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Gathering:

3rd Sunday of the
month

Eat N Park Restaurant
Route 60 & Manor Park
Drive
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8:30 Breakfast
10:00 Meeting

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It's Miller Time

By Marty & Karen Miller
Chapter Directors

Well we hope winter is just about over. It is supposed to be 50 or 60 this week but with rain. You don't have to shovel rain. The new 2011 ride schedule is now on the website and we have some interesting rides. Some of the rides will require a fee and a reservation so we will have to know how many are going in advance. There are still some open days if somebody would like to add a ride.

Ride for kids

We will be having the Pittsburgh Ride For Kids on August 7th leaving Cranberry Home Depot and ending at Slippery Rock College in Slippery Rock. I am on the Task Force and we want to beat last years money of \$63,000. We are looking for volunteers to do motorcycle shop visits as well as help at the event itself. Please come out and help support a worthy cause.

Mall show

We will be having our annual Mall Show at the Mall at Robinson on May 1st due to Easter being the last Sunday in April. Tentatively we will have one of the Stars from the Ride For Kids and we hope to set up a projector with a small presentation. If you did not keep your Mall Show signs from last year please email me your information so I can get started on making the signs.

State Raffle tickets

If you have sold any raffle tickets please return the money and stubs to me or Karen because when we go to Carlisle in two weeks the state wants the money turned in. I also have many more tickets if you need more. The chapter does make some money on these tickets. The tickets are \$5 and you will have 62 chances to win a prize as there are two numbers on a ticket and the ticket is good for the month. The top prize on one of the days is \$1000. Please help the chapter in this fundraiser.

It's Miller Time Continued

State rally

The PA Convention will be here before you know it. It will be held in Carlisle on September 8th thru the 10th and will conclude with a banquet dinner. I have flyers if anyone wants to register. Because we are having it in September the room rate will only be \$69 per room per night. This years theme will be a hillbilly theme. I will have more information after this months meeting. So you all come out and have a good time.

Wing ding

Wing Ding will be here before you know it. It will be the week after the 4th of July this year instead of being on the 4th. I have a few rooms put away so if you want to stay with us please see me for the room. We will also be taking a day trip down south to The Tail of the Dragon (aka Deals Gap) When we did Wing Ding in Greenville a few years back our group did do a run through the Dragon and we had a great time

Ms150

Again this year the Goldwingers will be supporting the bicyclists on their two day 150 mile ride. The first day will go from the Slippery Rock area to Edinboro College on the first day and then on to Conneaut the second day. If anyone need a room they will be given a dorm room to stay in Saturday night along with dinner. This way we only have to pay for gas and no lodging \$\$\$. The bicyclists really do appreciate the job we do for them.



Lucas' Educational Corner

Helmets

What better time is it to go see about getting a new helmet? Everyone knows how I feel about helmets so I will not preach about the subject, but here are some facts about helmet safety. These facts were taken from a pamphlet printed by the U.S. Department of Transportation <http://www.nhtsa.dot.gov> and Wing World.

Consider the following: The evidence is overwhelming.

More than 80% of all motorcycle crashes result in injury or death to the motorcyclist.

Per mile driven, a motorcyclist is 16 times more likely to die in a crash than an automobile driver. Wearing a motorcycle helmet reduces that risk by almost one-third (29%)

Head injury is the leading cause of death in motorcycle crashes. Riders who don't wear helmets and who experience a crash are 40% more likely to sustain a fatal head injury.

A study of 900 motorcycle crashes (conducted by the University of Southern California) showed that wearing a helmet was the single most critical factor in preventing or reducing head & neck injuries among motorcycle drivers & passengers.

From 1984 through 1995, helmets saved the lives of more than 7,400 motorcyclists. But more than 6,300 additional deaths could have been prevented if all riders had been wearing helmets.

Studies show that laws requiring helmet use are very effective in reducing motorcycle fatalities because such laws influence more people to wear helmets. In Louisiana, the first state to repeal & then re-adopt a helmet law for all riders, there were 30% fewer

Lucas' Educational Corner (cont.)

motorcycle deaths during 1982, the first year that the helmet law was reinstated.

The states that have enacted mandatory helmet laws for all riders, & experienced significant reductions in fatalities: Oregon-33%, Texas-23%, California-37%, Nebraska-32%, Washington-15%, Maryland-20%.

HELMETS

WHAT SHOULD I KNOW BEFORE I BUY?

Dot or Snell foundation sticker shows helmet's protective capability.

Full-Faced models offer the most protection, shortie helmets the least.

Helmets should be replaced after 5 years due to material degradation.

Your motorcycle dealer can help you assure a correct fit and day long comfort.

If you plan to use a headset, be shore the helmet can be adapted for safe fitment.

Remember to protect what you intend to use later in life.

Andy Lucas
Educator PA-P



**February/March Birthdays
and Anniversaries**

Florinda R. February 23rd
Judy B. February 23rd
Walt P. March 5th

**Happy Birthday
To you all**

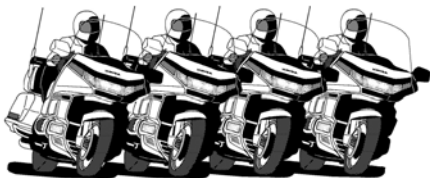
**Congratulations
To
Suzanne Benedict
On the birth of her
Granddaughter**

**Tiyakna Rae Martin
January 30, 2011
8 lbs. 3 oz.
21 inches**

**Parents
Kat & Bill Martin**

Wing Ding 2011

Wing Ding 33 will be held in Knoxville, TN on July 6-9, 2011. Check the GWRRA home page for details, registration information and housing arrangements (click on the picture of Knoxville).



As you all know by now, next year's **Keystone State Convention** will be held at the **Hotel Carlisle**, in Carlisle, PA. Our theme for the 2011 convention will be the "Hillbillies". The dates have been changed to **September 8, 9, and 10th**. They have been able to secure rooms for the membership for \$69 a night. Please be sure to make your reservations as soon as possible at 1-800-692-7315. Be sure to tell them you are with the Gold Wing Road Riders Association.



Shirley Hoak
has been supplying
centerpieces and other craft
items
to be raffled off with the
full proceeds
going to the groups Ride for Kids
donation

At the last meeting in March
The Easter centerpiece was won
By David Benedict

Thanks so much for all that you
have done to help raise funds for
the PBTf.

Humor of The Month

Please join me in remembering a great icon of the entertainment community. The Pillsbury Doughboy died yesterday of a yeast infection and trauma complications from repeated pokes in the belly. He was 71.

Doughboy was buried in a lightly greased coffin. Dozens of celebrities turned out to pay their respects, including: Mrs. Butterworth, Hungry Jack, the California Raisins, Betty Crocker, the Hostess Twinkies and Captain Crunch. The grave site was piled high with flours.

Aunt Jemima delivered the eulogy and lovingly described Doughboy as a man who never knew how much he was kneaded.

Born and bread in Minnesota, Doughboy rose quickly in show business, but his later life was filled with turnovers. He was not considered a very smart cookie, wasting much of his dough on half-baked schemes. Despite being a little flaky at times, he was a crusty old man and was considered a positive roll model for millions.

Doughboy is survived by his wife Play Dough, three children: John Dough, Jane Dough, and Dosey Dough, plus they had one in the oven. He is also survived by his elderly father, Pop Tart.

The funeral was held at 3:50 for about 20 minutes.

COY ARTICLE

OUR ROAD TRIP TO CALIFORNIA PART ONE

Like most Pittsburgh days in January we started our trip on a snowy cold day with coffee mugs full. We started south on 79 till we came to 119 and headed toward Beckley. We then took 27 to 77 where we ended up in Charlotte North Carolina our first nights destination.

We left Charlotte on I 85 with our son and grandson and headed south west toward Atlanta. We continued on 85 to Montgomery Alabama and on I 65 to I 10 in Mobile Alabama, our second days destination. Our third days destination would be Hondo Texas just west of San Antonio. We knew Texas was long, but when we got to the border it showed we were at exit 833, and we only had to go to exit 1 now that's a long state. When we reached Hondo we stayed at a friend of ours who owns a ranch and raises long horn cattle. These cattle are like big dogs, all Cindy had to do was whistle and they would come running for their treats. The next day we took a trip into San Antonio and saw the river walk (very impressive). We then went to the Alamo and did some sight seeing, the day we were leaving we went for a walk in a dry wash, which is very rocky from floods. Hilda fell and hit her head and bled for a while. We put a band-aid on it but it would not stop bleeding, so we stopped at an urgent care type facility. This place was like a barn, dirty, and had an old bicycle in the hall. The doctor came out to see us. He was dressed in a flannel shirt and jeans and had on a dirty blue smock and tennis shoes. He told us to fill out some papers and have a seat and he would be back, so we left. We drove till we came to a town called Junction. We went to a medical center. Hilda was glued together not stitched. This place was very clean and the Dr looked very professional. We then continued on to our next destination Phoenix.

We left Phoenix headed to our finale destination, our daughters in Mission Viejo, California. The next week and a half we did a lot of things with the family. We went to the living desert, a tram up to the top of a mountain in Palm Springs. We went from 80 degrees and swimming to snow and back.

We then said good-bye to our son and grandson who flew back home. We did the Disney Land thing, nice but very busy. We visited many GWRRA chapters, CAI-Z, CAIF, CAIM, CAI-N, CAI-E. We also visited the Motorcycle Safety Foundation in Irvine.

End Part One
Andy & Hilda Lucas

From National :

New York opened a new Chapter in 2010 (NY-X) and it looks like they may be opening another new Chapter near Messina, NY. Counting VT-K, that is three new Chapters within the Region. Congratulations to Pennsylvania District for getting 44 new members in GWRRA.

DISTRICT DIRECTOR:

This year's Keystone State Convention will be held at the Hotel Carlisle, in Carlisle Pa. Our theme is the "Hillbilly Heyday Reunion." The date of this year's convention is September 8, 9, and 10th. We have been able to secure rooms for the membership for \$69 a night. Please be sure to make your reservations at 1-800-692-7315. Tell them you are with the Gold Wing Road Riders Association to receive the special room rate. There will be no on-line reservations accepted for the convention at the rate offered to us as a group.

Friday night, we are hoping to put on the talent show along with the ice cream social again this year. We thought that it really went well last year. If you would like to entertain the membership, or simply show off your talent; Jeff and Sue Arnold, our District Couple has volunteered to organize the talent show. Contact them by phone at 814-723-7819 or e-mail them at wing-n-it@verizon.net We will have a real stage to do our entertaining at the convention this year, so come out and show us your talent. Remember everyone has a talent.

All Chapters East in 2011. July 29, 30 & 31, 2011.

Chapter N will be the host of All Chapters West for 2011. Deer Hunters Assoc. of Harrisville, Pa. campground on August 19, 20 and 21, 2011.

Tom & Renee Wasluck, Pennsylvania District Directors

PA DISTRICT MED COORDINATOR:
MEMBERSHIP ENHANCEMENT

THE GWRRA EXPERIENCE. WHAT IS IT AND HOW DO YOU OBTAIN IT?

First of all what is it? It is so many things and I will try to capture as many as I can.

1.GWRRA is the largest single marquee motorcycle association in the world. 2.It has over 80,000 members.

3.It is represented in all 50 states and in 58 countries. 4.It is NOT A CLUB. 5. It promotes the positive image of motorcycling 6.It promotes Friendships 7.It promotes Safety. 8. It promotes Knowledge 9.It promotes Fun.

10.It has countless Benefits: Wing World Magazine, Gold book, Rider Education, Annual conventions, Rescue roadside assistance, monthly newsletter, etc. 11.Member discount programs 12. Chapter life

You know I could go on and on but I only have so much space. If you want to learn more, read your March Wing World pages 50-51.

Second how do you obtain it. **JOIN IN THE FUN. Volunteer.**

Get involved. Get to know the true GWRRA EXPERIENCE.

Don't forget to invite a friend to a gathering, let them learn about and understand GWRRA . Until next time, Ride Safe & God Bless.

Ruth & Mort Smith, Pa. District Membership Enhancement Coordinators

DISTRICT COUPLE OF THE YEAR:

As the new District Couple of the Year Coordinators we have set up a meet and greet weekend for all of the Chapter Couples. We are calling it the "Couples Rendezvous" and there are too many events and surprises to put into one article. Please keep your eyes and ears open for upcoming information, this is one you won't want to miss!

If you do not have a Chapter Couple yet, please give your Chapter the honor of having that special Couple represent you at the District Convention as well as throughout the year at your Chapter functions. Give us a shout if we can assist you in any way

If you need to order pins or bars for your Couples, please let us know as they are \$16 for the set. Also, Mike Mandell is taking orders for the Couple's Medallions and he can be reached at michael@mandellplumbing.com or 732-887-0374

We hope you are enjoying the milder weather and preparing your motorcycles for an awesome year of riding.

Dan & Tammy

2011 Couples Rendezvous

A quick reminder that the Chapter Couples "Couples Rendezvous" will be held on May 13 & 14, 2011 at the Quality Inn in Bedford, PA. Please contact the hotel at 814-623-5188 to make your reservations. The room rate for this event will be \$64.99/night and includes the breakfast buffet. 25 rooms have been held and reservations must be made no later than May 6, 2011. The hotel address is: 4407 Business Route 220 --Bedford, PA 15522-0171