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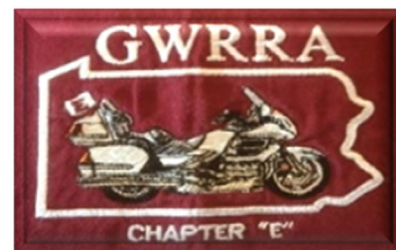
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**November
2021**

**November Gathering
Sunday, November 7
Eagles Landing II**

**December Gathering
Sunday, December 5
Eagles Landing
Rostraver**

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Where We've Been

Oct 3 – Sunday - October Gathering - Our room is getting crowded. We had 26 people show up for breakfast, with some familiar faces we hadn't seen for awhile appearing in the crowd. It was a very good morning. Only one couple braved the rainy and cold weather and rode three wheels. Moe was brave and Carla was naïve because she believed Moe when he said the weather would not be a problem. She was able to dry out just in time for the ride home.

Oct 7 - Thursday - Kerber's Dairy - Rainy night again. Only 4 souls made the trek.

Oct 9 - Saturday - Algonquin Mill Festival - Because of weather, the ride was moved to Sunday, but six members visited the festival and had a great time.

Oct 9 - Saturday - Ohiopyle Pancake Breakfast - Six members enjoyed buckwheat pancakes.

Oct 16 - Saturday - Bedford Leaf Peeper Ride - This ride was canceled due to bad weather.

Oct 19 - Tuesday - Driscoll's Restaurant - Sixteen members enjoyed a great dinner.

Oct 28 - Thursday - Trailside Restaurant - Trivia night at the Trailside. Eight members were there, but Chapter E's trivia guru was not available, so everyone went home before we had a chance to embarrass ourselves.

Nov 2 - Tuesday - Leo's 31 Grille - Had to move ride to Dino's Sports Bar. Fifteen members were treated to a great meal and, of course, stimulating conversation.

Where We're Going

Nov 7 – Sunday - November Gathering - We have scheduled a Gathering to be held at Eagle's Landing Restaurant. The address is 503 Airport Road, Belle Vernon. Meal service will begin at 9:30AM, with the Gathering beginning sometime thereafter. Room is available at 9:00AM if you wish to come early.

Nov 11 - River House Café - Dinner is scheduled for 6:30PM. The address is 506 McKean Ave, Charleroi. We are making a reservation, so please let us know if you plan on attending.

Nov 16 - Jioi's Restaurant - Dinner is scheduled for 6:30PM. The address is 939 Carbon Road, Greensburg. We are making a reservation, so please let us know if you plan on attending.

Dec 4 - Christmas Party - See attached flyer. Registration by November 27 is required.

Dec 5 – Sunday - December Gathering - We have scheduled a Gathering to be held at Eagle's Landing Restaurant. Even though it is the day after the Christmas Party, we feel it is appropriate to have the Gathering because not everyone will be attending the party. The address is 503 Airport Road, Belle Vernon. Meal service will begin at 9:30AM, with the Gathering beginning sometime thereafter. Room is available at 9:00AM if you wish to come early.

Dec 12 - Sunday - Oakhurst Grille - Luncheon buffet at 11:00AM.

Jan 1 - Saturday - Polar Bear Run - We will meet for breakfast at Denny's in Smithton and take a traditional New Year's Day ride. Further details will be included in next month's newsletter.

From the Director's Chair

November means Thanksgiving. Kathie's family has a tradition at Thanksgiving dinner of going around the table and having each person say what they are thankful for. The first year this happened, I was caught off-guard and reverted to the old stand-by, wife and family. And of course I was sincere about being thankful for them, but after that first Thanksgiving dinner experience, I've always taken a few minutes to think about other things, beyond wife and family that I am thankful for.



So as I sit in my man cave and ponder this, I realize that the other thing I am thankful for are my memories, and they are many. One of my pleasures is to peruse the motorcycle riding pages on Facebook and see where everyone is travelling. Fellow bikers detail their "best trip ever" and "trip of a lifetime" and I am often pleased to realize that those trips are already part of my memory bank.

It's not just riding a motorcycle that made the memories so great, but the opportunity to participate in events and trips with people who share a common interest and just want to have fun.

Kathie and I have been riding together since before we got married, and that's a bunch of years. I'm not sure she shares my total commitment to riding, but I am thankful for Kathie and her participation in making my memories.

But she's not the only one. Each time I meet a GW friend at a Gathering or ride, I am reminded of the good times we have shared in the past, and the times we will share in the future. GWRRA has given me the opportunity to meet those people. In case you missed it, when I say GW friend, I mean you. And for you, I am thankful.

So do yourself a favor and take a moment to consider those things that have brought a smile to your face and brought some joy to your life. I hope that GW friends will also appear in your thoughts.

After all this deep, thoughtful analysis in November, we will need to move on to December. Now there's a month I can really get into. After spending November being thankful for the people around me and the experiences I've had, I can spend December putting together the list of those things that I just can't live without. And maybe this year, Santa will finally realize that I have been a good boy and deserve at least one thing on my list. There's always hope.

Cultural Experience

Well, our plans to visit one of the cultural centers of West Virginia, Hillbilly Hot Dogs, fell victim to the fall weather. So we have added it to our bucket list for next year. We'll plan it for earlier in the year.



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Christmas Party

This year's event is scheduled on Saturday, December 4 at Eagle's Landing. The doors will open at 4:30PM with dinner being served at 5:00PM. There are three entrée choices and the charge will be \$25 for members and \$30 for non-members. Included in the festivities will be the ugliest Christmas sweater contest, karaoke and a \$15.00 Christmas gift exchange. If you wish to participate in the gift exchange, please bring a gift wrapped and label as to whether it is a rider (he) or co-rider (she) gift.

Please complete the registration form included in the newsletter and submit the form and payment to Sharon Golanka **before November 27**. You will not be able to register at the door. If you have any questions, please contact Jim or Kathie. Hope to see you there.

Pursue Your Scoops

The Pursue Your Scoops Challenge is over. As you may recall, if members visited seven ice cream venues from a list of venues, each member would qualify for the coveted ice cream pin. After four months, and a ride dedicated to the endeavor, eight members did meet the challenge:

- Carla & Moe Hlatky
- Amy & Steve Hlatky
- Deb & Tom Durdevich
- Kathie & Jim McClintock



Congratulations to each member. It was a difficult task, but someone had to do it.

Daylight Savings Time

It's that time again. The good news is that on Sunday, November 7 we'll get to sleep an extra hour. The bad news is that it marks the beginning of winter and lousy riding weather. Regardless, don't forget to turn your clocks back one hour Saturday night. The Gathering is on Sunday morning, so if you show up and the doors to Eagles Landing are locked, just wait about an hour. Everyone else will eventually show up.



Happy Thanksgiving

The National Institute of Newsletter Editors and Publishers requires that every newsletter prepared in November include a Thanksgiving wish and a turkey image. So as not to jeopardize our participation in this prestigious organization, Kathie and I wish you the happiest of Thanksgivings. Enjoy the day and feel free to eat as much as you want. After all, it is Thanksgiving.



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From the Director's Chair (continued)

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Although Kathie and I have enjoyed our tenure as Chapter Directors for the past two years, effective December 31, 2021, we will be resigning the position. We wish to thank those who have supported us in this endeavor. We are willing to continue on in another officer position and are happy to assist the new Chapter Director. As of this writing, a successor has not been identified. To maintain the charter as a GWRRA chapter, a Chapter Director must be identified, so if you have any interest in serving as Chapter Director or have any suggestions to address this situation, please contact us.

Respectfully submitted,
Jim & Kathie McClintock
Chapter Directors



For Your Consideration

- Motorcycles make up 3% of all registered vehicles and only .6% of all vehicle miles traveled in the U.S.
- Motorcyclists accounted for 14% of all traffic fatalities in 2017
- 28% of riders who died in a motorcycle crash in 2017 were alcohol-impaired
- 91% of riders who died in a motorcycle crash in 2017 were male
- Riders 50 and older made up 36% of all motorcycle fatalities in 2017, according to the Insurance Institute for Highway Safety. So-called "re-entry riders," who rode in their 20s and decided to take it up again in their late 40s to 60s face additional challenges today: more traffic, more powerful bikes, more distracted drivers and diminished physical skills. If you're going to ride a motorcycle, it's important to commit to a lifetime of learning new skills and brushing up on the old ones.
- A helmet is the most important equipment a biker can use. In 2017, 1,908 motorcyclists who died were not wearing a helmet. Helmets are estimated to be 37% effective in preventing fatal injuries.
 - ◊ A full-coverage helmet offers the most protection
 - ◊ Look for the DOT sticker, which guarantees the helmet meets safety standards required by law
 - ◊ Never buy a used helmet; helmets are useless after they've been worn in a crash
- New riders should take a motorcycle safety course, and experienced riders should take refresher courses after being off their bikes for a while.
- Know the rules of the road.
- Be aware that riding with a passenger requires considerably more skill.
- Never drink and ride.
- Drive defensively, especially at intersections, where half of all collisions occur.
- Watch for hazards like potholes, manhole covers, oil slicks, puddles, debris, railroad tracks and gravel.
- Assume you are invisible to other motorists and position yourself to be seen.
- Use headlights day and night.
- Be courteous; don't weave in and out of lanes, or ride on the shoulder or between lanes.
- Don't speed.
- Wear bright and/or reflective clothing that is durable and boots that cover the ankles.
- Wear goggles, glasses or use a face shield that is ventilated to prevent fogging, and make sure it's clear if riding at night.

Stay alert and ride safe.

Tom Durdevich
Ride Coordinator



Thoughts for Thanksgiving

Q: What did the turkey say to the turkey hunter on Thanksgiving Day?

A: Quack, quack!

A young man who worked at a grocery store had just finished stocking the turkeys in the freezer when a woman approached and asked, "Excuse me, do these turkeys get any bigger?" "No ma'am," he replied. "These turkeys are dead."

"When I was a kid in Indiana, we thought it would be fun to get a turkey a year ahead of time and feed it and so on for the following Thanksgiving. But by the time Thanksgiving came around, we sort of thought of the turkey as a pet, so we ate the dog. Only kidding. It was the cat!" — Dave Letterman

I shot my first-ever turkey for Thanksgiving this year. Sure scared everyone in the grocery store, though. So this guy checks into rehab the day after Thanksgiving. As it turns out, he just couldn't quit cold turkey.

Q: What's the difference between Election Day and Thanksgiving Day?

A: On Thanksgiving, you get a turkey for one day. On Election Day, you get a turkey for four years.

Q: How many cooks does it take to stuff a turkey?

A: Only one, but you have to really squeeze him in there.

Q: If the Pilgrims were still alive today, what would they be most famous for?

A: Their age.

Q: What does a disappointed mother turkey tell her kids?

A: "If your father could see you now, he'd be rolling over in his gravy!"

Q: Why was the turkey ruined on Thanksgiving?

A: I have no idea, but I suspect fowl play.

Q: What happened when the cannibal showed up late to Thanksgiving dinner?

A: He got the cold shoulder.

Q: Why did the cranberries turn red?

A: Because they saw the turkeys dressing.

Q: What sound does a turkey with one leg make?

A: Wobble, wobble!

Q: What do jazz-lovers put on their potatoes at Thanksgiving?

A: Groovy.

Q: What are turkeys thankful for on Thanksgiving?

A: Vegans.

Q: Why did the turkey bring a microphone to dinner?

A: He was ready for a roast.

Q: What smells the best at the Thanksgiving dinner table?

A: Your nose.

Q: What do you call a turkey on the day after Thanksgiving?

A: Lucky.

"Personally, I love Thanksgiving traditions: Watching football, making pumpkin pie, and saying the magic phrase that sends your aunt storming out of the dining room to sit in her car." Late night comedian.

Thanksgiving is a time to count your blessings, one by one, as each relative goes home!

Have a Happy Thanksgiving!



From the District Director

November is the last full month of fall in our part of the world and is the month in which we celebrate Thanksgiving Day. Traditionally, Thanksgiving was a time to give thanks for all the sacrifice and hard work done for the year's harvest. Nowadays, it is a time for people to take off work and spend time with family and friends over a grand feast. It is perhaps the best time of the year to remind ourselves of the many reasons we have to be grateful.

In the November 2020 Insight Newsletter, Jere and Sherry Goodman stated, "as the expression goes, *it takes a village*, it takes a Team of Volunteers in GWRRA to benefit our Members." International, National, District and Chapter Officers all make up the Teams. Regardless of the level, it takes a Team.



Sometimes we forget to tell people *thank you* for being in our lives, for making our lives easier. Crystal and I want to thank every Officer in Pennsylvania for stepping up and serving our Membership. We are grateful for all the sacrifices you have made this year to support and serve others. May this Thanksgiving be a time for you and your family to relax and consider on all you have achieved. Wishing you and yours a joyful and blessed day.

As you know, we have been working to help our daughter move from her home in New Castle, PA, to a farm her husband inherited from his grandfather. We have been busy since June and their house recently sold. Now it is our turn to prepare our house to sell; we hope to have it on the market by Spring 2022.

With the upcoming move for us in mind, we do not believe we can effectively continue as the PA District Directors and will be resigning as of December 31, 2021.

Candidates can email Tom & Renee Wasluck, tom.renee11@gmail.com to apply for the position. They will be able to answer any questions you might have about the process. Look in the Officer's Handbook (4.2021) on page 47 for a summary of the District Director's role in GWRRA. To aid with the transition, we offer our assistance to whoever steps up.

We have enjoyed our short time as District Directors and will recall the pleasant memories of the good times we shared with everyone. Thank you for the opportunity.

All our best,

Tim & Crystal

Your PA District Directors



From the District Educator

With the arrival of the fall riding season comes some of the most beautiful scenery mother nature can give us, so take advantage of those few remaining days of riding. In case you do ride in the cold, remember that cold catalytic converters allow water to exit the exhaust system at stop signs and/or traffic lights. This water can freeze creating a very slick surface just about where your tires may be when coming to a stop or starting out.

As you start to think about the 2022 riding season, here are some things for you to ponder, as well as some SAFETY TIPS to think about during the long winter season:

- You feel better about going to your doctor knowing that he has the proper medical training.
- You would feel more confident going to traffic court knowing that your lawyer had the proper legal training.
- **YOU AND YOUR CO-RIDER WILL ENJOY MOTORCYCLING A LOT BETTER KNOWING THAT YOU HAVE THE PROPER RIDER EDUCATION TRAINING.**



Make a commitment to improve and practice your riding skills in 2022 and become involved in the Rider Education Program.

Let's review a few Safety Tips as you prepare your bike or trike and yourself for the upcoming riding season:

Tip # 1:

Check/tighten the screws that hold the face-shield on your helmet to prevent them from ripping off in the breeze.

Tip #2:

The T-CLOCK inspection list should be hanging on the wall next to the Wing. Follow it!

Tip#3:

Amazing how a bit of down time can reduce your skills. Remember that your riding skills will be sharply off. When you first start back riding, take it easy for a bit and refresh your skills. Allow your body to "remember" how to ride.

Tip #4:

If you are a winter rider, WATCH out for everything. Remember no one will be looking for a motorcycle this time of the year, so take nothing for granted. THEY MAY NOT SEE YOU.

Again, we encourage everyone to get involved in the Rider Education Program to improve your riding skills and knowledge so that you and your passenger enjoy the ride and return home safely.

Remember,
ALL THE GEAR ALL THE TIME. (ATGATT)

Most of all, ride safe and have fun!

Gerry and Bonnie Kerkeslager
Your PA District Educators



5 Minute Pumpkin Soup

Ingredients:

3 medium shallots, grated
2 tablespoons olive oil
1 (29 ounce) can pumpkin (not pumpkin pie filling)
2 cups chicken or vegetable broth
2 cans water
½ cup heavy cream (can use Half and Half for a lighter version)
1 teaspoon cinnamon
1 teaspoon ground ginger
¾ teaspoon salt
½ teaspoon ground pepper
1/3 cup pepitas or pumpkin seeds roasted (optional topping)
Sour cream (optional topping)

Instructions:

Heat olive oil in a sauce pan over medium-high heat.
Add the shallots and cook, stirring until soft.
Stir in the pumpkin, broth, cream, cinnamon, ginger, salt, and pepper.
Cook, stirring occasionally until soup simmers.
Ladle into bowls and add toppings of choice.



Please submit your favorite recipes to be shared in future newsletters either by email to kathie112@yahoo.com or Kathie McClintock, 112 Trotwood Drive, Monroeville, PA 15146. The Recipe Corner needs you!

NOVEMBER BIRTHDAY WISHES!

1	Tom McQuillan
5	Paul Richardson

NOVEMBER ANNIVERSARIES!

No Anniversaries to Report

REMINDERS

If you have any suggestions for rides or activities, please contact Jim or Phil.

Any changes or corrections in personal data (address, phone, email, birthday, anniversary) should be reported to Jim.



Next year's Wing Ding is being held in Shreveport, Louisiana, June 28 through July 2, 2022.

Mark Your Calendars!

2021 Ride Schedule as of July 1, 2021

May

S	M	T	W	T	F	S
						1
2 Gathering	3	4	5	6	7	8
9	10	11	12	13 Brady's	14	15
16	17	18	19	20	21	22
23	24	25 Virtual Ice Cream Run	26	27 Denny's	28	29
30	31					

June

S	M	T	W	T	F	S
		1	2 Brustar's	3	4	5
6 Gathering	7	8	9	10	11	12
13	14	15 Speer's Street Grill	16	17	18	19 Bike Blessing
20	21	22	23	24	25	26 Farmer's Inn
27	28	29	30			

July

S	M	T	W	T	F	S
				1 Rodney's	2	3
4	5	6	7	8	9	10
11 Gathering	12	13	14	15 Brady's	16	17
18	19	20 Wavie & James	21	22	23 Whispering Pines	24
25	26	27	28	29 Aumers	30	31

August

S	M	T	W	T	F	S
1	2	3	4	5 DeNunzio's Monroeville	6	7
8 Gathering	9	10	11	12	13	14 Pursue Your Scoops
15	16	17 Luciano's	18	19	20	21 Niagara Falls
22 ----- Niagara Falls -----	23	24	25	26 Country Custard Cottage Ice Cream	27	28
29	30	31 Speer Street Grille				

2021 Ride Schedule as of July 1, 2021

September

S	M	T	W	T	F	S
			1	2	3	4
5	6	7	8	9	10	11 Annual Picnic
12	13	14	15	16 Carriage Inn	17	18
19	20	21 Brusters	22	23	24	25
26	27	28	29	30 Brick House		

October

S	M	T	W	T	F	S
						1
3 Gathering	4	5	6	7 Kerber's Joe Cream	8	9 Algonquin Festival Ottawa Parade
10	11	12	13	14	15	16 Jean Bonnat Bedford
17	18	19 Oriskany's	20	21	22	23
24	25	26	27	28 Trebide	29	30
31						

November

S	M	T	W	T	F	S
	1	2 Leo's 31 Grill	3	4	5	6
7 Gathering	8	9	10	11 River House Cafe	12	13
14	15	16 Joid's Greenburg	17	18	19	20
21	22	23	24	25	26	27
28	29	30				

December

S	M	T	W	T	F	S
			1	2	3	4 Xmas Party
5 Gathering	6	7	8	9	10	11
12 Oakhurst Brunch	13	14	15	16	17	18
19	20	21	22	23	24	25
26	27	28	29	30	31	



GWRRA Chapter PA-E

Annual Christmas Party



Date: Saturday, December 4, 2021

Where: Eagle's Landing - 503 Airport Road, Belle Vernon

Time: Doors open at 4:30PM, dinner served at 5:00PM

Cost: \$25.00 for members, \$30.00 for non-members



There will be a \$15.00 gift exchange for anyone who wishes to participate. Please bring a wrapped gift marked with HIS or HERS.

There will be prizes awarded for the ugliest male and female Christmas sweaters.



Reservation Slip

Name _____ Guest _____ Guest _____ Guest _____

Telephone Number _____

Enter the number of attendees for the appropriate menu selection. Then calculate the dollar amount due for each menu selection and enter the Total Due,

Menu Selection	Members x \$25	Non-member x \$30	Amount Due (\$)
Chicken Parmesan with tossed salad	_____	_____	_____
Beef tips with noodles and tossed salad	_____	_____	_____
Fried fish, fries and cole slaw	_____	_____	_____
		Total Due	_____



Please clip reservation slip and send to Sharon Golanka, 647 South Ridge Road, Coal Center, PA 15423. Make checks payable to **GWRRA PA Chapter E**. All reservations and payment **MUST** be received by November 27. For more information contact Kathie McClintock at kathie112@yahoo.com.

