



Virginia District Times

Gold Wing Road Riders Association



Brrr ... who left the window open?

Don't know about the rest of the state, but it's COLD in Southeast Virginia! And we've got snow too! Now, many of you won't think 8-12" of snow is much, but 5 days later the schools here are still closed! And many of us who still work got a free 4-day weekend out of it. But having time off doesn't mean we haven't been very, very busy!

We've been prepping for the Virginia Operations meeting on the 20th of this month, and finalizing the Rally in the Valley details for June. Your District Staff has come up with a lot of great things to do and training to attend at the Rally.

A few big changes to the rally - First of all, if you haven't already heard, we have a NEW LOCATION: Sheraton Roanoke Hotel & Conference Center - a larger venue to hold our growing rally! Also, we'll open registration at noon on Thursday this year, and **opening ceremonies have been moved to Thursday evening**, followed by a Pizza Party at the Mill Mountain Star.

We will still have entertainment and an Ice Cream Social on Friday evening, but not the Chapter Skits we've done the past few years. Once we've confirmed the details, we'll let everyone know what's planned for the Friday entertainment. And by popular demand - ARC and Trike classes are back! Our District team found a site less than 2 miles from the venue that's large enough to have both the ARC and Trike classes at the same time! Of course we'll still have our Couple of the Year selection, a Bike Show, CPR/MFA class, and lots of FUN stuff to do that you won't want to miss out on.

As is typical each January, quite a few chapters are going through staff changes, please give your new chapter staff members your full support! We'll report on all the changes in the next newsletter, along with a summary of what was covered in the Virginia District Operations meeting.

Ride safe, and keep warm!

Virginia District Directors

John & Kathy Skinner



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ATTENTION: The Virginia District Team is in need of a new District Treasurer. If you know how to balance a checkbook, and are a GWRRA member in Virginia, you qualify! While we would like you to be able to attend the annual rally and Ops meeting, you don't need to maintain pins & patches or handle rally registrations. If interested, please contact John Skinner, 757-613-6192 or jskinner8482@gmail.com



District University Coordinator (DUC) Telegraph #1



This is the first DUC Telegraph for 2018; it is my way to pass along information to you. I normally send DUC Telegraphs each month but whenever there is information to share; I'll send another DUC Telegraph.

First, thanks for continuing your role as Trainers for our members. I know being a Trainer takes time to prepare, takes travel time, and can be a hit on your finances. I want to tell you all I really appreciate your dedication to the members. We have had some Trainers decide to step away from training; they want & need a break. I totally understand their position to recharge themselves as members and to enjoy their time away from the classroom. As a result of that, our Trainer numbers within Virginia has reduced to 18 active Trainer; down from 24.

What does this mean... it means we may have to travel more. As a result of more travel, I have been authorized by the District Director to establish a program to assist in your finances when traveling to present training on behalf of the Virginia District. I sent the form last year in Trainer Telegraph #14. This form is only to be used within the Virginia District. Receipts are required; if receipts are not submitted, you will not receive that percentage for your expenses. I have been given approval from the District Director to start this program.

Starting today, if you are contacted by a Chapter Director (CD) to perform training, please let me know. There are 2 reasons for this; first reason is I maintain a spreadsheet of who presents training and where it was presented. The second reason is I have to verify you are current in your certification, this includes your Levels. I will also attach a listing of all Training available; this listing also identified what Level the Trainer must be in order to present training. This listing can also be found on the GWRRA University website.

The Officer Certification Program (OCP) is not authorized to be presented; this is due to the restructuring of GWRRA. However, until the OCP comes back online (being revised now), there are four modules GWRRA recommends new officers and members attend. Those modules are Coaching for Leaders, Checks & Balances, On the Level, and the Communications module of the Horizons Program. Please always check the GWRRA University website to ensure you are presenting the latest module or seminar. The GWRRA University website also has the latest forms needed for administrative purposes.

Please remember, any training must be accompanied by submitting a U-3 to certify.renew@gmail.com and cc myself so I have a copy for my records.

Based on the changes to GWRRA, the District is required to have 4 Quarterly training events; one of these events will be Rally in the Valley. I encourage each of you to look for training venues; this will help us provide training for Chapters around the District. We have some Trainers looking at training venues in Suffolk, Chesterfield, and Danville, but we need more places to present training. The challenges we face with facilities are size, location, and cost. If you know of a facility that may be suitable for training, please let me know. We will look into the facility to see if we can come to an agreement.

The 4 Training Events will involve the District Educator, the District University Coordinator (DUC-that's me) and the District Ride Coordinator (appointment TBD). These events will require Trainers to present various Modules and



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Seminars to our members and may also have members from outside the District from attending. Each time the District hosts a Training Event, a flyer is required and must be approved by GWRRA National. This flier will then be distributed and may result in out of District members attending. I challenge you to also invite riders not in GWRRA; this may result in recruitment.

The District OPS meeting is in Charlottesville on 20 January. I will attend and follow-up with a DUC Telegraph to keep you all informed with what was covered.

If you don't know, you can verify your Rider Education and Training information by logging into the National website. To log-in, your USER NAME is your membership number and then your password is the numbers from your address and the date your membership expires. The link is... http://re2.gwrra.org/login_mem.php

If your information is incorrect, please contact the Interim District Educator, LeRoy Gross.

Thanks for all you do for our members. Remember to always send me a copy of the U-3's from your training. See you in the classroom..

District Trainers

Zach & Angie Bon

		Ride
RE Level		
101-02	2 >	Co-Rider
101-04	2 >	Motorcycling for the Mature Rider
101-05	3 >	Motorcycle Crash Scene Response
101-06	2 >	Riding at Night ~ GWRRA Module Who's Afraid of the Dark
102-01	2 >	Riding Readiness ~ GWRRA Module R U Ready 2 Ride
102-02	2 >	Riding in the Heat ~ GWRRA Module When You're Hot, You're Hot
102-06	2 >	Co-Rider View ~ GWRRA Module A View from the Rear
102-07	2 >	Helmet Facts or Fiction ~ GWRRA Module Helmets
103-01	2 >	Distracted Drivers ~ GWRRA Module Dangerous Epidemic
103-02	3 >	Riding w/New Inexperienced Riders ~ GWRRA Module How to Know What They Don't Know
103-03	2 >	Riding in the Rain ~ GWRRA Module Only Sugar Melts in the Rain
103-04	3 >	Team Riding
103-05	3 >	High Side Scenarios
104-01	2 >	Riding in the Cold ~ GWRRA Module Brrr, It's Cold
104-02	3 >	Riding Mountains, Hills and Curves
104-03	3 >	Trailering
104-04	3 >	How to Use the Rider Ed Database
104-05	3 >	Road Captain Course
105-01	3 >	Conduite en montagne - pentes et COURBES (French)
105-02	3 >	Cours de Chef de file (French)
105-03	2 >	Vu_De_L'arriere (ITCP Certified)
105-04	2 >	Etes-Vous Pret a Rouler (ITCP Certified)
105-05	2 >	Il Fait Froid Diapos (French)
105-06	2 >	Seul le fond sous la pluie (French)
106-01	2 >	Levels Program ~ GWRRA Module On the Level



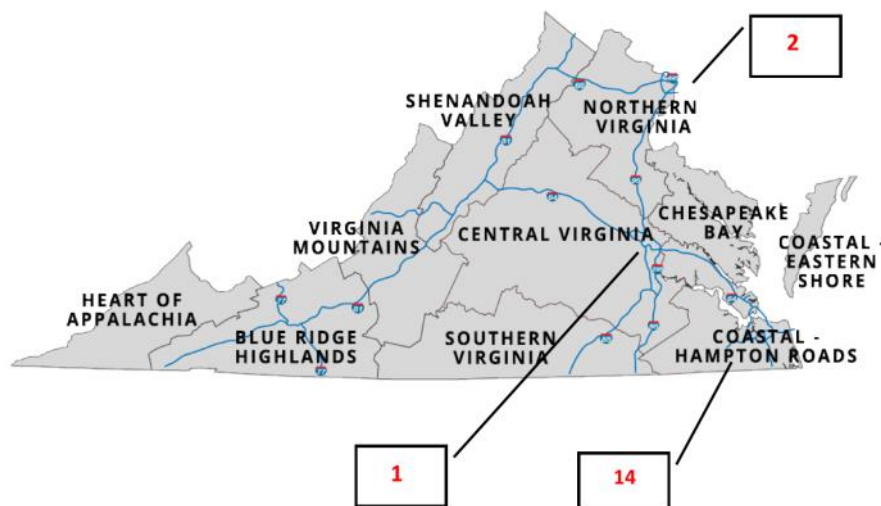


Lead	
201-01	Toxic People ~ GWRRA Module Bad Apple
201-02	Conflict Resolution ~ GWRRA Module Calm the Clash
201-03	Communication ~ GWRRA Module Can You Hear Me Now?
201-04	Managing Change ~ GWRRA Module Cha-Cha-Cha-Change
201-06	Newsletters ~ GWRRA Module Newsletters
202-01	Conflict ~ GWRRA Module Conflict It's Inevitable
202-02	Giving Feedback ~ GWRRA Module Do You Have a Minute?
202-03	Chapter MEC Role ~ GWRRA Module My Enthusiasm Counts
202-04	Retention ~ GWRRA Module Retention is Important
202-05	Remembering Names
203-01	Setting Goals ~ GWRRA Module Road Trippin'
203-02	Delegation ~ GWRRA Module Row, Row, Row Your Boat!
203-03	Difficult Conversations ~ GWRRA Module Talk to the Elephant
203-04	Women in Leadership Roles ~ GWRRA Module This Ones for the Girls
203-05	Public Speaking Skills
204-01	Leadership/Decision Making ~ GWRRA Module Underestimating Leader
204-02	Planning a Chapter Event ~ GWRRA Module We're Doing What?
204-03	Train Your Brain ~ GWRRA Module Bee Smart
205-01	Chapter Finances ~ GWRRA Module Checks 'n Balances
205-02	Body Language ~ GWRRA Module Say What?
205-03	Coaching Your Team ~ GWRRA Module Coaching 101
206-01	Horizon Program
207-01	Promoting Teams ~ Lead Like You Ride (Certified Instructor)

Live	
301-01	Work & Life Balance ~ GWRRA Module Juggling
301-02	Recruitment ~ GWRRA Module More Members
301-03	Gathering Feedback ~ GWRRA Module A Penny for Your Thoughts
301-04	The COY Perspective ~ GWRRA Module Representing GWRRA
301-05	The History of GWRRA
302-01	Stress Management ~ GWRRA Module Stress Less
302-02	Email Etiquette ~ GWRRA Module You've Got Mail
302-03	Stepping Out of Your Comfort Zone ~ GWRRA Module Zone Out
302-04	Horizon Overview ~ GWRRA Module Take a Peek
302-05	Flyers for Fun & Profit
303-01	Adding Fun to Socials ~ GWRRA Module Just Add Spice
Motorist Awareness ~ No password required	
304-01	Share the Road ~ Think Motorcycles
304-02	Think Motorcycles
Train	
401-01	OCP ~ Certified Officer Trainer
401-02	ITCP ~ Certified Instructor
401-03	ITCP ~ Certified Instructor Trainer
401-04	ITCPC ~ Certified Coach
401-05	LLYR ~ Certified Instructor Lead Like You Ride

Suggested Classes instead of OCP	
205-03	Coaching Your Team ~ GWRRA Module Coaching 101
205-01	Chapter Finances ~ GWRRA Module Checks 'n Balances
106-01	Levels Program ~ GWRRA Module On the Level
302-02	Email Etique
Or the Communication section of the Horizon Program	
NOTE: You must be current in the levels program to instruct classes in Ride Category	
ITCP Certification Required to instruct GWRRA Modules in all Categories	

17 Active Trainers within the District for 2018



Open to ALL

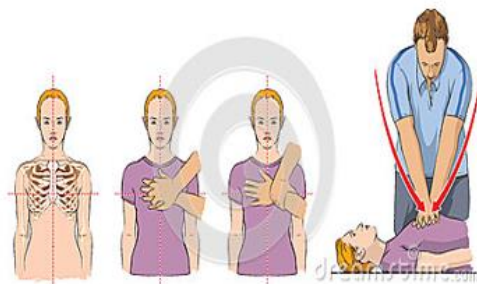


First Come - First Serve

Date: January 27, 2018

Time: 9:00 AM - 3:00 PM

Location: Middle Peninsula Regional Airport
1000 Airport Rd.
Mattaponi, VA. 23710



Class Cost: \$30.00 per person
Plus \$10.00 for Lunch

Check payable to GWRRA District VA.
Payment Required in Advance to lock down seat.



Registration Deadline – January 17, 2018

First Come-First Serve

Ken Taylor, GWRRA MFA Coordinator

Any questions or concerns call or email: mickeydowell1240@gmail.com Debbie Dowell (804) 222-1303

Directions:

From the West- I-64 East to West Point exit #220, go straight for 10.30 miles, cross 2 bridges
Turn right on to Airport Rd. (Airport Rd. is 0.5 miles after crossing 2nd bridge).

From North- Go South on 295, to I-64 East, Exit onto West Point exit #220, straight for 10.30 miles, cross 2 bridges, turn right on to Airport Rd. (Airport Rd. is 0.5 miles after crossing 2nd bridge)

From the East: I-64 West to West Point exit 220- straight for 10.30 miles, cross 2 bridges,
Turn right on to Airport Rd. (Airport Rd is 0.5 miles after crossing second bridge).

Deadline – January 17, 2018

Do Not Add Lunch to Check!!

Please **mail** check to: Debbie Dowell - 6828 Dan St., Henrico, VA 23231

Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State _____ Zip _____

Rider Signature: _____

CO-Rider Signature _____

Everyone attending must sign sheet.

Signature(s): _____

I/we agree to confirm & comply with ideas governing this event, and I/we further agree to hold harmless GWRRA VA-D or any property owner for any loss or injury to self or property in which I/we may become involved by reason or participation in this event.



2018	District(s)	Event	Location	Web Site for Info
Jan 5-7	Central Canada	North American International Motorcycle Show	International Centre, Toronto, CA	www.motorcyclesupershow.ca
Jan 6	Oklahoma	2018 Polar Bear Outing	Toby Keith's I Love This Bar & Grill, 310 Johnny Bench Dr., Oklahoma City, OK	http://www.gwrraokla.org/files/126287519.pdf
Jan 13	Tennessee	Winter Event	315 John Rice Blvd #101, Murfreesboro, TN	http://gwrratn.org/event/2018-winter-event-couple-of-the-year-selection/?instance_id=4261
Jan 13	Texas	Mid-Winter Roundup	Best Western - Inn of Brenham, 1503 Hwy 290 E, Brenham, TX	http://www.gwrra-tx.org/2018Rally.htm
Jan 19-20	Illinois	Winter Warmup	701 E Adams St, Springfield, Illinois 62701	http://gwrra-ildistrict.com/index.html
Jan 19-20	Kansas	Mid Winter Rendezvous	Best Western North, 915 E. 53rd St. N., Wichita, KS	https://www.gwrraks.com/mid-winter.html
Feb 2-3	Ohio	Cabin Fever	Mohican State Park Lodge, Perrysville, Ohio	
Feb 2-4	Nebraska + South Dakota	Cabin Fever	Cardinal Inn Hotel and Event Center, 2588 State HWY 14, Albion, NE	http://www.gwrrane.com/12-17%20NESD%20newsletter.pdf
Feb 8-10	Maryland	WinterThing	Clarion Resort Fontainebleau Hotel, 10100 Coastal Highway, Ocean City, Maryland	http://www.gwrra-md-district.org/
Feb 9-10	Indiana	Winter Rendezvous	Farmstead Inn and Conference Center, 370 S Van Buren St, Shipshewana, Indiana	http://www.indianaonwings.org/
March 3	Iowa	Training Event and CRAZY Supper	Reinig Center, 1007 Prospect Drive, Toledo, IA	http://www.gwrra-iowa.com/
Mar 3	Missouri	Spring Fling	Inn at the Grand Glaize, Osage Beach, MO	http://mogwrra.mogwrra.org/
Mar 9-10	Michigan	Wingless Weekend	Lakeside Resort in Houghton Lake	http://www.gwrra-mi.org/
Mar 22-24	Florida	Florida District Rally	Hilton Orlando, Altamonte Springs, 350 Northlake Blvd, Altamonte Springs, Florida	http://www.gwrraflorida.com/rally.html
Apr 7	Alabama	Alabama District Picnic	Confederate Memorial Park, 437 Co Rd 63, Marbury, AL	http://gwrraalabama.org/district-events-calendar
Apr 12-14	Louisiana	Louisiana District Rally	Lafayette, LA	http://www.gwrra-la.org/District%20Convention.html
Apr 12-14	Tennessee	Spring Fling	Pigeon Forge, TN	http://gwrratn.org/
Apr 26-28	New Jersey	NJ District Rally	The Matador Oceanfront Resort 511 E 16th Ave, North Wildwood, NJ	https://www.facebook.com/groups/1598114200496885/





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May 3-5	South Carolina	SC District Rally	Newberry Firehouse Conference Center, 1227 McKibben Street, Newberry, South Carolina	http://www.gwrrasc.com/2018%20Rally/2018%20Rally.htm
May 17-19	Alabama	Alabama District Rally	Mobile Marriott, 3101 Airport Blvd, Mobile, AL 36606	http://gwrraalabama.org/al-rally
May 17-19	Pennsylvania	Pennsylvania Dis- trict Rally	Park Inn, Uniontown, PA	http://www.gwrra-ny.org/pdf/nynl_2017_12.pdf
May 17-19	Texas	Texas District Rally	Washington County Fair Grounds, Washington On the Brazos State Park, Brenham, TX	http://www.gwrra-tx.org/2018Rally.htm
May 18-19	Iowa	Safety Weekend	DMAAC campus, Ankeny, IA	In planning stage
May 25-27	Former Regions J, I & F	"Hoot in the Ute" Rally	Midway, UT	gwrra-hootintheute.org
May 31 - Jun 2	Missouri	Missouri District Rally	Branson, MO	http://mogwrra.mogwrra.org/
Jun 7-9	Oregon	Oregon District Rally	Oregon Christian Convention Tabernacle, 5605 Jubilee Dr., Turner, Oregon	http://gwrraoregondistrict.com/newsletter/docs/pdf/2017/dec.pdf
Jun 14-16	Kansas	Kansas District Rally	Pittsburg, KS	https://www.gwrraks.com/kansas-district-rally.html
Jun 14-16	Ohio	Ohio District Rally	Richland County Fairgrounds, Mansfield, Ohio	TBA.
Jun 28-30	Virginia	Virginia District Rally	Sheraton Roanoke Hotel & Conference Ctr, 2801 Hershberger Rd NW, Roanoke, VA	http://www.gwrrava.net/
Jun	Wyoming	Wyoming District Rally	(No information is available yet.)	http://www.gwrra-wy.org/
Jul 6-7	Minnesota + North Dakota	MN / ND District Rally	Willmar, MN	http://mngwrra.us/Events/
Jul 19-21	Michigan	Michigan District Rally	Calhoun County Fairgrounds in Marshall, Michi- gan	http://www.gwrra-mi.org
Jul 19-22	Central Canada	Rendezvous 2018	Best Western Pembroke Inn & Conference Cen- tre, 1 International Dr., Pembroke, ON	Facebook Group: "GWRRA Central Canada District du Canada Central"
Jul 19-21	Washington	Washington District Rally	(No information is available yet.)	
Jul 19-21	West Virginia	WV District Rally	(No information is available yet.)	
Jul 26-28	CT / RI / MA / NH	New England Rally	Wyndham Hotel, 1287 Strongtown Road, Southbury, Connecticut	https://nedistrictsrally.shutterfly.com/
July 26-28	Montana	Montana District Rally	Missoula KOA, 3450 Tina Avenue, Missoula, MT	http://www.gwrra-mtdistrict.org/



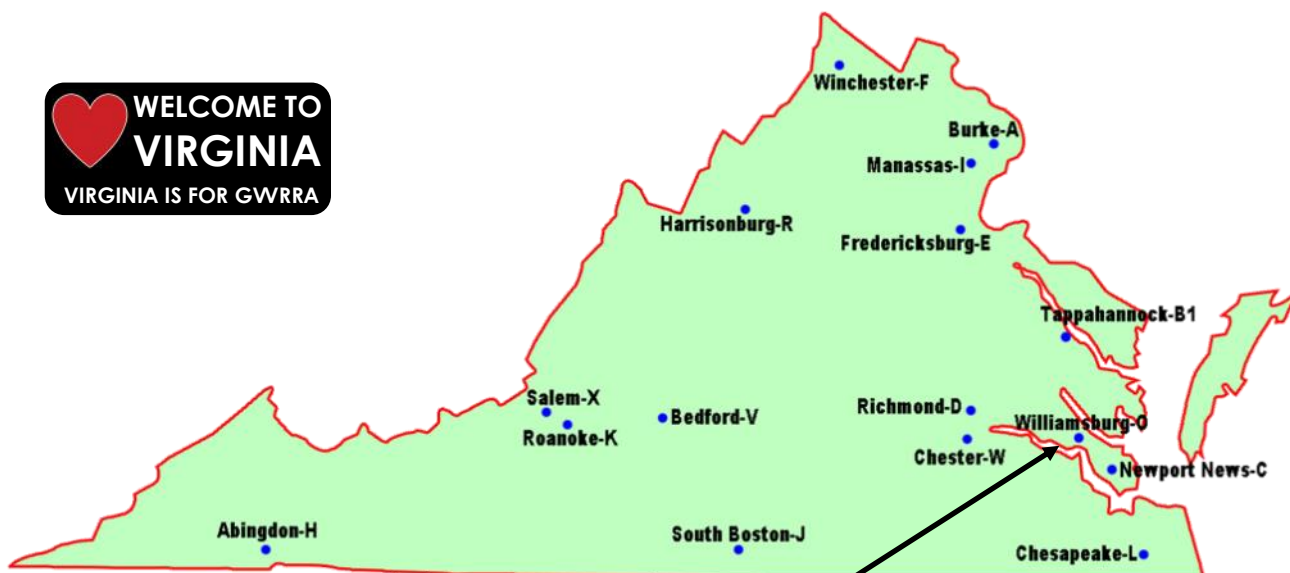


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Aug 2-4	Georgia	Georgia District Rally	Georgia Baptist Conference Center Hotel, 462 Sunrise Way, Toccoa, GA	http://gwrra-ga.com/2018_GA_Rally.html
Aug 2-4	Illinois	Illinois District Rally	Litchfield, IL	http://gwrra-ildistrict.com/
Aug 16-18	Kentucky	Kentucky District Rally	Cave City, Kentucky	http://www.gwrraky.com/
Aug 28 - Sep 1	All	Wing Ding 40	Knoxville, TN	http://wing-ding.org/40/
Sep	California	California District Rally	(No information is available yet.)	
Sep 13-15	Colorado	Colorado District Rally	Gunnison, Colorado	
Sep 27-29	Oklahoma	Oklahoma District Rally	Apache Casino and Hotel Lawton, OK	http://www.gwrraokla.org/
Sep 27-29	North Carolina	NC District Rally Wings Over The Smokies	Haywood County Fairgrounds, 758 Crabtree Rd, Waynesville, NC	http://www.gwrranc.org/index_files/WOS.htm
Sep 28-29	Iowa	Iowa District Rally	Best Western Starlite Village, 1518 3rd Avenue NW, Fort Dodge, IA	http://www.gwrra-iowa.com/2018-district-rally.html
Sep or Oct	New Jersey	District Dinner	(No information is available yet.)	
Oct 11-13	Mississippi	MS District Rally	(No information is available yet.)	
Oct 26-28	Arizona	AZ District Rally	(No information is available yet.)	
Nov 18	Iowa	Training Event & Holiday Potluck	TBA	In planning stage
Nov	Georgia	Wind-Down	(No information is available yet.)	



VIRGINIA CHAPTERS

CHAPTER	LOCATION	CHAPTER DIRECTOR	PHONE	SOCIAL GATHERING
VA-A	Burke	Mary O'Connor director@gwrravaa.org	703-378-3873	2nd Wednesday
VA-B1	Tappahannock	Doug & Debbie Harris pianowiz54@hotmail.com	804-761-6052	3rd Sunday
VA-C	Newport News	Susan Berry govtbkrlidy@verizon.net	757-810-8915	2nd Sunday
VA-D	Richmond	Allen & Debbie Dowell mickeydowell1240@gmail.com	804-222-1303	4th Wednesday
VA-E	Fredericksburg	Gordon Combs gorcom@msn.com	540-840-0394	3rd Wednesday
VA-F	Winchester	Stephanie Davis davis.stephannie80@yahoo.com	540-664-6430	4th Sunday
VA-H	Abingdon	Paul & Dorothy Baker 09nellie@comcast.net	276-628-6047	2nd Tuesday
VA-I	Manassas	Mack and Tracey McMillan mack.mcmillan52@yahoo.com	571-338-5418	2nd Sunday
VA-J	South Boston	Doug & Vickie Poole wingz57@gmail.com	434-572-2084	2nd Monday
VA-K	Roanoke	Bobbie Jo Harrison threewheelcruzin@verizon.net	540-309-0566	2nd Monday
VA-L	Chesapeake	Zac & Angie Bon zbon@cox.net	757-581-0908	4th Tuesday
VA-O	Williamsburg	Ray & Tammie Pierce gwrravaochapterdirector@cox.net	757-268-6286	4th Sunday
VA-R	Harrisonburg	Gary Hoover hoov@shentel.net		1st Sunday
VA-V	Bedford	Jonathan Whitworth bluemtg06@gmail.com	540-425-0028	3rd Sunday
VA-W	Chester	Linda Carlyle lindaredwing05@verizon.net	804-652-9520	2nd Tuesday
VA-X	Salem	Larry Stanton larry25022@gmail.com	540-922-1401	1st Saturday



2016 CHAPTER OF THE YEAR
2016 FRIENDLIEST CHAPTER
VA-O Williamsburg



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Region Couple of The Year	David & Karen Hill		
Treasurer	Leesa Coburn		leesacoburn@sbcglobal.net

National

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GWRRRA Directors Emeritus	Ray & Sandi Garris	director@gwrra.org

