

Gold Wing Road Riders Association "Friends for Fun, Safety & Knowledge"

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B3 Meets the 1st Saturday of each month (No gathering in September or December) at 9:00 am. Join us at 8:30 am for light refreshments and Coffee at the Village of Obetz Community Center, 1650 Obetz Avenue, Obetz, OH 43207

B3 Couple of the Year:

Bill and Esther Ford

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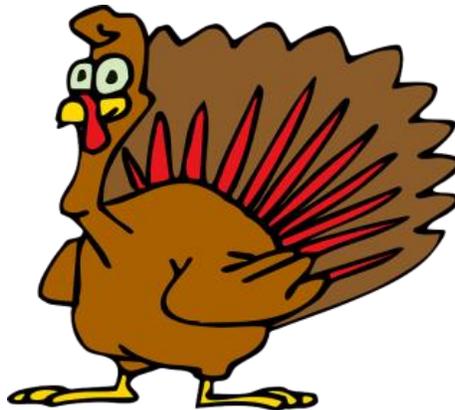
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Items of interest in the month of November

- 5 – End of Day Light Savings Time (Set clocks back one hour)
- 8 – Election Day
- 10 – Establishment of U S Marine Corps, 1775
- 11 – Signing of World War I Armistice, 1918
- 11 – Veterans Day (US)
- 11 --Remembrance Day (CA)
- 13 – Viet Nam Veterans Memorial dedicated, 1982
- 21 – End of Grenada Campaign, 1983
- 24 – Thanksgiving (US)



Tom Eden
Chapter Director



Well here it is November and our riding year has come to an end. At the November gathering it is time to make your reservations for the Chapter Christmas Party. The cost is \$18.25 per person, payable at the November gathering. The party will be on December 3rd at 4:00 pm at the Der Dutchman restaurant in Plain City. If you wish to mark your calendars the party will be on December 2nd 2017 at 2:00 pm. There will be a gift exchange at the Christmas party, see Esther's article for information.

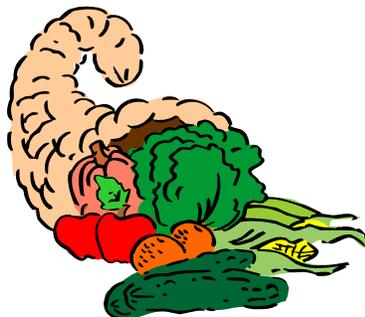
In preparation for the Christmas party I would like to set up 2 teams to handle organizing the gifts for the gift exchange and the donated door prizes. It became disorganized last year because I had not been prepared to step in in Jim's absence.

Also at the November gathering I will need your odometer reading to calculate individual and chapter mileage for the year. Also please let me know if you would like mileage bars. If you are new with the chapter, I will need your initial odometer reading as well as your reading for November 1st. We will be taking up voluntary contributions to be donated to the Obetz Food Pantry. Donations for the Pediatric Brain Tumor Foundation Rid for Kids will resume in January.

Additionally at the November gathering you will need to turn in any completed and incomplete passports. All passports will be used for a drawing to award an individual reservation to the Christmas Party. All completed passports will be presented for the drawing at the State Officer's meeting on November 12th.

The State Officer's meeting is November 12th here in Obetz and we are again the host chapter. If you are available on November 11th at 6:00 pm we need to set up the chairs and tables in the large room. On Saturday we will need all available help to set up for the noon meal. We will have to set up the light refreshment table and the table for check-in.

I wish a Happy Thanksgiving to all.
Tom



Margaret A. Moore
Assistant Chapter Director

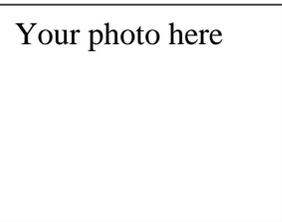
North Color Ride

Oct 15, 2016 started out a little cool and breezy on my way to the meeting point for the ride north. When I arrived there were three trikes waiting in the Frisch's parking lot. While waiting for the start of the ride Bill and Esther arrived. The participating riders were Tom, Wendell and Sue, Bill and Esther, Rob and Amanda and I, the lead for the ride. We headed northeast and along the way we did see some trees with color, but they were few and far between. Our route took us through Pickerington then onto Granville and north on Route 661 towards Mt. Vernon. While on 661 there were three autos lined up behind Bill. The last one must have been in a hurry as it decided to pass on an uphill climb. It passed the two cars then kept on going until just before reaching the top of the hill when it finally passed me and returned to the right lane. I think all of us were hoping there wasn't a car coming from the other side. I was staying just under the speed limit during the ride and was just glad nothing happened. We passed through Mt. Vernon and onto US 36 towards Apple Valley. Before going into Apple Valley we made a lunch stop at the Bad Apple Pub for some grub and good company. Back on the road and into Apple Valley while enjoying the views around every turn. We spotted some colorful trees, some hills and some curves. Finally out onto Danville-Amity Rd towards Danville then on towards Utica for some dessert-Ice Cream. We had some delicious cold stuff then back on the road towards home. Wendell and Sue split off first headed for home then Rob and Amanda. We turned west onto Route 16 and eventually Bill and Esther split off to head towards their home. Tom and I then rode onto south 270 with Tom exiting at the Alum Creek exit then it was just me heading home. My ride totaled 167 miles. A Fun ride and good company.

Margaret A. Moore
ACD



Assistant Chapter Director



COUPLE OF THE YEAR 2015
Bill and Esther Ford



INDIVIDUAL OF THE YEAR 2015

Ken Daft

"DIFFERENCES"



This time of every year the leaves on the trees change their color of green to beautiful hues of yellow and orange and red and brown. So we schedule our annual "Color Rides" to take the opportunity to see the great scenes of color that nature has painted for us. So beautiful are the hills and forests of Ohio with color that it parallels the joy we have in just being on our Gold Wings. So much so that we need to be careful not to pay too much attention to the trees at the risk of taking our eyes and attentions off the road.

I wonder what we would if the trees all stayed the same? No differing colors to see. What if the trees remained a drab green and all remained the same? There goes the color and our amazement with it. No more "Color Rides." Or what if the trees all changed to one color, say brown? Then we would only be able to go on "Brown Rides!"

There is a beauty in being different. Differences in the color of trees remind us of the way God paints the trees with a color we gaze upon with awe. And what makes it so special to us are the different colors in the trees.

There is a beauty in being different. Differences in the way people are. What would life at our Obetz Chapter be like if each of us were the same? We would dress the same, think the same, feel the same, and decide the same, on and on. I don't know about you, but to me that would be boring . . . yes, boring! I like me but not a lot of me. I like to be around different people just the way I like seeing the different colors of the trees each year.

Do we expect others to be like us? Are we irritated when someone does something we would not do? Do they make decision we would not agree with? Does that cause us to judge them based on who we are and our experiences? Oh, we would say we wouldn't judge and that's true. But sometimes, by the way we act around someone who is not like us; we send a message of judgment and might not even know it. Then we lose the "beauty" of difference!

I'll leave the questions for you to answer.

MEMBERSHIP ENHANCEMENT PROGRAM

Mary Bayes



ACHIEVING THE VISION

GWRRA provides a culture which fosters Members with shared values , team concepts, and camaraderie. This culture also provides its Members with opportunities for personal development and achievement.

Does this particular element sound like it could be part or the foundation for GWRRA's motto "FRIENDS FOR FUN, SAFETY, AND KNOWLEDGE"? Friendships usually form when people with shared values begin to associate with each other, resulting in a spirit of familiarity and trust, which is the definition of camaraderie. Another definition of camaraderie is the experience of good fellowship-fun. And what results in more satisfaction than a bunch of friends working together as a team to accomplish a shared goal???

The GWRRA Vision is an all-encompassing statement of how GWRRA leadership functions to grow the association. GWRRA's Divisions work harmoniously as a team to increase the Membership base by creating an atmosphere that provides fun, promotes safety, and heightens knowledge, and by offering a full range of desirable services and benefits for its Members.

Divisions, known as Programs, include Rider Education Leadership Training, Membership Enhancement, and Operations. Operations consist of the Directors and Assistant Directors who are the leaders (Cheerleaders) of the team. Rider Education and Leadership Training function to promote safety and heighten knowledge while Membership Enhancement focuses on the FUN, not to say that participation in Rider Education and Leadership Training can be FUN too!!!!!! Another part of the vision element involves the Member Benefits which are too numerous to detail here..(Check out the Benefits under Membership at www.GWRRA.org.)

These programs teams all work together in an effort to make membership in GWRRA the best experience it can be-keeping current Members and attracting new ones.

A vision statement is a goal for the long term. It is an idealistic planning tool describing goals which may be attained. These may have seemed like oversimplified goals in support of the mission to become the best motorcycle association of FRIENDS sharing in FUN, improving SAFETY of motorcycling and giving the Members KNOWLEDGE they can use every day. However, what may have appeared to be simple has sustained our Association for over 38 years and will lead us into the future.....

THE MORE YOU KNOW, THE BETTER IT GETS!!!!!!

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PLEASE KEEP THE FOLLOWING IN YOUR THOUGHTS AND PRAYERS....

Bob & Evelyn DeLong: they are on the mend and are now getting back into the swing of things.....Evelyn attended the ladies lunch with out walking with a cane.....So very glad they are both feeling better....

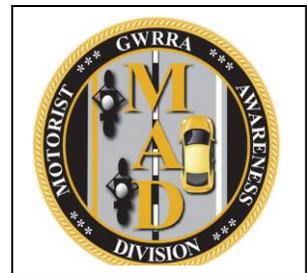
Gladys Cater: She is starting to feel better; she no longer does dialysis, which is wonderful....

Ed Richards: Still has health issues, but is trying to get his strength back.....

Robert Vogel: His father is doing better but still has health issues...

Should there have been someone that I have missed. Please let me know.....

MOTORIST AWARENESS DIVISION Karen Ballou



More Moving Beasts

In Ohio, November is the month when we are most likely to hit a deer. Statistically, that is followed by October (now over) and December. In the 12-months that ended June 2015, an estimated 1 in 131 drivers had a deer-related crash. In the next 12 month, ending June 2016, that has increased to 1 in 126 drivers. Why?



According to the Ohio Insurance Institute, there is probably no one answer but rather a combination of several. The price of gas has been lower so more people are driving and more people are driving as the job market improves. There has been a steady increase in deer populations throughout Ohio as well. The overall increase in the fall of each year is likely due to the increased activity of deer, mating and feeding, for winter. Additionally, we all know that dusk and dawn are the times of day when most commonly encountering deer.

For once, it is also good not to be at the top of a list...the best chances of hitting a deer are in West Virginia with odds of 1 in 41. Nationally, the odds of a driver interacting with a deer are 1 in 169. In 2013, 191 people were killed nationally as a result of collisions with animals. In 2015 in Ohio, only 4 deaths are associated with animal/vehicle collisions. However, 891 injuries resulted from such collisions.

So, statistics aside, the conclusion is that there is an increasing risk to us, as we travel the tree-lined, forested, back roads of Ohio. The deer were there first, but they may interact with us and we must stay on the lookout for all animals that may literally cross our paths.

IF YOU RIDE YEAR ROUND, RIDE SAFE.....IF THE BIKE IS GOING TO SLEEP SOON, DRIVE SAFE.

RIDER EDUCATION Gary Ballou



Rider Ed for November 2016

As our riding season winds down in Ohio, we will be planning some useful (and fun!) activities to get us through these colder blustery days.

Please remember to mark your calendars now ... for Saturday January 21. I have scheduled our bi-annual Medic First Aid class at Zion Lutheran Church. This class will cover adult CPR, First Aid & AED use. This class is open to all members, regardless of Chapter affiliation. Class size is limited to the first 24 members who register and prepay your \$25 fee. Your certification will be good for two years.

Remember that if you are currently participating in the GWRRA Levels Program, this class (or something similar, if you are able to take it through you employer etc) will satisfy your First Aid/CPR requirement for Level III or Level IV.

A sign-up sheet will be available at the November 5 gathering & our December 3 Holiday Party.

As we begin to prepare our trusty motorcycles for their winter hibernation, here are the steps from the Honda Winter Storage Guide:

To ensure proper storage, the following sections should be completed in the order in which they are presented.

LOCATION

- Store the vehicle in an area that is dry, secure, out of the weather, and out of the way, but accessible for periodic checks. Also, store the vehicle in an area with a minimum of daily temperature variation.
- Choose a location away from windows; ultraviolet light can fade paint and plastic parts. Direct sunlight can raise the ambient temperature of the storage area, promoting condensation.
- When ready for storage, cover the vehicle with a specially designed, breathable cover such as a Genuine Honda Accessories cover available at your Honda dealer. Do not use tarps or cotton sheets—they will trap or hold moisture against your vehicle, promoting rust and mildew.

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FUEL SYSTEM

Fuel tank preparation is a vital part of winter storage. There are two ways to prepare the fuel tank for storage:

- The first method is to completely drain the fuel tank, leaving it dry for the storage period. If you use this method, lightly spray the inside of the tank with a fuel-soluble anti-rust agent.

- The second method (recommended for fuel-injected models) is to fill the tank completely with fresh fuel.

The proper level is just up to the bottom of the fuel filler neck. When filling the tank, avoid oxygenated fuels if you can (those known to contain ethanol or methanol), as they absorb water and cause rust.

If you are certain that you will not be riding the vehicle for at least 4 to 6 weeks, add a fuel stabilizer such as Pro Honda Fuel Stabilizer or equivalent to the tank before filling it with fuel. If the vehicle will be stored more than three months before you ride, you should also drain the fuel shut-off valve, fuel lines, and the carburetor(s) float bowl(s).

If fuel is left for an extended period of time it will go "stale," turning into a residue that can plug fuel lines and the jets and passages in your carburetors; the addition of fuel stabilizer will prevent this from happening and will help keep moisture from accumulating in the tank.

ENGINE OIL

Change the engine oil.

Even if the oil is not due for a change, combustion byproducts produce acids in the oil that can corrode engine parts. Changing the oil will help prevent corrosion from occurring during storage.

Ride the vehicle until it reaches normal operating temperature and then change the engine oil and filter according to the Owner's Manual or Service Manual. Riding the vehicle also does the important task of distributing the treated fuel through the fuel system.

Dispose of the used oil and filter in an environmentally safe manner. If you cannot locate an oil recycling facility, contact your local Honda dealer.

BATTERY

Remove the battery for storage and be sure to read all charging information in the Owner's Manual, on the battery itself, and the instructions that came with the battery charger you'll be using.

If the battery is a conventional (not maintenance-free) type, check the electrolyte level. Add distilled water to any cells that are low. Do not use tap water; it will shorten the battery's life considerably.

Honda recommends using a compact automatic charger, as they can be left connected without risking damage to the battery. Find a well-ventilated location to store the battery and charger. Since you will need to check the battery's charge at least every two weeks, store them in an accessible location that is inside and protected from freezing. (Note: Do not store the battery on a concrete floor. A wooden shelf or other non-conductive material is best)

With the battery out of the box, it's a good time to clean the battery compartment. Neutralize any acid spills with baking soda and then rinse with clean water. Dry the compartment thoroughly.

BRAKE AND CLUTCH SYSTEMS

If the brake or clutch fluids haven't been changed in the last two years or 19,300 kilometers, do it now. The fluids in these systems absorb moisture that will cause corrosion and potential problems when you use your vehicle after storage. Use fresh Pro Honda DOT 4 Brake Fluid from a sealed container for the brake and hydraulic clutch systems. Be sure to read all warning labels on the fluid containers and those in the appropriate sections of the Owner's Manual.

Refer to the Service Manual for all the information needed to change the fluid in both systems. As brake fluid can damage both paint and plastic, protect those areas of the vehicle when changing or adding brake fluid. Clean any spills immediately with a mild detergent and water solution.

Dispose of the used fluid in an environmentally safe manner. If you cannot locate a recycling facility or have any doubts about your ability to change the fluid levels, see your local Honda dealer.

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COOLING SYSTEM

If your vehicle is liquid cooled and the coolant hasn't been changed in the last two years or 38,600 kilometers, do it now. To drain the coolant, follow the procedures in the Owner's Manual or Service Manual. Refill the system with Pro Honda HP Coolant or equivalent.

If you mix your own coolant and water, be sure to use distilled water. Any water other than distilled contains minerals that will react with the aluminum parts in the engine and radiator, causing corrosion.

If you are going to store your vehicle for more than six months, drain the system completely and leave it dry. Leaving the system dry will assure that no corrosion takes place during storage. After draining the system, put a tag or label on the bike to remind yourself to fill it when you take the vehicle out of storage.

If the drained coolant is fresh, store it in sealable containers or, if not, dispose of it properly. If you are unsure of where to dispose of used coolant, contact your local Honda dealer.

CLEAN THE VEHICLE

If the vehicle is moderately dirty or you have been riding it on salted roads, clean the vehicle thoroughly. Rinse with water if necessary and dry the vehicle completely.

Apply Pro Honda Spray Cleaner and Polish, which leaves a protective coating that repels water and protects against ultraviolet rays on both metal and plastic parts. Wax all painted surfaces to prevent paint oxidation and apply rust-inhibiting oil to all chrome pieces.

Note: Do not use products containing wax on matte painted surfaces.

FINAL STORAGE PREPARATION

Check that the tire air pressure is correct and place the vehicle in its storage location.

Place the vehicle on its center stand (if equipped) and place a block under the engine so that the front wheel is off the ground. Stable motorcycle stands will also work if the vehicle does not have a center stand. If you don't have either of these, make sure to check for the correct tire air pressure at least once a month during storage to prevent flat spots.

If you are concerned about the security of your vehicle during storage, consider securing the frame to a permanent fixture with a heavy-duty lock or chain, making sure not to damage the frame or paint.

Apply the breathable cover and you're set for the winter. Just make sure to keep an eye on the battery's charge!

Gary Ballou

Rider Educator B3

Wear your helmet every time you ride.

Chapter statistics for the month of October 2015

Current First Aid/CPR – 22

Current in Level I – 14

Current Road Captains – 17

Current in Level II - 0

Current in Level III - 5

Current in Level IV - 13

October Attendance

1 - Chapter gathering, 24 members

Chapter Fun Day at Tim and Connie Ratliff's home, 13 members

3 – Dinner Ride, Talitas, 19 members

8 – Ride planning meeting, 11 members

15 –Chapter Color ride north, 8 members, welcome back Rob and Amanda

20 – Mid-month get-together, 15 members

22 - Chapter Color ride south, 15 member, welcome back Dan and Jodie

28 – Obetz Community Halloween Party,

29 - Chapter Color ride south

NEWSLETTER EDITOR

Tom Eden

If you have an article that you would like to have included here, send it to the Newsletter Editor, Tom Eden, at traveler1@columbus.rr.com. Articles could be about a ride you went on, an event you attended, or something you purchased for your bike that you think is really great, or anything you feel would be of interest to your fellow members. We sincerely welcome contributions from our members. For Sale ads, by GWRRA Members only, are also welcome for submission. Deadline for submissions is the 20th of the month.



Special Activities Coordinator

Esther Ford

Thanks to everyone who volunteered at the Halloween event for the Obetz community. As always the staff really appreciates the time we give to help make it a success. Judy says she loves the (yellow shirts).



Remember we need to pay for our Christmas dinner at the November gathering, (\$18.25 each). We will also pass the bucket to collect money for the community food pantry, please bring a couple extra dollars to donate. Thank you so very much!

Ladies lunch will be at China Bell, 1947 Stringtown Road Grove City, on November 10th at 12:30pm. This will be the last ladies lunch for 2016 because December is so busy for the ladies. We look forward to seeing everyone who can be there.

Christmas Kick off will be our next opportunity to serve the community of Obetz. Watch your email for date and time.

B-3 Christmas party is coming up quick, we will have a gift exchange, if you wish to participate bring a gift (\$10), guy bring a gift for a guy, lady bring a gift for a lady. Also consider bringing something for the door prize table. We will be disclosing our secret sisters, at your leisure. At the January gathering we will select new secret sisters. If you would like to participate and cannot be there please let me know, bill-esther@msn.com thanks.
Happy Thanksgiving! Esther



November Birthdays & Anniversaries

Birthdays

3. Dan Cunningham
6. Alice Bontrager



Anniversaries

12. Dan & Jodie Cunningham

Give Connie Ratliff, 740-503-7870 or Tom Eden, 614-634-1311 a call if any get well or sympathy cards need to be sent.

Up Coming Activities

October Greeters – Tim and Connie Ratliff

For a complete ride schedule see chapter web site

<http://www.gwrraohb3.com>

This is your chapter. The events scheduled are not just for the officers. One of the goals of GWRRA is FUN. It isn't as much fun without you there. The tentative schedule for 2016 has been planned, but there is space for more. There were only 8 people at the planning meeting Saturday. There are some FUN and Exciting activities scheduled. Please be a part of your chapter. If you have ideas for rides/activities let Tom Eden or any officer know, as there is plenty of space to add activities and destinations.

November 2016

- 5 - 9:00 am, Chapter gathering, Obetz Community Center,
- 10 - 12:00 pm, Ladies Lunch, destination to be determined
- 11 – 6:00 pm preparation for Fall Officer's Meeting Obetz Community Center,
- 12 – 9:00 am Fall Officer's Meeting Obetz Community Center,
- 17 - 7:00 pm Mid-month get together, Obetz Community Center
- 19 – 10:00 am, **Something New**, a bowling outing at Star Lanes in Grove City, meet there, we will go to lunch afterward.
- 24 – A happy Thanks Giving to all

December 2016

- 3 – Chapter Christmas Party, Der Dutchman Restaurant, Plain City, Ohio, 4:00 pm
- 8 – Ladies Lunch 12:30, Location to be determined
- 15 - Get together, 7:00 p.m. Obetz Community Center,

Pictures from the color ride north on October 5th.



Downtown Granville.





Here is a link to the Ohio District web site where you will find a link to their latest newsletter.
<http://www.ohiogwrra.org>

Here is a link to the Region D web site where you will find a link to their latest newsletter:
<http://www.gwrra-regiond.org>

SOUTHEAST SECTION CHAPTER MEETING PLACES AND TIMES

Chapters	Location	When	Meeting Time
A3	Marietta, Ohio gathers at Shoney's Restaurant, 44 Acme St., Marietta, Ohio. Dinner at 6:00 p.m. gathering follows. Chapter web site https://ohioa3.shutterfly.com	1 st Thursday	7:00 p.m.
B-3	Obetz, Ohio gathers at Obetz Comm. Center, 1650 Obetz Avenue, Obetz, Ohio. Light refreshments at 8:30 a.m., gathering follows. Chapter web site http://www.gwrraohb3.com	1st Saturday (except Sept. & Dec.)	9:00 a.m.
F-3	Lancaster, Ohio, gathers at Deb's Corner Cafe. Located on the corner of Broad St. and 6th. Ave. in Lancaster, Ohio Dinner at 6:00 p.m., gathering follows. Chapter web site http://www.ohf3.com	3 rd Tuesday	7:00 p.m.
H-3	Proctorville, Ohio gathers at Giovanni's Pizza, 614 Park Ave. Ironton, OH Dinner at 6:00 p.m., gathering follows.	1 st Saturday	7:00 p.m.
O	Newark, Ohio, gathers at Stacy's Buffet, 833 S. 30 th St., Heath, Ohio. Dinner at 6 p.m., gathering follows. http://www.ohiogwrra.org/chap/O/latest.pdf	3 rd Thurs.	7:00 p.m.
Q-2	Circleville, Ohio, gathers at Huffman Homestead, 6906 Old Tarlton Place, Circleville, Ohio. Chapter web site https://sites.google.com/site/gwrraq2/home	2 nd Thursday	7:00 p.m.
X	Hocking Hills, Ohio gathers at Davidson Hall, Hocking College in Nelsonville, Ohio.	Last Sunday	1:30 p.m.

Chapter web sites are shown in Blue.

At the time this newsletter was drafted, the Region D Traveling Plaque was at Ohio Chapter OH E2, in Cincinnati, Ohio; and the Ohio District Traveling Plaque was at Ohio Chapter M, Buckeye Travelers, in Boardman, Ohio.

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A Collage of photos from Fun Day at Tim and Connie's after the October gathering.

Hey Region D...It's Cruising Time Again!

March 9 - 19, 2017

Norwegian "GEM"



Leaving out of New York City

Cabins start at \$799

ITINERARY:

Thu 09-Mar 4:00 pm SHIP DEPARTS NEW YORK CITY, NEW YORK, US
Fri 10-Mar AT SEA
Sat 11-Mar AT SEA
Sun 12-Mar AT SEA
Mon 13 Mar 8:00 am - 5:00 pm SAN JUAN
Tue 14-Mar 8:00 am - 5:00 pm ST.THOMAS
Wed 15-Mar 8:00 am - 5:00 pm PHILIPSBURG ST. MAARTEN, NETHERLAND ANTILLES
Thu 16-Mar 7:00 am - 1:00 pm TORTOLA, BRITISH VIRGIN ISLANDS
Fri 17-Mar AT SEA
Sat 18-Mar AT SEA
Sun 19-Mar 10:00 am SHIP ARRIVES AT NEW YORK CITY, NEW YORK

Call Ian Cort at 954-514-4143 or his cell is 305-896-2482.

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