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Chapter P

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Gathering:

3rd Sunday of every month

Eat'N Park Restaurant

Route 60 & Manor Park Drive
Robinson Township, PA
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8:30am Breakfast / 10:00am Meeting

Birthdays:

Randy Dolton 11/3
Robert Valeriano 11/5
Patty Glatz 11/10
Shirley Hoak 11/25
Donna Corfield 11/28
Bus Grindle 12/4
Ed Glatz 12/7
Marie Lacey 12/14
Mark Forbes 12/27

The Hoak Times

By Roy Hoak
Outgoing Chapter Director



Here I sit to write my article for November with the realization that this is my last Newsletter. As I look back, it's clear that Shirley and I have been fortunate and feel honored to have been given the opportunity to serve Chapter P as your Directors. Just being a member of GWRRA gives you the opportunity to meet and get to know a lot of people. I can't properly thank our friends for all the cooperation and help that they have given me over the past two and one-half years. The staff has been wonderful as well as all the members. **THANK YOU!** I couldn't have done it without you.

As of **November 19, 2006**, Mark and Carol Forbes will be stepping up to be your new Chapter P Directors. Mark has been working hard the last few weeks getting his new staff on board for the next two years. But don't forget, he will need the support, cooperation and ideas from the membership. Shirley and I urge all of you to get behind your new leadership and enjoy the ride. I will still be a visible member of Chapter P, maybe not as active as I once was, but helping whenever I can.

I hope to see everyone at this year's Christmas Party at Peter's Place on Sunday, December 10, 2006. Let's all get together for our last grand event for 2006 and look forward to 2007 and all the riding we can possibly do.

IT'S BEEN FUN, BUT I AM DONE.

this is the Rainman Roy!!!

Rider Education

By Andy Lucas
Chapter Educator



Motorcycling Excellence Means:

Your mind is active and attentive on every ride.

You make choices to be visible.

(Conspicuous) as possible in traffic.

You are constantly looking for factors that could affect you, especially around intersections.

You improve your street strategies by learning more about safe riding practices.

You are constantly searching for clues that could affect your choice of speed, lane position, or path of travel.

You understand the best line of defense in avoiding trouble in traffic is to be skilled in the use of your eyes and mind; you search for clues that could affect you, evaluate the interaction of factors, and execute controlled responses with precision.

When we think we know everything there is to know about riding, something is going to happen that will open your eyes to new experiences and challenges.

New Shoes

By Mark Forbes
Incoming Chapter Director



In June of this year, I was pulled into my manager's office to be told that I no longer had a job with Siemens. I was the "weakest link". This is a company that I have worked for and mostly enjoyed my job for the past 21 years. My old job was to service and install large telephone systems (for the likes of Bayer, PPG, Blue Cross...You get the idea). During the discussion of my termination package, my manager made an offer for me to join another division of Siemens. I accepted!

The new position was to design those large telephone systems. I enjoyed the challenge of designing small applications for our systems in the past, so I thought that this would work for me. But a designer within my old world was NOT someone that was revered. They were the scumbag "Designers" that always @#\$\$ up a job and it was my old job to go out there and fix it. I had little respect for the designers and now I was going to be one of ...them!!

Since June, I have been in many situations where I have had the opportunity to watch, listen and become one of "those" people. I am

now in NEW SHOES. This new experience has taught me a great deal.

1. These people work their butts off to try and do the best that they can do with sometimes very limited information, within budget and on time.
2. They are some of the most knowledgeable folks within the company with respect to designing applications for customer needs.

So, now I am proud to be one of "them" and I really enjoy my new assignment within Siemens even though the workload is twice as much as before.

What does this have to do with Chapter P? Well, starting this month, I will be taking on the role of Chapter Director for Chapter P. I now have more NEW SHOES. I will be following in the footsteps of some very good Directors and perhaps (in some folk's opinion) some not so good. Either way, this is another challenge that I look forward to and one that I hope will be loaded with FUN. I don't take these NEW SHOES any lighter than the ones I assumed back in June. I have no doubts that it will be work. But I know the end result will be great. Just like the designers that I work with now, this Chapter has assembled a good hard-working staff and, with YOUR help and input, I'm certain we can all together have many years of fantastic memories. Even as I write these words, plans are in the works for next year's fun. So, let's get together and design ourselves a great year 2007. It is my hope that you all can join us for Chapter Fun.

Take Care...

Dress for the Fall, Not the Ride
Mark Forbes

Miller's Mentionables

*By Marty Miller
Assistant Chapter Director*

As you can tell from the weather, November is already here.

We really didn't do anything this month but I would like to take this time to thank Roy and Shirley for stepping up to be our Directors for the past two and one-half years. They have

done a great job except if you want to go riding with them. For that you will need a good set of Frog Toggs. It seems like you would know when Roy was riding his bike. Again, I would like to say THANK YOU.

Now, to our new Directors, Mark and Carol Forbes, may they lead us into growing our Chapter and have fun doing it. I am sure they will make some changes and make the Chapter continue to be a better Chapter.

Karen and I will step up to being the Assistant Directors and we hope to help Mark and Carol in their leadership role. In addition to the ACD, we will continue to do the Goodies and I will still be the Webmaster.

We hope to see everyone at the Christmas party so we can all share the holiday spirit.

Forbes Facts

*By Mark Forbes
Assistant Chapter Director*

GWRRR Benefits

"Did you know..."

What's a "CD" or "ACD"?

Each Chapter has someone who has volunteered to take responsibility. They are known as the "Chapter Director" or "CD." Their assistant is called the "Assistant Chapter Director" or "ACD" for short. These are the individuals who can answer any questions you may have. They help organize and run the Chapter. Their primary "job" is to make sure the Members have FUN! In fact, upon your becoming a new Member, they should have initiated contact with you via a phone call and invited you to attend a Chapter meeting. Chapter P's CD is Mark Forbes and the ACD is Marty Miller.

Chapters publish a Chapter Newsletter on a monthly basis. When you attend your first meeting, you will be asked to sign in, and then you'll be put on the distribution list for the Chapter's Newsletter. In it, you'll find everything from upcoming rides, to recipes, to motorcycle items for sale, to information about other Chapters' meetings and events. Chapter

P's Newsletter is located on the Chapter's website at www.chapterp.com or you can contact Jayne Minsterman for a hard copy.

I have a problem within my Chapter. Who should I talk to?

It's always best to start with the Chapter Director. If you are uncomfortable discussing the issue with the CD, the next step is to contact your District Director. The only time you need to contact the International Headquarters regarding Chapter issues is if you do not receive a response from one of the aforementioned parties. We strive to trust in the field officers and the designated chain of command and structure that already exists.

What's a Director?

Within GWRRA there are several levels of "Directors": Chapter, District, Regional, National and Executive. With the exception of the President and Executive Director, who reside at the Home Office, Members who volunteer their time fill all of these positions. These volunteers provide a communications link between the International Offices and its Members, to serve and ensure their fun and entitlement as Members of GWRRA. (For more information, see the "Officer's Guidebook" available from your Chapter Director.)

Christmas Party

By Judy Byers

Reservations and full payment (\$22.00 per person) for this year's Christmas Party are due on Sunday, November 19, 2006. Please make checks payable to GWRRA Chapter PA-P and return them to Judy or Ed Byers, either via mail or at the Gathering.

The holiday festivities at Peter's Place on Sunday, December 10, 2006, will begin at 4:00pm. Our annual gift exchange will be part of the fun. Remember, if you are interested in the gift exchange, the gift you bring should be wrapped and labeled for a woman or a man with



the giver's name also on the gift. In addition, be sure that the gift you purchase is at least \$25.00.

See the Reservation Form in this newsletter for a reservation slip and details regarding the Christmas Party. Hope to see all of you there!!!

Chinese Auction

*By Shirley Hoak
Chapter Director*

This month's Gathering is the last chance for you to get your donated items to Shirley Hoak for the Chapter's annual Chinese auction (held at the Christmas party). If you have anything you wish to donate, we would appreciate it.

Chapter P's Fundraising

*By Jayne Minsterman
Newsletter Editor*

As everyone knows, Chapter P sells Eat 'N Park Smiley Bucks as a fundraiser but I am not sure that everyone understands how the program works.

The Eat 'N Park Smiley Bucks are valued at \$5.00 and cost you \$5.00 to purchase them. They spend like cash and, if you wish, you can leave the balance on the card for your next visit or tell the cashier you want to leave it for your waitress as the tip.

On every Smiley Bucks card that's sold, the Chapter makes \$0.50. It might not seem like much, but it really adds up.

Anyone paying cash for their breakfast at the Gathering loses absolutely nothing by buying the Eat 'N Park Smiley Bucks cards.

All you have to do is purchase the Smiley Bucks \$5.00 gift cards from Bob Minsterman or our Chapter Directors, Mark and Carol Forbes, at the Gathering.

Since the holiday season is fast approaching, we have ordered extra Smiley Bucks cards. They make great stocking stuffers and/or co-worker presents! Don't be shy...buy as many as you want. The cards can be used at any Eat 'N Park.

Trivia Night

By Florinda Rosemeyer

Where were you? We missed seeing you there. We had about 45 people at the November 4th night, with about 7 teams.

At our October Trivia Night, my team was not doing so well, with a score about in the middle. Then, in the last round, the last Bonus question worth 100 points was about the Lone Ranger and one man on my team, who was a Lone Ranger fan, was the only person in the room who knew the answer – AND WE WON FIRST PLACE AND CASH!

This last game had some interesting questions, although my team didn't win any prizes that night.

We have teams of 5 to 8 different-aged people, each who knows a little bit about something; sometimes people who know nothing about anything just come to socialize. There's usually someone on a team who remembers from the cobwebs in the back of the brain, and somehow those answers seem to pop out when you need them. Other times, no one has a clue about an answer. But we just have a fun evening with good people we have just met.

Dinner first at 6 PM is good, the Trivia fee is \$2 per person (which makes up our prize money), and the evening doesn't last late.

Next Trivia is December 1st – at The Royal Place on Route 88. Come all by yourself or come with a friend or two, but just come on out and enjoy a fun, relaxing evening with some good people. Bob Minsterman will be asking the Trivia questions this night, and he says you won't want to miss the great evening we will be having. See You There !

High Mileage Contest

By Jayne Minsterman
Newsletter Editor

Those of you participating in this year's high mileage contest must bring their current odometer reading to this month's Gathering. If for some reason you are unable to attend the Gathering, you can email the information to me at chapternews@yahoo.com, but I need it by

Monday, November 20, 2006, at 6:00pm, or you will not be considered for the high mileage award.

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Enjoy and Entertainment Books

By Marty Miller
Assistant Chapter Director

The Chapter is still selling Enjoy and Entertainment Books. Buy one or both for yourself or get a few to give as presents--they make excellent gifts. The books sell for \$25.00 each. The profit from these fundraisers will go toward Chapter functions like the Christmas party and picnics. Why not get your's at this month's Gathering?

Something to Think About

By Andy Lucas
Chapter Educator

The prostate in a male is a small, squishy gland about the size of a walnut that sits under the bladder and in front of the rectum. The urethra, the narrow tube that runs the length of the penis and that carries both urine and semen out of the body, runs directly through the prostate.

All men over the age of 45 should consider this as preventive maintenance for your body. You should start getting a PSA (Prostate Specific Antigen) test every year. This is a very easy test to have done; it is done by a simple blood test. This test will give your primary care physician a basis to keep track of your PSA. Prostate Specific Antigen is a protein produced by the prostate and released in very small amounts into the bloodstream. When there's a problem with the prostate, such as when prostate

cancer develops and grows, more and more PSA is released, until it reaches a level where it can be easily detected in the blood. PSA plays two different roles in prostate cancer--first as a screening tool before the disease is diagnosed, and then as a way to monitor progression of the disease once it's been established. Once your PSA has risen to 5.0, a biopsy is usually done and the biopsy is sent to the lab to see just how aggressive the cancer is. There are many different treatments to consider, prostate cancer is a very slow-growing cancer and is very treatable with outstanding results. Statistics show that 95% of all the men that die have prostate cancer and don't know it.

How do I know these facts? I just went through surgery for prostate cancer. I have one more test to have done, a PSA test, and so far all looks like I have beat this. So, fellow Gold Wingers, let's get our tests every year and keep on riding long into the future.

Coopers Rock

By Roy Hoak

On Sunday, October 22, 2006, Rich Eagle led five members and one guest of Chapter P on a ride to Coopers Rock in West Virginia. Those in attendance were Tom Banks, Linda & Walt Profota, me and my friend Gary. (Linda didn't get the memo that it was the boy's day out).

Everyone showed up with their rain gear on since showers were in the forecast. However, the majority of the ride was rain-free. Rich showed us some awesome countryside while traveling through Pennsylvania into West Virginia. This was my first trip down to Coopers Rock and I must say that I was very impressed with the state park. Even as late in the year as it was, the park was very busy with families still having picnics, hikers on various trails and people everywhere engaged with their own activities.

I was not disappointed with the display of colors that Mother Nature put on for us. The timing was perfect for this ride since the leaves were at their peak. Tom Banks and I took

advantage of this when we stopped at the Overlook for some pictures on the Rock. It was quite an awesome scene looking down into the valley below. It reminded me of the Grand Canyon of Pennsylvania.

Soon, it was time to start back home, but not before stopping at a small restaurant for some great home-cooked food. It was a great way to end the riding season for this year.

I think this ride should be put on the riding schedule again for next year for the ones that missed this one.

The Reunion

By Linda Profota

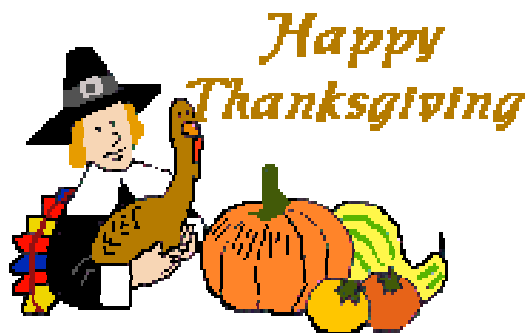
As summer skies were giving way,
To autumn's nip and breeze's sway.
We head north to Greenville town,
Then west to Ohio, down and around.
With me, not Matilda, as our guide,
I remember why that GPS come to abide.
Past farm with barn and pond and brook,
Had to stop for me to think and look.
Oh how the years had changed,
The weeping tree, the gentle lane,
The corn, the wheat, and soy bean,
So very little was the same.
Then the rock, the big, big rock!
A memory from so long ago.
Now, take a breath cause,
I finally know where to go.
They came by truck, jeep and car
Some lived close and some so far.
We heard a shout as we pulled up on our wing
Uncle Ed never knew why we liked that thing.
There were aunts and uncles
And cousins with kids.
Food was flowing
With talk about what we had did.
Hugs abounded with memories and tears,
Some for the love ones lost last year.
Then there were goodbyes
And promises to write.
Since we all have E-mail,
Some of us just might.



THE TURKEY AND THANKSGIVING

Author Unknown

"Twas the night of Thanksgiving, but I couldn't sleep
I tried counting backwards, I tried counting sheep.
The leftovers beckoned--The dark meat and white
But I fought the temptation with all my might.
Tossing and turning with anticipation
The thought of a snack became an infatuation.
So, I raced to the kitchen, flung open the door
And gazed at the fridge, full of food galore.
I gobbled up turkey and buttered potatoes,
Pickles and carrots, beans and tomatoes.
I felt myself swelling so plump and so round,
"Tis all of a sudden, I rose from the ground.
I crashed through the ceiling, floating into the sky
With a mouthful of pudding and a handful of pie.
But, I managed to yell as I soared past the trees...
Happy eating to all, pass the cranberries please.





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Nov. 19	Sunday	Gathering	Eat 'N Park Restaurant Route 60 & Manor Park Drive Robinson Township, PA	15	8:30 a.m. – eat 10:00 a.m. – mtg.
Dec. 6	Wednesday	Staff Meeting	Eat 'N Park Restaurant Route 60 & Manor Park Drive Robinson Township, PA		7:00 p.m.
Dec. 10	Sunday	Christmas Party	Peter's Place 1199 Washington Pike Bridgeville, PA 15017	50	4:00 p.m.
Dec. 17	Sunday	Gathering	Eat 'N Park Restaurant Route 60 & Manor Park Drive Robinson Township, PA	15	8:30 a.m. – eat 10:00 a.m. – mtg.



REGISTRATION FORM

CHAPTER P'S HOLIDAY PARTY

WHEN: Sunday, December 10, 2006, at 4:00 pm



WHERE: *Peter's Place*, 1199 Washington Pike, Bridgeville

BUFFET: *Prime Rib, Stuffed Scrod, Chicken Cordon Bleu, Heavenly Potatoes, Green Beans Almondine, Soup du Jor, Tossed Salad & Fresh Fruit Cup*

COST: \$22.00 per Person

Reservations & Full Payment due no later than Sunday, November 19, 2006

Please make checks payable to GWRRA, Chapter PA-P

Send to: Judy Byers, 2318 Spokane Avenue, Pittsburgh, PA 15210

Everyone is Welcome

We, of course, will have the ever-popular gift exchange.

A woman brings a gift for a woman and a man brings a gift for a man.

All gifts should be wrapped, labeled man or woman, and have the giver's name on it.

PLEASE BE SURE THAT THE GIFT YOU PURCHASE IS AT LEAST \$25.00

Any questions, contact Judy Byers at 412-881-5979

Please join us in making this another special Chapter P celebration

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Number Attending _____



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