

# GOLD WING ROAD RIDERS ASSOCIATION



Northeast Region

Chapter PA-S

May 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,

First of all we would like to Congratulate Chris and Christie Hull our Assistant District Directors on becoming our International Couple of The Year. It is nice to have a bit of pleasant news for a change.

I am sitting here writing this article on 4/28/20. Not much to report since last newsletter. The State Rally was canceled and most chapters have canceled their May events. Our ride to the Johnstown Flood Museum that was scheduled after the May meeting will be rescheduled at a later date.

I do believe that there is some sunshine peeking through these dark clouds and the month of June will bring with it our Chapter gathering and most of all getting together with our Chapter families. Sure do miss you all.

STAY SAFE AND HEALTHY!!!!

Until Next Time,  
Jake and Cheryl Lewis  
Chapter S Directors



### 2020 Ride Schedule

- ~~May 2 – Johnstown Flood Memorial in Sidman/St. Michael - Canceled~~
- June 13 – Road Kill Café
- July 25 – Chapter Picnic at Glendale
- August 8- Millersburg Ferry
- August 12 – Senior Day at the Huntington Fai

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### Calendar of Events

MAY

2 – Gathering

**CANCELLED Due to Gov. Wolf's Stay at Home Order/ Covid-19**

JUNE

6 – Gathering

13- Road Kill Cafe



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## Chuck Stone -- District Educator



Hi Everyone



The time has finally arrived to start the riding season and we have a lot of preparation that needs to be done before we go on that first ride.

As I have mentioned before, we need to start refreshing our riding skills at the start of the season, and we should also refresh our skills in GROUP RIDING.

As you are all aware, we should ride in a staggered position with the leader assuming the left position and others staggered behind him.

The group leader must watch his speed, because the larger the group, the faster the last bike will have to travel keep up with the group.

The recommended size for a group is five to six bikes. More than six bikes you should break up into two groups with approximately 5 minutes between the groups.

When you arrive to go on a group ride make sure you have a full tank of gas and an empty bladder.

### GROUP RIDING

Communications between the leader and the last bike in the group are essential and conversations by others in the group should be kept to a minimum. If you have persons riding in the group without a radio, they should be placed between two bikes with radios.

When riding in an area with stop lights, stop or yield signs, or heavy traffic, the group may get separated. When this happens, the last bike should communicate with the leader so he can slow the group down until the separated bikes can catch up, or if necessary find a spot to pull over and wait on the rest of the group.

The last thing to keep in mind is that on all rides we need to be considerate of each other and plan frequent rest stops and/or bathroom stops especially in warm weather when everyone should be drinking plenty of liquids to keep from becoming dehydrated.

We should also plan our meal stops for those who need to eat on a regular basis.

As we look forward to another great season of riding, we should keep the above things in mind as we plan our rides and everyone will have a great time and enjoy the rides even more.

Remember ATGATT.  
"Ride Safe and Ride Proud"  
Chuck & Evelyn Stone  
PA District Educators



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# Chapter 5 News

## MARCH GATHERING

The April gathering was cancelled due to Gov. Wolf mandate during the pandemic of the Corona Virus.

## PROGRESSIVE DRAWINGS

No report for this month.

## 2020 District and National Happening

Flyers can be found on Events Page calendar at [www.gwrrapadist.org](http://www.gwrrapadist.org)

### May 2020

~~14-16 PA State Rally, Altoona Grand Hotel~~ **CANCELLED**

### June 2020

~~12-14 All Chapters West hosted by Ch PA-I held at Treasure Lake KOA~~  
~~30 to JULY 4 WING DING~~ **BOTH EVENTS CANCELLED**

### September 2020

11-13 - All Chapters East Hosted by Chapter PA-X at Bodnarosa Motel & Campground, Berwick, PA

## GWRRRA NEWS: Taken from the District Newsletter:

### District Director:

It's May! We are continuing our new normal with social distancing and wearing masks. Change is on the horizon and restrictions are most likely going to be relaxed in certain areas. We hope you will continue to do your part to keep everyone safe by continuing to adhere to the guidelines in your area or the area you are traveling.

The PA District Rally was planned for this month but, like many events and activities it has been canceled. The District Team was concerned for all of our GWRRRA family and did not think restrictions would be relaxed and would allow us to congregate. So, we made the difficult decision to cancel the rally. If you had signed up to attend the rally, you should have received your refund check.

Save the date for the PA District Rally, May 20 - 22, 2021. We will try to have double the FUN in 2021 to make up for canceling the 2020 rally. Keep watch GroupWorks, the PA District website and newsletters to learn where the rally will be held in 2021.

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During this time of social distancing we begin to feel isolated so, keeping with the theme of this year's rally "Ride Back in Time" reach out to your GWRRA family and friends. Make a phone call or set up a Zoom meeting and reminisce about those great memories we have. Talk about the FUN rides you have been on or FUN events you have attended. Keep in touch with your chapter and before you know it, we will be riding again.

**Canceled - All Chapters West (ACW)** – Go to GroupWorks, PA District page, events to see the details.

We had some very exciting news posted to GroupWorks. Chris and Christie Hull, PA ADD from Chapter PA-W were selected as International Couple of the Year, NE. We are very proud and honored to have Chris and Christie representing PA and the NE territory!

I hope you have been watching GroupWorks and looking at the 2020 Calendar of Events on the PA District website. These communication tools will keep you informed as to what is happening in PA and your chapter.

May is motorcycle awareness month. I know many of you are ready to go for a ride, remember motorist are not accustomed to looking for motorcyclist.

We are not recommending you go for a motorcycle ride. We recommend you keep doing what you have been doing to keep safe. Your health and safety are our main concern during this pandemic.

If you go on a ride, keep these thoughts in mind.

Keep your groups small so you are staying within guidelines.

Keep your rides short so, you are limiting the need for fuel, food and bathroom breaks.

Keep your social distance.

Give yourself a hug instead of a hug from your friend or family.

Keep safe, be well and we hope to see all of you soon! And remember to always ride safe!

Harold and Diane Jackson  
Your PA District Directors



**Thank  
You!**

Thank you so much for all your prayers and cards we received at the passing of Jim's father.

Jim and Diane

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**HAPPY  
BIRTHDAY**

May

2 – Bill Baker

11 – Diane Heffelfinger

16 – Michelle Carpinello

21 – John Lechene

29 – Bob Lawson

Happy  
Anniversary

MAY

May 15, 1999

Ken & Michelle Carpinello