

GOLD WING ROAD RIDERS ASSOCIATION

PA CHAPTER 'K'

JUNE 2020

Gathering Place

Brothers Diner

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FROM YOUR CHAPTER DIRECTOR

Another month has gone by without a Gathering or not having any events or socializing with the members as a group. Although members have been staying in touch by phone, emails, and GroupWorks, it isn't the same as face-to-face.

We would like to welcome home for the summer: Jeff & Sandy, Todd & Debbie, and Dick & Becky.

On May 14th, there was a Zoom call with the Chapter Directors, District Directors, and the GWRRA Directors. It was mainly to see how the Chapters were doing and to share what was being done to stay in touch with the members. Some Chapters have had a lot of COVID-19 related issues, and some not so. As you can tell from GroupWorks and the Chapter web site, all events have been canceled so far this year and most likely there will be more to come. There were, however, a couple of general items on the call that were discussed:

(1) Levels Program. If your level is set to expire during 2020, it will be good to the end of the year; options are being evaluated for 2021. There is more to come on this.

(2) The State Sponsored Riders Courses have been eliminated. The company who had the contract terminated it.

DISTRICT WEBSITE: www.gwrrapadist.org

GWRRA WEBSITE: www.gwrra.org

Every Sunday when nothing else is scheduled, meet at Marshall's, Silver Springs Commons, Rte 114, Mechanicsburg, PA at 8 a.m. for a breakfast ride.

Exercising Social Distancing and taking up ALL of Rick's garage, the Chapter Team met on May 31st to discuss how to get the chapter moving again, in a safe and good direction. Most likely our traditional style of a June Gathering will also be canceled. We are exploring the possibility of having a Gathering, but with a different look and feel to it; more to come on that as we get closer to the date.

The Country Junction ride for July 19th has been canceled, and the ride to Gravity Hill was pushed out to August 30th.

I also shared with the Team that Judy and I will be stepping down as Directors at the end of this year. If anyone is interested in becoming an Assistant Director or even a Director please let us know.

Stay Safe – See you soon.

Gary & Judy Roberts
PA-K Chapter Directors



FLAG DAY IS SUNDAY, JUNE 14, 2020

REFRIGERATOR MAGNET PAGE

Print this page and stick it on your refrigerator for our upcoming events
Flyers, unless otherwise noted, can be obtained from our website, www.gwrra-pa-k.org

PA CHAPTER 'K' EVENTS:

NOTE: ALL events below are *PENDING* until we get the word that we can resume normal activities. We will send out an email update once we get the word that businesses are open and we can gather.

JULY:

- 7/1/20 -- Wednesday – Ice Cream at 3B's, Route 225. Meet at the Summerdale Plaza, Enola at 5:30 p.m.
- 7/11/20 – Saturday – Dinner Ride to Frontier BBQ, Route 16, Roxbury. Details to follow.
- 7/15/20 – Wednesday – CKF Breakfast, Front Street Diner, 4003 N. Front Street, Harrisburg. 9 a.m.
- 7/26/20 – Sunday – Chapter 'K' Gathering at Brothers Diner, eat at 8; gathering at 8:30.

AUGUST:

- 8/6/20 – Thursday – Ice Cream at Sugar Shack, 101 W. 1st Street, Boiling Springs, 6 p.m.
- 8/19/20 – Wednesday – CKF Breakfast, Brownstone Café, 1 N. Union Street, Middletown, PA, 9 a.m.
- 8/23/20 – Sunday – Chapter 'K' Gathering at Brothers Diner, eat at 8; gathering at 8:30.
- 8/30/20 – Sunday – Ride to Gravity Hill, New Paris, PA. Details to follow.

OTHER GWRRA EVENTS:

JUNE:

- 6/26-28/20 – Friday to Sunday – Chapter 'C' Campout at Roxbury Holiness Camp. Fireworks weekend.

JULY:

- 7/10-12/20 – Friday to Sunday – Chapter 'C' Campout at Roxbury Holiness Camp. Corn Boil weekend.
- 7/11/20 – Saturday – PA Chapter 'E' Ride Against Hunger, Bridgeport Sportsmen's Club, 265 Hammond ville Street, Mt. Pleasant, PA. Rain or shine, \$25 per vehicle. Registration/money goes to Mt. Pleasant Food Pantry, 116 N. Depot Street, Mt. Pleasant, PA 15666. Registration from 10-11:45; safety meeting at 11:50; kickstands up at noon.
- 7/18/20 – Saturday – PA Chapter 'R' Gumball Ride, Comfort Inn, Sayre, PA.

AUGUST:

- 8/1/20 – Saturday – Chapter 'W' Bug Run, Bedford Food Pantry, 140 School Street, Bedford, PA.
- 8/6-9/20 – Thursday to Sunday – New York District Rally, Hope Lake Lodge/Green Peak Mountain Resort, Cortland, NY.
- 8/16/20 – Sunday – PA District Ride-In. Details to follow.
- 8/21-22/20 – Friday & Saturday – Chapter 'T' Hillbilly Camping, Hickory Hollow Campground.

SEPTEMBER:

- 9/11-13/20 – Friday to Sunday – All Chapters East hosted by PA-X, Bodnarosa Motel & Campground, Bedford, PA.
- 9/19/20 – Saturday – PA-B Spring Fling, Lancaster Central Park, Pavilion #22, Lancaster, PA.

NOVEMBER:

- 11/7/20 – Saturday – PA Officers Conference, Trinity United Methodist Church, Clearfield, PA.

FROM YOUR ASSISTANT CHAPTER DIRECTOR

Our topic this month is an important one – the Chapter. Rick and I are probably not going to be stepping up as the Chapter Directors at the end of the year when Gary and Judy step down. We are still looking at moving/downsizing, and it wouldn't be fair to take over and then 3 months later announce that we are leaving. This brings us to the topic at hand – Chapter 'K' needs people willing to step up and take over the leadership reins. We need to identify a new Assistant now, to step up in January 2021. If no one is willing to do that, then the Chapter could close down. If we knew for sure we were going to stay in Central Pennsylvania, we would be willing to take an office to keep the Chapter alive and well. We know this is an issue for many, many Chapters, but the sad truth is that it takes all Chapter members to be willing to help out to keep it as a functioning Chapter.

On Sunday, May 31st, we had a Chapter Team meeting at our house. When Gary set up the meeting, he left it to us to pick the menu and advise those who were invited to attend since we volunteered to hold it at our house, so we could make sure we were covering any special dietary needs, etc. When I sent that email out, I had some reply asking what they could bring. Rick and I told them to bring ideas to get this Chapter moving in a positive direction and that's all.

We happened to speak to a couple of Chapter members prior to the Team Meeting, and point-blank asked what they would like to see improved, what they do like, what they don't like, etc. The responses we got were as follows, and I have taken the liberty to edit them to make sure everyone reading this understands the point they are trying to get across:

RIDES:

-- There are not enough breaks scheduled during the ride for those who need a restroom or need to eat for medical reasons. We have several members who are diabetic, and they must have a break to check their sugar levels, and eat something if necessary. We must take care of our members.

-- The tailgunner bike ends up riding well over the speed limit to keep up with the bikes ahead of them. The lead bike needs to be considerate of the bike in the rear of the group. The other part of this issue is the accordion effect – speeding up/slowing down during the rides.

-- The length of a ride, beginning to end, unless going to a special destination, should be a maximum of 3 hours. Some people just can't ride longer than that.

-- When the leader or participant asks over the CB if someone needs a break and no one says yes or responds, and the leader decides to stop (and this has happened to us), you about get run over by everyone headed for the rest room. There is no shame in saying, "yes, I need a break".

-- No one seems to want to do an overnight ride anymore. Again, COVID-19 has put a halt to that but even prior to the pandemic, we had very few, if any, overnight rides. Cost and time off were a factor.

-- Due to the requirement of 40 points to obtain the maximum amount for Roll for the Dough, some have no desire to go visit another Chapter for the sake of a point for the RFTD program. It seems virtually impossible to obtain the 40-point requirement.

EVENTS:

-- While we know it will probably be a long time before we can safely meet at a restaurant, sit together, and enjoy a meal, a monthly or quarterly dinner ride would be nice.

-- Cost of a dinner ride. Some feel if it is too expensive, they will not attend. Trying to find places that are reasonably priced and accommodate a group can sometimes be difficult.

-- Zoom calls. For those who do not have unlimited talk, text, and data on their phone, or unlimited internet, they are reluctant to join a zoom call. Believe it or not, there still are some areas where you cannot get unlimited internet or 5G.

TEAM MEETING NOTES: Gatherings will have to be at a Pavilion or someone's back yard so we can stay safe. We need ideas on where we can meet. John Leib checked with Monroe Township about their pavilion in the park and was told they are not accepting any reservations at this time due to COVID-19. I will be checking with South Middleton Township and Dillsburg Boro about their pavilions in their parks, but I suspect I will get the same response. I will advise Gary when I ask this coming week.

NEWSLETTER: I will continue to do the newsletter as long as we are here. I will notify the Chapter Director if/when the time comes that we plan to relocate.

Ride safe! Hope to see you next month.

Rick & Vicki Larson
Your ACDs

June 21st is:



FROM YOUR MEC

Happy June from your MEC. Does it feel like June to you? I've been working through the Virus, and I'm glad for June since I get to go back to my regular working hours. No more working until 6 p.m.- YEAH!!!

With the Virus, a lot of things have been canceled that we would normally be doing with the group, and I've missed that. I've seen a few people, talked to a few people, but it's just not the same. I'm hoping that June will bring us all back together somewhere.

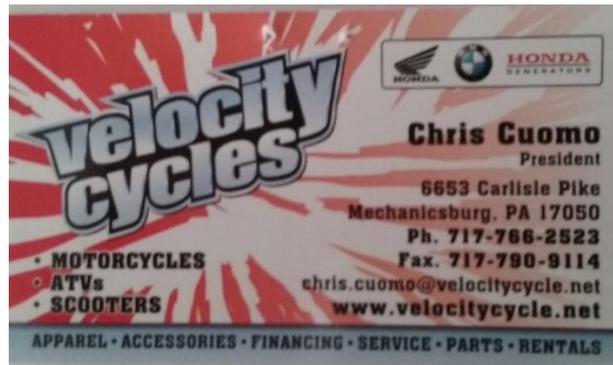
I had a little chat with Carol Long today. She is having a lot of pain in her shoulder and is waiting for the doctor to call with a surgery date. I also talked to Deb Hampson, they are doing good. They have taken a few bike rides over the last few weeks. Deb did tell me that Dick Mentzer took a fall from a ladder, no serious injuries but I'm sure he's pretty sore. Keep Dick and Becky in your prayers.

I hope everyone else is doing well and you're getting out on your bike and enjoying the nice days. John and I are still working on some overgrown spots around our property, but we have time to get out on the bike and take some rides. How does that saying go? "All work and no play makes Jack a dull boy". Sometime we need to find time to play.

Hope to see you in June!!

Wilda Crosson
PA-K MEC





A note from Chris Cuomo, Velocity Cycles:

Cumberland County, the location of Velocity Cycles, is now in the “yellow” phase. Effective Tuesday, May 26, 2020, our new procedures went in place. We still feel that we are unable to leave our doors open for everyone to browse the store. With pages of guidelines to follow, we will be working extra to ensure the safety of you, our staff, and our families. One way we will be taking precautionary measures is by limiting the number of customers in the store. **MASKS WILL BE REQUIRED TO ENTER OUR STORE!** Below are the guidelines for each department, so you know what to expect when you arrive.

SALES OPERATIONS: Our Sales Team has been working hard to develop the new sales process as everything must be done remotely, and without contact. **Bike sales are allowed** and we have a system in which we can get you on a new ride! At this time, our showroom will still remain closed for public browsing, however, you may schedule an appointment to see a bike by contacting our sales staff in advance. Remember, you must wear a mask anytime you are in the store or dealing with an employee. You can reach them by calling/texting at (717) 766-2523 or by email at sales@velocitycycle.net.

PARTS OPERATIONS: In the Parts Department, we will now have one door open for you to come in. Once you walk in, you will follow our roped-off line which will lead you to a table in which a member of our parts team will come and assist you. We will be limiting the number of customers in these doors and you will be required to stay 6 feet apart while waiting in line. Again, you must wear a mask anytime you are in the store or dealing with an employee. If you want to try an item on such as a helmet, jacket, or gloves, our parts staff will be able to bring 1-2 of these items out for you to try. We ask that you narrow down your search before trying on an apparel item as we will have to sanitize these products and these sanitary products are hard to come by. If you simply need a few items like oil change parts, please feel free to call ahead so we can gather your parts and take care of the payment, then once you get here, we will have the parts just inside the door on our pickup table. You can reach them by calling/texting at (717) 766-2523 or by email at parts@velocitycycle.net.

SERVICE OPERATIONS: We have found the remote service drop offs, payments, and pick-ups to be efficient and sanitary. With that in mind, we will continue with the same processes in our service department. Please call in advance to book your appointment and drop off. We will continue to use our early/late hours drop box for all drop offs. Please fill out the envelope with the services requested and your key, and then put that through the slot in the smaller garage door. To schedule your appointment or with any questions, call or text (717) 766-2523 or by email at service@velocitycycle.net.

MODIFIED HOURS:

Monday-Friday, 10 a.m.-5 p.m.

Saturday, 9 a.m.-1 p.m.

Thank you for your understanding. We want everyone to be safe.

Happy GWRRA Anniversary

June

Jeff Martin – 26 years

Sandy Martin – 26 years

George Stewart – 18 years

July

John Leib – 31 years

Glenda Leib – 31 years

Randall Smith – 15 years

George Wilson – 7 years

Amy Liebold – 7 years

Grace Hughes – 5 years

Ned Shuja – 5 years

Jabril Grey – 3 years

Carol Long – 3 years

William Robbins – 1 year

Marissa Robbins – 1 year



NOTE: All generic (non-GWRRA) clip art used in this newsletter was obtained from “free, downloadable clip art”.

EMAIL AND PHONE NUMBER CHANGES:

Please be sure to let Gary Roberts or Rick Larson know if you are changing your email address, mailing address or phone number. Contact Gary at (gjroberts1978@gmail.com) or Rick at (rivr1@aol.com), so they can pass to the appropriate people, such as newsletter editor, phone tree contact, MEC, etc.

Thank you.

Vicki & Rick Larson – Editors



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**“CHAPTER ‘K’ AND FRIENDS (CKF)”
BREAKFAST DATES**

All are welcome, men and women, members and non-members alike. Join us for breakfast, we meet at 9 a.m. See the schedule below.

7/15/20 – Front Street Diner, 4003 N. Front Str., Harrisburg
8/19/20 – Brownstone Café, 1 N. Union Str., Middletown
9/16/20 – Walnut Bottom Diner, Rte 81S, Exit 47, Carlisle
10/21/20 – Hunterstown Family Rest., 25 Sandoe Rd.,
Gettysburg
11/18/20 – West Shore Plaza Family Rest., 1200 Market
Str., Lemoyne
12/16/20 – Summit Family Rest., 2210 Gettysburg Road
Camp Hill

Happy Birthday:

June

**4 Daryl Henny
9 Ned Shuja
10 Rita Laughlin
13 Kitty Schardt
30 Rich Wirt**

July

29 Carol Long

THINKING OF YOU...

Please keep these members in your thoughts and prayers:

**Carol Long
Dick Mentzer**

All those who have experienced illness or loss due to COVID-19.

All businesses, especially small businesses, that were ordered to close and remain closed.

Remember, if a chapter member learns of a member who is ill/injured, please notify Gary or Rick.

Happy Wedding Anniversary:

June:

**5 Dave & Vicki Hutchison
11 Gary & Rita Laughlin
21 George & Doris Stewart
26 Dick & Becky Mentzer**

July:

9 Dennis & Kitty Schardt

FROM YOUR PA DISTRICT EDUCATOR



Hi Everyone:

We hope that everyone has had a wonderful riding season thus far and keeping in mind that the best is yet to come.

Periodically, the question has been asked - is that MODULATING HEADLIGHT LEGAL? YES – they are legal in all 50 states and Canada! That doesn't mean you will not be pulled over by a law enforcement officer that is unaware of the Federal Standard. Note that laws do change. Even this one has been revised to a new location within the last few years.

A novice with a little knowledge of Federal codes digging awhile can find this information, but you need not take the word of someone not trained in law. Since these devices are permitted by express federal regulation, no state may have a law or regulation which prohibits them. The federal standard preempts the state in this regard. I would highly recommend carrying the manufacturer's pocket card or information available in many places on the World Wide Web such as <http://users.snip.net/CLAMB/MODULATOR.HTM>. Having it in black and white lends credibility to your explanation.

One officer who also rides a motorcycle was going to see about modifying his own ride! Remember to be considerate of other riders when riding in a group. If you are not the lead, it is suggested that you turn off the modulating headlight so other riders are not distracted by it flashing in their mirrors and oncoming traffic is not drawn to it with you riding in the middle of the group.

This is a great safety tool, use it wisely and remember **ATGATT**.

Ride Safe and Ride Proud

Chuck & Evelyn Stone
PA District Educators

FROM YOUR PA DISTRICT DIRECTORS



Well it is official. Pennsylvania is now a traffic light. Some areas are green, some are yellow, and others remain red. I know it is difficult to continue with home isolation, social distancing and wearing masks, nevertheless, this plan has kept the majority of us safe and well. So, continue to do your part to keep everyone safe by adhering to the guidelines in your area or the area you are traveling.

When the pandemic began, many of us were searching for toilet paper. The majority of the stores in our area have had a hard time finding items from time to time or maybe I'm not going to the store often enough to look for them. The big question many of us are asking is when can I get a haircut? The majority of us need a haircut. My last haircut was March 13th and what little hair I have has grown out and is driving me crazy. No laughing. Yes, Diane volunteered to give me a trim, but I was apprehensive to give her scissors. I may not have had any hair left.

We have been on a multitude of Zoom meetings. It has been great to see you! There are many more Zoom meetings in the next few weeks and we will try to make as many as we can. You know our schedule is really busy with most events being canceled. If your chapter has not tried a Zoom meeting and would like to have one, get in touch with us and we will help you set one up.

With the PA District Rally being canceled, we needed to have a plan to select our 2020-2021 PA District Couple of the Year. We used Zoom and are honored to have Ray and Doreen Snyder, PA-I, selected as the PA District Couple of the Year.

The District Team has been working on the 2021 PA District Rally. The rally dates are May 20-22, 2021 to be held in Pennsylvania. We plan on having the rally flyer and registration out this month. Does anyone have any ideas where we are going?

The next District events on the schedule as of this date are:

08/16/20 - PA District Ride-In. Note: this will only happen if the whole state is green and the estimated size of our group is within the guidelines.

09/11-13/20 - All Chapters East (ACE). Get your registration in by August 22, 2020. Your host chapter is PA-X; the campground is Bodnarsa Motel & Campground, Berwick. Registration is located on the District website at www.gwrrapadist.org or this newsletter. This is a great weekend to see people from other chapters. Come join the FUN!

Summer will officially be here on June 20th. So, as we leave our homes and go out and about be mindful. Keep your social distancing and wear your mask. Respect the other persons decision to join or not to join, and give yourself a hug instead of a hug from your friend or family.

Keep safe, be well and we hope to see all of you soon! Remember to always ride safe!

HAROLD & DIANE JACKSON
Your PA District Directors

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