

Gold Wing Road Riders Association

Friendship, Fun, Safety and Knowledge!



Tri-Mountain Wings Chapter PA - X

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FROM THE CHAPTER DIRECTORS

Hello Chapter X,

My apologies for the lateness of this month's newsletter. I have been dealing with a family situation that has required a large amount of my time and probably will for the foreseeable future.

As I look at the COVID-19 situation, I am reminded of the old movie "Groundhog Day." As much as things may seem to change, it doesn't feel like anything has really changed. It's the same thing, day after day. For a while, it looked like reported cases of COVID were leveling off and even declining. Recently there have been spikes, particularly in Luzerne County, and whether these spikes represent an actual increase in the cases or just more testing that increases the numbers but not the actual threat level, I just don't know. In any case, the prudent course of action seems to be to restrict personal interaction the bare necessity. With that said, we are going to try another "Socially Distanced" outdoor Gathering. As we did last month, we'll meet for ice cream where we can stay outdoors and maintain our six foot separation but still be able to hold a conversation and catch up on what we are all doing. This month we'll meet on Wednesday, August 19th at 7:00 PM at Harding's Dairy Bar and Golf, located on Route 29, 3 miles north of Tunkhannock. If we're still able to do this next month, I'd like to meet somewhere closer to Greg and Amy's neck of the woods as they seem to draw the long ride on these excursions. I have heard from a couple of you that you are still not comfortable going out and that is completely understandable. We each need to make our own decisions on these matters and there is no pressure to attend a Gathering, just on opportunity if you feel safe doing it.

I have managed to get out a few times to ride and I hope you have too. Late afternoon riding recently has been close to uncomfortable with the heat (if you are an ATGATT rider), but mornings can be quite pleasant. Remember we once had a Last Minute Ride Group, where anyone could plan a ride if they saw good upcoming weather and simply invite the

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UPCOMING EVENTS

August Gathering (Informal)

8/19

Harding's Dairy Bar & Golf
7:00 PM

Web Links:

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chapter to come along, no real advance planning. If you could go, you went. If not, no problem. In today's environment, I suspect it would not be difficult to ride safely with only a few riders. Other chapters have been doing it and seem to be able to control their interactions, so if you are interested, let me know.

I hope everyone is well and hope to see a few of you on Wednesday.
Ride safe,

Brian and Nina Schillinger
Chapter Directors, PA-X

Pennsylvania District Directors

Have you been out riding? Have you been riding with a chapter, friends or only your motorcycle? We have had great weather for riding and it is only August. There is time for you to get out there and enjoy motorcycling. One of the joys of motorcycling for us, is to get away from the phone, computer and other distractions we have in our life. We get to enjoy the beautiful county we live in!

We hope your chapter is able to get together for a monthly gathering and some group riding. Yes, there are challenges. If the restaurant you meet in is unable to accommodate you for your gathering due to the guide-lines they must abide by hopefully, your chapter has found an alternative such as a park or pavilion to meet at.

Group riding has also become a challenge. Some of our members do not feel comfortable frequenting public establishments. And many of our group rides have stops for breaks and food and it is not easy knowing what is open or can accommodate your group. It may be necessary to take shorter rides to eliminate some of the obstacles.

We are fortunate that we are invited to join many Zoom Meetings. And throughout the USA, districts and chapters are encountering the same challenges we are in Pennsylvania. A generalization would be that GWRRA members are comfortable participating with their chapter family but, many are not ready to participate with their extended GWRRA family.

We always encourage visitation but, during this pandemic it has made it challenging with the current mandates. So, if your chapter is trying to plan your holiday party and if it would make it easier and possible for you to hold your holiday party if you did not invite other chapters to your party, it is acceptable to have your holiday party for your chapter.

If you are ready to spend some time with your extended GWRRA family and want to attend a rally there are a few rallies that have not been cancelled.

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BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES

Happy Birthday to:

8/5
Tom Bridgen

Happy Anniversary to:

8/5
Marianne & Jim DeStefano

Virginia District Rally – Rally in the Valley is October 29-31 2020 in Lynchburg, VA. There registration form is attached to this month's PA District newsletter. If you are planning on attending, get your registration in. Based on reservations, they will be making a decision in August to have or not to have the rally. If they cancel refunds will be issued.

Looking forward to 2021, the PA District Rally "Ride Back in Time" is May 20-22, 2021 in Cranberry Township, PA located 25 miles north of Pittsburgh at the Pittsburgh Marriot North. It is a beautiful hotel and location. The rally flyer is posted on the PA District website and listed under events on the GWRRA PA District page on GroupWorks.

We have received numerous registrations. Get your registration in soon if you plan on taking an Advanced Rider Course (ARC), a Trike Rider Course (TRC), Road Captain Course (RCC) or the Medic First Aid® (MFA). The classes are filling up.

Don't forget your room reservations by calling the hotel at 800-853-5574 and use code GWRRA to get our discounted room rate and breakfast or make your online reservation by using the link on the flyer, PA District website or GroupWorks.

This pandemic has changed the world we live and work in; adjustments are being made. All of us need to do our part to keep ourselves and our friends and neighbors safe.

Keep safe, be well and we hope to see all of you soon!
Remember to always ride safe! So, let's get out and ride!

Harold and Diane Jackson
Your Pennsylvania District Directors

FROM YOUR PA DISTRICT EDUCATOR



Hi Folks:

Summer is quickly coming to an end now and fall will soon be upon us, and the leaves will soon be starting to change color in our area. This brings with it both beauty and an added element of danger for the late season rider. We have all heard the standard warnings of WET LEAVES affecting traction. What appears to be missing is a recommendation on what to do if you encounter this situation.

The second thing we will encounter this time of the year is RAIN. Haul out the raingear you've stowed in a handy spot. Make sure your rain gloves and rain boots fit properly. Poorly fitted ones can lessen your ability to brake and shift.

Be most cautious when it first starts to rain. That is when the water goes into all the dimples in the road, and the oil residue from passing vehicles floats to the top. That gets slippery! A wise motorcyclist will stop for a cup of coffee when it starts to rain; who knows, it could be all over in 15 minutes, and you won't even have to put on the rain suit.

After a while the oil will be washed off to the side of the road. However, traction on a wet surface may not be as good as on a dry road. Be careful.

The third thing we will encounter this time of the year is FOG. Cool mornings and evenings, after a warm day, tend to produce fog in what is referred to as low-lying areas. If you think you may have a chance of riding into a fog area, carry a small towel or soft water absorbing cloth in your Jacket pocket where it is easy to get to. You may have to clean your windshield to see well. Slow down and if you think you are traveling too slow, run your hazard flashers. I have found that the lower running lights are a big plus for driving in fog.

In any of the above low traction situations, (sand, black ice, wet pavement, slippery leaves, etc.) the best advice is avoidance. Barring that, use a method of identification, prediction, and reaction to prepare for and successfully overcome obstacles such as those mentioned above.

A question which has been being ask a lot in recent months is do I need a special license to operate a Trike or a Scooter.

I checked at the licensing center and the following information is what I received.

The way this is going to work is if you originally took your test on a two- wheel motorcycle your license will show a M with no restrictions unless you wear glasses etc., and you can operate any type of motorcycle or scooter.

If you are a first-time applicant and take your test on a Trike, you will receive a license with a M but under restrictions you will have a 9 which means you are only allowed to operate a Trike.

If you are a first-time applicant and take your test on a Scooter, you will receive a license with a M but under restrictions you will have an 8 which means you are only allowed to operate a Scooter.

As your Chapter takes its last scheduled rides of the season, let us all think SAFETY, keeping the situations mentioned above in mind, and ending our riding season on a safe note.

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Ride Safe and Ride Proud

Chuck & Evelyn Stone
PA District Educators