

Gold Wing Road Riders Association

Friendship, Fun, Safety and Knowledge!



Tri-Mountain Wings Chapter PA - X

Clarks Summit, PA
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FROM THE CHAPTER DIRECTORS

It has been about 50 days since the shortest day of the year and we have gained almost an hour and ten minutes of daylight. While it is not a lot, at least it's progress. We've survived January and February is here. While we didn't get much in the way of snowfall in January, it has been a rather dreary month. More daylight and more sunshine should make us all feel better and looking forward to getting our favorite riding machine ready. As I look out on my street, I see a heavy accumulation of road grit, often swirled up into clouds by passing cars. So, I guess at this point I'll just dream of getting out on my Goldwing in a couple of months. After all, this is north east Pennsylvania. As this is being written, Nina, Penny and I are preparing to head south to a campground in the panhandle of Florida, so the recent snowfall covering the camper is not appreciated.

The only event on the District calendar this month is the Medic First Aid course hosted by Chapter C in Chambersburg on Saturday, February 22. A link to the flyer is attached at the end of the newsletter in case you are interested.

Chapter X's only event this month is our Gathering on the 19th. Randy and Kim will be leading the Gathering as Nina and I will be away. We hope you all have an enjoyable Gathering and look forward to seeing everyone for the March Gathering.

Stay warm and safe,

Brian and Nina Schillinger
Chapter Directors, PA-X

Pennsylvania District Directors

It's February and I'm sure you have heard we are in a new decade! The whole month of February will be 02/2020 and the second day of February will be 02/02/2020. Oh, my what fun we can have this month with twos and zeros. Does anyone know what day will have the most

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UPCOMING EVENTS

February 19
Gathering
Petro Truck Stop
Dupont
6:00 pm Dinner
& Meeting

Web Links:

gwrra.org
gwrrapadist.org

"2s and zeros"? Will it be February 02 or February 20?

This month is the drawing for the PA District raffle. Good luck to everyone who purchased a ticket. Thank you to each and every one of you for selling the raffle tickets and turning the money in on time! Chapter checks will be distributed at Officer Conference in April.

Officer Conference is April 19, 2020 at the Trinity United Methodist Church in Clearfield, PA beginning at 10 am. We encourage all officers to attend. RSVP's are due to us by April 10th. This year you and/or your chapter and the district need to come up with some recruitment ideas so, we can recruit new members in your chapter. Please let us know what your idea is.

FUN Day is March 14th! All 2020 Chapter Couple of the Year, Chapter COY Coordinators and Chapter Directors are invited to join in FUN Day. The event is being held at the Trinity UMC in Clearfield. The church is providing lunch for \$5/person; the fee will be collected at FUN Day. RSVPs due on March 6th.

Have you registered for the PA District Rally? This is the last month you are eligible for the \$100 cash drawing with a full registration.

The PA District Rally is being held May 14-16, 2020 in Altoona, PA at the Altoona Grand Hotel. And this year's theme is "Ride Back in Time"! The district team has been working very hard during the year and have many FUN things planned.

Don't forget there are several extra events to consider signing up for on the registration.

Thursday evening Welcome Party that includes a meal.

Riding Classes: Advanced Rider Course (ARC) - space is available
Trike Rider Course (TRC) - class is full - waiting list
only

Road Captain Course (RCC) - class is full -
waiting list only

GWRRRA Medic-First Aid course on Saturday - space is available (Fee is for class supplies)

Book your room by calling 814-946-1631 dialing directly into the Altoona Grand Hotel; room rate is \$95 & includes breakfast

Thank you, Chapter Directors and Chapter Treasurers, for turning in your 990N and year end financial work on time.

Have you looked at the 2020 Calendar of Events on the PA District website? The year is going to be very busy with chapter gatherings, rides, dinners and ice cream. We hope you are planning on attending the PA District Rally, All Chapters West, district rides and Wing Ding.

Remember to always ride safe!

Harold and Diane Jackson
Your Pennsylvania District Directors

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BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES

Happy Birthday to:

2/5
Terry Pohle

2/7
Karen Whalen

2/27
Marie Wasluck

Happy Anniversary to:

None this month

FROM YOUR PA DISTRICT EDUCATOR



Hi Everyone:

Some of us are starting to think about getting out on the road again.

Since we are closing in on the 2020 riding season and most of you are working on getting your bikes ready to go, we need to start to refresh ourselves on the procedures that we will be using this riding season.

SAFE PASSING

Think about what the other driver might do and what you should do when you pass.

When you must pass another vehicle, Motorcycle operators offer these safety tips:

Look well ahead, especially on a two-lane highway.

Leave enough room to pass safely and don't assume that oncoming traffic will slow down for you.

Make sure that you are in a legal passing zone and above all else, check the yellow centerlines and look for "No-Passing" signs.

Be certain that you have enough distance between you and any oncoming traffic to safely pass the vehicle in front of you. You will have to exercise caution here and briefly ignore the two-second rule as you move your vehicle into a passing posture. Although you will not be using the two-second rule, weather conditions, road surfaces, terrain and traffic will play an important part in determining your safe following distance as you begin your passing maneuver.

Communicate with other road users. Use your turn signals to alert others of your intentions.

Check your blind spots! More often than not, other road users (vehicles) have a tendency to linger along-side motorcycles.

Look in both mirrors and make a head check before you move to avoid cutting off another vehicle or running it off the road.

Make your pass quickly, but do not exceed the speed limit. If you must travel over the speed limit, the pass is illegal and unnecessary.

Once the passing maneuver is complete, signal you return to the right land and don't slow down! Give the vehicle behind you plenty of room. If you have to slow down, this could irritate the driver behind you and may also be another sign that you passed illegally.

If you are riding in a group, the same rules above apply except that when the leader decides that a pass is necessary he should notify the tail gunner to secure the lane and when notified by the tail gunner that the lane is secured the entire group on the leaders signal should move out into the passing lane, make the pass and when the tail gunner reports to the leader that he has cleared the vehicle being passed return to the travel lane in the same manner.

Passing is one of the more dangerous maneuvers in motorcycling and should not be taken lightly.

Again, we encourage everyone to get involved in the Rider Education program to improve your riding skills and knowledge so that you and your passenger enjoy the ride and return home safely.

Remember, ALL THE GEAR ALL THE TIME. (ATGATT)

“Ride Safe and Ride Proud”

Chuck & Evelyn Stone
PA District Educators

Link to Medic First Aid Course Flyer

<http://codynparker.com/PADist/U.10%20MFA%20PA.C%202.22.2020%20PDF.pdf>