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WING of the ROAD

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FROM THE DESK OF THE PRESIDENT

Hello:

The holidays are past and I hope everyone had a good holiday season. Here in Northern Michigan I believe we are having spring. The winter season got started with heavy snow and cold temperatures, just like the winter left us last season. Then came the warm temperatures and rain and you guessed correctly, the snow mobile season is ruined unless we receive snow soon. The ski resorts can make something of the season if the temperatures fall below freezing. At present the temperatures are predicted to be below freezing for a week or more and most ski resorts will be busy making snow.



Are you a sports person like my wife? She has not missed a bowl or NFL game since they started playing before Christmas. I believe she is at thirty collage bowl and NFL games and would watch them until spring. and she has her little comments about the coaches and some of the plays. Between the college and pro games I either have to watch football or go to the garage to work on a project.

I can always use articles about your travels, motorcycle parties or what ever you would like to share with the other club members. Remember the American Gold Wing Association is a family and we need to share our experiences with others.

If you have a good picture and you would like to share. which would make a good cover picture, please forward it to me. The picture needs to be rectangular in shape in the horizontal direction and in Word format.

Gold Classic XXXII will be held in Lexington, Kentucky at the Clarion Hotel. David Densmore and the Illinois chapters will be our hosts. David, Bob and Helen Priester along with Wanda Desmore spent a week last summer in the Lexington area. They were looking for ride routes and good places to ride . If you know those four folks, you know they will find the best places to go. In up coming issues there will be much more information about the rally. I have included in this issue the rally registration form and a tentative rally schedule. Lexington is centrally located to most of our members with the exception of our Rhode Island folks and they are only about eight hundred miles from the rally site.

Have a good day

Owen

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Hello from RI

Written By Judi Quinlan

On the road again...

In the true spirit of giving, we joined the Blue Knights for The Annual Gloria Gemma Foundation "Highway to Hope" Motorcycle Run to benefit the Breast Cancer Resource Foundation. The Foundation was established to help raise breast cancer awareness, early detection, better education, and increased funding for critical breast health programs. In addition to the registration fee, riders were asked to volunteer to take cancer survivors on the 1-hour ride through scenic Exeter and the surrounding community. At the conclusion of the ride, lunch was provided and there was music, raffles and lots of fun. Every year, these ladies truly look forward to going on the ride and are extremely thankful for the opportunity. As much as they enjoy it, the riders gain just as much from this experience.



Preparing to ride



Gloria Gemma Ride

Another perfect day in New England as Dave led us on back roads to the Steaming Tender Restaurant in Palmer MA. This is NE's Top Railroad

Enthusiast Location, set in the restored 1890s Union Station at the intersection of several railroad lines. Palmer was once known as the town of Seven Railroads. The 19th century Romanesque-style train station is notorious amongst rail fans and is certainly a unique experience plus the food is delicious. The Steaming Tender definitely has the theme and ambiance nailed down. The Palmer Railroad Station was the 3rd largest station in Massachusetts, a unique trapezoidal design placed in the triangular area formed by the crossing of the New London Northern Railroad and the Boston and Albany. Heavy arches and stone blocks form this massive building, rich with texture. The roof is the chief feature of the station even today. There is a collection of railroad memorabilia inside and a 1915 Porter Steam Locomotive and passenger car in the yard. Dave, Laurie, Ray, Paul, Maureen, Joany, Ralph, Jeff, George, and I enjoyed our meal, watching trains pass by, and exploring this neat structure. En route home, we made a stop at The Clam Box in Charlton MA. In addition to seafood they offer a great selection of ice cream at its best. Although we were stuffed from lunch, we still managed to enjoy ice cream on the deck overlooking the lovely countryside. It was a great way to end a beautiful summer day.



The Steaming Tender Restaurant



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Dave, Laurie, Judi, George, Ray, Jeff, Ralph, Joany, Maureen, and Paul



Dave and Laurie



Judi, George, Ray(Riding), Ralph, and Joany



Passenger Car and outside dining

We again joined the Blue Knights for the 8th Annual Katie DeCubellis Charity Ride with proceeds going to The Katie DeCubellis Memorial Foundation. Katie was 13 when she was killed by a drunk driver. The Foundation continues her legacy by promoting youth leadership, supporting education, and generating public awareness of the dangers of drunk driving and substance abuse.

After a lovely ride through southern RI, a stop was made at the Garden of Hope & Remembrance. The Garden has a sitting wall, plantings, and a beautiful sculptured arbor; a quiet place to reflect. After returning to the bikes, we were off to the Manchester Hall for a cookout, music and raffles. It was a great turnout and everyone had a wonderful time.





The Garden of Hope & Remembrance

It was another beautiful Sunday as Jack, Esther, Dave, Laurie, Carl, Judi, Jeff, Brenda, George, and I set off to Middleboro MA to meet Paul and Maureen who led us through the affluent towns of Hingham and Cohasset to Scituate. The ride along Jerusalem Road in Cohasset is one of our favorites and one of New England's most scenic coastal drives with mega-mansions overlooking granite boulders that plunge majestically to the sea. Arriving in Scituate we enjoyed lunch on the deck overlooking Scituate Harbor at TK

O'Malley's, another favorite. It is a perfect spot to view the commercial fishing fleet and numerous recreational boats as well as the Old Scituate Light and Minot's Ledge Light. Minot's Light is locally referred to as the "I LOVE YOU" light because of its 1-4-3 flashing cycle. Next, it was on to Plymouth, site of the colony founded in 1620 by the Pilgrims and home of the Mayflower replica and Plymouth Rock. Leaving Plymouth, we traveled past cranberry bogs along county roads to Country Whip Ice Cream. It was a perfect ride on a perfect day.



Jerusalem Road, Cohasset, MA



TK O'Malley's



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In addition to our weekend rides, Dave has been leading Mystery Rides

weeknights, over all back roads, to various establishments; some with food and all with ice cream, of course. This past week, he led a great ride through southern RI to Narragansett, home to Iggy's Doughboys & Chowder House and Aunt Carrie's Ice Cream. Here we celebrated Deb's Birthday. Happy Birthday Deb!

See you all "on the road again", soon.

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Iron Butt Association - Trio Tour



A couple of months ago at our monthly chapter 'GW' meeting, Mike Plumeri and partner Barbra Book asked if I was interested in an event they had found on the Iron Butt Association web site that was being hosted by the Westchester Beemers Motorcycle Club, New York. The event is called 'The Trio Tour' and is a sport-touring scavenger hunt consisting of three consecutive daily rides which begin and end at a Base Location. The objective is to accumulate the most bonus points over the three days. The daily ride is designed to cover 350 miles in eight to nine hour of riding time each day. The routes given were on 100% paved roads and occasionally you might catch some dirt or gravel if you want to take a shorter route to gain more points. After a couple of weeks or so and with plenty of vacation time left to use, I told Mike and Barb that I would go to the event with them.

In August I purchased a 2013 BMW - R1200GS water cooled duel sport bike in anticipation of retiring and taking a trip to Alaska. Since it was an event given by a BMW club I decided to take the R1200GS instead of my Goldwing. First I wanted to install a CB radio so I could communicate with Mike. This turned out to be quite a challenge. The 'GS' does not have any fuses, it has what is called a 'CAN BUS' system that depends on the computer to shut off any circuits that are overloaded. With the expert help of Joe Hughes -Illinois chapter 'H' we were able to install a Denali fuse block assembly from Twisted Throttle, a J&M JMCB-2003E-BW Handlebar-mounted Motorcycle Audio System (CB Radio) and antenna. I connected the audio input of the Audio System to my GPS where I

had an SD card with music on it to listen to while traveling. A week before the event starts, all participants are sent electronically a riders package. The package included that there would be Bonus' to be given on the day that the ride is on, GPS co-ordinates and point value. From the coordinates given, I go to make a route to install into my GPS and find out that my Garmin GPS will not accept coordinates. These coordinates have to be converted into Latitude and Longitude in degrees and minutes. Finding a conversion chart on the internet I convert to useable data.

On September 9th I meet with Mike & Barb at the Hinsdale Oasis on Interstate toll way 294. It's lightly raining as we head east into Indiania where the rain stops and then onto the Ohio toll way. Exiting around the 110 mile mark we make our way to route 250. Stopping at a Subway to pick up sandwiches for lunch, we ride to Fitchville, Ohio where there is a picnic area. After a relaxing break we head out southeast on route 250 heading to our first nights stay in St.Clairsville, Ohio. Mike is staying at the Hampton Inn using his points. I checked the Hampton Inn web site and they wanted \$180.00 w/taxes for the night which I thought was an awful lot so I checked and booked into the hotel next door for \$81.00 w/taxes. In the morning, continental breakfast here was not so good so I go next door and have breakfast with Mike and Barb at their hotel courtesy of Hampton Inn. St. Clairsville is a booming city with fracking for oil and all the workers had most of the rooms causing supply and demand to raise room prices.

Wednesday September 10th we have a nice easy days ride on one of my favorite

roads Route 250 to our host hotel, Hampton Inn in Elkins West Virginia. In Elkins, we check in and meet several of the 32 participants. Taking the Hampton Inn courtesy bus into town with Mike and Melissa from West Virginia, Mike Barb and I have our dinner before heading back for the riders orientation meeting. Here we are given recommended sport-touring route from Google map for each days ride. A rally book that describes each Checkpoint (a statue, building, a gigantic block of charcoal, etc.) and the requirements to bag the points from that check point. Participants are given a number in a plastic holder that also has your name on it that is used to take a picture with at each checkpoint to prove you were there. I am number 1 and Mike and Barb are number 10. There is also a Halo award that is a drawing at the end of the rally that if drawn you receive a refund of your registration fee, \$50 for single, \$75 for 2 up. You insert your driver's license into an envelope and seal it up. If your license is still in the sealed envelope at the end of the rally, you are eligible to win the Halo award. Wild Card bonus for each day is to be revealed at Riders meeting.

You can start your days ride anytime you want and you have to be back to the host hotel before 8:00pm to check in and be back on the third day by 6:00pm so all the results can be given at the closing banquet. First day's ride is 376 miles through the Monongahela National Forest. Mike, Barb and I form a team and ride together. Mike is familiar with several roads in this area of the country and finds a few shortcuts and saves us a few miles here and there. At the end of day one, my odometer registers a few miles less than Mikes so our mileage is

recorded on the lowest odometer. Our first day we bag all of the points including the bonus which is to take a picture with your number and have a picture of a sign entering Virginia with a picture of a red cardinal on it. With Mike's expert routes and my speedometer we find our team in second place. The second days ride starts off misty and foggy around 50 degrees riding the suggested route through the Allegheny Mountains. The temperature rises during the day and the sun comes out making a fabulous day to ride in. Today we make all the check points and get the bonus which is to take a picture of your odometer ending in a 33 and your number place card. After the second days results our team is now in forth place. The third day is to the New River Gorge. We leave in a light mist. Since the mist is light, I do not put on my rain gear. As we get into the mountains, the fog is thick and the rain gets heavier and we are getting soaked. We ride for several hours and are now soaked to the bone and cold. We ride into some town and see a small store like a Dollar General. Here we buy a package of sox and ask for lots of plastic bags. Now we go into the bathroom, change into dry sox and put the plastic bags over our dry sox before putting on our wet boots. Today there are no bonus points but there is six check points instead of five. One of the check points is to take a picture with your number in a town that is displaying a gigantic piece of coal (I think this is the home of Kingsford charcoal). The rain is just about ended and Mike radios that he thinks that there is a short cut that will save us a lot of miles. The narrow road suddenly turns into a narrow gravel road (If you could call it a road, I would call it a gravel path but it is on the map). The

gravel turns back to asphalt and I am relieved, but this is short lived as the road turns back into gravel with a fork in the road. Gravel to the left, gravel straight ahead. Straight ahead we go winding through and around several trees at 5 MPH. Now we come to another fork in the road and both ways looks impassible for a motorcycle to navigate on. Mike turns around and I wait for my turn to do so. I try to move and all I do is spin my rear wheel. After several attempts Mike gets off his bike and gives me a push and I am able to turn around. So now we backtrack to the fork in the road and take the other gravel road. After traveling a mile or so, we see one of the other participants on a CanAm Spyder coming our way. He tells us that the road is impassable and we turn around.. We make our way back to the designated route and head to the next point as the sun come out and the temperature rises to comfortable temperatures.

Later we find out that one of the participants did continue on the road we turned around on, came to a small cliff and trying to get over it he dropped his new BMW K1600GTL. He did pick up his bike, got over the cliff and saved several miles this way.

At the closing banquet the awards are given out. Several participants Did Not Finish, 22 did finish. Our team came in second place, 8 miles more than first place. The total of the 3 day suggested routes was a total of 1086 miles and our total mileage was 1068. We did not win the Halo award but our driver's licenses are still in the sealed envelope. Three participants did not have their license in a sealed envelope but stated that they had taken a picture with their

numbers and the officer that gave them a ticket.

Sunday we hit the super slab and ride the 640 miles in one day. We had a great time and will probably do it again next year.

Ride Safely

The Adventures of Barb and the Boys.

told by Mike Plumeri and typed by Barb.
Illinois Chapter GW



As I'm sure you read in Larry Greco's article, Barb, Larry & I just got back from a 'Wonderful West Virginia', where we participated in a back road Iron Butt EXTRAVAGANZA, called the Trio Tour.

I first learned of this ride in January, when I was searching the web for something new and different. I stumbled across this ride while researching our Iron Butt ride for this year. When I found it I said "Hey Barb, look at this! Three day sport touring event out of Elkins,

WV and ALL bikes are welcome to participate. We know those roads!" The ride has 100% paved back roads and NO interstate! The web site did state that you may "occasionally" catch some dirt. I was a little concerned about this because, the sport touring riders I know (mostly BMW riders) like to wear dirt as a badge of honor. This became very apparent as the days progressed, as I was the ONLY one cleaning my bike at the end of the day. After all, I am the president of the 'keep it clean' club!

As with our Amazing Challenge, I learned this was only the 2nd year for this event. In 2013, they held it in the Finger Lakes of New York state. Another reason to go on this ride was because we wanted to get some new ideas to help 'tweak' the Amazing Challenge for 2015. And let me tell ya, there will be several improvements to our ride. For example: we have now figured out how single riders can more easily compete, we will also have a more simple (yet complex) scoring system, and instead of not knowing where you're going until the morning of, you will have the opportunity to plan your route about 5 days prior. More on this stuff after the winter planning meeting.

Anyway, as you know, TEAM GRECO took second place in this VERY stiff competition. It was a great feeling to learn how we 'stack up' against other Iron Butt riders from across the country. The people we met couldn't have been nicer! Joe Majsak (the rally master), Lauren & Bob, Melissa & Mike, Shoey, Myron, Jim and of course Ram. Just to name a few. We all had a GREAT time together. Hopefully, I bent Joe's ear enough, that he'll bring this event to the upper Mississippi River Valley soon. Wouldn't

it be fun to have a 3 day back road ride out of Dubuque, IA? Joe did mention that he's thinking about Arkansas for 2015.

One evening while kicking tires in the Hampton Inn lobby, we showed the 2013 Amazing Challenge video along with Alton Brown's Feasting on Asphalt" The River Run' (I knew Alton would appeal to the BMW riders). Everyone thought it looked like a lot of fun, and some want us to let them know when the Amazing Challenge 2015 will be held, so that they can participate.

So, overall we had an AMAZING time on the Trio Tour Ride. If you ever get the chance to participate, you should jump at the chance. This was an EXTREMELY well planned and organized ride.

Mike Plumeri

STATE DIRECTOR LISTING

The following listing shows the current State Directors for each state that currently has organized A.G.W.A. activity.

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Summer's Last Fling

Written By Terry and Nancy Greah
Pennsylvania Chapter B

It's **Fri. Sept. 26th**, 7 p.m., we're getting ready for our trip to Hilton Head with Mike & Lisa Weiser. Nancy's getting the clothing together & I'm double checking the bike. Its 8:30 p.m., the trailer is packed & we're ready to hit the bricks. The alarm goes off at 5 a.m. **Sat. Sept 27th**; we shower, dress & lock up the house. We meet Mike & Lisa at Deluxe Diner for Breakfast (4). Our first leg of the journey is 222 south, then 30, 283, 81 to 77. 600 miles and 10 hours later we call it a night. We have supper and hit the sheets.

Rise & Shine its 6:30 a.m. **Sun. Sept 28th**, the sun is shining. Quick breakfast at the Waffle House (8) and away we go. We only have 250 miles to Hilton Head, we decided to take back roads, what a beautiful ride to the island. We arrived at Blue Water Resorts around 2:30. Our rooms are ready, we unpack... then do a little sight seeing around the resort then back to the rooms to relax and get ready for supper at 6 p.m. Supper is at the Carolina Crab House (10), this place is beautiful. Lisa wanted supper out side under the stars, but I shot her down; too hot outside I need AC.. After supper, it's back to the rooms for a night cap and talk about tomorrow & what we have planned.

Mon. Sept.29th its 6:45 a.m. I open the shades...no sun-a light drizzle nothing to keep us from riding to breakfast at McDonalds (7) and do a little morning shopping. Lunch is a FREE BE at a Resort we are going to Tour. Lunch is a Pizza Buffet (7) not too bad. We listen to Gary talk about the resort—it's raining

like cats and dogs; so who cares. 2 hours later after a tour of the condo's 1,2and 3 bedrooms(which by the way are gorgeous), Mike & Lisa are now home owners in Hilton Head Island. After having wine and cheese at the resorts home owners party, we head to the Smokehouse (9) for some steaks and ribs. It's 8:30 still raining, back to the rooms to dry off and have a few drinks while watching Mon. night football.

Tues. Sept. 30th 7 a.m. the sun is shining. Gary is buying us breakfast, (5) bad selection on my part, at a very nice rest. You guessed it, IT'S FREE. We're off to Savannah Georgia its only 38 miles away from the resort. We arrive in Savannah around 11:30...park the bikes and start walking-my favorite thing to do. We found a nice bar right next to the Savannah River where we had wings and beer (10) oh yes; lunch was FREE, thank you Gary. We toured the city with all of its quaint shops, bars and restaurants till about 4:00 then back to the pool to relax before dinner at 6:30. Dinner tonight is at Reilly's, its dinner under the stars. What a beautiful night, a slight breeze coming off the ocean. The dinner is awesome (10) after dinner we went to the Hilton Head Brewing Co. for some night caps. Yep!!! Its FREE ...the whole day was FREE thanks to Gary and the Blue Water Resort

Wed Oct. 1st, its up at 6:30...shower, dress and pack everything by 8:30, we're off to Myrtle Beach. North on 278 to 170 to 17... 215 miles to Myrtle. Again I keep saying this "what a beautiful ride" Carolina Blue all the way. Its 12:30 we decide to stop for lunch, what else wings and beer. Right on time, check-in is 3:00. A valet takes the luggage up to the 8th



floor 2 bedroom condo...over looking the ocean while Mike and I park the



bikes and Lisa and Nancy unpack the bags and booze. We head to the pool to relax and have a few cold ones. Mike picks the restaurant its AYCE Seafood & Prime Rib Buffet, (3) \$140.00 later we're headed to Merrill's Inlet to see if Flo's Restaurant is still in business. Myrtle Beach has changed a lot in 4 years. Oh yes, by the way its "BIKE WEEK".

Thurs. Oct.2nd, the sunrise is beautiful from our 2 bedroom, 8th floor condo. Nancy, Mike and Lisa take a morning walk up the beach; I'm enjoying the view from the balcony. Breakfast is at Stacks Pancake House (8) after breakfast it's a scenic drive up the coast on Ocean Blvd. private homes on the left and the Ocean on the right. We're heading north to Bare Foot Landing there are about 15 vendors to look at, Mike and I buy some polish for the bikes. We spend the next couple

of hours walking around and shopping at Bare Foot Landing. Lunch is at one of my favorite places "Hamburger Joe's" that's right Burgers and beers. Supper tonight is at Flo's (11) Mike & I had Trigger Fish over rice with a Creole Sauce over the fish with a house salad. Nancy had 3 Crab Cakes with Red Beans & Rice and a salad. Lisa had the Snow Crab 1 1/2 lb. with sweet potato fries and salad. If you're ever in Myrtle Beach you must stop at Flo's, the food is to die for. After supper we headed to Broadway On The Beach to find the Liberty Brewing Co. They make 10 different beers right there. Mike is in heaven. Its 10 p.m. kick stands up at 7 a.m. we have 575 miles to home.

Fri. Oct.3rd. Right on time, we pull out at 7 a.m. as we're driving up the coast we get to see the sunrise one more time. Thank you God for a beautiful week and keeping us safe.



WREATHS ACROSS AMERICA ESCORT

Written By George Ramsey
Pennsylvania

Monday December 8th, I rode to Schuylkill Haven, PA to help the PGR escort three tractor trailers loaded with wreaths to be placed on the graves of Americas' Heroes on December 13th in National Cemeteries across the nation.



These trucks are destined for Tennessee, Mississippi and Texas. But before they head to those states, they will make a stop at the Schuylkill Haven Viet Nam Memorial on Rte. 61.

This is the first year that I was able to make this event and I don't intend to miss it again.



The temperature was 23 Degrees when I left home and I decided to tough it out and not plug in the electric vest or gloves. It did get a little uncomfortable so I stopped at a McDonalds for coffee in Hamburg near Cabelas. After about a

half hour, I was ready to tackle the rest of the trip. I arrived at the trucking company where we were to stage and got to talk to the drivers who would take these rigs to Virginia where other drivers would take over and continue on.

The three trucks were Wal-Mart trucks and the man in charge was a Wal-Mart transportation Director. These are very nice, dedicated people. There were police officers, ambulances, fire trucks and four motorcycles (three Harleys and Yellowhawk).

When we arrived at the Memorial, I was surprised at the large turnout of people who came to honor those who served our great country.



There was a small school band, a church choir, VFW and American Legion members, Gold Star Mothers and members of the community.



There were wreaths presented for each branch of service and for the POW-

MIAS. Also, the Captain Jonas Jones family presented one for their son. I helped the PGR escort Captain Jones to his final resting place at West Point in the summer.

This was a beautiful moving tribute to our fallen Heroes, our veterans and those serving today. As I said earlier, I won't miss this one again no matter what the weather. GOD BLESS THOSE WHO CARE.
IN GOD WE TRUST



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are available.

**Merry Christmas and/or
Happy Holidays to You
All!!!!**

Written By Chuck Mincks
Iowa State Director
AGWA Safety Director

Greetings to our AGWA family from Iowa Chapter "L." On Saturday, December 13, we held our annual Christmas brunch at the Ox Yoke Inn in the Amana Colonies. 15 were in attendance, including: Ray & Sona Christensen, Vern and Arlene Sand,

Randy and Lynn Reinhold, Don and Mary Fox, Dan and Linda Clark, Dan and Mary Gregg, Donna Douglas and, yours truly, Chuck and Sue Mincks. A large, family style meal was enjoyed by all. Other than having fun and relaxing, the only real topic of discussion was my offering about 8 different proposals for non-profit charitable groups that we will be donating our fundraising dollars to this year. I continue each year to be so proud of this group that works to raise money to help others in their time of need. Thanks again to our members for their continuing efforts to leave a mark on our surrounding communities. Of course, once the meal was done we were conveniently positioned to do some shopping in the famous nearby Amana Colonies shops. I don't think anyone went home empty handed!



Chapter "L" extends our best wishes to you all for a wonderful New Year and lots of fun riding our bikes in 2015. Looking forward to seeing you all down the road.

**AGWA's 3 F's Family,
Fun, Fellowship**

There was a new addition to the event, an 18 wheeler with a beautiful display to honor all Heroes. It's called, The Freedom Express.



It's created by Gary and Gloria Gallerie and their son Gary. What a fantastic display of Patriotism by this family. I hope the pictures do it justice.



From what I was told, there would be 700,000 wreaths placed on graves in 1,000 locations across the country on the same day at the same time. A remarkable show of Patriotism and caring.



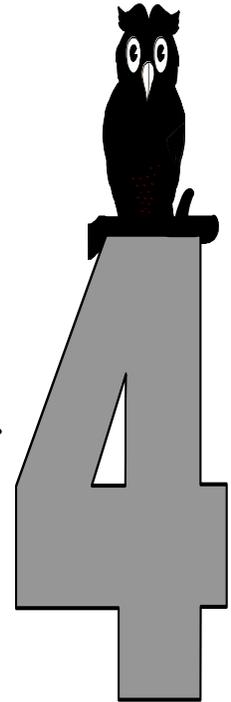
My thanks to Carol Resh, the Patriot Guard Riders and all the others involved.

with Wreaths Across America for allowing me to be a part.

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Hear More On
Four!**



32 Things to think about for Gold Classic 32

Written By David Densmore
Illinois State Director
2015 Rally Host

Did you know...

1. Kentucky was the 15th state to join the Union and the first on the western frontier.
2. Kentucky is home to the world's largest cave system.
3. [Mammoth Cave](#) is the world's longest cave and was first promoted in 1816, making it the second oldest tourist attraction in the United States. Niagara Falls, New York is first.
4. Kentucky is the state where both Abraham Lincoln, President of the Union, and Jefferson Davis, President of the Confederacy, were born. They were born less

- than one hundred miles and one year apart.
5. Cumberland is the only waterfall in the United States to regularly display a Moonbow. It is located just southwest of Corbin, Ky.
 6. Kentucky Fried Chicken was begun in Kentucky.
 7. The first [Kentucky Fried Chicken](#) restaurant owned and operated by Colonel Sanders is located in Corbin.
 8. Kentucky produces Bourbon but the official state beverage is milk.
 9. Kentucky's highest point is Black Mountain at 4,145 feet.
 10. Kentucky is the home of the Kentucky Derby.
 11. The [Kentucky Derby](#) is the oldest continuously held horse race in the country. It is held at Churchill Downs in Louisville on the first Saturday in May.
 12. Thunder Over Louisville is the opening ceremony for the Kentucky Derby Festival and is the world's largest fireworks display.
 13. In the War of 1812 more than half of all Americans killed in action were Kentuckians.
 14. Middlesboro, Ky is the only city in the United States built within a meteor crater.
 15. The world's largest free-swinging bell known as the World Peace Bell is on permanent display in Newport, Ky.
 16. High Bridge located near Nicholasville, Ky is the highest railroad bridge over navigable water in the United States.
 17. More than \$6 billion worth of gold is held in the underground vaults of [Fort Knox](#). This is the largest amount of gold stored anywhere in the world.
 18. The Lost River Cave and Valley Bowling Green includes a cave with the shortest and deepest underground river in the world. It contains the largest cave opening east of the Mississippi.
 19. Pike County, the world's largest producer of coal, is famous for the Hatfield-McCoy feud, an Appalachian vendetta that lasted from the Civil War to the 1890s.
 20. Paducah, Ky is home to the [National Quilt Museum](#) and is also headquarters for the American Quilters Society, which host a national quilt show there each spring.
 21. Cheeseburgers were first served in 1934 at Kaelin's restaurant in Louisville, Ky.
 22. [Chevrolet Corvettes](#) are manufactured in Bowling Green, Ky.
 23. Begun in 1819 the first commercial oil well was on the Cumberland River in McCreary County.
 24. The town of Corbin was the birthplace of old time movie star Arthur Lake whose real surname was Silverlake: He played the role of Dagwood in the "Blondie" films of the 1930s and '40s. Lake's parents were trapeze artists billed as The Flying Silverlakes.
 25. Kentucky has 120 counties.
 26. Christian County is wet while Bourbon County is dry. Barren County has the most fertile land in the state.
 27. In 1888, "Honest Dick" Tate the state treasurer embezzled \$247,000 and fled the state.

28. The public saw an electric light for the first time in Louisville. Thomas Edison introduced his incandescent light bulb to crowds at the Southern Exposition in 1883.
29. The radio was invented by a Kentuckian named Nathan B. Stubblefield of Murray in 1892. It was three years before Marconi made his claim to the invention.
30. The first enamel bathtub was made in Louisville in 1856.
31. Pikeville annually leads the nation in per capita consumption of Pepsi-Cola.
32. Bluegrass is not really blue--its green--but in the spring bluegrass produces bluish purple buds that when seen in large fields give a blue cast to the grass.

More interesting facts to come in the next issue.

A.G.W.A. Key Registration Form	
Name	_____
Address	_____
City	_____
State	_____ Zip _____
Make of Bike	_____
Year	_____ Model _____
Key No.	_____
<p>Please fill in all spaces. Copy and mail an Additional form for other vehicles that you want to Register, as well as your home. Send to Bob Dombrowski, 5 Felton Street, Peabody, MA 01960-8065</p> <p>If you lose a key that is registered, call Bob Dombrowski at 978-532-0634. Keep this number in</p>	

Doggone Friendly

Written By Owen Toomey
Michigan Chapter C

About a year and half ago, Gail and I visited the Clarion Hotel in Lexington, Kentucky and were very impressed. We were to meet Don and Marion Oller for a day of friendship. Don and Marion were riding from Jackson, Tennessee and Gail and I were driving from Rapid City, Michigan. We were to meet at the Clarion. We were scheduled to make a stop at our daughter's home to leave our Foxy dog which we only adopted a few days prior to our departure. I had a phone conversation with the hotel sales person, Scott Hait and he told me bring our new dog to the hotel as they have pet friendly rooms. My first comment to Scott was yes you have pet friendly rooms, but they are smoking rooms. His reply was NO that is not true. Our pet friendly rooms are non smoking. Long story short we took the new dog and were we surprised when we arrived and found the beautiful king bed room. The room had two doors, one door to the hall way and the other door to the doggy court. You can slip on your robe and step out of your room door with your dog on a leash and your dog can do their duty. The court yard is narrow and long. There are lots of bushes and grass. Of course the hotel asks you use one of their doggy bags to clean up after your pet. When you are making your room reservations and have a pet be sure to ask for a pet room with access to the court yard. This was a first for us as we had never seen a doggy court yard or rooms with access to a pet area. There is a per stay cost involved and I am not sure of the price. One nice thing, the cost to take your pet is per visit not per day. You

must be present in the room with your pet. They Can Not be unattended.

The hotel has some other unique features such as a half court basket ball court if you want to keep your shooting ability sharp. For those who like shuffleboard, there is an area parallel to the swimming pool with a full size court. Come and join us at Gold Classic XXXII on June 15th thru June 18th.

HELP

I desperately need your articles and stories. My bank of fill in stories is about to run out.

Please send your articles to
AGWAPRES@charter.net

A Warm Summer Ride

Written By Owen Toomey
Michigan Chapter C

Blue sky, bright sunshine and warm temperatures all contribute to Gail's vision of a good ride. I know, if she is standing in the garage door with her helmet in her hand, I might as well drop what I am doing and prepare for a ride.

Many times we have no destination in mind, just start and when we get to the first intersection make decision if we are turning right or left or going straight. We never know where we are going, just go and enjoy the air and a wonderful day. One thing for sure we are never lost, we just don't know where we are and if we are not sure how to get home the trusty Garmin is available to check the satellites and direct us home. In early August we started such a ride, which

ended in Mio, Michigan (which is half way across the state from our home.



We found a Catholic shrine in this majestic little town. The shrine is a beautiful sight and there were very few people in the area. Gail and I made our way through the structure and enjoyed the beautiful paintings and sculptures. If you are ever in the area I would suggest you take a half an hour and tour the shrine.



TENTATIVE RALLY SCHEDULE

GOLD CLASSIC XXXII
June 15 thru June 18, 2015
Clarion Hotel
Lexington, Kentucky

Sunday, June 14

9 A.M. - ? Hospitality Room Open/ Registration
1:30 P.M. Guided Ride
Relax and renew friendships
10:00 P.M. 50/50 Drawing (Hospitality Room Closes After Drawing)

Monday, June 15

8:00 A.M. -5:00 P.M. Hospitality Room Open/Registration
9:00 A.M. Guided Ride
6:30 P.M. Annual Business Meeting
7:00 P.M. Bingo
1000 P.M.. 50/50 Drawing (Hospitality Room Closes After Drawing)

Tuesday, June 16

8:00 A.M. -5:00 P.M. Hospitality Room Open
8:00 A.M. Bike Show Classification
8:30 A.M. Bike Show Judging
11:00 A.,M, Guided Ride
8:00 P.M. Ice Cream Social .
10:00 PM 50/50 Drawing (Hospitality Room Closes After Drawing)

Wednesday, June 17

8:00 A.M. - 5:00 P.M. Hospitality Room Open
9:30 A.M. - 11:30 A.M. Field Events
1:00 P.M. Guided Ride
5:30 P.M. Sloppy Joe Supper
9:00 P.M. ??? Light Show
10:00 P.M. 50/50 Drawing (Hospitality Room Closes After Drawing)

Thursday, June 18

8:00 A.M. - 5:00 P.M . Hospitality Room Open
10:00 A.M. Guided Ride
12:00 P.M. Last Chance To Draw Poker Run Hand
5:30 P.M. Awards Banquet

All Times Subject To Change Due To Conditions Or Decisions



AMERICAN GOLD CLASSIC XXXII

Clarion Hotel
1950 Newtown Pike
Lexington, Kentucky 40511
June 15-June 18, 2015
888-390-4918



NAME _____

DRIVER / PASSENGER #1 _____ AGWA # _____ AMA # _____

DRIVER / PASSENGER #2 _____ AGWA # _____ AMA # _____

MAILING ADDRESS _____

CITY _____ STATE _____

ZIP CODE _____ TELEPHONE _____

E-mail Address: If you are willing to receive your Rally Registration Confirmation via e-mail, please provide your e-mail address here _____ (print legibly)

Each Rally Registration fee includes: 1 Banquet Dinner and 1 Rally Pin. It also gives you the right to participate in the Bike Show Light Show and Poker Run, plus all tours, various field events and all other activities.

RALLY REGISTRATION FEES

On or before May 30, 2015

After May 31, 2014 until June 15, 2015

AGWA Members _____ @ \$ 40.00 = _____

AGWA Members _____ @ \$ 50.00 = _____

Non-Members _____ @ \$ 50.00 = _____

Non-Members _____ @ \$ 60.00 = _____

Children (under 12) _____ @ \$ 35.00 = _____

Children (under 12) _____ @ \$ 45.00 = _____

Total Amount Submitted = \$ _____

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RALLY SHIRTS

Special Note: Shirts will **NOT** be available at the Rally.

All Shirts **MUST BE** pre-ordered by May 15, 2015.

T-shirts No Pocket (Mark sizes & quantities)

Golf shirts (Polo) No pocket (Mark sizes & quantities)

_____ @ \$ 9.00 = _____ Small

_____ @ \$ 16.00 = _____ Small

_____ @ \$ 9.00 = _____ Medium

_____ @ \$ 16.00 = _____ Medium

_____ @ \$ 9.00 = _____ Large

_____ @ \$ 16.00 = _____ Large

_____ @ \$ 9.00 = _____ XL

_____ @ \$ 16.0 = _____ XL

_____ @ \$ 10.00 = _____ XXL

_____ @ \$ 18.00 = _____ XXL

_____ @ \$ 10.00 = _____ XXXL

_____ @ \$ 18.00= _____ XXXL

_____ @ \$ 10.00 = _____ XXXXL

_____ @ \$ 18.00= _____ XXXXL

Total Amount Submitted = \$ _____

Send Registration Form and Fees to:

Wanda Densmore
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Compton, Illinois 61318-9727
1-815-497-2497
E mail agwa99@frontier.com

For more information, contact
David Densmore
39 N Jefferson Ave..
Amboy, Illinois 61310-1414
Phone 1-815-880-0254
E mail oldsdelta88@yahoo.com

For Hotel Reservations call:
Clarion Hotel Lexington, Kentucky
888-390-4918
Mention you are with the American
Gold Wing Association to get the
Room Rate of \$74.00 per night plus
Tax or \$ 83.93 Per night (including tax)
(room rate held until May 20, 2015)

No rally refunds after June 1, 2015

Enclose Check or Money Order, **Payable to AGWA**

Recipes

Over Night Blueberry French Toast

Reprint from Gypsy Wheels news letter

Ingredients

French Toast

- 12 slices bread, cut into cubes (French or Texas toast work well. I prefer Texas Toast.)
- 1 (8-ounce) package cream cheese, cut in cubes
- 1 cup blueberries (fresh or frozen)
- 12 large eggs
- 1/2 cup maple syrup
- 2 cups milk or cream (I prefer cream)
- 1 teaspoon vanilla

Syrup

- 1 cup sugar
- 1 cup water
- 2 Tablespoons cornstarch
- 1 cup blueberries (fresh or frozen)
- 1 Tablespoon butter

Instructions

1. Arrange 1/2 of the bread cubes in a greased 9 x 13 pan.
2. Sprinkle cream cheese cubes and blueberries evenly over the bread cubes.
3. Top and evenly sprinkle with remaining bread cubes.
4. Mix together eggs, syrup, milk and vanilla in a large bowl.
5. Pour over bread cubes. Press the bread cubes slightly down to absorb the milk/egg mixture. Cover pan with foil. Let chill in refrigerator overnight.
6. Bake covered with foil at 350 degrees for 30 minutes. Remove the foil and bake for another 30 minutes or until fluffy and golden. Top with blueberry syrup.

Syrup

1. In a medium saucepan over medium heat, cook water, sugar, and cornstarch until thickened. Stir in blueberries and simmer for 10 minutes. Add butter and stir until melted. Serve over the French toast.

Breakfast Casserole

Submitted By Gail Toomey

Ingredients

- 4 slices bread
- 12 to 16 ounces bacon or sausage, cooked and drained

- 2 cups shredded cheddar cheese
- 6 eggs, beaten
- 2 cups milk
- 1 teaspoon dry mustard

Preparation

Grease the bottom of a 9"x13" pan. Tear up 4 slices of bread and place in the bottom of the pan. Sprinkle cooked crumbled bacon or sausage over bread pieces. Sprinkle cheddar cheese over the bacon or sausage. Mix eggs, milk and mustard together; pour over casserole.

Bake at 350° for 35 to 45 minutes.

Strawberry Oatmeal Breakfast Bread

Ingredients

- 1 1/4 cups flour
- 3/4 cup oats
- 1/4 cup brown sugar
- 1/4 cup white sugar
- 1 tbsp. baking powder
- 1 tsp. salt
- 1 cup buttermilk
- 1 egg
- 1/4 cup vegetable oil
- 1 heaping cup strawberries

Instructions

Preheat oven to 350 F and spray one 9x5 inch loaf pan with cooking spray.

In a large bowl, combine flour, oats, brown sugar, baking powder, and salt. Mix until everything is well blended. In a separate, smaller bowl, whisk together oil, egg, and buttermilk. Pour this mixture over the flour/oat mixture and stir with a large wooden spoon until just combined (a few streak of flour are ok!).

Fold in chopped strawberries, then pour mixture into the prepared loaf pan. Bake at 350 degrees for 40-45 minutes, or until golden brown and a toothpick inserted in the center of the loaf comes out clean.

Let cool in pan for 10 minutes before carefully removing to finish cooling on a wire rack