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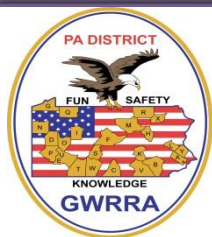
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Breezy Heights Ride



**BREEZY HEIGHTS RIDE
CHRIS & LINDA COENE**

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Chris and Linda led us thru the back roads, weaving in and out of the West Virginia panhandle about 6 times. Ending up at Breezy Heights Tavern on Rt 844 near Avella, Washington County, PA. We had great weather and nice twisty country roads! You should have been there!



Staff Meeting
October 18, 2012 7:00 PM
Perkins Restaurant

**Come join us! Have dinner with us
and make friends for life!**

Gathering October 25, 2012 – 7 PM
Perkins Restaurant
Cranberry Twp. , PA. (724) 772-2233

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WHERE IN THE WORLD???

Last month's picture was the Pennsylvania Monument at Gettysburg, did ya guess it and not send it in to me? Correct guesses were from Marilyn Banks, Mike Ammerman, Ray Jansen, Doug Motter, Linda Cochran! CONGRATS!!

This month's might be a little tougher! Give it a try! E-mail your guesses to me at: dpirozzi2003@hotmail.com Let me hear from you!





Mikey's Corner, Again!
Mike Ammerman, C/D

Well, here it is the last day of September. I can't believe tomorrow will be October. Our ride schedule is almost finished. It feels like we just started riding last week. There are only two scheduled rides left on our ride schedule, but the way the weather has been, I'm sure we can get a couple of impromptu rides in before it really gets cold.

We had our annual Pig Roast last night with a good turnout and quite a few visitors. We usually have our annual raffle drawing at the pig roast, but will instead have it at the Christmas dinner. Someone is going to get a nice Christmas present. Look for you chapter raffle tickets to sell in your mail box. We (I) was a little late in getting all the paperwork together to hand out the tickets at our last gathering. Remember, this is your chapter and we need your help in selling these tickets.

Late year riding brings with it different obstacles to watch out for along with those four legged critters that we have to watch out for all the time. Stay away from those pile of leaves you see along the road. I know how much temptation they are when you're young, but don't do it!

Until next month, stay safe.

Mike Ammerman, C/D



From the Editor

Darlene Pirozzi

After reading Mike's article and he states "**Our ride schedule is almost finished.**" I paused and thoughts poured in....It is true, the 2012 Ride Schedule is coming to a screeching halt soon, but it is the beginning of our 2013 Ride Schedule. It's a great opportunity to think about where you have not taken a ride to this year.

This is the time to think about laying out a ride for the next year and preparing for the January ride schedule meeting with Linda Guy. We all have those favorite roads, favorite restaurants we ride to with our better half. Why not consider putting that favorite ride on the schedule and take along some friends!

Our chapter rides are led by the same handful of people who step up to the plate to make our ride schedule what it is. We need to inspire those who have not led a ride, those who have not led a ride for some time to volunteer to lead one. Think of how full and interesting the ride schedule would be if each one of us led just one ride!

If you have gone on our chapter rides you could observe how to organize your own ride by watching how the ride is followed thru. A good rule of thumb could be 75 miles or 90 minutes to the first break. Sheetz stations are great for rest stops, snacks and gas, not to mention they are usually roomy and bathrooms are available. Lunch can be a brown bag lunch, or at The Farmers Inn for example. Ice cream on the way home is a great too!

There are many ways to lay out your ride. Using any GPS such as a Garmin and a route plotting software like Mapsource is a great tool. You can see your mileage and time from beginning to end to help you shorten or lengthen the route. Sharing your mapsource file with fellow riders who own a compatible GPS is a fun way to help the leader of group 2 or your tail gunner keep the group together and organized along the way. It also comes in handy if for some unforeseen reason you can't lead the ride, someone else who has the route can lead it for you. Pre riding is not required, but can certainly help eliminate "Road Closed", "Bridge Out" and "Detour" from your routes. Although, as we all know, this is not fool proof.

If you need assistance in creating your ride, feel free to ask any one of us who have led one, you won't be turned down!
Let's try to make our 2013 ride schedule as full as possible!

GWRRA - PA
Chapter D
Christmas
Party



Saturday
December 1st, 2012
Time - 5-6 p.m. social
6:00 p.m. meal

The Chadwick
One Wexford Square
Wexford, PA. 15090

\$20.00 per person for GWRRA members or
\$25 per person for Non-GWRRA members
Reservations must be in by Monday, November 19th.

Two choices for the meal:

- 1 - Boneless Pork Chop with Maple Glaze
- 2 - Asiago Crusted Chicken Breast with Tarragon Butter Sauce

A Gift Grab-Bag will be held. If you are interested in participating please bring a gift marked for man, woman, or couple. A \$10 - \$15 limit.

Clip reservation slip and send to: **Lila Hinerman, 640 Pittsburgh Road, Rochester, PA 15074.**
Make checks payable to **GWRRA PA Chapter D.** **Reservations due by November 19th.**

Name: _____ Chapter _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Phone: _____

Number of GWRRA Members Attending: _____ x \$20.00 _____

Number of Non-GWRRA Members Attending: _____ x \$25.00 _____

Meal choice _____ Meal choice _____

Total Amount Due = _____



SUNSHINE CORNER



A LITTLE SUNSHINE GOES A LONG WAY!

IT'S YOUR BIRTHDAY!

IT'S YOUR ANNIVERSARY!

- | | | |
|----|---------|-------------|
| 1 | David | Archibald |
| 2 | Theresa | Brown |
| 4 | Cheryl | Salamone |
| 8 | Carl | Garing |
| 20 | Gloria | Hershberger |
| 25 | Al | Oliver |
| 27 | Janice | Himes |
| 28 | Gene | Montini |



Jim &	Cathy	Schantz	20	33
John &	Sherri	Tubridy	28	24



Pat DeLo is recovering my hip surgery!

Send cards to:

JAMES & PATRICIA DELO
900 CROOKED PINE TRAIL
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Other members recovering are:

Bill Cressman – recovering a second bout of that nasty infection! He's going strong and doing well!

Ken Purvis – recovering from eye surgery

Gordon Snyder – recovering from cataract surgery.





At the September gathering we collected \$65.00 and raffled off 2-\$25 Perkins Gift Cards. The WINNERS were Debbie Rice and Linda Eaves. We also collected \$145 for RFK at our annual Pig Roast and Phil donated a step stool. The winner was Theresa Brown! **Ross has invited everyone to view her Pirozzi Wood Working collection at his home!** This brings our total to \$265.00 for 2013. Thanks to everyone for their generous donations and participation in the raffles. We still need items to raffle off monthly, so please contact Dar Ammerman to participate!



SEPTEMBER Gathering
 Winner Circle
50/50 RAFFLE
Debbie Rice

Lottery Ticket Tim Brakebill



EDUCATIONAL KORNER

Phil Pirozzi



Assistant District Educator

Fall Riding

Some motorcyclists put their motorcycles away at the first sign of cold weather, but as many of us know fall is the best time of the year for riding. If you are planning for some fall riding take the time to make sure your bike is ready for the change of the season. Here are a few safety reminders to help you have a safe fall ride.

Check your motorcycle. Do a thorough T-Clock inspection, make sure everything functions as it should and repair as necessary. Be sure to check all fluid levels as well as tire pressure and the condition of your tires and make adjustments as necessary.

Wear proper clothing. Fall temperatures can change drastically during the course of a day. Make sure to take an extra sweatshirt and always take your rain gear. Rain gear can be a very good wind block if needed.

Beat the elements. Be sure to wear leather or good quality textile riding gear, not only to block the wind but safety should always be your first concern. Be sure to wear over the ankle boots and heavy socks to keep warm. And don't forget gloves, there are many choices wear insulated gloves to keep your hands warm.

As for your helmet, some of you wear a full face helmet that has a face shield built in. For those of us that wear an open face (3/4) helmet they have face shields that are removable, you can add a face shield to help keep the wind off you face. Watch for riding hazards. Be extra careful fallen leaves can be very slippery and also cover up a road hazard. And let's not forget about our furry friends, deer are more active during autumn. Be more alert and adjust your riding speed accordingly.

Fall is a very enjoyable and beautiful time of the year to ride, with the changing of the season the trees paint the landscape with every color in the rainbow and many fall festivals for us to visit. Get out and enjoy the season as sometime it passes by a little too fast.

We have a fall ride to Ohiopyle on the schedule planned, I hope to see all of you there. Remember to ride often and ride safe.

Phil Pirozzi

FROM THE DISTRICT DIRECTOR:

The 2012 Pennsylvania District Convention is in the history book and it was a great party. Danise and I want to thank everyone involved for their efforts. The district staff worked tirelessly to provide a fun filled experience to all in attendance. If I start to name people I will surely miss someone so a blanket thanks to all is appropriate.

Jere Goodman was sharing with me his thoughts on what he saw at the convention. He was impressed with the participation of the chapters and found your chapter pride showing in all that you were doing. He saw you having FUN which is a huge part of the experience of being a member of GWRRA. You had fun visiting with each other, fun participating in the ARC and Trike courses, fun sharing the time in educational programs, and fun just playing and relaxing.

The light procession from the Eisenhower Convention center into to town and back had approximately 85 bikes. Special thanks to PA-V for flagging the intersections. It was an impressive site as they made their way through town. People stopped and watched, and hollered, and clapped and learned a little about GWRRA. Following the procession the judging took place on those bikes that entered the contest. First place flashing was Ray Lee, second place flashing was Gary Doverspike. In the non flashing division we had Chuck Stone taking first place and taking second was Gerry Vanart.

The Show Case of Talent Friday night was great. So much fun, laughter and tomfoolery. **Here is a link** to just two of the many fun presentations by the chapters. Barry and Rhonda did a great job hosting this event and the chapters showcased their creativity while some individuals showcased their talent. Great job everyone.

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=bVpJMrUssDw&sns=em>

Chapter I gave us an opportunity to play some games on Friday morning. The attendance for the games was very good and again we heard the laughter and saw the smiles. Thank you PA-I for a job well done!

The bike show had Gerry Vanart taking the Best of Show plaque home with him this year. The table decorating contest was won by PA-B with their Arbor Day presentation and second place went to Chapter K with their tribute to veterans. All of the tables were amazing. I stand in awe of the talent that was shown by the chapters with their tables and with their hats. As a person with NO artistic talent I am always amazed with others creativity. Congratulations to all of you for doing such a wonderful job.

Gerry and Bonnie along with Doug and Phil had a lot of great training opportunities with the various seminars. We also had opportunities for the women with some crafting events which were well received. We thank all of the folks who taught the classes and gave of their time to share their knowledge and talent with those in attendance.

The feedback from those who came to Gettysburg was this convention was FUN! That was the goal and it appears it was accomplished. If I have one regret, it is that we had so many not attend this party and those people missed a great event. We have 2200 members in PA and only saw about 300 of you. We missed your smiles, your laughter and your involvement. Danise and I hope that as you learn the fun is back you will come back to the party. Mark your calendars for next September. We are back in Gettysburg where we once again will keep the Ghost of Gettysburg awake because of our laughter!

team. Bob Gabrielle has served the district since the early part of this century. He finished 6 years as Goodies Coordinator and we thank him for his service to the district. Dave and Cindy Marconi have accepted the position replacing Bob. We welcome them to staff and know they will serve the membership well. Ruth and Mort Smith stepped down to deal with personal issues before the convention and have been replaced by Diane Hefflefinger as District MEC. We want to say "thank you" to the Smith's for their efforts to serve the district for many, many years. Lastly Al and Val Aumack will be completing their term as NE Assistant District Directors. We have decided not to replace the position. We have lost three chapters in the past few years and are going to attempt to reduce the district staff. Each ADD will have 7 chapters where they use to have 6 when we had 24 chapters. The assignment of chapters is as follows: Rick and Andi Riek- Chapters T,E,P,D,I,Nand Q. Jim and Diane Hefflefinger- Chapters W,S,F,M,R,X and G Larry and Linda Dice- Chapters C,V,K,B,A, L and H All of this is subject to change. Danise and I will be helping everyone with the distant Chapters as far as visiting. The above assignments are for paperwork and dealing with chapter issues. We hope to see different District staff doing visits this year so you will have visits but not necessarily from the ADD assigned to your chapter. This alignment may not work but we are going to give it a try and will measure the problems, if any, and adjust where needed.

Danise and I traveled to the Bi-State convention in Budd Lake NJ last month. We had a great time and enjoyed visiting with our GWRRA friends from other districts. Paul Wood, NY District Director, asked me to make sure and let you all know how much they appreciated the support and are hoping to see all of us in Liverpool NY August 7-11, 2013. We also had a great time at All Chapters West hosted by PA-Q. Thanks to the entire chapter for their hard work in preparing the party for us. Even though hurricane Isaac was on our minds all week as a possible deterrent, he turned out to be nothing in the Warren area and a great party took place. I encourage chapters to take a hard look at the All Chapter events as a place to ride to and take part in the fun. I have been going for years and you don't need to camp to take part. If your chapter is saying there is nothing to do and you aren't coming

to All Chapters...I need to tell you that it is something TO DO! Lastly we are saying good-bye to Tom and Renee Wasluck as part of the district team. When they stepped up as Region Directors we got very creative and named them PA District Convention Coordinators. That kept them part of the staff through this years convention in Gettysburg. They have been part of the district team for many years as Rally Coordinators, ADD's (and Rally Coordinators) District Directors (and Rally Coordinators) and most recently Region Directors (and PA Rally Coordinators). They may not be listed as part of the team but as Region Directors they will stay an active part of Pennsylvania for years. We wish them the best in their new positions and now that the rally is behind them they can concentrate on the business of the Region. Ride safely this month. Don't forget the sun is setting at a different angle so road glare is a real hazard for us. Also we are not as visible in the morning and night if the sun is to your back. The sun shines in the eyes of those you are coming towards and blocks us from being seen so take special care to watch for traffic coming across in front of you and pulling out in front.

Dana and Danise Hartle Pa District Directors

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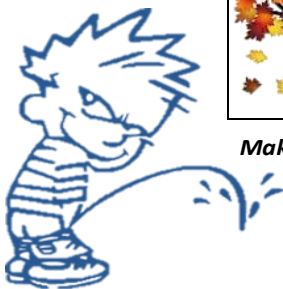
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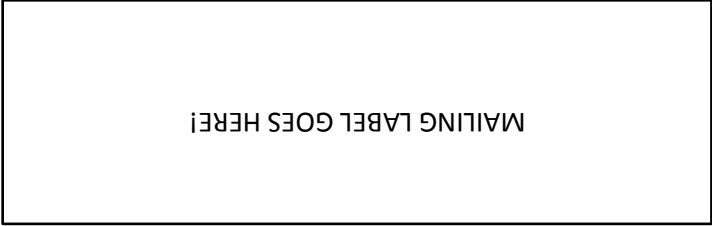
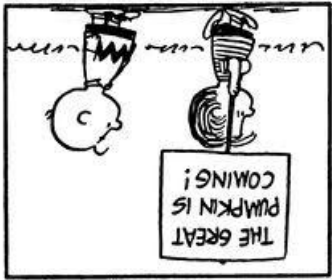
Columbus Day Applefest 2012

OCTOBER 2012

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						OHIOPYLE RIDE LEAVE KINGS 9 AM DAR & PHIL PIROZZI RIDE LEADERS
14	15	16	17	18	19	20
				STAFF MEETING 7:00 PM PHONE CONFERENCE		
21	22	23	24	25	26	27
				GATHERING 7 PM PERKINS ON RT 19		
28	29	30	31	1	2	3

**Make sure to check our online ride schedule calendar for updates, changes and details!
All rides leave King's at 9:00 am unless otherwise noted!!
Be ready to ride with a full tank of gas and empty bladder!**





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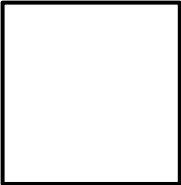
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