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Pennsylvania District
Somerset, PA.**



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Monthly Gatherings

Second Friday of each month.

Eat at 6:00 Gathering at 7:00

**Kings Restaurant
1180 North Center Ave.
Somerset Pa. 15501**

Calendar of Events

MARCH 2018

9th Chapter gathering

**11th Day light savings time
begins.**

17th Pancake Breakfast.

Salisbury. 8am Sheetz.

17th St Patrick's day

24th CPR/First aid class

Berlin Fire Dept. 9am

25th Palm Sunday.

25th Chapter Bowling.

Somerset Lanes.

30th Good Friday.





Chapter Director Randy & Janet Shawley

FROM THE DESK OF THE CHAPTER DIRECTOR

HELLO CHAPTER "T" FAMILY

I would like to thank everyone for coming to the last gathering. We had 27 members in attendance. Roger Snuffer won the 50/50 and nobody won the progressive, so the jackpot will continue to build for the next gathering.

This has nothing to do with riding motorcycle or having gatherings or even the GWRRA.

On Wednesday March 7, 2018 I said goodbye to a dear friend and colleague. Everyone has probably heard about the assault on SGT. Mark Baserman at SCI Somerset. After being brutally assaulted by a convict he was taken the hospital and never regained consciousness, the assault was over a towel.

Mark and I grew up about a block away from each other, Mark was the kind of guy who put his friends before anything except his family and his dogs. Mark was a great guy and it was an "HONOR" to know him and to be able to call him my "friend". We both worked in the EMS field at about the same time. He worked for East Hills EMS and I worked for 7th Ward EMS. We would run into each other in the field numerous times but never worked together, until he became employed by the DOC and was transferred to SCI Somerset.

It never failed if Mark would see me he would always stop and say Hi and see how things were going. That was Mark, always thinking of others before himself. After being retired from the DOC I look back at my career and think that could've very easily been me instead of Mark.

Mark not only left behind a lot of friends and colleagues but left behind a mother, brother, wife and children.

We will all be able to get along after the passing of Mark, but it will be VERY hard. If he was alive he would say "All this for me?" and all I have to say is "Yes, Mark this is for you and more". You were a great friend and I can't wait to see you again someday. May you R.I.P. BROTHER.

Inclosing I would like to say "Treat everyone good" because you never know what can happen in the blink of an eye and you will see them again someday.

Randy Shawley

Chapter Director

HAROLD & DIANE JACKSON

DISTRICT DIRECTORS

The Pennsylvania District Raffle drawing was in February. Hopefully, you or someone you know is very happy since they had a winning ticket. Next year we hope more tickets are sold and it won't be necessary to have an additional drawing at the PA District Rally. Thank you again for selling the tickets and thank you to those that purchased the tickets.

Thank you, PA-M (02/25), PA-N (03/03) and PA-W (03/31) for hosting Training Days! Thank you to the instructors that taught and for those that attended. We hope everyone had a FUN day and learnt something.

Listed below are the District events that you need to get your reservation in during March:

Couple of the Year (COY) Retreat - March 10th

RSVP Barry/Rhonda Blyler by 03/03/18 at 717-334-6702 or brwings@comcast.net.

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 14th – Trinity UMC 121 S Second St., Clearfield, PA

RSVP Harold/Diane Jackson by 03/31/18 at 814-589-1307 or jackson2@zoominternet.net.

The purpose of the day is to learn about the office you are holding and the responsibilities of your 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. Please let us know how many will be attending from your Chapter by March 31, 2018.

PA District Rally - May 17-19th – Park Inn in Uniontown, PA

Discounted Registration due by March 31, 2018

Please send in your registration and make your hotel reservation. Don't miss out on the FUN! The flyer is attached to this newsletter or you can find it on the District website at www.gwrrapadist.org. Hope to see you there!

Hopefully you have had a chance to see and sit on the 2018 Goldwing. Most dealers have had the new wing in their showrooms however, the motorcycle is selling quickly. Maybe you are one of the luck ones that have a new wing in your garage.

It is almost time to get those great machines back out of storage. Remember to do all the maintenance that you have learned about over the years, it will payoff on the long ride.

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

Remember to always ride safe!

Harold and Diane Jackson
Your PA District Directors



DOUG MOTTER

DISTRICT RIDE COORDINATOR

Hello everyone!

Let's talk about the GWRRA's Rider Education Program. There's a lot of information to share, so we are going to break the conversation into two parts. This month, we'll cover the purpose of the program as well as Level I and Level II. In April, we'll chat about moving up to Level III and Level IV of the REP. *The following information is taken from the [GWRRA website](#).*

Purpose

The GWRRA Rider Education Program (REP) is intended to make the motorcycle environment safer by reducing injuries and fatalities and increasing motorcyclist skills and awareness.

The REP does not propose to have all the answers. However, our close working relationship with the Motorcycle Safety Foundation (MSF), as well as additional GWRRA programs and studies, has provided a wealth of information for use in establishing a comprehensive Rider Education Program. Through Commitment, Education and Application, we can reduce our accident rate significantly.

Listed below are several benefits of a fully implemented GWRRA Rider Education Program at the Chapter level:

- Increased rider knowledge
- Increased rider safety skills
- Prevention of accidents
- Reduced injuries
- Reduced fatalities
- Improved general public image of motorcyclists
- Enhanced enjoyment of motorcycle riding

The motorcycle community is already realizing many positive benefits from the GWRRA Rider Education Program. Through the efforts of the Rider Education Officers and participation of the membership and others, we will reach our goal of establishing the safest motorcycle environment possible.

Level I: Safety by Commitment - The first big step to success

Level I of the Rider Education Program is also referred to as *Safe Miles*. It represents the commitment of the Rider and/or the Co-Rider to practice safe motorcycle operation whenever they operate their motorcycle.

Safety is a state of mind which can only be attained through total commitment. Every successful accomplishment begins with a commitment to reach the intended objective. This is true of the Rider Education Program and includes a promise to learn for the sake of Rider, Co-Rider, friends and family, and others on the road.

Though there is no mileage requirement to enter Level I, the commitment to safe riding is tracked by the number of accident free miles since joining GWRRA. Accident free miles are accumulated in 5,000 mile increments and may be updated at yearly intervals.

Requirement: Verbal commitment to ride safely at all times.

No cost to sign up.

Patches available at \$6.00 per participant.

Receive: "Safe Miles" patch, Rider (or Co-rider) Rocker, and mileage pin.

Level II: Safety by Education

Level II of the REP is also referred to as *Tour Rider*. It represents the commitment of the Rider and/or Co-Rider to be safer motorcycle riders by taking approved motorcycle riding courses at regular intervals.

GWRRA has chosen several educational training programs for the Riders and Co-Riders such as the MSF (Motorcycle Safety Foundation) programs, the United Sidecar Association course, the CSC (Canadian Safety Council) programs, and the GWRRA's Advanced Riding courses.

LEVEL 1

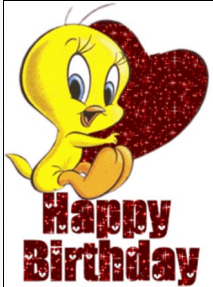


LEVEL 2



MARCH 2018

Chapter T Birthdays



1st J.R. DEIST
7th LUANN PAUGH
7th JIM MELIUS
9th RICK MILLER
20th BILL THOMPSON
22nd MARY ANN SCHEVE



**BEST
WISHES TO
ALL OF YOU!**

Chapter T Anniversaries

None this month



Thinking of You...

Our thoughts and prayers go out to the following members for a speedy recovery!

SNOOKS LOTTIG



3RD ANNUAL RIDE
WINGS FOR WARRIORS

RAIN OR SHINE

JUNE 2, 2018

SOMERSET ALLIANCE CHURCH

708 Stoystown Rd – Somerset, PA 15501

\$20.00 RIDER

CO-RIDER \$10.00

Registration begins at 11:00AM-Kickstands up at 1:00PM

Dinner following ride at church.



Benefits The LEEK Hunting & Mountain Preserve- a charitable, tax-exempt, 501C-3(EIN#264097451).

LEEK offers opportunities for disabled Veterans to participate in outdoor recreational activities.

To find out more about LEEK go to www.leekpreserve.org

LET'S HELP WOUNDED VETERANS ENJOY LIFE!

Any questions, please contact Gary Paugh at 814-279-4833 or Gary Yoder at 814-279-2653

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