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# New Hampshire Chapter E

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**MONTHLY MEETING – 11:30 A.M.**

**LAST SATURDAY OF THE MONTH**

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# January 2016

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Hello NH-E,

We hope you all had a great Christmas and New Year. 2015 riding season has ended. We were lucky to have a great riding season in 2015. We were able to ride until the day after Christmas. The trike took the last ride of the season then got a full tank of gas and a shot of stable. Oil and filter were changed, washed and waxed then covered in the garage for a few months.

We would like to congratulate Lynne & Chris Christensen NH-A and Carole & John Sheehan NH-G Couples of the Year. NH-E Snow Birds have left. Bob & Hazel are on the way to Arizona, Pat T. is back in Florida. Karen & Ted will be headed south for their new location. We would like to Thank Ted & Karen for all they have done for NH-E through the years. They will be missed.

We will be setting up a Bowling and dine out. We also hope to do another sleigh ride this year. If anyone is interested in attending a Murder Mystery dinner at JP Stephens let us know and we will get reservations. The first one is January 30th the night of our meeting. 1/30/16 (Murder in Hollywood) 2/27/16 (The Italian Murder) 3/19/16 (A Disco Murder) Let us know if you are interested in any of these. They are a lot of fun and we can support our

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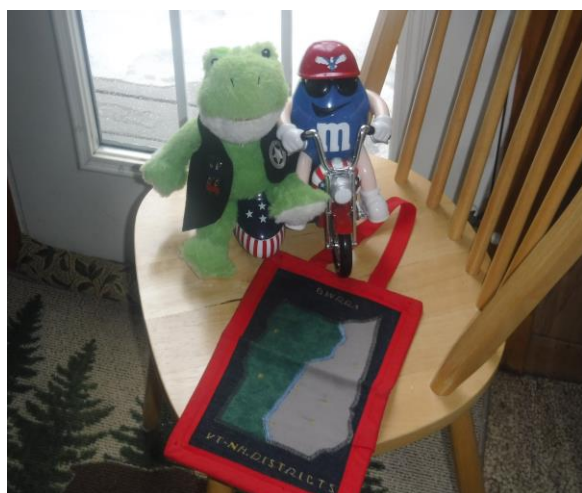
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Sponsor by attending. Payment for the Murder Mystery is paid at time reservations are made. Remember to subscribe to the Consolidated calendar that Carole Sheehan has set up to see what other chapters are doing and when. This calendar also will notify you of any changes in scheduling. We still have the Flag let's see who comes for it on Saturday, January 30, 2016, time 11:30 am at JP Stephens.

*Ron & Susie Black*  
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*Does the new fried have a name?*



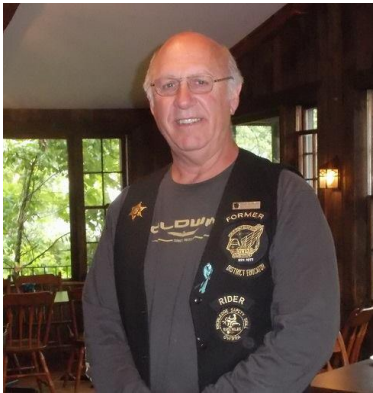
*Ron and Susie Christmas time ride!!!!*



*Farewell Karen and Ted, You will be missed soooooo much!*



## Chapter Educator Fred LeBlanc



### Riders Education Article

Well, it's January and riding has pretty much come to a full halt as we work our way through the winter months. But on the bright side, each day now we are closer and closer to riding season once again. Christmas and New Year's have passed us by and in just a few months we'll be removing the covers from our bikes and looking to the first ride of the year. I thought I'd take a moment and look at some facts and figures of motorcycle safety and to give us time to think about the new riding year that's just down the road.

A few years ago I attended a Motorcycle Safety Conference in Massachusetts and became aware of some interesting information. Whether it is Massachusetts or New Hampshire the information seemed broad based and applicable to all of us. Here are a few facts and figures to think about: Motorcycles with ABS had less fatal crashes. Also reduced claim frequency for collision, medical payments, and total liability. So there is substance to having this feature.

Touring bikes had the least frequency of fatal crashes while cruiser/sport bikes had the most. Good news for us Wing riders.

Saturday and Sundays had 41% of fatal crashes. The time period having the most is 3 PM to 9PM with 25% from 6PM to 9PM. So our early morning departures actually are safer. Most if the time we're back home by late afternoon.

Those who have owned a bike for less than 1 year account for 40% of the fatalities. The highest age group seemed to be 20-29. Those with a permit or less than 1 year riding experience accounted for 60%. So our years of riding and training does actually make us safer and less likely to be a statistic.

51% of fatalities occurred less than 5 miles from home.

This one stands out the most. 79% had NO TRAINING.

We often talk about watching the left hand turn. This one accounts for 67% of causes along with speeding being 58%. I know we preach watching the left hand turning vehicles and us in the left hand turn. This is the reason why.

A curve accounts for 32% and intersections 37%. Again we always alert one another in these locations.

As some of you know I spent many years working as a firefighter and EMT and can tell you the many accident calls that I responded to involved motorcycles. I was always amazed and sad that

so many riders had no training or very little riding experience. Yet, they would jump on a bike and think they could handle anything. I've actually seen riders drive straight into a utility pole. The old axiom of the bike will go where you are looking is true. They would lose a little control see what's ahead and drive straight into it.

So when we approach the riding season it will be time to think about the basics of riding, refresh our skills, and maybe take a rider safety course, even if we have done so in the past. Nothing beats being prepared. You don't need luck, just skill to stay safe.

Fred LeBlanc

### Chapter Newsletter Editor Notes

#### Pat Thibaudeau



*Happy New Year Everyone*

Winter has finally arrived to Florida, daytime highs are around 65 degrees, and so far no frost in the night time. I got to experience New England's first snow/ice storm of the season before I returned to Florida, and I quickly remembered how much I dislike walking and driving in the snow and ice. So please folks, when driving up there be very vigilant driving in the winter time. Accidents occur on four wheels as well as two.

As the New Year begins, the New England GWRRA District will see a change in the New England Rally Team. Judy and Bob Burns, District Directors of Rhode Island and Connecticut have resigned their positions as District Directors, effective December 31st. Judy and Bob have served on the New England Rally Team for many years, and they have provided wonderful leadership to the Committee. Judy and Bob were a great support for me, when I was District Director, and they are dear friends. I wish the very best to Judy and Bob, you will be greatly missed.

We will also miss our wonderful friends Karen and Ted Zitnay, as they begin a new chapter in their lives. We wish you the very best, may you enjoy many wonderful years in your new southern home. (Ted and Karen have a cat names Hobbs and I am not certain how happy Hobbs will be with the drive to his new home, but once he arrives I am certain he will enjoy it.)

I received sad news from Andy Tarbell, that Duncan Saunders has passed away, Duncan served as the District Chapter Educator for a short time, before he and his wife Judy moved to Az. and was a former member of NH-A. Please keep Judy in your thought and prayers.

I went to visit Bruce and Margo Koch, this week, it was wonderful to see them and their two little dogs. Margo was quite ill this past summer, but is feeling better now and Bruce is doing okay.

The winter season in Florida brings lots of activities. Crafts and line dancing are on my list three days a week, and there are many dances and activities offered in the local area, I managed to squeeze three dances in last week, and we have three scheduled for this week. Elvis is coming to visit our campground this weekend, so I stay busy doing Nothing! Dancing is not as much fun as riding a wing, but it is a close second, and although life is not the same after losing Dick, I do try to keep busy and be happy.

Until next month, stay warm.

*Pat*



**Happy Birthday**

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**January**

**February**

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| Rick Lund  | January 10 |
| Bob Young  | January 17 |
| Dee Bascom | January 27 |
| Donna Lund | January 29 |

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| Roy Bushee | February 12 |
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**UPCOMING EVENTS**

**Saturday, January 30, 2016 at 11:30 a.m., monthly Chapter get together J.P. Stephens Restaurant.**



This January, the American Red Cross celebrates National Blood Donor Month and recognizes the lifesaving contribution of blood and platelet donors. As we begin the New Year, the Red Cross encourages individuals to resolve to roll up a sleeve to give this month and throughout 2016.

National Blood Donor Month has been observed in January since 1970 with the goal of increasing blood and platelet donations during winter – one of the most difficult times of year to collect enough blood products to meet patient needs. During the winter months, inclement weather often results in cancelled blood drives, and seasonal illnesses like the flu may cause some donors to become temporarily unable to donate.



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