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U P C O M I N G E V E N T S

Jan 28 Sat **Special Date** Chapter Gathering & Euchre, 9:00am
Coffee and Donuts (Team Meeting 8:30am)
[Norwich Twp Safety Services Bldg \(click for map\)](#)

February 2012

Feb 1 Wed Midweek Dinner Ride, 6:30pm, Details TBA

Feb 3-4 Fri-Sat Wingless Weekend, Lansing, MI

Feb 10-12 Fri-Sun Cabin Fever at [Crowne Plaza Hotel](#)
[6500 DoubleTree Ave, Columbus](#)

Feb 14 Tue **Valentine's Day**

Feb 17-19 Fri-Sun Indiana Winter Rendezvous, Indianapolis, IN

Feb 20 Mon **President's Day**

Feb 25 Sat **Special Date** Chapter Gathering, 9:00am
Coffee and Donuts (Team Meeting 8:30am)
[Norwich Twp Safety Services Bldg \(click for map\)](#)

March 2012

Mar 7 Wed Midweek Dinner Ride, 6:30pm, Details TBA

Mar 11 Sun Daylight Savings Time begins

Mar 17 Sat **St. Patrick's Day**

Mar 17 Sat Chapter Gathering and Ride, 9:00am
Coffee and Donuts (Team Meeting 8:30am)
[Norwich Twp Safety Services Bldg \(click for map\)](#)

Mar 31 Sat Spring Officers Meeting, [Crowne Plaza Hotel](#)
[6500 DoubleTree Ave, Columbus](#)

[Click Here for Entire 2012 Schedule](#)

Chapter Director

LeRoy Witzel

Hi everyone,

Well the holidays are over and hope everyone had a wonderful time and enjoyed being with your families.

As you probably know, I am now your new Chapter Director. Dave did a great job as our leader last year and I hope I can do as well.

The first new change is that we are going to change our meeting time to Saturday mornings instead of in the evening. We are planning to have just coffee, donuts or some other simple morning dish. The plan is to have our meeting, get the business over and then get together and go on a ride after the meeting. Of course this is the plan in riding season.

Right now we are having the meeting and deciding something fun to do. This first get together, Saturday, January 28th, 9am, we are planning to have a euchre party. So bring your cards and a good partner and have some fun.

I would like to go bowling after one of the meetings, or maybe go somewhere and have brunch instead of a lot of donuts. Please bring up some fun activity that we could do in these winter months.

We could also plan seminars immediately following the meetings. We could have group riding, trailering, or a seminar that all are interested in. If there are any thing that you would be interested in let us know.

Something to look forward to is Cabin Fever, Feb. 10, 11 & 12. The theme this year is the 60's, with great events, talent show, parade, great dinner and the chance to visit a lot of friends to have fun. I am planning to join the parade and am hoping for others to join in this fun event. See the Events page on the website for details.

Also, I am trying to organize a small packet that all of us can carry or keep in our bikes or cars so that whenever you see or strike up a conversation with other motorcyclist, you can give them packet about joining GW and our chapter.

This is just a few fun things that are being planned so come to the gatherings and just maybe you will have a lot of fun.

Your Chapter Director

LeRoy Witzel

Rider Education - Robin Koontz

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I found this article, and knew it would appeal (at least in spirit) to 95% of Goldwingers.

The **FASTER** You Go The Less You Weigh

by James R. Davis, of the Master Strategy Group

Honest!

If you were to measure how much your motorcycle (and you) weigh at a dead stop and then while you are moving at, say, 75 MPH, there would be a meaningful difference.

This happens because the faster you travel through the air, the stronger the turbulence and, thus, the lift that the relatively low pressure of turbulence creates. Turbulence below the bike is trivial by comparison to that above it.

And, if instead of sitting straight up you are leaned forward, your back creates an airfoil that creates even greater lift.

If the combined weight of you and the bike, when at a dead stop, is about 800 pounds, then when you are moving at speeds of 75 MPH that combined weight will be closer to 790 pounds, or less. And the faster you go, the lower that total will be.



You might think the lift would be evenly distributed fore and aft. Wrong. Far more of the lift is on the front wheel than the rear. And why that's important is that with a lowering of weight on the front end there is a corresponding reduction in traction and, thus, stabilizing force available from trail. Indeed, at very high speeds your motorcycle will feel unresponsive and 'light' in the front end - so much so that you will not trust it (nor should you) to hold onto the ground in your turns.

While there is always a net lift caused by airflow with speed, the effect on the rear end of your bike could well be to increase its weight. This, because just like the amount of weight transfer acceleration generates is determined by how high the center of gravity is as compared to the wheelbase, wind resistance creates a downforce in the rear proportional to

how high the center of wind resistance is to that wheelbase.

[All wind resistance is above the ground while all forward motion forces are at ground level. That automatically creates a torque which tries to lift the front and lower the rear.]

Downforce on the rear wheel can be less than, equal to, or greater than the lift generated by turbulence as described above and that is largely determined by how high the center of wind resistance point is relative to the wheelbase.

The taller you sit, the more 'baggy' your clothing, the 'wider' you are, the bigger your windscreen, and the faster you move ... the lighter your front end will get, but the more likely the bike's rear end will get heavier rather than lighter.

Lest you think this is academic... the reason there are short (seemingly useless) windcreens on sportbikes is to diminish the turbulence BEHIND the rider so that there is not so much lift of the bike at speed that control is badly compromised. They are small so that they do not, at the same time, increase downforce from wind resistance that would lighten the front end even more. Tourers take note: your windscreen lightens your front end dramatically!



Given enough horsepower and proper gearing your maximum possible speed becomes limited to that which results in insufficient front wheel traction to steer the motorcycle.

I have to take the ERC this year, so I will be looking for a class. If anyone else wants to take the Experienced Rider's Course, probably around May or June, let me know.--Robin

Membership **E**nhancement **C**oordinator
Jim Ayres

2012 Cabin Fever "Sixties"

Date: February 10, 11, 12, 2012

The Winner of the Sweetheart Early Registration Package will receive:
 Full Registration for 2, Hotel Room for Friday & Saturday night & Box of Chocolates
 To be eligible for drawing: Your registration must be received no later than January 6, 2012.
 Drawing will be held January 8, 2012.

- Theme Grand Parade
- Movie & Popcorn
- District Couple of the Year Competition
 (Winners to be announced at Sweetheart Dinner)
- Chapter of the Year
- Talent Show
- Games
- Vendors
- Seminars
- Chapter/Individual Contests
- Auctions
- Ice Cream!!!
- Craft
- Theme Dinner (extra cost)
- Night Games

****Rider Ed Competition****



Logo Winner – Carol Culler

Lots of Fun planned for All Ages
 Get your registrations in EARLY!



Membership Enhancement Coordinator

Jim Ayres



\$5 Registration Discount Ends January 31st!

Wing Ding 34 in Ft. Wayne will host many new and exciting events such as the Welcome Party in the **Amish Town of Grabill, Indiana** featuring outdoor vendors, antique shops, buggy rides, **homemade ice cream** and much more hosted by Visit Fort Wayne!

We're planning a **Fourth of July Celebration** just for Wing Ding attendees on top of one of the IPFW (Indiana-Purdue Ft. Wayne) Parking Garages for VIP viewing of the cities annual fireworks display. This evening will incorporate the Light Parade and feature **exclusive music, dancing, food vendors and more** just for Wing Ding attendees on the top floor of the garage (and reserved parking in the rest of the garage). Or, you can mingle with the community attendees throughout the campus enjoying their annual celebration in their family-friendly, alcohol-free atmosphere.

The AMA's Motorcycle Museum Hall of Fame Inductee **Craig Vetter** will be hosting a lecture each day of Wing Ding 34 so don't miss out on this unique insight into motorcycling history.

This celebration also marks the **35th birthday of GWRRA!** So come join us on the rooftop for free cake as we celebrate our nation's independence along with our 35th birthday!

The new year brings a new look! The monthly Wing Ding e-Newsletters have been simplified and made more user-friendly to eliminate excessive reading and scrolling. Simply click on the topic or item of interest below!

Other Chapter Gathering Times and Places

| Chapter | Meeting Date | Time | Food Prior | Location | CD's # |
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| OH-B3 | 1 st Saturday | 9:00 AM | Coffee & doughnuts | Obetz Community Center, 1611 Chillicothe Street Obetz | (614) 875-7326 |
| OH-Z2 | 1 st Wednesday | 7:00 PM | Dinner @ 6:00 PM | Buehler's Restaurant, 800 West Central Ave Delaware, OH | (614)-923-9649 |
| OH-D3 | 2 nd Wednesday | | Yes | Sandy's Bar & Grill, 333 Millcreek Drive, Marysville | (937) 246-3221 |
| OH-Q2 | 2 nd Thursday | 6:30 PM | Carry in Dinner | 6906 Old Tarlton Pike, Circleville | (740) 474-1830 |
| OH-F3 | 3 rd Tuesday | 7:00 PM | Dinner @ 6:00 PM | Fat Cat's Pizza, 1448 Ety Pointe Drive, Lancaster | (740) 654-7156 |
| OH-O | 3 rd Thursday | 7:00 PM | Dinner @ 6:00 PM | Stacy's Buffet, 79 North to 30 th Street, then west | (740) 928-4616 |
| OH-B2 | 1 st Saturday | 10:00 AM | | Ohio Hi-Point JVS, 2280 SR 540, Bellefontaine | (614) 467-4524 |
| OH-U2 | 3 th Saturday (See web page) | 9:00 AM | Coffee & doughnuts | Norwich Twp Safety Services Bldg Check web for dates and map www.GwrraOhU2.org | (614) 451-8673 |
| OH-Y | 1 st Saturday | 6:00 PM | | Central Christian Church, 17833 Gambier Rd. Gambier, OH 43022 | (740) 397-8467 |
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