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Gathering:
3rd Sunday of every month

Eat'N Park Restaurant

Route 60 & Manor Park Drive
Robinson Township, PA
412-787-8556

8:30am Breakfast / 10:00am Meeting

Birthdays:

Jan Chisnell 10/11
Carol Cox 10/15
Dolly Reuss 10/15
Sandy Lang 10/16
Susan Mignella 10/21
Mary Pallotti 10/22
David Lacey 10/22
Bill Pershing 10/26
Kevin Carmichael 10/31
Marla Grom 11/1
Randy Dolton 11/3
Larry McWhirter 11/3
Robert Valeriano 11/5
Linda Malone 11/6
Fritz Scarfone 11/7
Patty Glatz 11/10
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The Hoak Times

By Roy Hoak
Chapter Director
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Hello everyone!

Let me first say that our thoughts and prayers go out to all the members who have suffered substantial losses from Ivan, especially Mark and Carol Forbes who had major damage done to their home and they both lost their bikes due to the flooding. Mark has asked that we bear with him for a while as he has a lot of clean up to do and will not be able to attend many gatherings.

I hope that everyone took some time during September to take advantage of the beautiful weather to get on their bikes and ride. Mother Nature is getting ready to put on a wonderful display of colors.

This coming weekend, we have our overnight trip to Pennsylvania Grand Canyon.

The weather looks like it will cooperate. a great



everyone. We may even come home with the traveling plaque.

We had a great turn out for the pizza party, not many bikes, but a good show of people.

One thing we must remember, those leaves look wonderful on the trees but once they land on the roads they can be very dangerous as "black ice" so please use caution if you have to make a sudden stop, swerve or whatever.

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I am happy to report the Greg Gillooly is going to be our next Chapter Educator. Greg is looking forward to his new position and I know he will do an excellent job. I hope everyone will extend him a warm welcome and help him in whatever he may need.

It's time to start thinking about next year's schedule of rides. We will be working on this for the next several months and, if anyone has any rides or ideas for overnight rides, please do not hesitate to pass this on. We will probably have a special meeting just for rides, but more on that later.

The Christmas Party is coming up again. The party will be held at Rockefeller's in Kennedy Township on Sunday, December 12, 2004, at 4:00 p.m. (Don't worry die-hard Steelers fans, there will be television for you.) More details on the menu and cost are later in this newsletter. Please make a note of the date and time, as this is one party that you do not want to miss.

Until next month, ride safe and keep the rain gear handy because if you haven't ridden in the rain, you haven't ridden with me...

Roy

Quote of the Month

As reported by Susan Mignella

You cannot do a kindness too soon, for you never know how soon it will be too late.

Rider Education

By George & Florinda Rosemeyer
Chapter Educators
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Some Safety Reminders – Archery deer hunting season has begun. For the next 2 months, be aware of deer darting across the road, not only just before sunset, but at other times of the day, like 10am or 2pm, when you're not expecting to see them. They will be on the move because of hunters in the woods.

Falling leaves are colorful this time of year, but are treacherous and often wet when lying on the roadway, so be aware of your road surface and what you are riding on and over.

Cold morning temperatures & fog produce a wet and sometimes slick road surface, so take extra precaution when traveling in the early mornings and especially riding on asphalt.

Get your **cold weather clothes** ready so you don't have to cut the riding season short. Remember, silk underwear is insulating, electric vests and gloves keep the core of your body warm, leather chaps or nylon after-ski pants can be peeled off after the day warms up. Stick plastic baggies on your toes [ladies] to keep your feet warm. And, don't forget, if the temperature drops, your rain gear will keep you warm even when it's not raining. If you don't have the right cold-weather riding gear, give a hint to your significant other to add your wanted items to your Christmas Wish List. Remember, wearing light or

reflective clothing helps you to be seen on these dark and dreary days.

Holiday Gifts – the ads in the back of motorcycle magazines show lots of ideas for Holiday Gifts for your significant other. There are some other publications I find interesting for the Gold Wing rider; you may want to send for a gift subscription:

Keystone Motorcycle Press, phone 724-774-6542, \$15 for twelve issues (covers mostly western PA but also the entire state and other local and national motorcycling news).

Rider magazine, phone 1-800-678-2279, \$15.97 for twelve issues (good colored ads in shopper section; technical Q&A; safety column).

Motorcycle Consumer News, 1-800-365-4421, \$41 for twelve issues (but they accept no paid advertisements; lots of very good technical info).

For the GWRRA message board, the website is: <http://gwrra.org> and then click "Message Board."

The GWRRA Rider Education Program, forms and info website is: www.gwrra.org/regional/ridered

Chinese Auction

By Grace Jack

Adding to the festivities of the Holiday Party on December 12th will be the Chinese Auction. The Chinese Auction is an annual fundraiser for Chapter P. If you wish to donate an item(s) for the auction, please bring your donation(s) to either the October or November gathering and give it/them to Grace Jack. Please feel free to call Grace at 412-963-8159 if you have any questions. Thank you for your help.

Entertainment 2005 Books

By Judy Byers
Event Coordinator

Chapter P needs your help. We still have Entertainment Books that we must sell. The Chapter is responsible for the sale of these books. They are only \$20.00 a piece and easily pay for themselves. You can use them as Christmas presents, birthday presents, etc.

Please help Chapter P and call me at 412-881-5979 with orders. Thanks so much.

Pittsburgh Vintage Grand Prix

By Andy Lucas

Again, I would like to thank everyone who volunteered their time to come out and help at the PVGP. I am sorry that Shop N' Save did not get T-shirts for any volunteers, maybe next year. I hope I can count on everyone again in 2005. The PVGP is always held the third weekend of July. If anyone is interested, the check presentation will be October 20th at 6:30pm at the Frick Arts Center at Fifth and Shady in Oakland. I will not be at the next meeting at Eat 'N Park because I will be teaching the last BRC of the year.

Recent Rides

By Joe Pallotti
Traveling Plaque Coordinator

Shakespeare Inn

There were only 2 bikes (Joe Pallotti and Dave & Marie Lacey) at the meeting place for the ride on Saturday, September 25.

It was a great sunny day for a ride so Joe and Dave decided to take the trip anyway.

The restaurant is a beautiful castle built on a large golf course. It was the first time for Dave & Marie and they were very impressed. The food was very good and plentiful. We had a great time.

I only wished we could have more Chapter P members to enjoy the day with us.

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- 1st Place—Bob Minsterman
- 2nd Place—Tom Dymerski
- 3rd Place—Chuck Jack (free tickets)
- 4th Place—Dave Gratton
(Entertainment book)

Special Olympics Poker Run

By Crash & Audrey Haas, Chapter PA-U

P-U, do I smell something. Why, yes I do.

It was another adventure for the riders of P-U. Crash and I did not fill our quota of Poker Runs this year and luckily Chapter P told us about the Special Olympic Poker Run that was going to be your after-gathering ride.

It was nice to see a few other couples from Chapter U (Al and Jan Rizzo and Jim and Betty McQuillian) attending the gathering.

It was a nice group of 10 bikes that went on the ride. And might I say that Dave and Darlene did a great job as leader. I almost forgot I was on a ride with fellow GWRRA riders. We did not make any wrong turns, no backtracking.

After a brisk ride up Route 60, we arrived at the New Horizon School in Beaver for check in, to get the ever important door prize and food tickets, and pick our losing poker hands. Crash stood a chance with his king high heart flush, but first, second and third went to full houses.

The 100-mile route was great, mostly all two lanes. And not much car traffic on any road we were riding on. We made a big circle, up through New Castle and then back on Route 51. The scenery was great, we saw field upon field of corn and more corn and more corn. I might have lost my appetite for corn, after seeing so much growing in the fields. The usual animals were spotted in the fields, horses, cows and a few donkeys.

The rest stop at the 50-mile mark was at Crossroads. It was nice to see Red and the dogs and it gave the guys a chance to spend their money.

The Poker Run ended up at Brady's Run Park. We checked the door prize tickets and, guess what, we got more swag, motor oil for Crash and an orange blossom body splash for me. The food was hot and just what we needed after the ride. There were grilled hot dogs (with sauerkraut or chili), potato salad and baked beans. For dessert we had our choice of yellow or chocolate cake.

There was an auction where I won two Special Olympics shirts. And then lost out on a big 50/50, \$186.

It was a beautiful day for a P-U ride.



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Membership News

Congratulations to Mark Forbes & Carol Cox who exchanged wedding vows on September 18, 2004. While the weather forecasters had predicted a not so nice day, the sun did shine down upon them.

After a much-needed honeymoon trip to California and Hawaii, they unfortunately returned to the task of cleaning up the mess that tropical storm Ivan left for them.

Date:	Day:	Event:	Location:	Time:
Oct. 17	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.
Oct. 17	Sunday	Lunch Ride	Brady's Bend Lunch at the Gingerbread Café	Immediately following gathering
Oct. 27	Wednesday	Dinner Ride	Hartner's Restaurant 20260 Perry Highway (Rt. 19 North) Cranberry Twp., PA 724-776-4278 Entertainment Book page 90	7:00 p.m.
Nov. 3	Wednesday	Staff Meeting	Roy & Shirley Hoak's 412-331-6141	7:00 p.m.
Nov. 9	Tuesday	Dinner Ride	Church Brew Works & Restaurant 3525 Liberty Avenue Pittsburgh, PA (Lawrenceville) 412-688-8200	7:00 p.m.
Nov. 21	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.
Dec. 1	Wednesday	Staff Meeting	Ken & Denise Chuderewicz's 412-885-0844	7:00 p.m.
Dec. 12	Sunday	Christmas Party	Rockefeller's Grille 1831 McKees Rocks Road Kennedy Township 412-777-9600	4:00 p.m.
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.



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****IT'S TIME FOR CHAPTER P'S HOLIDAY PARTY****

WHEN: Sunday, December 12, 2004, at 4:00 pm

WHERE: *Rockefeller's Grille*, 1833 McKees Rocks Road

BUFFET: Chicken Marsala, Stuffed Pork Chops, Green Beans Almondine, Parsley Potatoes, Pasta Salad, Potato Salad, Tossed Salad, Cole Slaw and homemade Holiday Cookies

COST: \$25.00 per person (Adults) and \$13.00 per person (Children)



Reservations & Full Payment due no later than Saturday, November 20, 2004

Please make checks payable to GWRRA, Chapter PAP

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 \$20.00

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 of adults coming _____ Number of children coming _____

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