

Gold Wing Road Riders Association

Friendship, Fun, Safety and Knowledge!



Tri-Mountain Wings Chapter PA - X

Clarks Summit, PA
May 2019



FROM THE CHAPTER DIRECTORS

As we approach the middle of May, the weather is warmer for the most part, but as I write this column, the day has been just barely 10 degrees above freezing with rain all day. I hope the old saying "April showers bring May flowers" has not turned into "April showers bring May snowstorms."

We had our Ice Cream Ride a week early this month due to the increased activity for the Chapter in the second week. Manning Dairy Farm in Dalton was the destination and nine members made it to the farm. The day had been fairly warm but a cold front moved in quickly and as we sat outside eating ice cream, it got decidedly colder. Nevertheless, the ice cream and friendship were both good.

As riding season is now upon us, it is essential to make sure our motorcycles are completely checked out and ready for the upcoming season. Tires, batteries, coolant levels, oil changes, spark plugs...the list goes on, but as experienced riders you all know that time taken now to check, repair or replace as necessary is essential for carefree riding during the upcoming season. I just recently mounted a new set of Dunlop Elite 4 tires on my 1994 Goldwing. While I am glad I did it, I have decided that physically dismounting and remounting tires with a pair of tire irons is going to be a thing of the past for this 70+ year old. From now on I'll let a pro shop mount the tires while I will still install the mounted tires on the bike. On my Goldwing, one thing I like to do is clean, inspect and lube the splines on the drive shaft and final drive every time I change tires. I bit of overkill, perhaps, but I can feel more confident that I won't have a road failure.

Coming up on Friday, the 17th, Marie Wasluck and Tom Bridgen, our Chapter X Couple of the Year, will be competing at the District Rally for District Couple of the Year. Nina and I will be there to cheer them on and if anyone else is going to the District Rally, please try to attend the Couple of the Year competition. If you didn't sign up for the Rally, you can still get a Day Pass and join the activities. If you can't make it, be sure to wish Marie and Tom "Good Luck" at our Gathering.

Speaking of the Gathering, we will be meeting at Perkins in Tunkhannock this month, then moving our Gathering to the Petro Truck

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UPCOMING EVENTS

May 15
Gathering
Perkins, Tunkhannock

May 16-18
PA District Rally
York, PA

Memorial Day Weekend
Chapter Campout
Promised Land State Park

Stop in Duryea in June for at least a few months to see if a more central location might entice a few new members to attend. While moving to a new location can be controversial, please give it a chance to see if we can boost membership. If you have strong feelings one way or the other and don't care to comment publicly, please feel free to address your concerns with me privately.

Coming up Memorial Day Weekend is our campout at Promised Land State Park. While it appears that only a dozen sites are left, those being non-electric sites, if you want to join in there is a chance for a last minute reservation.

I hope to see everyone at our Gathering on Wednesday, May 15th at Perkins. We are expecting a few visitors from PA-B as well as the Couple of the Year from Chapter E.

Ride safe,

Brian and Nina Schillinger
Chapter Directors, PA-X

FROM THE DISTRICT DIRECTORS

Pennsylvania District Directors

The saying is "March winds and April showers bring May flowers and June bugs". Let's hope the saying is true except for the bugs and we have sunshine and a great riding season.

You should have received your notice to join GroupWorks. As with all new technology it has a learning curve but, the more you use GroupWorks the easier it becomes. GroupWorks is a great communication tool and it will keep you more connected with your Chapter, neighboring Chapters and the PA District. If you are traveling, you have easy access to what is happening in other Chapters and Districts. Other Districts (states) are using GroupWorks, let's get Pennsylvania using GroupWorks. So, please enter your Chapter Gatherings, rides and other events on GroupWorks. Once you have gone on your ride, enter a post, let all of PA GWRRA see how much FUN your Chapter is having!

Hopefully you have sent in your registration for the PA District Rally "Ride of the Roses" being held in York, PA on May 16-18, 2019. Registrations are due May 4; if you did not send in your registration join us on a day pass.

We have a couple of spaces left in the classes listed below. If you would like to be part of the class, contact us at 814-589-1307 or by email at jackson2@zoominternet.net.

Riding Classes: Advance Rider Course (ARC) - Wednesday the day before the rally.

Side-car Course – Friday

Web Links:

gwrra.org

gwrrapidist.org

BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES

Happy Birthday to:

None this month

Happy Anniversary to:

May 24th

Nina & Brian Schillinger

Medic First Aid Course – Saturday - \$25/person

Please take time to attend the District Couple of the Year Selection. It is held Friday afternoon at the rally and we have several couples participating in the selection process.

Thank you to all the Chapter Couples, and everybody who attended the Couple of the Year FUN Day. Thank you, Pat Delo, your PA District MEC, and John & Glenda Leib, your PA District Couple of the Year Coordinators, for a fantastic Couple of the Year FUN Day. We certainly had FUN but, during all the FUN we learnt about the District Couple of the Year Selection which took the mystery and uncertainty out of the process. Thank You!

Upcoming District events:

All Chapters West: June 14-16, 2019 @ VacationLand Campgrounds, Sandy Lake, PA Reservations due: May 30, 2019

This is a great weekend to meet couples from other chapters. There are guided rides and many activities at the campground. Come join the FUN.

Thank you, PA-N for hosting.

PA District – Ride-In: July 13, 2019 @ Walz Creamery & Farm House Café

No RSVP necessary 324 Main St., Salladasburg, PA

Hope you join us for the Great ride, Great food & Ice Cream!

Contact Diane Jackson, your District Ride Coordinator at

jackson2@zoominternet.net or at 814-589-1307 if you have questions.

All Chapters East: Not this year

We hope to see you at a chapter gathering, event or on the road. Remember to check the PA District Events page on the PA District website to find out what is happening in PA or look on GroupWorks!

Remember to always ride safe!

Harold and Diane Jackson
Your Pennsylvania District Directors

FROM YOUR PA DISTRICT EDUCATOR

Hi Everyone:

The time has finally arrived to start the riding season and we have a lot of preparation that needs to be done before we go on that first ride.

As I have mentioned before, we need to start refreshing our riding skills at the start of the season, and we should also refresh our skills in GROUP RIDING.

As you are all aware, we should ride in a staggered position with the leader assuming the left position and others staggered behind him.

The group leader must watch his speed, because the larger the group, the faster the last bike will have to travel keep up with the group.

The recommended size for a group is five to six bikes. More than six bikes you should break up into two groups with approximately 5 minutes between the groups.

When you arrive to go on a group ride make sure you have a full tank of gas and an empty bladder.

Communications between the leader and the last bike in the group are essential and conversations by others in the group should be kept to a minimum. If you have persons riding in the group without a radio they should be placed between two bikes with radios.

When riding in an area with stop lights, stop or yield signs, or heavy traffic, the group may get separated. When this happens, the last bike should communicate with the leader so he can slow the group down until the separated bikes can catch up, or if necessary find a spot to pull over and wait on the rest of the group.

The last thing to keep in mind is that on all rides we need to be considerate of each other and plan frequent rest stops and/or bathroom stops especially in warm weather when everyone should be drinking plenty of liquids to keep from becoming dehydrated.

We should also plan our meal stops for those who need to eat on a regular basis.

As we look forward to another great season of riding we should keep the above things in mind as we plan our rides and everyone will have a great time and enjoy the rides even more.

Ride Safe and Ride Proud

Chuck & Evelyn Stone
PA District Educators