



# Niagara Guardian Wings

Memories of Summer 2019



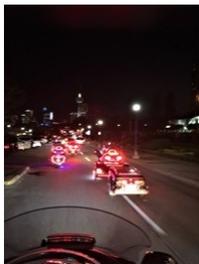
## ON-G Rendezvous recap 2019

This year, the GWRRA Central Canada District Rendezvous was held at the Niagara College Event & Conference Centre on the edge of Niagara-on-the-Lake ON. Chapter ON-G was excited to have a turn at being the local Chapter and assisting the District Team as needed. The theme for this year was "Wild Wild West".



Both of the guided group rides at the rally were meticulously created and tested by Troy and Wayne G. Unfortunately due to a family emergency immediately before the rally began, Troy and his wife Peggy were unable to lead - but as usual, other ON-G members quickly banded together to download the GPS files and coordinate the rides.

Approximately 40 bikes lined up just before nightfall on Thursday and headed for ice cream at Stewart's Avondale Dairy Bar, a local ice cream tradition here since 1955. Then the group headed for a night ride along the picturesque Niagara River Parkway and past the roaring Niagara Falls.



Friday's guided ride had a few less bikes...but it was very hot that day. This scenic ride was through some of Niagara-on-the-Lake's historical sites, along the Welland Canal to view the famous locks, and a stop for lunch at Betty's Restaurant for a good home-style meal. On the way back to the Conference Centre, the rain started...but after the hot and sweaty riding, it felt pretty darn good!

Big thanks to Troy, Wayne G., Bob C., Bob M., Dale, Doug, Vince and Glen for coordinating and being the Road Captains and Tail Gunners! You did an amazing job!

Many of our members enjoyed watching the Northern Lights Drill team finally be able to strut their stuff and show us their amazing riding skills after a bit of a rain delay.



Saturday's events included some League of Aces exercises, motorcycle games, and the Chapter Trivia Challenge - all with ON-G members enjoying the fun.



In the evening, the dinner banquet was held at the nearby Royal Niagara Golf Club. Many of the guests were dressed fabulously in western styles and, of course, our crew participated enthusiastically! Cathy won the best costume!

Cathy and Annette created funny "Wanted" posters for several ON-G members and their creativity was exceptional! A lot of fun was had hunting down the "suspects" for the rewards. These posters have become personalized keepsakes for us to hold the memory of how much we had for years to come.



It was a fabulous evening with great food, wonderful company, and lots of laughter. ON-G performed an energetic surprise "circle square dance" to Cotton-eye Joe - despite only one rehearsal, it was outstanding! If you missed it, be sure to find the video on Facebook!

And the evening rounded out with more dancing, dancing, and dancing! Looking forward to next year's Rendezvous!

*Submitted by Cathy R.  
GWRRA ON-G Chapter Reporter*

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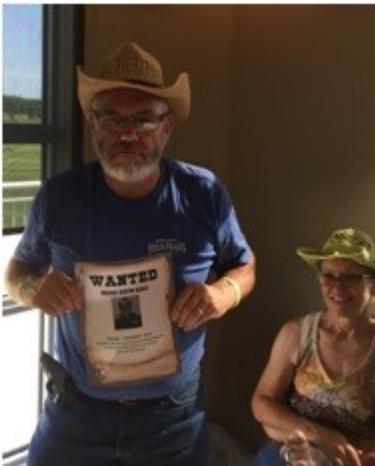
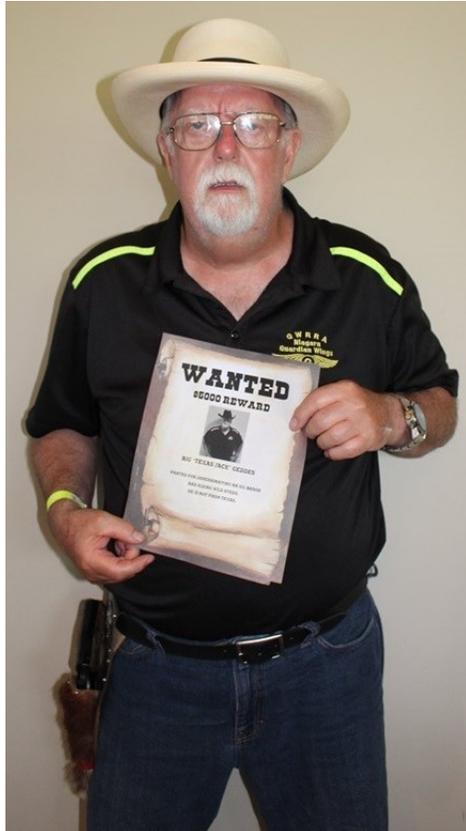
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## Wild wild west fun facts

**A SHOT OF WHISKEY:** In the old west a 45 cartridge for a six-gun cost 12 cents, so did a glass of whiskey. If a cowhand was low on cash he would often give the bartender a cartridge in exchange for a drink. This became known as a "shot" of whiskey.

**PASSING THE BUCK / THE BUCK STOPS HERE:** Most men in the early west carried a jack knife made by the Buck knife company. When playing poker it was common to place one of these Buck knives in front of the dealer so that everyone knew who he was. When it was time for a new dealer the deck of cards and the Knife were given to the new dealer. If this person didn't want to deal he would "pass the buck" to the next player. If that player accepted then "the buck stopped there".

**BARRELS OF OIL:** When the first oil wells were drilled they had made no provision for storing the liquid so they used water barrels. That is why, to this day, we speak of barrels of oil rather than gallons.

**HOT OFF THE PRESS:** As the paper goes through the rotary printing press, friction causes it to heat up. Therefore, if you grab the paper right off the press It is hot. The expression means to get immediate Information.

Courtesy of Michel Lavois  
CC District REC & UC

*Today was the absolute worst day ever  
And don't try to convince me that  
There's something good in every day  
Because when you take a closer look  
This world is a pretty evil place  
Even if  
Some goodness does shine through once in a while  
Satisfaction and happiness don't last  
And it's not true that  
It's all in the mind and heart  
Because  
True happiness can be obtained  
Only if one's surroundings are good  
It's not true that good exists  
I'm sure you can agree that  
The reality  
Creates  
My attitude  
It's all beyond my control  
And you'll never in a million years hear me say that  
Today was a good day*

Now read from bottom to top!



## Twisted



Have fun while out riding! How? By practicing, attending ARCs, and parking lot fun days, and riding with and learning from other skilled riders. The more comfortable you become, the less time you will spend worrying about upcoming curves instead of enjoying them! And remember, learning never stops, no matter how many miles you've ridden!

Twisted Road to Try: Lakeshore Rd. in Fort Erie to Niagara Blvd.

Submitted by  
Troy, Chapter Ride Coordinator

## Americade 2019



We set out the morning of June 3, with Brian and Nancy F. from our Chapter. Leaving early would give us a day to get familiar with the area and settle in before Americade events began. The mountains and streams along our route were breathtakingly beautiful. It was so chilly, we bought hoodies at our lunch stop - which put me up to 7 layers of clothes! When it started to sprinkle, we got our rain gear out and low & behold, instant warmth!. I probably didn't need to buy that hoodie, but I love it anyway. We registered at the Americade desk and then made our way to check in at Carey's Cottages. We were pleased with how clean and cute the units were. Adorable rustic decor with a fireplace in the room and very comfortable beds.

As the week progressed, the weather got much warmer. Yay! Only a couple nights we got stuck in the rain on the return trips to our cabins. Our breakfasts were fabulous, beautiful views of the grounds and lake. Dinner under the big tent was yummy too with great entertainment from a live band. The river cruise down the lake was nice despite the rain making the windows spotty and hard to get good pics. The dinner on the boat was very simple with a green salad, chicken, macaroni and cheese, buns, and dessert. The live band playing on the boat were great and got many of us up dancing. They acknowledged those who served in the military and awarded the person longest in the service. That was very special.

Our first guided ride was Covered Bridges and all I can say is fun, gorgeous rivers and really intriguing bridge designs. The second guided ride was into Vermont and back to New York seeing some great churches, mountains, and farm animals along the route. Great curvy roads too. Our third ride was an unguided tour led by Jack G. from ON-G and surprised us with a ferry trip back into New York. That was so cool - we had never been on a vehicle ferry before! A special treat for me was stopping at the waterfalls to take some fabulous pics.

Our final tour was the charity ride for kids with brain cancer and tumors. Over \$18,000 was raised and Outback Steakhouse hosted lunch at the bowling lanes after the ride. It was delicious! Exciting prizes for the week included two motorcycle giveaways. How exciting for those winners! The lunches provided with each tour were wonderful, tasty and gut-busting. You definitely did not go away hungry! Every lunch also had draws for t-shirts, pins, hats, and bike accessories. One cool thing that happened was Wayne W. won the last lunch draw that included a Motor Trike t-shirt, Motor Trike patch, and key chain. The funny thing is that's what he actually HAS a MOTOR TRIKE kit on his bike! Uncanny eh?

The two furthest away couples attending Americade were from England and Iceland. Wow, that's incredible! The eldest gentlemen in attendance was 93! Who, by the way, still rides a TWO wheeled bike! God bless him!

There were many vendors at the Fort William Henry grounds and we had the privilege of meeting the Motor Trike manufacturer who shared his knowledge and expertise with us. At the Sena booth, we had our headsets tweaked so I could "co-pilot" LOL and listen to my tunes. I bought the most comfortable Kevlar jeans too!

Amongst the few thousand bikes and trikes, we saw some interesting vehicles: Slingshots and other strange looking things on wheels. Thank you to Jack who let me ride with him to get ice cream at Ben and Jerry's in the quaint little town of Bolton Landing. There was so much to see and do that it's impossible in one week to accomplish everything that Americade and the surrounding area has to offer! All in all, we had so much fun, made great memories, and deepened friendships - and we would definitely go again!

Submitted by Shelley & Wayne W.  
GWRRA ON-G



## 11 reasons to buy travel insurance

We know travel insurance can seem like just one more expense.

Many travelers ask the questions “why bother” and “do we *really* need it”?

But, “what if”.....

**You need to cancel your trip.** What happens if someone becomes ill and can no longer travel? A death in the family? Unexpectedly required to work? House floods? With **trip cancellation coverage**, you would be able to recover your expenses for these reasons and several more.

**You miss your connection.** You've booked a cruise but your connecting flight to get to the ship has been significantly delayed. Now it looks like you will miss your cruise departure - how will you catch up to the ship? With **missed connection coverage**, you can take another flight and catch the ship at its next port-of-call. You'll also have assistance with helping you to arrange and pay for those travel changes.

**Your flight is cancelled.** After attending a family reunion, you arrive at the airport and find out that all flights to your home destination are cancelled due to tornados in the area. Who will help you find a new flight to return home? With **trip interruption coverage**, you'll have money refunded to help cover the expenses of a new ticket home or hotel stay.

**A hurricane damages your destination.** You saved all year for a summer vacation to Aruba, but a hurricane destroyed the hotel a week before you depart. Will you lose all the money you worked so hard to save? With **travel insurance protection** for weather damage, you'll be able to recover your pre-paid costs. Travel assistance services will also help you arrange a vacation at a new location - one the hurricane missed.

**A terrorist event occurs.** You've planned this excursion for years, but weeks before leaving, a terrorist attack occurs. The airports are closed and the country is in chaos. It would be unwise to travel now, but will you lose all your non refundable fees? With **terrorism coverage**, you can cancel your trip without losing all the money you've spent.

**You get sick or injured on your trip.** You and your friends have planned a hiking trip to climb Machu Picchu after graduating college. After your first night in Lima, you wake with severe stomach pains and a high fever. You cannot hike, you need emergency medical treatment. With **travel medical coverage**, you won't be paying a huge medical bill. You'll also have assistance with locating a suitable medical facility and arranging transportation.

**Your baggage is delayed or lost.** Your special day has finally arrived - a wedding at a resort. Unfortunately, the airline made a mistake and your baggage will be delayed. Luckily you've got the dress and the rings, but what about your other clothes, shoes, and personal items? With **coverage for delayed bags**, you will be helped with recovering your bags. You'll also be reimbursed for the essential items you need to start enjoying your trip.

Or, you are required to speak at a business conference, but somewhere in transit, your baggage is lost. Your presentation is tomorrow, how will you get ready in time? With **coverage for luggage that is lost, stolen, or damaged**, you'll be reimbursed for new clothes and personal items. You can even get reimbursed for a suitcase so you can take your new stuff home.

**Your passport is lost.** You are at a conference in London, and you realize you left your passport at a local restaurant. With **coverage for lost passports**, you'll have help expediting the process of replacing and paying for a new passport.

**You need an emergency medical evacuation.** You and your daughter have planned a summer tour of Mont-Blanc, but high in the mountains your daughter is overcome with dizziness and a dangerously high fever. She needs immediate medical attention. How will you get her to safety? With **medical evacuation coverage**, you can arrange safe transportation to a medical facility. Medical evacuations typically cost tens of thousands of dollars.

**Your travel company files bankruptcy.** You've planned a two-week honeymoon cruise to Alaska, but a week before the trip you see on the news that your cruise is canceled due to financial default of the cruise company. How will you recover your money? With **trip insurance that covers financial default**, you'll be able to recoup your expenses. With the help of assistance services, you'll be able to reschedule your cruise as well.

**You need emergency assistance services.** You and your parents have planned a trip to their home country, but on your way, the train is canceled for mechanical repairs. You don't speak the language. Who can help you locate alternative transportation? With trip insurance you'll have **emergency assistance services**. The service agents will recover your non refundable fees, then locate and pay for transportation to get you where you want to be.

## ON-G Couple of the year

Earlier this year, ON-G was thrilled to honor Glen & Maryanne with the Couple of the Year distinction!



### 2019 GWRRA Atlantic Canada District Rally Adventures:

We met Vince & Ethel and Tim & Anne from ON-G in Iroquois ON and headed out to the rally together. Glen was the trip planner and Road Captain and we set out over the Ogdensburg Bridge (which was not very fun because of the steel bridge.)

Over hill and dale our friends followed us, through many back roads in New York and Vermont and still more back roads. And our friends kept following! We saw so many covered bridges and scenic areas and we were the lucky ones to enjoy this with our friends. In New Hampshire, we visited the memorial for the seven motorcyclists tragically killed earlier this year. We solemnly paid our respects and left with an eerie feeling.

We arrived safely at the rally in Yarmouth, Nova Scotia and proceeded to have a wonderful time with our ON-G and many new friends. Glen and I were honored to represent our Chapter and present the Canadian International Couple of the Year with a donation cheque from our chapter.

And on the "lighter side" of the event, Glen's bike won second prize in the "Light Show"! We had a great trip!

Submitted by:  
Maryanne (& Glen), GWRRA ON-G COY

## Get off the line!



Who in their right mind would drive so close to the yellow line that their vehicle becomes a target for the oncoming distracted driver?

Far too many riders/drivers want to be close to the center line. If you reach your arm out and imagine dropping a ball - if it would hit the yellow line, you're too close to it! And motorcycle riders need to stay away from the center line even more. The safety zone is to the left of center of the *lane*, not on the line!

Submitted by:  
Dave B., GWRRA ON-G



How can you tell when a Gold Wing rider is having an affair?

The rider and co-rider helmets don't match!

## So you think you know me, eh?

Name 5 things you hope to be remembered for:

1. "Being French."
2. "Being loud and funny."
3. "Being happy, always making friends."
4. "Loving riding my lovely bike."
5. "Loving all my kids and grandkids."

(Gerry D.)

Pie or Cake?

"Tough call... pie."

If you could be a superhero, what would your superpower be?

"Taking away pain."

What comes to mind when you hear the word "cabbage"?

"Yuck!"

(Brenda C.)

If money were no issue, where would your next vacation be?

"Quebec - fun, fun, fun!"

Who was your favorite band?

"Stompin' Tom!"

(Mickey Mouse)

List 3 of your pet peeves:

1. "People that bitch about their life and don't do anything to change it."
2. "People who are late."
3. "No more than I can think of!"

(Annette)

A song that helps you fall asleep:

"Enter Sandman."

Favorite sandwich:

"Hot turkey."

(Bob C.)

What was your favorite bedtime story as a child?

"Didn't have bedtime stories."

What would you do if you opened the door and saw a dead body?

"See if they could be revived - how dead are they?"

Did or do you have a nickname?

"Bigfoot."

(Troy)

How would you describe the perfect day?

"Beautiful sunny day; hanging out with family and friends; good food, good laughs, good times."

What was your favorite TV show growing up?

"The Patty Duke Show!"

Foods you hate:

"Crème Brulee & creamed corn."

(Phyllis)

A song that helps you fall asleep:

"American Woman."

Favorite sandwich:

"Toasted tomato or ham & cheese."

(Jack G.)

# ON-G backyard bash



Thank you to Tom & Verna for hosting another fabulous ON-G Corn Hole Tournament & Backyard Potluck Party!



## Ok but when do we eat?

The night before our July breakfast gathering, we all received an email from our Chapter Director informing us that the Moose Lodge would be unable to cook and serve breakfast at our meeting in the morning. Their stove had broke down - of all things!

Ah well. My husband Dale and I made our usual stop at the Tim Horton's near the hall on the way to the gathering to get our usual coffee and tea. When we arrived, we were surprised to find a few of the friends we made from Chapter NY-U the month before! A group of us had visited them at their meeting in Falconer NY, and here they were up in Welland now!

Then we started to feel a bit embarrassed that our Chapter wouldn't be able to feed them! We soon found out their visit was expected and they too had been warned the night before, *whew*. We were thrilled they were still looking forward to joining our "No Breakfast for our Breakfast Meeting"! Being the resourceful group that we are - especially when it comes to food - there were lots of Timbits available for snacking, and plenty of hot coffee, *whew*. During the course of the meeting, arrangements were made to have breakfast at one of our favorite Chapter haunts, Betty's Restaurant in Chippawa, for immediately after the meeting - shortened because of all the rumbling tummies, *whew*.

We enjoyed a scenic ride to a delicious buffet lunch and shared a wonderful fun-filled time with each other and our friends from NY-U.

Submitted by:  
Cathy R., Chapter Reporter, GWRRA ON-G

"People who love to eat are always the best people." Julia Child



## Paint Nite fundraiser - Oct 6



Join Brenda S. and friends for a Yaymaker Paint Nite! Tickets are \$45 pp and paint subject will be a beautiful teal tree. \$15 from each ticket purchased will go directly to the [Facial Pain Research Foundation](#).

For more info and purchasing tickets: <https://www.yaymaker.com/events/10195890>

This fundraiser is in support of the "Light Up Teal for Trigeminal Neuralgia (TN) and Facial Pain Disorders" campaign on [International TN Awareness Day, October 7](#). Trigeminal Neuralgia is an extremely painful, long-term nerve disorder characterized by recurrent electric shock-like facial pain. Our Brenda S. is not only a fighter and survivor of TN herself, she is a support group leader and the local champion for the [Facial Pain Research Foundation](#) and its efforts to raise awareness everywhere and bring it to the attention of the World Health Organization.

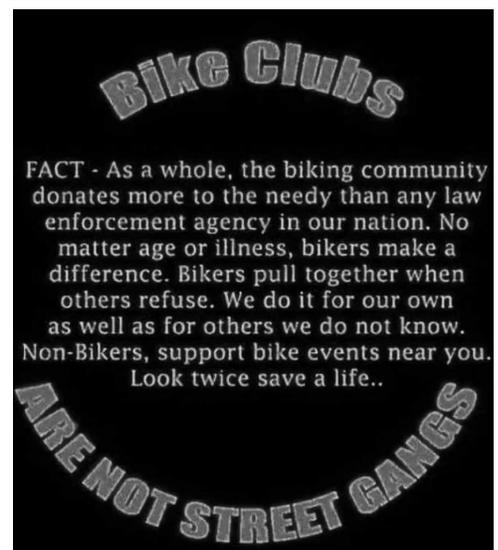
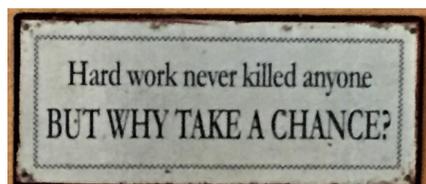
For further details about the cause or the event, please contact Brenda directly at [bsharp2@cogeco.ca](mailto:bsharp2@cogeco.ca)

## Tire tech

There are differences in the driving requirements between the tires on your trailer and those on the car or light truck you use to tow it. Therefore, there are distinct differences between the way trailer tires and tow vehicle tires are engineered.

Click here: <https://m.tirerack.com/tires/tiretech/techpage.jsp?techid=219> to learn more about Trailer Tires vs. Passenger Vehicle Tires.

Submitted by:  
Don M., GWRRA ON-G





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**Join us for breakfast!**

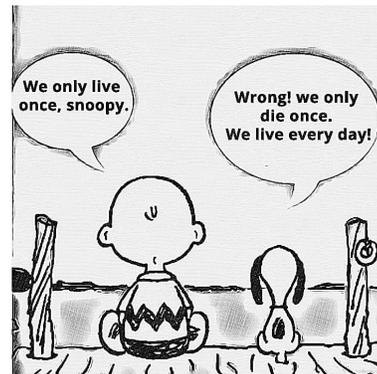
Niagara Guardian Wings, GWRRA Chapter ON-G, hosts an informal, fun Breakfast Gathering the third Sunday of every month except December.

Moose Lodge, 281 Riverside Drive, Welland ON L3C 5E6.  
Breakfast is at 9:00 am, followed by a ride during the season.  
Everyone welcome - you don't need to be a GWRRA member to come out and meet us!



**Not a member or need to renew?**

Visit <http://www.gwrra.org/members/> for information, to join or renew.  
Contact any one of the team for assistance or questions, anytime.



**Goodies**

We've got a selection of GWRRA and Chapter crests, pins, rockers, patches, hats, and other items for sale!

**Coffee anyone?**

Every Thursday night, approximately 7:00 pm; Tim Horton's at 2325 Hwy 20 E. in Welland ON (Turners Corners) L3B 5N5




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