



Gold Wing Road Riders Association MD Region "B" Chesapeake Bay Chapter "C"



September 2010

Director Report

Hey Everyone,

It looks like it is another one of those months that I don't have a lot to write about at least not the Director's Report. I had to write a separate story about the trip the Chapter took to Tennessee on August 1st-5th. It is worth writing and reading about all by itself. Even though once you read it you won't believe it. You have my word that the story is true and the facts are also true. Back to regular news the Chapter gathering held in August was held by Dave & Virginia Bohrer. Butch & I were in West Virginia and Dave was kind enough to step in for us. Thanks Again Dave & Virginia we really appreciate you conducting the meeting. On the 14th we finally rode our Midnight Ride to Ocean City. We have planned this ride for the last few years and it always got canceled. We started out at 6:30pm. Everyone got Thrashers Fries stayed for about hour & half and then headed home. We were unable to attend Chapter "L"s fund raiser on August 15th. We hope it was a success. Our apology to Chapter "L" for not being able to make it. The 19th was garage night. On the 26th was our dinner ride. We intended to eat at Cheeseburger

. Paradise in Glen Burnie but we had so many people they couldn't accommodate us. So we changed our plans and we headed to Barbecue, Blues & Seafood on B & A Blvd in Glen Burnie. Then on the 29th was our Annual Chapter "C" crab feast. This is Chapter "C" s way of giving back to our members. We THANK YOU for your support and participation. Even though the temperature was hot the day went great. The crabs were delicious and so was the rest of the food & desserts. It was a really nice day. Thanks Dave & Gloria for having this at your home. We really appreciate everything you both do for the Chapter. And also the everyday things you do for so many of us individually. Of course there always seems to be a surprise visitor (member) at our events. This was no exception. Chapter "C" members Charlie & Dale Kline moved to Hawaii a few years ago. They always kept in touch with a few people and we would even talk to them on the phone when we were having some of our events. George, Jen & Ben even went to visit them in Hawaii. What a great surprise to see Charlie (minus Dale but that is another story). Everyone was so happy to see him. Our Chapter motto is once a "C" member always a "C" member. It doesn't matter how long you are gone or how far away you are. "C" Members always come back. And we are always so glad to see them. On behalf of Dave & Gloria they would like to thank Chapter C for their gift that was given to them before we left for Tennessee. Well that's it another report written and another month gone by. Just remember even though the winter's months are almost here Chapter "C" still has things to do.



C-Ya, Debbie & Butch

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Deer and Motorcycles

(The deer usually wins)

Needless to say a collision with a deer and car can be deadly. This picture shown is an accident involving a small Elk (same size as a large deer). However, I have seen this magnitude of damage with a deer as well. Needless to say motorcycles and deer do not go hand in hand.

Here are a few tips that may help avoid a potential disaster.

1. October and November are typically the worst months for road kills due to bucks being in rut.
2. The potential for deer to appear in front of you can happen any time of day and any time of year.
3. Deer can be encountered anywhere and at any time of day.
4. Two hours prior to sunset to two hours after sunrise have greatest probability of encountering deer, as they are nocturnal.
5. If a deer is crossing in front of you expect another to follow quickly behind the one in the road as they travel in groups and generally cross road in single file.
6. If you startle a deer and it bolts off the road the deer following that deer will usually follow directly behind the first deer. This is usually the deer that causes the accident (Not the original deer you are trying to avoid.)
7. If you can stop prior to collision, do so and proceed slowly with caution.
8. If you have to swerve....swerve to the tale side of deer.
9. If the deer is moving, and you have to swerve quickly, do not honk you horn as the deer will momentarily stop and will make aggressive movement usually in an unpredictable direction.
10. Try to keep back road riding limited to day hours. Especially during the rut time.
11. While deer can appear any where. Areas of high occurrence of accidents usually will have deer crossing signs. The signs are there for a reason. Local government only posts deer crossing signs once there have been multiple accidents involving deer. Stay alert and don't ride when you're exhausted. Reaction time of less than a second can save your life. Reaction times greater than a second can kill.

Bill & Bonnie Leith
Rider Educator



Don't Forget Other Chapters Gatherings

“**A**” 1ST SUNDAY 8AM & MEETING AT 9AM GOLDEN CORRAL AT THE ARUNDEL MILLS MALL Tom & Gail McCormick 410-787-2584 or lets.go1@verizon.net

“**B**” 3RD MONDAY, 7.30PM MEET SEAT PLEASANT RECREATION CENTER. 5720 Addison Rd Seat Pleasant, MD Ken Trass 301-430-5119 or trass5gw@comcast.net

“**H**” 4th SUNDAY, 8AM EAT, 9AM MEET GOLDEN CORRAL, Route 40 ABERDEEN MD.

Steve & Cathy Kelley 410-879-3063 or cathykelley@jetware.net

“**I**” 1ST SUNDAY, 9AM EAT, 10AM MEET **Hooters** of Waldorf. The address is **3600 Crain Hwy (Route 301) Waldorf MD 20603**. Robert & Juliana A' Hearn 301-997-1254 or rahearn914@aol.com

“**J**” 3RD Sunday 8:30am Eat 9:30 MEET **Bob Evans** Waugh Chapel shopping Center in Gambrills MD Al & Jackie General 410-963-3414 or anifoto@gmail.com

“**K**” 3RD SATURDAY, 4,PM EAT, 5, PM MEET. New York J&P Pizza, Finksburg Plaza, 3000 Gamber Rd. Finksburg , MD. David & Lori Boyce 410-775-2670 or Ladds1@verizon.net

“**L**” 2ND SUNDAY, 8am EAT, 9AM MEET Batter's Up Café 9 Central Ave Ridgeley, MD 21660

Milton “Spanky” Barth 410-924-8371 or spanky43@verizon.net

Dave's Tech Tips

Tech Tip of the Month

8 Tips to Spin Wrenches Like a Pro

Some riders love to do their own maintenance. Others don't. If you do, here are a few things to consider:

- . **Start with the Basics** Find a motorcycling friend who knows the ropes to help you get started with the basics. It's a lot easier than going it alone.
- . **Get the Shop Manual** We're talking about the \$40 to \$60 book your dealer sells that is specific to your bike and outlines all service work, usually including step by step diagrams that factory-trained technicians are expected to perform. It's a gold mine.
- . **Start With an Oil Change** On a lot of bikes, an oil change involves (usually) one easily accessible bolt, and a spin on filter (which may require a special wrench). It's one of the easiest maintenance procedures to do yourself, and it's spelled out in the service manual.

- . **Get a Torque Wrench** How tight should that bolt be? Don't guess. Your service manual will tell you for every bolt on your bike. A torque wrench lets you know you've hit it.

- . **Tire Repair** This is a good skill to know, since it could save you a lot of hassle if you have a flat on the road. Get a good tire repair kit and practice using it on an old tire.

- . **Wheel Removal** This isn't hard, but it could require a front stand, and a rear stand if your bike doesn't have a center stand. Taking your wheels in to have tires mounted (instead of the whole bike) will save you more than enough money to cover the stands.

- . **Speciality Tools** Every bike has special tools, like valve-bucket holders, that are only available from your dealer. Although they might appear pricey at first glance, these specialized tools can save you real money if they mean you can do the work yourself.

Of course, that's only if you use them correctly. Be honest about your own skills in the garage before you try to tackle something before you're ready, whether you have the special tool or not.

- . **When in Doubt, Bail Out** Know when to call a friend or your local mechanic, preferably before you get elbow-deep in the engine.



The Economics of Riding

By Keith Code

There is an old proverb that states, "What you don't know can't hurt you." In this Information Age, not knowing is unforgivable. When no one knew there was anything to know about riding, perhaps errors could have been forgiven. But things have changed: Now what you don't know can hurt you.

What changed is riding techniques and technology are now openly discussed in books, magazines and website forums. Riders know about this: They know to rely mainly on the front brake and not the rear. They know an accident can be avoided by counter-steering. There's more evidence on how hard we can brake; how far we can lean the bike; how much traction the tires can offer. Much more is known about riding ergonomics and body positioning. A wealth of knowledge exists about visual skills. So much is now known about riding that ignoring it could prove fatal.

But it isn't just investing in slick technique that solves riders' uncertainties. Problems begin when we sense we are at or

Letter from Dave & Virginia

near our own or the bike's limits. The moment we shy away, we lose control. That is the instant when every rider error that has ever been made has started.

This seems like a no-brainer. Design a training program that allows riders to approach their limits and still maintain some control while gaining raw-edge experience with those limits and you'd have the problem licked, right? In light of that, the oft-repeated good advice "ride within your limits" actually becomes bad if taken literally. Reducing riders' desires to experiment---to find their own and the bike's limits---is committing them to riding on a ragged knife's edge of uncertainty.

What should you do to find those limits? Ride harder and more aggressively until you crash? Retreat from them? Ignore them? Obviously not: What is needed at this moment in time is a statistical analysis of what riders are doing to remain accident-free. Has the track day phenomena produced safer riders? I bet it has because it is easier to approach limits on the racetrack and beat the limits-demons. Recall that the famous Hurt Report showed racers were significantly under-represented in accident statistics.

Riders tend to fear---and subsequently focus on ---the apparent limits of their bikes. These limits are looked upon as the barriers with which they must deal. Take another look: These are the resources a rider must use to correctly and safely negotiate a corner, miss a pothole or avoid a car.

Once these limits are understood and practiced, no longer are they liabilities; no longer are they limits. They become assets---the resources of riding. Yes we are on a budget, and you can overspend. There is no lean angle or traction credit card; what you spend on each is what you spend. If you are spending traction on cornering, adding the thrill of acceleration to the purchase can buy you trouble. If you are braking while turning into a corner, you can blow your budget. If you target-fixate on something, you cannot purchase an escape route. It's all simple economics.

In a recession, confidence in the system goes down, stock markets crash and people are careful with their money. When panic looms in riding, riders do what investors do: They pull back, try to slow or stop the losses, chop the gas or grab a handful of brakes. Fear of crashing brings those on.

In the economy of riding, the only bailout is realizing your limits. Track riding and training is like having good investment management or a second job. You'll have resources to spend once the bills come due.

Chapter "C" Items for Sale

This page is for Chapter "C" members to advertise items they would like to offer to other GWRRA members...

If you would like to add items to this page, just email them to ecz@verizon.net and they will appear in the next months letter...

- (1) rear wheel with Dunlop tire, about 2000 miles on tire
- (1) rear wheel with Dunlop tire, about 6000 miles on tire (bought as spare, long story)
- (1) set Bridgestone tires, new, never been mounted.
- (1) complete swing arm assembly, about 14,000 miles on unit

All the miscellaneous parts – saddlebags (silver), rear crash bars, kick & center stands, etc. – that were removed while converting to trike

All from a 2007 GI1800.

Contact THOMAS PRENTICE (tomp913@verizon.net) if interested.

16 foot Mega Bounce Trampoline \$150 (cost \$1200 new)

New mat purchased 3 years ago... Padding over springs is sun faded, but functional...

Can deliver and setup within 20 miles of 21225 zip...

See web site for more info <http://www.trampolinecity.com/16foot.htm>

Email: ecz@verizon.net or call Ed Zogg at 410-636-6516

A Special Thanks

Dave & Gloria would like to Thank everyone for the money they received for the trip to Tennessee



Special Occasions



Mike Collins — 1st
 Sherene Collins — 1st
 Chuck Hatfield — 6th
 Mary Sue Baker — 10th
 Tom Prentice — 13th
 Jen Heffner — 14th

Happy Anniversary

None

Don't forget were on the Web
Gwrramdc.org

DON'T FORGET OUR CHAPTER "C" MERCHANDISE FOR SALE !!

**WE HAVE ALL TYPES OF CHAPTER SHIRTS,
 AND WE NOW HAVE SWEAT SHIRTS!**

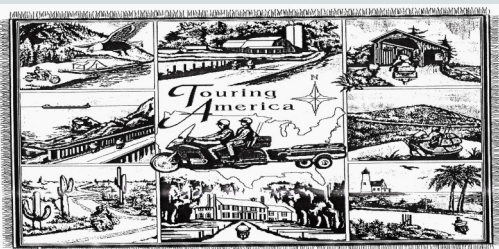
WE HAVE PATCHES AND PINS

AND DON'T FORGET OUR OWN CHAPTER COVERLETS

IT WILL KEEP YOU WARM ON THOSE COLD NIGHTS

**AND THEY MAKE A GREAT GIFT TO. Hey !
 We now have Maryland**

**Chapter "C" Flags . And now we have
 Crab Hats. See Barb Jackson**



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Schedule of Events

September 2010

September

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1	2	3	4
5	6	7	8	9	10	11
12	13	14	15	16	17	18
19	20	21	22	23	24	25
26	27	28	29	30		

- 2nd - Ice Cream Ride - Brewster's in Glen Burnie
- 5th - Dave and Gloria's Pig Feast
- 12th - Chapter 'C' Gathering - Covered Bridge ride after meeting
- 16th - Garage Meeting at Dave & Gloria's
- 18th - Shady Maple Restaurant, PA
- 23rd - Dinner ride - Arundel Seafood corner of Mountain Rd and Solley Rd.

THE GOOD- THE BAD- AND THE UGLY TRIP

On August 1st 2010 Butch & I, Dave & Gloria, Joe & Barb, Ed & Kay, Tom & Lisa, George & Jen, Mike Nutter & Mike Collins were so excited to ride to Tenn. Every year we take this trip & ride Deals Gap , Rt32, Etc... It is always fun to have someone go along who has never been before. It's like seeing it for the first time all over again for those of us who go every year. However as you read on you will see this was not one of our usual trips. We started out on Sunday the 1st at Baskin Robbins with the exception of George & Jen. They left on Thursday in their truck with their Gold Wing on a trailer. Yes it's true I am not lying it is something you just don't see very often but it happened . Before we get ready to leave Chapter "C" had a special surprise for Dave & Gloria . We are all so Thank full for everything they do for the Chapter and we were extremely excited to show our appreciation. So to show our gratitude the members collected \$ to help towards their trip. That's the GOOD part of the title to this story. Then it starts to go downhill from there. Before Gloria gets on the bike her helmet falls on the ground. Then I realize I have forgotten my signature Gold Wing hat. Now that doesn't sound like a big deal to you but it is devastating to me. I don't go anywhere without that hat. My mistake was when I asked Butch if we could go back home and get it and meet up with the group. He went ballistic so needless to say I went without my hat .He let me borrow his Deals Gap hat but it just wasn't the same. Mike Nutter's Mom was there to see us off. She is the sweetest person. We are finally on our way . We get as far as Christenburg, VA and we pull in a sonic to eat . That's when Dave & Gloria tell us something is wrong with their trike. Before we knew it Dave had his trike jacked up and torn apart to see what the problem was. Parts were everywhere in the sonic parking lot. Turns out the axel barring burned up and they ended up having the trike towed to California side car. So they stayed in a hotel and planned on meeting up with us in Georgia. The rest of us continued on to Pigeon Forge ,Tenn. The plans for the next day was to go to Atlanta, Georgia to Stone Mountain. It's Monday and we are on our way to ride Deal's Gap & Wolf Pen Gap. Not long after that Joe Woodall says on the CB I hear a noise & I'm not going anywhere. That's when he drifted off the road & in some ones driveway. We are basically in no mans land. After sometime Joe's Trike ends up being towed and Joe & Barb find their selves staying in Gainesville, Georgia. Unfortunately that's where they stayed until they arrived late Wednesday night in Pigeon Forge Tenn. (We were all leaving to go back home Thursday morning). The drive Shaft snapped on Joe's trike. What are the chances of two bikes braking down on one trip? So once again the rest of the group continues on to Georgia. We arrived at the Motel 6 in Atlanta a lot later than we expected. There were a lot of people on the balcony watching us pull in.

They even knew what rooms we were staying in. The prostitutes were so bad they were calling our rooms and asking if anyone wanted company. The next morning Tom Woodall found that someone had pushed his bike over. We were glad to head back to Tenn. This is now Tuesday and were back in Pigeon Forge and we on our way to Huck Finns for dinner. That's when Tom Woodall's bike starts wobbling and the tire is cupped out. We make it to the restaurant and the guys check his bike out. He heads to the Honda dealer the next day. He ends up needing 2 tires and a brake job. It is now Wednesday and you can't help wonder what's next. We ride to Cades Cove . It is so beautiful there. Then we ride to Klingmans Dome. Butch & Mike Collins were the only ones to walk to the top. We leave there and head to our other favorite road to ride on (32). It is all switch backs. We get to the end where we turn around and start to head back. That's when Ed decides he wants to pull off and pull up his highway pegs so they don't scrape. The problem is it was a slight hill with gravel and when he tries to stop he loses his footing and the bike falls over. His shoe lace gets caught and he lands on his back and his head hits the road. Kay was ok and she handled the situation great. Little did we know while this was happening Mike Nutter was experiencing a problem of his own. When he went to turn around to catch up with us he also dropped his bike. It was time to head back to the hotel and have dinner and get ready for our trip back. Butch & I, Ed & Kay and George & Jen left for home earlier than the rest of the group. George & Jen broke off and went to W Va. So Butch & I, Ed and Kay rode the rest of the way together. We rode 78 miles of the Blue Ridge Parkway and Rt.58 The crooked Road. It was so much fun. Great curvy roads and no one else was on them. It was an enjoyable ride home. I really recommend you ride this if you have the time. Now you know why I called this The Good - The Bad - & the Ugly Trip. The good was certainly all the great roads to ride on & the scenery. The Bad was for all the bad luck several people experienced with their bikes. And unfortunately Dave & Gloria ended up using their extra cash on getting the bike fix. Last but not least The Ugly part of the story was Ed falling off his bike. This was one trip I don't think any of us will forget . **BY : Debbie Harvey**



TO BAD !



October 2010

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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3	4	5	6	7 Ice Cream Ride Ice Cream Cottage	8	9 Village Green Putt Putt in PA
10 c Gathering and Ride to PA Ap- ple Festival	11	12	13	14	15	16
17 Kennedy Krieger Ride for Kids	18	19	20	21 Garage Night	22	23
24 Corn Maze ride Fredrick MD	25	26	27	28 Dinner Ride Cracker Barrel	29	30
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