Next Chapter I Gathering
Saturday, March 23rd
5:00 pm

It’s a Picnic!
At the Simcox Party Barn
(2188 Stevenson Hill Road, Reynoldsville)
Hot Dogs, Burgers, and LOTS MORE!
Only $5 per person
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Bring Your Own Bugs

GOLD WING ROAD RIDERS ASSOCIATION
Pennsylvania District
Chapter PA-I

Try your luck at our March Gathering!
Bring some green ($1 bill for each player)
to join in on a fun, new game!

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Spring...can you smell it? Probably not, but if you look at your calendar, the first day of spring arrives on Wednesday, March 20th in the northern hemisphere. This brings us hope that the sound of Gold Wings is not far into our future.

The ride committee met on February 17th, and have a great selection of different things to do this year. Different rides for different interests. Check out the schedule on Google Calendar on our chapter website. www.pachapteri.com is the address. There is a list of dates for rides in this newsletter also.

I was looking for a theme this month. I am picking a favorite of mine, "Effort." You have to do something to get something. Jimmy Dean said "Sausage is a great deal like life. You get out of it what you put into it." Chapter life is much the same way. You have to make an effort and put something into everything if you want to get something out of it. You have to make the effort to come to gatherings, take part in them, and become part of the fellowship. You need to come out and ride with the group to grow in the chapter life. If you don't make an effort to make friends and take part in chapter activities, you can't enjoy the camaraderie that is such a great part of being a member of GWRRA.

Some say that group riding and taking part in the chapter events is not for them. That may be true. Danise and I encourage you to give it a try before you make up your mind. After our first gathering in 2001, we left thinking it was not for us. We went back a second time and went for a ride. We got comfortable with new friends. Eighteen years - and 125,000 miles - later, we can't imagine life without you.

Take a chance; give it a try. The worst that can happen is that you will find out you were correct, and you want to ride alone. The best you may find is that you were incorrect; you too can experience that which we have found and cherish.

Dana & Danise Hartle
Chapter Directors

Chapter I March Gathering Information

Please note:
This month's gathering is taking place at the Simcox Party Barn
2188 Stevenson Hill Road, Reynoldsville on Saturday, March 23rd
The Picnic-Style Dinner is at 5:00 pm.
The gathering will follow dinner.
Yes, you heard it right, Punxsutawney Phil did not see his shadow for the first time in years. I wonder...is the groundhog aging and needing glasses? What does this mean? In six weeks, it will be spring! Don’t procrastinate with those things you were going to do this winter; spring is just around the corner.

This is a great time to check your Wing. Change the oil and filters, get a new battery, check those tires, and - my personal favorite - install “safety” chrome. When spring arrives, we will be ready to get on our Wings and ride.

The Pennsylvania District Raffle drawing was held in February. Hopefully, you - or someone you know - is very happy because of holding a winning ticket. There will be a drawing at the PA District Rally to distribute the money for the unsold ticket numbers drawn on the Pennsylvania evening Pick 4. Thank you again for selling the tickets, and thank you to those that purchased the tickets.

Listed below are upcoming District events:

**Couple of the Year FUN Day - March 30th**

RSVP to John/Glenda Leib by 03/22/19
717-766-5467 or crabcakelady@yahoo.com.

This is a great time to meet couples from other chapters that have been selected to represent their chapter. You will learn about the honor and what is expected of you.

**Officer Conference - April 27th** – Trinity UMC, 121 South Second Street, Clearfield, PA

RSVP to Harold/Diane Jackson by 04/19/19
814-589-1307 or jackson2@zoominternet.net.

The purpose of the day is to learn about the office you are holding. Learn about the responsibilities of the office, along with any changes that home office has implemented. The meeting is open to Chapter Directors, Assistant Chapter Directors, Ride Coordinators, Membership Enhancement Coordinators, and Treasurers.

**PA District Rally - May 16-18th** – Wyndham Garden York, York, PA

*Discounted Registration due by March 31, 2019*

Please send in your registration, rally t-shirt order, and make your hotel reservation. Don’t miss out on the FUN! The current flyer is attached to this newsletter, or you can find it on the District website at www.gwrrapadist.org. The trike (TRC) course and Medic First Aid classes are full. There will be other classes to take. Get your registration in soon. Hope to see you there!
A couple of reminders:

- Sunday, March 10th, we go back to Daylight Savings Time – Turn your clock forward one hour.
- Sunday, March 17th, is St. Patrick’s Day – What is at the end of a rainbow? The letter W.

It won’t be long before we will see you at a chapter gathering, an event, or on the road.

Remember to always ride safe!

Harold & Diane Jackson  
Pennsylvania District Directors

Hi Everyone:

As we prepare to start our trips for the 2019 riding season, another thing we need to prepare ourselves for is towing our trailer. Make sure you go over the trailer, pack the wheel bearings, check the lights, make sure the trailer ball is tight, and check the tire pressures.

Next, you need to hook up the trailer and go to an area where you can practice maneuvering the trailer around. Check the breaking distance before you proceed to go out on the road ... especially before you start out on a trip.

I feel this article will give those of you who pull trailers something to think about.

“Honey, I can’t get all these crafts in the saddlebag and still carry my clothes!” Does that phrase ring true? Well, there is a cure for this, and it isn’t to leave her at home!

Soon after the Gold Wing hit the streets, alternative loading (that’s the buzzword for trailers) became quite popular. I am sure that the Gold Wing crowd was not the first to pull a trailer with a motorcycle, but the majority of the motorcycles I see with a trailer are Gold Wings.

Back in the early days, the fancy color-matched, streamlined beauties of today did not exist. You made your own from kits available at various retail stores and put a cargo top from Sears on it for protection of your goodies. These trailers had leaf springs for suspension and were very harsh riding for anything delicate.

As entrepreneurs looked into the motorcycle trailer business, sophisticated suspensions started cropping up; today there are some very good trailers on the market. I am not going to go into the ones I think are good, bad, or otherwise.

I am, however, going to talk about loads and tongue weight. Tongue weight is very important when pulling a trailer.

**What is tongue weight?** It is the weight that the tongue
CHAPTER I
2019 RIDE SCHEDULE

The schedule presented here contains proposed rides and events. More details will be shared closer to the events’ dates. Of course, things may change. You can stay up-to-date on all Chapter I activities:

- Read the current month’s events in the newsletter
- Visit the Chapter I dynamic calendar on the website (www.pachapteri.com)
- Watch your email for news and up-dates

MARCH
9th Meet and Eat @ Molly Brannigan’s, Erie PA
10th PA-D Bowling Challenge
23rd Gathering and Picnic at Simcox Party Barn
30th Couple of the Year (COY) Fun Day

APRIL
13th Strip n Phipps Spring Flower Show
18th Ice Cream Ride: Joe’s Drive In
27th Gathering with Pot Luck at Simcox Party Barn
28th Murraysville Bike Blessing

MAY
2nd Ice Cream Ride: Meadow’s, Dubois
4th Ride for the Son
5th PA-M Hobo Stew
16-19th PA District Rally, York, PA
23rd Ice Cream Ride: Sarah’s, Reynoldsville
25th Gathering at Denny’s- Ride to follow

JUNE
6th Ice Cream Ride: Over the Top, Dubois
13th-16th All Chapters West
16th Sprague’s Maple Farm Restaurant, Portville, NY
20th Ice Cream Ride: Doolittle’s, Dubois
22nd Gathering at Denny’s- Moraine My Brain
29th-30th Hillbilly Hot Dogs

JULY
6th Dinner and Bat Ride
13th District Ride: Waltz Creamery & Café, Salladasburg
18th Ice Cream Ride: Brookville Frosty Freeze
19th-20th Bill’s Old Bike Barn, Bloomsburg
27th Gathering at Denny’s with Bug Run
28th Rain Date for Bug Run

AUGUST
1st Ice Cream Ride: Country Cone, Punxsy
10th Water Fall Ride Destination 1 of 2
15th Ice Cream Ride: Buff’s, Brookville
18th Pizza Ride
24th Gathering and Wing Ding Ride

SEPTEMBER
5th Ice Cream Ride: Sweet Delight, Distant
7th Water Fall Ride Destination 2 of 2
13th-15th Chapter Campout: Curwensville Park
19th Ice Cream Ride: Valley Dairy, Dubois
28th Gathering at Denny’s w/Mystery Ride

OCTOBER
5th Meet and Eat: The Hut Family Restaurant, Brockway
12th Leaf Ride
19th Rain date for Leaf Ride
26th Gathering at the Simcox Party Barn...Bon Fire

NOVEMBER
2nd Harvest Dinner at Gary & Carol Doverspike’s
23rd Gathering: Location to be Determined
30th Reynoldsville Parade - Not Confirmed

DECEMBER
7th or 14th Christmas Party
30th No Gathering
Let’s Celebrate!

Happy Birthday
Joanna Crawford, February 24
Susan Moore, March 1
Nora Jean Nall, March 6
John Marnati, March 9
Shirley Davis, March 17
Joe Snyder, March 20
Ray Snyder, April 5

Happy Anniversary
Tim & Kathy Shaffer, April 2

Check the Chapter I website calendar for more event details as they become available!

www.pachapteri.com

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of the trailer puts on the ball/link of the hitch.

**How much should the tongue weight be?** All the experts say 7 to 12 percent of the total weight of the trailer.

**Well, how do I know what my trailer weighs?** The manufacturer of the trailer supplies that information with the Bill of Sale.

When you load the trailer, weigh each bag or item you place in the trailer and add it to the weight of the empty trailer. If the tongue weight is too light, it can push up on the ball when stopping and decouple from the hitch. If the tongue weight is too heavy, the trailer will put too much “down force” on the hitch, unloading weight from the front wheel of the motorcycle, causing longer stopping distances. As we know, **70% of our stopping power** comes from the front brake.

Where you place items in the trailer is also important. The heavy, seldom-used items go at the bottom and over the wheels and axles. The items used most often - and lighter items - go to the front of the trailer and behind the low heavy stuff. Some trailers are outfitted with a cooler on the tongue. When you weigh the tongue, make sure you have the cooler loaded before you weigh the complete package.

To measure tongue weight, you can use a bathroom scale or a hinging fish scale. Whatever method you use, make sure the trailer tongue is on the same level as your hitch when the bike is off the center stand. If you use a bathroom scale, cut a piece of PVC pipe to the proper length, to hold the tongue, at the proper height. The hanging fish scale can be held at the required height with the bike on the side stand.

If you are going to pull a trailer, you need a hitch of some kind. There are many out there, and if you read the different message boards, you can really get confused as to who makes the best one. I will not recommend any of them. As far as I am concerned, each of the reputable vendors has a viable product and they are usually covered for liability. However, when you do install a hitch on your motorcycle, purchase a trailer, and start traveling, you will probably never leave home without the trailer again.

Now that you have the baby loaded and put the tongue on the ball, and the trailer axis is level with the bike axles, you have to hook up the safety chains. Yes, most states require safety chains on **ALL** trailers. These chains must be strong enough to hold the weight of anyone stepping on them when connected to the bike and trailer. They should be long enough to allow the trailer to turn without binding and short enough so they do not drag on the ground. They must be crossed under the tongue in the event the trailer becomes uncoupled from the ball. The chains will catch the tongue and keep it from gouging into the pavement as well as keep it connected to the bike. A simple way to shorten a chain that may be too long is to twist it a few turns.

Brilliance or Blarney #1: St. Patrick died (460 A.D.)

Remember: most insurance companies include the trailer under the bike’s liability coverage. If they become separated, the trailer may no longer be covered and the damage it does while it is coming to rest is your responsibility, not the insurance company’s.
For Sale:

* **Piggyback Bike Trailer**
  Torsion bar suspension, spare tire, lots of LED lights, all three wheels are chromed, lid lifts (& stays up) with piston assist. Asking $500.
  Contact: Larry Pounds at: 334-201-0665

*Bushmaster AR15*
223/5.56 Caliber
One 30-, two 40-, & one 20-round magazine.
Red dot sight. Asking $625.
  Contact: Larry Pounds at: 334-201-0665

* **Pressure Washer Attachment**
  24” Surface washer.
  Asking $400.
  Contact: Larry Pounds at: 334-201-0665

Chapter Pride

A variety of Chapter Wear items are available from the suppliers below.

**Secco Designs**
If ordered “in quantity” from Secco Designs, prices are as follows.

**Polo Shirts:**
- Small to XL: $12.00*
- 2XL: $13.00*
- 3XL to 5XL: $14.00*

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**Hoodie Sweatshirt:**
- Small to XL: $25.00*
- 2XL: $26.00*
- 3XL to 5XL: $28.00*

*Adding name adds $1 to the price*

**Biker King**
Chapter I member Biker King offers a wide variety of high-quality Chapter I clothing - many items feature exclusive “Gold or Black Glitz” (sparkling metal flake) printing of logos and names. Order just one ... or more!

Go to [Biker King’s website](#) to view the selection and pricing of Chapter I gifts and wearables. Complete your order online and have your items delivered to your home ... usually within one week!

*Biker King supports Chapter I by donating a portion of your purchase price back to the chapter.*

**Brookville Motorsports**
Black Denim Vests
Brookville Motorsports, a Chapter I member - stocks a very attractive black denim vest in sizes S to 5XL.
Contact Dale or Lisa at 814-849-0004 for current pricing and availability. More on these vests is on the [Chapter website merchandise page](#).

**GWRRA and Chapter I Bike Flags, Patches, Pins, & Pin Locks!**
Contact Goodies Coordinators, Dave or Cindy Marconi at raidersdavecindy@yahoo.com with inquiries and orders.
Payment due upon receipt of order.

Looking to buy, sell, or trade something?
There is no charge to Chapter I members who wish to list items here.
Contact Lori Norris at wingnutlori@gmail.com with detailed information!
When pulling a trailer, you will find your acceleration and stopping are affected. The more the trailer weighs, the more noticeable it becomes. You will have to learn just how much this affects your riding style. The old do-it-yourself models bounced a lot on bumps. The lighter the trailer, the more it will move around on the ruts from the big trucks. You will have to make wider turns and take a longer distance to pass other slower road users.

Without going into the specific dynamics of a trailer, you will have to select slower speeds when negotiating curves. Most trailers do not have brakes, so if the trailer and bike get out of alignment when stopping, the trailer will push the back of the bike even more.

We hope everyone has a safe 2019 riding season and remember to become part of GWRRA Rider Education Levels program.

Ride Safe and Ride Proud

Chuck & Evelyn Stone
PA District Educators

Pat Delo ................. Membership Enhancement Coordinator
(Pennsylvania District & Chapter I)

Is It Spring Yet?
I don’t know about you, but I am more than ready for Spring. The cold weather is okay. The snow is even okay, but this freezing rain has got to go.

It is almost March and a Fun Day is being planned for Saturday, March 30th for the Couples of the Year from all chapters. This is going to be different this year. In previous years, it was an overnight event and great fun was had. However, with such busy personal schedules, we are scaling it back to just one day. We plan to put all the fun into the event. We hope that each couple comes away with information and the excitement that they can’t wait to go the next step to District Couple. I would like to encourage the Chapter Directors to make sure that your COY has the information, and that they plan on attending.

I know this is a hard time of year to promote GWRRA because… how do we know who rides a motorcycle with this weather? Start getting prepared to get out there and let fellow riders know what a great group we are and that we are just waiting to welcome new members. If your chapter has new members, make sure you introduce yourself and let them know that yesterday they were strangers, but today they are members of our family. Start getting that bike ready for the first ride, it won’t be long.

Until next month, remember that Spring is just around the corner, Phil said so!

Pat Delo
District Membership Enhancement Coordinator
Chapter I Membership Enhancement Coordinator

SUPPORT OUR ADVERTISERS!

The advertisements in this newsletter have been purchased by businesses that support our chapter.

We encourage you to thank them by giving them your business, whenever possible.

Be sure to tell them that you saw their ads in the PA Chapter I newsletter!
I was reading the *Biker Blog* and came across an interesting discussion about **what to do if a dog chases your motorcycle**.

Whether you've personally had an encounter, or simply dread the possibility, it's important to know what to do if a dog chases your motorcycle. The Motorcycle Safety Foundation (MSF) offers the following suggestions:

Once an approaching dog is spotted, a good rider response is to slow down, including downshifting, then accelerate past the point of interception.

Don't kick the dog because it will make controlling the motorcycle difficult.

Dogs aren't the only animal to look out for on the road. Those that don't chase may simply wander into your path. Here are a few general rules.

*Slow down well before* you reach the animal.

*Do not - repeat...DO NOT - kick at the animal.*

*If it looks like the animal might intercept you, slow down and then speed up before the interception point. Doing so throws the animal's timing off.*

*If a deer jumps out far enough ahead of you that it doesn't create an immediate problem, watch out for the mate. They tend to travel in pairs.*

On another topic, we want to offer thanks to Mary and Terry Mauk for getting Chapter I together for a Valentine's Day dinner at Sprague's Brilliance or Blarney #2: Maewyn Succat Maple Farm in Portville, New York. There was good food, good weather, and a good time. For those who couldn't come along, "we missed you," but we look forward to seeing you at the next gathering.

**Dave and Cindy Marconi**

**Goodies Coordinators**

**2018/2019 District Couple of the Year**

Terry and I are planning our next Meet 'n Eat on Saturday, March 9th at 3:00 p.m. at **Molly Brannigan's Irish Pub and Restaurant**, 506 State Street, Erie, PA. For those who would like to carpool or drive together, meet us at 12:30 p.m. at **the Brookville Church of God**, 201 Freedom Lane, Brookville (1 block off Allegheny Boulevard. Turn between Get Go and Dollar General).

Planning to join us at Molly Brannigan's? Please RSVP via email to tagme1@comcast.net or with a text to (814) 648-0836. We want to ensure that the restaurant is prepared for our group.

**Terry & Mary Mauk**

**Chapter I Couple of the Year**
Our goal is two-fold in hosting these Meet ‘n’ Eats during off-season months:

1) enjoy the scenery of our Chapter I Wings in the Wilds as we drive to the dinner locations, and

2) get to know you all better as we fellowship over a good meal.

Mary is planning a fun trivia game at Molly Brannigan’s, so check out the “Brilliance Or Blarney?” questions, then read all of this edition of the newsletter to find the answers if you want an advantage. There’s a prize for the person who knows the most blarney!

Final Meet ‘n’ Eat:
Saturday, April 13th
Strip District and Phipps Conservatory
Pittsburgh, PA
More information is coming in the April newsletter

Blessings,

Terry and Mary Mauk
Chapter PA I Couple of the Year

Gary Schill..........................Advertising Coordinator/Webmaster

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St. Patrick’s Day is celebrated on March 17 because it’s the day that:

a) St. Patrick was born

b) St. Patrick died

c) St. Patrick ran the snakes out of Ireland

**Look for the answer somewhere in the newsletter!**

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Spring’s Coming- Are You Ready?

Punxy Phil, that little rodent that has occasionally (actually - a lot, it seems) been scorned for wrong forecasts of the impending start of the spring season says that we will have an early spring this year. By the time you read this, we will be into March, and that could mean nice weather at least for a day or two at any time. Hopefully, by now, you have already started your off-riding season checkup of your motorcycle. Don’t delay; it could come back to bite you. Don’t assume that all you need to do is just change your oil and air the tires; things seem crop up when least expected.

Over the last few winters, I had a fair amount to do on my Voyager as I had a fairly bad oil leak. I pretty much have that solved now - I hope. A person doesn’t realize how long it’s been since you last checked a lot of items out. These are the kind of things that can either ruin, or lessen, the joy of riding. Although I do most of my own work on my bike, there may be times you need to take your bike to the shop to get work done. With spring rapidly approaching, others have the same idea. Don’t wait to schedule with the bike shop; too many others have the same idea. Repair shops get backed up and your riding season is further delayed

For those that do their own thing with their bikes, be sure to check all the usual items before your first ride. Air pressure in your tires, oil in the engine, lights working, etc. Be sure to check your tire pressure with a gauge; a few pounds off can make a difference in handling. More than a few pounds off can contribute to a disaster. Also make sure your clutch and brake hydraulic fluids are fairly clear (most street bikes and many off-road machines now have hydraulic controls). Don’t just look at the level window; the color can be misleading. Remove the cap to check the fluid. The more yellow (or worse yet, root beer) in color, the
more water in your DOT 3 or 4 fluid. Water in the hydraulic fluid affects braking power, causing sticking master or wheel brake cylinders. Flush the system with new fluid.

How’s the tread on your tires? If it is getting close to the serviceable limit, is cupped (possibly due to incorrect air pressure for too long), get those tires replaced before you are ready to ride.

Look over the whole bike for loose fasteners or anything else that appears or acts not quite right. You should have had your engine oil changed before winter storage. If not, take it for a short ride - but not too short. After cooling, drain and replace the oil and oil filter.

As for your own safety, check out all your riding equipment now. The most universally accepted life limit of helmets is five to seven years. If you helmet is older, you may want to replace it. Shells, straps, and padding wear out, and do not provide adequate protection.

If you don’t have full protection from boots, jackets, even pants or chaps, you should really consider purchasing or upgrading these items. If you ever go down, and most of us have at one time or another, you will be so glad you had more on than just tennis shoes and jeans. As an added bonus, many boots, pants, and other items come in vented or non-vented styles making riding more comfortable while providing much better protection.

As a suggestion, give special consideration to scheduling work, ordering parts and goods, and using the services of the businesses that advertise with Chapter I’s newsletter and website. They support us; we should support them.

Shops stock many items in limited sizes and quantities; your may not be one of them. Checking with online parts and accessory websites will allow you to see the very wide range of products available, and order them if you wish. Get prepared now, so when the weather permits, you can head out on your bike knowing it - and you - are in good condition for a fun and safe riding season.

Gary Schill
Webmaster/Advertising Coordinator

Daylight Savings Time: Origination and Rational

The idea of daylight saving was first conceived by Benjamin Franklin during his sojourn as an American delegate in Paris in 1784, in an essay, "An Economical Project."

The main purpose of Daylight Saving Time (called "Summer Time" in many places in the world) is to make better use of daylight.

We change our clocks during the summer months to move an hour of daylight from the morning to the evening.

What do historians believe was St. Patrick’s name at birth?

a) Trevet Batilde
b) Alden Beckett
c) Maewyn Succat

**Look for the answer somewhere in the newsletter!**
**REMEMBERING...**

* = a deceased friend.
^ = a friend with whom we’ve lost touch.

July 10th through 12th in 1992, Chapter I traveled to Cortland, New York for their State Rally. The following is from newsletter articles written by Joanna Crawford and Peggy Zortman.

Bill and Peg Zortman left home on a cool, dark - but still dry - morning. We met Bob and Joanna Crawford in DuBois and traveled to Hollywood where our Area Reps (Chapter Directors) Bob and Kim Rudolph were waiting. We were pleased to find George Simcox there too, but Kathie wasn’t with him. She had scheduled too many doggie haircuts, so she sent her 15-year-old daughter, Jamie, to keep an eye on George.

In 1992, George and Kathie were proud owners of the Pepsi Wagon trailer and it sure did draw a lot of attention. One woman even flagged him down to ask if she could take a picture.

Our first stop was in Potato City (Coudersport) at Ginny’s Restaurant where Jamie proved to us she was a real ‘Winger.’ As we dismounted she was asked, “How are you doing?” “I’m HUNGRY!” was her quick reply.

Our leaders, Bob and Kim, made a detour and, of course, we all followed...to the Corning Glass Plant. We spent two or three hours enjoying the museum filled with antique glass. The Rudolphs left us there … first giving instructions and directions. They were traveling to Watkins Glenn to do some hiking while the rest of us headed on to the Holiday Inn in Cortland. However...

The rear brake on the Zortman ‘Ringneck’ froze up. We spent time at a gas station and, with lots of help, got her back on the road finally arriving at our destination without further problems.

The evening meal was served at our hotel’s excellent restaurant...all-you-can-eat seafood including Bill’s favorite...crab legs. It was here we met Ora Lee. She was our server and she was a lot of fun. From her we learned how to tell your left from your right. “Hold your hands up in front of you, palms out and thumbs extended. The one that makes the ‘L’ is your left.”

After dinner, there was a DJ with Karaoke. Not many people were participating, so of course, we ‘helped’. A group of former PA officers were there and we were waiting for our leaders. A plan was quickly put together, the DJ was notified, and we waited.

Erle and Barb Birt, State Directors, with Assistants Paul and Sandi Wolfe in tow entered the room along with the Region B Directors ^Bill and ^Janet Henze and National Operations Director, ^Roger Lorsorno. The Former took to the stage – music got a bit louder and the singing began. The anthem of “Take This Job and Shove It!” filled the room as the formers along with many currents put their hearts into the meaning of the song. They moved on to Leader of the Pack and you should have heard the audience participation on Old McDonald. Our leaders tried to give us all to John Carpenter, New York State Director…He didn’t want us.
George and Jamie left us Saturday morning heading to an airshow at Horseheads, New York but *Bob and *Billis Glass arrived Saturday to enjoy the rest of the rally with us.

*Emmet Norris*, the PA-K plainbrownwrapper, showed up today riding inside the shrink wrap on his Wing. While he had been wrapping, someone wrapped him. Brilliance or Blarney #3: Bangers and mash gets its name because sausages used to burst (or bang) while cooking, due to rusk (dried bread) being added to the meat. Mash, meanwhile, refers to the mashed potatoes...Pour the onion gravy over the sausage and potatoes.

Word spread quickly that there would be a duel (a shoot-out) out back of the hotel at 1 pm - PA’s PlainBrownWrapper vs New York’s, RainBowWrapper, ^John Carpenter.

*Emmet* and ^John had water cannons and they weren’t afraid to use them. The plan was for the two men to stand back to back – take 20 paces and fire...except...

The PA PBW was walking backward in the NY RBW’s foot prints. They started again...but now Emmet had turned around and was walking forward in John’s footprints. Give it one more try...and this time it became a real donnybrook. Everyone was getting wet and laughing so hard our bellies hurt.

The two men ended the battle by shaking hands and calling it a tie.

At the banquet that evening, PA won the prize for most members attending and PA-M won for largest chapter in attendance. We all won by making happy memories.

...and a good time was had by all. Now it’s your turn - go make memories.

Peg Zortman
Chapter I Historian

Saint Patrick, patron saint of Ireland, was a Christian missionary credited with converting Ireland to Christianity in the AD 400s. So many legends surround his life that the truth is not easily found.

St Patrick was not actually Irish. His exact birthplace and date is not known. However, it is believed he was born around 375AD in Scotland. His parents were Romans living in Britain in charge of the colonies.

His real name is believed to be Maewyn Succat and he took on the name Patrick upon becoming a priest.

As a teen, he was kidnapped by pirates and sold into slavery in Ireland to herd and tend sheep.

During his six-year captivity, he became fluent in the Irish language, and turned to God in prayer.

He is believed to have met up with his parents in Wales before travelling to France where he became a priest and later a bishop.

Patrick preached and converted all over Ireland for 40 years. The date cited for when Ireland was converted to Christianity is 432.

There is much debate over when and where he died. It is believed he died on 17 March, 460 at Saul, Downpatrick. That is why Saint Patrick’s day is celebrated on March 17th. Some people suggest he was also born on 17 March.

Myths about Saint Patrick:
- *He used a shamrock to explain the Trinity:* Not true, but the shamrock was traditionally worn in Ireland as a symbol of the cross
- *He drove the snakes out of the country:* Ireland never had snakes - but the snake metaphor was probably used later to represent paganism
- *He was the first to preach the Good News in Ireland:* It is known that there were Christians in Ireland before his time
- *He is thought to have been born and died on his feastday, March 17th:* Both claims are considered unlikely

St. Patrick's Life

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GWRRA Pennsylvania Chapter I
Join us to Celebrate Flags and Our Father’s @ All Chapters West June 14-16, 2019

We will be paying tribute to the Flag and Our Father’s. It’s Father’s Day Weekend. Please bring a snapshot of your Dad or you & your Dad to be displayed for the weekend. Upon arrival you will be provided with an index card to put your name, your Dad’s name and Chapter you are from. These pictures will be returned to you Saturday evening or Sunday morning.

Campground
867 Georgetown Road, Sandy Lake, PA 16145
Website: www.vacationland-campground.com
Phone 724-253-4645
Reservations should be made between 01/21 - 04/30/2019 to be placed in the GWRRA block
Mention: GWRRA to receive event pricing
Gate Fee: Non-Campers - $2/person/day

Schedule of Events
Friday, June 14
5:30 - 7:00 pm…Dinner (Sloppy joes, chips, cupcakes and drinks)
PA-N Gathering, Roll for the Dough Points & 50/50 Raffle
8:00 pm.............Ice Cream @ Snack Shack

Saturday, June 15
7:00 - 9:00 am…Breakfast (Scrambled eggs, bacon, sausage, biscuits and drinks)
10:00 am............Guided and Self-Guided rides (Lunch on your own)
5:00 pm.............Dinner (Pork Chops/Chicken Breast, potatoes, veggies, salad and drinks)
7:00 pm..........Basket Auction, 50/50 Raffle & Roll for the Dough Points (ACW)
8:00 pm.............Entertainment
9:00 pm.............Light Parade

Sunday, June 16
7:00 - 9:00 am…Father’s Day Breakfast - Father’s eat free (open to campground)
Schedule subject to change without notice

If you have questions, contact:
Diana Zirnsak, PA-N CD............724-789-7232
Esther Mory, PA-N ACD............724-662-3341
Flags and Our Father’s @ All Chapters West
2019 Registration

Registrations Due: May 30, 2019

- You MUST be Pre-registered (either a FULL Registration or DAY PASS) to enjoy ANY meals.
- Guests are responsible for their own camping reservations with Goddard Park Vacationland Campground or at a hotel.
- Lodging costs are NOT included in any 2019 All Chapters West event Registration.

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**Liability Release:** I have read and understand this application. I agree to conform and comply with the ideals governing this event and agree to hold harmless the GWRRA, co-sponsoring organizations and any property owners for any loss or injury to self or property in which I may become involved by reason of participation in this event. I assume all responsibility for any property which I knowingly damage.

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**Mail Registration to:** Diana Zirnsak @ 855 Prospect Road, Evans City, PA 16033

**Make check payable to:** GWRRA PA-N
GOLD WING ROAD RIDERS ASSOCIATION

Pennsylvania District Rally

RIDE of the R.S.E.S
May 16, 17 & 18, 2019

2019

Wyndham Garden York
2000 Loucks Road, York, PA 17408
Phone: 717-846-9500

Reservations: Phone - press “0” for Reservations in York, PA
Use Code: GWRRA
Online: www.wyndhamhotels.com/groups/gn/gwrra
Rate: $109 + tax per night - Includes Hot Breakfast Buffet
(Additional Occupancy of 3 or more - $119 + tax/night)

GWRRA Moto: Friends for FUN, Safety and Knowledge

Wednesday: Advance Rider Course (ARC)
Thursday: Road Captain Course - Parking Lot Practice - Talent Show Practice
Welcome Party - Entertainment - Bike & Light Show
Friday: Side-Car Class - Harley-Davidson Tour - Bike/Trike Games - COY Selection
Ice Cream Social - Mascot Parade - Talent Show
Saturday: Trike Rider Course (TRC) – Medic First Aid Class - PA-B Gathering
Bike Blessing - Banquet - Awards
All Days: Seminars & Modules - Vendors (Indoor & Outdoor) - Hospitality Room
Rides (Guided & Unguided) - Games - Bingo - 50/25/25 Daily Drawings

We reserve the right to change the schedule without notice.
(Please Print) .................. PA DISTRICT RALLY REGISTRATION FORM .................. (Please Print)

RIDER: ___________________________ GWRRA #: __________________

CO-RIDER: ________________________ GWRRA #: __________________

ADDRESS: ________________________ CITY: ___________ STATE: _____ ZIP: ________

PHONE #: _________________________ EMAIL: ____________________________

DISTRICT: _______ CHAPTER: _________ 2019 GWRRA POSITION(S) HELD: _______

First PA Rally: yes or no (circle one) New this year: Rally T-Shirt - see separate sheet to place order by 04/23/2019

I/we agree to hold harmless GWRRA, Co-sponsoring Organizations, and/or any Property Owners for any loss or injury to self or property in which I/we may become involved by reason of, or participation in this event. I/we also agree to assume responsibility for any property I/we knowingly damage.

Check [ ] for Sugar-free Dessert

Rider’s Signature: __________________________ ( ) Date: ______________

Co-Rider’s Signature: __________________________ ( ) Date: ______________

Full Registration: Events Thursday, Friday & Saturday except events with an additional fee & rally bar for first 250 registrations

Day Pass: $18.00 will be sold on site & is good for all events the day of purchase except: Saturday banquet & events with additional fees list

NO FULL REGISTRATIONS OR SATURDAY DAY PASSES with Banquet ACCEPTED AFTER MAY 4, 2019

$100 Cash Drawing for GWRRA Member with a full registration postmarked by 2/28/2019 - must be present to win

Discounted Registration Full Price Registration
postmarked from now - 03/31/2019 postmarked 04/01-05/04/2019

Full Registration - GWRRA MEMBERS attending X $ 49.00 _______ attending X $ 55.00 = $__________

NON-GWRRA MEMBERS attending X $ 59.00 _______ attending X $ 65.00 = $__________

SATURDAY Only (05/19) - Day Pass with Banquet Postmarked by 05/04/19 _______ attending X $ 38.00 = $__________

Welcome Party - Thursday (05/16) - Picnic Buffet Postmarked by 05/04/19 _______ attending X $ 8.00 = $__________

Road Captain Course - limited class size - 1st paid basis - fee refunded after completion of course - co-riders welcome

Must wear - long pants, long sleeved shirt/jacket, full finger gloves, helmet and over the ankle boots

Road Captains Course - Date: Thursday (05/16) _______ X $30.00/bike = $__________

ARC - Side-Car -TRC Course - limited class size - 1st paid basis - fee refunded after completion of course - co-riders welcome

Must wear - long pants, long sleeved shirt/jacket, full finger gloves, helmet and over the ankle boots

ARC Course - Date: Wednesday (05/15) _______ X $30.00/bike = $__________

Side-Car Course - Date: Friday (05/17) X $30.00/bike = $__________

TRC Course - Date: Saturday (05/18) N/A X $30.00/bike = $ _______ FULL ______

Medic First Aid Course - limited class size - 1st paid basis - fee is for your class supplies - no refunds

Date: Saturday (05/18) N/A X $25.00/person = $ _______ FULL ______

Harley-Davidson Factory Tour - fully-enclosed shoes required

Reservations Due 03/31/2019 - Date: Friday (05/17) 8:30 am @ Factory _______ X $8.00/person = $__________

TOTAL AMOUNT ENCLOSED: Payable to - GWRRA PA District $____________

Banquet Meal on Saturday: Plate will include both - Southern Fried Chicken Breast and Applewood Smoked Ham

Send Registration to: Harold Jackson, 345 Cemetery Road, Pleasantville, PA 16341

Cancellations by Mail or E-mail must be received by May 4, 2019. No cancellations after May 4th.

There will be a $10.00 Handling Fee for all cancellations. No Phone cancellations accepted.