



GWRRA NY Chapter "T"
Taberg, NY
July 2009 Newsletter



Chapter T meets at the Vienna Hotel on the corner of Rt. 13 and Rt. 49 on the fourth Thursday of the month.
Join us for a bite to eat @ 6PM with the meeting to follow at 7PM

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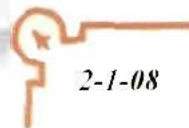


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DASH 4 CASH POINTS :

After the Great turnout at Americade by the chapter we now have 12 points. That's a great turn around from last year.
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Greetings All, our ride to Hammondsport, to the Glen Curtiss Museum, was nice going out, a little wet coming back. Met with Chapter W at Curtiss Museum, we had 15 riders on June 13th 2009.

June 19th the Chapter went to one of our sponsors, for a Dinner and Comedy Show at the Reservoir Inn in Redfield. There were 14 people attending. A very nice evening.

July 12th. Was Chapter T's Picnic at Forest Park in Camden, had 34 people attend (lots of Food) and we did very well on the Auction.

Dates to remember:

- July 19th. Ride For Kids Utica
- July 23rd. Chapter T meeting at Vienna Hotel 7:00PM
- July 26th. Chittenango Fall's (picnic)
- Aug. 1st. Round the World Mystery Ride Part 2
- Aug. 2nd. TAPS Vet Ride in Camden 52 Mile Ride and Lunch at Camden American Legion.
- Aug. 6-8 District Rally Norwich, NY
- Aug. 15th. Tupper Lake Ride (Rain date Aug. 16)

NEW YORK DISTRICT DASH FOR CASH 2009 Chapter T as of July 12th. 2009. We have 12 points, THANK YOU ALL for working together to get these points we can get more. This will pay 2010 dues.

National Nurses Week
May 6-12, 2009

National Hospital Week
May 10-16, 2009

Our own Laina Sweatman: Nurse at Rome Hospital for 30 YEARS. Thank You! Laina

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When Two Seconds are Not Enough

By Candy & Charlie Brown • TX - H Acting Chapter Educators

A subject that will almost always prompt a lively and opinionated discussion is proper following distance.

The Texas Department of Transportation's Traffic Code [Paragraph 545.062 sub Paragraph (a)] states that: "An operator shall, if following another vehicle, maintain an assured clear distance between the two vehicles so that, considering the speed of the vehicles, traffic, and the conditions of the highway, the operator can safely stop without colliding with the preceding vehicle or veering into another vehicle, object, or person on or near the highway."

The most popular interpretation of this law is the "two second rule" minimum following distance, adopted by the National Transportation Safety Board (NTSB) and other regulatory and advisory agencies. And the shortest quoted stopping distance from 30 mph is 75 feet, but how many of us can accurately judge 75 feet while riding a motorcycle and at different speeds? I know I can't. That's where the two-second rule comes into play; it automatically adjusts one's following distance for differentials in speed.

Let's take a look at the two-second rule to see if it is sufficient for motorcyclists. First of all, it is helpful to remember that the "rule" is not really a rule at all. Rather, it is a guideline based on:

1. An attentive driver/rider
 2. Good road conditions
- AND
3. A properly operating vehicle

Guidelines often require several conditions, and the two-second "rule" is no exception. If any of the preceding conditions are missing, then two seconds is NOT enough for adequate stopping distance.

For instance, if a road surface is wet (hence, not "good road conditions"), traction is reduced and stopping distance becomes greater. Likewise, if a vehicle operator is daydreaming and/or otherwise distracted, then the first condition has not been met, reaction time is increased, and two seconds are again not enough.

In regard to this, I found the following calculations interesting. They are based on the following assumptions: The average driver has a reaction time of .5 seconds, and a properly operating motorcycle can attain a .9g braking force.

Therefore, in 15-mph variable at constant speed:

At 30 mph:

- In 2 seconds you will travel 88 feet
- Your stopping and reaction distance will be 55.4 feet
- Your margin for error will be 32.6 feet
- Your impact speed will be N/A

At 45 mph:

- In 2 seconds you will travel 132 feet
- Your stopping and reaction distance will be 108 feet
- Your margin for error will be 23.8 feet
- Your impact speed will be N/A

At 60 mph:

- In 2 seconds you will travel 176 feet
- Your stopping and reaction distance will be 178 feet
- **Your margin for error will be -2 feet**
- **Your impact speed will be 0.6 mph**

At 75 mph:



- In 2 seconds you will travel 220 feet
- Your stopping and reaction distance will be 264 feet
- **Your margin for error will be -43.9 feet**
- **Your impact speed will be 12.5 mph**

NOTE: Average reaction time for a typical driver/rider is actually slightly longer than 0.5 sec (about 0.7 seconds) and considerably longer for someone who is tired, bored or distracted. If you feel the least bit bored or tired,

you should open up the gap much more. That's because—even if you are highly alert—the two second rule must already be stretched at 60 mph. Therefore, if you are distracted in any way, the two-second rule would not apply at even some slower speeds.

The figures in **RED** represent what would happen if the vehicle in front of you were to hit a brick wall. Of course that would be very rare; however, my experience has been that, in a collision of vehicles in front of you, parts can come off those vehicles and create the same type of obstacle. Also, vehicles can enter and cross a formation perpendicular to your path, thus creating the same effect as a vehicle in front of you hitting a brick wall. These are real scenarios, and both have happened to me. That's why it is so important that we practice obstacle avoidance and emergency braking so that we get it right when it is imperative that we do so while on the road.

It is also important to take note of the two-second rule while group riding. Most of the time, we are in traffic at fairly slow speed, so two second following distance is sufficient. But at highway speeds in light traffic, we should extend our group riding following distance and still maintain group integrity. (If at highway speeds and in heavy traffic, the Road Captain should consider breaking the group up into individual elements of two or increasing following distance and sacrificing group integrity for safety.)

The two-second rule is listed by most studies and organizations, including the Hurt Report, National Highway Traffic Safety Administration, Motorcycle Safety Foundation, GWRRA, and others as the accepted guideline for group riding. In addition, and when riding in different tracks, a one-second separation is taught as a minimum for vehicles in different tracks. (Since trikes cannot confine their presence to a track, but instead occupy the entire lane, one-second separation should NOT be maintained when following a trike. Since it is not always practical to place trikes in the back of a formation, Road Captains should consider breaking the formation up into smaller elements when trikes are included on a group ride.)

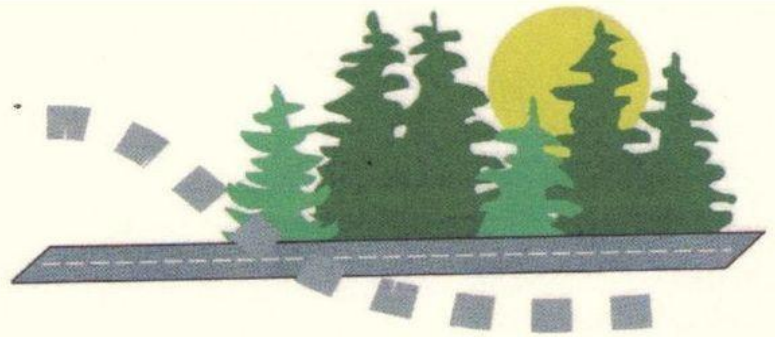
In conclusion: Two seconds is the minimum following distance that we should be behind vehicles in the same track but should be increased when necessary. Also, always ride your own ride based on your abilities and not simply on published guidelines. Practice obstacle avoidance and emergency braking on a regular basis; maintain your concentration and alertness at all times; scan ahead for possible obstacles while maintaining your focus on the vehicle in front; and make sure your motorcycle is in good operating condition at all times.

Last, but not least, don't forget that you are likely most at risk on roadways that you drive repetitively!

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Here is some really exciting news about the Rally. There will be a light Parade through Norwich on Friday night starting at 9:30. The City is going to shut down Rte 12 (the main drag) and allow us to have a light parade which will be lead by the local Police and Fire. The route will be similar to an Americade route with a continuous loop. YOU MUST WEAR SAFETY GEAR but we can have all the lights, horns and noise we want. No helmet—you get a ticket!

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Ride Schedule

>5/16/09 Mystery Ride after Breakfast at Osceola Outpost
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>5/17/09 District Ride in Marcellus Park Platt Rd Marcellus, NY

>5/28/09 Chapter T Meeting @ Vienna Hotel 6:00 pm supper,
meeting starts at 7:00 pm

>5/30/09 Miracle Ride Syracuse, registration starts at
9:00 am. Ride at 10:30AM (Breakfast some place on the way)

>6/2/09 thru 6/6/09 Americade

>6/13/09 Hammondsport and Glen Curtiss Museum Ride

>6/19/09 Reservoir Inn Dinner and Comedy Night @ 6:30 pm
(follow Rt. 285) Redfield, NY

>7/12/09 Chapter T Annual Picnic and Surprise Auction

>7/14/09 Special Note: Linda DeLosh & Clark Clemens
WEDDING DAY!

>7/19/09 Ride for Kids

>7/26/09 Chittenango Fall Picnic

>8/1/09 Round the World Mystery Ride Part 2

>8/6/09 - 8/9/09 NY & NJ District Rally

>8/15/09 Tupper Lake Ride (Rain Date 8/16/09)

>8/30/09 Breakfast @ Outpost in Osceola followed by a Ride

>9/4/09 thru 9/7/09 Labor Day PA. Amish Country Ride

>9/26/09 Leaf Peeping Ride Meet in Barneveld

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**This article was bowered from N.Y. Chapter N's June news letter.
We hope it will peak your interest to have you join us this years Bi-State Rally in Norwich.
Even a day pass for Saturday should prove to be worthwhile with what is being planned.**

GARY'S MAIL CALL

Wow! It's already June! Why didn't the days of winter pass this quickly? I guess I've been pretty busy. I have been spending a lot of time over the last couple months working on the plans for the Motorcycle Crash Scene Response Field Exercise that we will see at the NY-NJ Combined District Rally in August.

Yes, Saturday, August 8 will be a big day, at least for me, and I am confident that if you can make your Gold Wing tires roll all the way to Norwich, New York to be there, you will learn something from this event. It should be exciting, instructional, and different from anything you have seen before.

I'd like to share one or two learning points that will be presented, just to give you a feel for the kind of information that you will gain from attending:

First, you all probably know that the rider at the front of a group ride is known as the "road captain". The rider at the rear is the "sweep", or "tailgunner".

When a group happens upon an accident, the "sweep" becomes 199291 the "Scene Coordinator", and that person directs all activities aimed toward helping the accident victims, and he or she assigns group members to fill certain roles that assist the victims in various ways. Meanwhile, the road captain continues as the leader of the group members who remain.

The next point is that if the group you are riding with comes across an accident scene, or if one of your own goes down, it is *absolutely vital* that the group of riders remains as a group under the complete control of the Road Captain, as the Scene Coordinator makes assignments.

Real life experiences described by some who have experienced such an event included group members breaking off on their own and attempting U-turns (on a two-lane road with oncoming traffic, no less) because they were anxious to go back to help their friend who went down. Their actions exposed them to serious injury or death, when the absolute last thing you would want is to have a second accident on top of the first.

So chapter leaders and Educators *must, MUST* stress the *vital importance* to their chapters of remaining in formation and following the Road Captain to a location he or she will choose, where they can dis-

mount and remain calm and available to assist as directed by the Scene Coordinator.

So you can see some of the value we hope to bring to the many GWRRA people who will be in attendance at the rally.

And I very much hope to see my fellow Chapter N friends there. If not for the **fun**, then for the **safety** and the **knowledge!**"

Gary & Donna Cork
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Important notes from the last meeting:

Mary Ann Bennett had surgery on her hand recently. We all wish her a quick healing process.

Kathy Sweatman's Mother was scheduled to have a kidney removed. All our best wishes and prayers go out to their family at this time.

Please try to help out in filling our basket / washtub for the district rally. A good looking basket should help our bank account out.

Keep in mind the Ride for Kids on the July 19th (*Registration form is on last page*) and the T.A.P.S. ride on August 2nd. Info on page 7. Both are worthy charities.

If you are still in the mood for another rally after our rally at Norwich on August 6th, 7th, & 8th, check out the PA. rally in Johnstown on 20th - 22nd. Check out the flier on page 4.



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July 19, 2009

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The ride will end in Old Forge. After a light lunch, participants will enjoy a Celebration of Life program that features interviews with young brain tumor survivors—the Ride for Kids® "stars" of the day. Award presentations to top fundraisers will follow.

The minimum donation to ride is \$35, but the more money you raise, the more premiums you earn. For each \$300 you raise, your name will be entered into a drawing for a brand new Honda motorcycle! (Must be present to win.) For more information, call 800-253-6530.

If you're unable to attend, send your registration form and donations to PBTF, 302 Ridgefield Ct., Asheville, NC 28806. Mark your form "Not Attending" to credit your ride and receive your premiums by mail.

Read about the 2008 ride

Get a 2009 Ride for Kids® registration kit

Plan a fundraiser: Each state requires PBTF to approve your fundraiser, so contact us early in your planning process. The first step is to complete our fundraising application.

Please collect funds in the form of cash or checks made out to Pediatric Brain Tumor Foundation, PBTF or Ride for Kids®. We encourage you to mail funds collected before your event to **PBTF, 302 Ridgefield Ct., Asheville, NC 28806**.

We'll send you a ride receipt to bring to registration. If you're unable to attend, mail us your registration form and donations. Mark your form "Not Attending" to credit donations to your event and receive your premiums by mail.

The minimum donation to participate in a Ride for Kids® event is \$35 per motorcycle. Cash, checks and credit cards are accepted at the event. The more money you raise, the more premiums you earn!

\$35-\$49.99 Basic donation, one event pin.
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 - HEREBY AGREES that while participating in the event, he or she will not ride while under the influence of alcohol or any substance which affects the ability to operate or control his or her vehicle.
 - HEREBY AGREES that he or she will not use or operate any vehicle in violation or contravention of any city, county, state or federal laws, statutes, ordinances or regulation and shall be personally liable for all fines and penalties for traffic law violations.
 - HEREBY AGREES to wear minimum safety apparel as required by state law. Minimum safety apparel for these purposes may include a DOT-approved safety helmet. Rider is strongly advised to wear a helmet whether required to do so by law or not, and is strongly advised to wear glasses, goggles, or a face shield, and additional protective outerwear such as gloves, long-sleeved jacket, boots and long trousers while participating in the event. Rider understands and acknowledges that failure to wear proper safety apparel may result in the rider's injury or death.
 - HEREBY ASSUMES FULL RESPONSIBILITY FOR AND RISK OF BODILY INJURY, DEATH OR PROPERTY DAMAGE due to the negligence of releasees or otherwise while participating in the event.
- EACH OF THE UNDERSIGNED expressly acknowledges and agrees that the activities of the event are dangerous and involve the risk of serious injury and/or property damage.
- THE UNDERSIGNED further expressly agrees that the foregoing release, waiver, and indemnity agreement is intended to be as broad and inclusive as is permitted by the law of the state in which it is operated and that if any portion thereof is held invalid, it is agreed that the balance shall, notwithstanding, continue in full legal force and effect.
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