



CD'S Point of View

By Steve Detwiler and Pam Jeanneret

Hello Everyone,

Well, here we are in the month of November, the end of our normal riding season. I know there will be days that we can still ride, but they will be few and far between. We hope everyone has had a good time this year. We have tried to give you every chance possible to get out and ride. We hope you found at least one ride you truly enjoyed.

Speaking of riding, remember starting in November we will not be meeting at the plaza for Wednesday night dinner. We will go directly to the restaurant meeting there at 6:30 p.m..

I would like to send out a very special thank you to Jack and Dee Kline for hosting the Chili Bash again this year. The two of them worked very hard on this event to make everything just right. When you see Jack and Dee please tell them Thanks!

It's that time of the year again. November is the month when we end our mileage for the year. You need to bring your mileage to the next meeting so Ted can get the figures together. Ted should have the paperwork at the next meeting in case you did not take it off our website. Also on the website is the form to vote for the Spirit Award, the Cleanest Bike and the Best Ride Leader. You should be thinking about who to nominate for each award. We will have those ballots at the November meeting so you can place your nomination by the end of the meeting. We must have them that night or by the end of that week for sure so we will have time to get the trophies done for the Christmas Party.

November Meeting - We will have a short meeting and then work on our major rides for 2008. We would like to hear from you (the membership) on what rides you would enjoy doing next year. Please bring your ideas, possibly rides you were on that you would like to do again or new places and rides. We would also like your input about Saturday rides. Do you think they worked and should we do them again next year?

Christmas Party - I am happy to say we have almost the entire Chapter signed up for the event. We would like to thank you for supporting this event. We should have a lot of fun. Also, don't forget about the gift exchange. Remember if you are buying a gift nothing over \$10.00 and there must be a gift for each person that participates. Then there are "recycle" gifts or whatever you can find around the house (or garage). If you are one of the few that have not signed up or paid their \$10.00 a person, you can still do so at the November meeting.

December Newsletter - There will not be any articles that month. You can get something the size of a business card to Julie and she will compose the newsletter of nothing but Holiday Greetings for one Chapter T member to another. We are not going to charge the \$5.00 this year because it will be online. We will have January Calendars at the Christmas Party.

Snow Birds - We know that some members leave for the winter. Please make sure that we have the right email and/or home address and phone number in case we need to get in touch with you. Also if you don't have email we can send your newsletter. Well finally, see you at the November meeting.

Ride Safe, Steve & Pam

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ACD'S Words of Wisdom

By Dale and Colleen Hudson

Well, here we are in October already. What a great year so far and for the rest of the year, it just looks better.

We had a nice brown bag ride through the National Forest a couple of weeks ago and it was certainly a lot of fun. Steve gives the credit to us when in fact it was his idea and his layout for a nice day. The credit should go to him for a good time. We not only got to see the forest beginning all of its splendor, we got to stop and smell the roses, as it were. Nice picnic, then we got to have ice cream in Richfield, and ended the ride at State8 just in case you needed something. Lots of stops, good friends, and good weather. How can that be better?

Then we had the Chili Bash. Lots of thanks go out to Jack and Dee. What an evening. Lots of great food and even more great people. Of course Robert and I were late, as we were in Columbus for the day taking our "Presenter Training". Long day but worth it. Pending our final approval, we are now approved to instruct several courses which will be made available to our Chapter soon. Did I say "pending"? That word just keeps coming up. Back to the Chili Bash. As I have said before, there seems to be something behind the "Green Door" that says we are having fun. The big difference is, you don't have to have a pass key to get in. Just come on in and enjoy. Makes you proud to be a part of such a group.

At our next gathering, please bring you canned goods, blankets, and just anything you can think of for our friends that are less fortunate. I think our team (A through M) is far ahead CD Team. But that is speculation at this point. Bring all you got.

Keep in mind that our next gathering is going be for discussing our rides for next year. Bring your ideas and your memories from this year and we will discuss them. Don't hesitate to step up to lead a ride of your choice. It's fun, it's where you want to go, and it's Chapter T having a great time.

That's it for this time, and we hope to see you all at the November Gathering.

Chapter T is great,

Colleen and Dale
ACDs



Rider Education

By Robert and Angela Williams



Congrats to : Jim & Julie Veneskey for reaching Level II

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. Levels Cup was presented to Dee Kline.

Riding Topic: On the same day as the Chill Bash, Dale Hudson and I spent all day learning how to be a GWRRA Seminar presenter. We are currently in a pending status. Now all we need is to present one seminar in the presence of John Frank our District Educator to be certified. So in the next few weeks we will be seeking a group of Chapter T folks that would like to learn something and at the same time allow us to fine tune our new found talents. We have half a dozen seminars that we can now present. We will be sharing the list at our next few meeting. I will be attending another leadership training session this next Sunday. That should provide us with many more learning opportunities. For you new GWRRA members, one of the most important benefits of belonging is the learning opportunities provided by this organization. Next year at the beginning of the riding season, watch for more riding skills classes. However, at the close of this riding season, you should look for more indoor orientated learning opportunities. Such as the ones that Dale and I will be presenting soon. Angela and I teach Medic First Aid and our first class is going to be Nov. 10 at Chapter D. Soon our CD's will be looking at scheduling a CPR/First Aid class for our Chapter. Make sure that you tell Steve and Pam if you are interested. If the date and time is a concern, our sister chapters would be more than happy for you to attend the Medic First/CPR class at their chapter. Dates and times can be found on the District Webpage or by asking Angela or I. I have been told my whole life that the day we stop learning is the day they bury you and I don't plan on being buried very soon. So enjoy the remainder of the riding season, but don't forget that we still have many more events that we can enjoy & learn together.

What a Fall Ride, we saw some of the most brilliant colors. A BIG thanks goes out to Ron Abate for leading the ride.

Ride On!

Angela's Saga: This will be the last segment to Angela's Saga. She has made it. She has arrived. She is the real deal. By now you should be going what, made it, arrived? Yes, it has happened. I called home between leaving work and school to just check in. And what I heard next made me a believer. Angela said I had just caught her. She was on her way out the door to go for a ride on her bike. So I guess I can no longer single her out to make a point. I am so very proud that I played a small role in her development as a rider.

Go Angela! But I hope I can get to go with you.

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

Technical Talk

By Chuck and Marlene Isom

Well, another riding season has come and gone. We hope you had an exciting season and got to ride all you wanted to, but regardless, it is time to think about putting the Toy away for the winter. I never like to ride when it gets real cold. I don't like salt on my chrome either. I will offer some tips for you to take to make the lay up better on your bike.

First thing you should do is wash and clean the bike. You should make sure everything is in excellent working order. Now is a good time to get all needed repairs done. The Honda shops have slowed down and it is the best time to get your favorite mechanic to work on your pride and joy. **THINGS TO CHECK:** Brakes, windshield, tires (remember what I said at the meeting about the second largest maker of motorcycle tires (Michelin) having already announced a raise in the prices of motorcycle tires by 8 percent on January 1st of 2008. All the other tire makers will surely follow the lead. **TO AVOID THE INCREASE ORDER YOUR TIRES NOW.** Check all fiberglass parts: fairing etc., steering mechanism, and shock absorbers. Electrical parts: The battery, wiring, spark plugs, charging system, starter, and lights. Remember the tips I mentioned about dielectric grease. Next the motor: ignition, do you need a tune up? Check the carburetor. I have asked folks for the past month how many carburetors on a 1500 Gold Wing and not many folks really know for sure. Do you know? I had folks say, 1, 1 dual port, 3, 4 and 6 no one said 5 but the right answer is 2. The Valkyrie has 6. The 1800 has none, it is fuel injected. Don't forget to check the clutch, fuel pump and piston rings if it is burning oil. Only Harleys do that huh? Just kidding they don't burn oil, they leak it out. No that isn't right. Harley makes a great motorcycle. I am an equal chapter member annoyer, ha-ha. Check the bearings, valves, muffler and tailpipe. They do wear out. Cooling: the radiator, hoses, belts and water pump. Chassis: transmission, rear axle, springs, drive shaft and wheel bearings.

Now if everything is in great shape, take a long ride and use up all the gas, run it until the red light comes on and carry with you some gas stabilizer treatment. When you pull into the gas station add the stabilizer to the gas tank according to the instructions on the bottle. 1 oz. treats 2 and 1/2 gallon. After you put that in, fill the tank with gas. This action will mix every thing up every thing up good. The drive home will get this mixture into the carbs.

Storing the bike: You should not store near a refrigerator or any electric motors or heat appliances. Put a piece of carpet or rubber mat under the bike for a vapor barrier. Put the bike on the center stand and put a piece of 4x4 about 7 inches long under the motor, not the oil filter. I press down on the rear of the bike and let my wife put the block under the bike. Now the bike should have both tires off the floor. Hook up a battery tender to the battery. These are great. You can find them advertised in Wing World for about \$60.00 and trust me it is money well spent. Everyone should have 1. I have 6 of them. Cover the bike with a breathable cover. Old sheets work well. Never cover with plastic. No need to start the bike during the winter. The battery tender will take care of things. You can turn the kill switch off and turn the motor over a few times, that will put oil on the gears and stuff. I never do that myself. When the nice weather comes in the spring and it rains a few good rains to get rid of the salt on the streets you will be ready to go. Always use Honda parts and supplies. Never short change your bike. Take good care of it and it will take care of you.

If I said, "Motorcycles are dangerous, that is a fact", would you agree? This statement is wrong on two fronts. First, it is an **OPINION** and it is not a **FACT**. Second, a bear is dangerous, a tiger is dangerous, the seas and the weather can be dangerous. Any of these can inflict injury on us without any action on our part. A motorcycle however is not dangerous. On its own, a motorcycle is an inert mechanism that does not pose any risk to us. Once we elect to use the motorcycle, this implies a certain level of risk of injury as does our choice to use a chair, a table, a car, a chain saw, etc. But a motorcycle is not and cannot be "DANGEROUS". What makes motorcycling so exciting also makes it very dangerous. Any action we take involves an element of risk from getting out of bed in the morning to sky diving. Motorcycling is no different. To imply that the very act of motorcycling itself is very dangerous is misleading and flat out wrong. Tooling down a deserted back road at a comfortable speed in broad daylight on my cycle is less dangerous than tooling down the same road in a high performance car at 130 MPH in the middle of the night. The risk of injury (the level of danger) is proportional to the individual and the activity, in this case, the skill of the rider and the manner in which the motorcycle is used. Not every use of a motorcycle is very dangerous. Used properly by an experienced rider with a healthy respect for safety, motorcycling is no more dangerous than many other activities we humans engage in. As motorcyclists, we have to be careful about the messages we broadcast to fellow cyclists, the general public and those that want to impose ever more restrictive legislation on our chosen activity. Practice safety, take a motorcycle riders safety course. Promote safety but avoid the scare tactic hyperbole. It is a very good pass time we have.

We enjoyed riding with every one of you. Hope to ride more next year than we did this year. We moved this summer and that took a lot of our time.

Your Technical Coordinators, Chuck & Marlene

Secretary's Report

By Julie Veneskey

Secretary's Report

The October 2007 gathering was held on the 10th at Lindsay's Restaurant in Akron, Ohio and was called to order at 7:18 pm by Chapter Director Steve Detwiler. Steve introduced new members Gus and Debbie Carn and Paul Delisle. Paul is currently in the market for a Goldwing.

Assistant Chapter Director Dale Hudson talked about the upcoming events. He also mentioned that Midwest Motorsports is again offering winter storage for motorcycles. The cost is \$20 a month. Space is on a first come first served basis.

Chapter Educator Robert Williams presented the GWRRA travel mug to Levels participant Dee Kline. He also reminded everyone that starting in November, Wednesday dinners will be meeting at the restaurant at 6:30 pm.

Ride Coordinator Ron Abate talked about the upcoming Fall Ride to Pennsylvania. Those going should meet at the Cracker Barrel at Rte. 44 and I-76 no later than 8:00 am on Saturday October 20th. It is about a 300 mile trip one way. Ron also mentioned that former Chapter Director Ken Shope is inviting anyone for a visit next year on the 4th of July. Details will follow.

Steve reminded everyone that the mileage cut-off for this year is October 31st. Also, a reminder that the November gathering will be used for coming up with ideas for rides for next year. This includes Saturday or Sunday rides as well as multiple day rides. So bring your ideas in November.

The canned food drive for the Center of Hope in Ravenna is continuing now through the November gathering. Please bring in non-perishable food items or blankets to any Chapter get together. This includes dinner rides and breakfasts.

Upcoming events:

- 10/13 – Chili Bash at Jack and Dee Kline's home
- 10/20 & 21 – Fall Ride
- 11/3 – Chapter I Road Kill Dinner and Auction
- 11/10 – Euchre Party at Fred and Bonnie Fish's home
- 12/8 – Chapter T Christmas Party

Gathering adjourned at 8:00 pm.





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SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
				1 Birth. Hill Hut- chins	2 Anniv. Tracy & Pattie Rohrbaugh	3 Chapter I-Road Kill Stew Fund- Raiser Apple- creek, OH
4 Break- fast - 9 am Lindsay's	5	6 Election Day Birth. Carole Monteith	7 Birth. Robert G. Williams Salsita's Brimfield 6:30 p.m. 673-8874	8	9	10
11 Veteran's Day Breakfast Lindsay's 9 am	12	13	14 Chapter T Mtg. 7:15 Dinner 6pm Lindsay's	15 Birth. Rachel Angelotti	16	17State Mtg. Birth. Tom Wysocki
18 State Mtg. Breakfast Lindsay's 9 am	19 Anniv. Gary & Karen Schaffer- nocker	20	21 Crooked River Munroe Falls 688-9911	22Thanks- giving Ann. Joe & Shelley Keller & Joe K. Birthday	23 Birth. Jerry Bailey	24
25 Breakfast Lindsay's 9 am	26	27	28 Wingers Akron 644-5940	29 Birth. Julie Veneskey	30	