

CD'S Point of View By Steve Detwiler and Pam Jeanneret



Hello All,

Hope everyone is well and enjoying the holiday season with family and friends. It's hard for me to believe the end of the year is here. We just had our Christmas Party and now New Years. Where has the year gone? Looking back, we had many great times, great rides and great friends to share everything.

A note on the Christmas Party, it was so very nice to see all of you there and enjoying yourselves. Dale and I were worried right up to the last minute. We both tried to make sure everything was done right. We also hope the food was to your satisfaction. I had a chance to speak to a few of you before you left about whether you would like to go back next year. Everyone seemed to like it and said they would like to return. Please let one of the officers know your thoughts, so we can reserve early if we are returning next year. I would like to thank Denny and Joy Miller for their part in the entertainment. They came to Pam and I to ask for time for a performance. They would not share with us what it was, just a surprise. Thanks to both of you for taking the initiative. We would also like to thank Joe Keller for taking his time to put his show together for all of us to enjoy. I didn't know you had so much talent Joe. We all know now what you are doing on those special assignments/or the late shift in your cruiser. On a side note, Joe, now that I know you can read people's minds, I think we need to find a staff position for you. You see, Dale and I need all the help we can get. Since you read minds, you would be a real asset.

On another note, we still need restaurants to go to for our Wednesday night dinners and rides. We have a list, but we want a better variety. We will have a sheet at the January meeting. Please bring the name, address and phone number.

We are coming into a new year of riding. Your officers, along with the ride coordinator, will be trying to set up another good ride schedule for the 2008 season. Keep in mind, if you have a ride or a suggestion for a ride you think the Chapter would enjoy please contact us so we can put it on the schedule. I know it is easy to do the same rides year after year but it's great to see someone step up with a new ride. Also, if you have any ideas for rides besides Wednesday night dinner rides, give one of us officers a call with your suggestion. People love to go to new places and see new things. If you would like to lead a ride or at least help set it up, we will help in any way. Let's start the New Year out with Fun, Safety and Knowledge! Happy New Year!!

Let's Be Great in '08,
Steve & Pam

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ACD'S Words of Wisdom

By Dale and Colleen Hudson



The holidays are upon us and I can feel the spirit of the season in all things I see and do. The story of Christmas really began before the birth of Christ, with it being a pagan rite honoring their gods of life. The evergreen tree was chosen because it survives even in the coldest of weather. It was decorated with the memories of past harvests and the promise of future things to come. The ritual of the tree decorating continued into early Christianity. Because they were persecuted, they would adopt the custom and make it their own. They would openly decorate the tree and partake of the ceremonies, but secretly use the opportunity to worship in their own way. How wonderful it is that we, as a society, have evolved enough to allow individuals to worship in open anyway they chose.

The point of my story is: the holidays have evolved over time and we are changing the rituals of the past. While Christmas has religious meaning to a lot of people, it has a new meaning to the rest of society. While I am not sure I would discard the religious aspect of the season, no one can argue the spirit of the season is true and real. The spirit of sharing, caring, peace on earth, good will towards all, has evolved into the holiday itself. Whether you are Christian, Jewish, Muslim, or not religious at all, we all agree on the spirit of the season and that is the important part of the holidays, not the way you celebrate it, but the fact that you do celebrate it!

Merry Christmas and holiday greetings to you, your family, our GWRRA family, and to all, a good night!

Colleen and Dale
Chapter T ACDs

Rider Education

By Robert and Angela Williams



Congrats to: To everyone for a Great 2007 Riding Year.

Levels program update: We now have 43 members participating in the GWRRA Levels Program. This brings us to a total of 21 Level I Riders, 4 Level II Riders, 9 Level III Riders and 9 Level IV Master Tour Riders.

Riding Topic: I have been asked a number of times what does it take to put on a GWRRA First Aid Class. So this month's topic will be what is required to schedule and host MEDIC FIRST AID® Class.

To request a MEDIC FIRST AID® class, a form is completed and forwarded to Melanie Geggie our District CPR/FA Coordinator. The form will have the host Chapter and requesting officer listed. It will contain the number of expected students. An instructor is limited to 12 students, so if more than 12 students are expected a second instructor will be required. The minimum number of students to hold a class is 6. The form will have three preferred dates in which to hold the class. Once the form has been processed, the District Coordinator will approve and post the class date. The host chapter will provide the training location suitable to meet the needs of the expected number of students. The host chapter will provide a TV and DVD player. The District will provide the dummies, no not to teach but to practice CPR on. The student will pay a tuition fee of \$20 and the check should be made out to GWRRA of Ohio. The chapter's requesting officer will be required to submit to the District CPR/FA Coordinator the student fees along with the complete roster of students no later than two weeks before the approved class date.

That is a lot to be done to host a First Aid/CPR class, but I can tell you it is well worth the effort. Currently the District has the following First Aid/CPR classes scheduled.

Jan 12 2008 Basic Plus 6.0 Hosted by Chapter Z2 Chuck Frieze
Condit Presby. Church
15102 Hartford Road, Sunbury

Instructors: Ohio John & Linda Frank

Jan 19 2008 Basic Plus 6.0 Hosted by Chapter A Bill and Sandy Nourse.
Wood County Hospital
950 W. Wooster, Bowling Green

Instructors: Mike Monday & Deb McQueen

Jan 19 2008 Basic 6.0 Hosted by Chapter U-2 Russ Ridgeway.
1 Riverside Plaza, Columbus

Instructors: Melanie & Chuck Geggie

Jan 27 2008 Basic Plus 6.0 Hosted by Chapter I Bart Russel.
Mayer Carson Hall, Applecreek, OH

Instructors: Robert & Angela Williams

****100% PARTICIPATION IS REQUIRED TO RECEIVE A COMPLETION CARD! ****

Steve Detwiler has asked me to schedule a First Aid/CPR course to be hosted by Chapter T. Once I get an approved date and location I will get that information out to you. Currently I know of two chapter T members that will be joining the First Aid/CPR class in Wooster. I know another 6 members who have expressed an interest in a Chapter T sponsored class. It is in the works. See you at the January meeting! Angela and I hope you have had a very Merry Christmas and Happy New Year.

Robert G & Angela M Williams

Ohio Chapter T CE's

Technical Talk

By Chuck and Marlene Isom

It sure was a treat to be home in Ohio for the holidays. The Christmas party was great. We got to go to breakfast and to the Wednesday night dinners several times. It is always nice to go anywhere and eat with our friends. We really do enjoy that. I got to witness first hand why we go to Florida for the winter months though. We had to shovel snow at least 3 times. 6 inches, 4 inches, and 4 inches again. I got rid of my snow blower when we moved. I just don't care for that manual labor. Oh well, it was worth it to enjoy the time we spent with you all.

Here is something that was sent to me. I have not had a chance to check everything out but will pass it on anyway. As I have said before, Florida has anywhere from 3,200 to 3,500 traffic fatalities per year, so something had to be done. We have a new governor and he is doing his best to reduce those figures.

Is it true?. These are new fines that were implemented on 8/1/07 for the State of Florida:

1. Cell phone use must be "hands free" while driving. Ticket is \$285. They will be looking for this like crazy.
2. Fines are doubled for cell phone use in a construction zone if not "hands free".
3. Carpool lane - 1st time \$1,068.50 (the \$271 posted on the highway is old). Don't do it again because the 2nd time is going to be double, 3rd time triple and 4th time license suspended.
4. Incorrect lane change - \$380. Don't cross the lane on solid lines or intersections. Block intersection - \$485.
5. Driving on the shoulder - \$450.
6. Passengers over 18 not using a seat belt - both passengers and drivers get tickets.
7. Speeders can only drive 3 miles above the limit. They are no longer giving you a 5 mph variance.
8. DUI (Driving Under Influence) = JAIL and stays on your driving record for 10 years!

Pass this on please and if any of you up north have friends or relatives who live down here or are also snowbirds, please send this on to them. Good luck and safe driving.

Technical Information: Did you know there is a difference between the Honda 1800 left, right and rear brake pads? Most will fit brake pads supply the same pads for all three brake calibers. Sometimes even a Honda dealer will supply the wrong front brake pads because they look similar. Did you know that some dealers use matrix pricing, resulting in prices well above manufacturer's retail? That's how a Honda \$2 (at retail) bolt is sold for \$5. Did you know there are internet sites that help with service, general and technical questions on the GL1800? Here are a few of my favorite GL1800 and 1500 sites. Many of these sites cover additional Honda models.

www.hdlparts.com has the Honda parts fiche, part numbers with on-line prices. The prices are good target prices when purchasing from the dealer.

www.hondadirectline.com has thousands of technical and general questions with answers supplied by owners and dealers. Also, has Show Chrome, Honda, tires, lights, grips, clothes with prices. If your bike is still under warranty, you probably can purchase the Honda four year extended warranty here. No shipping charges with a \$5 handling on orders under \$100. Watch for 10% discounts around the holidays.

www.wingtechtips.com has a few interesting tips such as how to change the direction of the flow of air around the radiator and polishing the wheels.

I hope you find this information saves you time and money. Thanks to Don Weigand for sending me this interesting article. If you have some technical information that you think would be good for our members to know, please get it to me. I appreciate articles of information like this, so I can pass it on.

I let you know some time back about tire prices. Michelin & Co., the world's second largest tire maker, said it will raise prices of motorcycle tires in the United States and Canada by 8 percent. The increase, for replacement tires, will take effect on Jan. 1. Tire makers, including Bridgestone Corp., the biggest producer, have steadily increased prices over the last two years to counter rising cost of natural rubber and the synthetic alternative made from petroleum. Be prepared to pay more. Fish suffer for ethanol growth. Nitrogen from corn fertilizer runoff adds to the Gulf of Mexico's 7,900 square mile dead zone. It depletes the oxygen so fish, crabs and shrimp suffocate. That is bad news folks.

A few winter driving tips. Slow down when driving on ice and snow. Begin to brake sooner and brake slowly. Be sure your tires are inflated properly. Increase distance between vehicles in front of you. Be careful of black ice. It is very difficult to detect on the roadway. Leave early for your travel destination. Prepare vehicle for travel by clearing all windows of ice and snow. Properly prepare vehicle with emergency equipment. This equipment includes a fire extinguisher, flares, jumper cables, a quart of oil, two blankets, a flashlight and a cell phone.

Quotes of the month by Henry Ford: 1. Whether you think you can or you think you can't, you're right. 2. There is no man living that cannot do more than he thinks he can. 3. Anyone who stops learning is old, whether at twenty or eighty. So let's make this new year a great one. Have more fun, learn more, do more and enjoy it.

From Sunny Florida

Your Technical Coordinators Chuck and Marlene

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		1 Birthday Harry Memmer	2 Deitz's 644-2628 Birthday Steve Detwiler	3 Birthday Angela Williams	4	5 Birthday Steve williams
6 Break- fast 9am Lindsay's Birthday Debbie Williams	7 Birthday Anthony Angelotti	8	9 Lindsay's Dinner 6 pm Meeting 7:15 pm	10	11 Anni- versary Harry & Charlotte Memmer	12
13 9 am Lindsay's B.- Jack Hopkins District Mtg 2 pm Lindsay's	14	15 Birthday Dale Hudson	16 Erie Station 634-9901 6:15 pm Bir.- JoAnn Hopkins	17 Birthday Jim Veneskey	18	19 Euchre Party 6pm Millers House 896-4407
20 9 am Lindsay's Breakfast	21	22	23 Red Robin N. Canton 305-1080	24	25 IX Center, Bike Show 4-9 pm \$13 ea. \$8 park- ing	26 Birthday Kim Krynicky Bike Show 9-9pm IX Center
27 9 am Breakfast Lindsay's Bike Show 9:30-5 pm	28	29	30 Azteca Akron 794-9091	31	Any Ques- tions please call Steve at 608-5771	Or Pam 606-1559