



GWRRA NY Chapter "T" January 2011 Newsletter

<http://www.gwrra-ny-t.org/>

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



Monthly Gathering
50/50 Winner
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January Birthdays & Anniversaries

Birthdays:
 Jan.-12 Jim Thayer
 Jan.-15 Larry Recor
 Jan.-28 Chris Brown

Anniversaries:

Congratulations to All!

Shooting Star Café

SUMMER HOURS
 MON. - THURS. 6AM-8PM
 FRI. 6AM-9PM
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 SUN. 7AM-2PM

DAILY SPECIALS!
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Chapter T's Director's Corner



Hi everyone! Our Chapter Christmas Party was December 11, 2010. There were 26 members and two guests. The food was great, there was plenty and you had take-outs when you went home. The music was nice and helped to put us all in Christmas spirit, thank you Dave.

The gift exchange was fun as always.

Plaques were given to three of our members from our Chapter to show our appreciation for the work they have done, and done it well.

Treasure: Jack and Joan Bisgrove

Newsletter: Jim and Patricia Thayer

Web Master: Clark and Linda Clemens

There have been changes in our Staff for 2011.

Tech Advisor: Dave Secore

Sunshine Coordinator: Linda Clemens

Recording Secretary: Sally Williams

Photographer: TBA

Thank you for stepping up, for your Chapter.

I talked to Sharon Learned last week and she is doing well. Remember cans and bottles for Ride for Kids donations.

Upcoming Dates:

Jan. 8, 2011 District MTG. Meeting

Jan. 27, 2011 Chapter Gathering at Vienna Hotel 6:00 dinner 7:00 gathering.

We hope everyone had a Merry Christmas and that 2011 is better for everyone.

Alvin and Linda Yerdon Chapter T Directors

From the Motorcycle Riders Foundation:

"National Highway Traffic Safety Administration Thumbs Nose at Congress and Discriminates Against Motorcycles The Motorcycle Riders Foundation has learned from a source at the US Department of Transportation that they have funded the motorcycle only roadside checkpoints.

NHTSA decided to fund the program despite being asked by Congress not to fund the program until the merits were explained. In a letter sent by James Sensenbrenner, along with ten other Members of the House of Representatives last month, Sensenbrenner and his colleagues specifically asked NHTSA to respond to the letter before funding the program, they did not. Read the letter [here. http://www.mrf.org/pdfs/nhtsa_roadside%20_checkpoint.pdf](http://www.mrf.org/pdfs/nhtsa_roadside%20_checkpoint.pdf)

The recipient of the money for the demo project was the Georgia Department of Public Safety, which oversees the day-to-day operation of the Georgia State Patrol. The Georgia State Patrol will conduct a series of roadside motorcycle safety checks in accordance with what was outlined in the Request for Applications. The amount of NHTSA funding is \$70,000.00.

"Not only is this an injustice to the motorcyclists of America its a complete waste of taxpayer money." said Jeff Hennie, Vice President of Government Relations and Public Affairs for the MRF.

The MRF will keep you informed on this issue and any actions you can take to defend your freedoms, at stake in Washington."

My original intent was to keep this article short; however, I can see that I have already got 3 pages. I am in the process of moving-so by this time next month I will be in the new apartment-hopefully things will be a tad calmer. So, since I have run out of information energy, I would like to leave you with this holiday thought.

If you think you have it bad in your life-remember there is always someone out there who would be happy to trade places with you. Change your thoughts change your life.

Linda L. Waterman

Public Relations Coordinator

Thoughts for 2011

The Greatest Handicap:	Fear
The Best Day:	Today
Easiest Thing to Do:	Find a Fault
Most Useless Assat:	Pride
The Greatest:	Giving Up
Greatest Stumbling Block:	Egotism
The Greatest Comfort:	Work Well Done
Most Disagreeable Person:	The Complainer
Worst Bankruptcy:	Loss of Enthusiasm
Greatest Need:	Common Sense
Meanest Feeling:	Regret at Another's Success
The Greatest Thing in the World:	Love
Greatest Knowledge:	God
Best Gift:	Forgiveness

HAPPY NEW YEAR!

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Rider Education Page:

As we all put our two wheels away, it's time to think about the four wheels we're going to use for a few months. Yes we all will suffer our withdrawal, but that the way it is in the beautiful northeast.

So let's talk a little rider education for our winter transportation. First, please take it for a good prewinter maintenance check. Some dollars now will save many on a cold winter night. With the basics, please really look at those tires. I know 2/32 will pass inspection but they won't do anything in the snow. Snow tires, stud tires all have their positives and negatives. I will never try to persuade you on those issues.

Next let's talk some driving techniques. First, please when those first few flakes hit the road, SLOW DOWN. Slow down for two big reasons. First, you haven't driven on snow and ice for over seven months. Learn you snow driving techniques slowly. Secondly, those first flakes are landing on pavement that is still above freezing. As the first flakes hit they melt and then mix with the solid flakes, forming a very slick surface.

Now for a few driving techniques. First braking. The majority of new cars all have antilock-braking systems (ABS). To be the most effective, when you apply the brakes and when the wheels start to slide, and the brake pedal starts to pulse, keep the brakes applied and let the system do its job. The system is learning the road condition

and adjusting the brake force accordingly. Unlike what we teach in riding motorcycles with ABS, you can steer the car with the brakes applied.

Next let's talk about steering in a skid. With rear wheel drive we correct by steering in the direction of the skid. This is also basically true when no engine force is being applied to the wheels on front wheel and all-wheel drive vehicles. For front wheel drive, when traction is lost, gently ease off the accelerator till traction is regained then continue to drive in the direction you wish to go. Same is true for all wheel drive vehicles.

Lastly, provide some items for cold weather survival in case you get stuck or go off the road. Put in your trunk or other good place, warm, dry socks, good boots, warm gloves (mittens are better), hat and lastly a very warm coat. A coat for survival can never be too warm.

Please be extra careful this winter season as too many others on the road are not too many times.

Al and Emily Stahl
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Al handed out individualized plaques in recognition for the help he and Linda received throughout the past year.



A different award was given Jack Bisgrove from Chapter D's exiting director Rick Reardon.



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