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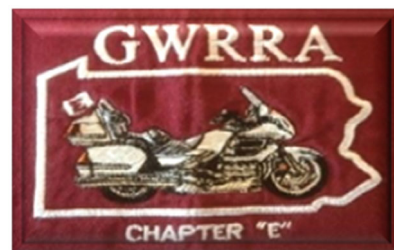
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**March
2022**

**March Gathering
Sunday, March 6
Hoss's Belle Vernon**

**April Gathering
Sunday, April 3
Eagle's Landing**

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Where We've Been

Feb 6 – Sunday - February Gathering - Thirteen members attended this month's Gathering.

Feb 16 - River House Cafe - Food and service were great at the restaurant. The usual crowd of culprits were in attendance.

Feb 22 - Bill's Golfland - Sixteen members were in attendance. With the temperature at 60° in February, what better time to schedule an ice cream ride.

Where We're Going

Mar 6 – Sunday - March 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.

Mar 13 - Chapter D Bowling Challenge - See attached flyer for information.

Mar 15 - Grand China Buffet - The address is 301 Oak Spring Road, Washington. Dinner will begin at 6:30PM.

Mar 19 - Saturday - Anniversary Party - The Anniversary Party is scheduled for the Lamplighter Restaurant, 6566 Route 22, Delmont. Doors open at 6:00PM. Reservation deadline is March 5th and is required. A flyer is attached to this newsletter.

Mar 25 - Friday - Fish Fry - The location is the Our Lady of the Miraculous Medal Church at 300 Pike Street, Meadowlands. Meeting time is 4:30PM.

Mar 30 - Speers Street Grille - The address is 121 Speers Avenue, Belle Vernon. Meeting time is 6:30PM.

Apr 3 – Sunday - April Gathering - We will be returning to Eagles Landing Restaurant. The address is 503 Airport Road, Belle Vernon. Breakfast will begin at 9:30AM with the Gathering to follow.

Apr 5 - Tuesday - Ride Schedule Meeting - All members are invited to assist in organizing the ride schedule for the remainder of the year. It is being held at the Smithton Truck Stop at The Denny's Restaurant on April 5th at 5:30pm 122 Fitz Henrey Road, Smithton PA. Everyone is welcome.

Save The Dates

Apr 24 - Sunday - Murrysville Alliance Church Bike Blessing - Flyer attached.

Aug 6 - Sunday - Ride for Hunger - Details to be provided at a later date.

Sep 18 - Sunday - Ride for Kids - Details to be provided at a later date.

From the Director's Chair

Howdy Folks,

We are getting closer to Spring riding season. I think all of us are getting tired of the cold and snow. I am sure we all will welcome the warm weather.

I wanted to take this time to congratulate Jim and Kathie McClintock on their new position as District Treasurer. Chapter E wishes them the best of luck.



Our chapter gathering will be held on March 6th at Hoss's Steak House. Doors open at 11:00AM, please come a few minutes after so we have time to set up the room. Our choices for lunch are as follows. The Little Willie Burger, Classic Chicken Sandwich, or Philly Cheese Steak. All sandwiches come with fries. You can also order the salad bar if you prefer.

Jim has put out the chapter survey and we have had some interesting suggestions. After calculating the responses, it looks like we will be returning to Eagles Landing Restaurant on Sunday April 3rd at 9:30AM in Rostraver PA. Hope to see you there.

Our chapter has been invited to Chapter D Bowling Challenge at the Mars Lanes on March 13th from 2:00PM to 4:00PM. Dinner will be at 4:30PM at the Smokey Bones Restaurant at 262 Mars Valencia Road Mars, PA. We will have a signup sheet at our March 6th gathering if you would like to join us.

The reservations and payments for our Chapter Anniversary Party on March 19th must be turned in by our March 6th gathering. The theme for the party will be to celebrate St Patrick Day, so please wear your best green outfit to celebrate the night.

We have put out a suggestion sheet for the Best Fish Fries for the Lenten season, please take the time to put down your favorite locations. We will check and see if your location is serving sandwiches and dinners and has a place so we can gather.

We will be having a ride schedule meeting to finish out the 2022 riding season at the Smithton Truck Stop at The Denny's Restaurant on April 5th at 5:30pm 122 Fitz Henrey Road Smithton PA. all are welcome. Until we meet again!

Happy Trails,
Renny Dibartolomeo



A Little Lighter Side for March

I try to explain to a four year old boy that it's perfectly normal to accidentally poop your pants, but he's still making fun of me.

A diplomatic man is someone who remembers a woman's birthday but never remembers her age.

Aging gracefully is what a nice way of saying you're slowly looking worse.

At what age is it appropriate to tell my dog he's adopted?

I always feel better when my doctor says something is normal for my age but then I think dying will also be normal for my age at some point.

They tell you that you'll lose your mind when you grow older. What they don't tell you is you don't won't miss it very much.

There are seven stages of life for humans; spills, drills, thrills, bills, ills, pills and wills.

Work hard and save your money and when you are old you'll be able to buy things that only the young can enjoy.

Doctor says to the patient you have the body of a 20 year old but you should return it. You're stretching it completely out of shape.

I just burnt 2000 calories this afternoon.....That's the last time I'm taking an afternoon nap with brownies in the oven.

I went out drinking on St. Patrick's Day, so I took a bus home... That may not be a big deal to you but I've never driven a bus before.

Ten perks of being over 70 and heading towards 80!

1. Kidnappers are not interested in you.
2. In a hostage situation you are likely to be released first.
3. No one expects you to run ----- anywhere.
4. People call you up at 8 PM and ask "Did I wake you up?"
5. People no longer view you as a hypochondriac.
6. There's nothing left to learn the hard way.
7. Things you buy now won't wear out.
8. You can eat supper before 5 PM.
9. You can live without sex but not without your glasses.
10. Your supply of brain cells is finally coming down to a manageable size.

From the Editor's Desk

Back in the day it was not unusual to arrive at a Gathering and see forty two-wheelers sitting in the parking lot. When we scheduled a ride, neither time nor distance was that critical, but rather the focus was on the destination and how many twisties it would take to get there. And when you flipped open Wing World, the focus was on cross-country trips, bling for your bike and DIY projects for those who were not mechanically challenged.



At some point, I don't know exactly when, but things started to change. Everyone still had the desire to feel the breeze in their face, but the task became more difficult, to the point where two wheels became three and scheduling bathroom breaks was just as important as the route taken. We still had just as much fun. It was just different.

And today, when you arrive at a Gathering, it is likely that you will see just as many cars as bikes, and certainly fewer of both. That full page ad in Wing World for lift chairs or portable scooters is also a good indicator how things are changing for those of us who have been involved in GWRRA. Don't get me wrong. We may not ride as far or as long, but those of us still here are still having fun.

Admittedly, Chapter E illustrates the above scenario. When Renny and Lois became Chapter Directors a month or so ago, they were quick to acknowledge the trend. Where Kathie and I had focused on getting more bikes in the parking lot, they have focused on getting more butts in the seats. The result of their focus has been that, over the past couple of months, members of Chapter E who haven't been seen for awhile are magically reappearing. It has provided the opportunity to renew old friendships and continue the comradery. For that I say "Well done and thank you."

And, if you're sitting there reading this article, and it's been awhile since you've been to a Chapter activity, why not join us. You might be surprised who'll be sitting there with you.

Now, my only question for Renny and Lois is, "You're on a roll. What's next?"

Fish Fry

After gathering suggestions and doing some research, we have discovered that many of our favorite fish fry venues are out of business. Between COVID and supply chain issues, many places have decided it's just not worth the effort. So we're going to scale back as well. We have selected one site for March and then next month we'll select another site. The March Fish Fry is scheduled for the Our Lady of the Miraculous Medal Church at 300 Pike Street, Meadowlands. We've been there before and it's excellent. Meeting time is 4:30PM.

Survey

We had fourteen survey's completed and the responses provided some very useful information. The results indicated that Eagle's Landing is our favorite place and Sunday morning is our most popular time. So based upon that, Renny has scheduled us for Eagles Landing beginning in April. The March Gathering will still be at Hosses. Thanks to everyone who participated in the survey.

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Chapter D Bowling Challenge

In January, we gathered our finest bowlers for a preliminary evaluation of the bowling talent we had available in Chapter E. This was done in anticipation of the Chapter D Bowling Challenge being held in March. We wanted to be sure we would be putting our best athletes on the lanes for this competition.

Well, the data from our January bowling extravaganza have been extensively analyzed, with the results painting a very clear picture. Given the level of competition we anticipate and our talent pool, it has been determined that the probability of us winning is about the same whether we show up or not.

That being said, our team (probably about eight brave souls) will still be lacing up their shoes, putting on a brave face and charging into battle. We will also be taking a squad of cheerleaders with us. So, regardless of our performance, we'll be making lots of noise.

If you haven't signed up to join us, it's not too late. There is a flyer attached, so if you can make it, we'd love to have you.

Calendar

A copy of the calendar of events through June is attached to this newsletter.

Membership Cards

This may not affect you, but GWRRA National has announced that they will be unable to issue membership cards until April. It appears there is a shortage of paper stock that is required to print the cards. If the powers that be are using the wood pulp to make toilet paper rather than membership cards, I'm good with that.

Save The Dates

As motorcyclists, we have always supported worthwhile causes. There are two that we have supported in the past and we would encourage you to support them this year.

On September 18th, the **Western Ride For Kids** is being held as a fundraiser to support the Pediatric Brain Tumor foundation. Although specific details are not yet available, the ride typically begins and ends in Cranberry Township and includes food and entertainment. You can register for the ride at <http://www.curethekids.org/events/ride-for-kids/>

On Saturday, August 6th, the **Ride Against Hunger** is being held to support the Mt Pleasant Food Pantry. This fundraiser is dedicated in the memory of Pat Zelmores. All bikes and cars are welcome, and I can tell you from personal experience, this is one of the best rides of the season. The trip through the Laurel Highlands is great and the meal served at the end of the ride is second to none. Details will be made available some time in the near future.

From the District Director

Hey!! I'm still here! Yeah, I'm a little surprised too. I knew there was going to be paperwork, but boy is there paperwork! Once we get through the initial avalanche, things should settle down. Yeah, I know the paperwork is important, but it gets old in a hurry.

Speaking of this avalanche, I know most of the Chapter Treasurers and Chapter Directors are working on getting their Checking Account Signature Cards updated at their banks. Most of you are ahead of me! There are a couple that need to get started. If you are in this group, please get going on it. It would be appreciated.



I don't like making plans for the day because then the word 'Premeditated' gets thrown around the courtroom.

On to more pleasant subjects. So what does a District Director do besides paperwork? The biggest feat I accomplished this past month was grabbing the PA District Trailer from our former District Directors, Tim & Crystal. This was not as easy as it sounds. Tim & Crystal live on the west side of the state. Barb & I live on the east side. A big thanks to Tim & Crystal for meeting us halfway in Clearfield to do the exchange. Also, a big shoutout to Tim & Crystal for the donation of the hitch ball & mount. This trailer takes an odd sized ball, 2⁵/₁₆. Thank you very much for the donation. Now if you do not know, Clearfield is home to Denny's Beer Barrel Pub, home of the 50 lb hamburger. No typo. You have to give them a week or two notice if you want one. All the food there is very good. Barb & I have sampled it several times and Chapter R (our home Chapter) ate there when attending the District Staff Meeting this past fall. With over a two hour drive for Tim & Crystal and us, neither of us was interested in taking time to relax. So it was a quick switch and back on the road for both of us. Now that does not mean Barb & I went home hungry. We know a place in Mill Hall we like to stop at when we get a chance, Curt's Smokin' Ribs. Best damn ribs on the planet from my viewpoint....errrr eatpoint. Plenty of room to park the trailer and a great meal, as usual. They have a lot of great looking items on their menu. But I love the ribs so much I have yet to try anything else. I keep promising myself.....

Can you imagine how freakin' sexy I'd be if I ate right and took care of my body? I mean.... I'm not going to, but can you imagine?

You can see the only picture taken on the trip to pick up the trailer was my food. So you can see where Barb's and my priorities lie. We did get the trailer home with no incident. I have a 30 foot four place, inline snowmobile trailer I routinely pull. This Pa District Trailer is only 19 foot and pulls harder. I couldn't figure out why until I opened it up and looked inside. There is no room to put anything else in there! Completely packed! No wonder it pulled hard! Come spring I'll have to give you an idea of what is stored in there, once I figure it out.

With the rise of self-driving vehicles, it's only a matter of time until there's a country song where the guy's truck leaves him.

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I'm writing this article the beginning of February as I figured I would not have time later. I am leaving to on Feb 3 to chase snow in Maine for a week. I figure my email Inbox will be pretty full when I get back. I'll give you a report on my trip in April's Newsletter. And I'll make sure I take more pictures of the trip and not just what I eat.

When I do get back, my first priority is going to be the PA District Rally at the Pittsburgh Marriot in September. Living on the opposite side of the state, I'm going to need plenty of help with boots on the ground to make this a successful rally. I will be making a lot of phone calls. If you have ideas and would like to help, contact me. Having been cancelled, I'd like to make this a very special rally.

The worst time to have a heart attack is during a game of charades.

Next month, spring will be right around the corner.

Dennis & Barb Smouse
District Directors
Pennsylvania



Hello PA District

Never get too comfortable

Consider some statistics from the Hurt Report about riding experience: If the average risk is considered to be 1.0 and above 1.0 is a higher than average risk and below 1.0 is less than average risk, consider the following chart for experience and riding:

Experience Riding in Traffic Risk

0-6 months 1.40

7-12 months 0.96

13-24 months 0.93

25-36 months 1.52

37-48 months 0.98

48+ months 0.83



Statistics from Hurt Report

Looking at these numbers as expected the new rider has an above average risk.

From 6 months to 24 months riders are about average risk. Thinking about this time frame a rider's skills are proficient and they are still maintaining a respect for the risk associated with riding. They are trying to be safe. From 25 to 36 months there is a drastic rise in a rider's risk. Why does this happen? The theory here is riders get comfortable, perhaps think they have learned it all, they have not had an accident or good scare in a while and start getting a little cocky perhaps. After 36 months risk drop below average. Theory for me here is during the 25-36 month stage those that stopped being vigilant either died, were scared into better practices, or wised up for other reasons. Result is if you can remain vigilant during the 2-3 year time frame, after your 3 year anniversary most riders are better and better as time goes on, no playing around. We should never become too comfortable. It can happen at any time. Always remember, you can

Reduce your risk by being vigilant mentally while riding. Being safe is more mental than physical skills, just because you know how to physically operate your ride, we must keep a high level of mental attention always, or do not ride. Stay vigilant mentally while riding on every ride, no matter how long you have been riding.

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

Most of all ride safe and have fun
PA District Educators
Gerry and Bonnie Kerkeslager



March Birthday Wishes!

7	Wally Lips
13	Carl Ansell
21	Dave Mazon

March Anniversaries!

No one Got Married this Month

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.



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

wing-ding.org to register.

Mark Your Calendars!

Chapter PA-E 2022 Ride Schedule

January

S	M	T	W	T	F	S
						1 Polar Bear Run
2	3	4	5	6	7	8
9 Gathering Hoss's	10	11	12	13	14	15
16	17	18	19	20 Wavie & Janes	21	22
23 Charleroi Lanes	24	25	26	27	28	29
30	31					

February

S	M	T	W	T	F	S
		1	2	3	4	5
6 Gathering Hoss's	7	8	9	10	11	12
13	14	15	16 River House	17	18	19
20	21	22 Bill's Golfland Ice Cream	23	24	25	26
27	28					

March

S	M	T	W	T	F	S
		1	2	3	4 Fish Fry 4:30PM	5
6 Gathering Hoss's	7	8	9	10	11 Fish Fry 4:30PM	12
13	14	15 Grand China Buffet	16	17	18 Fish Fry 4:30PM Anniversary Party	19
20	21	22	23	24	25 Fish Fry 4:30PM	26
27	28	29	30 Spear Street Grill	31		

April

S	M	T	W	T	F	S
					1 Fish Fry 4:30PM	2
3 Gathering TBA	4	5 Ride Mtg Denny's	6 Pepper Mill	7	8 Fish Fry 4:30PM	9
10	11	12	13	14	15 Fish Fry 4:30PM	16
17	18	19	20	21	22 Spring House Ice Cream	23
Mumysville Bike Blessing	25	26	27	28	29	30

As of December 15, 2021

Chapter PA-E
2022 Ride Schedule

May

S	M	T	W	T	F	S
1 Gathering	2	3	4	5	6 Que Creek Aumers	7
8	9	10	11	12 Port Dover Rally	13	14
15	16	17	18 Handel's Ice Cream	19	20	21
22	23	24 Luciano's	25	26	27	28
29	30	31				

June

S	M	T	W	T	F	S
			1	2	3	4
5 Gathering	6	7	8 Glanelli's	9	10	11
12	13	14	15 Country Custard Cottage	16 Americade	17	18 Cool Springs Day Trip
19	20	21	22	23	24 Hen House Day Trip	25
26	27	28	29	30		
				Wing Ding		

July

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

August

S	M	T	W	T	F	S
	1	2	3	4	5 Hopkins Store	6 Ride Against Hunger
7	8	9	10	11	12	13
14 Annual Picnic	15	16	17	18	19	20
21	22	23	24	25	26	27
28	29	30	31			



GWRRRA Chapter PA. E Anniversary Party

Date: Saturday, March 19th, 2022

Where: Lamplighter Restaurant 6566 Route 22 Delmont PA.

Time: Doors Open at 6:00PM, Dinner served at 6:30PM

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

There will be prizes awarded for the person who can guess the number of coins that are in the pots of gold at the end of the rainbow. Please wear something Green to celebrate the occasion.

Reservation Slip

Name _____ Guest _____ Phone 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(\$25)	Non-Members (\$30)	Amount Due (\$)
Boneless Stuffed Chicken Breast _____	_____	_____	_____
Roast Sirloin of Beef _____	_____	_____	_____
		Total Due	_____

Dinners include Tossed Salad with house dressings, Vegetable, dessert, bread and butter, coffee or tea. Please send your reservation slip and payment to Sharon Golanka 647 South Ridge Rd. Coal Center, PA. 15423. Make checks payable to GWRRRA PA. Chapter E. All reservations and payments Must be received by March 6th. For more information contact Lois DiBartolomeo at dibart122@hotmail.com

Chapter "D" BOWLING Tournament



Sunday March 13th

2:00PM to 4:00 PM

Mars Lanes,

262 Mars Valencia Road, Mar PA,

\$3.50 per game / Shoes are free

Sign up on GroupWorks

Dinner at Smokey Bones at 4:30 PM

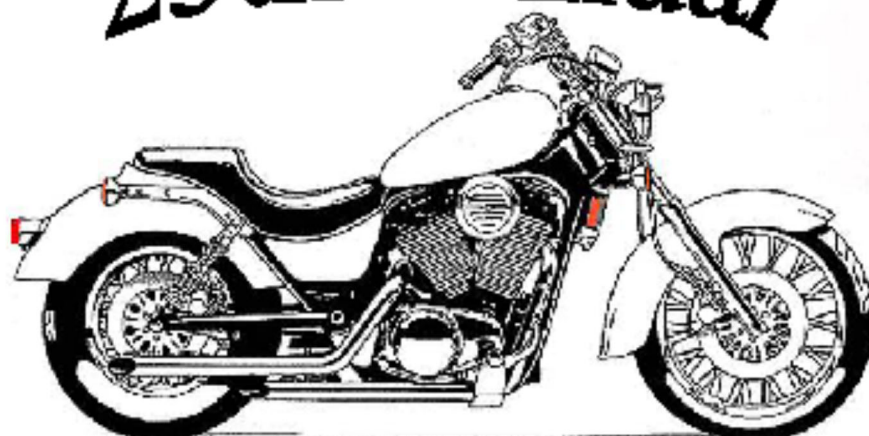
1708 PA-228, Cranberry Twp, 16066

Contact Alan Cowfer 412-290-3303 or Ellie Cowfer 412-952-3506

Rain
Or
Shine!!

25th Annual

Rain
Or
Shine!!



Blessing of The Bikes!

→ All Bikers Welcome ←

Sunday, April 24th

Murrysville Alliance Church

4130 Old William Penn Highway
Murrysville PA

12:30 PM (After Service)

All Bikers are Invited to Morning Service

Free Coffee &
Donuts!!

at

11:00 AM

Free Ride Pins
& Year Bars!!

Come Ready to Ride!!

For Information Call: (724) 327-7206