

# GOLD WING ROAD RIDER'S ASSOCIATION



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## Heart of Ohio Wings - Chapter U2

February 2009

## UPCOMING EVENTS

### FEBRUARY

02/07/2009	Saturday	Bowling Day, 11:30 AM until ??? <i>Sawmill Lanes, 4825 Sawmill Road</i>
02/13-15/2009	Friday-Sunday	Cabin Fever <i>Crowne Plaza Hotel, 6500 Double Tree Avenue</i>
02/15/2009	Sunday	Cruising for Canines Poker Run Planning Meeting, 2:00 PM <i>Roxanne Shull's house - bring snacks</i>
02/18/2009	Wednesday	Midweek Dinner Ride, 6:30 PM <i>Joe's Crab Shack, Sawmill Road</i>
02/28/2009	Saturday	Staff Meeting, 5:00 PM <i>Hilliard Library, 4772 Cemetery Road</i>
02/28/2009	Saturday	Monthly Gathering, 6:30 PM <i>Hilliard Library, 4772 Cemetery Road</i>

### MARCH

03/07/2009	Saturday	Games Day, 1:30 - 4:30 PM, Bring your favorite games and snacks <i>Hilliard Library, 4772 Cemetery Road</i>
03/19/2009	Thursday	Midweek Dinner Ride, 6:30 PM <i>Pig Iron Grill, North High Street, Clintonville</i>
03/28/2009	Saturday	Staff Meeting, 5:00 PM <i>Hilliard Library, 4772 Cemetery Road</i>
03/28/2009	Saturday	Monthly Gathering, 6:30 PM <i>Hilliard Library, 4772 Cemetery Road</i>

### APRIL

04/04/2009	Saturday	Officer's Meeting <i>Fort Rapids Holiday Inn, I-70 East and Hamilton Road</i>
04/05/2009	Sunday	Sundae Ride-N-Eat, 2:00 PM <i>Young's Dairy, Yellow Springs</i>
04/14/2009	Tuesday	Midweek Dinner Ride, 6:30 PM <i>China Bell Restaurant, Stringtown Road, Grove City</i>
04/19/2009	Sunday	Toy Ride Planning Meeting <i>Details TBA</i>
04/25/2009	Saturday	Staff Meeting, 5:00 PM <i>Hilliard Library, 4772 Cemetery Road</i>
04/25/2009	Saturday	Monthly Gathering, 6:30 PM <i>Hilliard Library, 4772 Cemetery Road</i>

## February Birthdays

2<sup>nd</sup> Doug Kerst  
 4<sup>th</sup> Buzz Collins  
 4<sup>th</sup> John Wilson  
 8<sup>th</sup> Chance Koontz  
 13<sup>th</sup> Leroy Witzel  
 15<sup>th</sup> Mary O'Day



## February Anniversaries

17<sup>th</sup> Paul & Becky Jaeb  
 29<sup>th</sup> Ed & Sheila Greier



Chapter	Meeting Date	Time	Food Prior	Location	CD's #
B3	1 <sup>st</sup> Saturday	9:00 AM	coffee & doughnuts	Obetz Community Center, 1611 Chillicothe Street, Obetz	(614) 833-4204
Z2	1 <sup>st</sup> Wednesday	7:00 PM	dinner @ 6:00 PM	Byxbe's, 1502 W. William Street, Delaware	(614) 923-9649
D3	2 <sup>nd</sup> Wednesday		yes	Sandy's Bar & Grill, 333 Millcreek Drive, Marysville	(937) 246-3221
Q2	2 <sup>nd</sup> Thursday	6:30 PM		6906 Old Tarlton Pike, Circleville	(740) 474-1830
F3	3 <sup>rd</sup> Tuesday	7:00 PM	dinner @ 6:30 PM	Annie's Cheesecake, Main Street, Lancaster	(740) 746-9120
O	3 <sup>rd</sup> Thursday	7:00 PM	dinner @ 6:00 PM	Stacy's Buffet, 79 North to 30 <sup>th</sup> Street, then west	(740) 928-4616
B2	2 <sup>nd</sup> Thursday	7:00 PM	potluck	Bellefontaine JVS @ The Inn	(614) 467-4524
Y2	1 <sup>st</sup> Saturday	5:30 PM		Alfred S. Carr Center, 1035 Beverly Avenue (off SR 60 North), Zanesville	<a href="mailto:momabear40@hotmail.com">momabear40@hotmail.com</a>
U2	4 <sup>th</sup> Saturday	6:30 PM	dinner	Hilliard Library, 4772 Cemetery Road, Hilliard	(614) 563-9249



## Chapter Director

Russ Ridgeway

Well, cold weather has settled in and with the temperature near zero it is hard to think about riding. But that does not mean U2 is not active. We had a great turnout for the "Polar Bear" ride and some even rode. We had our first mid-week dinner ride to Der Dutchman and the "mid-week" ride next month is on Wednesday, February 18<sup>th</sup>, at Joe's Crab Shack on Sawmill.

Do you have the Winter blues? If fun, games, talent and more are what you are looking for then Cabin Fever could be just what you need during this lean riding part of the year. Cabin Fever is February 13<sup>th</sup> through the 15<sup>th</sup>, at the Crown Plaza Hotel, 6500 Doubletree Avenue. Do not forget there is **NO "Day Pass"** so you have to pre-register to attend Cabin Fever. You will also have the opportunity to cheer on Doug and Lynn Kerst as they compete against two other couple for District Couple of the Year. The final competition event will be Saturday morning with the District Couple of the Year announced Saturday night at the Sweetheart Dinner.

We have a few changes on Chapter staff. Rosemary McBeth has stepped down as Treasurer and I am pleased to announce Sheila Greier has agreed to be the Treasurer. We still need a Rider Educator and a Ways and Means Coordinator. Both positions are important to our Chapter. Please forward any suggestion to me.

On a personal note, I am a Grandpa for the fifth time. Sammuel is the first grandson of the group. I now have three grandchildren who have yet to take their first ride. This summer may be the first chance for Eve, the two year old, to have her first ride around the block if the helmet fits.

~ Let's Ride Together , Russ

## Assistant Chapter Directors

Doug & Lynn Kerst

I just wanted to say thanks to the 21 people who came out for the Polar Bear Ride and had breakfast at Hometown Buffet. There were two brave souls who rode their bikes and they are Jack Riehle and Doug Kerst. They both are dedicated to riding. Or are they not all there? We probably will never know. The weather was about 17 degrees and a light breeze.

We are all thinking about the nice riding weather so that we can get out and ride again with the group. We have to remember to do a good T-clock inspection before we get out and start riding this season. We all get a little bit out of practice on our riding so it is a great idea to go to a wide open parking lot to practice. You can practice a lot of moves on the bike with nobody around, to get your skills back to where they were or better than last year. You can also plan on going to a skills day somewhere in Ohio to get practice.

I just wanted to let you know that Cabin Fever is coming up on the 13<sup>th</sup> and 14<sup>th</sup> of this month. We are going to be competing against two other couples for the Region COY. I am hoping that some of you can make it to cheer us on.

I just wanted to remind you that we have a lot of wonderful rides planned throughout the year. This month for the mid-week ride is Joe's Crab Shack on Route 161 and Sawmill.

~ Doug & Lynn

### Hidden Image

No two are ever the same. Good luck finding the image!!

## Ride Coordinator

Leroy Witzel

Hi Everyone:

I am writing this as the snow is coming down. Hard to fathom writing a motorcycle newsletter article with a prediction of 2-4 inches of snow or more.

I hope there was a good turnout for the New Years Day breakfast. I missed it because I gave my wife her late birthday present of dinner at The Refectory on New Years Eve. After a 6 course dinner, I just could not get myself up to a breakfast.

Also did not make it for the mid-week dinner ride to Der Dutchman. I had tickets for OSU basketball and watched them thump Indiana. Go Bucks!

I mention these things because I was a strong advocate of starting up the dinner rides again and what happens? I missed the first two right off the bat. There is no basketball game for February 18<sup>th</sup> at Joe's Crab Shack, so hope to make it there with a good turnout to support the dinner rides. Hint, Hint.

There is also a Ride and Eat event on the 7<sup>th</sup> of February. Please watch the events page as it has been announced. The event was also mentioned at the January gathering. The gathering was 6:30 PM on January 24<sup>th</sup> at the Hilliard Library on Cemetery Road. The February gathering will be at the same location, same time on February 28<sup>th</sup>. The March Ride and Eat will be planned for March 7<sup>th</sup>.

I really enjoyed the article from Jack last month about the Harley endurance ride. I was supposed to go on that ride with Jack but of course things at home prevented me once again. I do apologize to Jack for that. There is nothing that I have ever seen wrong with the way the H.O.G. chapters organize and execute their rides. They are very similar to the way Jack described the ride and all done without CB's and getting mixed up in towns. The rides are also done with a large number of bikes and very well organized. Only once was I ever really worried about riding with a bunch of Harleys. That was a Puppy Poker Run in Indiana, and I do not think it was sponsored by H.O.G.

~ Later and be safe, Leroy

## Motorist Awareness Division

Sheila & Ed Greier

Bear with me here folks while I veer off topic this month. While I usually enjoy writing articles on Motorist Awareness for a group of dedicated motorcyclists who are committed to rider education and safety, it does sometimes feel as if I'm preaching to the choir. So, to show what I do late at night when I can't sleep because I work night shift, here are some motorcycle and travel quotes I've found on my late-night Internet travels. And no, there are no naked people here this month. Sorry to those who are disappointed! Authors are unknown unless otherwise stated.

Most motorcycle problems are caused by the nut that connects the handlebars to the saddle.

- \* Four wheels move the body. Two wheels move the soul.
  - \* It takes more love to share the saddle than it does to share the bed.
    - This can be so true on a long trip.
  - \* Sometimes the best communication happens when you're on separate bikes.
    - I know this to be accurate too.
  - \* The best alarm clock is sunshine on chrome.
  - \* Only a biker knows why a dog sticks his head out of a car window.
  - \* Safety is a cheap and effective insurance policy.
  - \* Accidents hurt – safety doesn't.
  - \* Never be afraid to slow down.
  - \* Respect the person who has seen the dark side of motorcycling and lived.
  - \* Winter is Nature's way of telling you to polish.
  - \* Gray-haired riders don't get that way from pure luck.
  - \* Sometimes it takes a whole tank full of fuel before you can think straight.
  - \* He who would travel happily must travel light. – Antoine de Saint-Exupery
    - Those of us who have ever over-packed know this.
  - \* Thanks to the Interstate Highway System, it is now possible to travel from coast to coast without seeing anything. – Charles Kuralt
  - \* When preparing to travel, lay out all your clothes and all your money. Then take half the clothes and twice the money. – Susan Heller
- AND MYALL TIME FAVORITE
- \* Life's a journey, not a destination. – Steven Tyler (Aerosmith)

So relax and... ENJOY THE RIDE!!!!!!!!!!!!



**Ride Aware: Motorcyclists are Dying to be Seen**

~ Sheila

# Membership Enhancement Division

Terry Woodbury

# Newsletter Editor

Roxanne Shull

Hope everyone had a FUN and Safe holiday. Winter has come in with a COLD BANG!!

As I stated in January's article, GWRRA has come up with a few new programs dealing with renewal of your membership. If you renew for three (3) years you could win some nice prizes. Check Melissa Eason's (Executive Director) editorial in the December 2008 issue, for details on the Recognition and Renewal Programs. For 2009, GWRRA has come up with a new slogan, "EVERY MEMBER MATTERS". You can see the details on page 7 of the January 2009 issue.

All of this is to show ALL MEMBERS this is your organization, that your membership is important to make it work. By coming up with various discounts and special offers for you to cash in on, GWRRA hopes that all members know the organization is nothing without them..

Bottom line..... without You this organization would not exist.

Reading the February 2009 issue it looks like GWRRA is doing some changes to the 2009 WING DING. It appears to be some good changes.

Hope to see you at the next gathering or other functions the chapter has come up with.

**Reminder:** Do you know when your membership expires?

~ Your MEC, Terry

Well, the January staff meeting and gathering got off to a rough start with a room booking issue at the Hilliard Library. Fortunately we were able to get a meeting room at the Dublin Library, so not all was lost. To those of you who made the trip to Hilliard unnecessarily we apologize for the inconvenience!! We confirmed Hilliard is booked for February, March, and April.

We played the "gathering challenge" for the first time at the January gathering. Russ came up with a way for us to have some fun and also bring in funds for the chapter and to donate during the Toy Ride or the Poker Run. Here are the bullet points of the challenge:

- purchase ticket(s) when you sign in
- anyone who attends the gathering can participate
- there is no limit on the # of tickets you can purchase
- at the end of the gathering someone will draw a name
- that person will then draw a ticket with 1 of 3 challenges
- if the challenge is completed successfully 50% of the funds will be awarded
- if the challenge is NOT completed successfully, the funds will carry over to the next gathering

Participants can purchase as many tickets as they want (1 for \$1 or 6 for \$5). Well don't you know I sold enough tickets to collect \$52, which left \$26 up for grabs. Our illustrious leader, Russ, was the lucky name drawn and the challenge he pulled was: Toss M & M's in the air and catch them in your mouth. Must catch 8 out of 12 in 30 seconds. Apparently catching tossed food is not one of Russ' fortes'.

As riding season approaches I will be introducing a similar way to participate in a challenge that will take place at the Chapter Christmas Party. Because tickets will be sold throughout the entire riding season at every ride, and this is a one time challenge, I suspect the funds collected will be fairly substantial. Certainly something to think about when it comes time to decide what rides you plan to attend.

I encourage you to come to the next gathering and participate in this fun way for us to make money for the chapter and one of our charity events. Even if I only sell one ticket at the next gathering you could win \$26.50 if you complete a challenge successfully.

Also at the gathering I asked for volunteers to help with the 4<sup>th</sup> Annual Cruising for Canines Poker Run which I will be chairing. I appreciate the folks who volunteered to help and wanted to make sure you know there is always room for more. Our first meeting is Sunday, February 15<sup>th</sup>, at 2:00 PM, at my house. One of the challenges we face with this event is how to increase participation. If you don't want to be on the committee to plan the event, but have suggestions on ways to improve it, we are very interested in hearing what you have to say.

Hope to see everyone at the chapter gathering in February and good luck to Doug and Lynn at Cabin Fever.

~ Happy Trails, Rox

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