

RUBBER CITY RIDERS NEWSLETTER AKRON, OHIO

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By Paul & Nyki McWilliams

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Hello Rubber City Riders! We hope you are looking forward to the nice weather coming as much as we are. We are anxiously awaiting those warm balmy days for riding season to get here. Is it here yet?? We, your officers and staff, have tried to put together a fun filled schedule of events that you all can enjoy for this upcoming year. You may enjoy some things more than others, and that's okay. If we were all the same, what a boring world this would be! We know there will be other activities squeezed in at some point as well. We're just like that. An opportunity comes along, and we try to take advantage of it, so don't stop thinking about things to do, places to go, and of course, food to eat! Let us know and we will see what we can do. We have included all of the suggested restaurants on the dinner ride schedule, so we will have many new places to try out this year, and are looking forward to it. We have also included some of the ride suggestions you have given us, and hope you find them something you can look forward to. We wish we could do them all, but there are just so many things to do and only so many days to do them, we have to make choices. We hope we have enough variety to satisfy as many of you as we can. It's not for a lack of trying. The schedule should be finalized in the next week or so, with our staff and district meeting coming up. We will get it finalized and out to you as soon as we can.

For those of you who were not able to attend the last gathering, you missed the talk about the cans, so just briefly, here it is. We have been getting more than cans in the bags, so we ask that you make sure all we are getting is cans. We don't want left-overs mixed in. Please try to help in this regard. If we keep getting other goodies in with the cans, we'll stop collecting them. Then we will have to think about what we do as far as funds for a charity are concerned. Also, no more tabs. Let's just do cans. Again, too many non aluminum tabs are being included, which reduces the rate of payment, and frankly, they are not worth that much by themselves. Thanks for your help.

We have a lot of people signed up for cabin fever and the Buckeye Rally, and both events will be a lot of fun. The more, the merrier, is true. We have a really good time when lots of us go to these events, so please consider them in your plans. If you need a room for Buckeye Rally, let us know. We still have a couple of rooms available. As soon as the registration forms for the rally are available, we will let you know.

That's it for now. Stay warm, drive safe, and we'll see you soon.

Paul, Nyki and Ajna

ACD's POINT OF VIEW

By Steve Detwiler and Pam Jeanneret

Hello Everyone,

Here we are going into another new month and it looks like we are going to get reminded that we still live in Ohio. I know this for a fact, due to the hrs. I have been spending in my salt truck! I am sure by now even our die-hard riders have parked their bikes. (maybe only for a few weeks) I am going to give you a list of up and coming events, maybe you can enjoy some of them even in your 4-wheeler.

Cabin Fever February 9, 10 and 11, Michigan Weekend Get-away February 16-18, Medic-First Aid – Chapter T Feb. 17th at Paul's home. (We still have spots available if you would like to attend please contact Nyki so you can be added. Cost \$20.00 per person). Indiana Weekend Get-away February 23-25 Safety Sunday February 25th Hosted by H-2 in Shaker Hts. (Info will be coming at our next gathering. I believe Paul wants to do this as a "Chapter Event". So please sign up.) Chili Cook-Off and Silent Auction G-2 March 31st. Fund Raiser (Time to dust off your cook books and go have some fun! This is also a good time to support one of our sister Chapters We need to support one another.) Last but not least – Passports 2007. Listed below are the meeting days of our sister Chapters. Paul and I both are trying to visit all the Chapters we can to use the Passport Program and support our sister Chapters.. If you would like to also visit these chapters please contact Paul or myself and we can give directions or even go as a group. Here is the list:

Chapter I-2 Warren – First Thursday of the month

Chapter Q Canton – First Sunday of the month

Chapter V-2 Wintersville - Second Tuesday of the month

Chapter D Chardon – Second Saturday of the month

Chapter I Wooster – Second Saturday of the month

Chapter G-2 Mantua – Third Saturday of the month

Chapter L-2 New Philadelphia - Third Sunday of the month

Chapter M Austintown – Fourth Saturday of the month

Chapter Z Mentor – Last Wednesday of the month

As I stated earlier Paul and I have been to these gatherings and know how to get to each one of them, plus we will have the list of where and when for all at our next gathering. We both hope that you will ask about a group visit. We know if you go to any of these you will definitely have fun. So come have fun with us!!

**See you at the next gathering,
Steve and Pam**

RIDER EDUCATION

By Robert and Angela Williams



Rider Education OH Chapter T February 2007 News Letter Article

Congrats to: Robert G Williams our newest Level IV Master Tour Rider.

Levels program update: We now have 41 members participating in the GWRRA Levels Program. This brings us to a total of 26 Level I Riders, 4 Level II Riders, 7 Level III Riders and 5 Level IV Master Tour Riders. At our Last gathering Dale Hudson was the winner of the Levels Cup. **Ride On**

Riding Topic: It is winter. What do we do as GWRRA member during the off season? Well let me tell you what Chapter V2 and Chapter I did this winter. They held a MEDIC FIRST AID® course. I had the opportunity to Co-Instruct with Robin Koontz at chapter V2 then Instruct at chapter I along with Angela. What an experience and on top of that we had fun. We spent the day with like minded individuals and shared stories and experiences. Yes we did spend 5 to 6 hours in training but it was among friends. I can't encourage you enough to join the MEDIC FIRST AID® course Paul has arranged for February 17, 2007 at his and Nyki's home. Angela will be the lead instructor and I will assist. I can assure you that Angela will keep your attention and even create a smile during this time. I can also assure you that at the end of the day, you will be equipped with the necessary information and skills to react to an emergency. Please join us.

For those of you who wish to take a First aid course but just can't make it Saturday Feb. 17, 2007 at 9am, you can visit our GWRRA district's web page <http://www.ohiogwrra.org> and look up when and where a First Aid course will be held that will meet your schedule. The URL directly to the Medic First aid web page is: http://www.ohiogwrra.org/MEDIC_FIRST_AID.htm

Up coming events that you may want to mark in your calendar are:

Feb. 1, 2007 On-line Registration for Motorcycle Ohio, BRC and ERC classes.

Feb. 9, 2007 Cabin Fever Columbus.

Feb. 25, 2007 Safety Sunday at Chapter H-2 Shaker Heights.

May 5, 2007 Skills Day at Chapter X Nelsonville.

May 12, 2007 Skills Day at Chapter B Mansfield. Chapter T will use this date as our parking lot practice as well.

Next month we will be turning our attention to the riding season. We are almost ready to bring out the bike and start down the winding road.

See you at our next gathering.

Robert G & Angela M Williams
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TECHNICAL TALK

By Chuck and Marlene Isom

Motorcycles manufactured today have a lot of real nice technology built into them. Things like GPS, air bags, Fuel injection, heated seats and grips, Electric adjustable windshields, 10 disc. CD changers and lots of other things, but safety items like brakes grab my attention. When I need to make an emergency stop, I want to be able to as they say "stop on a dime and get 9 cents change." So here is the information on MOTORCYCLE BRAKING SYSTEMS Braking systems have evolved much since the earliest motorcycles. The early motorcycles had only feeble rear brakes, if they had brakes at all. The first major advance since putting brakes on both wheels was the wide availability of hydraulic disc brakes. Today's motorcycles have great stopping power due to modern materials and design of both brakes and tires. Until fairly recently, while materials and designs changed, the logic of brake systems had not. The right handlebar lever operated the front brakes and the right pedal operated the rear brakes. Motorcycle crash data shows that a contributing factor to many crashes is improper braking by unskilled riders. Typically these riders over braked the rear wheel causing a skid, and under braked the front wheel, if they used the front brakes at all. The manufacturers response to this problem was to introduce a new brake system logic.

INTEGRATED Brakes: This system uses three discs, one in the rear and two in the front. Application of the front brake lever applies one front disc. Application of the rear brake pedal applies the rear disc and the second front disc. Usually a proportioning valve directs more pressure to the front disc.

LINKED brakes are marketed by Honda are the next step in the evolution of the integrated brake system. This system is similar to, but more complex than Integrated Brakes. The linked system also uses three discs but with three piston calipers on each disc. The application of the front brake lever applies pressure to pistons in each front caliper and one piston in the rear caliper. The rear brake lever applies pressure to two pistons in the rear caliper and one each in the front calipers. When I first read about this system I thought why do we need this level of complexity? All magazines that have tested it reported it to be an improvement over both conventional brakes and Integrated brakes. I have since had a chance to try it(a GL 1800 that had Linked ABS) and I can say it is a good system.

ANTI-LOCK brakes (ABS) are available from an increasing number of manufacturers, on an increasing number of models. This system uses three discs with a sensor ring on each wheel. When a difference in RPM is detected between the front and rear wheels during braking a locked wheel condition exists. This engages an electronic logic system and hydraulic brake pressure is rapidly pulsed to the locked wheel. This quickly gets the wheel rolling before a dangerous skid can happen (provided you are traveling in a straight line).

LINKED ANTI-LOCK brakes are a combination of both linked and ABS; Honda markets this system. EVO ABS is a BMW system that combines Linked, ABS and a servo assist to produce a faster acting "Power brake" style system. Others in the press have reported both strong plusses and minuses with the system. It is reported to work very well at moderate to high speed, producing quick, controlled stops. There have been reports of EVO ABS being "Too touchy" at low speed, possibly causing wheel lock with only light brake pressure. I would expect BMW to quickly react and produce a more refined system in future design generations. Why offer so many different brake systems? Each of these systems was designed to reduce the errors in braking that lead to many crashes. It is easy to make a mistake in braking that can cause a crash. Emergency braking is a high stress situation. An error that lasts a split second can cause a crash. Highly trained and practiced riders are less likely to make this type of mistake but it can happen to any of us. In my judgment the extra \$1000 you pay for the ABS on a new Goldwing is worth the cost. You may never engage the system, but if you do you will appreciate having it there. I disagree philosophically with these systems removing some level of control from the rider but I have found no problems with the use of these systems in actual trials. EVO ABS is the only exception to this. I have no experience with the system

When considering the purchase of a new motorcycle, consider the type of brake systems that are available. Read magazine reviews and talk to owners of the bikes you like and decide which system makes the most sense for you.

Question: If your motorcycle could travel at the speed of light would your headlights work?

What you don't want to hear from your Motorcycle Mechanic: "I couldn't repair your Brakes, So I made your horn louder."

Marlene and I are just a part of the over 700,000 snowbirds in Florida at this time of year, and we are enjoying it.

Best wishes for some nice riding weather soon.

Your Technical Coordinators, Chuck and Marlene

SECRETARY'S REPORT

By Julie Veneskey

The meeting for January 10th, 2007 was held at Lindsay's Restaurant in Akron and was called to order by Chapter Director Paul McWilliams at 7:15 pm. Paul introduced the guests for the evening. Guests included Dick McKechnie and Gail Taylor, Doug and Sherry Lawrence from I-2, Don and Cindy Davis from G-2, Skip and Debi Beadle, Paul Brutenstein from I, and ADD's Mike and Lisa Ashcraft.

The first item that Paul brought up was the collection of cans for charity. Apparently Bruce has had to separate food and other garbage from the cans. Paul said that this is unacceptable and if it continues the chapter will stop collecting the cans for charity. He also asked that if anyone knows of any dealers having open houses to please let him know. Dale Hudson mentioned that he is working on scheduling an open house with Midwest Motorsports. Paul presented Dale Hudson, Chuck Pangburn, Steve Detwiler and Steve Williams with pictures that were taken on the day that they gave rides to residents of a nursing home. Paul introduced the new Motorist Awareness Division person, Bob Jarrett.

The new chapter patch was shown for the first time. The patch was designed by Bob and Cindy Jarrett who won a gift certificate to Applebee's and 2 free patches. Anyone interested in the new patch see Cindy. The cost is \$3.00 a piece.

There will be a staff meeting on Saturday, January 20th. It will be held at Lindsay's Restaurant. Dinner at 5:00 pm and the meeting will be at 6:00 pm. The January euchre party is being held on Saturday January 13th at the home of Bob and Cindy Jarrett with a start time of 6:00 pm. The last weekend of January there is a bike show at the IX Center.

On February 17th a First Aid/CPR class will be held at the home of Paul and Nyki McWilliams starting at 9:30 am. Cost is \$20 per person with the funds being needed 2 weeks in advance. The class will be taught by Robert and Angela Williams. Class size is limited to 24 people. The chapter will provide breakfast and lunch.

Buckeye Rally will be held on the weekend of June 15th, 16th, and 17th in Marietta, Ohio. Nyki has a block of rooms reserved at the Best Western about ½ mile from the fairgrounds. If you will need a room please let Nyki know so she can reserve more rooms if necessary.

Chapter Educator Robert Williams announced the levels participant winner of the GWRRA travel mug – Dale Hudson. If anyone has any interesting information about safety please feel free to email Robert. One of our members sent him an email about what to do if you are having a heart attack while you are by yourself. It was suggested that you lay down, take a deep breath and a deep cough.

Mike Ashcraft presented Robert Williams with his Master Tour Rider patch. Mike also mentioned that the hotel usually used for Cabin Fever is undergoing some renovations, which will cut the number of available rooms. He mentioned that there are 2 hotels right next door that will be offering rooms for the same price as the Holiday Inn.

Meeting adjourned at 8:05 pm.