

GOLD WING ROAD RIDERS ASSOCIATION



Northeast Region

Chapter PA-S

OCTOBER 2020



Monthly GATHERING - First Saturday of Each Month Breakfast at 8:30
King's Family Restaurant Altoona, PA

Gathering at 9:30

Comments from the Chapter Director

Jake & Cheryl Lewis

Hello Everybody,
POOF!! And another month is gone.

First and foremost, I want to thank Bob and Tonya for hosting the Chapter S Picnic at their house. Lots of good food and best of all Bob did the cooking. We had a total of sixteen after Bob located George Snoberger who was a bit lost—again we thank you Bob and Tonya. It was so nice to get together and share some stories and laughs.

Denny Miller decided to lead a ride to the Road Kill Café. We posted it on Sept 23rd to the chapter stating we were meeting at EAT-and Park at 10:45am on Sept 26th. I guess everybody was busy since only Denny/Arlene and Cheryl and I went on the trip. When we pulled into the parking lot at EAT and Park, I heard somebody say something about motorcycles. I turned around and there was Ralph and Mary Wilcox. What a pleasant surprise. Sure was great seeing and talking with them.

I want to share a bit of what can happen if you don't ride often. Decided I'd better start the bike the day before—wouldn't start so put it on the charger. Next day wouldn't start. Took it off the center stand and tried again---I forgot about that little fact—started right up. Next left for restaurant ride and intercom won't work. Then remembered I had to wiggle the ignition key until the clock appears—intercom worked fine. Third error ready to leave the Road Kill Café and bike won't start. Must have hit the kill switch because it then started right up. Can any of you relate to any of these issues? These are things that happen when you don't ride much and oh there is one other thing—one gets older.

Until Next Time,
Jake and Cheryl Lewis
Chapter S Directors



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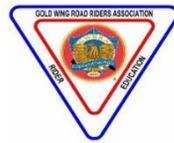
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Chuck Stone – District Educator



Hi everyone:

What's your favorite part about riding a motorcycle? Almost every rider will say the freedom that comes from getting out in the open air ranks high on their list—it's one of the essential parts of the riding experience that makes traveling the same road in a car and on a bike so much different.



But come wintertime that open air can serve up a big challenge for riders, too—keeping warm and dry. Wind and wet are both your enemies when it comes to staying warm.

Staying warm isn't just a matter of comfort. Cold riders risk hypothermia and riding when you're hypothermic can be as dangerous as riding drunk; lack of coordination, slurred speech, confusion, poor decision making and drowsiness are all symptoms.

So what to do about it? Luckily, most motorcycle clothing designed to provide abrasion protection is pretty good at providing wind protection as well.

Now what can your bike do to help?

Windshield:

Tucking in behind one not only makes it more comfortable to sit upright, but the better designs keep you sitting in a still-air pocket, both for comfort and warmth.

Body Design:

Again, the better touring designs keep the wind off your lower body and legs, helping keep you both warmer and drier.

Heated Grips:

Electrically heated grips let you wear gloves that are thin enough for good control feel without compromising warmth and comfort.

Active Heat:

Most Gold Wing models offer heating ducts that channel warm air over the rider's feet. Your car has a heater—why shouldn't your bike?

Electric Clothing:

You may have already purchased heated vests, jackets, gloves and chaps for your winter riding pleasure. In most cases your bike will have plenty of extra power available for these accessories.

In closing, the Gold Wing with its windshield, body design and heat-venting system are all state of the art, and there's plenty of extra power available for your heated clothing.

Remember, a warm rider is a Happy Rider.

“Ride Safe and Ride Proud”

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District Couple of the Year:

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Chapter 5 News

SEPTEMBER GATHERING

We had 12 members our for breakfast and a Gathering today. Jake greeted everyone on this Labor Day weekend.

The picnic will be on Saturday, September 12. Bob and Tonya offered to be hosts at their home. You may arrive at noon bur we will wait to eat at 1PM. Bring a suit and towel to swim, lawn chairs, a dish to share and your drinks. The chapter will provide the meats, and place settings.

Jake shared that he will be completing his term as chapter director in December. Talk to Jake about taking over.

The door prize went to Cheryl, Jim H., Glenn, Cheryl, and Tonya. Deb won the 50/50 worth \$25. Bob and Tonya won free breakfast.

Marble Game Results---It was Charlie's chance to try for the white marble, but he drew one of the black ones so missed taking home the pot of money.

PROGRESSIVE DRAWING

Jim Heffelfinger was at the gathering won himself \$35 from the Progressive Drawing. Twenty dollars will be up for grabs in October.

GWRRA NEWS from our District Director:

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?

Has 2020 been a trick or a treat? Since it is October, I thought this was an appropriate question.

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In many ways 2020 has been a trick. I think we have all learnt to expect events to be “cancelled” and for many of us the pandemic has limited our activities. Restricting us to our own communities where we were more comfortable.

But in other ways 2020 has been a treat. Many of us have not been on the go. And we have enjoyed time with our families and communities where we are more comfortable.

I know what category Diane would put cooking and preparing meals in. Maybe you have enjoyed using your culinary skills. Maybe you cannot wait until your favorite restaurants open up and you can go out to eat.

I know many chapters have leaf rides this month. Keep in mind that we need to remember to plan for the ride and that your ride will be different than it was this summer. Don't forget there are additional road hazards this time of year such as leaves, school buses and wildlife is moving around more. Stay safe and have FUN!

With the weather changing, many chapters that have been having Gatherings outside will need to see if the place you met before is welcoming groups. If not, hopefully you or your chapter team can find an alternative location. If you are unable to find a location, contact us and we will see if we can assist you in finding a Gathering site.

COVID-19 has put a damper on the PA District events calendar. The only item remaining on the calendar for 2020 is Officer Conference. We are working with the PA District Team to determine the best way to hold one or several Zoom Meetings. We will have the schedule posted on GroupWorks soon for your chapter to attend a Zoom Officer Conference for the 2020 and 2021 chapter officers.

Is your chapter changing any officers for 2021? Leadership is key to your chapter. So, support your chapter and step forward and accept an officer position, Chapter Director, Chapter Treasurer, Chapter Ride Coordinator, Chapter Membership Enhancement Coordinator or become part of the chapter team.

We are looking for a chapter to step forward and host All Chapters East . If you need any information or if your chapter is volunteering, please give us a call. It is a great fund raiser for the chapter and the event is FUN to host.

The big event on the calendar this month is Halloween. Watch for trick or treaters (they may be hard to see in their costume) as they run between cars to get to the next house for their treat.

Remember to always ride safe!

Harold and Diane Jackson
Your PA District Directors



2020 District and National Happening

Flyers can be found on Events Page calendar at www.gwrrapadist.org

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October

7 – Ken Carpinello

9 – Arlene Miller

13- Mike Gunsallus

18 – Jacob Kelley

31 – Randy Rupert



October

October 13

John & Katie Lechene