

# Gold Wing Road Riders Association

Friendship, Fun, Safety and Knowledge!



## Tri-Mountain Wings Chapter PA - X

Clarks Summit, PA  
September 2019



### FROM THE CHAPTER DIRECTORS

You are receiving the September newsletter a bit early as Nina and I will be vacationing in Maine for the first couple weeks of September. I hope September's weather is as I like to think of September: clear, crisp days with cool nights, good for sleeping and bringing good riding weather as well. The leaves will soon begin to change and the riding is some of the year's best. I hope everyone has a chance to get out and enjoy fall riding.

At our August Gathering, two discussions dominated the evening. The first was planning for our annual "Meeting of the X's" ride, where PA-X and NY-X each ride from our home area to a lunch location somewhere in the middle. Past years have included The Alpine and The Pennsylvucky Grill, both in Honesdale. While this year's ride was originally planned for Saturday, September 21st, a scheduling conflict with NY-X now has us trying to pull this off either the 14th or the 28th of September. Our Assistant Chapter Director, Randy Schweiss had a really great idea for this year's ride. That is for PA-X and NY-X to meet at Paul's House, part of Valor Clinic, with donations of clothing or other items for the homeless veterans supported by Valor Clinic. We, Chapter X, have supported this effort in the past by donating food items which were then delivered by Army veteran and chapter member Art Blasko. It was Art who first made us aware of Valor Clinic and we are grateful for the opportunity to help those who sacrificed so much in support of our nation. A separate email was sent to the chapter with a list of items in need, so please take the opportunity to purchase what you can afford and join the chapter when we ride to Paul's House to deliver these items and meet with the veterans. Randy has scouted out a good place for lunch following our visit.

The second topic of discussion was trying to finalize our plans for hosting All Chapters East 2020 for the District of Pennsylvania. A lot of progress has been made, including a group campout in July to check out Bodnarsa Motel and Campground. Amy Barra has the quilt ready to go for the raffle, Greg Barra has had the quilt raffle tickets printed and we distributed tickets to those at the July Gathering. Tom, Marie, Amy and Greg have put together a shopping list and detailed a spreadsheet so that we know what our costs will be so that the chapter runs this event in the black. While there are many tasks yet to be accomplished, as a

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### UPCOMING EVENTS

#### September 18

Gathering  
Petro Truck Stop  
Dupont

#### September 28

Meeting of the X's

#### Web Links:

[gwrra.org](http://gwrra.org)

[gwrrapadist.org](http://gwrrapadist.org)

group we are confident that Chapter X will step up to the plate and all help to make this a successful All Chapters event.

Speaking of GWRRA events, GWRRA has just announced that Wing Ding 42 (2020) will be held in Springfield, Missouri from June 30 to July 4, 2020. For those of you who like to plan in advance, now you have the date and location of next year's Wing Ding.

That's it for now. I hope everyone has a safe and enjoyable Labor Day and safe riding in September.

I hope to see you all at our next Gathering on September 18th.

Brian and Nina Schillinger  
Chapter Directors, PA-X

## **Pennsylvania District Directors**

By the time you read this "Wing Ding 41" will be over and next year's location will have been announced.

Jere and Sherry Goodman were introduced at Wing Ding as the Directors of GWRRA. Many of you met them at the PA District Rally. We wish them well.

"Pride - Let's Show It" is an article our Directors of GWRRA wrote for the September issue of Wing World. Have you read the article?

"Pride can mean a lot of different things..." "Maybe it is just my imagination, but it seems to me that over the years our pride in GWRRA may have slipped. There was a time when you could walk into a restaurant and if there was a GWRRA Chapter there, you knew it. Chapter gatherings had many participants wearing vests and or chapter shirts. Is this the norm in your chapter? Is your vest or chapter shirt hanging in the closet waiting to be proudly worn?" "If you stop and think about it, we are truly an amazing organization of caring people." Sherry and I are asking you to partner with us and stand tall and feel good about yourself and our organization....WEAR YOUR COLORS PROUDLY!"

As we tour the PA District, we have noticed the same phenomenon; chapters are not wearing their chapter shirts or vests. If you stop and think about it, wearing chapter apparel is a great way to let others know about GWRRA. It may start a conversation with fellow motorcyclist and a potential new member. So, we are joining our Directors of GWRRA and asking you to "WEAR YOUR COLORS PROUDLY!"

The PA District lottery tickets will be distributed to Chapters Directors in September. Please get them in the hands of your chapter participants to sell. Also, when you receive your packets there will be some helpful hints on how to increase your sales. Remember, this is a great fund raiser for your chapter.

Plans are progressing for the 2020 PA District Rally, "Ride Back In Time", held in Altoona, PA at the Altoona Grand on May 14, 15 and 16<sup>th</sup>.

## **BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES**

Happy Birthday to:

None this month

Happy Anniversary to:

Labor Day Weekend  
Tom Bridgen & Marie Wasluck

September 16  
Bill & Mary Jane Williams

September 22  
Bill Hickson & Joy Allen

Please call the hotel directly at 814-946-1631 to make your hotel reservation. If you have any information, stuff or remember something that was done at the older rallies let us know. If your chapter has performed a memorable, FUN or favorite talent act at a previous rally, we encourage you to perform the act during this year's talent show.

Unfortunately, over the summer there have been some motorcycle accidents. Please check and update your medical information you carry in your bike in the left-hand pocket. GWRRA has a form which you can use to fill out. Go to the PA District website click on Rider Ed and scroll down to quick links and click on "N 12 Emergency Information Form". Please include an additional emergency contact other than your spouse, if you are riding together your spouse may be injured also.

The bike is clean and it is time to pack for our trip to Wing Ding in Nashville. We hope to see many of you there!

Remember to always ride safe!

Harold and Diane Jackson  
Your Pennsylvania District Directors

## FROM YOUR PA DISTRICT EDUCATOR



### Hi Folks:

Summer is quickly coming to an end now and fall will soon be upon us, and the leaves will soon be starting to change color in our area. This brings with it both beauty and an added element of danger for the late season rider. We have all heard the standard warnings of WET LEAVES affecting traction. What appears to be missing is a recommendation on what to do if you encounter this situation.

The second thing we will encounter this time of the year is RAIN. Haul out the raingear you've stowed in a handy spot. Make sure your rain gloves and rain boots fit properly. Poorly fitted ones can lessen your ability to brake and shift.

Be most cautious when it first starts to rain. That is when the water goes into all the dimples in the road, and the oil residue from passing vehicles floats to the top. That gets slippery! A wise motorcyclist will stop for a cup of coffee when it starts to rain; who knows, it could be all over in 15 minutes, and you won't even have to put on the rain suit.

After a while the oil will be washed off to the side of the road. However, traction on a wet surface may not be as good as on a dry road. Be careful.

The third thing we will encounter this time of the year is FOG. Cool mornings and evenings, after a warm day, tend to produce fog in what is referred to as low-lying areas. If you think you may have a chance of riding into a fog area, carry a small towel or soft water absorbing cloth in your jacket pocket where it is easy to get to. You may have to clean your windshield to see well. Slow down and if you think you are traveling too slow, run your hazard flashers. I have found that the lower running lights are a big plus for driving in fog.

In any of the above low traction situations, (sand, black ice, wet pavement, slippery leaves, etc.) the best advice is avoidance. Barring that, use a method of identification, prediction, and reaction to prepare for and successfully overcome obstacles such as those mentioned above.

A question which has been being ask a lot in recent months is do I need a special license to operate a Trike or a Scooter.

I checked at the licensing center and the following information is what I received.

The way this is going to work is if you originally took your test on a two-wheel motorcycle your license will show a M with no restrictions unless you wear glasses etc., and you can operate any type of motorcycle or scooter.

If you are a first-time applicant and take your test on a Trike, you will receive a license with a M but under restrictions you will have a 9 which means you are only allowed to operate a Trike.

If you are a first-time applicant and take your test on a Scooter, you will receive a license with a M but under restrictions you will have an 8 which means you are only allowed to operate a Scooter.

As your Chapter takes its last scheduled rides of the season, let us all think SAFETY, keeping the situations mentioned above in mind, and ending our riding season on a safe note. REMEMBER < ATGATT >

Ride Safe and Ride Proud.

Chuck & Evelyn Stone  
PA DISTRICT EDUCATORS