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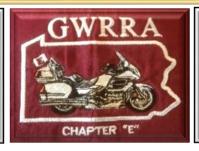
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TOM'S SPACE



Well Happy New Year everyone! We hope you all had a wonderful Christmas and New Year's celebration. Congratulations to Debbie and Tom Durdevich, they are the 2017 C.O.Y. If you get the chance to check out Wing World, I'm told there is an article in there about Ken White's Alaska trip. I don't know about the rest of you, but the Monday after Christmas was beautiful. I managed to get out on the bike on the 26th. And get a quick 100 miles on it. The weather was cool, but tolerable and I rode to Washington, Pa and back. I look forward to the weather getting nicer and being able to get the bike out more and start scheduling rides soon. Hopefully the snow will not be too bad and we can get through the next couple months quickly. We had a great time at Oakhurst for the brunch, but the bad news is they have closed, been bought by someone else and they are going to remodel it. I hope we can go there next year. The Christmas party was a lot of fun and everyone had enough to eat. If you leave Hugo's hungry it is your own fault. The cake was delicious and went fast. I want to thank Sharon and Debbie for the Christmas gifts. I got two of the three lighted trees out in the yard this year. Sadly, I have too many rocks in the front yard, so I need to make some bases to hold them next year. We had a lot of point awards and the gift exchange was fun. Sharon Golanka added a fun new twist to the gift exchange and we had the opportunity to steal someone else's gift if we liked it better than what we picked from the table. We had a few burglers in the room, but no one got hurt. He-He. I tried to get Tom D's gift but he would have none of that and protected it like a papa bear. Tom I hope you are enjoying your new toy. It really is a cool knife. Well, I managed to get a few dinner rides scheduled for the next couple of months and some I can actually go on with you folks. I have about forty restaurants in my list now so we should be able to visit some at least twice. Thanks to all who filled out my ride suggestion form. I didn't know there were so many restaurants out there. I have scheduled the next Christmas party there for Dec. 9th. 2017. If we do not have more than thirty guests next year we are not going to hire a D.J. we will just bring in our own music to play. It is getting expensive to hire the fellow we get for only a few people and we can use the money we save elsewhere. So, I hope to see you all in the new year at the gatherings and some rides and hope that you all have a prosperous and healthy new year. I hope all our snowbirds have a safe journey to warmer climates and come back safe and ready to ride.

Be safe, and take care.

Tom

- We have been reminded by the district directors if your dues have not been paid, please bring those up to date.

 > We are still in need of assistant directors. If anyone wants to help, please call or talk to Jean and myself if you are interested.

 > Please be advised, that a lot of restaurants are changing their policies on groups and it might become more difficult to split checks and order off of menu's. It has been getting more difficult to make reservations and the staff at some of these places are not willing to work with us to accommodate our chapter.

 > I am still trying to find an alternate place to hold our gatherings. We need a place that won't charge us to use their room, have enough room for a private gathering and hold about 50 or so people, and possibly have breakfast available. Also has to be centrally located around Belle Vernon area so travel distance will not be too much of a problem. It doesn't matter if the place offers a kickback for food purchases or not. We have not made the minimum at Hoss's since last March.

 > If district does not come up with a good fundraiser, we will need to consider something for the chapter to do so. The ticket sales were a very large chunk of income for the chapter and I don't think we can keep it running with just 50/50 drawings.

 > The district meeting will be on April 29th. In Altoona If anyone wants to attend please let me know by March 31st. so I can let them know how many will be attending from our chapter.







Protecting Those Numb Fingers A surprising find in your first-aid kit

By: James R. Davis

We have all ridden in cold weather and despite having heavy gloves, possibly including extra liners, those fingers get too cold and begin to numb.

(By the way, I have found that silk liners offer better cold weather protection than heavier cloth liners.)

So, what to do about it?

Here is a tip that my partner, Cash Anthony, came up with a couple of years ago when we were out on the last leg (612 miles) of a week on the road and it was so cold that our fingers began to get numb. We pulled to the side of the road, got off our bikes, and dug into our first-aid kits. We pulled out a set of latex gloves and put them on over the liners, then put our regular gloves on over the latex gloves. It's amazing how effective that simple idea turned out to be.

(You do carry latex gloves in your first-aid kit, right?)

VENTS & RIDES



DATE: Sunday January 8th. 11:00am Monthly gathering @ Hoss's 148 Finley Road, Belle Vernon Pa.

DATE: Wed. Jan. 11th. 6:00pm.

Dinner ride to: Parkwood Inn. 1002 Cribbs st. Greensburg, Pa

Special: Italian dinner 4.95 person. Not the all you can eat spaghetti. That is a Monday special and I was told they can't accommodate 20 people because the dinner special is so popular.

DATE: Monday Jan. 16th. 6:00pm.

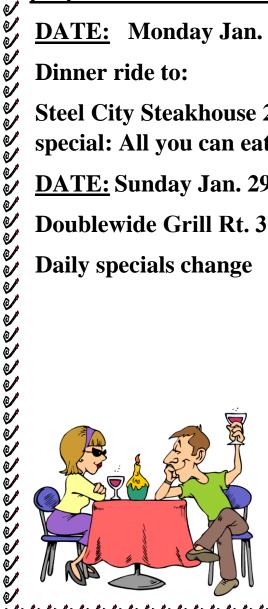
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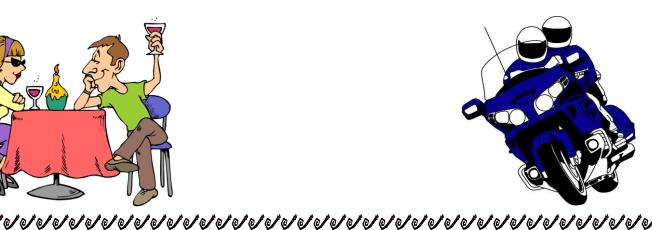
Steel City Steakhouse 2125 Mosside Blvd. Monroeville, Pa. Monday special: All you can eat crablegs \$25.99 person.

DATE: Sunday Jan. 29th. 1:00pm. Lunch ride to:

Doublewide Grill Rt. 30 Irwin, pa (Formerly Teddy's)

Daily specials change





FROM THE WEBMASTER

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Using the Chapter E website. Submitted by Len Rovenski

If you want to get the latest chapter news and schedule of events without looking for the handout at the monthly meeting just simply go online look up " Gwrrapae.com".

The website was recently updated and is available on your desktop or laptop and also on your mobile device. Use the tabs to direct you to the information your looking for.

The Home tab is just the cover page and has the buttons you need to navigate. (Click on the upper left section of the page over the stack of bars if you are using the mobile website).

Click on the "Chapter Officers 2016" and you'll get the line up for this year. Pictures will need to be added as time goes by.

Click on the "Newsletter" button and you can read the latest monthly newsletter. In the future a method to read some of the archived newsletters will be installed.

Click on "Events" and there will be any pertinent information about upcoming events along with a button called "Chapter Calendar". The chapter calender is a Google calendar and will show meeting dates, ride events along with the birthdays and anniversaries of our members. If you look carefully at the calendar and click on an event you will get the time and location of the event. Then if you click on the "map" it will pop up the location on a Google map which you can then use to get directions. In addition to the map if there is a website for the event place it will be displayed so you can get information about the establishment, like a menu, phone number or other details about the establishment. In some cases where no website existed some other information will be loaded in such as a Yellow Pages or Yelp review.

Back on the events page there is also a button where you can make suggestions or report any problem with the information so it can be corrected via an Email to the chapter director and myself. This can also be used for future event planning ideas. There will also be a Special events button on the events page for any extra attention to the event.

Click on the "Photos" tab to see any pictures which were submitted to viewing of recent events. Please feel free to submit pictures when you can.

And last but not least, there is the "Links" tab. This will let you look into a vast network of other chapters throughout the state by clicking on the "PA District Site" where you can review the District calendar under their "District" tab for Regional events along with the open events of other chapters in PA. Click on the district's "Links" tab and it expands even more. Using the "GWRRA Headquarters Website" and you can find a lot of links for products and services like the their "Members" tab where you can read articles in the Wing World Magazine while your away from home. The "GWRRA Headquarters Website" links provide a huge amount of information and I encourage you to take some time and explore the different paths you can take to get all types of Goldwing and club information. If you have any questions or suggestions about the website please feel free to contact me either by email lenrov19@gmail.com or cell phone at 724-730-7506.

FOR SALE/WANTED



I will be changing things here in the for sale section a little. I will keep ads for six months in the newsletter and Len will keep them on the web page for six months as well. If you don't sell your item within that time frame and wish to keep the add please email or call Len or myself so we can keep the ad running. If I do not hear from you within six months I will assume you have sold, or decided not to sell your item and do not wish to keep the ad going.

FOR SALE: \$1200.00 O.B.O.

1980 HONDA GL1100I 39--- MILES. BURGHUNDY COLOR, GOLD PINSTRIPES (FACTORY) PASSENGER ARM RESTS, DRIVER/ PASSENGER FOOT BOARDS, DRIVERS ARE LOWERED. HEEL TOE SHIFTER WAS REMOVED BEFORE I PURCHASED IT. MOST LIGHTS HAVE BEEN CONVERTED TO LED. MARKLAND TRAILER HITCH. GOOD CONDITION FOR IT'S AGE.

REAR TIRE SHOULD LAST AROUND 2000 MILES. RECENTLY REPLACED FORK SEALS AT 32,000 MILES. I HAVE EXTRA FORKS TO GO WITH IT. BRAKES STILL GOOD AND I HAVE AN EXTRA SET FOR THE FRONT. PARTS FOR THE POORBOY ALTERNATOR CONVERSION, ALTERNATOR, PULLEY, AND BELT. REAR ROTOR WAS REPLACED AT 25,000 MILES AS WELL AS BOTH TIMING BELTS. FRONT TIRE REPLACED LAST YEAR, ONLY 4000 MILES ON IT. I WILL POST PICTURES WHEN I GET IT CLEANED UP IN THE SPRING. MOST OF YOU HAVE SEEN THE BIKE WHEN WE HAVE BEEN ON RIDES WITH YOU.

FROM THE DISTRICT



Greetings everyone,

Andi and I hope everyone had a happy and safe holiday season. Hope Santa was good to everyone and left lots of safety chrome for the wings. It's hard to believe that 2016 is a memory. Where did the time go? It's fun to look back at all the events we attended and the good times we had with all our GWRRA friends. Let's hope that 2017 gives us a lot of good memories also.

Thank you to the chapter directors that completed the officer change paperwork for the upcoming year. I must say that the paperwork went rather smoothly this year. Maybe since most of us have done it a few times already we are finally getting the hang of it. We would also like to give a big WELCOME to the new chapter officers that have agreed to step up and take a leadership position. Thank you again for offering your services to your chapters. Just remember what I always say, a little enthusiasm and good humor goes a long way in keeping things moving in your chapter. Just learn and have fun. I don't know of anyone ever having too many problems when you're having a good time. If you ever need any help or have any questions, Andi and I, along with the district team, are available to help. Give us a call or email us anytime. Along with welcoming the new officers that are coming aboard we would like to take a minute and thank the current officers that are staying on as leaders of their chapters. It has been a pleasure to work with everyone this past year and we are looking forward to working with the new officers in the future.

January also is the time for end of year paperwork. Chapter Directors, along with your Chapter Treasurers, may want to look at the District website. National has made some changes to the forms used for the end of year paperwork. Please take some time now and read the instructions and maybe practice a little with the new spreadsheet. With the changes that the home office made, we hope it will make the paperwork easier for you to process. As always, if you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to give us a call. We would rather spend some time going over any problems you have than having to send the paperwork back to you because it is wrong. Another thing that has changed is the IRS 990N reports. The IRS has a new company doing the filing. I was trying to log on to the website the other day and found that you need to create a new account. Please go to the district website and look over the new procedure when you have a chance. Take a minute and look at the instructions for filing the 990N with the IRS. It will make it easier when it comes time to file your IRS report. If you are a new incoming Chapter Director, you will need the EIN number to file the 990N for 2017. Make sure you get this information from the outgoing chapter director.

With all the hustle and bustle of the holiday season and everybody having a great time, I thought about how thankful I am for the district team's assistance in running this district. Andi and I would like to take a minute and thank our district team for all the help, assistance, ideas and motivation they offer us in keeping the Pennsylvania District running the way it does. (Whether we ask for it or not sometimes, and we are completely ok with that.) If you are a chapter director or any officer in your chapter, you know how much time and effort it takes to keep everything running smoothly in your chapter. Just imagine trying to keep everything running in a district with 21 chapters. I am sure you have heard me say that the PA District team is the best in the country if not the world. Andi and I are blessed to have a team like this and truly believe this the best team that any district director

Could ask for. Come January Andi and I will be starting our third and final year as District Directors. We look around and find it hard to believe how many friends we have made since joining this organization called the Gold Wing Road Riders Association. Our district team is among them. Andi and I, along with all the members of the Pennsylvania District, need to take a minute and thank your district team, Assistant District Directors, Treasurer, Membership Enhancement Coordinator, Couple of the Year Coordinators, our PA Couple of the Year, Goodies People, Educators, Assistant *Educators, Trainers, Assistant Trainers, Newsletter Editor, Webmaster and Peds List Coordinator. You wouldn't believe all the time, effort and expense they incur to make our District the best in the world.

We would like to thank everyone in the Pennsylvania District for your support. Andi and I wish our team and every member in the PA district a healthy and happy New Year. Without all of you there would not be a GWRRA family!

Rick & Andi Riek Tennsylvania District Directors



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Go for it now. The future is promised to no one.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY WISHES GO OUT TO:

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| Debbie Durdevich | Jan. 6 th . |
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| Don Stumpf | Jan. 13 th . |
| Ken White | Jan. 13 th . |
| Jan Rizzo | Jan. 20 th . |
| Jean Keller | Jan. 20 th . |
| Stan Luffy | Jan. 22 nd . |
| Dorthy Ghilani | Jan. 23 rd . |

Len & Patsy Rovenski Jan. 13th.

Rich & Jonnet Vogel Jan 31st.

LAST MINUTE THOUGHTS/ENTRIES





I BUY ALL MY GUNS
FROM A GUY
CALLED "T-REX"

HE'S A SMALL ARMS
DEALER.