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CHAPTER 'W' NEWSLETTER

SEPTEMBER 2019

Director's Corner

by Gary & Mable Washington



Hello Family,

Since I last wrote we have really enjoyed the August/September weather. Mable and I rode the route 30 ride that Eldon had taken us a few weeks earlier. We attempted to get to Morris' but I made a wrong turn and we ended up a Windber. We had a great dinner at Carolyn's new place in Windber. it's a new restaurant; I think Mable made the wrong turn so she could try it out! We have taken several rides to Altoona to get things for the office, to Martinsburg to get peaches, and around the back roads in the County. We really enjoyed the ride Ralph put together to Green Bank Telescope Center and Cass Railroad Area. It was an overnigher filled with history, good food, laughter and loads of fun. (How about the little gas station experience?)

The trike has not given Mable any problems recently. Of course, the true bike riders would say she needs to learn the "normal" maintenance practice. However, she is comfortable letting someone else do it. I don't blame her since she has a lot on her plate. But, at this chapter of our lives, I'm just happy to ride and have the wind in my face! We are blessed to have good "W" friends who help us along the journey..... Recently Ralph put in an alternator meter to keep track of the battery. (He even washed it and told her about the dust covers for the wheels.) Gary reminded her to look at the miles and get the oil changed around 3,000 miles.

Peggy, our MEC is always planning something and on the 20th we went to the Curve baseball game. What a wonderful evening with friends and fireworks. The chapter made a great show at Shawnee Fireman's Parade at the end of August; 8 motorcycles and 14 members. Some of the members went early to eat and it was a good idea, since it was dusk when we got home. Mable and I went another evening and got wings. We have a few more rides lined up in the near future and I'm surely looking forward to enjoying this wonderful weather on the trike.

I have been in the hospital once because a test result showed the potassium being too high for their comfort. I ended up 2 nights and missed the first football game of the season. Mable, Gennifer and Lemon came to the hospital and we listened to it there. We had gram crackers and ginger-ale and Bedford won. I believe the specialist will get things figured out in the near future; but I feel good!!!

House update: Uncle Lemon has gone to Pittsburgh and then northern Virginia in search of employment and living arrangements. Mable has not made a move to redo the rooms but I know her plans are to "get rid" of the bed in the back room, never to replace. Snug Bug recovered from the infection with NO additional trips to the veterinarian. I was glad that Greg didn't have to dig the hole; I like seeing them daily!

THINK ABOUT COMING ALONG THE NEXT TIME!



Curve Baseball
Fireworks &
FUN...



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The Motel was
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Service
Excellent...



A Great Train Ride..



The Tour Gideon Cloud 9

Assistant Chapter Directors

Eldon & Kerri Mickel

GWRRRA Family and Friends,

As of the printing of this newsletter, WingDing Nashville will have come and gone. We will not dwell much on it as we were only able to attend on Saturday. We had an enjoyable day at WingDing. I surely hope by the next time we attend I have a new set of knees and Kerri has a new hip. This year's WingDing was surely not for a GWRRRA member that has mobility issues. Other than that it was a nice event. Chris and Christie went earlier in the week and our paths crossed somewhere between Lexington and Nashville. Also on our way to WingDing in Nashville, we stopped in Charleston WV at another motorcycle rally and enjoyed their company for a brief rest stop and fellowship. Making new friends.

Kerri also attended a Motorcycle Rally in New Hampshire the weekend before WingDing. It was a very enjoyable trip with wonderful scenery and great riding. While at Lincoln New Hampshire we were able to visit Mt Washington and surrounding areas.

Since we decided to only do one day at WingDing we helped with the Shawnee Valley Fire Co parade where I am pleased to announce GWRRRA Pa W made an excellent showing. Congratulations to the group from Shawnee Valley Fire Co. and Asst. Directors Eldon & Kerri Mickel.

We are unaware of a report of the trip to the baseball game as we were gone most of the end of August. If you attended we hope you had a good evening and great fun. NEW EVENT! Ralph has notified us the Everett Cheerleaders asked our group to haul them to the football field on Sept. 13th. This will involve 7 trikes, Ralph is handling the particulars. If he needs you to participate he will contact you.

Roll for the Dough for Sept 14th we had two scheduled. The Parkersburg seems a bit far for me; think we should just do Morgantown in the evening. If anyone has any thoughts please contact Kerri so that arrangements can be made. Also on Sept 21st we plan on going to Hagerstown Md F for a point. We will leave the Shell east of Everett at 7:00 a.m. We have 8 signed up to go, if you are not sure if you signed up call me.

Ice Cream Ride Sept. 17 Chris Hull to lead, have no idea where. He will let us know. Sept. 28th Gathering at Kelly's 9:00. Oct. 5th Last Ride to Road Kill, signup sheet will be passed at Sept Gathering. We will meet at Masonic Lodge for this ride.

Hope everyone had an enjoyable summer riding their motorcycles. Keep in mind as the fall riding season has begun the critters seem to have adopted the roads as their new habitat, watch out for animals and other drivers. As the leaves begin to fall keep in mind they can cause extremely slippery highways especially when wet.

Hope everyone has a safe and enjoyable fall riding season.

Asst. Directors
Eldon & Kerri Mickel

Monthly Funny

A man was sitting on the edge of the bed, watching his wife, who was looking at herself in the mirror. Since her birthday was not far off, he asked what she'd like as a gift.

"I'd like to be eight again," she replied, still looking in the mirror.

On the morning of her birthday, he rose early, made her a nice bowl of Coco Pops, and then took her to Adventure World theme park.

What a day! He put her on every ride in the park; the Death Slide, the Wall of Fear, the Screaming Roller Coaster, everything there was.

Five hours later they staggered out of the theme park. Her head was reeling and her stomach felt upside down. He then took her to McDonald's where he ordered her a Happy Meal with extra fries and a chocolate shake.

Then it was off to a movie, with popcorn, a soda pop, and her favorite candy, M & M's. What a fabulous adventure.

Finally she wobbled home with her husband and collapsed into bed, exhausted.

He leaned over his wife with a big smile and lovingly asked, "Well dear, what was it like being eight again?" Her eyes slowly opened and her expression suddenly changed. "I meant my dress size, you idiot!!!"

The moral of the story: Even when a man is listening, he is gonna get it wrong.



At Wing Ding



In New Hampshire



On the General Jackson riverboat

Membership Enhancement : **PEGGY GRIMM & Ed Steele**



August has rolled away into the sunset. September has snuck in a bit too chilly for my liking, but my sweaters are happy to be out of the closet. Why does it seem that summer is so long in waiting to arrive, yet so quick to end? It's probably because I really do not like the winter and old man winter likes to taunt me! With August being the unofficial ending of summer, we done quite a bit in spite of the very warm temperatures. I have a lot to tell you, so you might want to grab a cup of coffee and settle in for the read.



Our Chapter sponsored the Bug Run on August 3rd, and we had visitors from a couple different Chapters attend. Also, many Chapter W members came to find some bugs. Gary Shaffer chose where we took our ride and he had hopes of lots of bugs on the journey, too. We had a nice ride, but the bugs forgot to show up. At the end of the ride we stopped for some ice cream. And, since no one had a bug splat on their target, tickets were drawn and our own Jo won. Way to go gal!!



Ralph suggested we visit Cass Scenic Railroad State Park in West Virginia for a group excursion. So, on August 7th and 8th, seventeen of us took off for the State Park. Along the route we ventured on a couple of detours and this was definitely a memorable suggestion.

We first gathered for breakfast because we all know riding on a full tummy is definitely a good thought. Seneca Rocks in Pendelton County West Virginia was our first detour. It has an elevation of 1,568 feet and is very picturesque. It was a quiet time on the rocks because we didn't see hide nor hair of any hikers or critters.



Once we finished taking in the scenery we moved along and headed to the Green Bank Observatory which houses the world's largest fully steerable radio telescope. We got to see that telescope, too! While eagerly waiting for the shuttle ride, we had time to grab a snack. The telescope is 485 feet tall, which by the way, is taller than the Statue of Liberty, and weighs 17 million pounds. It's very fascinating!! I suggest if you ever have the opportunity to visit Green Bank, do!!



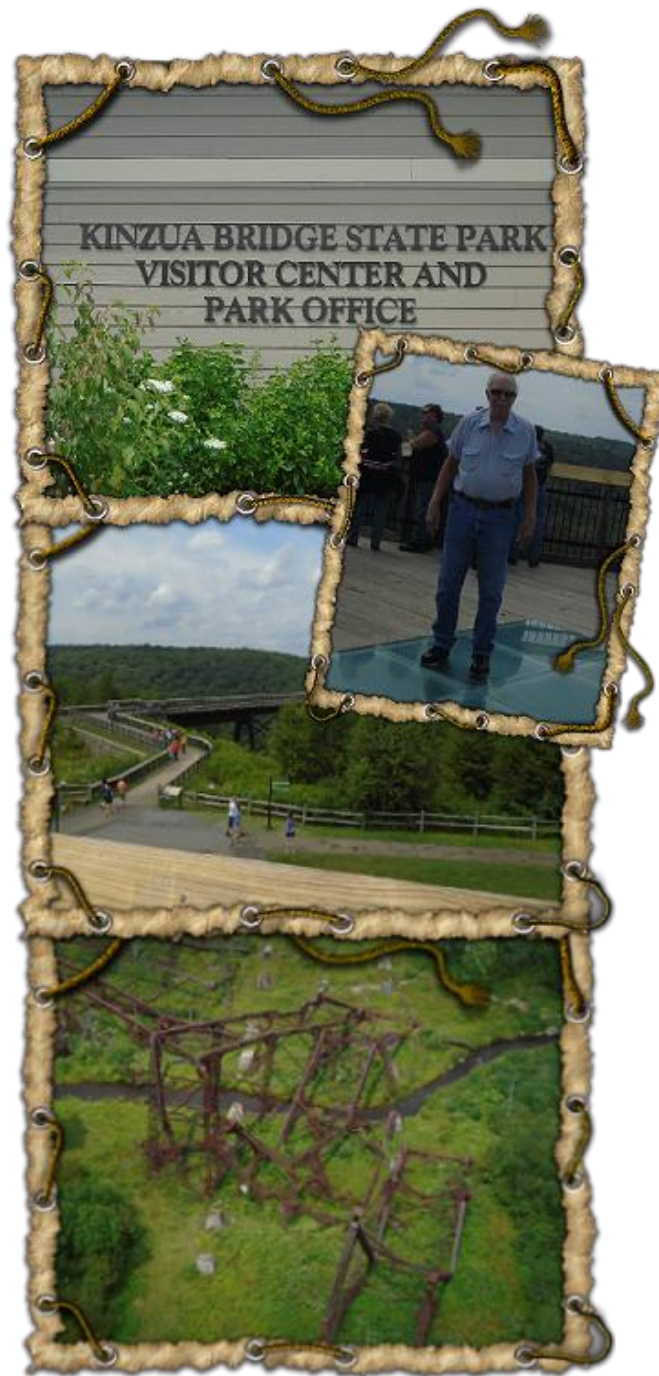
After taking in all the new sights, we decided to lodge for the night at Marlinton Motor Inn.

Before turning in for the night we all gathered for supper and talked about the day's events. Ralph informed us all to be ready to pull out by 7 a.m. the next morning. The motel restaurant provided us breakfast sandwiches, which we all gobbled down. Unfortunately, we were a half hour past Ralph's time of pulling out. However, we made it on time to Durbin Depot to catch our train ride. The ride was an eleven-mile round trip tour. We learned a lot about the Heisler No. 6 Steam Locomotive while enjoying the chug chug chug through the mountains. Thank you, Ralph and Alice, for the awesome trip idea. Along with this excursion Jo got to finally ride a train, so there is another bucket list item she can mark off.

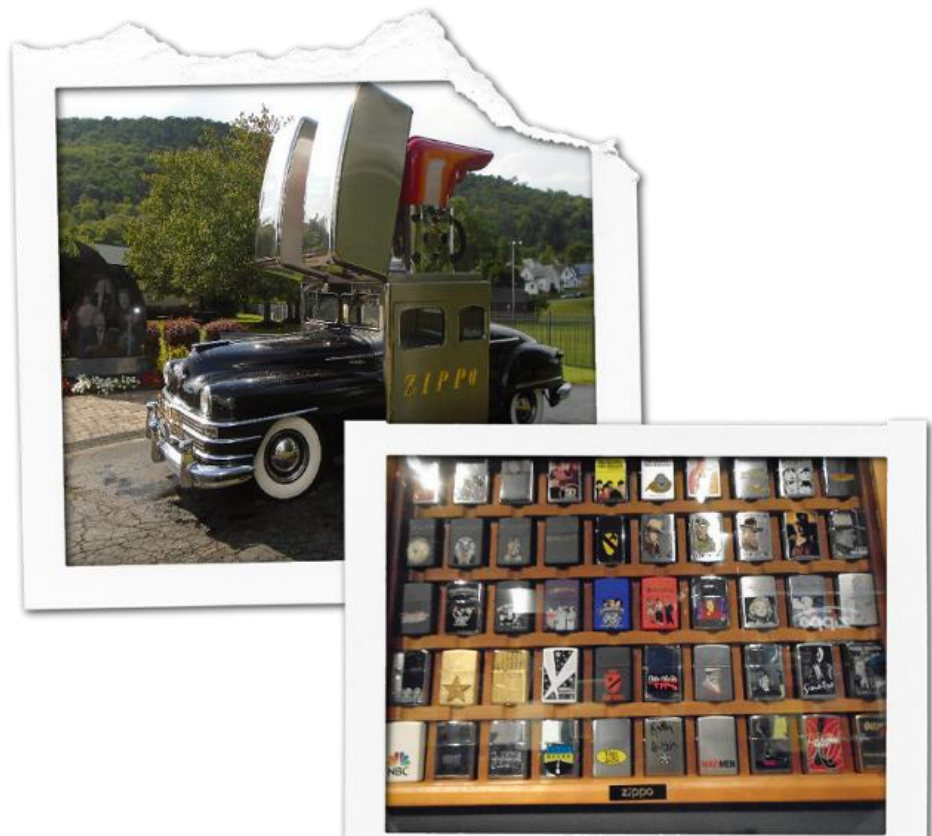




We had plans to visit the Lucy Museum in Jamestown, New York on August 17th and 18th, but I had canceled due to a lack of interest from our members. Then practically at the last minute, Gary, Kathy, Ed and myself decided to take the car and go anyway. I am so glad we did!! Gary had the routes all figured out, so that wasn't a problem. Of course, we can't just go all the way to one place when there are so many detours to see on the way. I guess you could say we always take the scenic routes. After a yummy breakfast we took off for Kinzua Bridge. Gary, Kathy and Ed had apparently been there before because once we pulled into the parking area, they all commented on the changes. There's an area on the bridge that has a glass floor skywalk, and one can view the debris field and the spectacular valley below. Naturally, we walked out on it. Sadly, part of the bridge had been crumpled due to a tornado back in 2003.



Our next detour took us to the Zippo/Case museum. Oh man...so many knives and lighters!! It's really neat. If we had had the time, we could have spent hours on learning the history of each individual knife and lighter. As I was picking up and looking at something in the gift shop, I was startled by two people. Low and behold, we weren't the only chapter group out touring. As I turned around there was Mike and Shirley Prince. They were riding their bikes, and the weather was promising rain, so we wished them good luck as we all parted ways.





With a full day of activities, we decided to stay the night in Warren, Pa. We spent the night at a very nice Days Inn and ate supper at a Perkins restaurant. As the next day dawned, Gary jaunted to check out the continental breakfast and reported back that he didn't think it would be enough to fill Ed, so we again went to Perkins and had breakfast. Finally, we arrived at the

Lucy Museum and my tummy was fluttering with excitement as my prayers had been answered. I am a huge Lucy fan and have wanted to visit her museum for ages!! We stepped inside the gift shop and took a quick glance around and then purchased tickets to go inside the museum itself. I was in my glory! If you are a fan of her TV show this trip is so worth your time. It is like you stepped into the show and become a part of it. You just keep thinking you are going to hear her laugh. There are hours of reading and learning about Lucy and her show inside. Too bad I couldn't convince more to go with us. They certainly missed a wonderful weekend. Of course, I could not leave without taking a part of Lucy with me, so I perused the gift shop again and purchased a few items. Now, this is something I can mark off my bucket list. There was only one negative about the whole trip, and that was when heading home we ran into a severe thunderstorm with lightning, wind, hail and pouring cats and dogs. I was so grateful we were in the car and not on trikes. We made it back home to Bedford in time for a team meeting at Hoss's.



August 20th, I had a brainstorm to attend an Altoona Curve game. I put some feelers out to see if anyone else was interested in going with us, and pleasantly surprised there were sixteen people who said yes. The temperature wasn't too bad, the food was good, the socializing was fun, and Goo bought us all an ice cream. Thank you, Goo. Everything was splendid except Altoona lost. Ho Hum.



Our monthly gathering was on the 24th and Chris and Christie took over for Mable and Goo. Thank you for stepping in guys. Several of our members were absent. August seems to be busy for several of our members.

I'd like to say another Happy Birthday to our birthday gals in August - - Evelyn and Jo. And, I'd like to say Happy Anniversary to Chris and Christie, Chuck and Evelyn, and Gary Shaffer.



The Schellsburg Parade was at the beginning of this month and we had a good showing for that. Ed and I took the convertible to Frostburg Maryland for the cruise in and missed the parade.



By the time you are reading this, everyone should be home from Wing Ding. I imagine it was a fun time out in Nashville. Too bad we didn't get to go this year. We hope you all enjoyed yourselves. We also hope everyone had a nice and safe Labor Day. I still can't believe we are already into September.

We'd also like to send well wishes and prayers to everyone who is experiencing health issues.

We'd also like to wish Nancy a safe trip as she travels to Florida to spend the winter. Her last gathering was on the 24th because she is taking off early this year, and we will not see her again until spring. You will be missed, Nancy!

Now that you have finished your cup of coffee, we will close this newsletter until next month. Thank you for reading about our full month of fun. Enjoy the weather if you like this type of weather. I will continue to keep my sweaters happy.

See you all next month,
Peggy Grimm and Ed Steele
Chapter W M.E.C.



CHAPTER W

ACTIVITY and MEETING SCHEDULE

Sept 14 - Roll for the Dough to WV-I,
Morgantown. Arrangements TBA

Sept 17 - Ice Cream Ride - TBA

Sept 21 - Roll for the Dough to MD-F,
Hagerstown. Leave Shell station below Everett at
7:00am

Sept 28 - Monthly Gathering 9:00am at Kelly's
Scenic View Restaurant in Everett, PA

Oct 05 - Last ride of the season – Road Kill -
Depart from Masonic Lodge - Time TBA

Oct 15 - Ice Cream Ride - TBA

Oct 26 - Monthly Gathering 9:00am at Kelly's
Scenic View Restaurant in Everett, PA

Nov 19 - Ice Cream Ride - The Meadows on
Mile Level, RT 30 Bedford

Nov 23 - Monthly Gathering 9:00am at Kelly's
Scenic View Restaurant in Everett, PA

Dec 14 - Christmas Party – American Legion -
Bedford

Dec 17 - Ice Cream Ride - The Meadows on
Mile Level, RT 30 Bedford



BIRTHDAYS:

September 12 - Gloria Diehl

ANNIVERSARIES:

None in September

ROLL FOR THE DOUGH:

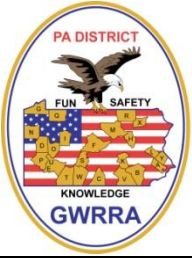
As of 09-10-2019 fifteen Chapters out of
18 have earned points. The top six are:

Chapter B - 19 Points
Chapter V - 10 Points
Chapter Q - 09 Points
Chapter I - 08 Points
Chapter T - 08 Points
Chapter W - 08 Points

THOUGHT FOR THE DAY:

“Accept the challenges so that you can feel
the exhilaration of victory.” George S. Patton





District Director Notes: August, 2019

By the time you read this “Wing Ding 41” will be over and next year’s location will have been announced.

Jere and Sherry Goodman were introduced at Wing Ding as the Directors of GWRRA. Many of you met them at the PA District Rally. We wish them well.

“Pride - Let’s Show It” is an article our Directors of GWRRA wrote for the September issue of Wing World. Have you read the article?

“Pride can mean a lot of different things...” “Maybe it is just my imagination, but it seems to me that over the years our pride in GWRRA may have slipped. There was a time when you could walk into a restaurant and if there was a GWRRA Chapter there, you knew it. Chapter gatherings had many participants wearing vests and or chapter shirts. Is this the norm in your chapter? Is your vest or chapter shirt hanging in the closet waiting to be proudly worn?” “If you stop and think about it, we are truly an amazing organization of caring people.” Sherry and I are asking you to partner with us and stand tall and feel good about yourself and our organization....WEAR YOUR COLORS PROUDLY!”

As we tour the PA District, we have noticed the same phenomenon; chapters are not wearing their chapter shirts or vests. If you stop and think about it, wearing chapter apparel is a great way to let others know about GWRRA. It may start a conversation with fellow motorcyclist and a potential new member. So, we are joining our Directors of GWRRA and asking you to “WEAR YOUR COLORS PROUDLY!”.

The PA District lottery tickets will be distributed to Chapters Directors in September. Please get them in the hands of your chapter participants to sell. Also, when you receive your packets there will be some helpful hints on how to increase your sales.



Remember, this is a great fund raiser for your chapter.

Plans are progressing for the 2020 PA District Rally, “Ride Back In Time”, held in Altoona, PA at the Altoona Grand on May 14, 15 and 16th. Please call the hotel directly at 814-946-1631 to make your hotel reservation. If you have any information, stuff or remember something that was done at the older rallies let us know. If your chapter has performed a memorable, FUN or favorite talent act at a previous rally, we encourage you to perform the act during this year’s talent show.

Unfortunately, over the summer there have been some motorcycle accidents. Please check and update your medical information you carry in your bike in the left-hand pocket. GWRRA has a form which you can use to fill out. Go to the PA District website click on Rider Ed and scroll down to quick links and click on “N 12 Emergency Information Form”. Please include an additional emergency contact other than your spouse, if you are riding together your spouse may be injured also.

The bike is clean and it is time to pack for our trip to Wing Ding in Nashville. We hope to see many of you there!

Remember to always ride safe!



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Assistant Dist Directors:

As I am writing this article, we are getting ready for Wing Ding 41 in Nashville TN. This will be our first time. We are looking forward to seeing some of our PA friends as well as meeting new people. We know there will be so much to see and do there so we will try to take in as much as we can.

They always say when Labor Day comes around that summer is almost over. There's still time left to enjoy some more riding before fall officially comes. Check out other Chapter's schedules to see if you can join in any of their upcoming rides. It's always fun to catch up with friends from other Chapters.

The PA District Raffle tickets will be distributed this month to all the Chapters. When you receive your tickets, get out and sell as many tickets as you can. This program supports many of the activities we have at the Chapter and District level. Let's have another successful year selling those tickets.

It's not too early to make your reservations for PA District Rally in Altoona PA. It's being held at the Altoona Grand Hotel on May 14, 15 and 16, 2020. More details about the Rally will be coming out later.

Remember that school is back in session so be prepared to stop for buses. Please give yourself some extra time to get places.

Remember to always ride safe & Have FUN!



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District COY CoOrdinators:

Each month I try to read everyone's Chapter Newsletter. The summer was filled with so many rides and interesting places that I wish John and I could go on ALL of them. Maybe if I make 10 or more copies of ourselves on the copying machine we could join in and be several places at the same time.

Chapter Directors: Please watch your e-mail in early October for important information regarding

your Chapter Couple for 2020. John and I will need information to update our files for 2020. There will also be a list of items that are available for your Chapter Couple, etc. John and I are always here to help in any way we can, so please call or e-mail us with questions, etc. about the Couple of the Year Program. If we don't know the answer, we have resources to go to for the answer.

We would like to thank everyone for their support of the Couple of the Year Program.

Happy Labor Day and please be safe.



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Where oh where has time gone?

I am sitting here (not really, I am running around trying to pack for Wing Ding) trying to remember all the activities and rides that took place the last few months. We had a good bit of rain but I know we also had some really nice weather and we were out there riding.

It seems that there are more and more motorcycles out there each year or maybe I am just looking for them now. Don't forget, if you get the opportunity, strike up a conversation. That person may be looking for someone to ride with and you may be that person to open the door for a new member.

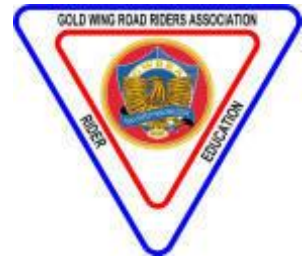
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PA DISTRICT EDUCATOR



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 loose 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 and Ride Proud.”

Chuck & Evelyn Stone
PA District Educators



National News:

Submitted by

Anita Alkire

President of GWRRA



What's Cookin' in your Chapter?

August is traditionally the last month of summer, although with so many of us not having kids in school; our summer extends at least through September. Many of us are affected by our grandkids, so is September a time for us to go and play? Is it time to plan a Chapter trip?

The bonds of a Chapter are the bonds that hold us as Members of GWRRA. We meet others as we travel and our GWRRA family grows, but it's those special bonds with those closer friends of our Chapter that grow stronger and stronger. Chapters have special responsibilities to our Members and you often hear us say that the most important Officers in GWRRA are the Chapter Officers. That is because you are closest to the majority of the Members.

I posted a great quote on Facebook the other day and it really speaks to all leadership, but especially to Chapter Officers. "Leadership is not being in charge, it is about taking care of people in your charge," author Simon Sinek. I have called Chapter Directors Mama Ducks because they are always tending to their chicks, rounding them up and making certain they are involved. Both say the same thing.

CD's, it is critical that you are the welcoming face to your Chapter. Your Team is an extension of you and your leadership, and they will take care of the people with you. This should be an active thought at all times. Meeting new or returning Members in the parking lot is a great way of coming to them to lessen that feeling of awkwardness of walking into a room of folks you don't know or may not know well. Making them feel comfortable during the meeting, sitting them with folks who understand our routine and jargon is important for an inclusive impression. Reward them when they return a second time so that special welcome extends beyond the first time. AZ-R presents a New Member with their first set of Chapter colors at the second meeting, something I found really cool. It's an orange bandana, not expensive but meaningful. It sure helps make those newbies feel a part.

As the District Director, help your Chapter Directors help their Team with these new ideas. Coaching is a major part of your role. Sometimes we get caught up with the rally or problem solving and forget that our main responsibility is to work with the Chapter Teams so they are the very best face of GWRRA that they can be. Where do you go for

inspiration? TEAM GWRRRA Program Directors and Presidential Assistants are an amazing resource to you. *Insight*, sharing this with your Team and anyone who is interested, is a fantastic resource. The Fun Activities Guide under the MEP section of our webpage, http://mep.gwrra.org/fun_activities_guide.html , can be a resource. Importantly, the other Chapter Directors, that amazing and important peer group, are vital! District Directors, this is why video calls with your Chapter Directors are so important. You help them build their peer network and you can share and learn from each other during the call. You all know we have shared many great ideas through the calls we've had. Please do the same for your Chapter Teams. Oh and maybe twice a year, have a call with each Chapter Director and their Team. Your leadership is important to them as well.

So leaders, we take care of our Members, we work with our Teams to plan fun, education and riding events. Make certain you consider all suggestions from the Team and the Members. It takes a village, as the expression goes, and you are that village for the benefit of the Members.

Communication is key to taking care of the Members. It takes care of them because we keep them in the know. A new tool, GroupWorks, is being introduced to the Districts and then to you. The best part of GroupWorks is the ease of communication. You will have all the Members in your area already loaded to your Chapter. You can write a message, post your newsletter, highlight an upcoming event and they will receive an email reminder. If they want more information, they click on the link in the email and they will log in to be able to see more. Our email addresses are protected as is our information so it's an amazing platform. It is private to us and the email address or any of our information is not given or sold to anyone; that was part of the agreement. So if you're not on GroupWorks yet, contact your District Director and they'll get you going.

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Sending lots of get-well wishes out to Dave as he continues to battle health issues. We continue to keep **any and all** of our members who have a special need, in our thoughts and prayers.

2019 PA DISTRICT AND CHAPTER EVENTS

SEPTEMBER

21 - District - Medic First Aid Basic Plus - Sandy Lake Masonic Hall - Sandy Lake, PA - 10:00am - PA-N Host

OCTOBER

05 - District - Motorcycling for the Mature Rider - Sandy Lake Masonic Hall - Sandy Lake, PA - 10:00 - PA-N Host

NOVEMBER

30 - Chapter C - Christmas Banquet - Antrim Brethren In Christ Church - Chambersburg, PA - 5:00pm

2019 National Events:

Jan 03-05, MD/DE District Rally, Winter
Thing – Ocean City, MD

NJ State Rally -

June 04-08, Americade – Lake George, NY

July 26-27 - New England Districts
Getaway Weekend, - Rutland, VT
(ME,VT,NH,MA,RI,CT)

Aug 8-11 - NY State Rally – Tioga Downs
Casino and Resort - Nichols, NY

Aug 27-31, Wing Ding 41 – Nashville, TN

2020 PA DISTRICT AND CHAPTER EVENTS

MAY

09 - Chapter B - Spring Fling - Lancaster Central Park - Pavilion #22 - Lancaster, PA - 9:00am
14-16 - PA District Rally - Altoona Grand Hotel - Altoona, PA - PA-S Host

JUNE

12-14 - All Chapters West - Treasure Lake KOA - Dubois, PA - PA-I Host

SEPTEMBER

11-13 - All Chapters East - Bodnarosa Motel & Campground - Berwick, PA - PA-X Host



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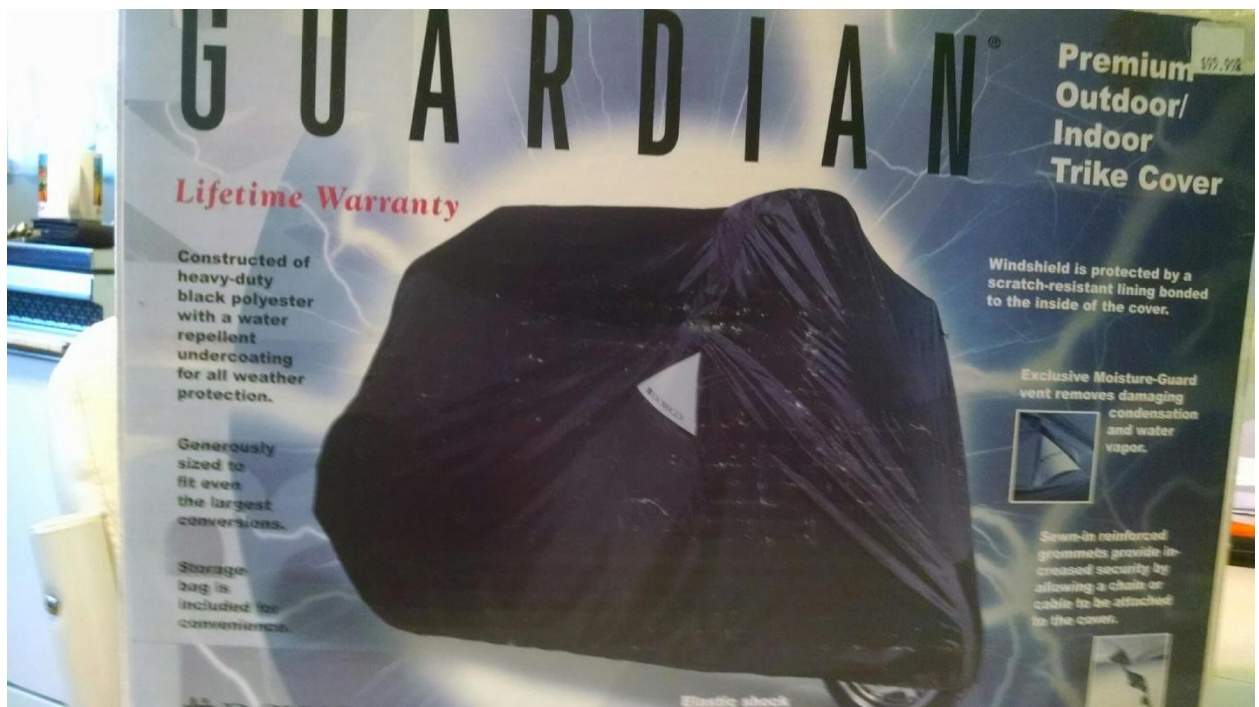
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