

Gold Wing Road Riders Association

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Tri-Mountain Wings Chapter PA - X

Clarks Summit, PA
October 2019



FROM THE CHAPTER DIRECTORS

Another month has passed and we are now into Fall. Nina and I had a great time camping at Acadia National Park on Mt. Desert Island, Maine over Labor Day weekend and the following weeks. For those that haven't been there, this is one of the most popular national parks in the country and deservedly so. Whether you explore the island on a motorcycle, in a car or on foot, the views are spectacular. Fresh seafood can be had in abundance and if your aim is to just hang out and relax, this is the place. The downside is that over the last 50 plus years that I have been going there, it has become much more popular and consequently crowded. On the plus side, our National Parks are being visited and many Americans are taking advantage of the wonderful adventures in our own country.

Here at home, reports are that the Ice Cream Ride In on September 10th was successful and everyone enjoyed the ice cream. Most of the popular ice cream stands close up by the end of September, so we will have to look forward to starting up again next year.

On September 28th, we held our annual "Meeting of the X's", and it was a great day. We hooked up with New York Chapter X in Bear Creek with all riders bringing donations for Valor Clinic's shelter for homeless veterans at Paul's House in Kunkletown. We started out in bright sunshine which deteriorated a bit into a misty fog about 40 minutes into our ride. We arrived at Paul's House and were given both an explanation of their program and a tour of the facilities. We were all impressed by the dedication of the staff as they go the extra mile to help those who have given so much to protect our nation, but have fallen on hard times. The staff was very appreciative of the food and clothing donations made by our group. Many thanks go to Art Blasko, who originally alerted us to this facility and to Randy Schweiss who coordinated the ride with New York Chapter X. Following our visit to Paul's House we rode to lunch at the Covered Bridge near Palmerton where all enjoyed food and fellowship. We all agreed that this should be an annual event and that we should continue to support Valor Clinic throughout the year.

A reminder to all of our Chapter members that the District Raffle Ticket sales help PA Chapter X to pay its annual charter fee and add money to our treasury. For each ticket sold, Chapter X receives \$1.25 of the \$5.00 ticket cost. Last year, we had two winners from the tickets sold, one \$500.00 winner and one \$200.00 winner. In reviewing the

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UPCOMING EVENTS

October 16
Gathering
Petro Truck Stop
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results from last year, there were a several big winners that went to unsold tickets, meaning that those prize monies were turned back in. In previous years, Chapter X has sold all of the tickets given to us, even though the number increases every year. This year we have 200 tickets to sell and at \$1.25 per ticket, the Chapter nets \$250.00. If we sell all of our tickets, we net \$150.00 for the treasury AFTER paying our \$100.00 Charter Fee. Please do your best to sell these tickets. If you missed the last Gathering, tickets will be available at our next Gathering on October 16th or contact me directly and I will make sure you get tickets to sell.

We don't have a lot upcoming this fall, but there should be lots of good riding days to enjoy the changing of leaf colors. Please be careful and remember that the cage drivers are busy looking at everything but the road. Drive defensively!

That's all for now, see you all at our next Gathering,

Brian and Nina Schillinger
Chapter Directors, PA-X

Pennsylvania District Directors

As we crisscross Pennsylvania, I am amazed at how dull the leaves are. And I can't believe how many trees are changing color and dropping leaves. Then I look at the calendar and think "Oh my it is fall and where did summer go!". But as we all know; fall is a beautiful time of the year to ride.

As you go out and ride for your fall leaf rides, make safety a number one thought. The leaves you are looking at are very pretty on the trees but when the fall, they create hazards. They are slippery when wet and may cover the road surface which hide other hazards and conditions you would normally see. Please ride safe and enjoy the color.

I cannot believe there are only two (2) chapter events occurring before the end of the year; that is all that is listed on the Events Calendar for 2019. So, don't forget to have your events added to the Events Calendar on the PA District website. We would like to see the Events Calendar full.

The Events Calendar is where Chapters look to see what is happening in the District and how Chapters earn visitation points in our visitation program called "Roll for the Dough". Just as a reminder the Roll for the Dough program runs from January 1st – December 31st.

The first page of the PA District newsletter has the Events Calendar listed. Here are some highlights and dates you may want to add to your Chapter calendar for 2020.

March 14, 2020 Couple of the Year FUN Day
Clearfield, PA

BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES

Happy Birthday to:

October 31
Joe Bonick
Bill Hickson

Happy Anniversary to:

None this month

April 18, 2020 Officer Conference
Clearfield, PA
May 14-16, 2020 PA District Rally
Altoona, PA

Many Chapters will begin to plan there 2020 calendars soon. If you have an annual event or know about an event you plan on listing on the Events Calendar, let us know in the next couple of weeks. We will pass the dates on so Chapters can plan on attending.

Did I just mention, the PA District Rally? It is May 14,15 & 16, 2020 and the theme for the rally is Ride Back in Time. The registration form for the rally will be published soon. We have found a lot to hold the TRC and ARC courses one mile from the hotel. Vendors have been notifying us about their interest in coming. The District University Coordinators are looking for suggestions for class you would like to attend. Hotel reservations are being made so, if you have not made yours you might want to do that. And if your Chapter has a favorite talent act from a previous rally, we encourage you to perform that act again or you may choose to create a new act. Remember to bring your Chapter mascot, we love to see Chapter Pride!

Until next month ride safe and we hope to see you on the road or at a Gathering.

Remember to always ride safe!

Harold and Diane Jackson
Your Pennsylvania District Directors