



# Gold Wing Road Rider's Association Chapter P Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania December, 2004

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## The Hoak Times

By Roy Hoak  
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### Seasons Greetings to Everyone!

Yes, it's hard to believe that before we know it, that big guy in the red suit will be paying us a visit again. He has gotten his list, checked it twice to see who has been naughty or nice. Hope you have been nice! Me, personally, have been naughty. I haven't been able to attend many of the Chapter's events lately, something about work, funny how that takes preference over fun. I know I'm hoping for some more chrome for my bike—yes, I still have room. However, a nice GPS system would look very good on my handlebars. Are you reading this Mrs. Clause?

Our Christmas Party is only a few days away, and I am looking forward to seeing all our GWRRA family for a night of great food and fun.

As we start the beginning of a New Year, it is important to continue the participation from all our members. Participation is what keeps the Chapter going. We will be working on the ride/event schedule for 2005. If anyone has any suggestions for rides, you can e-mail me at [RHmotormouth@aol.com](mailto:RHmotormouth@aol.com).

Please keep an eye on the Chapter P Website as I'm sure there will be some unscheduled rides coming up, especially if the weather continues to be mild. Maybe we will be lucky and get a ride out on New Year's Day like we did last year.

I would like to take this opportunity to personally thank my Staff for all the wonderful support they have given me during these months since I've taken over as Chapter Director. Thanks guys, you are the best!

For those of you who will not be attending the annual Christmas bash, may you and your family have a joyful Christmas and a Happy New Year and I will see you all next year.

Holly Jolly, Merry Berry and a Cool Yule to you all!

Roy

## Rider Education

By George & Florinda Rosemeyer  
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**Rider Ed:** During the past three years, we have had 61 members join the Rider Ed Program and an additional 12 took various classes – for a total of **73 members** who made safe riding a priority. We have 13 members who have achieved the highest Level IV. The following lists the members who have maintained or moved up in Levels. Please feel proud of what you have achieved, the knowledge and skill you have attained, and wear your patches to show others your commitment.

### Level I (commit to safety)

Barth, Joe	Horne, Carol
Bowen, Chuck	Hunter, Rich
Byers, Ed	Kubalak, Mike
Dymerski, Tom	Lacey, Dave
Gill, Ron	McCafferty, Leo
Goldman, Howard	Meyer, Larry
Gratton, Dave	Mignella, Mike
Gratton, Darlene	Nolan, Dale
Grindle, Bus	Rocco, Mark
Hoak, Roy	Underwood, Howard
Horne, Ed	

### Level II (MSF-ERC & Co-Rider Video)

Bowen, Lorrene	Pat Hohn
Byers, Judy	Jack, Grace
Carmichael, Lynn	Koch, Howard
Gillooly, Wendy	Lacey, Marie
Grindle, Ginny	Mignella, Sue
Hoak, Shirley	Miller, Stacey
Hohn, Ed	Nolan, Marian

Level III (ERC, CPR & First Aid)

Chisnell, Dennis	Miller, Marty
Chuderewicz, Ken	Miller, Karen
Chuderewicz, Denise	Minsterman, Bob
Forbes, Carol	Minsterman, Jayne
Gillooly, Greg	Neeley, Bruce
Jack, Chuck	Rosemeyer, Florinda
Keblish, Steve	

Level IV (All above + 25,000 safe miles)

Master Tour Rider Number:

Mary Kettner #2399  
 Mike Kettner #2400  
 Randy Dolton #4881  
 Al Carmichael #4882  
 George Rosemeyer #4883  
 Mark Forbes # 5296  
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 Patty Glatz #5310  
 Charlie Cox #5311  
 Mary Pallotti #5394  
 Joe Pallotti #5395  
 Laura Ebbert #5396  
 Steve Kovac #5397

**Thanks** – Florinda and I are stepping down as Chapter Educators and we would like to thank you all for the fun, friendship and cooperation you have shown these past five years in getting us all involved in the Rider Ed Program. As the first Chapter Educators, we had some learning to do in the beginning where there weren't clear directions from the State or Northeast Region, but we believe everyone is now on schedule to continue all the good things for your riding safety. We are not abandoning the Chapter and will continue to be active (except those times when we must head to Florida for warm weather riding).

Your new Chapter Educators are Greg & Wendy Gillooly, along with their daughter Erin, who will take over after the December gathering. Greg has been meeting with us these past two months to learn the procedures and has started in on his programs for next year. Greg is a pilot with the H. J. Heinz Company and is also their

training pilot. Wendy is a paralegal with Thorp, Reed & Armstrong, a downtown law firm. They are enthusiastic and knowledgeable and look forward to helping you all achieve your goals. Please support them in the warm way all Chapter P members have.

For GWRRA Rider Education Program, forms and info: Website is: [www.gwrro.org/regional/ridered](http://www.gwrro.org/regional/ridered).

**Rider Education**

By Greg & Wendy Gillooly  
Chapter Educators



In taking on the role of new Chapter P Rider Educators, Wendy and I would like all Chapter P members to join us in thanking George and Florinda for their work as Rider Educators since 2000. Since accepting their position, Rider Education participation increased dramatically. They have both been of great help in making the transition a smooth one due to their *knowledge* and “*wonderful*” organization.

For future planning, “Biker Dan” will be joining us at the January 16th gathering. He is a local insurance agent who is extremely knowledgeable in motorcycle insurance. He will make a presentation on Liability Coverage and then answer all questions after the gathering. He will be happy to look at your current policies at that time.

We will have sign-up sheets at the December gathering for CPR/First Aid and ERC classes in the spring. The CPR/First Aid class is scheduled for April 9, 2005, at St. Benedict the Abbot Church in Peters Township. The ERC class is tentatively scheduled for May, 2005.

Also, thanks to everyone for their patience and understanding as we take on our new role. We will make every effort to keep you informed of the latest safety tips, rules and regulations to keep our group “safe” and fun. If anyone has topics or suggestions they

would like to have covered, please let us know via e-mail, telephone or in person.

**Please, Let's all ride Safe and have Fun!**

**The Gillooly Family (Greg, Wendy & Erin)** wishes Chapter P and all riders a very *Merry Christmas* and a New Year filled with health and happiness!

### **Traveling Plaque**

*By Joe & Mary Pallotti  
Plaque Attack Coordinators*

Chapter P has captured the traveling plaque. Nine members went to Chapter Q's Christmas party on Saturday, December 12, and came out on top out of the 4 visiting Chapters. We all had a great time meeting with other Chapter members. It was fun for all. Thanks to all the guys and girls who went on the plaque attack. We are in 2nd place. Chapter R is in 1st place, Chapter Q is in 3rd place and Chapter M is in 4th place.

### **It's Time To Bid Farewell**

*By Ken & Denise Chuderewicz  
2004 Chapter Couple*

We, Ken & Denise Chuderewicz, would like to thank Chapter P for letting us have the opportunity to be Chapter P's 2004 Couple of the Year. It has been a great year. We have enjoyed traveling to other Chapters for plaque attacks and social events representing this wonderful Chapter. This year, Chapter P has grown and blossomed and we are proud to be a part of it all. We have had the pleasure of socializing and making new friends among the GWRRA family. It is hard to believe that the year is coming to an end. As they say time flies when you're having fun! It is now time to pass on the responsibilities to the new 2005 COY. We would like to welcome Marty and Karen Miller as the incoming COY for 2005. Congratulations!!!! We know that they will do a fantastic job representing Chapter P this coming year.

### **Introducing Chapter P's 2005 Couple of the Year**

*By Marty & Karen Miller  
2005 Chapter Couple*



To be chosen as Chapter P's 2005 Couple of the Year is an honor! We'd like to take this time to introduce ourselves.

We are Marty and Karen Miller and we have been members of GWRRA since 2002. We have been married for 22 years and have two daughters, Janet, 17, a senior at Brashear High School, and Stacey, 15, a sophomore at Brashear High School.

We decided to join GWRRA's Chapter P so we could go on different rides. Little did we know what a great experience and group of people we were going to encounter. We've made many friends, gained many good memories and have had a lot of fun.

Since becoming members, we've attended many rallies. We've been to the Pennsylvania Rally in 2002, 2003 & 2004, the Virginia Rally in the Valley in 2002 & 2003, the Tennessee Spring Fling in 2004, the Ohio Rally in 2004, and Region D's District Rally in 2004. We are making plans for the rallies we'd like to attend in 2005.

We have learned many concepts about riding safety. We are currently at Level 3 in Riders' education.

As Chapter P's 2005 COY, we would like to go to many other PA Chapters and meet their members and be more involved in their events and rides.

Marty and I feel that we will do a good job representing Chapter P as the 2005 COY.

## **Cudos & Applause---**

*By Florinda Rosemeyer*

---Go, once again, to Judy & Ed Byers for another social success. If you missed the Christmas Party, you missed a Grand Holiday Event. As always, Judy & Ed provided many behind-the-scene hours and phone calls that resulted in wonderful food, a great restaurant, surprising gifts in great demand at our gift exchange and spirited good fun. Grace Jack organized our Chinese Auction (or Italian Auction as some called it) with many nice items. And Wendy Gillooly, along with her daughter and mother, baked and decorated trays of assorted Christmas cookies we sampled before and after dinner. Awards were presented, pictures were taken, and cheers sounded over the Steelers victory. It was a very Happy Holiday Evening for those who attended.

## **Quote of the Month**

*As reported by Susan Mignella*

We must be the change we wish to see in the world.

## **A Word from our Webmaster**

*By Marty Miller  
Webmaster*

Good day! I would just like to share some information about our new website. In just under a month, about 410 people have visited our site. If you have not been there lately, a lot has been added. There is a photo section that has pictures from the 2004 Mall Show, the Lancaster rally, the Grand Canyon and, by now, the Christmas party. There is also a sponsor page that has all our advertisers and, from time to time, will have coupons good for discounts at the merchants.

A Pennsylvania Chapter page has been added to give us information about other Chapters. The information will include Directors and gathering spots that will be helpful when going for plaque attacks.

A Rider Ed page has also been added and will have articles from Greg and Wendy about upcoming events, such as ERC classes, first aid/CPR classes and anything they support.

If anyone has a flyer they need posted for an event, such as a poker run, please see that I receive a copy of it. Hard copies can be handed to me at the meeting or can be emailed to me at [millermartin@lycos.com](mailto:millermartin@lycos.com). Hopefully, this website will be our one link to the super information highway.



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## **The Garage**

*By Ken Chuderewicz*

The next few months we will most likely find our trusty steeds in hibernation. Properly preparing your bike(s) for winter storage will make for a much easier time in the Spring when it comes to starting your bike(s).

The following tips will help keep your bike in top condition and prevent unnecessary headaches:

- **Add a fuel stabilizer.** You will want to pick up a bottle of fuel stabilizer for your Winter fill up. This is a product that keeps gasoline from breaking down and forming varnish deposits when you have your bike in storage. Stabilizing the gas is probably the most important thing to do when storing your bike. Gasoline is a blend of dozens of

different compounds. Over time, the more volatile compounds will evaporate, leaving a hard sludge that will gunk up your carburetor and prevent them from working. Gasoline stabilizer (largely) prevents this from happening. You must stabilize the gasoline in your fuel system before storing your bike! Even if your bike doesn't have carburetors. **Put stabilizer in before filling up for best results.**

- **Fill gas tank up.** Aside from not having antifreeze in your cooling system, the greatest threat from Winter weather is the condensation that will occur in any closed space with an air pocket. No part is more vulnerable than your gas tank. The water that forms in a partially filled tank will collect at the bottom and rust can develop.

- **Drain oil and replace with new oil and filter.** Oil develops acid components as it goes through the engine and flushing these out before storing your bike is a good idea. **You won't experience this problem if you use a full synthetic oil like AMSOIL!**

- **Wash your bike.** Include washing the whole underside of the bike, the wheels, suspension components, etc. Take extra time washing the wheels to assure you removed all of the corrosive brake dust. And don't forget to dry the bike. The engine (which should still be hot from your ride) may be able to evaporate the water off, but you'll still want to get the water off the wheels, frame, etc. Drying the bike is really important; do a good job. Wax the bike's painted parts; it'll prevent the paint from oxidizing over the Winter.

- **Inflate tires to proper pressure.**

- **Let all air pressure out of the front and rear suspension.**

- **Drain the two vent tubes located under the left engine cover (1500cc).** This reduces condensation.

- **If stored in an area with possible mice, squirrels or any small burrowing animal: plug off exhaust pipes and air box intake with steel wool.** This will prevent them from nesting

- **All that's left to do is to Take Care Of Your Battery by Disconnecting It.** Storing it in a warm place is good. But the best solution to assuring a long battery life is to invest in a battery maintainer (**not a battery charger**). The battery maintainer exercises the battery by charging and discharging, reducing sulfating.

- **Finally, Put your bike up on the Center Stand and Cover your bike with a breathable fabric cover.** This will help to prevent any condensation that can cause pitting of the chrome. (New bed sheets that your wife gets for Christmas will work!!!)

This is a short list of ideas, which should help keep your bike ready for the next riding season. Copies of a more extensive list of items to consider while storing your bike will be available at December's gathering.

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### **High Mileage Contest**

*By Jayne Minsterman  
Newsletter Editor*

Congratulations to **Ken & Denise Chudrewicz** (20,091 miles) who took 1<sup>st</sup> place, **Ed & Carol Horne** (19,073 miles) who took 2<sup>nd</sup> place and **Bob & Jayne Minsterman** (15,092) who took 3<sup>rd</sup> place.

Anyone wishing to participate in next year's high mileage contest, must fill out the form (provided in this newsletter) and bring it to December's gathering. If you are unable to attend the gathering, mail the form back to Jayne Minsterman, 1145 Brownsville Road, Pittsburgh, PA 15210, as soon as possible.

## **Classifieds**

### **For Sale**

GL 1500 Travelcade road sofa with back rest; color=black & grey - \$200; Call Dave Lacey 724-941-5420

### **For Sale**

Sony Digital Camera 2.1 Mega Pixel \$150; 1-year old battery - \$25; wind wings (blue tint) - \$15. Bike items are for GL1500. Call Joe Pallotti 412-331-6859.

## **11/21/04 Gathering News**

### **Raffle Winners:**

1<sup>st</sup>—Ken & Denise Chuderewicz  
2<sup>nd</sup>—Grace Jack  
3<sup>rd</sup>—Charlie Cox - Free tickets  
Progressive Pot – Bill Pershing (not present)

## **Something to Think About As We Prepare for Christmas**

*Written by a United States Marine*

T'was the night before Christmas, he lived all alone, in a one bedroom house made of plaster and stone.

I had come down the chimney with presents to give, and to see just who in this home did live.

I looked all about, a strange sight I did see, no tinsel, no presents, not even a tree.

No stocking by mantle, just boots filled with sand, on the wall hung pictures of far distant lands.

With medals and badges, awards of all kinds, a sober thought came through my mind.

For this house was different, it was dark and dreary, I found the home of a soldier, once I could see clearly.

The soldier lay sleeping, silent, alone, curled up on the floor in this one bedroom home.

The face was so gentle, the room in such disorder, not how I pictured a United States soldier.

Was this the hero of whom I'd just read? Curled up on a poncho, the floor for a bed?

I realized the families that I saw this night, owed their lives to these soldiers who were willing to fight.

Soon round the world, the children would play, and grownups would celebrate a bright Christmas day.

They all enjoyed freedom each month of the year, because of the soldiers, like the one lying here.

I couldn't help wonder how many lay alone, on a cold Christmas eve in a land far from home.

The very thought brought a tear to my eye, I dropped to my knees and started to cry.

The soldier awakened and I heard a rough voice, "Santa, don't cry, this life is my choice.

I fight for freedom, I don't ask for more, my life is my god, my country, my corps."

The soldier rolled over and drifted to sleep, I couldn't control it, I continued to weep.

I kept watch for hours, so silent and still and we both shivered from the cold night's chill.

I didn't want to leave on that cold, dark night, this guardian of honor so willing to fight.

Then the soldier rolled over with a voice soft and pure, whispered, "carry on Santa, it's Christmas day, all is secure."

One look at my watch, and I knew he was right. **"Merry Christmas my friend, and to all a good night."**

## **Answers to The Holiday Song Game For All!**

1. Oh come all ye faithful
2. Joy to the world
3. Hark, the herald angels sing
4. O little town of Bethlehem
5. Silent night
6. We three kings of orient are
7. The first noel
8. Deck the halls
9. I'm dreaming of a white Christmas
10. I saw mommy kissing Santa Claus
11. It came upon a midnight clear
12. Away in a manger
13. Rudolph the red nose reindeer
14. What child is this
15. The little drummer boy
16. Santa Claus is coming to town
17. Angels we have heard on high
18. God rest ye merry gentlemen
19. The twelve days of Christmas
20. Grandma got run over by a reindeer
21. Silver bells
22. Good King Wenceslas
23. Frosty the snowman
24. Winter wonderland
25. Go tell it to the mountain
26. While shepherds watch their flock at night
27. Jingle bells
28. The Christmas song
29. Jolly old St. Nick
30. Carole of the bells
31. O holy night
32. We wish you a merry Christmas
33. Here comes Santa Claus
34. I saw three ships

Date:	Day:	Event:	Location:	Time:
Dec. 19	Sunday	Gathering	Eat 'N Park Restaurant Route 60 & Manor Park Drive Robinson Township, PA 412-787-8556	8:30 a.m. – eat 10:00 a.m. – mtg.
Jan. 5	Wednesday	Staff Meeting	Eat 'N Park Restaurant Route 60 & Manor Park Drive Robinson Township, PA 412-787-8556	7:00 p.m.
Jan. 16	Sunday	Gathering	Eat 'N Park Restaurant Route 60 & Manor Park Drive Robinson Township, PA 412-787-8556	8:30 a.m. – eat 10:00 a.m. – mtg.



**MILEAGE FORM**

GWRRA Member Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Member #: \_\_\_\_\_

Make/Model/Year of Bike #1: \_\_\_\_\_  
Starting Mileage as of 12/19/04: \_\_\_\_\_

Make/Model/year of Bike #2: \_\_\_\_\_  
Starting Mileage as of 12/19/04: \_\_\_\_\_

I certify that this information is true and accurate. If found falsifying this information, I understand that I will be disqualified from all awards, certifications or recognition pertaining to the Chapter P High Mileage Program.

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