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Before the Ride Season!

Jeff & Nancy Landis
Chapter Directors

Oh how time flies. I can't believe that we are fast approaching half the year gone by. Nancy and I haven't been riding like we have in years past. I think we only put 3 or 4 thousand miles on so far. It certainly isn't because of a lack of things to do with the chapter. Which is where I am going with this months article.

When we asked Mark and Charlene Johnson to head up the ride committee for this year, they were a little hesitant to say yes. After some persuasion (thanks Randy) they accepted the task. They hit the ground running and haven't stopped since. So far this year there has been something going on each weekend that involved getting together with our chapter family. With the help of Ron and Peggy Kratz, Bob Becker,

Randy and Jane and Nancy and Bill Z, the ride committee has put together some great rides with something for everyone. Long, short or overnights there is something for everyone.

Later you will read an article on this past weekend at the Grey Ghost Inn in Vermont. Byron and Baerbel Wilds set the course for this trip and even pre-rode the route to be sure it was correct. We are so fortunate to have people in our chapter that are

willing to share their riding destinations with us. Jim Drueding took us for a ride down through the Pine Barrens to Basto Village and Zorro led us to Woody's Crab House for our annual dose of crabs.

It is not only the people that I mentioned in this article that has contributed to our riding success but Nancy and I want to thank all of you, each and everyone of you in Chapter Y for keeping this chapter "The Chapter that Rides"

Until next month — JNL



Upcoming Events

June

- **June 19:** Ys Guys Monthly Gathering @ Franconia Heritage Restaurant — breakfast 9:15 am; meeting 10 am; ride follows (see Ride Schedule on page 5)
- **June 26 & 27:** Officer Certification Program, Clarks Summit, PA; Saturdays = 8 am to 5:30
Sundays = 8 am to 1 pm
- **June 30 – July 3, 2010** – Wing Ding, Des Moines Iowa Events Center

The Chapter That Rides!

Back in the Saddle!

We had the pleasure of filling in for our Chapter Directors at the May 15 gathering. Jeff and Nancy escorted our Chapter Couple of the Year, Randy and Jane, to the COY get together in Bedford, PA the same day as the gathering.

Thanks to all who came for breakfast and the meeting. We welcomed Larry and Linda Dice from the PA District. As always, Bruce's rider ed presentation was very informative. Same goes for Wes and Bob Williams. Chapter Y is fortunate to have these guys on board and we appreciate all the good

info they have to offer our members.

We congratulated the newest licensed motorcycle driver to the chapter! Way to Go, Darlene!

Can you believe it . . . the scheduled ride for Saturday, May 29 was to Woody's Crab House in North East, Maryland. And we actually were able to do the ride without having to reschedule due to rain as in previous years! As always, the seafood was worth the two hour ride. It was the first time to Woody's for several of the Y's Guys . . . no one was disappointed! And, of course,

The Peanut Phantom struck again! Peanuts were found on our bike seats when it was time to saddle up and head for home.

We skipped out on the ice cream stop on the way home but rumor has it that a few of our Y's Gals have talent (the hula hoop gals!) We know who you are . . . how about an encore at the gathering on Saturday, June 19!!

Bill & Nancy Zimmerman
Assistant Chapter Directors



Peggy Kratz finds a purple hula hoop at the Scoupe de Ville ice cream shop. The soda jerk demonstrated the proper hula hoop technique for the Ys Guys!



Dave Buchert, Bob Williams, Peggy Kratz, Bob Becker, Jane & Randy Stoltzfus, Ron Kratz



**Additional photos are available on the
Ys Guys web site.**

<http://www.pachapterygwrra.com>

A Proud Rider Educator Am I!

Bruce R. Cox
Chapter Educator

Well, a group of riders from the chapter just returned from a trip to Vermont. The trip was GREAT - The Grey Ghost Inn was very comfy, the food was great, the scenery beautiful and the weather was less than desirable unless you were a duck!

But that isn't exactly what this article is about. Chapter Y has had two rider educators. I did it for the first six plus years, then Doug Little took over for a while and now I'm back. Over the last 10 plus years, we've given presentations and written articles to "impart" a little knowledge about riding safely. Well, I couldn't be prouder of the group this weekend.

The preparation for the ride started well before the start of the ride. Opinions were sought, ride routes published and activities planned once we got there. Before the start of the ride Thursday, Byron held a riders meeting to discuss the route, including a last minute update to get around some construction as well as a time-frame and location of our first stop. That was a GREAT start.

We started out on interstates and we looked good but more importantly we rode safe. We stayed away from merging traffic when possible, opened up "holes" for cars and trucks when required and were not a hindrance on the road. We stopped often enough to make good time but also enough to keep all the riders and co-riders comfortable. When we knew the weather was turning ugly (thanks

to Gordon "the Weatherman" Geissler), we found a safe place to pull over and put on the rain gear to keep everyone as comfortable and dry as possible.

As we proceeded in the rain, we adjusted speed and distance accordingly. At no time did I feel uncomfortable with our riding style.

When we arrived at the Grey Ghost Inn, everyone pitched in to make sure the bikes were secure with foot pads in the dirt/gravel lot and to help anyone who needed assistance.

The rides on Friday and Saturday were coordinated so everyone knew the departure times and where we were going. On Friday we did the covered bridge tour and thanks to Baerbel, a stop at the Grafton Village Cheese Company. When we had a small problem with one of the bikes, the issue was relayed to the group over the CB radio. The riders behind the vehicle stayed with the rider, the leader went back to assist while the other riders found a safe place to get off the road until the group could gather again. Oh by the way, the safe place had ICE CREAM! Again, we had a nice scenic ride where we looked good and rode safe. Saturday was another rainy day and we split into different groups. One group went to Stowe, VT and Ben & Jerry's Ice Cream factory. They made an unscheduled tour of a dirt/gravel road and although very slippery they made it through with no mishaps. The other group went to the

Vermont Country Store, again in the rain. We nibbled our way through the store, bought stuff and then braved the roads again. Some of that group proceeded on to Camelot while others returned to the Grey Ghost Inn.

Sunday was the go home day for most of the group. It was drizzling when we left and although Byron tried to be encouraging, we saw very little of the sun. We took the back roads home, and I was happy to see riders braking prior to the turns to "scrub off" speed and get off the brakes in the turns (remember my presentation on traction?) At times, it rained VERY HARD and speed and distance was again adjusted accordingly.

The group did a FANTASTIC job of riding in a group under less than favorable conditions (close to six hundred miles in the rain).

When I watched the group ride, I felt safe and proud. When I watched the group pitch in when someone else needed assistance I again felt safe and proud. When we were off the bikes, I mostly just laughed!

Thanks for listening, reading and remembering but most of all for executing a safe ride!

Ride Safe

Ride Far (but only if you can do it safely)



Tour De Cure 2010 – Update

Bruce Cox
Ride Educator

On May 23rd, a group of Y's Guys supported the American Diabetes Association of Philadelphia at their Tour De Cure 2010 bicycle ride. Acting as road marshals for the event we patrolled the bike routes to give assistance whenever and wherever needed.

The weather forecast was not great which deterred some of the riders but not the Y's Guys. The Y's guys were there for the over 400 riders that participated. We marshaled the 63 mile loop, the 40 mile loop, the 15 mile loop and the 3 mile loop.

After the ride, several of us had lunch and then headed home before the rain started. It was a great day of service for a great organization.

Here are two of the quotes from thank you notes I received from the Tour De Cure organization:

- Hi All,*

I know that these words are not enough, but thank you! Thank you for providing support along the various routes. Thank you for taking time out of your busy schedule to support the American Diabetes Association. You truly made a difference!

Nearly 24 million children and adults in the US have diabetes. The Greater Philadelphia Tour de Cure is just one of way we are supporting our mission: to prevent and cure diabetes and to improve the lives of all people affected by diabetes.

Our 400 riders reached the finish line because of your generosity! Your support made their experience more enjoyable and memorable.

- Thanks Bruce! We couldn't have done it without your crew. The marshals were FANTASTIC this year! We received many compliments. Looking forward to 2011!*

So, a big "Helmet's off" to Ron Kratz, Bob Becker, Bruce Cox, Jeff Landis, Bruce Raskin, Miguel Lebron, Don Jones and Byron Wilds.

And, a personal thank you to the above for supporting an organization that is near and dear to my heart!

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Don Jones leaving the start line of the 2010 Tour De Cure



Birthdays

Mark Johnson	4
Dave Buchert	4
Steve Dusza	5
Pam Kratz	7
Joe Moska	10
Nancy Zimmerman	20
Dave Spray	25
Peggy O'Donnell	30

Anniversaries

Wes & Lynn Jackson	5
George & Linda Lowe	7
Bill & Vickie Schafer	9
Bill & Dolly Knebl	11
Harry & Stefanie Borst	15
Ron & Peggy Kratz	20

2010 Ys Guys Ride Schedule

June

- 19 Saturday Chapter Y's Gathering, Franconia Heritage Restaurant: Ride to Blue Marsh for a picnic
- 20 Sunday Father's Day & PA-L- Hobo Stew
- 22-24 Tues—Thurs New England District Rally, Gorham, NH
- 24-27 Thurs—Sun Thunder in the Valley, Johnstown
- 26 Saturday Makeup rain date

July

- 3 Saturday
- 10 Saturday Bushkill Falls
- 17 Saturday Chapter Y's Gathering, Franconia Heritage Restaurant: Ride after gathering to Kitchen Kettle Village, Intercourse, PA
- 18 Sunday- Maritime Museum, L.B.I., NJ
- 24 Saturday- Boyd's Bear, Gettysburg
- 30-August 1 Fri—Sun PA-H-All Chapters East, Berwick, PA
- 31 Saturday Bill's Bike Barn/ Quaker State to eat

August

- 5-7 Thurs—Sat NY/NJ District Rally, Bridgewater, NJ
- 7 Saturday Hummelstown/Middletown Railroad, Bank to eat
- 14 Saturday Mystery Ride

- 15 Sunday Chicken Ranch
- 21 Saturday Chapter Y's Gathering, Franconia Heritage Restaurant: Ride after gathering to Galasso Pizza, Frenchtown, NJ
- 21-25 Sat—Wed Week of riding in Johnstown
- 26-28 Thurs—Sat PA District Rally, Johnstown

September

- 4 Saturday Amish ride
- 11 Saturday MCC & Bike Night, Lansdale
- 12 Sunday BJ's Ride for the Cure
- 17-18 Fri—Sat All Chapters West
- 18 Saturday Chapter Y's Gathering, Franconia Heritage Restaurant: Ride after gathering to Beltsville Dam for a picnic
- 19 Sunday Ride For Kids- IMAX King of Prussia, PA
- 23-25 Thurs—Fri Region N Wings over the Smokies, NC
- 25-26 Sat & Sun Gray Ghost Inn, Fall Foliage Ride
- 26 Sunday Haycock Fire Company ride, Nockamixon

October

- 2 Saturday- High Point State Park & picnic
- 7-9 TBD: Thurs—Sat Rally in the Valley, Salem, VA
- 9 Saturday Anywhere ride
- 15-17 Fri—Sun 3 Day Walk for Breast Cancer
- 16 Saturday Chapter Y's Gathering, Franconia Heritage Restaurant; Ride after gathering to Czestochowa Holy Shrine, Doylestown/Luberto's Italian Restaurant

Recognizing a Stroke

From Bill Schaefer

Symptoms of a stroke are difficult to identify. Unfortunately, the lack of awareness spells disaster. The stroke victim may suffer severe brain damage if people nearby fail to recognize the symptoms of a stroke.

Doctors say bystanders can recognize a stroke by asking three simple questions:

- Ask the individual to Smile.
- Ask the individual to talk and coherently speak a simple sentence (for example, Today is sunny.)
- Ask the individual to raise both arms.

If the individual has trouble with ANY ONE of these tasks, call an emergency number immediately and describe the symptoms to the dispatcher.

Newly recognized sign of a stroke: Ask the individual to 'stick' out his/her tongue. If the tongue is 'crooked', that is if it goes to one side or the other, it is also an indication of a stroke.

A neurologist says that if he can get to a stroke victim within 3 hours he can totally reverse the effects of a stroke. He said the problem is recognizing a stroke symptoms, diagnosing them, and then getting the patient medically cared for within 3 hours.

May Rides!



Group Photo L-R: Dutch & Jim Drueding, Alan & Lee Clemens, Baerbel Wilds, Dick & Martha Foote, Bruce & Ellyn Raskin, Peg O'Donnell, Steve Woodside, Jeff & Nancy Landis, Paul Jackson, Bob Becker, Ron Kratz, Mark Johnson, Peggy Kratz.



May 15: After the gathering today, we had 26 Y guys on 11 bikes and 6 trikes on the ride to Oregon Dairy. Great turn out and the weather was terrific. Nice ride out thru the farm lands can you smell the freshness? Go Green! After completing our Ice Cream fix we headed back towards home and I must admit that 568 is a nice road on 2 wheels. Hope everybody enjoyed the day. P.S. the toy bandit appeared today at WalMart today –
– Mark & Char

Another enjoyable group ride. Special thanks to Mark and Char and tail Bob Becker. – Alan and Lee

Thanks to everyone for a great ride and a special thank you to Mark & Charleen. – Byron & Baerbel

Jumping on the Heels of Alan's below message, Martha and I will join him in thanking Mark and Charlene for another nice ride. Beautiful scenery and the turny twisty roads were a challenge for everyone regardless of the number of wheels under them. It was fun and look forward to more rides this coming season. We were startled at first when we heard 2 new voices coming over the airwaves not heard before, while on the road today !!!!! Congratulations, your radio sounded fine Road Captains. – Dick & Martha

Great day for a ride we had a very nice ride with good friends and a sweet treat. Thanks. – Bill and Vickie

YEP! Mark and Char have now joined the ranks of the CB wing world and can listen when we talk too and about them. YEP it was a great ride and thanks for leading on a great day. – Bob

CONGRATS!! Mark and Charlene on you new toy!!! – JD & Michele



Mark & Charleen Johnson, Anne & Bruce Cox, Baerbel & Byron Wilds, Steve Woodside & Peggy O'Donnell

May 22: Well Jim all we have to say is a big thank you. We were pretty well on time in meeting you at the mall then you took it from there. Great job in leading and keeping us all together with 7 bikes and 5 trikes and 18 Y guys that can be a chore. Any place that has some historical importance to the area and even reached as far as to supply musket balls and cannon balls to George Washington's army is an interesting place to visit. Jim picked out some nice roads thru Wharton State forest, and along those cranberry bogs. I can remember many years ago, driving thru that section during cranberry picking season. To see all those bogs flooded was cool. Just like the Ocean Spray commercial on TV. Thanks again Jim for showing us some of central jersey and riding 215 miles for the day.

— Mark & Char

Looks like we have a new road captain. Sounds like everyone had a good time. Thanks jim for leading those Y's guys around Jersey. Good Job. — Jeff

Jim, great job leading the group and we didn't get wet. The Museum was very interesting ask Randy about the cannon balls. We had a good laugh. — Byron & Baerbel

Jim; Thanks for organizing & leading that great ride. The scenery was great, the destination was interesting & the restaurant was a really good pick! — Bruce & Ellyn

Great job Jim even though I stopped talking to you a few times. You can lead me anywhere again. Hope you can make the Gray Ghost ride. Thanks for the great day. — Bob



May 29 — We had 20 Y Guys on 8 bikes and 5 trikes for our ride this year to Woody's. I'm sure that I would be alone in saying that it was great to see Bill & Nancy back on the rode with us. Welcome back and thanks for leading today also. Great job. Some ate at Woody's and some went to the steakhouse next door. On the way home some of us made our way up to Scoupe-de-ville in Birdsboro for ice-cream. The ice cream even came with a show this trip. It's always fun... All together we rode 190 miles. — Mark & Char

Terri and I truly enjoyed the run to Woody's Crab House today! The food and company was perfect. — Chris & Terri



Thanks to Bill and Nancy for leading us on a great ride and to the ride committee for planning it. We enjoyed the company of great friends and the great crab at Woody's, making it a wonderful day. — Dick and Martha

Ditto... great ride, great time with friends, BUT I thought what happens on a Y ride stays on the Y ride! — Peggy

Just what the doctor ordered . . . lots of sunshine even on a cloudy day - hanging out with the Y's Guys!! Yes, it is good to be back in the saddle again - it's been awhile. We skipped out on the ice cream stop on the way home . . . sorry we missed the 'hula hoop gals'! Can we have an 'encore' at our next gathering?? Thanks to all for a good day together. — Nancy & Bill

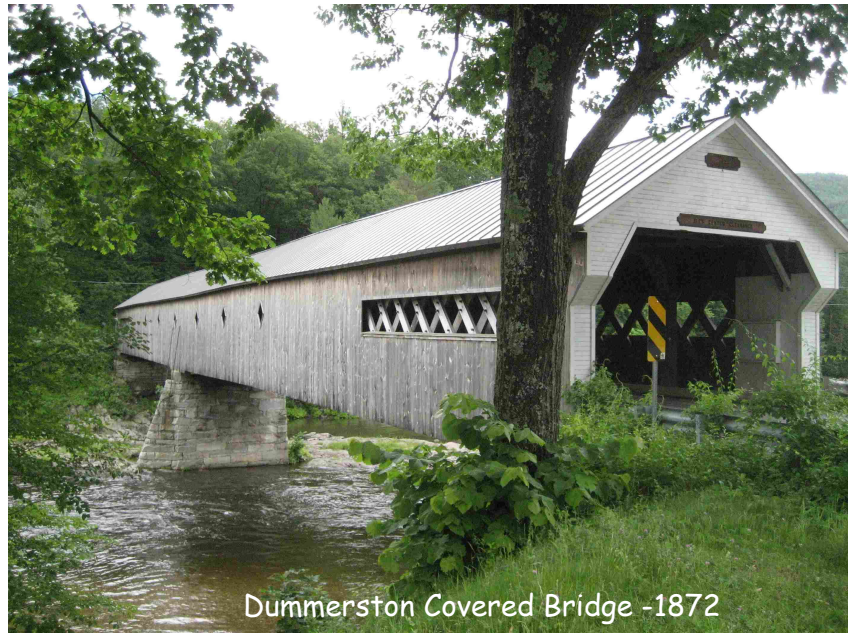
Chapter Y Ride to Grey Ghost Inn

By: Bruce & Anne Cox

A group of Y's Guys headed to Vermont on June 10th. The ride and logistics were meticulously planned by Bryon and Baerbel Wilds. The Raskins (Bruce & Ellyn) left earlier in the week and were there when we arrived. John and Sue Tress (Y's guys that moved to Florida) also met us there. George and Linda Lowe got a late start due to flat front tire discovered late Wednesday night arrived a few hours later. Some met in Harleysville and were treated to a sign in front of the Zimmerman's house telling us to ride safe! The whole group (Jeff & Nancy, Mark & Charlene, Randy & Jane, Gordon & Pat, Wes & Lynn, Steve & Peg, Dave & Mindy, Byron & Baerbel, Bob Becker and Bruce & Anne) left the Wawa by the Quakertown turnpike at about 8:30 after a riders meeting. We bypassed the construction in Coopersburg and were soon on Route 78 on our way to Vermont. The skies were overcast but it wasn't raining. (That would last for about two hundred miles.) We stopped for gas and a potty break and were back on the road in no time. A stop for lunch on the Thruway and we were back on our way. Lots of bikes on the road, most were headed to Americade. A little while after lunch we got word from our "scout" and chapter "weatherman" Gordon that it was raining up ahead. We found a safe place to pull over and scrambled to get on our rain suits before getting too wet. We would be in them most of the weekend! The last few hours we spent riding in the rain.

After arriving at the Grey Ghost Inn, we all dried off and settled in for refreshments before the hot dog and hamburger dinner. Then it was sitting around the fire laughing at everyone's stories but mostly at Gordon's.

Friday morning brought a great breakfast in the dining room and the best weather we would see all weekend. We left about 9:AM for the covered bridge tour. Beautiful scenery, winding roads and a covered bridge every once in a while, what could be better!



Dummerston Covered Bridge -1872



Between bridges we stopped, at Baerbel's suggestion, at the Grafton Village Cheese Company. We sampled cheese, crackers and other goodies as well as seeing cheese made. The view from the factory made a beautiful back drop for our bikes parked in the parking lot.

We wandered around the back roads of Vermont and ate lunch in a little town that was having a music festival.



After lunch, we were back on the road. Leaving town, a few cars were paying more attention to us than the road and the result was a three car pile up. No motorcycles were involved. A little while later, Gordon's bike developed a problem with the brakes. Nothing serious and it was corrected quickly. It gave the rest of us a chance to seek safety at the general store which just happened to have ice cream!

Soon we were back at the Grey Ghost Inn getting cleaned up and ready for dinner. We walked a short distance up the road and ate at the Silo restaurant. They have a varied menu. Anne and I had the salmon which was very good. Some Y's Guys had dessert. You guessed it, ice cream! Then it was back to the Inn.

What followed was good conversation, a campfire prepared by our host Magnus and a chance to

make S' mores and enjoy a beverage. Saturday morning brought another great breakfast. Too bad the weather wasn't as good!

One group decided to head to Stowe, VT and visit Ben & Jerry's ice cream factory. Both groups rode in the rain. Anne and I had taken the tour on a previous trip so we opted to go to the Vermont Country Store. When we got to the country store we snacked our way through the store and looked at all the old and unusual products. When we had seen most everything and were full or just too embarrassed to take any more free samples we headed back to the Grey Ghost Inn. Some went for lunch, some back to the Inn and some on to Camelot. As it was described to me, it was an indoor flea market with antiques.

We all gathered back at the Inn for a delicious dinner of salad, bread, Bar-B-Q ribs, chicken, potatoes, coleslaw and baked beans. For dessert there was apple pie and vanilla ice cream. More stories and pictures of past rides and activities were provided by Byron and Baerbel. Then off to pack and get some sleep, but not before George snuck off and went in the hot tub!



We left our mark on the Grey Ghost Inn. See the Y's Guy flag above the American flag.

Sunday morning we had another great breakfast. I got to try Haggis which is a veal version of scrapple. I'm glad I tried it but I'll stick to scrapple! We reluctantly left the Inn at 8:00 AM and took the back roads home. It rained most of the way home. We saw the sun briefly but nothing worth writing about.

Sure, the weather wasn't what we would have liked but we still had FUN. Byron and Baerbel did an excellent job setting up and leading the ride. We got to spend time with friends from Pennsylvania and also Florida and everyone got home safely.

We had so much fun we are talking about a fall foliage ride in late September! Count us in!



Trailer Maintenance

Wes Jackson
Gadget Guy

If you own a trailer and tow with it, the maintenance of the trailer falls on the towing person or persons. That's you, if it needed to be pointed out. Trailer maintenance should be broken down to three segments. First and foremost is the hitch and couplings i.e., safety chains. Second is wheels, tires, and suspension. Third, and no less important, is wiring and lighting.

The first segment relates to the sub frame of the hitch that connects to the cycle. Most frame hitches bolt directly to the frame of the cycle through a bolt to frame system that ensures a positive and sturdy connection. These bolts and fasteners need to be checked on a regular basis to insure tightness and no signs of fatigue. Any failure in this system could lead to a catastrophic failure. Catastrophic is one of those words that seem to imply that everything that could have gone wrong indeed did so and took out any and all related things with its action. Not a good thing when you are riding on your cycle. So the point I am making is to check those frame to hitch bolts now and then to insure that indeed they are tight and good condition. Also check the tightness or torque of the Jesus nut on the ball or if you pull a Bushtech trailer the spherical endpin. If you do not feel qualified to do this have a professional check them for you. (Safety First)

Second segment on the list is the suspension and wheels - starting with the wheels and tires. The tires need to be inspected for wear and tread depth. All DOT approved tires have a 3/32 Wear bar formed into

the tread face to reveal when a tire is worn down to discard. To see the wear bars just look in the tread groves of the face of the tire. They are hard to see on a new tire but on a 3/4 worn tire they show up nicely. Also the tires should be checked for signs of U/V damage or Dry Rot. This shows up as small linear cracks in the sidewall of the tire. Replace the tire if any cracks are visible. Tire inflation is very important to good trailer health. Keeping with manufacture PSI settings is always best. One or two pounds up or down to improve handling or load is OK. Over inflation can cause tire damage to small trailer tires. Smaller trailer tires turn 2 to 2 1/2 times faster than your cycle tires do. An over inflated tire on a warm day with a 50 percent load rate will tear the internal cord in the tire and result in a bubble or bulge in the tire carcass. Thus rendering the tire as a safety hazard and no longer useful.

Wheel bearings are the next item on the list of checks. There are two types of wheel bearings used on cycle trailers. First being a tapered roller bearing style. Second is a sealed bearing style. The sealed bearing style is simple to check and maintain. First, check for any play in the wheel at the top or side of the wheel by rocking the wheel in and out. If no play is clearly visible then check the retainer nut that holds the wheel and bearing onto the axle. Any signs of black dirt or dust around the axle nut or inner portion of bearing may mean signs of wear. If so, refer to the owner's manual for further instructions on repair or replacement at this point. If no manual is available, seek out

professional help. (Safety First) The second type of wheel bearing is the tapered roller bearing style. Depending on the number miles you put on your trailer the wheel bearings should be checked once a year and serviced every second year. To service this style bearing you need to first remove the weight from the wheel by jacking up the trailer. Then remove the dust cap from the center hub. Then remove the cotter pin that is in the retainer nut. Throw the old cotter pin away. Rule of thumb: never reuse a cotter pin once it has been installed and bent over. Next remove the retainer nut. At this point you should be able to see the grease in the bearings. It should be a thick liquid and not a hard caked up dry grease. Pull out slightly on the wheel and the wheel bearing will come out completely. Next remove wheel completely from the axle. At this point look at the rear of the wheel and hub. You will see a grease seal on the rear side of the hub. This holds the inner wheel bearing in place at this time. Look at the seal and locate the numbers on the face of the seal. You will need to replace the seals if you decide to remove the inner bearing for service. Upon inspection the bearings need to be free of any metal chips. That is to say the grease should not have a metallic look to it. The bearing race in the hub should also be free of chips or any markings also. Once the bearings are checked, cleaned and repacked with fresh grease they can be reinstalled in the hub. The grease seals should also be replaced after the inner bearings are installed. At this point the hub can be installed on the axle with the

Trailer Maintenance (continued)

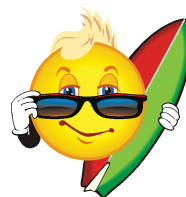
outer bearing and the axle nut threaded on the axle. To tighten the nut to proper torque is no mystery. First tighten the axle nut tight (about the same force needed to tighten a lug nut) rotating the wheel at the same time. This practice seats the bearings. Then loosen the nut to a free position and tighten again this time to the tightness of a light bulb. Install the new cotter pin in the next aligning hole in axle nut. If the cotter pin hole does not line up it is o/k to turn the nut clockwise to line it up. (No more than 1/8 turn only) Reinstall dust cap and clean up all excess grease. Checking the suspension on most trailers consist of checking bolts for tightness and any worn parts- Any of the retaining bolts that hold the tongue to the main superstructure should also be checked for any looseness. Again if you do not feel confident in any of the aforementioned services seek professional help. Remember (Safety First)

Third and lastly on the list of items to check is the lighting. Checking the lights and marker lights on the trailer is pretty straightforward. Know that the turn signals and brake lights are working. Also check inside the trailer for any exposed wiring that can become snagged or caught on when loading and unloading the trailer. (Gee the lights worked fine yesterday when I checked them in the garage but now after we loaded the trailer they seem to have a problem.) Keeping a spare set of bulbs for the trailer in the trailer is a good practice. When towing a trailer you want the motorist behind you to see you at all times. A tail light out on the cycle

while you are towing is not as important as a bulb out on the trailer. The connecting wires to the trailer need to be in good condition also. Don't let the wires get caught up in the hitch or safety chains. Speaking of Safety Chains, why do we cross hook the chains to the cycle hitch? Reason I when the safety chains are cross attached the length or slack in the chain stays the same in a turn. If the chains are attached in a straight manner when the cycle turns one chain gets a lot of slack and one chain gets too short to allow the trailer to follow freely. This could be a cause of a crash. A rider has his trailer Safety Chains attached wrong, Rides most of the day with no ill effects. Then suddenly without warning, in a tight left-hander the cycle feels as if someone or something is pushing the rear of the cycle. The rider cannot regain control and has to exit off the cycle at speed into a ditch to the right. That is reason enough for me to make damn sure my Safety chains are of proper length and connected correctly.

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Classifieds:

1989 Gold Wing Trike with Pod Trailer, dark green

Motor Trike conversion; 42,500 miles total; 1500 on trike kit. New front tire; new inspection; garage kept; many extras. \$15,500.00 for both. Contact Mort Smith at 610-264-5049 or by email coolmort@msn.com.

For Sale: Kuryakyn Ergo II Highway Footpegs for Gold Wing 1800 motorcycle- Used only 1 hour (found out my torn meniscus would not tolerate these pegs). Rated 4.5 stars (of 5) on Wingstuff online store. New price typically about \$150 but I am asking only \$110. Contact Al Clemens at 215-256-8115 or email at Aclem@verizon.net if interested.

Gold Wing 1800 Accessories:

Kuryakyn Switchblade Highway Foot Pegs \$50

Contact Dave Spray @ 484-942-8712 or dlspray01@verizon.net

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Official News from National...

Mike Stiger has been named Director of the Gold Wing Road Riders Association (GWRRA). The announcement was made by Paul Hildebrand, Founder, CEO and Chairman of the Phoenix-based motorcycle association. Mr. Stiger has held many positions in the Association with the latest being the Director of Rider Education and has been a Member since 1997.

Mike states, "Lori and I are honored to have been asked by Paul Hildebrand, Founder and CEO of GWRRA, to be your new Director of GWRRA. Since joining GWRRA in 1997, the Association has been a wonderfully fun experience. Having a social network of friends to share our love of motorcycling has been very rewarding, and educational."

Mr. Hildebrand goes on to state that Melissa Eason, former Executive Director, has been promoted to Chief Operations Officer at GWRRA. Both Melissa and Mike report to Paul Hildebrand, CEO, regarding their duties and objectives. Melissa and Mike will continue to work together for the betterment of our membership. Congratulations to both Melissa and Mike on their promotions.



From the District Director:

We hope you have all been able to enjoy the beautiful spring weather we are having and have gotten some riding in. All the hours we have both been working are finally over and we are taking the bike everywhere we possibly can. Most of the time, the car is not even an option.

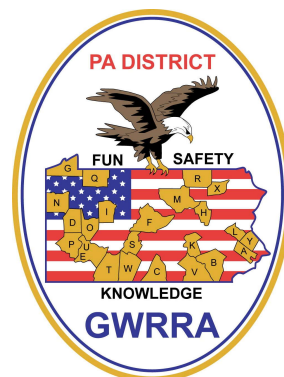
Renee was able to attend Chapter B's Spring Fling this year. Although I wasn't able to attend, I did get chocolate from Wilbur's. We hope Chapter B continues to include that place in their scavenger hunts. I have heard from several people, that you don't wear red around free roaming turkeys in the spring. Has anyone else ever heard that? If not, check with Bob Smith, Terry Payne (both Chapter H) and Renee. I am sure they will explain why.

We are planning to resume our chapter visits soon. Hopefully we will be at one of your chapter events soon. With my overtime finally over I'm doing my best to catch up with the plans for this year's convention. We are working on the convention schedule for the Ad Book. We're sure you will find changes once you get to the convention, so make sure you check your packet for a new up dated schedule. There will be changes in the Rider Education seminars, Leadership Training seminars, new events associated with this year's theme and Pennsylvania will be hosting the Region Couple of the Year Selection.

Friday night, we are bringing back the talent show. **Miguel Lebron & Gracie Tirado**, the District Couple will be in charge of this event. If you would like to entertain the membership, or simply show off your talents, please contact them at gwrpa.districtcouple2010@gmail.com We need all of your help to make this event a success.

We have been working on the final details for all the events. It is promising to be another fun event. 2010 Convention is fast approaching. We are in need of each Chapter Director's help, with promoting the convention, the tickets sales and registrations. Registrations and sales of the district raffle tickets has been picking up. But, we are still down in registrations and ticket sales compared to the records from years past. Because of this financially we may have to make a few adjustments with the convention events. We will keep you updated.

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