

RUBBER CITY RIDERS NEWSLETTER AKRON, OHIO

CD's POINT of VIEW

By Steve Detwiler & Pam Jeanneret

Hello All,

Here we are again, a new month and a lot of riding time. I am not sure about all of you but for me, time seems to be flying by. I hope you are having fun and I hope you are having fun and enough riding time. We, your Staff. Are trying hard to get people out and riding. I am finding out as the CD of this Chapter I spend a lot of the time doing for others than myself. Maybe that is why time is flying for me, plus I am having a great time doing it!

Well, enough about me, let me bring everyone up to date on our members. First, Paul and Nyki, Paul is back to work and Nyki went back to the doctor. She is getting around better except she has fluid in the knee and shoulder areas. She is now taking therapy. Everything will take time to heal, we will keep you updated. Fred and Peg – Pam and I took Fred Chapter fruit basket the Friday after his surgery, as you would guess, Fred had to come to the door to greet us. He looks great! I would expect to see him on a dinner ride before summer is over or jumping out of an airplane. (Unless Peg can tie him down) I think I would bet on Fred. Jack and Dee – Pam and I took a Chapter planter the Sunday after his surgery and to our surprise no one was home. Come to find out later from Dee, Jack made her take him with her on an errand. So what does that tell you about Jack and his condition? I also heard he was trying to get early release from the hospital so he could go home and mow grass. Peg & Dee have their hands full with these two gentlemen! I hope I am just like the two of them when I reach their age (I find it hard to get out of bed now!). Jack and Joann – Just received information that Joann has been in and out of the hospital this last month either fighting a staff infection or now trying to get her immune system back to normal. Please keep Joann in your prayers for a speedy recovery. As I hear more about her condition we will update. Please keep all of these members in your thoughts and prayers. We had a great showing at the Buckeye Rally. Pam and I want to thank everyone that came out plus those who helped out with the games. The kids loved us even though they ran us to death. Who took the top honors from our Chapter? I would have to say Robert G. !! He was able to get his bike detailed painted by The Mountain Man and get into the light show. He took third in the light show class behind the top two light show contestants in the State. Congratulations Robert! I know first hand that Robert will have to be there the next time his bike is shown because he made a wreck out of Angela trying to do for him. On a special note, Angela, you did GREAT!! I really have to say thank you to the top two State winners in Robert's one class that were willing to spend time with her and tell her what she needed to do. Thanks again, Tom Straka V-2 and Eddy Bee I-2, talk about family and friends!! Last thing is get out and ride. If we can help with anything please let us know. Ride safe, hopefully Pam and I will be on a ride with you soon.

Ride Safe, Steve and Pam

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ACD Blatherings

By Dale and Colleen Hudson

Just a question. Five words that independently mean little. Place them in a sentence and what an impact. Ever take just a minute to reflect on really what is new in your life. I guess you could decide on how far back you wish to go to define New in Your Life. If you want to just go back a few months or weeks it could be a whole different meaning.

New in our life right at the present is a whole plethora of things. One of the biggies is how to get ready for your next ride. Going to work or going across the state. You still need to get ready. That goes for the Gold Wings as well as the Dragon Lady. Colleen and I have been busy just about every weekend this spring and summer without exception. Doing what is necessary to enjoy your grandkids as well as riding your bike.

Week before last, my wife and I, along with a couple of very good friends, were on a trip to Frankenmuth Michigan to gawk with wonder at the Christmas creations at the largest Christmas decoration display in the world. At least that is what they told us. This started in the planning stages right after Christmas this last year. Really looking forward to the trip and is something my wife has looked forward to for over 20 years. Everything went in order. It just seemed to fall into place. Change the oil, check the mileage, look at Map Quest, book Friday off, lay out the clothes, make sure you have enough money, book rooms, etc, etc. Did you forget anything? Think not. Ready to go.

Headed for Frankenmuth. Great ride. Over 224 then up to 20, then 23 north to the Michigan line. Then what happened. From a nice cruising speed to 900 mile an hour. We were in the middle lane of a three lane and traveling 75 and getting passed on both sides. Wow, only another 120 miles of this. Eventually we got through it. Now we are in Frankenmuth. Three wonderful days and time to go home. Of course we ran in the rain off and on throughout Sunday, but between Frogg Toggs and gas station overhangs, we go home.

Monday came and it is time for my grandson and I to clean the Dragon Lady. We both got up and down cleaning and talking and having a good time. Then Tyler said, "Grandpa, What is this on the back tire?" I reluctantly got down to see what he was talking about. White thread showing through the tread in 3 places about 6 inches each. That can't happen. These were new tires last summer and only had about 7,000 on them. Avon Venoms. The best. But it did happen. I called Midwest and ask if they could get me a tire quickly. Yes, we can but do us a favor. Check your pressure. I knew the pressure was good because I watched Dave from Midwest check it before I left their garage in April. But I checked anyway. 27LBS. Don't know how, but 27LBS. Completely ruined my tire. Guess who's fault? MINE

Chuck Isom has told us several times. Hill Hutchins has told us several times. Tracy Rohrbaugh says check it each time you ride. Don't tell me again. But do yourselves a favor. Get down before each ride. Check your pressure. We were lucky that we didn't have a blow out at 900 miles an hour but the bottom line is, I didn't do what I should have. I will. Chuck, Hill, Tracy, all of you. Thanks for the good advice. I'll try to pay a little better attention.

I hope this a little lesson we can all learn from.

Til next time,

Colleen and Dale

RIDER EDUCATION

By Robert and Angela Williams



Rider Education OH Chapter T July 2007 News Letter Article

Congrats to: All the Levels Participants.

Levels program update: We now have 44 members participating in the GWRRA Levels Program. This brings us to a total of 26 Level I Riders, 3 Level II Riders, 7 Level III Riders and 8 Level IV Master Tour Riders. Levels Cup was presented to our Newest Level III riders Dale Hudson & Tom Wysocki. **Ride On!**

Riding Topic: The Buckeye Rally has come and gone, I it was great to see so many enjoying themselves. Thanks to Fred & Peg & Steve and Debbie & Denny & Joy for cooking breakfast. They know how to live. I had the privilege of attending Chapter M's meeting Saturday. Their members participated in the off bike games. They brought home 15 plaques from those games. You could tell they really had a great time. The District Rallies do have a lot to offer: Seminars, games both on and off the bike as well as riding competition. I know we have some really skilled riders, I sure would like to see them participate in some of the skill events and bring home some plaques. The Michigan District Rally is going to be July 20 & 21 at the Ogemaw County Fair Ground east of West Branch MI. I currently have plans on attending. They tentatively have scheduled a couple of seminars that I would like to attend. One is bike Judging. I discovered after my first attempt to show my Goldwing that safety is factored into the competition. How many of you knew that? I have since learned that one can gain 5 additional points for a Head light modulator, Fire extinguisher, First Aid kit, and Brake light modulators. GWRRA can find numerous ways to encourage Safety, even in the bike shows. I believe that the Ohio staff meet all of the standards of the motto "Friends for Fun, Safety and Knowledge" with this years District Rally. Ride On!

Angela's Saga: The day before leaving for the Buckeye Rally Angela and I took our respective bikes out to make sure everything was in order. Angela had been fighting bronchitis for two weeks and just had kicked it. I was concerned about her riding the 130 or so miles down to the Rally after her illness. So after we got home after riding 60 miles, she decided that maybe she would drive. The moral of the story is, while our minds may want to ride, sometimes our body says NO. We have several riders in our chapter that has had some sort of surgery that prevents them from riding. But other ailments can also keep us from riding. Be sure not only to check out your equipment, but yourself as well.

Robert G & Angela M Williams
Ohio Chapter T CE's
Rubber City Riders
Akron, Ohio

TECHNICAL TALK

By Chuck and Marlene Isom

An elderly Floridian called 911 on her cell phone to report that her car had been broken into. She is hysterical as she explains her situation to the dispatcher: "They've stolen the stereo, the steering wheel, the brake pedal and even the accelerator!" she cried. The dispatcher said, "Stay calm. An officer is on the way." A few minutes later, the officer radios in. "Disregard." He says. "She got in the back-seat by mistake." Now THAT IS FUNNY I DON'T CARE WHO YOU ARE.

This months big question. How often should you change the engine oil on your Goldwing? I was recently at a Honda Dealer and ask the service manager that question. Here is his answer. Well if it belonged to me I would change it every 3,000 to 4,000 miles. I said is that what the owners manual says his answer was I don't know, I would have to look it up. The owners manual says every 8,000 miles. However that figure is not chiseled in stone, it is a guideline. If you drive say pulling a trailer you may need to change it more often. If you ride single up and do a lot of long trips, say over 800 miles in a day like some folks in the chapter do, I won't mention any names, you may get away with changing it say as much as 10,000. I change mine at 10,000 all the time but I use synthetic Amsoil and it is good they say for up to 25,000 miles. all they ask is that you change the oil filter at the mid point that is 12,500. I know people who have done that and had no problems. If you use cheap oil I might be inclined to change every 3000 to 4000 miles. You can check your oil and usually tell if it needs changing by its color and the feel. I once went to a maintenance seminar at the buckeye rally and the owner of Middletown Honda said you gold wingers are wasting a lot of money on maintenance items that don't need it. His name is Gary If I remember correctly and he even though owned the shop was not a people person he worked as a mechanic in the rear of the shop. A very knowledgeable person one of the best mechanics in all the Honda shops in this section of the country. He added it's your money and if you want to give it to me I will take it. The amount of time you spend idling, stopping and starting, and severe usage will determine when you need to change the oil. If it is super hot like it has been or super cold can have a bearing on when you should change the oil. A lot of machinery has timers on them and they recommend changing the oil at various time intervals. The next thing I ask this Service Manager was How often do you need to change the spark plugs on a Goldwing. His answer after much thought was when they wear out. Duh! You can get a lot of mileage out of spark plugs. I am not going to give you the answer to this one I want you to look it up in your owners manual. I think you will be surprised. Is it 4,000, 8,000 12,000 This has more to do with EPA than anything else. They want to help keep the air clean.

Tips to reduce the sun's glare while driving. The sun's glare is one of the most overlooked dangers encountered while driving, particularly during the height of morning commutes. You can reduce that danger by taking a few simple tips. Make it a habit to lower visors to help block some of the reflected light. Be careful where you add chrome items so they don't reflect the sun's rays. Avoid high gloss vinyl cleansers on vinyl. Use visors on your helmet. Keep your windshield clean. If possible, choose an alternate route to avoid one of extreme glare. Most importantly, wear sunglasses with 100 percent ultraviolet protection. Consider sunglasses with polarized lenses to reduce glare to ensure safe driving. It may be that this is a good time to schedule an eye exam to ensure that your eyes stay healthy and your prescription remains current. We complain about the price of gas, let's compare prices around the world, these are in US dollars. Unleaded Regular, per gallon Oslo, Norway--\$6.82 London, UK \$5.96 Rome, Italy \$5.80 Brussels, Belgium \$6.16 Hong Kong. \$6.25 Tokyo, Japan \$5.25 Sao Paulo, Brazil \$4.42 Buenos Aires \$2.09 Mexico City \$2.22 Sydney, Australia \$3.42 Johannesburg, South Africa \$3.39 New Delhi \$3.71 Here's the kicker! Caracas \$0.12 Kuwait \$0.78 and Riyadh, Saudi Arabia \$0.91 My opinion High gas prices are here to stay in the USA. It could be a lot worse.

Questions: What do bullet proof vests, fire escapes, Windshield wipers and laser printers all have in common? They were all invented by Women. If you need tires, a battery, Oil filter for a 1500 see me I can take care of that for you. Ride safe, **Chuck and Marlene**

SECRETARY'S REPORT

By Julie Veneskey

The meeting on June 13th, 2007 was held at Lindsay's Restaurant in Akron and was called to order at 7:20 pm by Chapter Director Steve Detwiler. Steve introduced the guests for the evening. Robert and Angela Williams' son Josh was visiting. New Goldwing owners Jeff and Cynthia Sheeks stopped by to check us out. John Gerber the Assistant Chapter Director from Chapter Q brought something for us- a teddy bear. This bear is supposed to travel to each chapter along with his log book. Each chapter is supposed to take the bear for a ride, take some pictures, log the trip and be passed to another chapter.

Steve gave us an update on Paul and Nyki McWilliams. For those who may not have heard, while out riding on June 3rd their bike went down. They were admitted to Akron General for a day and then sent home. Paul is okay and back at work. Nyki is still sore and her elbow is swollen and may be broken. They will know more after the swelling goes down. They thanked everyone who sent cards and food.

Steve brought up a number of issues. Apparently there has been some discussion as to the new chapter patch. A vote will be taken at the next meeting regarding whether to keep the new patch, go back to the old one, or does it matter. Also, a suggestion was made about the chapter matching the funds from can donations and giving that money to the Center of Hope in Ravenna. This will also be voted on at the next meeting. It was also mentioned that can donations are down, so please collect those cans to bring in to Bruce and Paula. Food at the meetings will now be served at 6:00pm to give people more time to mingle. Steve has talked to the owner of Lindsay's about more variety in the dinner menu, maybe doing theme nights. We will try it at least once and see how everyone likes it. Steve and Pam are temporarily doing the newsletter. Send submissions to their email: skpartner@hotmail.com. The location of this year's holiday party will be at the 356th Bomber Squadron. Pam thanked everyone for all the well wishes and condolences concerning the death of her mother.

Denny and Joy Miller, our Ways and Means committee mentioned that shipping and handling will now be charged to orders. The person who does our orders will be waiting until there is a minimum of 6-10 items before sending in the order to save on shipping. This may cause a delay in any items ordered.

Chapter Educator Robert Williams presented the GWRRA travel mugs to level participants Tom Wysocki and Dale Hudson. Both of whom are up to Level III.

Technical Coordinator Chuck Isom reminded everyone to obey the traffic laws while riding in a group.

Ride Coordinator Ron Abate suggested that the chapter have a Road Captain Leader. This person will organize those individuals who are Road Captains. This will help insure that the same people are not leading all the time. If interested please contact Ron. If no one volunteers, Ron will choose an individual. Ron is also looking for ideas for the Labor Day ride.

Upcoming events:

6/22 – Thunder in the Valley in Johnstown, Pa. If interested contact Ron.

6/23 – Ride to the AMA Museum in Pickerington, Ohio

6/24 – Teddy Bear Ride – meet at the Big Boy at Graham and Rt. 8 at 7:30 am

6/30-7/1 – Ride to Coudersport, Pa. Meet at Cracker Barrel at I-76 and Rt. 44

7/4 – Cookout at Ron Abate's house starting at 4:00 pm. Please bring covered dish to share.

7/14 – Senior Ride at the Four Seasons Nursing Home from 10 am – 12 pm

7/22 – Dam Ride led by Chapter L-2. Details to follow.

7/26-28 – Honda Homecoming in Marysville, Oh

8/4 – Wingnut Challenge or No Nut Challenge (depends on riders preference)

Meeting adjourned at 8:30 pm.

WING NUT-NO NUT CHALLENGE 2007

Mark your calendar for Saturday, August 4 for the annual "Wing Nut Challenge". What is the Wing Nut Challenge? It is a driver and co-rider event that has you follow written directions to an unknown destination.

While following the directions you will need to count objects, fill in the blank questions, or gather objects.

Beware!! This event can lead to arguments, getting confused, or getting totally lost (you will be given a sealed envelope with complete directions), but most of all laughing, enjoying the weather, the route, and fellowship of everyone who participates.

For those not up to following directions; or unable to find a co-rider, we have added a new feature. We are calling it the "No Nut Challenge". This will be an escorted ride, only the leader of this ride will know where the final destination is. Your challenge will be after the ride, when you are off the bike.

Everyone who participates needs to bring a covered dish to share at the picnic following the challenge. Hot and cold items will be collected at the starting line and taken to the final destination.

Please join us for a fun filled time and join in the laughter as everyone has a memorable story to share!

Steve and Debbie Williams

SPECIAL PROJECTS

Special projects ~~ Bruce and Paula Barthol

Bring your cans and tabs to the Chapter gathering each month. If it is easier for you to save just tabs, that is fine. If you are saving cans, leave the tabs on the cans. It is not necessary to separate the tabs from the cans. Empty cans in bags without trash or garbage would be appreciated. Crushed cans take up less space but it is not necessary to crush them. We would like to get as many cans collected as possible. After the September meeting we will turn in everything we have for donation to our charity of choice.

 Paula

PEG'S FABULOUS WALDORF SALAD

3 Tbs. spreadable cream cheese
3 Tbs. mayonnaise
2 Tbs. confectioners sugar
2 Tbs. whipped topping
1 large unpeeled red apple, cut
into 3/4 inch pieces
1/4 cup raisins
1/4 cup chopped pecans
2 Tbs. sliced celery

In a small mixing bowl, beat the cream cheese, mayonnaise, Confectioners' sugar and whipped topping until blended. Stir in the apple, raisins, pecans and celery. Transfer to a serving bowl, Chill for 1 hour. Yield: 2 servings
Nutritional anal: 1 c. (prepared with reduced fat cream cheese Fat-free mayo, reduced fat whipped topping equals 330 Calories, 17 g fat (5 g saturated fat) 17 mg cholesterol, 279 mg sodium, 45 g carbohydrates, 6 g fiber, 5 g protein.
Best of all it tastes GREAT!!!

July 2007

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
1 Breakfast Lindsay's 9:00am	2	3	4 WING DING Billings Montana Pattie Rohrbaugh Birthday Steve Detwiler & Pam Jeanneret Anniversary	5 WING DING Billings Montana	6 WING DING Billings Montana Tom & Pat Wysocki Anniversary	7 WING DING Billings Montana
8 Breakfast Lindsay's 9:00am Jerry & Agnes Keirns Anniversary	9	10 Peg Nichols Birthday	11 Chapter T Meeting Lindsay's 6:00 eat 7:15 meet	12 Jim & Pattie Sullivan Anniversary	13 Bonnie Fish Birthday	14 Kent Senior Ride
15 Breakfast Lindsay's 9:00am Philip & Judith Baston Anniversary	16	17	18 BB Rooners 330-337-0001 Philip Baston Birthday	19 Judith Baston Birthday Bob & Cindy Jarrett Anniversary	20 Craig McClintock Birthday	21
22 Breakfast Lindsay's 9:00am L-2 Dam Ride	23	24	25 Mike Milan's Louisville 330-875-8671	26 Honda Homecoming Marysville	27 Honda Homecoming Marysville	28 Honda Homecoming Marysville, Rain Date Senior Ride
29 Breakfast Lindsay's 9:00am	30	31 Chuck Isom & Judy Weigand Birthday Chuck & Marlene Isom Anniversary				

August 2007

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
			1 Mystery Ride Ted & Beth Daniels	2	3	4 Wing Nut Challenge
5 Breakfast Lindsay 9 am Anniv. Jim & Julie Veneskey	6	7	8 Chapter T Meeting Lindsay 6 pm Eat 7:15 Meet	9	10 Anniver- sary Dick & Janice Freese	11 Birthday Paula Barthol
12 Breakfast Lindsay 9 am Chapter D Poker Run	13	14	15 Spaghetti Warehouse Akron 330 374- 0025	16 Anniver- sary Robert & Angela Williams	17	18 Brown Bag Mohican Park Ride Birthday Will Spears
19 Breakfast Lindsay 9 am	20	21 Anniv. Chuck & Susan Pangburn Paula & Bruce Barthol	22 Birth. Robin Richards Firehouse Louis- ville 871-2600	23 Region D, Leba- non, Ind Anniv. Jack & JoAnn Hopkins	24 Region D, Leba- non, Ind Birthday Jim Killian	25 Region D, Leba- non, Ind. Birthday Dick Freese
26 Breakfast Lindsay 9 am	27	28 Birthdays Beth Daniels, Chuck Pangburn	29 Arnie Steak- house Edinburg 297-1717	30 Anniv. Mike & Mary Stephenson, Tony & Kim Krynicky	31	