosting an open house for us. I think Ralphie and some of the ladies were tickled pink knowing that a mall is connected to the Convention Center and a very short distance to the host hotel. Gentlemen, watch your wallets!

As we’ve stated in past articles for this month for those attending for the first time, make sure you don’t miss the First Timers Session right after Opening Ceremonies. We will be conducting this very informative and valuable session. For those that have attended in years past, look for some nice surprises.

For those that are unable to attend this year’s Gold Rush, you may want to consider trying an alternative activity like our Chapter does. They like to refer to it as the Silver Rush. A small campout at a local park maybe planned or a long scenic ride to include stops for lunch, dinner and, of course, our major stay of ice cream to be had somewhere along the route. Whatever the case may be, make sure your members that are not able to attend Gold Rush have as much fun as well with a planned activity or ride.

Regarding the selling of the national tickets, we want to express our deepest appreciation to all those members for their efforts in selling the national tickets. A very special thank you to those who kept asking for more tickets to sell and turned in the stubs and monies on a monthly basis. Our hats off to Chapter T of Yuba City, Northern California, Chapter Directors Dennis & Becky Rogers and the whole chapter. Every few weeks, we’d receive an email from them requesting anywhere from 300-400 more tickets. Thank you Chapter T for doing a phenomenal job to help boost Region B! To all of you – you did a wonderful job and your efforts were a great benefit to the organization as a whole.

Until we meet again, take care, be safe, have fun riding and we’ll see you at Gold Rush!  
Steve & Ralphie Andrus, Region B Directors
Have you considered what other organizations mean to you? We all seem to have opinions on what we feel other organizations or people are all about. There are so many charities, churches, groups and political organizations available to all of us. I know that when I am confronted with any of these I generally have a preconceived idea of what I believe they are all about. I am not saying that my opinion is always correct but I have arrived at that opinion because of something or what someone I have seen has done in that organization and I am guessing that most of us make judgments in the same way. Sometimes it is just that first time meeting with someone in that group. First impressions can make such a difference in how we all perceive others. We all have a tendency to judge on first impressions.

Have you considered what GWTA means to you? Have you considered the image that GWTA is presenting to others? I would venture to say that for the most part we all joined this organization because we were looking for something to belong to, for people to share our passion for riding and to find people we could share friendships with. Getting back to first impressions, would you have joined your chapter if you came in to find people more interested in creating strife than creating friendships? Let’s face it, if you only wanted to ride why would you want to join any club? Now I do not believe anyone shows up at their chapter functions just to create trouble but sometimes our inability to see another point of view does just that. If all you want to do is ride all it takes is a motorcycle and the time to pursue that past time. Most of us are here because we enjoy the company of others. I believe most of our members find a value in belonging to GWTA, and that value is friendship.

GWTA has a Legacy of Friendship, after all our motto is “Destination Friendship”. I have met so many people I am proud to call my friends in this organization. That does not mean that we see eye to eye on everything. We have so much to offer to others seeking the same. GWTA is about 22 years old and was founded because someone saw that things could be better, we could offer something that other motorcycle organizations did not. What is that, you ask? We offer a member owned and run organization. Yes I know that not all of us have the inclination to devote as much energy and time as others to become involved with GWTA. That is the beauty of our organization. You become as involved as you want. All we ask is that you become as involved as you can. I had a conversation with one of our members last night and it was brought up that all of his chapter’s new members are active because they want to ride. They put on about 20,000 miles a year. I feel if all they want to do is ride there is a place for them but we have so much to offer and I will do my best to help them see that they are among friends. They do enjoy their time in their Chapter and few of them do come to Regional and National events to ride. I want to show them that we have so much more to give them than the ride. We also offer Friendship, our Destination.

What Legacy will your Chapter leave? What Legacy will your chapter help GWTA leave? Our Chapters are the back bone of GWTA, our members are the first thing that the public sees. Are you proud of your chapter? If not what do you hope to do to help your chapter? Without our chapters and their members GWTA is nothing, you are the glue that holds us all together. Without our members’ input, especially in their own chapter, we are falling short of the mark. If you would like to do more in your chapter it is as simple as letting your other members know what you would like to do. If you would like to see more rides just pick up the phone and ask a friend to go with you. All I am asking is that you support your chapter, that you become involved with the fun that your chapter has to offer. After all isn’t that why you joined? Show up and develop the friendships your chapter has to offer. Once you have done that hopefully you will find the value in attending your state, regional and national functions and developing new friendships outside of your chapter. GWTA is a whole new world just waiting for you to discover.

Gold Rush is this month and hopefully I will get to meet many of you in Lexington, Kentucky this year. I have found that as much as I enjoy the ride it is the Destination that I really look forward to. You my friends are the Destination.

GWTA Region C Directors, Rick and Kandie Hinrichs
Hello from Region E:

Here’s hoping everyone is getting in lots of great riding as we get further into the summer riding schedule. As this must be penned 60 days before publication we can only hope that Gold Rush was a good success. Or maybe it will be depending on when you get the magazine. At it’s very best; Gold Rush is only one of a wealth of opportunities out there for the consummate tour rider. By this time, our own rides for the year have included Florida to visit with friends and attend bike week, Vicksburg, MS for a weekend with riding friends, Santa Fe, NM with CO friends, as well as various weekend rides and day rides. I’m sure your own experiences are at least as great. Any ride is a chance to do what we enjoy doing and engaging the one passion we all have in common.

It doesn’t always have to be riding. Anything motorcycle related will generally work well for us. We just completed a weekend at home. We had a shop day on Saturday for our local chapter. Several riders and bikes were present. The lady folks prepared us a meal of burgers, hot dogs, and side dishes so we could take a break from the work and enjoy a good meal with friends.

On Sunday we offered a rider training session for anyone interested. Our attendance included very experienced riders as well as one rider just starting. One advantage to offering our own rider training is that we can tailor the curriculum to the needs and desires of the attendees. We set up a course that included the usual U-turns, figure eights, cone weaves, emergency braking, swerving, etc. but also included an S curve laid out in the parking lot so we could work on picking a good line through the curves. At the end of the session the riders were presented motorcycle awareness shirts and bumper stickers. Everyone seemed to have a great time and perhaps improved some riding skills along the way. There was at least one rider that pointed out what I hoped all were getting from the experience. He said he at least learned what he needs to work on.

The point is it was a weekend with good friends doing things related to that common ingredient we all have - motorcycle touring. Many of our chapters set up some very novel activities for the members. These activities always allow the members the chance to socialize with a group that they enjoy being with. The activities also usually offer the participants an opportunity to benefit from improved skills or information about their favorite passion gleaned from the activity. That is the heart and soul of a chapter. If we give our members the chance to engage in motorcycle activities of their choosing, our chapters will grow.

We like, in our local chapter, to offer at least two rider training sessions per year. That number can and will vary depending on what the members decide they want. We have at least one shop day in the spring, but we can have another any time the members decide they would like to have one. That flexibility to meet the wants and desires of the membership is what GWTA should be based on. If we give our members the flexibility to run their chapters as they desire, we will have highly successful chapters based on friendships and a good time. That is what GWTA is all about.

While we are on the subject, check your listing on the Blue Line. Checking it will help you to make stable your ability to access the Blue Line should you have the need in the future. It might also point out any errors or omissions that may exist there regarding your listing. Charlotte and I were recently blessed with a phone call from a rider that was on the road and needed a place to stay. She spent the night in our guest room and we had the opportunity to make a new friend and enjoy the conversation from a rider taking her first long distance solo trip. It was a win-win situation for all concerned. It would not have happened had we not had ourselves listed as being willing to provide what we could to fellow travelers in need. Someday we may be on the other side and need help while on the road as we did the one time many years ago. Having someone in the GWTA family available and willing to assist can be a major plus when things aren’t going as we would prefer. Our bikes are fabulous pieces of engineering, but even the bike we love so much is still a machine. As such, it can fail at the most inopportune time. I would encourage anyone to offer what services they can to others. I want to believe we have helped others a number of times and have always ourselves benefited from the experience. If you need to change your listing in the Blue Line to include additional services for others, please let the National office know what changes you would like to have made.

Till we meet on the road, keep the dirty side down.
Here we go again…Gold Rush XXII! We are SO ready to have some fun in Lexington, KY!! This year’s festivities have been in the works for over a year now. The National staff has worked very diligently at making sure all who attend have the very BEST four days of activities, eating, riding and fellowship with both old and new friends. Gold Rush can only be as good as its members, so why not contact your Regional or Provincial Director, or a National Staff member, and offer to help during this event? There is always somewhere we could use help, and it’s not that strenuous or time consuming. Reach out and give to the members and yourself to make this the most memorable Gold Rush ever. Just think, in a couple of days, weeks or months from now you’ll be saying “that was the year I met so-and-so. Man, did we have a good time participating at (fill in the blank) event or ride.” These memories will last a long time and who knows, it may make up the best story ever that you’ll tell over and over again (and some people over and over and over)... catch my drift?

While at Gold Rush we will need some volunteers to help sell 50/50 tickets. Not sure when our region will be asked to sell, but if we get enough volunteers, volunteers shouldn’t have to work more than a couple hours on any one day. Anyone who has sold 50/50 tickets before knows how much fun it can be! Think of all the people you’ll be meeting!!

Don’t forget that you can sell Bike Tickets up to and during Gold Rush, if you are going to be there. To make sure your state gets credit for the sales, you have to turn the tickets and money in to us, not to the Ticket Coordinator. You can find us around the convention center, or leave a message at our room in the host hotel, or ask any Staff Member to contact us. Each Staff Member will have our cell phone numbers.

There are SO many things to see and do while at Gold Rush and in the Lexington area. We hope to see you all there! Ladies, be sure to wear your Derby Hats!!

Ride safe!
Jim & Kris Rogers, GWTA Region F Directors

Gold Rush plans are in place. We are looking forward to all of the activities that will be taking place. Gold Rush programs and schedules will be in your event packets and you can begin picking those up Monday morning of Gold Rush. Frankie & Sherry Lane of Maine’s Chapter “A” are Region H’s 2009 Family of The Year. Please wish them Good Luck at Gold Rush!

Our Regional Rally is next month, August 28-30, 2009. The deadline to register is August 1, 2009. This is also the cutoff date for our block of rooms. For Reservations please call the TOWN & COUNTRY MOTOR INN at 1-800-325-4386 for the $88 a night rate and make sure you say you’re with GWTA. If you want to camp there are campgrounds nearby: Timberland Camping Area: Route 2 Gorham NH www.ucamlnh.com Phone 603 466 3872. White Birches Camping Park 218 state rt. 2 Shelburne NH www.whitebirchescampingoark.com Phone 603 466 2022.

So what else is there to do in northern New Hampshire in the summer?
1) Ride your bike up Mt. Washington. Yes if you ride it up someone must ride it down.
2) Get up early and go Moose hunting (with a camera) Ask Bruce or Linda as they did this years ago.
3) Take a ride down to Bretton Woods, NH and ride the cog railway.
4) Take a ride down to North Conway and ride the Conway scenic Railroad.
5) Or just relax in the pool.
6) Arrive a day early or leave a day later and visit the Maine coast.

Also within this issue are other articles on rides and or things to do in the ten states of Region H.

Ride safe and we hope to see you all in New Hampshire next month!

Phil & Sue

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Phil & Sue
**GWTA MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION**

Memberships: 1 Year 2 Years 3 Years Lifetime

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Membership dues: $ __________ for __________ years.
I would also like to make a donation of $ _____ to Helping Hands.
Total $ __________ (Please make checks payable to GWTA)
The following information must be filled out if paying by credit card:
VISA/MC/AMEX _________________________________________
Exp. Date __________ CVV2 (3 or 4 digit code on back) _________
Billing Address ___________________ Billing Zip ____________
Authorized Signature _____________________________________

Please assign me to chapter ____ in the state/province of _______.
Note: $39 of annual membership dues includes a one-year subscription to GWTA’s Touring News magazine. Your subscription cannot be deducted from dues.

___ NEW
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Mail completed form to:
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P.O. Box 42403
Indianapolis, IN 46242-0403
Toll Free: 1-800-960-4982
Ph: 317-243-6822
Fax: 317-243-6833
Email: membership@gwtaco.com

For the Blue Line (toll-free help service), the services I can provide are as follows:
A - Bike/Trailer Pickup
B - Phone Calls
C - Tent Space
D - Lodging
E - Tools
I/we cannot offer services for the Blue Line.

PLEASE NOTE: All funds must be payable in U.S. Funds only.
DO NOT SEND CASH.
Keep your Camper Cool

Summer is here and for RVers that not only means prime travel season is upon us, but so is the heat. If you ever walked inside an RV that is sitting in the direct sunlight on a hot summer day you know what I mean. Fortunately there are some things we can do to make our summer RV camping trips more pleasurable.

- Strategically park your RV to take advantage of any shade that is available, especially on the side where the refrigerator vent is located. Don’t be afraid to ask for a shady site when you check in at the campground. This will not only help cool the RV down, but your refrigerator and roof A/C will work much more efficiently.
- You can also improve your air conditioner’s efficiency by keeping the A/C filters clean. In most cases you can wash the filters in warm soapy water, rinse thoroughly and allow them to dry before reinstalling. Another option is to clean the filters with a small hand held vacuum cleaner. I recommend you keep a new set on hand in the event the old filters have seen better days.
- Use your main awning and any window awnings to assist in cooling the RV down. In addition to the awnings use your window blinds or drapes to help keep the sun out and the cooler air in.
- Campground voltage can fluctuate, especially during the summer months when campers are running their A/C, placing a higher demand on campground electricity. You should monitor the voltage coming in to your RV with a digital voltmeter. If voltage drops below 105-volts or goes above 130-volts turn your appliances and electronic equipment off until proper voltage is restored.
- Install a thermostatically controlled refrigerator vent fan at the back of the refrigerator, or at the top of the roof vent, to assist with drafting the hot air away from the refrigerator. If you are mechanically inclined these fans are fairly easy to install, or you can have your RV dealer install one for you. Either way it’s worth it. The fan removes the heat built up behind the refrigerator improving the refrigerator’s performance by up to 40%.
- Another ingredient to keeping your RV cool is proper ventilation. Proper ventilation helps prevent excess heat from building up in your RV. You can install vent covers over the roof vents to allow for ventilation. They are inexpensive, easy to install and they let the fresh air in, even when it’s raining. Install a vent cover on each end of your RV to promote cross ventilation.
- To help keep the inside of the RV cool try to avoid opening the door as much as possible and cook outside rather than inside whenever possible.
- Take a couple of small fans with you to help circulate the air. If for some reason you can’t run the A/C you’ll be glad you have them.
- If all else fails head to the campground pool and cool off.

Happy Camping,
Mark Polk

Mark Polk is the owner of RV Education 101. RV Education 101 is a North Carolina based company that produces professional training videos, DVDs and e-books on how to use and maintain your RV.

www.rveducation101.com
### Welcome New Members

GWTA Welcomes YOU!

We are proud to have you along for the ride!

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**THE place to get close to HORSES!**

Welcome Goldwing Riders!
July 14, 2009

Old Kentucky Night
The Parade of Breeds
The International Museum of the Horse
“Derby at the Park” Buffet Dinner
Entertainment and Prizes

Contact the GWTA
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KY Horse Park
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Hello to all GWTA members we have never met, who live in one of the ten states within Region H. Sue and I are inviting you to your 2009 Regional Rally, August 28-30, being held in Shelburne, New Hampshire. Within this article I am going to explain why I believe you should make the trip up to New Hampshire next month. No the reason is not to meet Sue & me though that would be great, but to meet the other 150 people who make our rallies fun and entertaining. The White Mountains are worth seeing in winter or summer. You do need to drive carefully, not just because you’re on a bike but the Moose don’t yield the right of way to anyone. To all those Regional members we have met we invite you to New Hampshire to help us insure that not just the first timers have a great time.

Where is Shelburne, New Hampshire? Shelburne is about 300 Miles North East of N.Y.C. and 180 Miles North of Boston, MA. Bar Harbor, ME is about 200 Miles East. You could turn a two day rally into a weeklong vacation in the northeast and Canada if you have your passport with you. Sue & I attended a GWTA Rally in Shelburne N.H., then rode to Bar Harbor and did make a weeks vacation out of it. It started great and did not stop until we got home.

Why come to meet people you have never met before?
1) They are like you, they love riding motorcycles.
2) They are members of the same association that you are.
3) They love sharing favorite rides and things to do in their state with others.
4) See things you have not seen before.
5) Last ICE CREAM.

OK let’s get back to the 150 other people you hopefully will meet, some are crazy, and have you every played Dirty Bingo? If yes, then you know what I am talking about. If no, then you must stay for dirty Bingo after dinner Saturday night. I have never had a bad time at any event held in Region H. I am not talking only about Regional events, but also State and Chapter events.

Sue & I look forward to seeing you all I New Hampshire next month! Thank you all!

Phil & Sue
A favorite ride in Southern New England

What comes to mind for those Motorcycle riders who have never been to the Northeast and Southern New England? Well most likely, big cities like Boston, Providence and Hartford, CT with eight lane highways. This is true but there also many miles of country two lanes and with some effort and planning you can ride for hours and never stop for a traffic light. The western section of Connecticut and Massachusetts are full of lakes and wild life, Black Bear and coyotes are common sites in summer and fall. There are sites of Moose and mountain lion.

One day trip we take quite often starts at our homestead in Canaan, Connecticut which lies in the northwest corner. We will head into the center of Canaan pick up Route 7 and head North in to Massachusetts for 35 Miles. Along side Berkshire Medical Center turn right on to Tyler St (SR9) for about 3 miles. Turn left at the intersection of Mc “D” on the left and 99 rest onto Rt 8 North for 18 miles in to North Adams. Then a right onto SR 2 East which leads to the Mohawk Trial plan to take a few hours for stops along the next 25 Miles. Route 2 crosses US 91 in Greenfield MA.
July is Gold Rush month, I hope as many of you as possible can attend what I consider our annual “Family Reunion”.

Lexington is a beautiful area as we went there for Gold Rush 3. Mr. Keenon and his operations staff have spent many hours planning the many events contained in Gold Rush and I hope all who attend make sure to compliment each and everyone who participated in the plans.

Hope to see you there!

Ed Davis, COB

The BIG bike raffle ticket drawing is near. Do you have your raffle tickets yet? You still have time to buy your tickets. There are several prizes to choose from. Which one will it be?? Tickets are available from your Chapter Director, State Director, Provincial or Regional Director. Ticket stubs are due by early July. If you are sending them to the GWTA office – the package MUST arrive before July 10th. After this date there will not be anyone at the office to collect the tickets for the drawing! Tickets may also be brought to Gold Rush in Lexington, Kentucky and turned in to your region director. Raffle tickets will also be sold at Gold Rush at the information table and our roving ticket sellers. Remember, you do not have to be present to win. It would be GREAT to have the winner in the audience at Gold Rush when our Executive Director calls out the name of the winner. The excitement grows as Closing Ceremonies approaches.

Good luck to all those who have supported and bought bike raffle tickets. See you in Lexington!

Linda Grimm, Executive Secretary/Bike Raffle Tickets

Gold Rush month is here! As with every other Gold Rush, we look forward to visiting with old friends, making new friends and witnessing the generosity and care that our members have for each other.

The ongoing support of the Helping Hands program is so rewarding. We are very grateful for all the wonderful donations received to keep this program going strong. Knowing that we have funds to help our fellow members in times of extreme crisis makes me sleep better at night.

Thank you to all the members who have assisted in manning the Helping Hands booth and worked the Battle of the Regions Games. I feel blessed that so many people have given up their time to assist me.

Thank you to the following for their recent donations:
River City Wings – Chapter F – California
Woodland Road Runners – Chapter V – California
Country Wings – Chapter Z – Nebraska

Best wishes for happy trails and wonderful memories,
Di & Al Hennings
Helping Hands Directors
NATIONAL EVENTS
Gold Rush XXII July 13-16, 2009. Lexington, KY. The event will be held at the Lexington Convention Center. The Lexington Downtown Hotel (formerly the Radisson), connected to the Lexington Convention Center, will be the host hotel. NEW – an event at the Kentucky Horse Park has been added to the registration form. This event will include a meal, entrance to the horse park and entertainment! Cost is $40 per person Please see the registration form in this issue of Touring News for more information!

REGION A
Oregon GWTA Beach Bash, July 17 – 19, 2009. Florence, Oregon at the Heceta Beach RV Park group camp area. Cost $5 per person per day. Contact Randi Kobernik at 541-480-3140 or go to www.gwta-oregon.org for more information.

A Washington State Wide Early 60’s Poker Run, September 11-12, 2009. The Washington State Wide early 60’s poker run will benefit the Chehalis Veterans Memorial Museum in conjunction with the Patriots Day weekend. Each chapter will organize and conduct its own event. Conduct the usual 50/50 drawing. Recommend $10 per person entering the Poker Run with 50% of the till going to the Museum and 50% to the winner. Support the Museum that supports the Veterans. Make checks payable to: Veterans Memorial Museum and mail to 100 Veterans Way, Chehalis, WA 98532. Contact Pete Slempa, sonny@sipnsearch.com, for additional information.

REGION B
South Lake Tahoe Campout by the Lake. August 7-9, 2009. Sponsored by Chapter S (N. CA), the Gold Country Riders. Come join us for a great weekend get-a-way at the “Campground by the Lake” in South Lake Tahoe! Friday & Saturday night 50/50 drawing and campfire stories, Saturday lunch ride to Reno. Pre-registered campers: $10 per person per night. RV’s are welcome but you must make your own space reservation with the campground at (530) 542-6096. The registration flyer is at www.gwta-gcr.org. For more info contact Dennis Therien at (530) 877-4279 or skyhawk@sbcglobal.net.

Phoenix Ride for Kids. Mesa, AZ. October 11, 2009. Come join us for a police escorted ride through the beautiful Tonto National Forrest. Registration opens at 8am and ride leaves sharply at 10. Minimum $35 per bike to join the fun. Light breakfast and box lunch provided at the celebration of life. For additional information please contact Paul Trinker 602-670-6271 or Dennis Draper 309-242-1955.

REGION E
2nd Annual GWTA Texas State Rally. September 18-20, 2009. Texas State Railroad, Rusk, Texas Campgrounds. This rally will offer a fun run, biker games, silent auction, door prizes, train rides, bike shows, food and bike vendors, self guided rides and new for this year, a geocaching game for those of you who utilize gps’s. Campsites are available for $10 per night with two bikes per campsite. RV/Vendor sites will be available for $25 per night. Admission is $10 per person, fun run will be $5 per person and the geocaching will be $5 per person.

Leavenworth Chapter “L” 17th Annual Fall Color Ride and Poker Run. October 4, 2009. Lansing, KS. Rain or Shine. Prizes, good ride, good food, good friendship!! For details see our website at www.lvgwta.org or call Rodger at 913-727-1775.

REGION F
Indiana Ride for Kids, July 12, 2009. South Bend, IN at Pinhook Park. Registration opens at 8:00am, ride starts promptly at 9:45am. Join us for an escorted charity motorcycle ride through the beautiful Northern Indiana countryside and support the Pediatric Brain Tumor Foundation. For more info contact Bobby Newman at 219-324-0706 or bear.kitten@verizon.net.

Indiana State Rally, August 14-16, 2009. Rockville, IN. Contact Indiana State Directors John & Marilla Jager at 260-635-1236 or jagjt@lignetel.com for more info.

GWTA Dinner Run September 12, 2009. Das Dutchman Essenhaus, Middlebury, IN. Contact Max & Pat Krueger for more information at 269-694-9746.

The Pink and Chrome - Ride for the Cure is an open motorcycle event to raise money for Susan G. Komen for the Cure of Greater Cincinnati. This is an 80 mile pledge ride, with awesome door prizes, club awards, entertainment, and some incredible awards and prize drawings! The ride is Saturday, October 3rd, 2009 in Dayton, Ohio. Registration begins at 9:00 am, with first bike out at 11:00 am, and the last bike in at 4:00 pm. Prizes and awards will be handed out starting at 4:30. This will be an 80 mile scenic ride, with plenty of “pit stops” and things to see along the way. The route will be posted the day of the ride, stay tuned for more information on the start and end locations and stops along the route! Bring as many of your friends and riding buddies as possible. This is going to be a GREAT ride! Contact Toni or Don Webb at info@pinkandchrome.com.

REGION H
Region H Rally, August 28-30, 2009. Town & Country Motor Inn, Shelburne, NH. 70 rooms are blocked at a rate of $88 per night plus tax. Call 800-325-4386 for reservations. Registration fee for GWTA Members is $40.00 US Dollars, Non-Members $50.00, Children 12 & Under $20.00. What comes with the registration fee? Two Meals: BBQ Friday Night, Dinner Saturday Night, Rally Pin and a weekend with 150 people who enjoy riding motorcycles, dirty bingo, and your company. Then throw in the White Mountains with a possible ride to the summit of Mt. Washington (weather permitting).

REGION J
Fall Fun Weekend, September 25-27, 2009. You will experience the north on the south shore of Lake Nipissing. Saturday at the Waltonian Inn Resort we have poker runs, guided ride, an auction, horseshoes and a dinner. Saturday evening after festivities the brave will have an opportunity to join in our secret ceremony on the beach with bonfire to become part of the Secret League of the Loon. Book now – accommodations limited to one hundred people. For more information visit the Region J Chapter NO – Nipissing Riders website at http://nipissingriders.com.
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My Early Years on Two Wheels
by Milton Clair Grimes
Chapter 6

Time changes things. After selling my '42 Cushman for what was, essentially, parts, I looked around for some sort of vehicle to get me around town. The bus system in Lincoln, Nebraska, was a dismal, sometime thing. One of the students in our boarding house had a 1937 Chevrolet Coupe that he had parked out on his folk's farm. I asked how much he would take for it & he said it didn’t run well anymore. Young & stupid, I managed to buy it from him for $25. He gave me a key to it & a letter to his folks to turn over the title to me. I had to hitchhike out there to pick it up. It started right up and I stopped in town for a few gallons of gas before heading the 150 miles to my folk's home. As I fed it a little extra gas to get over the viaduct in Columbus, something went ‘BANG’ and it quit running. I managed to put it in neutral and coast down to a gas station. Dad had to come & get me. A pair of twins lived at the boarding house. One married a girl from Hawaii and moved there. A week or so after the Chevy quit, the other one helped tow the Chevy back to Lincoln. I sold the car to a junkyard for 10 bucks a few weeks later. Scratch the first car. That twin eventually became Administrator of the hospital in Hastings. He also got a pilot license, bought a Piper airplane, and died when he flew it into the side of a mountain in Colorado. A lady in Lincoln offered a 1930 Buick 2-door sedan for sale. It had sat in her garage from the beginning of WWII to 1949 when I bought it for $30. Somehow, we got the car started. She must have had a battery for it. I drove it back to the boarding house & decided to change the oil. I got a pan, a wrench, and some fresh oil & crawled under the engine. The plug dropped into the pan after I unscrewed it, but no oil came out. I got a stick & stuck it up into the crankcase & stirred it around so it finally oozed slowly out. I bet it took 30 minutes to drain & then only a couple of quarts. With the plug replaced & new oil in it, it ran pretty well, actually. A $5 bill replaced a broken door window after I slammed the door with the window halfway down. Sometimes we live and learn. I never did that again. The car did well from Saturday through Friday, but started misfiring about Monday afternoons. It ran on 3 cylinders until Thursday, limped badly on Friday, and on Saturdays I would take it to a repair shop where the owner allowed me to take the plugs out & clean them. Then it ran for another week. This was the car my future wife & I had our first date in. I don’t remember how I disposed of it, but I did own it for several months. Car #3 was a 1933 Packard 4 door sedan. A magnificent vehicle! A dealer had it on his lot for $75 & somehow I had that much. It had 3 position headlights: bright, country dim, and city dim. It had a blacklight flash and twin sidemounts (tires in the front fenders for you youngsters). This was the car we took to St. Edward to meet her folks. She drove most of the way as I was once again fighting off a Migraine. Since she learned to drive on a Ford Model A, it was no problem for her. From there, I drove as far as Albion. The car was pulling strongly to the right, so we stopped at a gas station on the edge of town. The owner looked over the right front wheel, put a hand on opposing positions of the tire and lifted the whole assembly off without ever touching a wrench. I sold it to the local junkyard for $25 and have always regretted that. That car today, in pristine condition and that make & model, brings a couple of hundred thou! Again, I had to make a phone call to Dad to come and get us.
in charge of the town dump. That’s right! Olie was in charge. We unloaded the trash & stood and visited for a bit with Olie. I asked, “Hey, Olie, how you coming with that little Harley?”

He said, “Don’t have any time to work on it anymore. I have to be up here 3 afternoons a week. Then I have to peel enough potatoes in the morning for dinner and supper and that takes most of the morning. Then I check on the mail and before you know it, it’s time for dinner.”

I asked, “What are you going to do with it, then?”

He said, “Well, I sold it to a couple of fellows a few months ago, but they never came back to get it, so I guess they’re not gonna buy it.”

I asked, “How much would you have to have for it?”

He said, “Well, I got $425 in it.”

I said, “Well, you need to have some sort of a profit on it. I’ll give you $450 for it.” Olie gazed off into the distance for a maybe a half minute, and then said, “OK.”

We shook hands. That’s all it takes to seal a deal in ranch country. I said, “Just one thing, though. You have to help me put it all back together. I understand you have several boxes of parts to put on it.”

He said, “OK.”

I asked, “Do you want payment now?”

He said, “No. When we’re done you can pay me.”

Stay tuned for Chapter 7 and we’ll tell all about the process of putting a basket case together and getting it to run.

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Hi, folks. I told you things would be back to normal in July. No more mall shows to talk about. No more photos to show you. We are really into the heart of our riding season here in the great Midwest. Yes, it’s hot and humid and the bikers are lov’ in it. Many of us are ready to head out to Gold Rush and looking forward to the ride. We know we are going to see some really nice places and are ready to relax a bit.

This piece of artwork below was really a pretty place. It was on the patio of a place we were staying some time ago. Wow! What a place to just sit back and relax. The old adirondack chair and the potted plants were beautiful. I’m not exactly a fan of this style of chair but they are very picturesque and the scene just caught me. Never would have been there without the bike.

Now, you may ask yourself why I would choose to do a black and white sketch of this particular spot when what was really so impressive was the bright colors of the flowers in the pots and bushes behind the chair. The dark greens and light greens in the bushes were just beautiful and contrasted very well with the light and bright colors of the flowers in the pots and background bushes. The place just shouted at you to sit down and relax.... so, I did and took enough time to soak it all in.

I guess the reason I chose to do this piece in pen and ink is because I loved the contrast so much. You see, one of the rules of artwork is that generally to show bright sunlight about seventy-five percent of the piece needs to be in the shade. Does that make sense to you? Well, it’s true. Maybe it was the feeling of the place that I liked and not necessarily the colors. Now that brings me to GWTA.

Is it the bright and flashy parts? The chrome on the bikes, the fun runs, the rallies that we enjoy about GWTA or is it the folks we eat dinner with on our rides, the ones that come and help us when we need it and are there for us when motorcycling has nothing to do with it. GWTA is so much more than that or, at least, should be. Slow down, look around, and enjoy the ride. Enjoy the bright spots, but don’t forget the everyday things. Take the time to enjoy all that you can, even if it’s just black and white.

Hope you all have a safe and enjoyable trip to Lexington this year. Becky and I won’t be making that trip this year, but will look forward to next year.

In the meantime look for the beauty in life. It can appear when you least expect it and jump out at you. Take the time to let it happen.
Wow. Here we are entering July and we are right in the middle of the summer motorcycle riding season. With a busy riding season already underway, I was thinking about the Capitol One credit card advertisement that asks, “What’s in your wallet?” as a question to which credit card pays the best rewards or dividends. Now that got me thinking about a question or slogan for those of us who ride motorcycles. I’m not thinking that our Operations Officers or Board of Directors should replace our “Destination Friendship” motto. No not at all, because that motto fittingly describes how our association reaches out to other motorcyclists and throughout our own network of chapters, states and regions, to promote not only friendship, but fun and safety too. As a GWTA member, you know that all levels of our association have planned activities, such as chapter rides, state and regional rallies, plus the national Gold Rush rally. So a question like “What’s on your calendar?” would be appropriate to insure that we as GWTA members support the different levels of activities planned throughout our association. Our association is operated by our membership, which includes our Operations Officers and our Board of Directors. So in order to continue to feed on the past successes of our association, we must reach out and support the ongoing activities throughout the association. Think about the old friends you will see and the new friends you will make by participating in a GWTA activity. Check out the What’s Happening section of Touring News or the GWTA internet sites for a list of activities, and then plan to attend an event somewhere in the association.

Since I am thinking about what a friendly association GWTA is overall, I’d like to expand on that thought. At the recent Motorcycle Safety Awareness Month press conference with Michigan Secretary of State Terri Lynn Land, I had the opportunity to meet some members from one of the three new chapters recently formed here in Michigan. This particular group of members comes from the new Wheels of Friendship Chapter J in Jackson, Michigan, a short 30 miles or so from the capitol city of Lansing and their Chapter Directors are Tony and Anna Edwards. This group has quickly involved themselves in getting a new chapter up and running so they can get down to the business of having fun. In coming into GWTA, these members are looking to focus their efforts on friendships, riding and safety. These new members liked what they saw in the GWTA framework that has long benefitted our association by simply providing guidelines and suggestions as a mechanism to building successful chapters instead of a list of rules and requirements. This operational philosophy was a concept at the beginning of GWTA and it has allowed our membership to focus on the fun and friendships that keep this great association going. It is that same vision and overall philosophy that originally drew me into the association 22 years ago when GWTA was founded. Vince Ash, who was a founding member, served on the Founding Board of Directors and later became GWTA’s second Executive Director always told the membership that the prime directive was to “have fun” and I believe our association structure allows us to accomplish that. In the end, I sense that these new chapters are interested in adding some of the GWTA activities to their schedule as they expand their friendship base. I look forward to meeting more of the new members, not only here in our Michigan chapters, but throughout our association as we travel during the remainder of the riding season. So as I wrap up this months article, I hope you have some GWTA activities written on your calendar for the remainder of the riding season. You don’t want to miss out on the fun and friendships that await you. Hopefully our family will see you on the road somewhere soon.

Eric Larson for the Larson family
Everyone is invited to take part in RaveNRide 2009! The following tours are currently available: “Region A Tour 1” and “Region A Tour 2”. Simply request a tour card from the Region A director. Participants have from April 1, 2009 through October 31, 2009 to visit each business or chapter listed on the card. A sticker will be placed at each location visited and once the card is completed, turn it in to the National Office for a chance to win a $1,000 prize which will be awarded in December 2009! It’s that simple. More info on each location is available at www.gwta.org or www.ravenride.com.

Region A Tour #1

Chet’s Honda
17 H St. SW, Quincy, WA 98848
509-787-3617; www.chetshondapolaris.com

Empire Cycle & Powersports
7807, E. Sprague Ave., Spokane Valley, WA 99212
509-892-6368

GWTA Washington Chapter E
Lake Washington Gold meets at Denny’s:
2233 148th Ave. NE, Bellevue, WA 98007
253-631-1710; www.lakewashingtongold.com

GWTA Washington Chapter V
Auburn Valley Wings meets at Trotter’s Restaurant:
825 Harvey Road, Auburn, WA 98002
253-208-9867; www.auburnvalleywings.org

Hinshaw’s Motorcycle Store
1611 West Valley Hwy So., Auburn, WA 98001
253-939-7164; www.hinshawsmotorcyclestore.com

Onthree Trike Conversions
1725 - 268th Ave. N.E., Redmond, WA 98053
425-836-0373; www.onthreetrikes.com

Renton Motorcycle Mall
3701 East Valley Rd., Renton, WA 98057
425-226-4320; www.rentonmotorcycles.com

Road House Cycles
1640 E. Schnidmiller Ave., Post Falls, ID 83854
208-457-1150; www.rdhse.com
Region A Tour #2

Everett Powersports
215 SW Everett Mall Way, Everett, WA 98204
425-347-4545; www.everettpowersports.com

Gerry Andal’s
27021 - 102nd Ave. NW, Stanwood, WA 98292
360-629-6569; www.gerryandal.com

GWTA Washington Chapter C
Evergreen Wings meets at Everett Eagles:
1216 Broadway, Everett, WA 98201
253-538-4915; www.evergreenwings.org

GWTA Washington Chapter S
Skagit Valley Wings meets at Cranberry Tree Restaurant:
2030 Freeway Drive, Mt. Vernon, WA
360-630-1780; www.skagitvalleywings.netfirms.com

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360-416-3950; www.lifestyleshonda.com

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Westside Motorsports
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509-747-1862; www.westsideracing.com

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5663 - A N.E. 105th Ave., Portland, OR 97220
503-257-4141; www.wingman.com

If you are interested in having a RaveNRide tour in your region, contact your region director to find out how you can help set one up!
In 1990 Lexington hosted the third annual Gold Rush; nineteen years later, Lexington is thrilled to welcome back Gold Rush XXII.

The Gold Wing Touring Association and the Lexington Convention and Visitors Bureau have been planning for many months to make sure this year’s gathering is both exciting and memorable. Bond Jacobs, director of services, stated “It is always a pleasure to work with unique groups like Gold Rush! We’re delighted they have chosen Lexington as their host city for Gold Rush XXII and hope all of the attendees have a great time in the Bluegrass.”

Some of the activities you can expect at this year’s Gold Rush include: a wide variety of seminars on everything from a first timers orientation to CPR and first aid, a bike show, Battle of the Regions, the Iron Eagle Competition, a skilled riders course, vendors, drill team performances, presentation of the Living Logo, an opportunity to interact with the executive director and chairman of the board, and more. We know you’ll be busy, but you must take time to explore the rich heritage of the Bluegrass Region.

Plan to attend several activities designed to help you experience Lexington’s Bluegrass Region, an area known around the world for producing both champion race horses and fine bourbon. While you’re here don’t miss the opportunity to learn a little and have a lot of fun while exploring these two signature industries at the Kentucky Horse Park and Woodford Reserve Distillery. Lexington’s love of the horse is evident at the Kentucky Horse Park, the region’s number one visitor attraction. A special Old Kentucky Night, scheduled just for Gold Rush attendees, is scheduled for Tuesday, July 14th at 6 p.m. at the Kentucky Horse Park. Old Kentucky Night includes an up-close look at a working horse farm, a tour through the International Museum of the Horse, a traditional Kentucky meal, and much more. Discover more about the historic art of distilling fine Kentucky Bourbon with a tour of Woodford Reserve Distillery. This small historic distillery exclusively produces Woodford Reserve Bourbon, the official Bourbon of the Kentucky Derby. Nested in the rolling hills of the Bluegrass surrounded by world-class Thoroughbred horse farms, Woodford Reserve offers the perfect opportunity to learn about the history of the amber elixir and to see two of Kentucky’s signature products aging side by side.

There is so much to see and do in Lexington. For help planning your free time, please call the Lexington Visitor Information line at (800) 845-3959, go to visitlex.com or stop by the office while you’re in town. The Visitor Lobby is located at 301 E. Vine Street in downtown Lexington. Office hours are Monday through Friday from 8:30 a.m. until 5 p.m.; Saturday from 10 a.m. until 5 p.m. and Sunday from noon until 5 p.m. See you in Lexington’s Bluegrass Region!
Gold Rush XXII: July 13-16, 2009

Lexington, KY
Lexington Convention Center

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$89 per night - 369 West Vine Street, Lexington, KY 40507 - Phone: 877-539-1648 or 859-231-9000. Mention GWTA for rates.

Red Roof Inn (4 miles from LCC) - $49.99 + tax per night - 1980 Haggard Ct., Lexington, KY 40505
Phone: 800-733-7663 or 859-293-2626. Must Mention Code B044GWTA for discounted rates.

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Fort Boonesborough State Park Campground (25 miles from LCC) Call 859-527-3131 ext. 218 for rates and reservations.

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Dale Snipes, a Sandpoint, Idaho widow, spent all of 2007 on the back of a Gold Wing motorcycle, touring the U.S. The person that she rode with stopped riding due to health problems and has since passed away, but Dale, who was now “hooked” on the fresh air, wonderful folks, excitement and the awesome comfort of the Gold Wing motorcycle, decided to get a bike of her own. She already had all her riding leathers, purchased in Sandpoint at Cox Custom Leather and Beads in the Bonner Mall.

According to Dale, the big 1800 G.W., while the “Cadillac” of motorcycles, was just too heavy for her to hold up, so she decided to “trike” it! She was able to find a dealer, in Spearfish, So. Dakota that had trikes in stock and picked one up.

Dale wanted to have scenes honoring our veterans and our troops painted on the bike. After a couple of weeks searching for an artist that could add the murals that she wanted, and still have the bike back soon enough to enjoy the riding season, ended up taking it to an artist in Elmira, Oregon (near Eugene). The artist, Randy Nagel, painted the memorial scenes Dale wanted on the bike and she got the bike back and road in the local 4th of July parade and then on rides all around the country. She now has over 9,000 miles on her trike and is enjoying the call of the open road.

Dale’s father, Lloyd Clement, of Hope, served in WW2, so one of the scenes depicts the raising of the flag at Iwo Jima. Her deceased husband, Walter Snipes, served in Korea, so the scene of the Russian Meg and the American fighter jet represents that campaign. Her son-in-laws, Larry Abbott of Sandpoint, and Ray McDowell of Cocolalla, Idaho and her friend Larry Barham of Deer Lodge, Montana, served in Vietnam, so the scene of the soldier standing by the upturned rifle with a deceased “buddy’s” helmet and boots honor those vets.

Now her grandson, Chris Wanner, and grand daughter, Marcia McDowell, have been deployed to Iraq and the scene of the trooper with the big gun in the Hummer will honor their commitment. Across the back of the trike is the American Flag with the slogan, “Freedom’s Never Free!” An American Eagle, to honor our country, graces the front of the bike.

Dale’s dog, Fonzy, a Jack Russell Terrier, enjoys riding as well and has all his own gear. He wears a jacket with the Gold Wing Touring emblem on the back, “dogoggles” and motorcycle cap, and is ready to ride.

I would love to hear from other folks about their Gold Wings and I hope to see everyone and meet new friends at National.
THE REST of the STORY

IRAQ
Trooper in a Hummer with a 50 Cal. machine gun. To honor my grandson GTR 1 Chris Wanner & grand daughter EO3 Marcia McDowell USN -- serving now -- with an American flag saying:

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VIETNAM A high price to pay! Honors my son-in-laws, Sgt. Ray McDowell, USAF, SP4 Larry Abbott and my friend SFC Larry Barham -- USA

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