

# GOLD WING ROAD RIDER'S ASSOCIATION



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## Heart of Ohio Wings - Chapter OH-U2

June 2009

## UPCOMING EVENTS

### JUNE

06/06/2009	Saturday	4 <sup>th</sup> Annual Cruising for Canine's Poker Run, Registration @ 8:30 AM <i>Start location AD Farrow SR 36/37 at I-71</i>
06/12-13/2009	Friday-Saturday	Buckeye Rally, <i>Wooster</i>
06/20/2009 ←	Saturday	Staff Meeting, 5:30 PM <i>Pine Manor Clubhouse, Grove City</i>
06/20/2009 ←	Saturday	Monthly Gathering, 6:30 PM <i>Pine Manor Clubhouse, Grove City</i>

### JULY

07/02-05/2009	Thursday-Sunday	Wing Ding <i>Tulsa, Oklahoma</i>
07/15/2009	Wednesday	Midweek Dinner Ride, 6:30 PM <i>Ben &amp; Joy's, Mt. Sterling</i>
07/18/2009	Saturday	Ride-N-Eat, 9:00 AM, depart from East Departure Point <i>Ride Route 555 ending at Redwood Restaurant, Belpre, Ohio</i>
07/25/2009 ←	Saturday	Staff Meeting, 5:30 PM <i>Pine Manor Clubhouse, Grove City</i>
07/25/2009 ←	Saturday	Monthly Gathering, 6:30 PM <i>Pine Manor Clubhouse, Grove City</i>

### AUGUST

08/13-15/2009	Thursday-Saturday	Rally at the Peak (previously known as Honda Homecoming) <i>Bellefontaine &amp; Marysville</i>
08/13/2009	Thursday	Ride-N-Eat to the Light Parade, 6:00 PM <i>Hometown Buffet at Mill Run</i>
08/22/2009 ←	Saturday	Staff Meeting, 5:30 PM <i>Hilliard Library, 4772 Cemetery Road</i>
08/22/2009 ←	Saturday	Monthly Gathering, 6:30 PM <i>Hilliard Library, 4772 Cemetery Road</i>

**PLEASE NOTE: We are back at the Hilliard Library for the August staff meeting and gathering.**

## June Birthdays

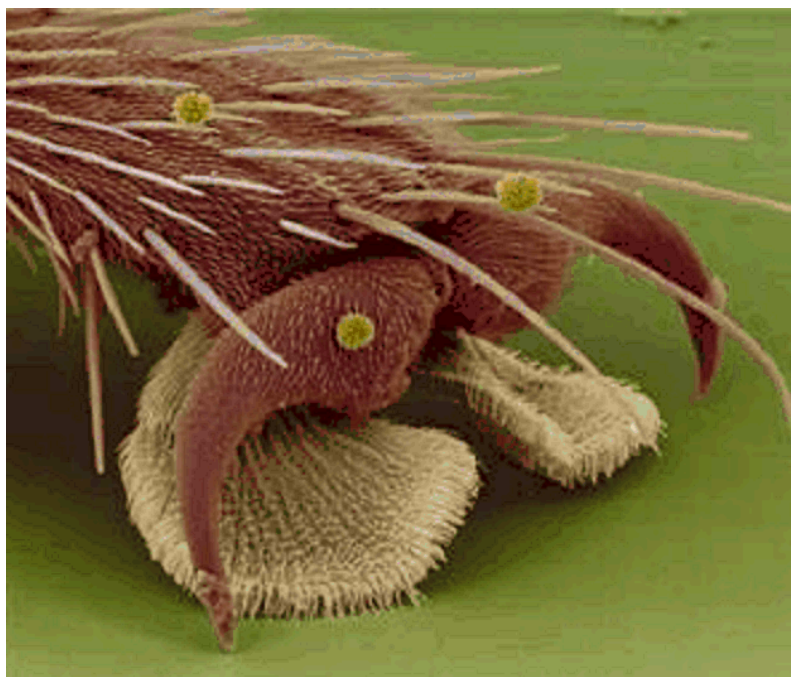
4<sup>th</sup> Roy Jenkins  
 5<sup>th</sup> Andy Dudash  
 6<sup>th</sup> Ed Greier  
 11<sup>th</sup> Jayne Koontz  
 20<sup>th</sup> Sheila Greier  
 21<sup>st</sup> Robert White  
 27<sup>th</sup> Carol Spartz  
 28<sup>th</sup> Chuck Frieze  
 30<sup>th</sup> Mike McClaskie

## June Anniversaries

13<sup>th</sup> Jim & Kathy Ayres  
 14<sup>th</sup> Dave & Sue Leitch  
 17<sup>th</sup> Bill & Norma Harris  
 20<sup>th</sup> Leroy & Melanie Witzel  
 22<sup>nd</sup> Mary & Paul O'Day

Chapter	Meeting Date	Time	Food Prior	Location	CD's #
OH-B3	1 <sup>st</sup> Saturday	9:00 AM	coffee & doughnuts	Obetz Community Center, 1611 Chillicothe Street, Obetz	(614) 833-4204
OH-Z2	1 <sup>st</sup> Wednesday	7:00 PM	dinner @ 6:00 PM	Byxbe's, 1502 W. William Street, Delaware	(614) 923-9649
OH-D3	2 <sup>nd</sup> Wednesday		yes	Sandy's Bar & Grill, 333 Millcreek Drive, Marysville	(937) 246-3221
OH-Q2	2 <sup>nd</sup> Thursday	6:30 PM		6906 Old Tartton Pike, Circleville	(740) 474-1830
OH-F3	3 <sup>rd</sup> Tuesday	7:30 PM	dinner @ 6:30 PM	Fat Cat's Pizza, 1448 Ety Pointe Drive, Lancaster	(740) 654-7156
OH-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
OH-B2	2 <sup>nd</sup> Thursday	7:00 PM	potluck	Bellefontaine JVS @ The Inn	(614) 467-4524
OH-Y2	2 <sup>nd</sup> Tuesday	7:00 PM	dinner @ 6:30 PM	Papa Chuck's Restaurant, 375 Muskingum, Zanesville	(740) 453-0211
OH-U2	4 <sup>th</sup> Saturday	6:30 PM	dinner	Hilliard Library, 4772 Cemetery Road, Hilliard	(614) 563-9249
OH-Y	1 <sup>st</sup> Saturday	7:00 PM		Groves Church of Christ, 7740 Groves Church Road, Gambier	(740) 924-4780
OH-P2	3 <sup>rd</sup> Tuesday	7:00 PM		Church of Christ & Christian Union Fellowship Hall, 770 Jefferson Avenue, Chillicothe	(740) 993-2863

Can anyone guess what this is?????



## Chapter Director

Russ Ridgeway

Fifteen days after my surgery I couldn't take it any longer. I rented a bike and went riding with the friend I stayed with in Chicago. Our plan was to ride to the Harley-Davidson Museum in Milwaukee, Wisconsin. It was one of the first nice days since I had been there so we were looking forward to the ride.

Not far into the journey, we met up with 7 fellow bikers from the Kindred Posse Motorcycle Club of Lake County, Illinois. Without any formal communication it was obvious we had been welcomed to ride along with them (maybe because we were on Harleys). Similar to the experience Jack Riehle shared earlier in the year, they were a well organized group and communicated without CB's, but via foot and hand signals. We rode with them for about an hour and soon after leaving them decided to ditch the trip to the museum, it was just too nice to spend the day in a museum.

We asked one of the locals where we could find nice roads to ride and they pointed out some fun ones. On the best stretch of road we were held up by a horse hauler. We spent more time dodging clods of horse dung than enjoying the road. We found a place to turn around and ran the section up and back again, this time without anyone in front of us. By the end of the day, we had ridden 190 miles. I thought it was a good starting amount post surgery. Even though the Ultra-glide had only 83 miles on it when I picked it up, it did not come close to convincing me to give up my wing.

Later in the week we did make it to the Harley-Davidson Museum. The founders of Harley-Davidson were William S. Harley and Arthur Davidson. Walter Davidson, Arthur's brother later joined their effort. Although three Davidson brothers put up most of the money, Harley, the engineer and brains behind the original engine, got first billing on the corporate name. Interesting, when people refer to the bikes they usually just say "Harley". That sounds better than riding a "Davidson". Except for some of the early years, Harley-Davidson retained at least one bike from each year. All but 5 bikes on display at the museum are unrestored (only cleaned and new tires in some cases). Two of the five are replicas (the Easy Rider bikes) and 3 had been restored. It was an interesting place to visit, but a long way from Columbus. It is a recommended place to visit, if your journeys ever take you to Milwaukee.

~ Let's Ride Together, Russ

## Membership Enhancement Division

Terry Woodbury

Well, riding season is in full swing. A lot of things are coming up in the next few months.

One thing that should always be on your mind is having FUN. Also, you should be talking to other riders about GWRRA. Retention and Recruitment is the for front of National. They have come up with many new benefit programs that show what GWRRA has to offer if you become a member and retain your membership. The bottom line is to have FUN and meet some great people who love to ride.

One of the things that will help in having FUN is the upcoming event, Cruising for Canines Poker Run for charity on June 6<sup>th</sup>, because it is open to all bike riders. You will be able to talk other riders about what GWRRA has to offer. Also, as you are out and about riding this is another way to meet other riders. National has also provided other processes for retention (see National website for Membership Enhancement Division) it provides various phases that will help in the retention of current members.

Tell people about some of the events, including the upcoming Buckeye Rally in Wooster, Ohio. It would be a way for people to see what GWRRA has to offer in Ohio. See you there.

Have you checked your membership lately? Also, check the National website to check your status. Remember "Every One Matters".

~ Your MEC, Terry

To everyone in Chapter OH-U2:

I would like to apologize for the delay in getting the newsletter published. I have been having some serious computer issues. Russ has been trying to fix them, but we can't figure out what the problem is.

Again, I apologize for the delay, Roxanne

## Motorist Awareness Division

Sheila & Ed Greier

I was recently asked by someone who rides without a helmet why I still wear one. After all, I did sustain a serious head injury in a motorcycle accident. He observed that clearly it didn't matter that I had one on since I was hurt anyway, so why bother wearing one now. Perhaps it's because I wouldn't be here for him to ask me such a ridiculous question if I did not have the helmet on. My neurologist did tell Ed that I would not have survived without a helmet on to cushion the impact.

Motorcyclists who ride without a helmet have various reasons for doing so and I will admit, I seldom wore a one when I was younger. Now I am older (duh!) and wiser (debatable) and I wouldn't think of riding without it. Obviously not everyone else feels the same way. Excuses I've heard for not wearing one include:

I want to feel the wind in my hair. *(Use a hair dryer if you need that experience.)*

I'd rather be dead than injured. *(Yes, I really heard that.)*

They're uncomfortable, hot and heavy. *(Well, I'll give them that one since that was my excuse, but I did get used to it and now don't even notice it.)*

They limit my vision and hearing. *(Not proven to make a discernable difference.)*

The extra weight from the helmet can CAUSE neck injuries.

Now, I have read there are statistics which indicate neck injury rates do go up in states that have exclusive helmet laws; where all riders have to wear an approved motorcycle helmet regardless of age and years of experience. It made me wonder how that can be true when everything else I've read claims that helmets decrease injuries and save lives. Well I finally found my answer to that. In a book put out by the Motorcycle Riders Club of America titled: Ultimate Street Strategies, they write:

Do helmets cause neck injuries? No. Crashing does. Then why do neck injuries go up in states that enact mandatory helmet laws? Because corpses don't complain about sore necks.

Well, that sure does make sense to me! If you don't survive the accident because you didn't have a helmet on, you sure aren't going to grumble about neck pain. Or, as in my case, lay there unconscious but mercifully still breathing.

So I will continue to wear my helmet and urge others to wear one also. While I plan to never be on the pavement again, I'll take the helmet hair look any day over the windblown look.

~ Sheila & Ed

## Dealer Liaison

Rob & Lynn Berridge

About a month ago I contacted the company that owned Motorsports of Columbus requesting my service records from 2001 to the present (I do not keep records myself, I figured they would be in business for a long time). On May 11<sup>th</sup> I received a response from Florida that included all the service records I requested! If you would like your service records contact:

Dan Lambert Fixed Operations Director

12271 Towne Lake Drive

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Lynn and I rented a Harley Electra-Glide Ultra Classic while on vacation a few weeks ago. I thought I would give you a few of my observations when comparing the Harley to a Gold Wing. The HOG DOES have some good points! It can haul more stuff than a Gold Wing. The saddle bags open from the top which is easier to load. The trunk can hold two full faced helmets plus a lot of other stuff. This space is needed as the bike has no helmet locks. Two bungee cords will hold a lot on the luggage rack also. The bike needs no key. When the bike is turned off, the alarm system is turned on automatically. The key fob is a proximity device. The bike can only be started when the rider is on it or really close to it. In 6<sup>th</sup> gear the engine is turning about 2700 rpm at 80 mph! And all the bros you pass wave at you 'cause you're cool!

There are a few items on the down side however. At a stop light the bike almost shakes your teeth loose. You could make a hard boiled egg if you put it in the right leg of your pants under your thigh. It is a great heater in the winter, but VERY hot when the temperature gets over 85 degrees. If you want to pass a car on the freeway and you are in 6<sup>th</sup> gear, you better have a few miles ahead to get past the car. There is almost no acceleration at freeway speeds in high gear. I would suggest a downshift to 3<sup>rd</sup> to get more punch. To use the intercom each person must hold down a button to talk which is kind of inconvenient, but less wind noise when not talking. Also, Lynn noticed the space allotted for the passenger is less than on the Gold Wing, especially with a rider backrest.

Hope to see all of you at the Cruising for Canines Poker Run on June 6.

~ That's about it – Rob

