GOLD WING ROAD RIDERS ASSOCIATION

Gathering are the second Friday of the month.

Eat at 6:00 Gathering at 7:00
KINGS FAMILY RESTAURANT
1180 North Center Ave
Somerset, Pa 15501
March 2019

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From The Directors Desk,

Wow! It's hard to believe that we're into March already, and retirement is so close, just a few short weeks away. As I enter into a new chapter in my life and realize just how fast life passes by, I'm reminded of all the memories made and shared by you our Chapter “T” family. Through the years you have been a part of my story. We have laughed together, hugged together, and cried together. From Rallies, to Dinner Rides, to Picnic Rides, and anything in between. In everything we have shared together, it was shared as a family. From Bill Casner riding through Pioneer Park Campground at 6 am playing the Macarena as loud as he could play it. Or the famous Chapter T buns shot over the guardrails in WV. How about our old buddy Norm’s famous chant? “Sun, Sun, Sun”. Maybe you remember Debbie’s famous Ice Cream Face in Grantsville, Md. There are probably a lot more if I could remember them, but as I’m older it’s harder to remember it all. The point I’m trying to make is that as life passes by, the opportunities to make memories passes by as well. Once it’s gone it’s gone. GWRRA and most importantly Chapter “T” gives each of us the opportunity to make the most of what we enjoy together. The wind in our faces and the joy shared with friends is unmeasurable. It’s with that in mind that I encourage you to make the best of what Chapter “T” has to offer. If you're new to GWRRA, please except us as your riding family. If you're just setting back and not really enjoying what we do, I encourage you to check us out. And for you my Chapter “T” family let's make 2019 a year of fun, family and safe riding.

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Chapter Directors
Gary & Susan Yoder

We are all travelers in the wilderness of this world, and the best we can find in our travels is an honest friend.
Robert Louis Stevenson
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 need 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 since, spring is 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 favorite install “safety” chrome. When spring arrives, we will be ready to get on our Wings and ride.

The Pennsylvania District Raffle drawing was in February. Hopefully, you or someone you know is very happy since they had 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 John/Glenda Leib by 03/22/19 at 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 S Second St., Clearfield, PA
*RSVP Harold/Diane Jackson by 04/19/19 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.

**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](http://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 10\textsuperscript{th} we go back to Daylight Savings Time – Turn your clock forward one hour.
- Sunday, March 17\textsuperscript{th} 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, event or on the road.

Remember to always ride safe!

\textbf{Harold and Diane Jackson}  
\textbf{Your PA 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 pressure.

Next you need to hook up the trailer and go to an area where you can practice maneuvering the trailer around and check the breaking distance before you proceed to go out on the road and 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 and 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 of the tongue of the trailer puts on the ball/link of the hitch. How much should it 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 de-couple 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 is 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 in 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 tike 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. 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.

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
HAPPY BIRTHDAY

1st. JR Deist
7th Luann Paugh
7th Jim Melius
9th Rick Miller
20th Bill Thompson
22nd Mary Ann Scheve
29th Deb Messer

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY

Thinking of You...

Our Hearts and Prayer to Snooks Lottig on the Passing of her Brother.
Debbie Fields Surgery
Bob Kelly, Surgery
Barb Moschgat, Surgery
It was a stifling hot day and a man fainted in the middle of a busy intersection.

Traffic quickly piled up in all directions, so a woman rushed to help him.

When she knelt down to loosen his collar, a man emerged from the crowd, pushed her aside, and said, "It's all right honey, I've had a course in first aid."

The woman stood up and watched as he took the ill man's pulse and prepared to administer artificial respiration.

At this point she tapped him on the shoulder and said, "When you get to the part about calling a doctor, I'm already here."
YEAR-ROUND E15 SALES EDGE CLOSER

EPA SAYS WAIVER COULD BE IN PLACE BY MAY

It’s about to become even more confusing for motorcyclists hoping to avoid ethanol at the fuel pump in the wake of the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency’s announcement to allow year-round sales of E15.

Several fuel retailers announced plans to begin offering E15, which contains 15 percent ethanol by volume, year-round under the label “UNLEADED 88”

“Such non-descriptive language not only hides the ethanol component of the fuel, but it adds to the labeling perplexity that already exists,” said AMA Vice President for Government Relations Wayne Allard. “We have E10, E15 and E85 pumps, as well as blender pump variations. This is consumer confusion. And it will result in more motorcyclists, and others whose engines can be damaged by ethanol, inadvertently fueling with higher-ethanol blends.”

Higher ethanol blends carry a lower pump price, and studies have shown the majority of consumers shop by price, rather than following the guidance provided in their vehicles’ owner’s manual.

Among the retailers announcing plans to increase E15 availability are:

CUMBERLAND FARMS       CASEY’S GENERAL STORE       KWIK TRIP
SHEETZ                   KUM & GO                  MINNOCO
RACETRAC PETROLEUM       THORNTONS                PROTEC FUEL
QUIKTRIP                  FAMILY EXPRESS            HOLIDAY
MURPHY USA               RUTTER’S                  CENEX

Year-round E15 sales require a waiver of current regulations, and the EPA says it will announce rule changes in February and could have a waiver in place by May.

Court challenges are expected, but it’s unknown how that could affect E15 sales as the cases are brought and resolved.

The AMA opposes the waiver, because it will encourage more outlets to stock the controversial fuel, creating a higher risk of inadvertent misfueling by motorcyclists and ATV owners.

“Watch what you are putting in your tank and gas cans!”

Article from the American Motorcyclist Magazine
“THE NUTTY-PROFESSOR AWARD GOES TO...”

The “Ig Nobel Prize” is a tongue-in-cheek award given each year to actual research projects that seem—well, silly. The winners are published in a humorous periodical, *Annals of Improbable Research*.

**ECONOMICS:** Researchers in Canada and the United States, for investigating whether it is effective for employees to use voodoo dolls to retaliate against abusive bosses. (Their finding: It is!)

**BIOLOGY:** Researchers in Sweden, Colombia and Germany, for demonstrating that wine experts can reliably identify, by smell, the presence of a single fly in a glass of wine.

**CHEMISTRY:** Three Portuguese researchers, for measuring the degree to which human saliva is a good cleaning agent for dirty surfaces.

**PEACE:** Researchers in Spain, for measuring the frequency, motivation, and effects of shouting and cursing while driving an automobile.

**NUTRITION:** A lecturer at England’s University of Brighton, for calculating that the caloric intake from a human-cannibalism diet is significantly lower than the caloric intake from most other traditional meat diets.
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