





New Hampshire Chapter E

J.P. Stephen's Restaurant & Tavern 377 Route 202, Rindge, NH MONTHLY MEETING – 9:30 A.M. LAST SUNDAY OF THE MONTH "WHERE GOOD FRIENDS MEET"

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Hello NH-E,

At our April meeting Ed Heath had the District COY Donna and Ernie Brown present Susie and I with the COY pins and medallions. After Donna and Ernie finished Donna wanted us to present them with something. Our flag is what they wanted. NH-G has the flag for now. After the meeting we rode to Winchendon, Ma. on route 12 to Keene and route 101 to Peterborough then back to Jaffrey to Kimballs Ice Cream. Donna and Ernie have been wanting to go to Kimballs and they really enjoyed it.

The following week Rod, Barb, Susie, and I went to the RI Kick Off Breakfast. NH-A and NH-G also attended. Susie and I were very busy selling tickets and didn't get a chance to grab the flag from NH-G. NH-A did not get it. Mike said no one asked for it so he just kept it. On the way home Susie and I rode along with NH-A on a trip to Westford Ma. to Kimballs. Yum!

We have a new Sponsor from Jaffrey, FINISHLINE Collision Repair, frame Straightening, Expert Color Matching. Brian Dupuis did a great job on my trailer for my

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trike. If you need something painted please see him.

Raffle tickets are selling well. Let us know if you need more.

CPR/MFA class date and time will be determined once all the travelers are home and settled in for the riding season. We are still in need of someone to do Rider Education If you are interested Let us know. Thank you

Ron and Susie



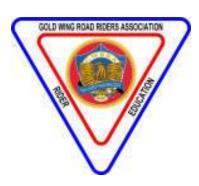
Donna and Ernie Brown District COY with Susie and Ron Black NH-E COY



Rod and Barb Stone, Karen and Ted Zitnay Susie and Ron Black and Gen Daniels Where's Laura???

Rod and Barb Stone That's Who!!

RIDER EDUCATION ARTICLE Submitted by Ron Black



Distracted Driving Prevention and Resources

Driving is a privilege that a large portion of society takes advantage of on a daily basis. Without the ability to drive, one's mobility, freedom, and ability to function is severely hindered. As important as driving is, the combination of speed and the weight of the vehicle itself can kill or maim if control is lost. For that reason, it is important to avoid distractions while behind the wheel of one's vehicle. Distracted driving can and often does cause a dangerous situation for the driver, their passengers, and anyone around them.

What is it?

When a driver's attention is diverted from the act of safely operating their vehicle and is directed toward a competing activity, it is known as distracted driving. The types of distraction can be broken down into three categories: visual, cognitive, and manual. A visual distraction is a distraction that takes the driver's eyes off of the road. A cognitive distraction takes the driver's focus or mind off of the road. An example of a cognitive distraction is driving while arguing with a passenger in the vehicle or focusing intently on a talk radio show. Manual distractions are the type of distractions that cause a driver to remove his or her hands from the steering wheel. Eating while driving or reaching for an object in the passenger seat are both examples of manual distractions. In some instances, a distraction may include all three. Text messaging, for example, is cognitive, visual, and manual because the driver must look at the phone, pick it up, and focus on the act of typing and/or reading what is being said.

What are some statistics?

When it comes to distracted driving, the statistics are shocking, particularly when it comes to texting while driving. Sending text messages is the most dangerous of all distractions. People who send and receive text messages while they are driving are 23 percent more likely to cause an accident than a driver who is intoxicated. Additionally, one's steering capabilities are decreased by 91 percent. When a person reads or sends a text message, the average length of time that they are visually distracted is 4.6 seconds.

Although this sounds like a relatively short amount of time, it is the equivalent of closing one's eyes while driving 55 mph down the length of a football field. Young drivers are particularly affected by distraction from cell phones and text messages. According to the NHTSA, the number of teens and young adult drivers who have admitted to driving while composing or sending messages is 71 percent. The number who have read messages while driving is 78 percent. NHTSA also notes that 27 percent of the drivers involved in fatal car crashes are drivers who are in their 20s. Statistics on Distraction.gov, which is the U.S. government's official website for distracted driving, state that in 2012, there were 3,328 deaths in distraction-related crashes and 421,000 injuries.

Ted Burgess Pennsylvania District

Chapter Newsletter Editor Notes



Pat Thibaudeau

Hello Everyone,

I will arrive back in Massachusetts on Thursday, it definitely was time to come north, as it was getting quite warm in Florida and I do miss my family and northern friends, but it is difficult to say good-bye to all my Florida friends as well. I am happy to be home until fall when the weather in Florida cools down and when it gets cold up here.

I want to thank all of you for adding Dick's favorite ride to the Kangamangus Highway (including a stop at Dunkin Donuts) to the NH-E Ride Schedule. I was very surprised and happy when I saw the ride listed on our Chapter Ride Schedule. That was the first all day ride we took together (a few days) after Dick received his motorcycle license. It was a beautiful fall day in October of 2000, we both took a day off work, and went for our first long ride on our 1200 GW. As many of you know Dick was not the most cautious of people, so in retrospect, we probably should have started on a less difficult, shorter ride for our first journey, but Dick was determined to travel the Kangamangus, and in the event you did not know Dick he was a very determined person. All said and done it is now one of many happy memories I have of Dick riding his Gold Wing.

I hope most of you are planning on attending the NE Rally in Lewiston, Maine. The Rally is a great time and we need to support our District Directors by attending this yearly event. The Directors put a lot of time and effort into the rally so that the members can enjoy a fun filled weekend.

On Monday, May 25th, we celebrate Memorial Day, and please keep in mind the true meaning of the day and remember all those who have served in the Armed Forces and sacrificed so much for our country. In closing, I want to wish all the Mom's, a Happy Mother's Day and I look forward to seeing you at the monthly get together.

Pat



Dick on one of his trikes in Florida (not quite a Gold Wing)

UPCOMING EVENTS

9 -May Sat 101/202 Peterboro 8:00AM NH-A/NH-G Garage Day 9:00AM to 4:00AM 10-May Sun D&D 119/13 10:30AM Mother's Day - Cracker Barrel & Ice Cream 9:00AM Popovers on the Square Portsmouth NH

17May Sun NH-A Mystery History Ride

23-May Sat D&D Swanzey 9:00AM Red's Ride

24-May Sun J.P. Stephens 9:30AM NH-E Get-Together & Ice Cream Ride

30-May Sat NH-A Castle in the Clouds

District Notes:



Ed Heath

We will forward Ed's article when The District Newsletter is published.

Happy Birthday



May

Jeane Goodwin May 18th Bev Bushey May 29th

June

Dave Whitcomb June 8th France Roy June 12

Happy Anniversary



May

Steve and France Roy May 14th Ted and Karen Zitnay May 24th

June

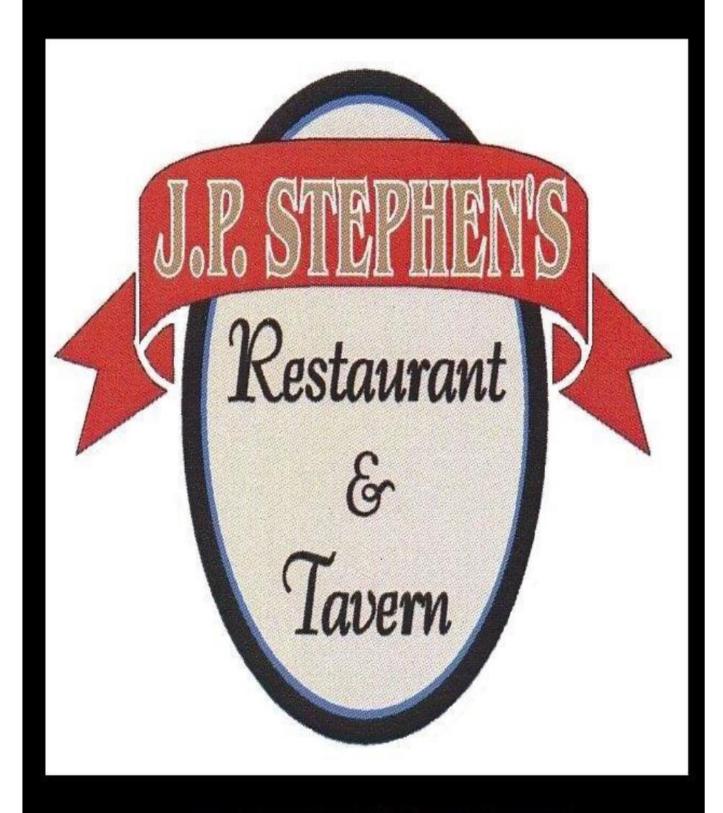
Roy nd Bev Bushey June 11th 50+Years Congratulations



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