



# Gold Wing Road Rider's Association Chapter P Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania December, 2005



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3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of every month  
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412-787-8556

**8:30am Breakfast / 10:00am Meeting**

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## *Farewell to a Friend*

It is with great sadness that the Chapter must extend their sympathy to Florinda Rosemeyer and her family on the unexpected death of George Rosemeyer. George was "one of our own"; we share in your sorrow and he will be truly missed by all of us. May the precious memories you have of him be a comfort to you now and may it help to know that our thoughts are with you in your time of sorrow.

## *The Hoak Times*

By Roy Hoak  
Chapter Director



Hello Everyone! Well, the Christmas season is finally upon us. Tomorrow night, we will be gathering for our annual Christmas Party. I hope to see everyone there. It promises to be a great time for all that attend. I will be announcing the 2006 Couple of the Year and the winners of the High Mileage Contest and the Points Program. If you can't make the party, I hope to see you at the Gathering the following week.

Now that this year is winding down, please take a few moments to start thinking about next year.

Our Chapter is in need of a Ride Coordinator. Also, I am asking everyone to think about what rides you want to have on the schedule for next year. It is important that everyone makes a suggestion and all suggestions are welcome. If there was a ride that was on the schedule from last year that you couldn't make or that you really enjoyed, please let us know and we will try to schedule it again.

Don't forget about the State Rally's Chili Cook-Off. We're planning on

having our own cook-off at our Winter Picnic in February. More details later.

The Polar Bear Run will once again be on New Year's Day. This is not a GWRRA event but, if the weather is as great as it was last year, sixty degrees, I am sure there will be a nice group from our Chapter participating. Look for details on the website for the time and place to meet.

I would like to take this time to wish each and every Chapter P member a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year! As we all gather with our family and friends during this holiday season, let's not forget our service men and women who cannot be with their own families so that we can celebrate this joyous season with ours. God Bless them all.

Until next month...

this is the Rain Man Roy!!!

## *A COY Goodbye*

By Marty & Karen Miller  
2005 Couple of the Year

Well, it's hard to believe that our year of being COY is over.

Karen and I have had a great time representing Chapter P at many events. Not only did we get to know our own Chapter members better, we also got to meet other GWRRA members throughout the State. We went to such places as the Ohio Rally, Wing Ding in Ft. Wayne, the Pennsylvania Rally, the New Jersey Rally and the Rally in the Valley in Virginia. We had a great time in Lancaster and New Jersey with the Pennsylvania State COY, Bill and Dolly Knebl. We even got to take their place in a game of Jeopardy in New Jersey when they got lost coming back from dinner. We finished second in that game.

Now it is time to hand over the reins to new couple. We would like to congratulate Bob and Jayne Minsterman who were picked to represent our Chapter throughout the year 2006. They are well deserving of this honor and we are sure they will do a fine job. They are no strangers to the Chapter as Jayne is the Newsletter Editor and Greeting Card person and Bob is the Treasurer. They are always there to help out with the many Chapter events throughout the year and they always add a lot of laughter to our Chapter meetings. Just talk to Bob about the chainsaw incident.

We would like to thank the Chapter for letting us be their 2005 COY.

Even though we won't be COY, we will still be involved with the Chapter as Karen and our daughter Stacey will be doing the Chapter Store, where we plan to add some more goodies to the already long list, and I will continue to be the Webmaster. Also, Karen & I will be Assistants to the Assistant Directors, Mark & Carol Forbes.

We have also moved up on the Rider Education ladder and we are now at Level IV. We hope to continue to make more friends as the years go by.

We hope everyone will have a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

### Condolences

The Chapter wishes to extend their sympathy to Ed & Judy Byers and their family on the recent passing of Ed's mother, Regina Byers.

Sharing your memories of her with family and friends will provide much comfort to you in your time of sorrow.

### Webmaster Update

*By Martin Miller  
Webmaster*

Well, I hope everyone enjoyed the pictures at the Christmas party and that everyone took some time to look at the picture CD that I handed out. We will be doing the same thing next year. If anyone has any pictures from rides during the year and wants them to be included for next year's CD, please see that I get a copy of them. Either email them to me or give me a CD of them.

In 3 weeks, it will be another year and our website has done very well on the world-wide web. We have had over 10,300 visitors since the beginning of January. I hope next year will bring even more visitors to our website.

The Chapter P Newsletter page has taken over 830 visits since the beginning of the year.

We will continue with a FOR-SALE page so, if anyone needs to sell something, please notify Jayne and myself so we can put it on the website and in the Newsletter.

From time to time the SPECIAL-NOTICES page will be activated for special announcements.

I hope everyone has a Very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.



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## Annual Christmas Celebration

By Denise Chuderewicz  
Event Coordinator

As Chapter P's 2005 Event Coordinators, Ken & I would like to thank everyone who attended the annual Christmas Party. The banquet hall was decorated for the festivities. If you weren't in the Christmas mood before you came, you sure were once you got there! The tree was up and presents adorned the tables. The stockings (75402) were hung and the lists were checked for those naughty or nice.

The evening started out with snow, lots of snow, and a little ice for good measure, but it didn't stop Chapter P from enjoying the evening. The house was full and we were in the mood to celebrate. Even the Rizzo family didn't give up. After having a difficult time arriving, they joined in on the festivities. So glad they made it safely! The evening was full of fun and good cheer!

During the social prior to dinner, everyone enjoyed a homemade cookie or two, three, four...provided by the Cookie Exchange. We had a nice assortment!

Rockefeller's did a spectacular job with the food. Everything was delicious and plentiful. The cake was an added treat with raspberry filling—MMM, MMM Good!

Karen and Marty Miller "COY 2005" announced Chapter P's "Couple of the Year 2006". Bob and Jayne Minsterman were nominated and they amiably accepted. Congratulations Bob and Jayne "COY 2006."

The awards were presented for High Mileage (see next article in Newsletter for winners) and Participation. The Participation Award went to Jayne Minsterman with 650 points but she declined to accept so runner-up, Marty

Miller with 625 points, took this award. His prize was the Chapter paying for his 2006 GWRRA membership. Great incentive to be active in the Chapter! We had 66 people actively participating in the points challenge. Let's increase that number next year! Remember those who attended the Christmas party have their points started for the 2006 challenge. Way to go!

The Chinese Auction was a huge success. Thank you to all that graciously donated gifts and to those who participated!

George Rosemeyer was the lucky winner of the 50/50.

Everyone who participated in the Christmas gift exchange went home with a little special gift to enjoy before Christmas.

Chapter P wishes everyone a Very Merry Christmas and a Happy and Safe New Year!

## High Mileage Contest

By Jayne Minsterman  
Newsletter Editor

Congratulations to **Tom & Marilyn Banks** (28,794 miles) who took 1<sup>st</sup> place, **Ken & Denise Chuderewicz** (20,403 miles) who took 2<sup>nd</sup> place and **Bob & Jayne Minsterman** (17,329) 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.

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### Trivia Night-Time to "Getaway"

By Denise Chuderewicz  
Event Coordinator

Are you all wrapped up in the holiday season? Need time to relax after the hustle and bustle of the holidays? Come join Chapter P for a relaxing, entertaining time of trivia. The night is guaranteed to be full of fun and laughs. It is a great place to socialize and enjoy some good food at the Getaway Café. We are hosting an evening of trivia to tantalize your cranial taste buds. Bob Minsterman will be hosting the evening, as Denise Chuderewicz will be experiencing jet lag from her trip to Italy. Think you know your Sports? Politics? Motorcycles? Geography? History? and more. Are you up for the challenge? Come one, come all to a friendly trivia game. Bring a friend or 2! CASH Prizes for the winning teams and fun for all! To help offset the prizes \$2.00 per person will be collected at the table. Join us for a bite to eat at 6:30pm or come just to play trivia at 7:30pm. For reservations (either for dinner or just trivia) to assure seating, please call Bob Minsterman at 412-969-0556 by Sunday, January 22, 2006.

Trivia Night

Saturday, January 28, 2006

Dinner at 6:30pm – Trivia at 7:30pm

Getaway Café

3049 Sussex Avenue

(at McNeilly Road)

Pittsburgh, PA 15226

### Chili Cook-Off

By Shirley Hoak  
Chapter Director

Okay--all you gourmet chefs out there-- here is your chance to show off your stuff. Chapter P will be having the Chili Cook Off for next year's State Rally at the winter picnic in February. Mix up that batch of chili the night before the winter picnic and bring it to the grove. We will have a place to heat it up and let your fellow Chapter members be the judge. The one that gets picked will compete against the other Chapters in the State. So, let's (152346) get those cookbooks out and start cooking. This is for the GUYS also! Don't be shy! I know you guys can make some awesome chili.

### Sturgis and Beyond - Part II

By Shirley Hoak  
Chapter Director

This is a continuation of the article that appeared in the October 2005 Newsletter.

Even though we hated to leave South Dakota, we were both anxious to continue on with our planned trip. So, on Sunday, August 7<sup>th</sup>, we headed to Wyoming. We had made tentative plans before we even started this trip if possible to have lunch with Ken & Denise and Bob and Jayne somewhere in Wyoming. I called Denise in Cody, Wyoming, and we decided that Gillette, Wyoming, around noon would be a great meeting place. Well, the saying goes, it looked good on paper was so true, Roy and I arrived in Gillette around lunchtime, but no one else. We waited around for a while had lunch and continued on with our trip. Just outside of Buffalo, Wyoming, heading towards us we passed them on the road. We all turned around, found a place to eat and

had a great time catching up with our adventures. We filled them in on all the happenings going on in Sturgis and they told us about Cody and Yellowstone. It was great seeing them, but all good things must come to an end. We said our goodbyes and headed toward Cloud Peak Skyway. One of the things that I did when planning this trip was to research all the information I could by using the internet. I found this wonderful website [www.byways.org](http://www.byways.org) that actually listed all the scenic byways in the United States. The state of Wyoming has numerous byways that we took advantage of. The first one was Cloud Peak Skyway just outside of Buffalo, Wyoming. It is a sixty-four mile paved highway that travels through the southern section of the Big Horn National Forest on US Route 16 from Buffalo over Powder River Pass down the awe-inspiring Ten Sleep Canyon. There were no words that could have prepared us for this ride. The drive in the canyon is spectacular, featuring limestone and dolomite cliffs. We spent several hours taking in all the beauty and I know the pictures we took still can't capture the real essences of the canyon.

From there, we traveled to Ten Sleep and Worland and then onto Cody, Wyoming, where we stayed for the night. Cody is home to one of Wyoming's premier attractions, the Buffalo Bill Historical Center. The center is actually several museums in one, provides displays of western Americana so outstanding that it has been called "The Smithsonian of the West". The Buffalo Bill Museum is a vast collection of Cody's personal and historical memorabilia. They have a whole gun section that dating back to early civil war to present day. Roy just loved this part of the museum. After

spending most of the day in Cody sightseeing, we took the Chief Joseph Scenic Byway to Cooke City, Montana, where we spent the next five days exploring Yellowstone National Park. This was another breathtaking byway. Chief Joseph Byway was only forty-seven miles long, but once again the scenery was spectacular. The byway ends at the intersection of Highway 212, where we continued on up to Cooke City, Montana. The town of Cooke City was only three blocks long. Even though it was founded over a hundred years ago, it has kept its small town charm. There are two gas stations, one grocery store that was declared an Historic Landmark, several restaurants and a hand full of motels. This town is a popular stopping place since they are only four miles from the northeast entrance into Yellowstone National Park. Roy and I loved this little town, the people were so helpful and friendly. However, I did realize that there were no police or fire and most important no medical help anywhere. If you had any medical emergency, they would have to call for a helicopter and fly you into Montana or Wyoming. It was a nice place to visit but not live.

We spent the next five days exploring all the sights of Yellowstone. Yellowstone National Park offers its visitors a chance to see some of Mother Nature's finest works and some of her most unusual oddities. Our first day in the park, we encountered herds of Buffalo, hundreds of them, everywhere you looked. The weather in Yellowstone is forever changing. I don't know if all the geysers have anything to do with it or not, but every afternoon it would rain, somewhere in the park and, of course, we were lucky enough to be there and have to dodge a shower. Just was the case while in Mammoth Hot Springs.

We were having a nice picnic lunch when I noticed a black cloud roaring across the sky, not only did it rain, it changed into hail for about ten minutes. Afterwards, the kids were having a blast throwing ice balls. In minutes the sky would clear, the sun came out and you didn't even know that it had rained. We spent the next five days traveling through Yellowstone stopping and seeing all the magnificent scenic attractions, some more unique than others. Five days was not enough but we still had more adventures awaiting us. Before we left Yellowstone, we took one day out and drove the Beartooth Scenic Byway. Beartooth Byway is one of the most spectacular National Forest routes on the continent. This highway travels through the Shoshone National Forest. The Beartooths are one of the highest elevation and most rugged areas in the lower 48 states, with 20 peaks over 12,000 feet in elevation. Roy stopped at the Beartooth Campground to fish in their lake. The waters were so pristine that I swear the fish could see us and were laughing; needless to say, he didn't catch anything. We traveled as far as we could go, since they had a mudslide in May of this year, had a picnic lunch, took pictures and stared back down.

Our last day in Yellowstone, we traveled to the south entrance of the park going off to see Old Faithful. Old Faithful is certainly the best known of Yellowstone's geysers. We also made stops at the Fountain Paint Pots, a hilltop of bubbling mud that takes on weird shapes and makes strange sounds. In Yellowstone, we saw every kind of wild life imaginable. We got to see a grizzly bear with her cub eating a buffalo. We didn't know if she killed the buffalo or not. Roy was very impressed with the

size of the elk with their massive racks. Yellowstone is definitely a place that we will come back to visit again, perhaps bring the grandkids.

We left Yellowstone traveling past the Grand Teton Mountains and heading into Jackson Hole for the night. I wished I had planned more time for us to spend in the Grand Teton National Park, but that wasn't the case. We just spent one night in Jackson Hole and left the next morning heading towards Idaho and Utah, stopping at the Flaming Gorge in Utah. The first thing that catches your attention is the magnificent rock formations in the canyon that wind and water have sculpted. Flaming Gorge is known for its breathtaking scenery. The Byway rises from 5,050 feet to 8,428 feet above sea level. We found that the roadway's ascent can be dramatic and winding, a motorcycle's dream (there were some 5-8 percent grades), and some switchbacks that put the dragon to shame.

We continued on to Vernal, Utah, where we stopped for the night. The next morning, we left Vernal, heading toward Colorado. Roy has a cousin living out there in Ft. Collins were we planned on spending some time visiting with them. When traveling through parts of Utah, it was amazing how deserted it was. You see nothing for hundreds of miles. About the only form of life we saw was when a coyote ran right out in front of the bike. I was very happy to see the sign that said we had entered Colorado. I absolutely loved this state. Everywhere you looked there are magnificent mountains to feast your eyes on. We took Rte. 14 heading towards Ft. Collins. What a beautiful road! Roy's cousin has lived there for over eleven years and has never had the opportunity to travel this road. We started climbing

mountain roads with breathtaking scenery that took us through Roosevelt State Park that had spectacular canyons, waterfalls and tunnels. We spent three days in Ft. Collins sightseeing around the area. We spent one day in Estes National Park and Rocky Mountain Park. We left Ft. Collins and headed down to Colorado Springs. We were stopping and seeing some friends that we hadn't seen in thirty-five years. We had a wonderful reunion with them. We rode the bike up to Pike's Peak, stop at the Garden of Gods, Seven Falls and Cheyenne State Park that took us to the top where we could look down upon Colorado Springs. Our friends took us to a small town called Cripple Creek. It was the first town that had struck gold and the very first millionaire made his claim. It was a very quaint town that has kept its old world charm with one catch. The whole town is a gambling town. It is the first time I had ever seen a penny slot machine.

The day we arrived they were having a salute to all veterans and it reminded us of a small Sturgis with bikes all over the place. They were getting ready to have a huge parade the next day for the veterans.

The next day, we took a short drive southwest of Colorado Springs where we saw one of America's most spectacular

attractions, the Royal Gorge. We walked across the world's highest suspension bridge, which spans 1,053 feet about the Arkansas River. We took the incline to the bottom of the gorge and rode the aerial tram across the gorge. When we were riding the tram, the water below looked like a small creek, but when we got to the bottom it turned out to be the Arkansas River with people whitewater rafting on it. No, we did not do that. It was rated a five, which is one of the hardest rafting to do. The Royal Gorge is an absolute wonder and I am so happy that we got the opportunity to enjoy it.

Well, like all good things, our vacation time had finally come to an end. We had to face the fact that we must start thinking about returning to Pittsburgh. So we bid our good-byes and left for home leaving the beautiful state of Colorado behind. I will really miss waking up every morning and looking out and seeing the Rocky Mountains in the background. At night, we could see the light at the top of Pike's Peak. On Sunday morning, the day we left, up at Pike's Peak, from the summer storm the night before it had snowed and covered the peak. What a spectacular view!

It took us three days to get home, but the memories will last a lifetime.

### MILEAGE FORM

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| 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: _____ |  |
| <p>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.</p> |  |  |  |
| <p>_____</p> <p>Signature</p>  |  | <p>_____</p> <p>Date</p>               |  |

| <b>Date:</b> | <b>Day:</b> | <b>Event:</b>  | <b>Location:</b>  | <b>Points:</b> | <b>Time:</b>                         |
|--------------|-------------|----------------|---|----------------|--------------------------------------|
| Dec. 18      | Sunday      | Gathering      | Eat 'N Park Restaurant<br>Route 60 & Manor Park Drive<br>Robinson Township, PA  | 15             | 8:30 a.m. – eat<br>10:00 a.m. – mtg. |
| Jan. 1       | Sunday      | Polar Bear Run | Spirit Harley-Davidson<br>Watch Website for Details   | 10             |                                      |
| Jan. 4       | Wednesday   | Staff Meeting  | Eat 'N Park Restaurant<br>Route 60 & Manor Park Drive<br>Robinson Township, PA  |                | 7:00 p.m.                            |
| Jan. 10      | Tuesday     | Meet & Eat     | Paparazzi Italian Ristorante<br>(Enjoy Card #70, Entertainment Card #123)<br>2100 East Carson Street<br>Pittsburgh, PA 15203<br>RSVP to Bob Minsterman 412-881-2500 | 5              | 7:00 p.m.                            |
| Jan. 15      | Sunday      | Gathering      | Eat 'N Park Restaurant<br>Route 60 & Manor Park Drive<br>Robinson Township, PA  | 15             | 8:30 a.m. – eat<br>10:00 a.m. – mtg. |
| Feb. 1       | Wednesday   | Staff Meeting  | Eat 'N Park Restaurant<br>Route 60 & Manor Park Drive<br>Robinson Township, PA  |                | 7:00 p.m.                            |
| Feb. 19      | Sunday      | Gathering      | Eat 'N Park Restaurant<br>Route 60 & Manor Park Drive<br>Robinson Township, PA  | 15             | 8:30 a.m. – eat<br>10:00 a.m. – mtg. |
| Feb. 19      | Sunday      | Winter Picnic  | To Be Announced<br>Watch Newsletter for Details   |                | Immediately following<br>Gathering   |
| Mar. 1       | Wednesday   | Staff Meeting  | Eat 'N Park Restaurant<br>Route 60 & Manor Park Drive<br>Robinson Township, PA  |                | 7:00 p.m.                            |
| Mar. 19      | Sunday      | Gathering      | Eat 'N Park Restaurant<br>Route 60 & Manor Park Drive<br>Robinson Township, PA  | 15             | 8:30 a.m. – eat<br>10:00 a.m. – mtg. |

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