Greetings from our Chapter Directors

Judy & Shane Patishnock

April has come and is almost gone! The temps sure fluctuated but the daffodils and crocuses were very pretty along with the forsythia. I think the summer temps are almost here to stay – which means it’s almost time to be planting veggies and flowers, and which brings on fun riding events!!

Don’t forget that at our May Chapter Gathering we will be hosting a “Drug Awareness” presentation given by Ms. Tara Lathrop, Harford County Department of Community Services, Office of Drug Control Policy. The misuse of drugs, whether legal prescriptions or “street” drugs, can and does affect all of us in some way and Harford County as well as our neighboring counties, are not immune to this problem. This is a great learning opportunity for all of us and I hope that you will be there to take advantage of the information she has to offer.

Not every event is for riding so please remember to start making some purchases as you are out shopping for our upcoming charity, “Christmas in July” for our Perry Point Veterans. Some of the items that they would like to receive for the veterans are K-cups (coffee, tea, hot chocolate) for a Keurig machine that the veterans use. Hygienic items such as shampoo, conditioner, soap, shaving crème, aftershave, tooth brushes, toothpaste, mouthwash (no alcohol); preferably either non-scented or scents for men. Light weight shorts, t-shirts, undergarments, socks, etc., in sizes large through 4X. Keep in mind that at this time they do not need puzzle books, DVDs, board games, or women’s clothing. Am hoping to receive an updated list but in the meantime, the aforementioned items are good items for our Veterans.
We will also be making “Thank You for Your Service” cards during the next couple months and will make arrangements to hand these out in person to the Veterans, so stay tuned as we’re going to try to get the cards made during the month of May. We hope to be able to provide these to our Veterans after our July Chapter Gathering.

Here’s another training opportunity for those needing CPR/Medic 1st Aid! Julie Ahearn will be at our home to provide CPR/Medic 1st Aid to the first 12 chapter members who sign up. The cost for this class if $30 per person. The training will be held on 12 August, from 10am to 2pm, so how easy is that for you!

So far this year, Cathy and Shane haven’t been receiving a lot of the pictures taken by our members at our various events so if you take a picture(s) – *please send* them so they can be included in our newsletters and in our Holiday Party slide show!

I can’t emphasize this enough – your Staff works hard to try to keep our activities *fun, interesting*, and *varied*. But without your input and suggestions for rides, other members from our chapter to step up to lead some of the rides, and your support and attendance at these events – our events will not be successful! So that being said, remember to mark your calendar with our ‘*Upcoming May Activities*’! *We need YOUR SUPPORT* to make our all our events (riding, training, charity) successful and *FUN*! Last but certainly not least, mark your calendar for the ‘*Save the Dates*’ events. Looking forward to seeing y’all at our upcoming events! 😊

**Bike for Sale – Red 2012 Gold Wing**

17885 mi., AM-FM CB radio, Intercom system, Heated hand grips and seats with a hatch you can open up to have engine heat flow over your feet, Head light adjustment switch, Ride height adjustment switch, Hook up in trunk for simcard, Hookup in front left pocket with cigarette lighter hookup.

The guy I bought it from gave me two small boxes of stuff for the bike including microphones and speakers for helmets…I never hooked them up. Other mounts in the box I think for cell phone or maybe Garmin. The bike does not have navigation or antilock brakes. There are also 2 sets of antennas that go with it. Previous owner took it to a Wing Ding and wanted both antennas to look the same so bought another set. Also a few pieces of chrome were added there. Included will also be a set (front and back) of seat beads.

I had the brake recall completed last fall along with the other fluid and filter changes. This is the second set of tires and still have a few thousand miles left to go. Runs great, clean and comfortable.

Asking price of $18,000. Will accept cash or money order or combination. Asking Members first because I can trust them to tell only those who can really afford to spend the money.

Contact Mark Jackson at ayardshark@netscape.net

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We had a very active April in the chapter. We went to the Gap PA ham and oyster dinner to support our Fire House Challenge. We also had a great crowd go to the White Swan for dinner. Some of us joined MD-I for a Chicken Wing Festival down in their area. We also attended MD-I’s meeting and their Pancake Breakfast Fundraiser. The ice cream social was at Jarrettsville Creamery, and if you attended that night your ice cream was paid for by the chapter. A few members went on a River Boat lunch cruise in DC to see the cherry blossoms. Some members attended breakfast and saw the Easter Bunny at Darlington Fire House.

A few friends and I went to VA Beach and stayed the night. We came home over the Chesapeake Bay Bridge Tunnel. This was a nice ride and will be doing it again later this year - details will follow. Carol and I rode up to Shady Maple for dinner.

On July 8th there will be a ride in PA at the camp ground. The funds will go to the PA Vets. The ride is about 100 miles and you get dinner after it. Details will follow.
Greetings all. Unfortunately, I was not able to attend the Chapter Gathering in April due to some other pressing activities I had to work on before a business travel. During my absence, I certainly appreciate Mike Haslup’s willingness to step in and provide some valuable thoughts and information regarding motorcycle accidents. In keeping with that theme for this month’s article, I wanted to also share a list of common causes for motorcycle accidents below.

These five most common causes of motorcycle accidents provided below were part of a blog from GAS2 (a green site), dated November 23rd and attributed to “Guest Contributor”. With only a couple revisions made to shorten the material, I hope you find this informative.

They’re fast, fun, and fuel-efficient, so you just know we’re huge fans of motorcycles around here. Unfortunately, there are millions of motor vehicle accidents taking place each year, from basic fender-benders to full-on “twisted metal” high-speed collisions. In either case, riders and passengers of smaller vehicles like motorcycles and scooters are particularly vulnerable.

Below, we’ve listed what we believe to be the five most common causes of motorcycle accidents and how to avoid them. It’s not a helmet or high-visibility clothing, but it is useful knowledge that may help you gain more situational awareness the next time you jump on a bike.

1. Dangerous Maneuverers - Taking on a corner or a bend is one of the most common causes of motorcycle accidents due to riders miscalculating the angle and size of the turn. If speed and timing are not handled properly, riders will hit the brakes, which could throw them or their bike off. To avoid these types of accidents, keep an eye on your surroundings and use clues such as signs, trees or poles to help you work out what the shape of the road ahead might be like.

2. The Rear-End - Accidents can occur for motorcycles when they are not leaving enough space for the vehicle in front. If this car was to stop suddenly, the rear-end collision for a bike can end up at lot worse than if it was a car hitting another car. Although the load on a motorcycle might be lighter than that of a car, it only has two wheels to help it stop and keep it stable. So, keep your distance!

3. The Blind Side - Large portions of motorcycle accidents often come down to drivers simply not seeing the rider. Common places where blind spot collisions happen are while overtaking or at junctures. Always approach each scenario with the belief that the driver doesn’t know you’re there. Blind spots also have to be considered when riders are driving past parked cars, as it’s common for people to open their door into a bike if they don’t see it.

4. Lane Ways - Although it may be legal in some areas for riders to lane-split between cars in traffic lanes, that doesn’t mean it shouldn’t be practiced with extreme caution. Cars don’t necessarily know you’re there and will often not leave much space between them and the vehicle in the lane over. Riders can easily be knocked into oncoming traffic by a driver who merges into another lane or even swerves slightly.

5. The Need for Speed - The freedom and rush of exhilaration you get when riding a motorcycle is unfortunately the beginning of another common cause of accidents: speeding. Going beyond the speed limit places riders at a higher risk of losing control and not seeing obstacles. It’s not just new riders that push the boundaries of speed. Just because you might know the limits of your bike, doesn’t mean you should abuse its awesome power.

It’s important to note that not all motorcycle accidents are due to poor actions on the rider’s behalf; a large number are often due to the fault of other drivers, which is out of your control. Just remember to always practice caution, wear the appropriate safety gear, and if you’re unsure about a situation, do your best to avoid it.
Upcoming May Activities

6 May (Sat) – Three events:

**MD-B Chapter Visitation:** Address Temple Hill Elk Lodge, 7350 Temple Hill Road, Temple Hills, MD. Ride details TBD. See flyer on our website.

**MD-B Fun Day:** Bike & people games, Motorcycle Rodeo! Registration is $17 – this payment was due NLT 15 April 2017 but if you would like to attend, contact them immediately. Address Temple Hill Elk Lodge, 7350 Temple Hill Road, Temple Hills, MD. See flyer on our website.

**Shrimp Feast, Perryville Volunteer Fire Company:** Shrimp Feast, $30 pp/$50 per couple. This is a pre-register event and Marge needs final headcount and money Tuesday, 25 Apr. POC: Marge

7 May (Sun) – MD-B 18th Annual Bike Blessing of the Bikes: Worship service at 10am. Address Queen’s Chapel United Methodist Church, 7410 Old Muirkirk, Road, Beltsville, MD. Weather permitting, there will be an afternoon dinner ride to Friendly Farm Restaurant, 17434 Foreston Road, Upperco, MD. See flyer on our website.

10 May (Wed) – MD-H Ice Cream Social: 7pm, Prigel Family Creamery, 4852 Long Green Road, Glen Arm, MD.

13 May (Sat) – Three events – our chapter needs to divide and conquer!

**MD-F Chapter Visitation and Family Fun Day:** Address is The Family Recreation Park, 21036 National Pike, Boonsboro, MD (off I-70 at Exit 35 on Route 40 West). POC is Jeff Kauffman, 301-787-3569, email j_kauffman@myactv.net. Attending are Haslups, Cathy, Sue, Wendy.

**PA-B 25th Spring Fling:** Lancaster Central Park, Pavilion #22, Kiwanis Drive, Lancaster, PA. Registration begins at 9am. See flyer on our website. Registered are Chris & Marge and Judy & Shane.

18-20 May (Thu – Sat) – PA District “Fun at the Movies” Rally: Address Ramada Conference & Golf Hotel, 1450 South Atherton Str., State College, PA. Note: Registrations must be received by 31 May 2017. See flyer on our website. Registered are Judy & Shane.

20-21 May (Sat/Sun) – ARC, 2-day course, Hagerstown, MD. This is FULL. Another date planned.

24 May (Wed) – MD-H Staff Meeting: 7pm, Patishnock’s home.

27 May (Sat) – Burning Bridge Tavern Ride: Meet at Wawa, Rtes 1 & 136, fueled and ready to ride. KSU at 1030. Ride will be approximately 1.5 hours to the Burning Bridge Tavern, lunch there, then return. POC & Ride Leader: Ron. Let me know by 24 May if you plan to attend this ride.

CANCELLED: 27 May (Sat) – American Saloon Dinner Ride: Red Lion, PA. Details TBD.

28 May (Sun) – MD-H Gathering: Aberdeen Golden Corral, eat at 8am; meet at 9am; 706 S. Philadelphia Blvd., Aberdeen, MD. SPECIAL NOTE: We will have a guest speaker, Ms. Tara Lathrop, Harford County Department of Community Services, Office of Drug Control Policy, provide a free “Drug Awareness” presentation to our members. Let’s show her our Chapter H support!!
10 Jun (Sat) – *Breeden’s Pot Luck*. Details TBD.

14 Jun (Wed) – *MD-H Ice Cream Social*: 7pm, at Nottingham Creamery, Nottingham, PA

17 Jun (Sat) – *Two events:*

   **MD-H M/C Awareness**: Darlington VFC. There will be breakfast available & Flea Market. Looking for someone to hold this event as the Haslups will be unavailable due to other commitment.

   **MD-H M/C Recruitment**: Darlington VFC. There will be breakfast available & Flea Market. POC: Cathy.

21 Jun (Wed) – *MD-H Staff Meeting*

24 Jun (Sat) – *Two events:*

   **MD-H Covered Bridge Ride followed by early dinner at Shady Maple Restaurant, PA**

   **Horizons Training (Free), 8am-4:30pm, Centreville Masonic Lodge, 408 Railroad Ave., Centreville, MD**

25 Jun (Sun) – *Two events:*

   **MD-H Gathering**

   **Horizons Training (Free), 9am-noon, Centreville, MD (2nd day)**

**12 Aug (Sat): *MD-H CPR/1st Aid Class*: 10am-2pm (approximately), at Patishnock’s house. This class is limited to 12 people only; $30/pp; reservation and payment cutoff is 29 July. The class is good for those who need initial or refresher.
Don’t forget – somewhere in this newsletter, you will find hidden someone’s GWRRA member number. If it is yours, tell Fran at the next gathering and you will win a $10 Golden Corral Gift Card! Winner must attend the meeting to collect their gift card.

Ads in our Newsletter – if you have a business or someone you know has one, they can place an ad in our newsletter for a nominal fee.

Business Card: $15/6 mo; $25/yr
Half Page: $30/yr
Full Page: $100/yr

WINNERS, BIRTHDAYS, & ANNIVERSARIES

April Gathering Winners!
Progressive - no one
Shirt/Vest – Pete Surette
Newsletter number- no one
50/50 #1 – Allen Willingham MD-J
50/50 #2 – Paul Breeden
50/50 #3 – Allen Willingham MD-J
First Aid Kit – Fran

Three people won dancing flamingos!
You must attend the monthly meeting to receive your birthday gift of a $10 Golden Corral Gift Card!

May Birthdays
Lezlee Brown
Wally Reynolds

April Anniversaries
Cathy & Steve Kelley
Donnie & Sandra Morris
Paul & Carol Breedem

Sue Miller just had grandchild #3!
Benjamin Louis 6 lbs, 15 oz, 20 inches
born April 28. Congrats, Sue!
New White Swan Restaurant dinner ride. Not pictured is Sue and 2 family members and Wendy.

Ice Cream Ride to Jarrettsville Creamery where the chapter paid!

Fran & Mike & niece and Shane & Judy with lots of family went to see the last circus ever!

Lions and Tigers, Oh my!

Bike Blessing April 29 at St. Patrick’s church

Barbie with Father Dale
It was a cloudy day but we still saw some beautiful sights.

This was our ship – very elegant.

Cherry Blossom Lunch Cruise

On March 30, six of us took a bus from HCC to Washington DC where we boarded the low, glass enclosed boat, The Odyssey. We spent 2 hours cruising the Potomac River while being served a very elegant lunch. We were able to see the major monuments, flanked by the cherry blossom trees, while listening to a narrative about what we were seeing. There was a live band on board and dancing. It was a very nice trip and we will probably do it again another year.
One of our rarely seen members, Scott Bunting, sent some photos of his trip to NC.

Gorgeous Day!

MD-I gathering and Pancake Breakfast Fundraiser.

Scott and his bike.

So we know where he is.....
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