



**GWRRA NY Chapter "T"**  
**Taberg, NY**  
**March 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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# News from National

**New Recognition Program**  
Phoenix, AZ – Melissa Eason,

Executive Director of the Gold Wing Road Riders Association (GWRRA), announces a new Recognition Program for the Association. The program will begin January 1, 2009 and run through December 31, 2010. It will be open to all Members of GWRRA.

This program is designed to say thank you to all GWRRA Members for sharing GWRRA with other motorcyclists. For every two new households you recruit, you will receive a \$5 gift certificate that could be used for Goodies, Membership Renewal, or for Wing Ding Registrations. There are no limitations on how many certificates you can receive but they are non-transferable and only valid for one year. This program will run for two years and then be re-evaluated.

We have brought back the Hanger Tags to help our Members take part in this program. The Hangar Tags, for those who are not familiar, are cardstock, preaddressed forms that you can fill in a potential Member's information, and they can receive a FREE copy of Wing World magazine or even join GWRRA right then and there. Or you can simply place the card on someone's antenna, if they are not near their Gold Wing and they can fill in the information and mail it in later. Make sure you add your information, so you can get the recruiter credits! All you have to do is e-mail or call Customer Service, and they will be more than happy to send these great recruiting tools to you.

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## **A Short note from Chapter T's director: Al Yerdon**

It was a very well attended meeting. We are checking out how many are interested in getting new shirts. Hope to have someone at next meeting for Rider Education. Don't forget Breakfast at Denny's in Rome March 14th. to finish Ride schedule at 9:00AM.

## **Dates to celebrate this month:**

### **Birthday's for March:**

Gordon Miner March 6th,  
Joan Bisgrove March 18th.  
Bill Sweatman March 23rd.  
James Learned March 24th.

Bonnie, our Shine lady has been very sick. She was right in bed for awhile. She is feeling a little bit better as of 3/6/09, lets hope she keeps it up, she will want to be riding soon.

Howard Love, our Web Master, had shoulder surgery. He's home and hopefully healing quickly for riding.

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A reminder from Kathy Sweatman:

## Turning Stone Casino Night Bus Trip Fund Raiser



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The second Wednesday of every month.

March 11, April 8, May 13, June 10, 2009

(March and April are once again half price BINGO nights)

1st pick-up at Marcy Pharmhouse Plaza (Cavanaugh & River Rd) @ 5:15pm sharp!

2nd pick-up at Rome Staples (Erie Blvd.) @ 6pm sharp!

Cost \$10 per person, plus \$1 for bus driver tip  
For your \$10 you will receive: a \$15 free play or \$15 in BINGO bucks, and a \$5 meal coupon. (Free play can be combined with free play offers from the Turning Stone received in the mail)

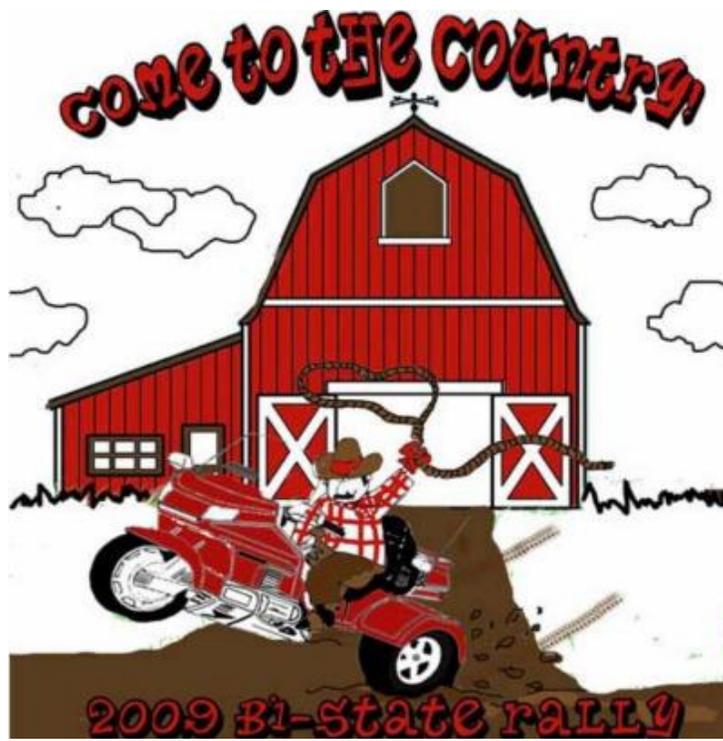
March is BINGO BONUS Month. You will receive \$10 free bingo bucks & \$10 match play for a total of \$20 free play...and your \$5 meal coupon.

Bus will leave for return at approximately 10pm.

Please call 315-336-7364 or 315-225-1434 to reserve your seat or for further information.

## RALLY NEWS

The Bi-State Rally will be held in Norwich, NY, on August 6-8, 2009. The host hotel is Howard Johnson's. Call 607-334-2200 for reservations. Make sure to mention Gold Wing to get the group rate of \$85.



Registration information is available on the web at:

<http://www.gwrrany.org/rally2009.htm>

T-shirts bearing the Rally Logo are available only through pre-order. Again, see the Registration form.

Get ready for line dancing on Thursday night! There is a great dance floor and great instructors.

Chapters agreed to contribute Chapter Baskets as opposed to door prizes this year, but would like to come up with a new idea for 2010.

The Couple of the Year Selection will be held on Saturday, August 8. The New York District Couple and the New Jersey District Couple will be selected at that time.

Chapter Displays: This year Chapter Displays should take the form of a collage. Make use those creative individuals in your Chapter to come up with a unique collage that represents your Chapter. Displays should be no larger than 36" x48".

On Friday, rally attendees have an option of attending Antique Car Museum and having the World Famous Brook's BBQ chicken dinner. Yes, there is an additional cost, see the Rally Registration form for information. This event is available by pre-registration only. We must know the number of dinners by July 15.

We have several vendors already lined up.

## Dates to Remember:

Tech Day May 2<sup>nd</sup>. at Bill and Laina Sweatman's.

8592 Thomas Rd., Rome, NY

May 30<sup>th</sup>. Miracle Ride, Spinning Wheel Restaurant

North Syracuse, NY (Check Back page)

June 1<sup>st</sup> – 2<sup>nd</sup> Americade at Lake George, NY

June 13, Ride to Glen H. Curtiss Museum,

8419 State Route 54, Hammondsport, NY 14840

July 2<sup>nd</sup> – 5<sup>th</sup> Wing Ding 2009 Tulsa, Ok

(<http://www.wing-ding.org/>)

July 12<sup>th</sup> Chapter Picnic Forest Park, Camden, NY

July 19<sup>th</sup> Utica Ride for Kids, Deerfield/Utica, NY

(<http://www.pbtfus.org/rideforkids/calendar/2009/utica.html>)

July 26<sup>th</sup> Chittenango Falls picnic Ride

Aug. 2<sup>nd</sup> Ride for T.A.P.S. (check Feb. news letter)

Aug. 6<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup> New York / New Jersey Bi State Rally

Norwich, NY (<http://www.gwrra-ny.org/rally2009.htm>)

Aug. 20<sup>th</sup>- 22<sup>nd</sup> Pennsylvania District Rally

Johnstown, Pa. ([http://www.codynparker.com/Rally\\_2009.htm](http://www.codynparker.com/Rally_2009.htm))

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From Dave Secor / Assistant Director

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## Rescue Plus - Now With Added Mileage At No Additional Cost

Phoenix, AZ (January 14, 2009) -Phoenix, AZ - Melissa Eason, Executive Director of the Gold Wing Road Riders Association (GWRRA), announced a change to the existing Member Discount Benefit Program, namely GWRRA's Rescue Plus Towing and Emergency Roadside Assistance Program. The program change began January 1, 2009, and is open to all Members of GWRRA who purchased Rescue Plus:

Members of GWRRA, the world's largest single-marquee social organization for owners and riders of Honda Gold Wing and Valkyrie motorcycles are given a FREE membership into the Standard Rescue Program. Some of the Standard Rescue Program benefits include: Emergency tow service for your covered motorcycle up to 35 miles from the breakdown; mechanical first aid (battery service, locksmith service, to name a few); auto rental reimbursement; and the option to purchase the upgraded version of Rescue Plus for only \$25:

GWRRA has searched many companies and spent many years looking for the best possible Towing and Emergency Roadside Assistance Program for our Members. And we found it in RESCUE PLUS! Now it is even better with added mileage: Call GWRRA at 800-843-9460 for more information or check it out at [www.gwrra.org](http://www.gwrra.org)

With the enhanced Rescue Plus Program you receive these added benefits: ALL non-commercial vehicles in your household are covered up to 100 miles from the breakdown; emergency trip interruption will pay you up to \$166 per day for emergency living expenses for up to three days, if you are involved in an accident; free map service; rental car and hotel discounts: Call GWRRA for a copy of the Rescue and Rescue Plus Certificates to see all the benefits and details of their services.

Founded in 1977, the Gold Wing Road Riders Association is the largest single marquee motorcycle organization in the world, with 75,000 Members in 52 countries. Call 800-843-9460 or in Phoenix 623-581-2500 for information or to join or renew and be eligible for these and more great benefits.

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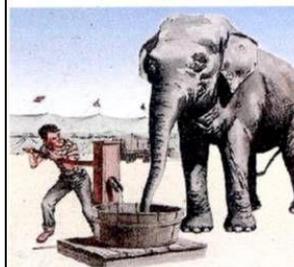

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## Why Over-inflating a Tire is Not a Good Choice

By Ken Phipps • GWRRA #120941 • Yakima, Washington

Most all Gold Wing riders should be familiar with the consequences of riding motorcycles with under-inflated tires. Many articles have been written, as well as safety symposiums presented, addressing the subject numerous times and in many different venues. We should all be aware of the issues around this subject; for example, reduced load capacity, rapid tire wear, increased chances of blowouts, etc., all of which effect motorcycle behavior and safety.

In my opinion, under-inflated tires are probably the number one safety issue in motorcycling, and the topic's importance cannot be minimized. The fact is, under-inflated tires are all too common. I would like, however, to address another matter concerning proper tire maintenance—over-inflated tires and the consequences thereof. We do not hear much about this particular subject and about what can happen when you over-inflate tires.

Now, admittedly, over-inflated tires do not occur nearly as often as under-inflated ones. But this type of situation carries with it some important factors affecting motorcycle dynamics and safety. I have personally talked to Gold Wingers who say “Oh, I just run 45 lbs. front and back. That way I know I have enough and don't have to worry about it.” Some folks even run higher air pressure.

The owner's manual for my GL1800 calls for 41 lbs. in the rear tire and 36 lbs. in the front. I think the engineers who designed this motorcycle probably know what they are talking about, and they surely have a more thorough knowledge of the subject than most readers of this magazine possess. So, what is wrong with running higher than recommended air pressure? As I see it, there are several possible consequences.

### • Suspension Issues

Tires are an integral component of a motorcycle's suspension. With their ability to flex, they absorb some of the road surface irregularities, such as pavement cracks, potholes, railroad tracks, foreign objects on the road like rocks, or a two-by-four piece of wood that has fallen off a truck. Interacting with any of these irregularities causes a motorcycle's suspension to react. Over-inflated tires lose some of their flexibility and their ability to absorb these irregularities. The rest of the suspension system must then try to compensate. This can put undue stress on the bike's forks, swing arm, wheels, and frame. Increased vibration finds its way to the whole motorcycle as a result. Wear and tear on the motorcycle then accelerates at an increased pace.

### • Comfort

It goes without saying that a harsh riding motorcycle is not as comfortable as a smooth riding one. Not only is the ride less enjoyable, fatigue can set in quicker when the rider is uncomfortable.

### • Tire Wear

Just as under-inflated tires wear more quickly than tires that are properly inflated, so do over-inflated tires. The difference is that under inflated tires suffer from accelerated wear on their outer tread surface while over-inflated tires see their center section wear faster.

### • Traction

This is the big one, and for a couple of reasons.

First of all, we have all probably seen diagrams depicting a motorcycle tire's contact patch or footprint. It is basically an oval-shaped area of the tire that actually contacts the surface of the road. That area of the tire is not very large, but it is the only thing that provides traction and keeps the motorcycle from sliding and falling. Well, tires with abnormally high air pressure have smaller footprints than those of correctly inflated tires (see diagram). What does this mean? Reduced traction. And who needs

that? One's ability to change the direction of a motorcycle, accelerate, and brake are critical. Tires must stick in order for you to perform any of these maneuvers.

Another factor regarding traction, and just as important, is the amount of time a motorcycle actually touches the road's surface when underway. What do I mean by that? When a tire loses flexibility, it spends less time on the road, and it tends to bounce higher when it encounters an irregularity on the road's surface. The higher it bounces, the more time it is airborne. How much traction does a tire have when it is airborne? Absolutely none! Zero! Remember, over-inflated tires lose flexibility.

(An interesting side note to this discussion of traction is the fact that test riders and road racers commonly reduce tire air pressure when testing motorcycles at track days or when in competition. They do so in order to enhance traction. Tires may wear more quickly under this scenario, but increased traction is worth the trade-off. Tires can be replaced when they wear out; injuries to a rider as a result of losing traction and crashing are not so easily remedied.)

### Tech Ed. Note:

Racing teams closely monitor tire pressures and temperatures to obtain the best possible traction in any given circumstance. This requires special tire knowledge and equipment not possessed by most members of the public. Further, street

tires must last for thousands of miles, not simply for the duration of a race. Wing World recommends to our readers that they maintain tire pressures in accordance with their bike's owner's manual and/or specific recommendations from the tire manufacturer.

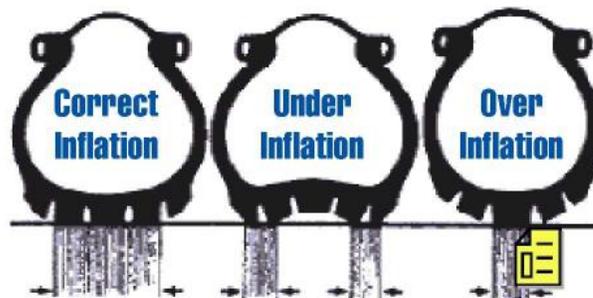
So, those are my thoughts regarding tire air pressure—from a different perspective, that of over-inflation rather than under-inflation.

My best advice to all riders is to run the air pressures for your tires that the motorcycle manufacturer recommends. Also, get yourself a good quality air gauge and use it often.

Happy, and safe, riding! •

“Get Safe!” is a Wing World department aimed at providing rider safety information—be it safety data, reports, rider education course information, and more from trained educators. Submissions for this department are accepted primarily from GWRRA Rider Educators or Rider Education Staff. These submissions should be original works that cite official informational sources.

How a motorcycle tire's correct, over- and under inflation changes the contact patch area of that tire.



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## From the District Educator:

### Is it spring yet??

Well, no but it's a great time for some season planning. I know I have sent my aftermarket seat off for reupholster. Oh and then I just signed up for an ARC course, and guess what, the price was right, \$0.

The NY Division is hosting a GWRRA, ARC rider coach class in the Oswego, NY, area the end of May. For the rider coach students to complete the course, they need to actually teach a class, under the watchful eye of their highly experience instructors. At last count there are still 6 to 7 openings in the class. It is scheduled for May 24th in the Oswego area. It consists of 3 hours of classroom and 5 hours of range work, rain or shine. Please contact please contact Tony Van Schaick at [avansch1@twcny.rr.com](mailto:avansch1@twcny.rr.com) to reserve your place.

I know many have opted for Metzler tires for their bikes. Lois Brown was kind enough to forward the following NHTSA recall notice for some of these tires.

NHTSA Campaign ID Number: [09T003](#)

Synopsis:

Pirelli Tire, LLC is recalling certain Metzeler ME880 Marathon motorcycle tires, sizes 13/90 B16 M/C TL 73H and 140/90 B16 M/C TL 77H, manufactured between June 22 and September 13, 2008.

These tires were stamped with incorrect load range and inflation pressure information which fails to conform to the labeling requirements of Federal Motor Vehicle Safety Standard No. 119, "New Pneumatic Tires for Motor Vehicles with a GVWR of more than 4,536 kilograms (10,000 pounds) and Motorcycles." The purpose of this standard is to provide safe operational performance levels. Metzeler will notify owners and replace the non-compliant tires free of charge. The recall began on November 18, 2008. Owners may contact Metzeler Consumer Affairs at 1-877-202-4993. For more information for this particular recall, please go to [09T003](#).

Thank you,  
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Office of Defects Investigation (ODI)  
National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA)  
U.S. Department of Transportation (DOT)

Thank you, ride safe and always practice what we have learned through our education!

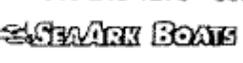
Your Rider Educator, Al Stahl

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