



GWRRA NY Chapter "T" December 2010 Newsletter

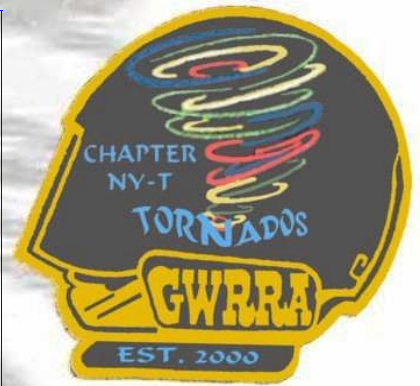
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Chapter T meets at the Vienna Hotel on the corner of Rt. 13 and Rt. 49 on the fourth Thursday of the month.

Join us for a bite to eat @ 6PM with the meeting to follow at 7PM



Monthly Gathering
50/50 Winner
No Drawing



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December
Birthdays & Anniversaries

Birthdays:
Dec. 4 Daniel Brown
Dec. 11 Rosalie Gillett
Dec. 22 Floyd Miller
Dec. 28 Bonnie Davenport

Anniversaries:
Dec.-28-57 Bud & Agnes Combs

Congratulations to All!



Chapter T's Director's Corner



Rider Education

The Invisible Man

by Jackie Vaughan

The sun was balancing gently on the horizon as I packed up my gear after a long day of amusing the fish with my clumsy efforts. I was stowing the tackle box in the back of the truck when the sun abruptly winked out behind a large bank of very dark clouds.

The sun lost its battle with the clouds and sank below the horizon, leaving the heavily tree-lined road in a darkness that blended into the blacktop. Storm winds set the tops of the pine trees swaying, bringing down flurries of slippery pine needles and occasional pine cones. The first drops of rain were huge, splatting on the windshield and causing the pine needles to stick to it. The wipers only smeared them. All I could do was turn the wipers on high and hope the rain would wash the needles off.

Obligingly, the rain became a full-force pressure wash. The needles disappeared, but so did everything else. I crept along, the headlights' beam absorbed by the darkness. A sudden movement caused by a falling branch reminded me there might well be deer, rabbits, or other animals on the side of the road, ready to cross without warning. I leaned as close to the windshield as I could get, eyes straining to see ahead and to the sides at the same time. I knew it wasn't safe to stop because there was no place to pull over.

I thought I saw the red eye glow of an animal. Looking ahead, I saw it flickering between the swipes of the wipers. I immediately hit the brakes, glad for the anti-lock option I'd chosen. I juddered to a halt about ten feet from the animal, which hadn't moved. I turned off my lights briefly so it would move on, but it remained.

I finally crept closer. As my headlights cut through the watery darkness, I saw it wasn't an animal, but a black motorcycle stopped in the middle of the road. The rider was making futile swipes at his face shield, succeeding only in creating greater smears. His black leather jacket and pants were no match for the rain, and he was soaked from the top of his black helmet to the soles of his black boots. He finally pushed the face shield up, started the bike, and continued his miserable trek.

In a very short moment, he became the Invisible Man. Although the weather and the terrain helped to hide him, he had become invisible long before he ever slung a leg over his bike. He had done it by unknowing choice, by following tradition.

When he bought his motorcycle, he took that first sometimes fatal step. He chose the most popular color for a bike—black. Black is the traditional color for everything motorcycle that's not chrome. Black helmet, jacket, pants, boots, gloves, all to match the black motorcycle. Black can also be the color of death and mourning.

Black, far from being the friendly identifying color of the motorcycle community, is a rider's major enemy. The majority of the time, especially when contrast is poor,

Hello everyone. Our Chapter Gathering was November 18, 2010. There were 14 members present.

I hope everyone had a good and safe Thanksgiving

Christmas party is December 11th 2010, at Vienna Hotel. 5:00PM for snacks & 6:00PM for dinner. Bring a present. Woman for woman and man for man.

Next Gathering will be January 27th. 2011, at Vienna Hotel if you want to eat come early. Gathering is at 7:00PM.

January 8th. 2011: District Meeting 9:00AM -- 4:00PM
Place: Holiday Inn Syracuse/Liverpool, Electronics Parkway & 7th North St. across from Exit 37 I90/NYS Thruway.

Lunch Buffet: Baked chicken, Torollini Alfredo, Tossed Salad, Roasted Potatoes, Chef's Choice of Vegetables and Brownies/Cookies.

Meal Cost: \$16.71 per person, two people free per Chapter

We have to know how many are attending by December 15, 2010 to mail in check for reservations.

Shirt prices have gone up on new orders.

Jim Thayer has Motorcycle Jumper Cables at \$18.00 a set for chapter members.

Trish Thayer, read article on Greasing Your Motorcycle for tech. Article obtained from Motorcycle Cruiser.com & Bill Downey Chapter D. She brought this article new life. Thank you Trish.

Dave Secor will be our new Tech Advisor for 2011. Thank you Dave for stepping up and helping the Chapter out.

Our sympathy to Dave Secor on his brother passing.

We have Openings in 2011 for:

Rider Educator and Photographer

Sharon Learned had an emergency operation on her ankle November 18, 2010 due to infection. She came home from hospital Wednesday Nov. 24th and is doing fine. If anyone is down that way she could use some company.

Sharon and Jim Learned Couple of Year 2010 and 2011. Thank you for representing Chapter NY T.

I want to thank MaryAnn and Lester Bennett for opening their house up to the Chapter to work on our Ride Schedule for 2010.

Also a Thank you to: MaryAnn & Lester Bennett (Salads)
Linda and Clark Clemens (Main Dish)
Sally and Will Williams (Dessert)

Progressive dinner Ride 2010.

A Thank you to Laina and Bill Sweatman, for a good time at the Bonfire and cover dish dinner at their home.

Thank you to: Treasure; Jack and Joan Bisgrove. Web Master; Clark and Linda Clemens. Newsletter; Jim and Patricia Thayer. Sunshine Lady; Linda and Clark Clemens.

Thanks to everyone that lead rides and were tail gunners & for taking the safety courses to be able to do all this safely.

If I left anybody out, please don't get upset. We do appreciate every one helping out when we needed you to make Our Chapter run smoothly.

Merry Christmas,

Al & Linda



Rider Education

such as dawn, dusk, dappled shade, or darkness, black disappears into the environment. Dress a rider in black

from head to toe, put him on a black bike, especially one with a small, low taillight, and he's the Invisible Man. He cannot be seen until the very last moment, and that's sometimes too late.

The typical car driver is not motorcycle-aware, and a bike suddenly appearing seemingly out of nowhere may slow the driver's reaction time or cause him to make the wrong decision. When there's an collision of this type, is it the driver's fault, or the rider's? Both were culpable, but it is the rider who must bear more of the blame. He made himself nearly impossible to see, and it worked. He chose to be the Invisible Man.

Could he have become the Visible Man instead and avoided the price he paid? Yes, and all it would have taken was the right choices beginning when he bought his motorcycle.

His biggest mistake was to follow motorcycle tradition in making everything about him and his bike, except for the fancy bits of chrome, black. He should have heeded the old saw, "Bright is right." A light- or bright-colored motorcycle should have been the first item on his list.

His next choice should have been a full-face white helmet with highly-reflective material all around it. No color matches or fancy graphics, just plain white. The first thing a motorist sees, or fails to see, is the rider's helmet, because it's the highest part visible. Next seen is the upper body, then the lower body and the motorcycle. By that time, the driver is too close for comfort.

While the bike and rider don't have to look like a circus wagon, bright clothing and reflective material, especially on the upper body, are a must. A rider wanting the black leather look can wear a reflective orange vest while on the bike and tuck it into a saddlebag or tank bag when he arrives.

Adding extra lights on the back and sides of the bike creates greater visibility, too. Seeing a black-dressed rider on a black bike from the side is almost impossible. There's virtually no contrast. Add a few lights and the riders' bright clothing, and the bike suddenly appears.

Our miserable Invisible Man? He made it home that night because I followed at a safe distance behind him until he pulled into his driveway. He might not be so lucky next time.

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Conspicuity

by Robert Vaughan

Conspicuity means more than just making yourself seen, it means making yourself easy to recognize. Placing a strobe on your helmet will make you visible at night, but it certainly doesn't make you recognizable. Seeing the two headlights of an oncoming truck doesn't help if you think it is two motorcycles and try to go between them. Even if you could make yourself look the size of a tractor trailer truck, it wouldn't be enough. Several studies have proven that reflective markings make even trailers safer.

To be conspicuous, an object must be recognized without confusion or ambiguity. Every second counts in avoiding a crash. A few tenths of a second spent deciding the meaning of what is seen can mean the difference between a close call and a hospital call.

Drivers go through four stages in responding to an object they see:

They detect it.

They identify it.

They make a decision to react.


They act.

Good conspicuity acts to shorten the reaction time in the first three stages.

White reflects five times more light than red but red means danger. It says stop. Red and white are used for stop signs and railroad crossings. Red also appears brighter to the human eye than it really is.

Drivers are used to interpreting these colors as something to avoid. Using the same colors at night on retroreflective tape on helmets or vests when riding a motorcycle will undoubtedly reduce our chances of being hit by making us both visible and recognizable as a motorcycle.

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DAILY SPECIALS!
FRIDAY FISH FRY!!!

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
December 2010			1	2 Shooting Star Café	3	4
5	6	7	8	9 Shooting Star Café	10	11 Chapter T's Christmas Party
12	13	14	15	16 Shooting Star Café Chapter D's Christmas Party	17	18
19	20	21	22	23 Shooting Star Café	24	25 Merry Christmas
26	27	28	29	30 Shooting Star Café	31	

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
January 2011						1
2	3	4	5	6 Shooting Star Café	7	8 New York District's Meeting Liverpool, NY
9	10	11	12	13 Shooting Star Café	14	15
16	17	18	19	20 Shooting Star Café	21	22
23	24	25	26	27 Chapter T Gathering at Vienna Hotel Dinner—6:00 pm Meeting 7:00 pm	28	29
30	31				Maryland District's Winter Thing	

Chapter T's 2010 Christmas Party

Don't forget to reserve your place at the table for this years party at the Vienna Hotel at the corners of state routes 49 east & 13 north on December 11th at 6 pm.

A great buffet meal including Chicken & Roast Beef will be served at 7 pm.

Plus one of the most entertaining Gift Exchanges you will ever see.

\$10.00 a person for all Chapter T members and our advertisers.

Cost for all other guests is only \$15.00 per person.

Just watching the gift exchange is worth the price of dinner.

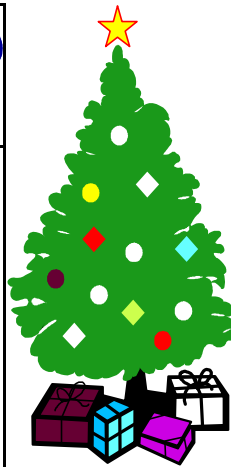
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Thursday Evening - Ice Cream Social & 50/50
Friday & Saturday - Hospitality Room & Seminars
Friday Afternoon - MD District COY Selection
Friday Evening - Renaissance Costume Contest, Best Table Decoration Contest, Chapter Skits, Dance, 50/50
Saturday Afternoon - Chapter Mid-Evil (Wii), Matchbox Race Games, and Rider-Ed Raffle
Saturday Evening - Banquet, a Grand Prize raffle and a "Winner Take All" 50/50!

**This year, each chapter is encouraged to decorate their chapter's
"Round Table" as part of the renaissance theme/contest.**

(Check WinterThing link on the MD District home page for more detailed event schedule and contest rules)

In addition to all the great educational seminars there will also be the "Honda SMART Trainer" to test your riding skills sponsored by Maryland's Motor Vehicle Administration and our District Educator.



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*Mention GWRRR MD District WinterThing Event & receive the special WinterThing rates (below). Arrive early; stay late!
Event rates are applicable 2 days before and 2 days after the event, based upon availability of rooms!*

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Executive King	\$ 90.00	Two BR Condo	\$ 130.00
Studio King	\$ 100.00	Three BR Condo	\$ 190.00

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 Address: _____ E-mail: _____
 _____ Phone: _____
City / Town St / Province Country Zip

Registration Fees

GWRRA Member \$43.00 X _____ = \$ _____
 Non-Member \$47.00 X _____ = \$ _____
 Children (under 6) Registration... Free
 Children (Under 15) Banquet Meal \$21.00 X _____ = \$ _____
 Day Pass \$15.00 X _____ = \$ _____
 CPR / First Aid Re-certification \$20.00 X _____ = \$ _____

Please Indicate Special Needs:

[Check Applicable Need(s) below]
 Wheel Chair Access _____
 Sign Services _____
 Sugar-Free Dessert _____
 Other: _____

Total Event Registration Fees \$ _____ (a)

WinterThing Event Logo Items

(All shirts are men's sizes with embroidered snowman event theme!)

Example:

SM 1 MD 1 LG 1 XL 1 \$24.50 X 4 + \$20.00** = \$118.00 **Add \$5.00 to each shirt ordered if you wish to have your name embroidered on it.
 Print your name/s to be embroidered, size & color of each shirt. Allan LG N / Bruce XL LB / Mary SM G / Donna MD OG

Pocketed Golf Shirt with Embroidered(front)/Silk Screen (Rear) *(Navy (N), White (W), Tan (T), Oxford Grey (OG))*

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Long Sleeve Pocket Tee-Shirt Silk Screen (Rear) *(Navy (N), White (W), L. Blue (LB), Gold (G))*

SM _____ MD _____ LG _____ XL _____ \$22.00 X _____ + _____ = \$ _____
 2XL _____ 3XL _____ 4XL _____ \$25.00 X _____ + _____ = \$ _____
 Print your name/s to be embroidered, size & color of each shirt. _____ / _____ / _____ / _____

Sweat Shirt Silk Screen (Rear) *(White (W))*

SM _____ MD _____ LG _____ XL _____ \$23.50 X _____ + _____ = \$ _____
 2XL _____ 3XL _____ 4XL _____ \$27.50 X _____ + _____ = \$ _____
 Print your name/s to be embroidered & size of each shirt. _____ / _____ / _____ / _____

Ball Caps *(White (W) or Stone (S))* \$13.00 X _____ = \$ _____

Print your color choice/s. _____ / _____ / _____ / _____

Total Event Logo Items \$ _____ (b)

Total Payment enclosed \$ _____ (a+b)

Attach check (payable to: GWRRA MD District) to this signed registration and mail to:

Terry Gardner (MD District Treasurer), 7848 Kings Bench Place, Pasadena, MD 21122

I/We agree to hold harmless GWRRA and property owners for loss or injury incurred through participation in event activities.

Rider _____ Co-Rider _____ Other _____ Other _____
Signature Signature Signature Signature


NOTE: Registrations postmarked before 11/30/10 will be entered into a \$100 drawing!!!

NOTE: SEATING FOR THE BANQUET WILL BE BASED ON PRE-REGISTRATION.
TO INSURE SEATING WITH YOUR CHAPTER YOU MUST PRE-REGISTER!!!



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