

## GWRRA Maryland / Delaware District *Eastern Shore Road Riders* Chapter Maryland L Easton MD

GWRRA Change-we no longer have Regions- and Maryland district now includes Delaware.

*Winter Thing*

*Feb 8-10*

*MD-L Gathering at Winter Thing  
Sunday 11th 11AM*

We Meet the Second Sunday of the Month  
Location: Clarion Resort Fontainebleau Hotel  
11AM for this Month only!



## GWRRA Motto

*Friends For Fun Safety an Knowledge*

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# Message from our Chapter Director Jeff



## Rider Education

By Jeff McCarter

### Aggressive Drivers

The goal of this article is to help make everyone aware of the seriousness of aggressive driving and how to deal with it. Aggressive driving is one of the largest threats on the road today. I sadly realize society has come to expect it, many people consider it acceptable and join in the activities, especially in some areas because it seems everyone is doing it!

Aggressive driving is a driver that “commits a combination of moving traffic offenses so as to endanger other persons or property.” Road rage is aggressive or angry behavior by a driver of an automobile or other road vehicle which includes rude gestures, verbal insults, physical threats or dangerous driving methods targeted toward another driver in an effort to intimidate or release frustration.

Keep this in mind: psychology professionals estimate 1 in 10 people have some sort of mental health problem from depression to schizophrenia, some can easily be provoked into road rage, especially when having a bad day.

We need to anticipate aggressive drivers while riding. Assume an aggressive driver may be operating a vehicle around you and be ready to react.

Some people drive aggressively without knowing it, simply by talking on their cell phone or texting while driving. This “distracted” driving results often in the driver committing acts that could be considered aggressive, yet they are unaware of it.

Types of aggressive driving:

- excessive use of the horn
- excessive blinking of lights
- obscene gestures or other threats (beware this person is approaching “road rage”)
- failure to yield the right of way
- driving slowly to impede another driver
- tailgating
- improper lane changes
- speeding
- failing to signal
- blocking others from passing

How to handle aggressive drivers:

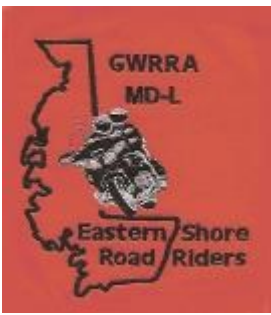
- get out of their way, distance yourself from them
- do NOT retaliate
- change your direction and or speed as necessary
- avoid blocking their ability to go around you
- avoid eye contact

How to reduce your own stress while driving:

- don't take aggressive drivers personally
- leave more space in front during congestion
- drive politely
- be forgiving, that other driver may be having a really bad day
- never drive when you are angry

I hope this information helps everyone make wise decisions when encountering an aggressive driver and perhaps you have been engaging in aggressive driving without realizing it. Make all your rides calm and polite to others and you increase your chances of arriving safe each time.

Ride Safe,  
Jeff



## Message from your ACDMEC Ken



Well our New Year started out just too cold for our first ride- but we did do the ride to Brits Fish and Chips in our cars! No bikes this year, plus all the salt etc on the roads. But we did have a nice turn out.

We also did a quick impromptu ride to Docs Riverside Inn for lunch on Saturday the 27th. Weather was great almost spring like! Crazy month-with below freezing weather to high 50's.

I spent one weekend getting my bike ready for Hilton and my annual ride(40 to Phoenix). Changed my oil and oil filter plus replaced my air filter-the slow process of removing Tupperware –but taking your time it was OK. This years trip will go through Asheville NC to Nashville TN then to Conway AK. Then it's the same route we take until Arizona then we spend another day there to enjoy more sights!

If anyone has an article or pictures to share please email them to me and I will add them to our newsletter.

Also please join our Texting # 84483  
**To join, send a text to the number 84483**

**In the message field type:  
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## **Birthday and Anniversary greetings to all those celebrating this month and Next—None in Feb**

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Don Rollyson  
Bob Nichols

March 3  
March 15

Don & Jerry Rollyson  
Bob & Debbie Lehmann

Anniversary  
Anniversary  
March 20  
March 31

If you would like to receive a B-Day or Anniv. card please send me your dates(no year ) just Mo & Day. There are quite a few that haven't put their B-Dates in your files, so please email me at [Kfgroves@comcast.net](mailto:Kfgroves@comcast.net)

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*We want to schedule a ride in February for a Special event-Our Chapter Director is getting a Brand New 2018 Goldwing!! He's picking it up in Crofton near the end of the month. We plan on escorting him back across the Bay Bridge, and we will all be able to swoon over his new bike. I'll keep everyone posted as to the date etc.*



Maryland Chapter L

Coming UP in June  
Our Chapter Fund Raiser at Rock HallMD.  
Riders will be needed

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## *Calendar for -February/March*

We need your ideas for rides!

Please suggest a ride you would like to do.

A Ride to Lunch? A Ride to Dinner??

A 2-3 hour ride after our gathering?

Lets Join DE on a Ride!!

### **Maryland District Chapter Meetings-Time and Places**

<b>Chapter B</b>	<b>3<sup>rd</sup> Saturday 8-11</b>	<b>Golden Corral 1001 Shoppers Way, Largo, MD</b>
<b>Chapter C</b>	<b>2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday 8-11</b>	<b>Golden Corral, 6701 Chesapeake Center Dr. Glen Burnie, MD</b>
<b>Chapter F</b>	<b>2<sup>nd</sup> Saturday 8-11</b>	<b>Golden Corral, 17635 Valley Mall Rd, Hagerstown, MD</b>
<b>Chapter H</b>	<b>4<sup>rd</sup> Sunday 8-12</b>	<b>Golden Corral, 706 South Philadelphia Blvd, Aberdeen, MD</b>
<b>Chapter I</b>	<b>1<sup>st</sup> Sunday 9-12</b>	<b>Wicomico Shores Golf Course, Aviation Yacht Club Rd, Mechanicsville Rd, MD</b>
<b>Chapter J</b>	<b>3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday 8-12</b>	<b>Bob Evans, 4308 NW Crain Hwy, Bowie, MD</b>
<b>Chapter L</b>	<b>2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday 8-10</b>	<b>Denny's Easton, 8493 Ocean Gateway (Rt50) Easton, MD</b>
<b>Chapter DE-B</b>	<b>4th Sunday 8-10</b>	<b>Pizza King 300 W Stein Hwy, Seaford, DE</b>