

Gold Wing Road Riders Association

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Tri-Mountain Wings Chapter PA - X

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FROM THE CHAPTER DIRECTORS

Meteorological winter started two weeks ago and the calendar tells us winter starts in another week. Any way you look at it, winter is here. Along with winter comes Christmas and Hanukka and with the holidays, Christmas and Holiday parties. Several of us attended Chapter H's Christmas party in Berwick on the 7th and Chapter R's Christmas party in Towanda on the 8th. The real problem with back to back parties is there isn't enough time for your stomach to recover in between. We did have a good time at both parties and thank both chapters for inviting us. We are looking forward to our own After Christmas Party on January 11th at The Bear Creek Inne in Bear Creek. I will be sending out a reminder in January, but please go ahead and mark your calendars now so you won't forget. Some of us need to set an alarm so we don't get to the day of the party and totally forget. I've taken some good natured ribbing over that one.

To date our chapter has sold about 135 District Lottery Tickets. That will bring almost \$170.00 into the chapter treasury, more than offsetting our \$100.00 annual charter fee. While we didn't sell as many tickets as last year, we made a good showing and I thank everyone for their effort. There are a lot of things vying for our attention and your support of the chapter is appreciated.

Speaking of our treasury, a big thanks to all for sitting through the SkyMed presentation at our last Gathering. For being allowed to make the presentation, SkyMed made a donation of \$200.00 to the chapter. A few folks decided to sign up for their service, so I'm sure they recovered their donation, but it did enhance our treasury.

For me, one of the highlights of the fall was our support of Paul's House. The clothing donations in September and the Thanksgiving Day meal donations were amazing. Chapter X delivered almost a dozen meals which included both breakfast and all the fixings for a traditional turkey dinner. As good as that is, and it is wonderful, other folks in the area also delivered meals and I believe the count when we left Paul's House was 186 meals delivered. Valor Clinic distributed those meals not only to the residents at Paul's House, but other veteran families in the area that they support. Thank you to all who donated to these two events.

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UPCOMING EVENTS

January 11
After Christmas Party
At
The Bear Creek Inne

January 15
Gathering
Petro Truck Stop
Dupont

As I mentioned in last month's newsletter and at the Gathering, PA-X is hosting a "Pancakes for Paul's House" ride on May 30, 2020. The flyer and registration form is posted on the PA District website. This event will be open to all riders, not just Goldwing riders, so as you talk to your riding friends, please talk up this event. This is a great opportunity to raise awareness of Paul's House as well as to raise awareness of our chapter.

In closing, Nina and I would like to wish everyone a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. Enjoy the holidays and be safe. We hope to see everyone at the After Christmas Party.

Brian and Nina Schillinger
Chapter Directors, PA-X

Pennsylvania District Directors

I hope everyone had a very Happy Thanksgiving and hopefully you did not stuff yourself like a turkey; I know I did. You would think I would know better. Thanksgiving is a wonderful time of the year and we have a lot to be thankful for. I hope you had a FUN day with family, friends and possibly your GWRRA family.

Did any of you go out shopping on Black Friday? Although I'm not sure when Black Friday is anymore. Times have changed and store start their deals earlier and earlier every year.

We are in the middle of "giving season". We reach out to friends, family and neighbors we haven't seen in a while. Is there someone from your GWRRA family you have not seen recently? Please take time to give them a phone call, send them a card, invite them to a chapter event. Let them know you miss them.

Many chapters have or will be planning there 2020 chapter events, we hope you are planning on attending District events and other Chapter activities. It is a great way to get out and see your extended GWRRA family. GroupWorks is a great communication tool to keep everyone informed.

The PA District Rally is May 14,15 & 16, 2020. The registration form for the rally can be found on the PA District website, the PA District page on GroupWorks in the events section and in the District newsletter. Don't forget to book your hotel room at the Altoona Grand by calling 814-946-1631 and use code GWRRA to get the room rate of \$95 with a hot breakfast. You cannot book your room online.

Couple of the Year FUN Day is March 14th in Clearfield, PA at the Trinity United Methodist Church at 121 S Second Street. It is a FUN Day! And it is a great way to meet other Chapter Couples that have been given this very special honor.

Officer Conference is April 18th in Clearfield, PA at the Trinity UMC at 121 S Second Street. Chapter officers are encouraged to attend to learn more about their position and other important information.

Web Links:

gwrra.org

gwrrapidist.org

PAChapterX.com

BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES

Happy Birthday to:

12/14

Jim DeStefano

12/20

Brian Schillinger

Happy Anniversary to:

None this month

Has your Chapter sold all of your PA District raffle tickets? Remember they make good Christmas gifts or stocking stuffers. They are an excellent way to say "thank you" to a whole list of people who help you during the year. Keep in mind for every ticket you sell you are helping your Chapter. Ticket stubs and money need to be returned to Sharon Golanka, District Treasurer by January 15, 2020.

Depending on where you live in our wonderful state, you may have already had snow. If you like a white Christmas, hopefully there will be a little snow to make the day festive.

Don't let the snow or cold weather slow you down, get out and participate with your chapter and GWRRA family.

Merry Christmas, Happy Hanukkah and a Safe and Happy New Year!

Remember to always ride safe!

Harold and Diane Jackson
Your PA District Directors

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FROM YOUR PA DISTRICT EDUCATOR



With the cold weather moving in I think that most of us have started to prepare the wings for winter storage.

Something you should consider doing before putting the wing away for the season is a **T-CLOCK** inspection.

TIRES: Your tires may need to be replaced. Now would be the

time to start this project rather than waiting for the spring riding season to start.

CLUTCH: Check the clutch and brake reservoirs. Are they low in fluid or has the fluid turned a very dark color? If they have you should change both the clutch and brake fluid now.

LUBRICANTS: How long has it been since you changed your anti-freeze. Remember your anti-freeze has been working hard to keep your engine cool and to lubricate your water pump. **MAKE SURE** you use the proper anti-freeze when changing, as not all types of anti-freeze will work in your Wing.

OIL: You may wait until spring to change your oil but I personally do not think it is a good idea to leave the old oil in the engine over the winter because it contains acids as well as old oil has a tendency to turn to sludge as it sets and the dirt sinks to the bottom of the engine case.

CABLES & CONTROLS: You should check your throttle and choke cables for smooth operation. Make sure the throttle returns with a snap and to an idle when released. The choke, if equipped, also needs to work smoothly and to return to the open position.

KICKSTAND: Does your kickstand have free movement and a good spring to pull it up? Look at the switches and check the operation with the switch on. Check the center stand's return spring for smooth operation.

In addition to the T-Clock inspection, you should check the battery terminals and make sure they are clean and the water level in the battery is at the proper level.

If you are not going to run your motorcycle at least once a month during storage, you should put the battery tender on to keep the level of charge up to the maximum level.

Last but not least you should clean up the wing, wax it and cover it for the winter storage season to protect it from dust.

If you take the above precautions, you should be ready to go in the spring and have an enjoyable riding season having done your preparation during the winter season while the bike is being stored.

Ride Safe and Ride Proud

Chuck & Evelyn Stone
PA District Educators

Now this is getting ready for cold weather riding!!

