

Chapter I Bull Run News

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VA-I Monthly Meetings: 9:30am, 2nd Sunday, Great American Buffet, Rte 66, across from Manassas Mall, Manassas VA.



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VA-I COY 2008	Vacant	-----	-----



Leo & RuthEllen MacDonald, new Chapter Directors



Leo MacDonald & Family talk with District COY in 2008

LEO MACDONALD BECOMES NEW SHERIFF IN TOWN:

Chapter-I past Chapter Directors, **Chuck & Dani Karl**, steps down as of **1 November** and with no Assistant Director available, it was thought that the District would have to take over the Chapter. To the chapter's rescue rode long-time VA-I members, **Leo & Ruth Ellen MacDonald**. Effective with the **November 8** meeting, they'll be installed as new Chapter Directors of Chapter I. All active Chapter members and Chapter friends are encouraged to attend the November meeting to show support for **Leo & Ruth Ellen** as they attempt to continue Chapter I on track as one of Virginia's top chapters.

VA-I MEMBERS TO THANK FORMER CDs ON NOV 8

The District Director will present **Chuck and Dani Karl** with their "Former Patches" at the **November 8** meeting and all members are asked to attend to thank them for their service to Chapter I, as the Chapter Directors the past 3 years and for filling a number of other positions. **See you there!**

CHAPTER A TO CELEBRATE 27TH ANNIVERSARY:

Chapter VA-A will celebrate their **27th Anniversary** from 7-9pm at their **Nov. 9**, meeting at **The Woods Community Centre**, 10100 Wards Grove Circle, Burke. All VA-I members are asked to attend.

THE TREASURER GOODIE BAG

Items you can purchase from your Chapter Treasurer.

<u>GWRRA ITEMS FOR SALE</u>	<u>PRICE:</u>
10" Griffin - Black/Gold	12.00
10" Griffin - Red/White	10.00
4" Griffin - Black/Gold	5.00
4" Griffin - Red/White	4.50
Bolo tie - Black/Gold	6.00
Bolo tie - Red White	6.00
Bolo tie - Griffin	7.00
Slides - Griffin - Black/Gold	8.00
Slides - Griffin - Red	8.00
GWRRA Checkbook Cover	7.50
GWRRA Association Pin - Black/Gold	3.00
GWRRA 25 th Anniversary Pin	4.50
GWRRA 20th Anniversary Pin	2.00
Legion Patch/Pin	4.50
2" Iron on - Red/Black	2.25
3" Iron on - Red/Black	2.50
4" Right Static Black/Gold	1.00
10" Helmet - Black/Gold	12.00
10" Helmet - Red/White	9.00
10" GWRRA - Black/Gold Rocker	3.50
5" GWRRA - Red/White Rocker	2.00
10" Life Member	15.00
9" Helmet only (back)	12.50
4" Helmet pocket - Black/Gold	5.00
4" Helmet pocket - Red/White	3.50
4" Right or Left Sticker - Red	1.00
2" Left or Right, Red/White only Decal	.75
4" Left or Right (static), Black/Gold Decal	1.00
4" Left or Right (static), Red/White Decal	1.00
4" Left or Right Sticker, Red	1.00
Virginia GWRRA	5.00
Region "N"	5.00
Year Bars '91-'98, '00-'02, '04-'0	2.00
COY Headpin	4.50
COY Hangar Bar	2.75

CHAPTER "I" ITEMS FOR SALE PRICE

Wings Of Bull Run Patch	5.00
Chapter "I" - Black/Gold Rocker	10.00
Manassas VA - Black/Gold Rocker	10.00
Chapter "I" - Red/White Rocker	5.00
Manassas VA - Red/White Rocker	5.00
VA Visit-A-Chapter Headpin	4.50
Chapter "I" Visitation Bars	2.00
Chapter "I" Annual Poker Run Headpin	5.00
Chapter "I" Veterans Run Headpin	5.00
Chapter "I" Annual Charity Event Headpin	5.00
Chapter "I" Baseball Cap - Red/Black	8.00
Wings of Bull Run Flag	10.00
Bull Run Raider Headpin (Plaque Attack)	5.00
Rally In The Valley Headpin	5.00
Wingless Weekend Headpin	5.00
US Flag Lapel Pin	1.00
US Flags - small (antennae)	1.50
Wings On Parade Headpin	5.00
Helmet Lapel pin - Left	3.00
Helmet Lapel pin - Right	3.00
Earrings/dangle - Black/Gold or Red/White	7.95
Earrings/post - Red/White or Black/Gold	5.00
Scarves - Red - Small	7.00
Scarves - Red - Medium	8.00
Scarves - Red - Large	9.00
Scarves - Red - X-Large	11.00
Vest clips/Helmet - Black/Gold or Red/White	10.00

Prices subject to change without notice – Not all items are in stock. If there is an item you are interested in, let CD or Treasurer know and we will look into it. As of 07/01/09) Joe Hayes 703-318-5899 703-318-5899

VA-I Special Occasions

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

Nancy Cornwell	11 October
Carol Cook	11 October
Judy Strum	18 October
Ken Crawford	27 October

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY

Brian & Susan Majewski	4 October
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Chapter VA-I Phonebook Updates

Please keep your Chapter Phonebook updated

Email: ian.hargest@hargest.com If you know of changes that need to be made to the directory, please email to Chuck Karl (vai2003cov@aol.com)



Leo & RuthEllen (the Cake Maker) at 2008 Chapter Event



Leo observes Museum items while on ChapterTour

Riding with the Chapter Educator



October 2009

Heading for Rally in the Valley?

Well, here we are again. It's time to head for Salem Virginia and Rally in the Valley. Are you pulling a trailer with your bike this time? If you are, there are a few things to keep in mind.

Every trailer is a little different and it's important to keep in mind the specific recommendations of the manufacture when using your trailer, but in general there are a couple of items to always remember. First, don't forget that the towing weight of the trailer and the items contained within it affect the stability of the ride.

The weight distribution and tongue weight are also very important. Keep your tongue weight around forty to fifty pounds if possible. Consider putting a little extra air in the rear tire of the motorcycle and adjust the shocks accordingly.

Don't exceed the gross weight of the trailer either. You can weigh each item before putting it in the trailer to keep track of the total weight. Consult the owner's manual for the empty weight of your trailer. If the manual isn't available, check the manufacturer's website or call and find out what the total weight is of the trailer.

There's nothing worse than a trailer swaying back and forth while it's being towed. So make sure that you carefully distribute the weight in the storage area fairly evenly. Heavier items are usually best placed over the axle and should be put on the bottom with lighter items on top.

Check the trailer's tire inflation according to the manufacturer's recommendations and don't forget to set the proper inflation for the trailer's shock absorbers if it uses air shocks. This should help a great deal to minimize swaying while towing.

Check your weight distribution each time you stop, and don't forget to check your hitch, light electrical connections and bulbs, safety chains, and make sure your clevis pin is secure if you use a removable hitch. Things have a way of moving around while the trailer is in motion. If you use a removable hitch, it's a good idea to carry a spare clevis pin and cotter pin to use in an emergency (I do).

When was the last time you packed the bearings of the trailer? It's a good idea to repack them once a year or more frequently if you do a lot of towing. Check to be sure that there isn't a lot of free play in each wheel assembly. Grasp each tire and try to move the wheel by shaking it back and forth and side to side. If there seems to be a lot of free play in the wheel, it's probably a good indication that the bearings need to be replaced before starting out for the Rally.

Lastly, don't forget that the trailer is back there while towing it. A few years ago one of our former Chapter members lost his trailer and damaged his bike because the rear wheel went into a hole on the shoulder of the road and flipped while making a turn at an intersection.

Make sure that you allow for extra stopping distance when using your trailer and don't forget to use both brakes when stopping. In addition, it's a good idea to check to see how much wear is on the brake pads of your motorcycle. Towing a trailer will cause them to wear a little faster than normal, so make sure yours are in good shape before leaving home.

I'll see you at the Rally. Ride safe, and get there in one piece.

Jeff Sterling
Chapter Educator.

GWRRA NATIONAL, REGIONAL & DISTRICT NEWS

GWRRA NATIONAL NEWS

WING DING 32 SET FOR IOWA - At opening ceremonies of Wing Ding 31 in Tulsa, OK, Melissa Eason, Executive Director of GWRRA announced that Wing Ding 32 will be held in Des Moines, IA on June 30th - July 3rd, 2010.

NATIONAL RIDER ED August 2009 edition of GWRRA National Rider Education Newsletter is available:

<http://www.gwrra.org/regional/ridered/news/August2009.pdf>

NATIONAL MED NL FOR SEP/OCT - The Sep/Oct GWRRA National Membership Enhancement Division Newsletter is available for your reading pleasure at:

<http://med.gwrra.org/newsletter/med/09-0910.pdf>

NATIONAL LEADERSHIP TRAINING NL AUG 09

- The August 2009 edition of the GWRRA National Leadership Training Division Newsletter is available for your reading pleasure at:

<http://www.gwrra.org/regional/Training/newsletter/2009/08.pdf>

REGION N NEWS

REGION N COUPLE NAMED INTERNATIONAL COY

- Congratulations to [Alan & Carolyn Little](#) (Region N, NC District, and NC-T2 COY) on being named 2009-2010, GWRRA International Couple of the Year on Wed., July 1 at Wing Ding 31 in Tulsa, OK. They are the 6th couple from Region N to be named Int'l COY in the last 15 yrs.

REGION N MODIFIES PLAQUE RULES - Frank & Kathy Albert, GWRRA Region N Directors, have announced changes to the rules governing the capture of the Region N Wanderer Plaque. These changes are designed to make the capture of the plaque more equitable to all of the 110 chapters in Region N. To read the revised rules please [go here \(http://www.region-n.org/Region-Plaque.html#RULES\)](http://www.region-n.org/Region-Plaque.html#RULES) !!!!

REGION N NEWSLTR FOR OCTOBER AVAILABLE.

The **October** 2009 edition of the GWRRA Region N Newsletter "Appalachian Gazette" is available for your reading pleasure at: <http://www.region-n.org/PDF%20files/Gazette/0910.pdf>

VIRGINIA DISTRICT NEWS

EDUCATOR OF THE YEAR NAMED AT RALLY - [Billy Russell](#), Rider Educator of Chapter VA-D (Richmond), was named the **2009 Virginia District Educator of the Year** at the Rally in the Valley® closing ceremonies on Sat., Oct. 10.

SPIRIT OF VIRGINIA AWARD -

[Mike & Angie Mitchell](#), former GWRRA VA District Directors, Region N Directors, and participants of Chapter VA-U (Hanover), were named the 2009 recipients of the [Vernon L. Needham "Spirit of Virginia" Award](#) at the Rally in the Valley® closing ceremonies on Sat.

VA-C WINS SEPTEMBER N/L AWARD -

[Kristen Weston](#), GWRRA VA District Newsletter Contest Coord., has announced that Chapter VA-C (Newport News) has won the Virginia District Newsletter Award for September 2009. Their newsletter editor is John Newbauer.

VA-A HAS NEW MEETING LOCATION -

Beginning with their Sept. 14 meeting and continuing through their May 2010 meeting, Chapter VA-A (No. VA) will meet at The Woods, 10100 Words Grove Circle, Burke. The meetings will continue to be at 7:30pm on the 2nd Mon. of the month.

VA DISTRICT TIMES FOR SEP 09 AVAIL:

The September 2009 edition of the GWRRA Virginia District Times is available on the Newsletters Page. To find out what's going on around GWRRA Virginia, [go here](#). (9/29/09)

VA-Y CAPTURES VIRGINIA PLAQUE -

Eight participants of [Chapter VA-Y](#) (Leesburg) rode down to Chapter VA-L's (Chesapeake) monthly meeting on Tues., Sept. 22nd and came away with the VA Traveling Plaque. The plaque will be available at VA-Y's next chapter get-together on Sun., Oct. 18th



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