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January 2022

January Gathering Sunday, January 9 Hoss's Belle Vernon

February Gathering

Sunday, February 6

Hoss's Belle Vernon

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Where We've Been

Dec 4 - Christmas Party - The event provided the perfect start-up to the holiday season. Everyone had a great time. As usually, we closed the place, although it was only 8:00PM. Eagles Landing was a gracious host and provided a delicious meal and a festive cake.. Paul and Joanie won the Ugly Sweater Contest. They deserved it, but we do think the judge was coerced by Joanie's charm.

Dec 5 – Sunday - December Gathering - Attendance has been increasing. This month we filled the room to capacity. That's a good problem to have.

Dec 12 - Sunday - Oakhurst Grille - Twenty-four members made the trek to Somerset for the brunch buffet. Everyone had a good time.

Dec 15 - Wednesday - Denny's - At the end of the meeting, we had identified activities for the first few months of 2022. The calendar is attached to this email.

Where We're Going

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.

Jan 20 - Wavie & Janes - The address is 121 West Apple Street, Connellsville. Dinner will begin at 6:30PM. Space is limited, so **reservations are required**.

Jan 23 - Charleroi Bowling Lanes - The address is 1301 Prospect Avenue, Charleroi. Bowling begins at 2:00 PM. We will bowl 3 games with a dinner to follow at Speers Street Grille, 121 Speers Street, Belle Vernon. Bowlers and cheerleaders are welcome.

Feb 6 – Sunday - December Gathering - We have scheduled a Gathering to be held at Hoss's in Belle Vernon. The address is 148 Finley Road. Meal service will begin at 11:00AM, with the Gathering beginning sometime thereafter. Room is not available until 11:00AM, so there is no need to come early.



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Howdy Folks,

The holidays are now over. Hope everyone had a joyful time. The new year is now upon us and its time to look ahead. I want to thank Jim and Kathie and their staff for the great job they have done for this chapter. We had our ride schedule meeting on 12/15/21 and discussed the ride schedule for a 6-month period.

For the winter months we will gather at Hoss's Steak House in Belle Vernon PA. They open at 11Am, and our gathering will start shortly



after. Due to the shortage of waitresses, we are limited to only 3 entrees, you can add the salad bar to your order or just choose the salad bar. The 3 entrees we have chosen for the month of January are as follows. The Willie Burger, Classic Chicken Sandwich, or the Fried Whitefish Sandwich. Or you can just order the salad bar.

At our ride schedule meeting we kicked around the idea of moving our gather from the 1st Sunday of the month to a Saturday or someday for an evening gather on a weeknight. Jim will send out a survey in the next few weeks to see what our members would like. We will need to pick a new gathering place starting in April so we can start our 2022 riding season.

I will have a suggestion box at our gathering for our members to give their input for an event or dinner ride which were unable to attend the ride schedule. I am also asking our members to look for a restaurant that can take 30 or more people and of course has good food for the start of our gatherings in April.

Your new officers for 2022 are as follows.

- Renny DiBartolomeo (Chapter Director)
- Sharon Golanka (Treasurer)
- Sam Gallo (Ride Coordinator)

The support staff includes:

- Jim McClintock (Newsletter Editor)
- Len Rovenski (Webmaster)
- Joanie Lindsay (Goodies)

We still need to fill the office for an Assistant Director and The Couple of the Year. If you are interested, please let one of your officers know. I hope this year will be great for all our members. Please come out and enjoy the rides and the events.

Until we meet again.

Happy Trails,

Renny and Lois DiBartolomeo Chapter Directors



10+ Motorcycle Facts: Interesting Facts About Motorcycles

- What was the longest distance for riding a motorcycle? The longest distance for riding a motorcycle was 2,019.4 miles in a 24 hour period. The record was set by an American and that American was L. Russell Vaughn. L. Russell "Rusty" Vaughn was for the Continental Tire Test Track on August 10, 2011. The location was Uvalde, <u>Texas</u>, <u>USA</u>, and Vaughn did use his own Harley-Davidson FLHTK Electra Glide Limited 2010 bike. He completed 238 laps on the test track and won himself a place in the Guinness Book of World Records.
- 2. Actor Erik Estrada from the **popular TV cop series from the 1970s called** CHIPS, had to have an intense 8-week course on how to learn to ride a motorbike for the television show. He also didn't have an existing motorcycle license at all during the whole time that CHIPS was in production as a series.
- **3.** A lot of today's leading **motorcycle companies did have very humble beginnings.** What does this mean? It means that they didn't start out designing and producing motorcycles. For example, Ducati was a family owned business that started out in 1935. They opened their business in Bologna, Italy, and was first known for making radio parts before building motorized bicycles.
- 4. Insurance companies say that up to 25% of the bike theft claims received by them are fake.
- 5. The first gas-powered motorcycle was invented by Gottlieb Daimler of Germany in 1885. The motorcycle was built from a wooden frame with a gas engine attached to it. The motorcycle had iron rims and wooden spokes. However, the bike did not deliver a comfortable ride because of the lack of much suitable pneumatic tires.
- 6. Honda, Yamaha, and Hero MotoCorp are the world's three leading motorcycle manufacturers.
- 7. When cornering a bike, the front tire provides almost 75% of the grip.
- 8. **If you are** obsessed with high speed, learn that the **first production motorcycle to cross 100mph was the Brough Superior.** And the first man to reach the speed of 300mph on a bike was Don Vesco in 1975.
- **9.** In the U.S., according to the National Highway Transport Safety Administration's riders in the age group of **40-55 years are highly prone to get killed in a motorcycle accident.**
- **10.** Almost 75% of the motorcycle accidents happen due to their collision with another automobile; and **intersections are the most common place for motorcycle accidents.**
- 10+ Use of **motorcycle helmets** was made compulsory after the ground-breaking research led by Dr Hugh Cairns after the death of Colonel T.E. Lawrence ("Lawrence of Arabia") who was fatally injured in a motorcycle accident. The research concluded that the adoption of crash helmets as standard by both military and civilian motorcyclists would result in considerable saving of life.

From the Editor's Desk

Happy New Year

It's a cliché, but now is the time to take a moment, reflect on the past, and set some goals for the future. We've all done it; lose weight, exercise, organize the garage, spend less time on the couch. It seems the only interesting thing about those resolutions, is tracking how long it takes until all resolutions have been broken or totally ignored.

But this year, 2022, is going to be different. Kathie and I are committed to following our resolutions every day for the next 365 days. "Impossible", you say. Not at all. You just need to carefully choose your resolutions.

Our list is rather long, but certainly the following would be included. Ride more. Eat more ice cream. Never miss a new Hallmark movie. Schedule appointments after 10:00AM. At least once a day, proudly walk past all that exercise equipment in the basement without any guilt or remorse.

So what would be your resolutions for 2022 that you are willing to make with confidence that you will meet your goals? Give it some thought.

Happy New Year!

Participation Pins

Every year, the Chapter recognizes those members attending various events. A member earns one point for each event attended, and an additional point if they ride their bike. This year, **Paul Richardson** had the most participation points with 55. Paul was also the leader last year with 19 points. Quite a difference. Pins will be distributed at the next Gathering. Oh, and for Paul's award for this dubious honor, he gets to be the Chapter flower for yet another year.

Fish Fry

As we have done in prior years, we are scheduling a tour of our favorite Lenten Fish Fry locations. At January's Gathering we will be collecting the names of those locations, so be sure to let us know where you suggest we go. The list of selected locations will be distributed at the March Gathering.

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Survey

In the next few weeks, we will be emailing you a survey to collect your thoughts on a variety of topics, including such things as Gathering location, Gathering times, ride destinations and general preferences. When you receive your email, please take a few minutes to complete the survey. Your participation is greatly appreciated.

Bowling Extravaganza

After an exhaustive search, Charleroi Bowling Lanes has been selected as the location of the inaugural Chapter E Bowling Extravaganza. The address is 1301 Prospect Avenue, Charleroi. The event is being held on Sunday, January 23, with bowling to begin promptly at 2:00PM. Food service is available at the bowling lanes.

If you are interested in bowling, or just wish to come and cheer for those bowling, please sign up at the Gathering, or let us know you are coming.

Reservations for dinner following the bowling have been made at the Speers Street Grille, 121 Speers Street, Belle Vernon.

Calendar

In December, a group of members met to prepare the activities schedule for 2022. Even though the presence of COVID continues to loom, we have prepared a calendar of events for the first few months of 2022. A copy of the calendar through June is attached to this newsletter.

On April 5th, we have scheduled another meeting to finish the calendar for the remainder of the year. Everyone is welcome to attend. We are looking for ideas for ride destinations, including overnight stays.



As of this writing, the following PA District officer positions are vacant:

- 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

Responsibilities of the District Directors are currently being addressed by Tom & Renee Wasluck. If you have any questions or wish to apply for a District position, please contact them at <u>tom.renee11@gmail.com</u>.

From the District Educator

Hello PA District

With another year in the past it is time to turn in your mileage from 2021. I sent the 4qt REP report (rider education report) to your chapter directors and a excel spread sheet listing the current safe miles and current high miles as listed in the riders education database. There is a lot of missing miles and some very low miles which might not be right. I would like for every rider and co-rider to turn in their miles whether your in the levels program or not, and if you're not in the levels program please consider joining this year.

I would like everyone to please check to see that there listed mileage is correct and or add you if you're not on the spreadsheet and then have the 2021 miles added to the spread sheet, if the listed mileage is not correct then please make the changes on the spread sheet and to include the 2021 miles to the changes for both safe and high miles. Safe miles is the total miles without a accident since joining the GWRRA and high miles is the total miles owned.

Please contact me with any questions.

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



Chapter E Cookbook

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 ½ 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 ¼ cup soft butter, ¾ 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 jcm@nb.net or Jim McClintock, 112 Trotwood Drive, Monroeville, PA 15146. The Recipe Corner needs you!



A thought-provoking gift.

Here is one of my Christmas gifts from Kathie this year. I'm not exactly sure what the message is, but I definitely think she is trying to tell me something. Any thoughts?



Other Stuff

January Birthday Wishes!

- 8 Marty Wood
- 13 Orv McConnell
- 16 Deb Durdevich
- 23 Sherry Killmeyer
- 17 Tom Durdevich

January Anniversaries!

- 13 Len & Patsy Rovenski
- 20 Jim & Kathie McClintock

REMINDERS

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

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!



As of December 15, 2021

Chapter PA-E 2022 Ride Schedule







