

GOLD WING ROAD RIDER'S ASSOCIATION



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Heart of Ohio Wings - Chapter OH-U2

June 2010

UPCOMING EVENTS

JUNE

06/05/2010	Saturday	5 th Annual Cruising for Canines Poker Run
06/10/2010	Thursday	Midweek Dinner Ride, 6:30 PM <i>Ding Ho Restaurant, West Broad Street and Phillipi</i>
06/16/2010	Wednesday	Cedar Point, 7:30 AM, north meeting point Sandusky
06/17-19/2010	Thursday-Saturday	Ohio District Buckeye Rally Wayne County Fairgrounds, Wooster
06/26/2010	Saturday	Staff Meeting, 5:30 PM, Pine Manor
06/26/2010	Saturday	Chapter Gathering, 6:30 PM, Pine Manor <i>Potluck Theme: Dad's Favorite Recipes</i>



JULY

06/30-07/03/2010	Wednesday-Saturday	Wing Ding, Des Moines, Iowa
07/10/2010	Saturday	Ride 'N' Eat, 9:00 AM <i>Hillybilly Hotdogs and Marshall Memorial, Point Pleasant</i>
07/13/2010	Tuesday	Midweek Dinner Ride, 6:30 PM <i>Coffee Cup Restaurant, Nelsonville</i>
07/22-24/2010	Thursday-Saturday	All Ohio Bike Fest Union County Fairgrounds, Marysville
07/23/2010	Friday	Ride 'N' Eat, 6:00 PM <i>Hometown Buffet, Mill Run followed by night ride at All Ohio Bike Fest</i>
07/24 /2010	Saturday	Staff Meeting, 5:30 PM, Pine Manor
07/24/2010	Saturday	Chapter Gathering, 6:30 PM, Pine Manor <i>Potluck Theme: Red, White and Blue</i>



AUGUST

08/06/2010	Friday	Dinner & Light Parade, 6:00 PM <i>Hometown Buffet, Mill Run</i>
08/06-07/2010	Friday-Saturday	Rally at the Peak, Bellefontaine
08/14/2010	Saturday	Ride 'N' Eat, 9:00 AM, east meeting point <i>Ride Route 555, end at Redwood Restaurant, Belpre</i>
08/18/2010	Wednesday	Midweek Dinner Ride, 6:30 PM <i>Asian Gourmet, Westerville</i>
08/21/2010	Saturday	Staff Meeting, 5:30 PM, Pine Manor
08/21/2010	Saturday	Chapter Gathering, 6:30 PM, Pine Manor <i>Potluck Theme: Tailgate Food</i>
08/22/2010	Sunday	19 th Annual Toy Ride for Children's Hospital, 11:30 AM line-up, 1:00 PM departure Scioto Downs
08/28/2010	Saturday	Ride 'N' Eat, 9:00 AM, east meeting point <i>Ravens Glenn Restaurant</i>

June Birthdays

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

June Anniversaries

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

Chapter	Meeting Date	Time	Food Prior	Location	CD's #
OH-B3	1 st Saturday	9:00 AM	coffee & doughnuts	Obetz Community Center, 1611 Chillicothe Street, Obetz	(614) 833-4204
OH-Z2	1 st Wednesday	7:00 PM	dinner @ 6:00 PM	Byxbe's, 1502 W. William Street, Delaware	(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		6906 Old Tartton Pike, Circleville	(740) 474-1830
OH-F3	3 rd Tuesday	7:30 PM	dinner @ 6:30 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	2 nd Thursday	7:00 PM	potluck	Bellefontaine JVS @ The Inn	(614) 467-4524
OH-Y2	2 nd Tuesday	7:00 PM	dinner @ 6:30 PM	Papa Chuck's Restaurant, 375 Muskingum, Zanesville	(740) 453-0211
OH-U2	4 th Saturday	6:30 PM	potluck	Pine Manor Clubhouse, 3077 Pine Manor Boulevard, Grove City	(614) 917-3542
OH-Y	1 st Saturday	7:00 PM		Groves Church of Christ, 7740 Groves Church Road, Gambier	(740) 924-4780
OH-P2	3 rd Tuesday	7:00 PM		Church of Christ & Christian Union Fellowship Hall, 770 Jefferson Avenue, Chillicothe	(740) 993-2863

Chapter Director

Russ Ridgeway

John Lennon said it best in his song *Imagine*..... life is what happens while you are busy making other plans. Since my last newsletter article, AEP offered a voluntary severance package to all employees. They were looking to reduce the work force by 10%, or 2200 employee. A total of 2793 employees elected to take the package. Having 32 years of service and being able to bridge my departure until I reach 55 years of age, via a paid leave of absence, I was one of the employees who elected to take the severance package. Prior to the April announcement, I had many other plans for the next several years until I had planned to retire.

We normally go kicking and screaming as God reveals His plan..... I am no exception. I was upset when the company limited the personal software allowed on my company laptop in 2008, and as a result had to purchase my own. This meant I had to carry two laptops while traveling. In 2009, I had issues with the AEP contracted rental car agency and decided to purchase my own vehicle to avoid the inconvenience of renting at the airport. Both of these events made my decision to retire much easier since both are major expenses required to start a company, clearly revealing His plan.

I have been in fast forward mode getting my new business started since I'm too young to stop working and too poor to fund riding my wing 365 days a year. I've started a consulting company, which will allow me to continue doing work similar to what I did for AEP. With my paid leave of absence, I will have 7 months to grow my business, or realize I made the wrong choice.

My redirected life has resulted in all new contact information. My new cell phone number is (614) 917-3542 and my new e-mail address is rfridgeway@SHEL-B.com. Please update your files with my new contact information, as May 28th was my last day at AEP.

The new company name is SHEL-B Environmental Emissions Consulting, Inc. SHEL-B is not just an arbitrary name but the first initials of my five grandchildren starting with the youngest and ending with the oldest (Sammuel, Haley, Evelyn, Layla and Brittany). When I purchased my new cell phone, I tried to get 7-4352 as the last 5 digits (which would spell SHEL- B), but they do not assign the last four digits. The new number is (614) 91-RELIC. A relic is an object of religious veneration (or, like me, something that has survived an extinct culture).

I was unable to make the May Saturday "Ride and Eat" because I was in Texas, and did not make the "Mid-week Dinner Ride" because I was in Arkansas. I am hoping to have a little more free time with my new company to enjoy riding a more frequently.

~~ Let's Ride Together, Russ

Assistant Chapter Directors

Kevin & Rosemary McBeth

As with many things, where there is an end there is also a beginning. We recently sold Rosemary's Honda Valkyrie. It was truly a great bike, but in the final analysis, it was probably too big (tall/heavy) for her to handle safely. We will miss it. If things had worked out differently I might have kept it for myself, but, as things are currently, we needed to eliminate it from the stable of iron horses.

But with this ending, there IS a new beginning! At about the same time we were selling the Valkyrie, we were able to locate a very low mileage 2005 Suzuki Boulevard with 2,500 miles. This bike is a bit lighter, and has a much lower center of gravity. Rosemary is much more comfortable and confident on this new ride. Most importantly, it is FUEL-INJECTED!!! This has been a must from the start of our search for the Valkyrie replacement. Fuel-injection offers an easier, more reliable method of fuel delivery. It eliminates the need for manually configuring the choke and adjusting it as the bike warms up.

For the time being, we are resisting the urge to dress it up, other than the all necessary gremlin bell. Give it time, and it will have all the extras she wants for her new ride. Rosemary is happy, and as we all know..... when the wife is happy, EVERYONE IS HAPPY!!

~~ Kevin

Membership Enhancement Division

Terry Woodbury

Riding season is in full swing. So when you are out and about make sure you have some membership applications and a copy of the Wing World magazine with you. This will help explain what is available to people who are members of GWRRA, basically what they can get with membership (a free magazine, two types of towing services, The Gold Book for service assistance, rider education, plus various member discount programs). Remember that "working together to get a member, involve a member, keep a member" is the responsibility of everyone in the Chapter.

Also remember that you can manage your membership 24/7 thru the national website. So if anything has changed make sure that you keep your membership up to date.

So getting new members and keeping the old ones should be on everyone's mind. EVERY MEMBER MATTERS.

See you at the next Chapter Gathering

~~ Your MEC, Terry

Rider Education

Mike Griffith

Making Sure Your Motorcycle Is Ready

You being ready to ride is only part of the battle. You need to make sure your motorcycle is ready too. You should perform a quick, overall inspection of your motorcycle before each ride. To do this, use what is referred to as the T-CLOCK inspection, explained below.

T - Tires and wheels

Check your tires for proper air pressure, tread depth, cracks, bulges or embedded objects. Check wheels for dents, cracks and roundness. Check spokes for proper tightness or missing spokes. Check bearings and seals for signs of failure.

C - Controls

Check all levers, making sure they are not broken, bent, cracked or loose. Check the condition and routing of control cables, making sure they move freely, are not frayed, and have no sharp angles, and are of sufficient length as to not interfere with steering. Check that all hoses are in good condition and don't interfere with steering. Make sure your throttle moves freely, with no sticking and snaps closed when released.

L - Lights and electrical

Check your battery, making sure the terminals are clean, electrolyte fluid is sufficient, and that it is properly secured. Check your headlight, making sure it works, has no cracks and is aimed properly. Check all other lights and reflectors for operation, cracks and fastening. Check wiring, looking for frays, clean connections and proper routing.

O - Oil and fluids

Check oil and fluid levels, including brake and clutch fluid, coolant and of course gasoline. Check all fluid reservoirs, hoses and lines for leaks.

C - Chassis

Check condition of the frame, looking for cracks, dents or bends. Check forks and shocks, making sure they travel freely and are properly adjusted. Check chain or belt, for proper tension, lubrication and wear. Check all fasteners, bolts and cotter pins, making sure they are not missing, broken or loose.

K - Kickstand

Check the side and center stands. Make sure they are not cracked or bent and that they spring into place and the tension is sufficient to hold them.

Although this sounds like a lot, this inspection can be performed quite quickly. While it won't guarantee against a failure of some sort, it increases your odds of finding problems before they become dangerous or fatal.

~~ Mike

2010 Buckeye Rally Convention



"Summer Safari"

June 17-19, 2010

Wayne County

Fairgrounds

Wooster, Ohio



Duck Races

Demo Rides

Top Gun

Amazing Team Challenge

Arcade Games

Off Bike Games

Chapter Challenge

Light Parade

Vendors

Observation Ride

Popcorn

Snow Cones



