

Gold Wing Road Riders Association

Friendship, Fun, Safety and Knowledge!



Tri-Mountain Wings Chapter PA - X

Clarks Summit, PA
September 2020



FROM THE CHAPTER DIRECTORS

Hello Chapter X,
I hope this newsletter finds everyone safe and healthy. The COVID-19 virus has impacted all of us far more and far longer than most of us anticipated, and as it continues to do so I am reminded that this is the weekend when we had hoped to be hosting All Chapters East for the District. The weather would have been fine and I'm sure we all would have had a great, although tiring, weekend. Such was not to be and while we were all disappointed in having to cancel, I think we can draw consolation from knowing it was the right thing to do and compared to what some others have had to endure, our disappointment is minor.

As I indicated when we made the decision to cancel, we did go ahead with the Quilt Raffle, promising to draw the winner during the weekend when ACE would have occurred. Well, the winner has been picked from the 180 tickets sold. We will turn a profit on the raffle and thanks go to our quilt makers for a beautifully handmade quilt. And the winner is: Rose Katyk of Moutaintop, PA, ticket #181, sold by Terry Pohle.

Speaking of Terry Pohle, when I spoke to her about selling the winning ticket, I found out she had a mishap on some dark stairs and broke a bone in her ankle, requiring surgery to repair. She expects to be "restricted" for a couple of weeks. We wish her a speedy recovery.

For our September Gathering, we will once again meet for ice cream at Manning Farm Dairy. I was looking for a different location but decided that with their covered outdoor tables providing an easy way to socially distance while still being able to converse, to revisit the farm. We will do the usual and meet at 7:00 PM. For those who don't remember, the farm is located at 131 Manning Road (off of SR 524) in North Abington Township. If you are coming up I-81, SR 524 is Exit 199. As always with the current coronavirus situation, if you do not feel comfortable meeting with the group, there is no pressure to attend. The past couple of ice cream Gatherings have had 6-8 people in attendance, so it is not a large group. I hope you can make it.

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UPCOMING EVENTS

September Gathering (Informal)

9/16
Manning Farm Dairy
7:00 PM

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PACChapterX.com

This will be my last Chapter Director's column as Nina and I will be stepping down and turning the reins over to Greg and Amy Barra, effective October 1st. Nina and I have been Chapter Directors for the last four years and we had planned on stepping down at the end of this year, following what we had hoped would be a successful All Chapters East event in September. Our decision to change leadership a little early is due to our having accepted a volunteer Camp Host position at Gilbert Ray Campground in Tucson, Arizona. Gilbert Ray Campground is a county owned and run campground in Tucson Mountain Park, which is situated on the southwest side of Tucson in the middle of the Sonoran Desert, adjacent to Saguaro National Park. We have stayed at this campground in our previous visits to the Tucson area and have been fascinated by the Saguaro Cactus and rather lush vegetation of the Sonoran Desert. The warmer weather didn't hurt either. Since we committed to a January 1st to April 15th "employment", we will need to leave Pennsylvania prior to the end of the year and expect to return by the end of April. I haven't decided to sell my snow blower yet, but would not be disappointed if I never have to use it again. We will be one of several camp host couples in the campground, each helping to assist the full timers run and maintain the park. We are definitely looking forward to the opportunity.

With that being said, we want to thank all of you for your support over the years and wish Greg and Amy success as they take on the responsibilities of Chapter Directors of PA-X. It has truly been our privilege to have served this chapter. We now look forward to our new role as members when we come back to PA in late Spring.

Thank you all,

Brian and Nina Schillinger
Chapter Directors, PA-X



Sunset at Gilbert Ray Campground
Tucson, AZ

BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES

Happy Birthday to:

None this month

Happy Anniversary to:

Labor Day
Tom Bridgen & Marie
Wasluck

9/16
Bill and Mary Jane Williams

9/22
Bill Hickson & Joy Allen

Pennsylvania District Directors

Wow what a great month August was for riding! Many counties in Pennsylvania have been abnormally dry due to the lack of rain but, it has been great riding weather. I hope you and/or your chapter have been able to get out and ride and enjoy some ice cream. Hopefully, you will have time or make time to get out and ride during September.

We are sending out a huge THANK YOU to each and every one of you! We know it has been difficult for chapters with all of the obstacles the pandemic has created. Many chapters have had challenges as to where to have gatherings and planning other events have not been any easier. But chapters have banded together and have gotten creative and have held gatherings, rides, many ice-cream stops and other events. Thank you!

For the next couple of months, chapters will be able to do many of the activities they have been doing this summer. The next challenge will be once it starts to cool down and winter approaches (ouch). Have you, your chapter or chapter team thought about where you are going to have your gathering and what other activities you can plan so you can continue to have FUN with your GWRRA family?

Good news! There is a chapter event that everyone is invited to attend.

Saturday, September 19, 2020 PA-B is having their Spring Fling Registration beings at 9 am

Remember when you were a child and at some point, during the summer you would say "I'm bored; there is nothing to do.". Well if this is what you are thinking, look at the article submitted by Bonnie and Gerry VanArt, your PA District Senior University Coordinator, in the PA District newsletter. GWRRA is offering many classes online. There is even a new class, GWRRA 101 "Everything you wanted to know about GWRRA". We recently complete the GWRRA 101 course and you do learn a lot about our association.

I spoke with Gerry and Bonnie VanArt and if you would like to schedule an in-person class, please contact them. The class will be planned and the CDC and state guidelines for COVID-19 will be observed.

The last couple of years, the PA District raffle tickets have been distributed to the chapters during September. At this point in time the PA District Team has made the decision there will not be a PA District raffle in February 2021. The team took into consideration the challenges chapters are having due to the COVID-19 and did not believe it was fair to ask the membership to sell tickets when it is difficult to be around groups of people.

Looking forward to 2021, the PA District Rally "Ride Back in Time" is May 20-22, 2021 in Cranberry Township, PA located 25 miles north of Pittsburgh at the Pittsburgh Marriot North. It is a beautiful hotel and

location. The rally flyer is posted on the PA District website and listed under events on the GWRRA PA District page on GroupWorks.

We have received numerous registrations. Get your registration in soon if you plan on taking an Advanced Rider Course (ARC), a Trike Rider Course (TRC), Road Captain Course (RCC) or the Medic First Aid® (MFA). The classes are filling up.

Don't forget your room reservations by calling the hotel at 800-853-5574 and use code GWRRA to get our discounted room rate and breakfast or make your online reservation by using the link on the flyer, PA District website or GroupWorks.

Keep safe, be well and we hope to see all of you soon! Remember to always ride safe! So, let's get out and ride!

Harold and Diane Jackson
Your Pennsylvania District Directors

FROM YOUR PA DISTRICT EDUCATOR



Hi everyone:

Now that fall is upon us, let's take a few minutes and talk about Motorcycle Safety and RIDING DURING THE FALL SEASON.

Fall is finally here and the cooler days and reduced number of evening storms mean it is time to get the bike / trike out of the garage. Some people actually prefer to ride in cooler temperatures.

Before you can ride, there are a lot of things to check, but let's focus on the two/three items that separate your bike from the pavement – your tires. Your tires are the two/three most important things on your bike. If you think about it, your tires are the only thing keeping your bike from being a 1,000 pound paperweight.

Check your tire pressure against the specified pounds-per-square-inch in your motorcycle owner's manual. Colder weather can cause your tire pressure to drop five psi. Even under ideal temperatures, your bike's tires will lose air pressure each month. Riding on under-inflated tires will cause your fuel efficiency to be reduced, the tires to wear unevenly and most importantly, your bike to handle improperly.

Take 30 seconds each morning before you ride and check your tire pressure. If you check your tires every day and they lose a pound every month and suddenly you lose five psi in one tire, you might have a serious issue like a nail in the tire, dry rot or even a bent wheel rim. If you don't check your tire pressure, you may be thumbing a ride or worse.

It is important to check your tire pressure when your tires are cold. Tires are considered to be cold when you have ridden less than a mile or after your bike has been parked for three hours. If you are forced to check your tire pressure when hot, you will need to add four psi to the recommended pressure specified in your owner's manual. Be sure to recheck the tire pressure again when the bike has cooled down.

What if you check the tires when they are hot and the pressure is too high? Don't worry about it. Normal riding will cause the tires to heat up and increase the tire pressure. When the tires cool down, you will probably find the tires are at the right cold air pressure.

If your tires consistently lose more than two psi per month, the tire, valve or wheel rim may be damaged. If this is the case put the bike in the bed of the truck and take it to a dealer to have it looked at.

If your wheels have an inner tube which is leaking, the tube can rupture. When the tube has a catastrophic failure at even 45 mph, your riding skills will be put to the test.

One last thought-valve caps. Yes, valve caps, those little 25 cent items keep the valve core clean and free of debris and help keep the pressure where it's wanted.

Yes, your tires are critical to safe riding, but with minor care you can keep the air in the tires and your bike off the ground.

"Ride Safe & Ride Proud"

Chuck & Evelyn Stone
PA District Educators