

GOLD WING ROAD RIDERS ASSOCIATION



Northeast Region

Chapter PA-S

August 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,

I will start this article off with---yes, we did have an official breakfast gathering at King's Restaurant on July 4th. It was great to see everybody. Our gathering for August 1st is also a go. Hope to see more smiling faces.

We had an ice cream ride on July 22nd. There were eleven who participated. Needless to say, the ice cream hit the spot on another very hot day.

I don't know about anybody else, but this is the hottest summer I can remember.

It's almost too hot to start any projects—let alone finish them. This is my summer of procrastination. You know—I'll do that tomorrow!

Stay safe and stay cool. Hopefully, we can get a few rides in this summer.

Until Next Time,
Jake and Cheryl Lewis
Chapter S Directors

2020 Ride Schedule

August 8- Millersburg Ferry

August 12 – Senior Day at the Huntington Fair – **Cancelled**

2020 District and National Happening

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

Calendar of Events

AUGUST

1 – Gathering

8 – Millersburg Ferry

May be postponed due to COVID

SEPTEMBER

1 – Gathering

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Chuck Stone –
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.

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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

Chapter 5 News

JULY GATHERING

Yippee!!! We had a gathering! Thirteen members ventured out with masks to share breakfast and friendships.

It was great to see everyone. There was a lot to catch up on and much of the conversation focused on how the last few months have changed our world around us.

Michele passed out our new Chapter shirts that were ordered. They look very nice.

Next year’s rally will be at the Pittsburgh Marriot, North Cranberry Twp. on May 20-22. The theme is “Ride Back in Time”.

It was decided to postpone our July chapter picnic and hope things look better for a August 15 or 22 date.

Denny will reschedule the Road Kill Café ride also and let us know of the date. The Ferry ride is also on hold. Talked of a possible ride to Hyner View this fall.

We will meet for ice cream at Ritchey’s Dairy in Martinsburg on Wednesday, July 22 at 6:00.

The door prize went to Arlene. Charlie won the 50/50 worth \$22.50. Bob and Tonya won free breakfast.

Marble Game Results---Kenny had his chance to draw the white marble but he drew one of the black ones so missed out on taking home some loot.

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PROGRESSIVE DRAWING

Willis Johnson was not in attendance and missed his chance on taking home \$25.
It will be worth \$30 in September.

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Condolences to Cheryl and Jake on the passing of Cheryl’s mother, Eleanor Jean Wilkinson, on July 8. She lived a great 101 1/2 years.

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GWRRA NEWS from our District Director:



Have you been out riding? Have you been riding with a chapter, friends or only your motorcycle? We have had great weather for riding and it is only August. There is time for you to get out there and enjoy motorcycling. One of the joys of motorcycling for us, is to get away from the phone, computer and other distractions we have in our life. We get to enjoy the beautiful county we live in!

We hope your chapter is able to get together for a monthly gathering and some group riding. Yes, there are challenges. If the restaurant you meet in is unable to accommodate you for your gathering due to the guide-lines they must abide by hopefully, your chapter has found an alternative such as a park or pavilion to meet at.

Group riding has also become a challenge. Some of our members do not feel comfortable frequenting public establishments. And many of our group rides have stops for breaks and food and it is not easy knowing what is open or can accommodate your group. It may be necessary to take shorter rides to eliminate some of the obstacles.

We are fortunate that we are invited to join many Zoom Meetings. And throughout the USA, districts and chapters are encountering the same challenges we are in Pennsylvania. A generalization would be that GWRRA members are comfortable participating with their chapter family but, many are not ready to participate with their extended GWRRA family.

We always encourage visitation but, during this pandemic it has made it challenging with the current mandates. So, if your chapter is trying to plan your holiday party and if it would make it easier and possible for you to hold your holiday party if you did not invite other chapters to your party, it is acceptable to have your holiday party for your chapter.

If you are ready to spend some time with your extended GWRRA family and want to attend a rally there are a few rallies that have not been cancelled.

Virginia District Rally – Rally in the Valley is October 29-31 2020 in Lynchburg, VA. There registration form is attached to this month's PA District newsletter. If you are planning on attending, get your registration in. Based on reservations, they will be making a decision in August to have or not to have the rally. If they cancel refunds will be issued.

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.

This pandemic has changed the world we live and work in; adjustments are being made. All of us need to do our part to keep ourselves and our friends and neighbors safe.

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 PA District Directors

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Don & Nancy Fowkes

August 22, 1959

Travis & Carole Young