

# GOLD WING ROAD RIDERS ASSOCIATION



Northeast Region

Chapter PA-S

DECEMBER 2020 – JANUARY 2021



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,

The year 2020 is just about over—Thank Goodness! I am sitting here trying to think of something positive for this year. It is a challenge. We can be thankful our families and friends have so far fought this COVID with some success.

Let us hope that 2021 will be a year that brings us back to normal times and lots of things to smile about. Most of all no Covid-19---can I have an AMEN!

Thanksgiving has come and gone. It sure didn't seem to be Thanksgiving. It was very quiet. Everybody thought it was best to stay home since they would be coming from out of state. Christmas may be much the same. Cheryl and I want to wish all a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!!!

As years in the past this newsletter is for December and January.

Our tradition of having New Year's breakfast at Eat-n-Park at 9:00am is still up in the air. I will get in touch with them a little later to see if this is possible and let you all know the answer. I have spoken to King's Restaurant and as of 11/29 we are still a go for 12/5/2020. If that changes I will let you know.

As I mentioned before this is my last month as Chapter S Director. I want to thank my staff for all their help and support. As for the future of Chapter S it is now in the hands of our State Officers. Please help them as much as we can.

Take Care and Be Safe.

Jake and Cheryl Lewis

### MILEAGE CONTEST 2020

Still going to try to get a few more miles on that bike or is it put to bed for the winter? Either way, please send your total odometer reading to me no later than December 31, 2020, sooner if possible. Awards will be presented at the January gathering. This year, these gentlemen joined the contest: Randy, Denny, Jim, Ken, Larry, Glenn, Bill and Charles.

### Calendar of Events

**DECEMBER**

**5- Gathering**

**JANUARY**

**5- Gathering**



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## Chuck Stone – District Educator

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Hi everyone:

With the cold weather moving in I think that most of us have started to prepare the wings for winter storage.

Something you should consider doing before putting the wing away for the season is a **T-CLOCK** inspection.

**TIRES:** Your tires may need to be replaced. Now would be the time to start this project rather than waiting for the spring riding season to start.

**CLUTCH:** Check the clutch and brake reservoirs. Are they low in fluid or has the fluid turned a very dark color? If they have you should change both the clutch and brake fluid now.

**LUBRICANTS:** How long has it been since you changed your anti-freeze. Remember your anti-freeze has been working hard to keep your engine cool and to lubricate your water pump. **MAKE SURE** you use the proper anti-freeze when changing, as not all types of anti-freeze will work in your Wing.

**OIL:** You may wait until spring to change your oil but I personally do not think it is a good idea to leave the old oil in the engine over the winter because it contains acids as well as old oil has a tendency to turn to sludge as it sets and the dirt sinks to the bottom of the engine case.

**CABLES & CONTROLS:** You should check your throttle and choke cables for smooth operation. Make sure the throttle returns with a snap and to an idle when released. The choke, if equipped, also needs to work smoothly and to return to the open position.

**KICKSTAND:** Does your kickstand have free movement and a good spring to pull it up? Look at the switches and check the operation with the switch on. Check the center stand's return spring for smooth operation.

In addition to the T-Clock inspection, you should check the battery terminals and make sure they are clean and the water level in the battery is at the proper level.

If you are not going to run your motorcycle at least once a month during storage, you should put the battery tender on to keep the level of charge up to the maximum level.

Last but not least you should clean up the wing, wax it and cover it for the winter storage season to protect it from dust.

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*District Couple of the Year:*

Ray & Doreen Snyder

If you take the above precautions, you should be ready to go in the spring and have an enjoyable riding season having done your preparation during the winter season while the bike is being stored.

Remember, ALL THE GEAR ALL THE TIME. (ATGATT)

“Ride Safe and Ride Proud”  
 Chuck & Evelyn Stone  
 PA District Educators

## Chapter S News

### NOVEMBER GATHERING

We had 11 members out for breakfast and our Gathering today. We also enjoyed having Rob Hafley with us. He and his wife have moved into the area from Virginia.

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

The door prizes went to Charlie, Deb and Arlene. Cheryl also won the 50/50 worth Everyone in attendance won free breakfast.

Marble Game Results---It was Jake’s chance to try for the white marble, but just like Cheryl last month, he drew one of the black ones so missed taking home the pot of money to the Lewis household for the second month in a row.

### Chapter Team

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### PROGRESSIVE DRAWING

Jim Lockard missed the gathering and missed taking home \$25. Thirty dollars will be up for grabs in December.

### GWRRA NEWS from our District Director:

Wow we were able to have Officer Conference during October and November! No it was not our traditional Officer Conference; we had Zoom Meetings. Thank you to all the Chapter Officers who attended a session. A huge thank you goes out to our PA District Team; they participated in 5 sessions! In our book, this is a huge commitment to GWRRA and our District.



As we turn the calendar to December we start looking forward to many things especially, Christmas and all of the festivities the season brings. We are wishing for everyone of you good health and a great 2021 riding season.

Then we begin to focus on turning the page to January 2021. Many are hoping 2021 will be a year of change and there will be changes.

Chapters may be continuing with the same officers or there may be a change in leadership or maybe they are looking for a special person to fill an office. You are most likely that special person; if your Chapter or the PA District is looking for a position to be filled step forward and volunteer for the position. You will be glad you did!

*“Friends for Fun, Safety and Knowledge”*

Continuing with changes for 2021, we will be stepping aside as your District Directors. These past three years as your District Director have been a rewarding and FUN filled time in our lives. We want to thank you for all of your support during this adventure for us.

There are too many individuals to name in this newsletter to thank. A special thanks goes out to our Team for their support and to our mentors for your guidance and support. Thank you to everyone who is or has been an officer during our time as District Director. We could not have accomplished what we have without everyone's support during our term.

When we were introduced as your new District Directors at the 2017 rally in State College, we promise that we would find a new location each year for our PA District Rally. We have accomplished this; 2018 Uniontown, 2019 York, 2020 Altoona and 2021 Cranberry Township.

We were committed to give you the members an opportunity to increase your motorcycle safety and safety in all walks of life. Due to wonderful volunteers, we have GWRRA TRC and MFA instructors in Pennsylvania. And you have been given the option to take these courses at the PA District Rally or to set up at time for your Chapter.

We made ourselves a pledge to get out and attend as many GWRRA events and Chapter Gatherings as possible. We wanted you to be able to know us! We have met so many nice people during our term as your District Director and so many friends.

We have had so much FUN during our journey as your District Director!

To our successors Tim and Crystal Brakebill and their team, we wish you the best and to enjoy the ride.

We want you to keep in mind that FUN is essential.  
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](http://www.gwrrapadist.org)



*Thanks to the members of the District Team that have served us over the last three years. Chapter PA-S welcomes all incoming District officers for 2021.*

*"Friends for Fun, Safety and Knowledge"*



### *December*

- 19 – Eric Carpinello
- 20 – Glenn Speacht
- 26– Jean Smay
- 30 – Tonya Minieri

### *January*

- 4 – Don Fowkes
- 5– Adam Carpinello
- 16 – Deb Rupert
- 30 – Jim Heffelfinger



### *December*

- December 22, 1973  
Denny & Arlene Miller

### *January*

- January 24  
Bill & Kathleen Baker