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CHRISTMAS PARTY at NORTH PARK LOUNGE

COVER STORY

Christmas Party



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Christmas Party 2011

A roaring fire, great food, grab bag gifts and no helmet hair was the order of the night! A final fair well to our 2011 riding season. North Park lounge did a great job at making Dar & Marilyn's job so much easier! The waitresses were efficient with removing dirty dishes and kept the refills coming! Debbie & Rich Rice had a great time!



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

Staff Meeting

*January 19th at 7:00 p.m.
North Park Lounge
All are welcome!*

Gathering

*January 26th at 7:00 p.m.
North Park Lounge
20810 Rt. 19
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Come early for dinner.*



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WHERE IN THE WORLD???

Last month's picture was of Brady's Bend. A few wrong guesses came in as The Horse Shoe Bend! I can see resemblance, but no railroad tracks!

This month's picture is super easy! Give it a try! E-mail your guesses to me at: dpirozzi2003@hotmail.com Let me hear from you! This month's picture should be easy too! We've driven around it, walked around it, eaten around it.....c'mon! Guess!

Last month's correct guesses were from: Mike Ammerman, Lila Hinerman, Linda Cochran, Marilyn Banks.





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

What should have been a joyous end to December and the beginning of a new year, were instead very somber holidays with the passing of Tom Banks. Tom is going to leave a very large empty place in all our hearts. Not because he was a large man, but because he had a heart that could fill a room with his presence. Tom was a quiet man and sometimes you didn't know he was there because he liked to stay in the background and listen more than talk. But when Tom spoke, everyone listened. Remember that commercial a few years ago, "My broker is E.F. Hutton and he says..." and everyone would stop to listen? Well, that was Tom. Tom was a great leader, but he wouldn't admit to it. If you were ever on one of his rides, you would know what I mean. His rides were meticulous; the planning of his stops and arrival times were very precise. Dar & I once met him and Marilyn mid-ride one time. Marilyn told us Tom planned to be at a stop at a certain time and we made sure we were there in plenty of time to meet them. When Tom led the group into the stop, I looked at my watch and he was there at exactly the time he said he would be. Marilyn often said she didn't need a GPS, she had her own "Tom-Tom." Dar and I loved to go on rides that Tom led because we knew we were going to be on roads that we were never on before.

Yes, Christmas this year will be sad, but just as we celebrated the birth of our Savior, I know that Tom is with Him. Free of pain and suffering. And still riding and leading those that have gone before him. Once, when Dar & I showed up at a function on four wheels, Tom said he couldn't understand why we weren't on the bike when the weather was so nice. Tom said, if it was nice, he was riding. And I'm sure he is riding this very minute because I know it's beautiful where he is.



Marilyn Banks

This is probably the hardest article I have ever written. I have written many times for this newsletter, mostly light-hearted humor. This time it is a bit different. I want to begin with thanking each and every one of you for your love, your prayers, your friendship and your strength. These past few weeks have been so difficult but many times I have turned my sadness away with the remembrance of all the wonderful memories of our motorcycle family. Indeed you have been family to Tom and me. So many times Tom would say that it didn't matter where we rode; that was secondary to just being with our friends. He loved to ride. He loved to ride with all of you.

I also want to thank you for your many gifts in his memory. For those that were able to come to his memorial service you heard that our church is going to place a park bench outside in the spring in his honor. You have given so generously that we will be able to place two benches outside. Tom was always very involved with our church and the care of it. He spent countless hours there and he would feel such a blessing from your giving to something that was so important to him. Thank all of you that came to his memorial. It made my heart soar to look out over the room and see our chapter colors so profusely displayed. I was overwhelmed with such pride and love – you gave me strength. Thank you.

I have a special thank you to Bill Cressman. The beautiful words you wrote mean the world to me. We framed your prayer, (it now resides on my mantel) and it was read at the memorial. Your words give me comfort and the words "Thank You" seem insufficient. Tom was a wonderful husband and his love of family was evident. In that love we wanted to honor him and celebrate his life. Dar Pirozzi wrote to me these words, "Tom's like an onion, we just get to peel back one layer to know him, all those layers make up Tom." He loved his family, he loved his God, he loved to ride, and as you found out – he loved to explode things! We as a family tried to share all of those things with all of you. We certainly sent him off with a "bang" and I could sense his smile all the while.

I sent Mike a letter yesterday, which included my resignation as Assistant Director. It has been an honor to work with Mike and I hope I contributed to the chapter as well. For now I have some healing to do and even though I love you all, it would be difficult to "watch" as rides are planned and bikes take off on new adventures. I told Mike that I've not only lost my love, my partner, but also my rider. I am only the co-rider. Riding our Wing was something we did together as a team – without my team member it would just not be the same. So please continue to enjoy each other, mount your Wings, and RIDE!

All my love and gratitude,
Marilyn Banks



CHAPTER EDUCATOR

Phil Pirozzi

Happy New Year

It's hard to believe another year has passed us by, where has the time gone.

But the end of year only means the start of a new year, a new beginning. I am sure most of you haven't thought much about riding season but it will be here before you know it.

For me as your educator it is time to start updating our members in the levels program. Some of you will be or have already heard from me as I have the task of keeping us up to date with our certifications. E.R.C. , C.P.R, First Aid and Co-Rider classes need to taken every two years to keep us up to date.

In the next few months I hope to have First Aid, C.P.R. and a Co-Riders class available for all our members. For those of us that may need to take an E.R.C. class go to the chapter's web-site and go to the Riders Education section and you will find a link directly to the Motorcycle Safety Foundations web-site where you can schedule a class as your convenience.

This month I would like all of our members bring their G.W.R.R.A. membership cards to the gathering. My personal goal has been to have every member enrolled in the levels program at least in level 1. Level 1 is only a commitment to become a safer rider or co-rider. All that is required is your membership number, your signature and of course a commitment to be a safer rider/co-rider.

I can't see any reason this goal can't be accomplished. I am sure none of our riders or co-riders take any unnecessary chances, we all ride the best we can every time we get on our bikes. Rider education will help keep our riding skills sharp, that's the main purpose for rider education. I look forward to seeing all of you at the next gathering.



Mileage for Brownie

Brownie would like to put together some statistics for this year's anniversary party, but he needs your help. Please send Brownie your beginning and ending mileage from your Gold Wing for this year. Don't slip in your odometer reading from your car. Brownie will know. If you don't know your beginning mileage, send him an estimate of how many miles you drove this year. Brownie's phone number is 724-709-8773 or you can e-mail him at raghunt@comcast.net.



2012 Ride Planning Meeting

Please don't forget our 2012 ride planning meeting on January 14 at Monte Cellos in Cranberry at 11:00 a.m. Bring your ideas of where you would like go in 2012. We are always open to new and different destinations.

2012 Anniversary Party

If you haven't done so, please send in your reservations for our 2012 anniversary party. The flyer is attached to this newsletter and it can also be downloaded from the chapter's website. The anniversary party is Saturday, February 11th at the North Park Lounge at 4:30 p.m. and is \$12.50 per GWRRA member and \$18.00 for non-GWRRA members. This will be our 30th anniversary. Please come out and support your chapter.

Chapter I's Anniversary Party

Chapter I's anniversary party is Saturday, January 21st at the Roseville Grange in Brookville. Dar & I are planning to attend along with Jim & Pat Delo. If you would like to join us, please send your reservations to Jodi Lufsey at 119 Beers Road, New Bethlehem, PA. 16242. Cutoff date is January 11th. Your choice of entrée is either stuffed chicken breast or stuffed pork chop. Cost is \$16 per GWRRA member and \$18 non-GWRRA member. The grange is located four (4) miles west of Brookville on Rt. 322. If you are going, please let me know by calling 412-795-6685 or sending me an e-mail at auwinger@verizon.net.

Chapter G's Winter Picnic

Weather permitting, a group of us will travel to Erie to attend Chapter G's Winter Picnic on Presque Isle in the Rotary Pavilion on Sunday, January 8th. The pavilion is heated so you don't have to worry about standing out in the cold weather. We will leave King's at 10:00 a.m. Please bring a covered dish or a dessert to share along with your own dishes and utensils. Please let Mike Ammerman know if you are going and what dish you will be bringing so I can convey that information to Dave & Cindy Arnemann, Chapter G Directors.



- Beth Hildebrand 4
- Linda Coene 6
- Darlene Pirozzi 6
- Jim Hinerman 6
- Barbara Bach 12
- Gregory Scott 12
- Lisa Williams 21
- David Roman 23
- Larry Plowman 30
- Skip Hessler 31

JANUARY ANNIVERSARIES



Ted & Lois Syphrit - 53 years
 Ronald & Cheryl Salamone – 39 years



***** NOTICE ****

Will the owner of the ads below please contact the editor and let me know if these items have been sold and can be removed from this column!

HJC Full helmet – IS-33 with integrated sunshield – size medium-CR Silver – flip up face shield. New condition, worn one week, too tight! Bought at Zanotti’s for \$150.00, asking \$100 Call Ted at 724-758-3196 or cell phone 724-622-4683

Trike & trailer – Owned by Tony Barle, deceased Chapter E member. 1993 Honda GL1500 (76,354 miles) converted to trike and 2000 Escapade trailer. \$18,000. For more information call Bill Barle at 724-515-6603

1996 Goldwing SW 1500 Has reverse – floor boards, driver and passenger. Tall windshield, CB radio, AM/FM radio – passenger arm rests, back rest for driver. New rear tire – new inspection. Just had oil changed. 82,000 miles. Call John at 814-504-3621 Reason for selling: Bought a trike!

2004 Black Cherry GL1800 Gold Wing with only 16,500 miles. I have over six grand in extras, too many to list. Am looking to get \$15,000 Contact Daniel at wingit1800@comcast.net or phone at 724-867-2388 I live in Emlenton, exits 42 and 45 off I-80 where it crosses the Allegheny. He is a member of GWRRA PA Chapter N.

Trike Conversion Parts from 2003, Candy red GL1800 Contact Ray Vaupal at 412-364-9245

2006 Honda Gold Wing 1800cc, 7,500 miles, like new, \$13,000 As for Tom 724-287-1233

Rear Wheel GL1800 – Good Shape! \$75 – See Phil or call 412-600-0395 e-mail @ felixpirozzi@verizon.net

1985 GOLDWING trike with Voyager conversion. (Bike not altered for conversion) Good condition. Garage kept. New windshield, 40,000 miles asking \$7,000. Call Rich at 724-378-3393-leave a message.

1999 VALKYRIE INTERSTATE-Green & silver, 9,020 miles. Garage kept. Excellent condition! Extras include: center stand, mustang seat, Tulsa windshield and many more. Asking \$9,500 Call: Jim or Patty Cochran 724-378-2954

2000 Gold Wing SE motorcycle, 67,000 miles, two tone red, new inspection, new tires, CB, radio, Diamond custom seat, rider backrest, rider highway boards, passenger boards with lift up pegs, luggage rack, trunk spoiler, Tulsa windshield, Bushtec Trailer Hitch, lots of extras. It's a pretty Gold Wing, come take a look! John’s cell phone is 717-572-5123 and Jeanne’s is 717-572-5138.



Up Coming Chapter Events
Mark your calendars!

At the December Christmas Party we collected \$125 and raffled off a maple & walnut jewelry box hand crafted by Phil. The walnut was donated by Ray & Mary Vaupal. Rich & Debbie Rice won the jewelry box. This brings our total to \$484.00 for 2012. Keep up the good work everyone! 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!

January 14th, 2012 – Annual Chapter D Ride meeting At Monte Cello’s, Rt 19 at 11:00 am - ??? and a short break for lunch! Bring your ride ideas!

January 19th, 2012 – Staff Meeting at North Park Lounge, 7:00 pm – All are welcome! Come early for dinner and friendship!

January 21st, 2012 – Chapter I Anniversary Party

January 26th, 2012 – Gathering at 7:00 pm – come early for dinner!



RIDER EDUCATION RIDERS LEVELS UPDATES
Phil Pirozzi, Chapter Educator



During the next few months I will be reviewing all of you who are currently in the Rider Education Levels Program. I will be checking to see if everybody is current in their levels. Example: E.R.C., C.P.R., First Aid and Co-Rider classes. This will help me to set up new classes for the coming year.

My personal goal for our chapter is to at least have everyone in Level I. There is no reason every one of us should not be at least at this level. Level 1 is simply a commitment to become a safer rider. There is no pressure, there is no safety police and nobody looking over your shoulder. To become Level 1 all that is needed is your GWRRA Membership # and your signature.

Level II for the rider is an E.R.C. class and for the Co-Rider a Co-Rider class.

Level III is a C.P.R. or First Aid Class

Level IV is one of the prior you have not taken.

Many of you have already taken the E.R.C., C.P.R. and First Aid Classes but as of yet have not entered into the Level’s Program. Please feel free to see me at the gathering or e-mail me and I will get you enrolled into the program.

Cleveland, OH



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<p>I-X Center One I-X Center Drive Cleveland, OH 44135</p> <p>LINKS: Directions Weather Host Hotel Travel Planners</p> <p>PARKING: ATTENDEE PARKING: \$8 3 DAY EXHIBITOR PASS (WITH IN/OUT PRIVILEGES): \$24 MOTORCYCLES: N/A</p> <p>ON-SITE NUMBERS: PHONE: (216) 265-7005 FAX: (216) 265-7006</p> <p>ADULTS:</p> <table border="0"> <tr> <td>1-Day (Online Advanced Purchase)</td> <td>\$13</td> </tr> <tr> <td>1-Day (Online General Admission)</td> <td>\$15</td> </tr> <tr> <td>1-Day (Box Office)</td> <td>\$15</td> </tr> <tr> <td>2-Day (Box Office Only)</td> <td>\$20</td> </tr> <tr> <td>3-Day (Online Only)</td> <td>\$30</td> </tr> </table>	1-Day (Online Advanced Purchase)	\$13	1-Day (Online General Admission)	\$15	1-Day (Box Office)	\$15	2-Day (Box Office Only)	\$20	3-Day (Online Only)	\$30	<p>SHOW HOURS</p> <p>Friday, January 27 3:00pm - 9:00pm</p> <p>Saturday, January 28 9:00am - 9:00pm</p> <p>Sunday, January 29 9:00am - 5:00pm</p>
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Top Ten Reasons Why Gold Wing Riders: Don't Wave Back

10. Wasn't sure whether other rider was waving or making an obscene gesture.
9. Afraid might get frostbite if hand is removed from heated grip.
8. Has arthritis and the past 400 miles have made it difficult to raise arm.
7. Reflection from etched windshield momentarily blinded him.
6. The espresso machine just finished.
5. Was actually asleep when other rider waved.
4. Was in a three-way conference call with stockbroker and accessories dealer.
3. Was distracted by odd shaped blip on radar screen.
2. Was simultaneously adjusting the air suspension, seat height, programmable CD player, seat temperature and satellite navigation system.
1. Couldn't find the 'auto wave back' button on dashboard.



I'm not totally aware of all who helped put the Christmas party together, so please pass on to all involved, our thanks for a good time. Lynne and I enjoyed ourselves very much. Thanks to all of you who put in time and effort to bring these things about throughout the year.

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year to all.

Bill & Lynne Cressman



The Difference Between Harley & Goldwing Riders

Harley riders: 'This beer is flat, let's trash the place.'

Goldwing drivers: 'This cappuccino is cold. Let's only tip 10%.'

Harley riders: 'Live to ride. Ride to Live.'

Goldwing drivers: 'Eat to ride. Ride to eat.'

Harley riders: 'Loud pipes save lives.'

Goldwing drivers: 'Honey, will you turn down the stereo?'

Harley riders: Black leather jacket and chaps.

Goldwing drivers: Red snowmobile suit.

Harley riders: Black leather vest with chain closure and skull and crossbones on the back.

Goldwing drivers: Gray twill vest with trading pins and Gold Wing Road Riders: Association chapter patch on the back.

Harley riders: Meets other riders at 'The Dam Ice House.'

Goldwing drivers: Meets other riders at Denny's.

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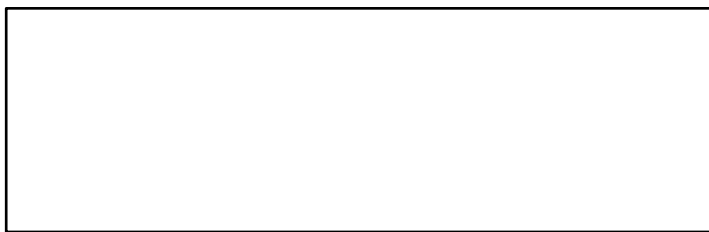
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