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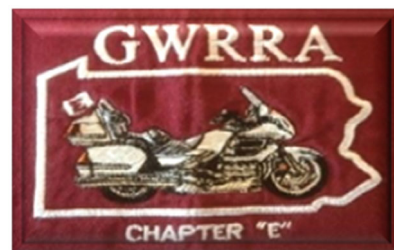
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**December
2021**

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

**January Gathering
Sunday, January 9**

**Hoss's
Belle Vernon**

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Where We've Been

Nov 7 – Sunday - November Gathering - We had great attendance at this month's gathering. In fact, we filled every seat in the room.

Nov 11 - River House Café - Sixteen members were in attendance. Food was good and this was probably the best service we have had since the pandemic began.

Nov 16 - Jioi's Restaurant - We had to move this ride to Gianilli's in Greensburg. Thirteen members attended, including two faces we hadn't seen in a while, Ross & Earlene Sano.

Where We're Going

Dec 4 - Christmas Party - Registration deadline was November 27, so we hope you submitted your registration if you wanted to go.

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. The address is 2409 Glades Pike, Somerset. We may stop at the Glades Pike Winery for a tasting after the meal.

Dec 15 - Wednesday - Denny's - Meeting to set up ride schedule for the next six months. Everyone is welcome. The address is 122 Fitz Henry Road, Smithton. Meeting will begin at 5:30PM.

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. We will meet for brunch at 11:00AM. If the weather doesn't cooperate, we'll just reschedule next January 1.

Jan 9 – Sunday - January Gathering - We have scheduled a Gathering to be held at Hoss's Restaurant. The address is 148 Finley Road, Belle Vernon. Meal service will begin at 11:00AM, with the Gathering beginning sometime thereafter. Room is not available until 11:00AM.



From the Director's Chair

Some random thoughts in no particular order...

2022? - Chapter E has been around for decades with the sole objective of providing a structure to meet friends and have fun. Given the pandemic, meeting that objective has been difficult, but we would like to think that we have been somewhat successful in doing so. Although there are a number of questions relating to 2022, we are confident that Chapter E will be better than ever in 2022.



Next Year's Schedule - COVID has certainly put a damper on Chapter activities over the last years, but we're hopeful that 2022 will be better. Toward that end, we have scheduled a meeting at Denny's in Smithton for Wednesday, December 15. The meeting will begin at 5:30PM. The purpose of the meeting is to identify activities for the first six months of 2022. We are looking to identify dinner rides, day trips, alternate non-motorcycle activities, and overnight trips. Everyone is welcome, so if you can attend, that's great. If you can't attend, please pass along any ideas for rides or activities you would like to see the Chapter sponsor.

2021 Mileage - Each year, the Chapter honors the five members with the top mileage for the year. Along with this recognition, the top five members are entered into a drawing for membership dues for one year. So, be sure to submit your mileage to Sharon and Ed at barnyardgang@zoominternet.net. Mileage should be submitted by December 24th. The drawing will be held at the January Gathering.

Couple of the Year - Every year, the Chapter has the option of selecting a couple for the **Couple of the Year (COY)**. Selection criteria is simple. The couple chosen must love to ride and must be fun to be around. This should be considered an honor and recognition as being a valuable Chapter member. Although there are many couples who meet the criteria, we have elected to postpone the selection of our COY.

Participation Pins – Every year, the Chapter recognizes those members who have attended a significant number of scheduled Chapter events. This year, the pins will be issued to any member who has attended at least twenty events. It is certainly an esteemed honor to receive one, so we hope you have made the cut.

Dining Etiquette - During the pandemic, we have made every effort to continue Chapter activities, including dinner rides. We've had problems with reservations, and in those instances when we were able to secure a restaurant, the service we experienced has often been less than acceptable. There have been times when we waited for over an hour for our meal, with many people waiting even longer than others to eat. In every instance, the restaurant manager would apologize for the delays and indicate that there just wasn't enough staff available. All you need to do is ride around any neighborhood and see the plethora of *Help Wanted* signs to understand the frustration of the restaurant owners.



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The important thing for us to remember is that the servers who are there to deliver our meals are showing up for work in an environment that is very stressful. Of course, everyone wants their meal in a timely manner, but there aren't just enough servers and cooks to make that happen.

So as frustrated as we may get as customers, we still need to be sensitive, knowing that the servers are doing the best they can, and be tolerant of the shortcomings we are experiencing. Attacking the server accomplishes nothing, but to increase everyone's frustration level.

In this environment, be grateful that anyone showed up to serve us and treat them accordingly.

Polar Bear Run - There is no better way to break up the monotony of the winter season and begin the New Year than to take a brisk ride on New Year's Day. We have scheduled a ride for Saturday, January 1. We will meet at Denny's in Smithton at 11:00AM, have lunch and then go on a ride. The ride destination will be determined by those in attendance. And of course, the weather will certainly be a determining factor on this event. According to current projections, the weather will be clear and sunny with a balmy temperature of 46°. I guess we'll see...

Bowling Challenge - Two years ago, Chapter E sent an eight-person team to the Chapter D Bowling Challenge. Our performance was certainly outstanding, and it did get us thinking that other Chapter E members may have hidden bowling talents. So if you own your own ball and shoes, or just want a reason to get out, please join us at our next bowling extravaganza. We haven't picked a date yet, but we're hoping to get the event on the calendar on a Sunday afternoon in January. There will be a sign-up sheet at the Gathering, so please sign up. If you can't make the Gathering and want to participate, just let us know.

Thanks to Everyone - In the fall of 2019, Kathie and I became the Chapter Directors for Chapter E. Phil Whaley and Tom Durdevich were quick to express their interest in supporting the Chapter and both became officers. Len Rovenski also stepped and indicated a willingness to continue as webmaster. At that point, Kathie and I felt confident we would be able to continue to expand upon the foundation that Tom Zeltmore had built over the prior years. And then COVID hit. Since March, 2020, maintaining a semblance of the Chapter has been a challenge. We found ourselves cancelling and/or rescheduling many events. But through it all, members have been very supportive, and for that, we are very grateful.

At this point, Kathie and I are stepping down as Chapter Directors. We have enjoyed our time as Directors, but feel it is time for a new perspective regarding the direction and maintenance of the Chapter. We are not leaving, but just changing position. We will continue responsibility for the newsletter and participation in Chapter activities. In those instances when the members do not mind riding in circles, we are willing to demonstrate our prowess as Road Captain.

We are optimistic that the incoming Chapter Director will continue in the restoration of Chapter E in the post-COVID era.

Again, thanks to everyone who has supported the Chapter for the last two years.

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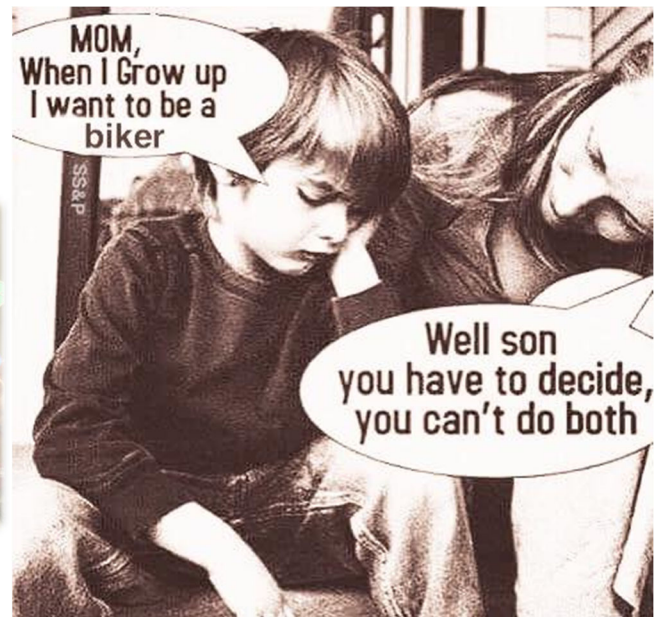
New Director - We wish to welcome Renny and Lois DiBartolomeo as the new Chapter Directors. Renny and Lois have been members of Chapter E dating back to the prior century, so they are well aware of the tradition of Chapter E. We encourage all members to support their efforts just as you have supported ours.

GWRRA Membership Renewal - If you're interested in renewing your GWRRA membership, they are offering an incentive to do so. This incentive is detailed in the attached flyer. We encourage you to maintain an active membership. That being said, alumni of GWRRA are always welcome at Chapter E.

Respectfully submitted,
Jim & Kathie McClintock
Chapter Directors



Have a Happy, Healthy and Safe Holiday Season



From the Chapter Director Elect

Howdy Chapter E Members,

I would like to introduce my wife Lois and myself to the chapter and give you a little background about us. We have been a member of Chapter E since 1993. We have held the office of Chapter Director twice in the past. Due to my health issues, I have not been able to take an active part in this great organization. My health has improved, and I was able to return.

I was surprised to find out that Jim and Kathy are stepping down. They have done a great job leading the Chapter with the help of their remarkable staff.

Lois and I are now retired and have lived in Belle Vernon PA. for 27 years. We are stepping up to take the Directors position to keep the chapter afloat. We are not perfect and will try to do the best we can. Lois and I are hoping with the help of chapter members and their suggestions we can make this year great and full of fun events.

I would like to invite the current officers and staff to stay on and help lead and guide this organization and to support Lois and myself for the coming year. Please let me or Jim know if you are willing to stay on.

I ride a 2005 1800 Goldwing Motor Trike. Lois and I like to take rides in the mountains. We love camping, bonfires, picnics, and good times with friends. I encourage any member that has a suggestion for a dinner ride or special event that they contact Jim or myself so we can add it to our 2022 ride schedule.

Until we meet again.

Happy Trails

Renny and Lois DiBartolomeo



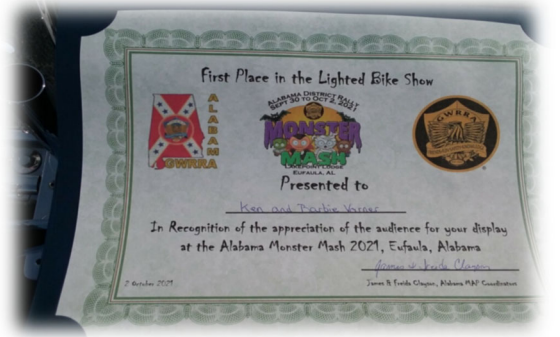
Back on the Trail

As many in Pennsylvania's GWRRA chapter "E-PA" members know, Bill Ruth had a terrible accident at Wingding 40 in Knoxville in August of 2018. He tipped over on a convenience scooter he was using to get around the convention hall. The fall resulted with a broken upper vertebra. Bill has been working hard since to recover with his wife Toni at his side. While Bill was trying to recover, his bike and trailer remained in his garage occasionally started but not driven, nor seen in public.

Regretfully, Bill decided to put his trusty steed on the market for sale in the Wing World magazine classified section. This ad did not get the results he hoped for. Then it was advertised on Cycle Trader on the internet, the interest picked up. Finally after a few months the right buyers connected, Ken and Barb Varner of McKenzie, Tennessee. These two motorcycle enthusiasts wanted something special and when they spotted Bill's bike online in Cycle Trader they knew it was what they were looking for. Ken, soon to retire from work, was a previous Harley Davidson owner and Barb his wife was a previous Goldwing chapter member. Both enjoy the experience of traveling and seeing the country on a motorcycle. They have fully embraced the attention that their bike and trailer gets as they visit various rallies and shows along with the rides they take. They recently took a multi-day trip down to the Gulf Shores of Mississippi. They have already won some awards. When they show their bike and trailer with the Civil War theme they also display a plaque which details the history of how the rig was developed and who painted it.

They met Mountain Man at one of the rallies.

Ken and Miss Barbie (as she likes to be called) hope to have many happy trips and adventures in the future along with meeting many more new friends. They send pictures of their experiences to Bill for his enjoyment and to see the bike out and about and on the trail. This brings him satisfaction to know that it's being appreciated again. Hopefully we will run into Ken and Miss Barbie as we visit Winding or other shows.



From the District Director

We want to thank everyone who attended the Officer's Conference! The theme was Back to Basics. Sharing information about GWRRA and its program areas. Special thanks to Gerry Kerkeslager, Sharon Golanka, John & Glenda Leib, Ray & Doreen Snyder, Gerry & Bonnie VanArt, Dave & Cindy Marconi, and Barry & Rhonda Blyler! They are all members of the PA District Team and did a great job providing information. Call them with your GWRRA questions or to schedule a class, etc. Remember, Chapter Directors are part of the PA District Team.



The following PA District Offices will be vacant on January 1, 2022, if no one steps up to fill the positions.

- District Director
- Assistant District Director C, E, S, T, W
- Assistant District Director D, I, N, P, Q
- District Membership Enhancement Coordinator
- District Motorist Awareness Coordinator
- District Treasurer

We are disappointed that we cannot continue as District Directors; however, it is time for us to downsize and move. Many of you have downsized yourselves so you understand. If someone is interested in filling any of the vacant District Offices, you are welcome to call us. District Director candidates can call to discuss the status of District programs and offices. We will be available to help with the transition and answer questions.

PA District Directors are appointed by the Director's Assistants, Tom & Renee Wasluck, tom.renee11@gmail.com. Candidates should send a cover letter and resume to them to apply.

A great definition of leadership comes from J. C. Rost, "Leadership is an influence relationship among leaders and collaborators who intend significant changes that reflect their mutual purposes" (1993). The point is, the PA District needs leaders to step up and fill ALL the vacant offices. Significant changes can be made in the District with a complete Team who can network with Chapters and reflect our mutual purposes to RIDE and support a successful District.

Thank you for the opportunity to serve as the PA District Directors in 2021. And many thanks to everyone who helped us during the year. We appreciate it!

All our best,

Tim & Crystal



From the District Educator

Hello PA District!

With the cold weather moving in I think that most of us have started to prepare the wings for winter storage.

Something you should consider doing before putting the wing away for the season is a **T-CLOCK** inspection.

TIRES: Your tires may need to be replaced. Now would be the time to start this project rather than waiting for the spring riding season to start.

CLUTCH: Check the clutch and brake reservoirs. Are they low in fluid or has the fluid turned a very dark color? If they have you should change both the clutch and brake fluid now.

LUBRICANTS: How long has it been since you changed your anti-freeze. Remember your anti-freeze has been working hard to keep your engine cool and to lubricate your water pump. **MAKE SURE** you use the proper anti-freeze when changing, as not all types of anti-freeze will work in your Wing.

OIL: You may wait until spring to change your oil but I personally do not think it is a good idea to leave the old oil in the engine over the winter because it contains acids as well as old oil has a tendency to turn to sludge as it sets and the dirt sinks to the bottom of the engine case.

CABLES & CONTROLS: You should check your throttle and choke cables for smooth operation. Make sure the throttle returns with a snap and to an idle when released. The choke, if equipped, also needs to work smoothly and to return to the open position.

KICKSTAND: Does your kickstand have free movement and a good spring to pull it up? Look at the switches and check the operation with the switch on. Check the center stand's return spring for smooth operation.

In addition to the T-Clock inspection, you should check the battery terminals and make sure they are clean and the water level in the battery is at the proper level (if it can be checked).

If you are not going to run your motorcycle at least once a month during storage, you should put the battery tender on to keep the level of charge up to the maximum level.

Last but not least you should clean up the wing, wax it and cover it for the winter storage season to protect it from dust.

If you take the above precautions, you should be ready to go in the spring and have an enjoyable riding season having done your preparation during the winter season while the bike is being stored.

Remember,
ALL THE GEAR ALL THE TIME. (ATGATT)
Most of all ride safe and have fun!
Your PA District Educators
Gerry and Bonnie Kerkeslager



Cream Wafers

This is a delicate, pastry-like cookie with rich filling.



Ingredients:

1 cup butter or margarine

1/3 cup whipping cream (35% butterfat)

2 cups all-purpose flour

Granulated sugar

Creamy Butter Filling (below)

Mix butter, cream, and flour thoroughly. Chill 1 hour. Heat oven to 375 degrees. Roll dough to 1/8 inch thick on floured board. Cut into 1 1/2 inch rounds. Transfer to waxed paper heavily sprinkled with sugar, turning to coat both sides. Place on ungreased baking sheet. Prick in 4 places with a fork. Bake 7 to 9 minutes or until slightly puffy. Put 2 cooled cookies together with filling. Makes about 5 dozen cookies.

Creamy Butter Filling

Blend 1/4 cup soft butter, 3/4 cup sifted confectioners' sugar and 1 teaspoon vanilla. If desired, tint with red and green.

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!



December Birthday Wishes!

1	Len Rovenski
6	Moe Hlatky
7	Joanie Lindsey
9	Ed Golanka
17	Tom Durdevich
26	Larry Collfield

December Anniversaries!

No Anniversaries to Report

REMINDERS

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

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!



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