

Gold Wing Road Riders Association

Friendship, Fun, Safety and Knowledge!



Tri-Mountain Wings Chapter PA - X

Clarks Summit, PA
June 2019



FROM THE CHAPTER DIRECTORS

June has arrived and the summer season is now in full swing. Looking back in May our Chapter participated in a number of events.

The May "Ice Cream Ride" turned out to be an all "cage" event as the weather was threatening to rain and not very warm. About 10 of us gathered at Manning Dairy Farm to enjoy ice cream while sitting outside in the pavilion. Spits of rain didn't dampen spirits and we had our usual wide ranging discussions.

We welcomed Jim and Kathie McClintock at our Gathering on the 15th. Jim and Kathie are Chapter E's Couple of the Year and are making the rounds to visit each chapter in the District. Jim and Kathie are from Belle Vernon, just south of Pittsburg. They rode to our Gathering, stayed overnight in the area and then rode to the District Rally in York the next day.

Speaking of the District Rally and Chapter Couple of the Year, six of us attended the Pennsylvania District Rally in York on May 16-18, where our own Tom Bridgen and Marie Wasluck proudly represented Chapter X in the District Couple of the Year competition. Although admittedly biased, the other four members of Chapter X felt that their performance should have earned them top honors. We heard from others who agreed with our assessment, but the judges chose Chris and Christie Hull from Chapter W and we wish them well.

One of the interesting events at the Rally was a guided tour of the Gettysburg Battlefield. Leaving from venue hotel in York, we were guided over country roads to Gettysburg where we spent some time in the Visitors Center before taking the Auto Tour with narration provided over the CB by our ride leader's wife, who was riding in a side car. While our time was limited, the tour was enjoyable and for me, a good refresher as I had previously had an in-depth tour while attending a military class at nearby Fort Indiantown Gap. For anyone who had not previously seen the battlefield, this was a good introduction and enticement to go back a spend more time exploring.

Just a week after the District Rally, the Chapter X annual Memorial Day weekend campout at Promised Land State Park rolled around. We had

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UPCOMING EVENTS

June 11

Ice Cream Ride In
Jitty Joe's
Moosic

June 19

Gathering
Petro Truck Stop
Dupont

June 23

PA-H Dice Run
Bloomsburg

an enjoyable time despite some less than ideal weather and Nina and I once again spent our anniversary camping with friends. As most will recall, some dangerous weather rolled through the area Tuesday afternoon and evening and Nina and I were still at the park, once taking shelter in the nearest bath house as a precaution, but fortunately the most severe weather passed just to the south of us.

On Sunday, June 2nd, the Chapter had a "dinner" ride, organized by Greg Barra. Once again the weather kept us in four-wheel mode, but we still enjoyed the road trip beginning at the Petro Truck Stop (our new Gathering location), heading north to Carbondale, over Moosic Mountain and then taking very interesting back roads to Hallstead where we enjoyed pizza at Blue Stone Pizzeria. The pizza was excellent and the friendship enjoyable. If you weren't there, you missed a good time, but stayed tuned as more dinner rides are coming up.

Effective with our June meeting on the 19th, we are changing our Gathering location to the Petro Truck Stop, 98 Grove Street, Dupont. The times remain the same, 6:00 pm for dinner and 7:00 for the meeting portion of the Gathering. The change is in an effort to more centrally locate so that we can make it easier for more of our membership to come to Gatherings. While Chapter X was originally chartered in Wyoming County, our geographic area covers Wyoming, Luzerne, Lackawanna, Wayne, Pike and Monroe counties. If you know of any riders from any of those areas who might be interested in associating with us, please let them know of the change and invite them to attend a Gathering.

Also upcoming is our June Ice Cream Ride. Our destination is Jitty Joe's at 4211 Birney Avenue in Moosic. The time to meet is 7:00 on Tuesday, June 11.

A final reminder that the registration deadline for Chapter H's Dice Run and Chicken BBQ is Friday June 14th. I sent out a separate email reminder which included the flyer with all the information. This has always been a good ride and good eats, so join the group and have fun.

Let's all hope for sunshine and warm riding weather to come.

Ride safe,

Brian and Nina Schillinger
Chapter Directors, PA-X

FROM THE DISTRICT DIRECTORS

Pennsylvania District Directors

The GWRRA PA District Rally was held recently. We hope you were able to attend and we hope you had FUN at the rally. We were honored to have many members of Team GWRRA attend. I hope you had a chance to meet them and realize they enjoy GWRRA and are members just like you. Thank you to everyone that attended and thank you to the PA District Team for the great rally!

Web Links:

gwrra.org

gwrrapadist.org

BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES

Happy Birthday to:

June 16
Greg Barra

June 19
Mary Jane Williams

June 24
Jan Paylor

Happy Anniversary to:

None this month

Did you meet Chris and Christie Hull at the rally? They have been added to the PA District Team as Assistant District Directors assisting chapters PA-S, PA-T and PA-W. Thank you for stepping forward and accepting this appointment.

We had four couples in the PA District Couple of the Year selection process. Wow! We have wonderful couples representing their chapters and it was our pleasure to become more acquainted with the couples. We would have been honored to have any of the four couples represent Pennsylvania but, only one couple is selected. Chris and Christie Hull, PA-W, were selected as the 2019/2020 GWRRA PA District Couple of the Year. Congratulations!

The announcement was made at the rally as to where the rally will be in 2020; it will be in Altoona, PA at the Altoona Grand on May 14 -16, 2020. The theme is "Ride Back in Time". If you have any ideas or suggestions for the rally, please let us know.

I hope you have made your reservations for All Chapters West at VacationLand Campgrounds, Sandy Lake, PA on June 14 - 16, 2019. Reservations were due May 30th. PA-N have some great rides planned and All Chapters are a great time to meet your GWRRA friends and have FUN!

Don't forget to mark you calendar! The PA District – Ride-In is July 13, 2019 at Waltz Creamery & Farm House Café. No reservations are necessary, just join in the FUN! It will be a great day to join in with your GWRRA family and friends and enjoy some great food, ice cream and we hope it will be a great day to ride!

Remember to look on the PA District website for all the activities happening with our PA chapters. And chapters, please keep adding your events to the PA District website. We encourage you to join other chapters and participate in their activities.

Please use GroupWorks to remind GWRRA membership about what is happening with your chapter and keep posting pictures and comments about the FUN your chapter is having.

We hope to see you soon at a chapter gathering, event or on the road!

Remember to always ride safe!

Harold and Diane Jackson
Your Pennsylvania District Directors

FROM YOUR PA DISTRICT EDUCATOR

Hi Everyone:

We hope that everyone has had a wonderful riding season thus far and keeping in mind that the best is yet to come.

Periodically the question has been asked is that MODULATING HEADLIGHT LEGAL?

YES – they are legal in all 50 states and Canada! That doesn't mean you will not be pulled over by a law enforcement officer that is unaware of the Federal Standard.

Note that laws do change. Even this one has been revised to a new location within the last few years.

The now popular manufacturer Kisan includes a card with their unit, which is a partial reprint from Federal Register: Feb. 21, 1996 (Volume 61, No. 35).

A novice with a little knowledge of Federal codes digging awhile can find this information, but you need not take the word of someone not trained in law. What do "... As these devices are permitted by express federal regulation, no state may have a law or regulation, which prohibits them. The federal standard preempts the state in this regard.

"I would highly recommend carrying the manufacturer's pocket card or information available in many places on the World Wide Web such as <http://users.snip.net/CLAMB/MODULATOR.HTM>

Having it in black and white lends credibility to your explanation. One officer who also rides a motorcycle was going to see about modifying his own ride!

Remember to be considerate of other riders when riding in a group. If you are not the lead it is suggested that you turn off the modulating headlight so other riders are not distracted by it flashing in their mirrors and oncoming traffic is not drawn to it with you riding in the middle of the group.

This is a great safety tool, use it wisely.

Ride Safe and Ride Proud

Chuck & Evelyn Stone
PA District Educators