

RUBBER CITY RIDERS NEWSLETTER AKRON, OHIO

CD's POINT of VIEW

By Steve Detwiler & Pam Jeanneret

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Hello Family and Friends,

Hope everyone is fine. Well, here again Pam and I are in the limelight; had no clue about this one. We want to thank all of you for the help in the changeover. I am still having a hard time believing the support the Chapter has put fourth to help Pam and I. Again, thanks to all of the staff that has stayed on plus the other members that have signed on to help out. I want to say, I believe we have the best staff in place to give this Chapter what we are looking for – The direction of the Chapter. As Joy would say “It is the journey not the destination that is fun” as goes the Chapter. We, the staff, will try to give you every excuse to ride your bike. It might be a short ride, it might be a day ride or more. It will be up to you to take what you want to do.

Pam and I visit most of the other Chapters in our district. If you would like to go with us “please” let us know. You are welcome to come with us any time! If you have never gone to visit, try it one time. You could have fun, plus isn't it a shame you could ride your bike!!! We all purchased our bikes to ride, somewhere along the way we thought it would be nice to ride with friends, that is why we came to a Chapter. When we ride as a group we are there to help each other this gives us safety. So now we have two out of three -- GWRRA completes the third element – Knowledge, which makes all of us better.

On another note, Pam and I would like to thank everyone for the support of Miss Thelma passing. Pam and I both loved her dearly. She was like my grandmother to me. For me, she was the love of my life. A second chance for me to have someone that special love me as much as I loved her. I truly enjoyed putting her on my arm and going anywhere with her. We also would like to thank Joy Miller and Jim Veneskey for the very touching memorial they put together on our website. If you have a chance please visit. They did a great job. So once again, Thanks to all for your support!!

On another note, after meeting with the staff, they would like to see a change for the Christmas Party for this year. More will come up at the next meeting about our decision. The place talked about would be a little more dress-up then what we have had in the past few years with food, music, additional beverages if you would like and dancing. The staff felt it was time for a change. Just a Note -- You have been dancing with your bike all season long. You have asked your spouse to go with you and ride all season long. To get bundled up in the cold weather, put up with stopping along side of the road to put on the rain suit and ride the rest of the trip in the rain. Isn't it time to give back to the lady that loves you and puts up with us??? Put on some clean (not jeans) clothes and take out the most important lady and make her special – not second and Dance! If you don't want to dance with your special lady – I might!! Maybe you can find another. (All in fun with family and friends)

I guess I will end this first CD's report, but please keep in mind I do not know everything. If you allow me the time I will get better. I will get to where we as a Chapter “need and want” to be.

See You on the Road!
RIDE SAFE!!
Steve and Pam

ACD Blatherings

By Dale and Colleen Hudson

As we have been informed, we are to have an article into the Newsletter, every month. Hopefully this will not be too boring, nor too long.

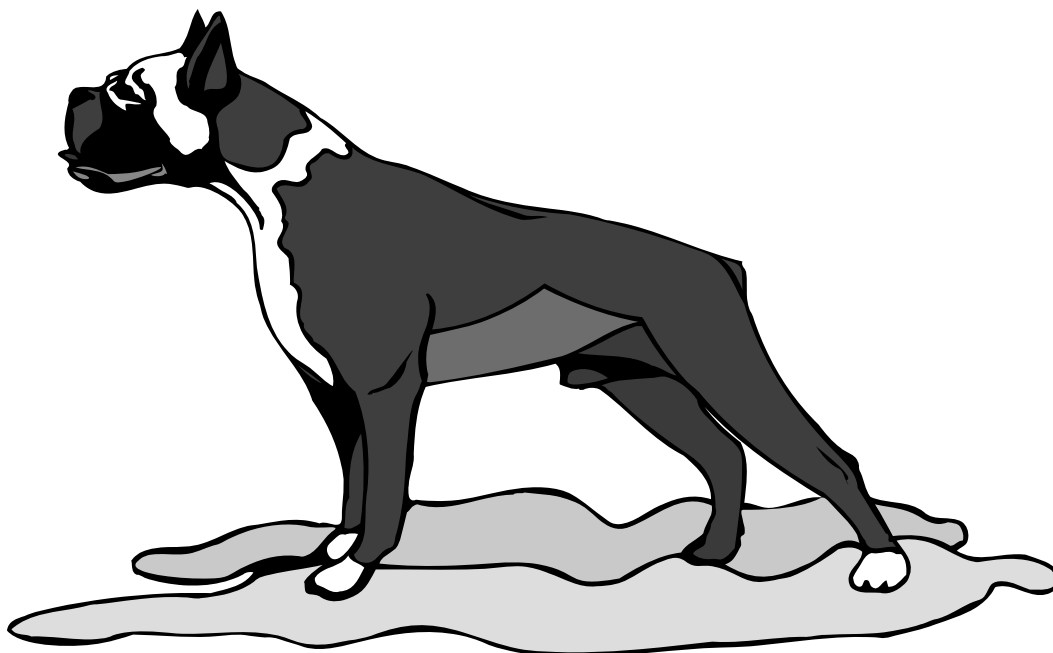
First allow us to tell you how very proud we are to a part of Chapter T. Thanks for giving us the opportunity to take part in such a great chapter. Of course I'm not real sure we weren't shanghaied somewhat. We do, however, really look forward to the challenge and I do encourage each and everyone to step up and help us to keep this the best chapter going.

Last Saturday I took part in the Skills Day at Mansfield. Also, thanks to Robert Williams for being one of the monitors for the day. If you get just a little complacent about your skills, and feel you are doing well, do yourself a favor. Go to a skills day and practice. It will let you know if you have some bad habits and how to break those habits. It also gets the thought process flowing and things you need to practice on your own. I was amazed at my riding enjoyment this weekend because of the things I had practiced over the week. GWRRA is all about safety and education, and attending a skills day really brings it to life. Our many thanks to our brothers and sisters in Mansfield for sponsoring this great event.

Over the next months, we will endeavor to look at the best interests of our chapter. We will be supporters of Steve and Pam and will hopefully make our chapter proud to have us as your new ACDs. If there is anything we can do for you, let us know.

That's it until next time,

Dale & Colleen



RIDER EDUCATION

By Robert and Angela Williams



Congrats to: Shellene Keller on Level I and both Joe Keller Level III and Dale Hudson Level III.

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 rider Joe Keller.

Ride On!

Riding Topic: June! Last month we had a number of individuals attend both the Ohio GWRRA Skills Day event and Ohio GWRRA ERC. I have always said that we as a chapter are leaders in the desire to become knowledgeable riders. My first experiences with the chapter demonstrated that to me. Lets take a quick look at Ohio Chapter T Officers. Our out going CD Paul McWilliams is a Master Tour Rider. Our new pending CD Steve Detwiler is a Master Tour Rider. Our new pending ACD Dale Hudson just completed the requirements for and was issued his Level III patch at the Mansfield Skills Day event. The guy I succeeded as Chapter Educator Denny Miller is a Level III Tour Rider. I fulfilled the requirements of Master Tour Rider earlier this year. Ohio Chapter T leads by example. The levels program promotes rider's education, which results in fewer mishaps on the road. Then if a mishap does occur and it will, we have people who we ride with that can provide first aid at the scene. These same people know how to protect the victims from further injury by knowing what to do in an emergency. I can't say enough about those of you who have made the commitment to your fellow riders. Like I said at the beginning of this article, it June so lets go out and ride!

Angela's Saga: I have been told that I am picking on Angela. I am here to tell you that if that were the case I would have a black eye. Angela has not got to ride too much this past month. Some due to the weather and some so I could ride to work. She is a real sport. She rode to work one day and had a lot of discussion from both student and faculty about a teacher riding her Suzuki to school. However the very next day the Secretary of the School that Angela works was killed while riding his motorcycle. There have been several fatalities in Northeast Ohio already. Let us do everything we can to keep our membership accidents free. Let's have another safe riding season in 2007.

Robert G & Angela M Williams
Ohio Chapter T CE's
Rubber City Riders
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TECHNICAL TALK

By Chuck and Marlene Isom

First thing I want to do is send the ending to last months article, I had a computer malfunction I think it was caused by the person operating it, me. Sorry about that. Remember Maintenance is a never ending project. You can not fix it and forget it. Just ask Jack Hopkins just a few months ago he had his trike down to fix a clutch or transmission problem. A Short time later went down again for the same problem. Things can and do go wrong. I had a electric problem 3 years ago and I had the same problem last year. If it is mechanical it can and often does break. Sometimes more than Once. Wisdom: (1) How much deeper would the ocean be without sponges? (2) Hard work pays off for the future but laziness pays off now. (3) When everything is coming your way, you are in the wrong lane. (4) Change is inevitable except from vending machines. (5) If you think nobody cares try missing a couple payments. (6) Light travels faster than sound, that is why some people seem bright until you hear them speak. That's all folks! Have a safe riding season. Your technical coordinators Chuck and Marlene

With all then electronic Gadgets we are draining the life out of our batteries. The systems require more power. Batteries have traditionally needed to be replaced every three to five years, but the interval seems to be shrinking to about two years. There have been an increase in failed batteries over the past two years because we have added on electronics like ipods navigation systems, Heated grips and seats, CD changers, Power windshields, just to name a few. The steady increase in the number of electrical accessories on the average motorcycle is shortening battery life. As vehicles are being designed to operate more systems, they still use the same basic type 12-volt battery that has been use for decades. More and more gadgets are coming on the market All these on board electronics means increased comfort, convenience, efficiency and safety, but the downside is could be helping drive up the death rate for bakeries. There are many devices on today's vehicles that draw power even after the ignition has been turned off. Batteries can last twice as long if they are cared for properly and are not exposed to extreme temperatures. For years batteries have been marketed as " Maintenance Free " and consumers took them for granted. But the extra strain they are under in modern vehicles has many owners giving them renewed attention.. Experts say it is a good idea to disconnect the battery when a vehicle is parked for weeks at a time, but it will slowly discharge. Trickle chargers, which cost \$30 to \$60, can extend battery life by keeping it fully charged when the vehicle is parked. Be sure to take good care of your battery. You won't be able to get there without it. A few Questions. Why is it import and to clean my fuel system? If your engine is stalling, idling rough, surging or hard to start, your fuel system may need cleaning. Cleaning will remove dirt and particle built-up, improve performance and reduce emissions. Your vehicle will hit the road cleansed and ready to perform at optimum levels. Can changing my engine oil help me save gas? Absolutely. Changing your engine oil on a regularly basis as recommended in the vehicle owners manual, will help lubricate the engine, minimize friction and carry away excessive heat, all of which will lead to greater fuel efficiency Check all fluid levels on a regular basis and as well as the battery water. Why should I perform a radiator service on my motorcycle? To help reduce the risk of the engine overheating and inhibit rust and corrosion. When coolant breaks down, it becomes less effective at maintaining the operating temperature of your engine. To prevent these problems, coolant fluid should be changed at recommended time of mileage intervals to the vehicle manufacture's recommendations. In the old days you simply put anti freeze in your radiator to keep it from freezing but today's radiator additives help to keep the engine cool as well. Again let me stress make maintenance a priority . Proper maintenance is key to keeping your vehicle running safely for years to come. Yet recently a survey found that for many drivers , maintenance takes a back seat to other priorities. That's it for now we will stat right there next month.

Your Technical Coordinators. Chuck and Marlene.

SECRETARY'S REPORT

By Julie Veneskey

The meeting for May 9th 2007 was held at Lindsay's Restaurant in Akron, Ohio and was called to order by new Chapter Director Steve Detwiler at 7:18 pm. Steve introduced the guests for the evening. Visiting from Chapter I were Gene and Barb Rolls and from Chapter G-2 were Bill and Judy Kendrick.

The first order of business was to mention that Paul and Nyki McWilliams have stepped down as Chapter Directors as of April 29th, 2007. Steve Detwiler and Pam Jeanneret have stepped up to fill the position. Steve announced that most of the staff is remaining the same, with only a few changes. Denny and Joy Miller will be taking over the Ways & Means duties. Ron and Sharon Abate are filling the spot of Ride Coordinators. Dale and Colleen Hudson are stepping up to fill the Assistant Chapter Directors spot. The Newsletter Editor spot is currently open, with Nyki continuing to do the job for another month or two.

Steve thanked all those who helped make our fundraising auction and dinner such a success. He asked if we wanted to do the auction again in 2008, and the group said yes. He mentioned the great turnout of bikes we have had for the last couple events. We had 18 bikes for the first mystery ride of the season, 20+ bikes for the fundraiser in Hartville and 12 bikes for the V-2 fundraiser. Steve presented our Web Page Editor Jim Veneskey with the award from the state for the best website of the first quarter. Steve mentioned that they will be doing the rides for seniors again this year. Anyone interested in participating please contact Dale Hudson.

Bruce and Paula Barthol talked about the cans and tabs turned in during Earth Week. They took in 56 lbs. of tabs and 43 lbs. of cans. They received \$69.65 for the total. They mentioned that no matter the weather they will be driving to the meetings so people can bring their cans in. They asked that you please double check your tabs and cans before you turn them over as they found someone's car keys in the batch of tabs.

Joy Miller talked about the Memorial Day ride to Gettysburg. There will be two groups going down, one leaving on Friday afternoon and the other leaving on Saturday morning. Plans for the trip include either sight seeing in Gettysburg or a ride on Sunday. Those going can choose which they wish to participate in.

MED Chuck Pangburn presented Tom Wysocki with 2 pins for the recruitment of 2 new members.

Ride Coordinator Ron Abate talked about upcoming rides. He will be leading an alternate ride on Memorial Day weekend to Kentucky. He will also be leading a ride to Americade in the Adirondacks beginning on June 6th for 6-7 days. Also on June 16th, the Saturday of Buckeye Rally, he will be leading a ride down for the day. The weekend before July 4th he will be organizing a ride to Pennsylvania. Anyone interested in any of these rides please contact Ron. He encouraged people to come on Sunday rides after breakfast. He also encouraged more people to step up to be ride leaders, so the same people aren't leading all the time. If you have any other ideas for rides please let Ron know.

Chapter Educator Robert Williams presented Joe Keller with the GWRRA travel mug and his new Level III pins. Joe talked his Skills Day experience.

Meeting adjourned at 8:02 pm.