

RUBBER CITY RIDERS NEWSLETTER AKRON, OHIO

CD's POINT of VIEW

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Hello Chapter T Family! We hope this edition of your newsletter finds you warm and healthy. Old Man Winter has sure let us know he is still around and strong as ever, hasn't he? Figures he would flex his muscles right before the last meeting, so thanks to everyone for their understanding in our delaying the meeting for a week. We had a pretty good turn out, and the weather was a darn sight better than the week before. Thank goodness! And....it won't be long now before we'll be able to get out there and get our trusty steeds going again. We are starting to get very excited about the upcoming riding season. There will be a lot of fun things to do and great rides to take, and we hope you are looking forward to it too! But, before we get to that, we need to do just a brief recap for those that were not able to make it to the last meeting. I thought last year was an "okay" year for Chapter T, but you know what? It was a great year. We were able to walk away from Cabin Fever with several plaques, which we should all be very proud of. Well deserved recognition goes to Jim Veneskey and all his hard work, who won runner up for the state's best Chapter Web site. Along with that, Robert G. and Angela Williams made us all extremely proud by being selected as the State Rider Educators of the Year. This shows just some of the outstanding efforts made by our members, and we should all be grateful for their efforts, because they do it for all of us in Chapter T. We are privileged to be associated with all of you.

Speaking of Cabin Fever, it was a really good weekend. Lots of fun, lots of good food and entertainment, seminars and even Chrome & leather. Next year's theme will be "Comic Book Characters". We should be able to have lots of fun with that. Design a logo for next year and turn it in to us by the April meeting, and we'll take it to the officers meeting where the winning design will be chosen. The winner receives free admission to Buckeye Rally in Marietta. For those that have not attended a cabin fever, think about going next year. You might just like it. The more you participate, the more fun you'll have. Like everything else, the more you put into it, the more you get out of it.

A suggestion has been made we are going to try. If you have something for a bike you are going to part with, whether it be by sale or just give it away, jot down a good description of it on a piece of standard sized, 8 1/2 X 11 paper, and bring it to the next meeting. Maybe bring a couple of copies. Be sure to put your name, phone, e-mail, etc on it so someone interested in it can contact you. We will place these flyers on one of the tables up front for everyone to look at to see if they are interested. If this works out, we can keep doing it until either we run out of stuff or room on the table. Don't bring the item, just the flyer.

We had a good turn out for our First aid & CPR class, which included folks from other chapters and even our very own Assistant District Directors, Mike and Lisa. I think we all learned a lot of important info, but hope we never have to use it. If we do, we'll be like a good Boy Scout: prepared.

Things coming up include our Chapter Auction, Skills Day in Wooster, the open house at Mid West Motorsports, lots of good eating and fun. We hope to see you all soon.

Be safe out there!!

Paul, Nyki and Ajna.