

Rubber City Riders Newsletter

Akron, Ohio



CD'S Point of View

By Steve Detwiler and Pam Jeanneret

Hello All,

Well, here it is the fall riding season. I can't believe the summer is over. We still have a few more rides set up for this season. Hopefully you can join us on one or more of them. Come out and have some fun with us. Just remember that the mornings and evenings will be a little cooler. Hopefully everyone has checked out their heated clothing to make sure they are in working order, before you need them. If you don't have heated clothing, remember to ride with layers of clothing. It's never a good ride if you are cold. We hope to see you on a ride soon.

I know we talked about the can drive at our last gathering for the Center of Hope. I just wanted to remind you to bring in your cans and items. I know this Chapter has always done a good job with this event. Please keep up the good work. It's for a worthy cause.

Dinner Ride – Wednesday, September 26th: after our last gathering we contacted the 356 Fighter Group restaurant, by the Akron/Canton airport, about the Chapter coming out for dinner and seeing the room we will use for the Christmas Party. We just need a head count that morning. We will be ordering off the menu. We figured it would be better to do this now instead of in October due to Ohio's unpredictable weather. We can ride and enjoy. Mark your calendar and see you there.

The Christmas Party - December 8th: Dale and I are working to put everything together so all of us can have a grand time at the party. We have a couple of surprises in store for you, so come and have fun. Both your CD's and ACD's are requesting your help. We want this event to be shared by all present and past members. If you know of someone that has not been to any recent gatherings, give them a call and invite them to the party. Ask them to give us another opportunity to show them what we are all about. We would like to see as many members as possible attend. We will still be doing our white elephant or whatever gift exchange.

One last thing – The November gathering. I would like to use this time for setting up our rides for 2008. I hope you can attend, with input and ideas for any rides you would like to take. This is the time to let us know what you would like to do. Our goal is to make every ride fun and enjoyable for everyone that will be riding in 2008. See you on October 10th for the next gathering.

Ride Safe,
Steve & Pam

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ACD'S Words of Wisdom By Dale and Colleen Hudson



What's not to like at Fred and Peg's???

Since we joined this wonderful Chapter a few years back, there has always been something that has kept us from the annual steak fry. It comes pretty close to our anniversary and we normally try to make something special of it.

One year we were at the Outer Banks enjoying Hatteras. Last year we were in Ireland and Lord knows that wouldn't be fun over a steak fry. This year, however, we made certain we would be available to see what all the hoopla was about. Remember the song "Green Door"? That's how it felt to us. We just couldn't help wondering what goes on behind the "Green Door"

We arrived and there was nothing special to the eye at first glance. We saw a few tents, and then there was Steve and Debbie, and Denny and Joy, and of course Fred and Peg (no crutches or cane). After inquiring, we found out everyone had parked behind the garage and of course we didn't look there.

We started talking and next thing you know, more and more people arrived. Shaking hands, hugging, laughing and.....WAIT!!!! Did I say laughing? Couldn't be. Just a slip of the tongue. Every time someone came, they had a dish and of course I would have to check it out. I'm funny that way. Hungry all the time.

I knew that Pam and Steve couldn't make it, as they were doing the GWRRA thingy at the Brimfest. For those of you that don't know where that is, ask me. I can give you directions. Rtes. 14 and 59. Anyway, their grill had arrived for the evening and that was OK.

I went over to talk to Fred and he said, would you mind being cook tonight? Sure, I like to do that but there are eight knobs on that thing and I can't run them all. Then my friend Jack Kline stepped up and said he would also like to help. Problem solved. We fired up the mammoth without tusks, and got started. Peg brought out boxes of some of the finest looking steaks I've seen for a while. We started them and there was a lot of laughing in the background. WAIT!!! Did I say laughing again? Another slip.

For the next couple of hours, we laughed, (yeah I got it right this time) told stories, joked, looked at motor homes, looked at motorcycles, laughed, ate and just had a great time.

Do you remember my last article? It said to "Catch the Fever" of Chapter T. What a ride. It is growing by the day. These people know how to have a good time. The "Green Door" seems to travel to wherever there is a gathering.

Fred and Peg had it for the day and did a wonderful job with it. Thanks Friends for allowing us to enjoy you and your home and Chapter T.

For those of you that may have missed out, we have rides coming up with a "Green Door" attached as well as a "Chili Bash" and it also has a "Green Door" attached. The Christmas Party is looking like it also has a "Green Door". Get the Fever. I am not trying to start a trend with the Green Door thingy or the Fever thingy, I just want you all to share in the fun that is catching on and everywhere I go there is laughter. Thanks to you all it is working. And it feels good.

That's it.

Colleen and Dale, Your ACDs

Rider Education

By Robert and Angela Williams



Congrats to : OH Chapter T— a wonderful group of people to hang out with!

Levels program update: We now have 43 members participating in the GWRRA Levels Program. This brings us to a total of 23 Level I Riders, 2 Level II Riders, 9 Level III Riders and 9 Level IV Master Tour Riders. The Levels Cups were presented to Jim & Julie Veneskey for both completing the Motorcycle Ohio BRC.

Riding Topic: Summer is coming to an end but not the riding season. As the temperatures drop we need to be aware of a new foe, Hypothermia. Here is the scoop: normal body temperature in humans is 98.6°F. Hypothermia can be divided in three stages of severity. In stage 1, body temperature drops by 1.8-3.6°F below normal temperature. Mild to strong shivering occurs. The victim is unable to perform complex tasks with the hands; the hands become numb. Blood vessels in the outer extremities contract, lessening heat loss to the outside air. Breathing becomes quick and shallow. Goose bumps form, raising body hair on end in an attempt to create an insulating layer of air around the body (limited use in humans due to lack of sufficient hair, but useful in other species). Often, a person will experience a warm sensation, as if they have recovered, but they are in fact heading into Stage 2. Another test to see if the person is entering stage 2 is being unable to touch their thumb with their little finger. This is the first stage of muscles not working. In stage 2, body temperature drops by 3.6-7.2°F. Shivering becomes more violent. Lack of muscle coordination becomes apparent. Movements are slow and labored, accompanied by a stumbling pace and mild confusion, although the victim may appear alert. Surface blood vessels contract further as the body focuses its remaining resources on keeping the vital organs warm. The victim becomes pale, lips, ears, fingers and toes may become blue. In stage 3, body temperature drops below approximately 90°F. Shivering usually stops. Difficulty speaking, sluggish thinking, and amnesia start to occur. Inability to use hands and stumbling are also usually present. Cellular metabolic processes shut down. Below 86°F the exposed skin becomes blue and puffy, muscle coordination becomes very poor, walking nearly impossible, and the victim exhibits incoherent/irrational behavior including terminal burrowing or even a stupor. Pulse and respiration rates decrease significantly but fast heart rates (ventricular tachycardia, atrial fibrillation) can occur. Major organs fail. Clinical death occurs. Because of decreased cellular activity in stage 3 hypothermia, the body will actually take longer to undergo brain death.

Now I don't really think we will be concerned with stage 2 & 3 hypothermia in October, but a little forethought will keep us from talking about Stage 1. Be sure to carry an extra sweat shirt and good gloves. Listen to your partner for signs that they need to stop and warm a bit. If you are the Road Captain, plan plenty of stops to allow people to warm themselves and put on or take off extra clothing. We have had a great riding season so far, so keep warm and keep safe.

Angela's Saga: It has been interesting to watch Angela grow in her riding skills. It is not just the balance or leaning into a curve or understanding counter steering. Steve and Pam invited Angela to the Brimfield festival along with her Suzuki. Some may remember that it was threatening rain on and off. Fortunately, it did not ruin the evening. But that is not the story I want to tell. As we were getting ready to go, Angela went about gathering her rain gear and then stored it in one of the saddle bags. Now when she was my passenger, she never even gave rain gear a second thought, because I was the pilot and that was my job. Now that she is piloting her own ride, she quietly does what is needed to enjoy a safe warm and dry ride. Go Angela!

Robert G & Angela M Williams
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Technical Talk

By Chuck and Marlene Isom

Warning! Caution! This month I want to give you some cautions and warnings about your motorcycle.

WARNING indicates a strong possibility of severe personal injury or death if instructions are not followed.

CAUTION indicates a possibility of personal injury or equipment damage if instructions are not followed.

Some specific warnings and cautions: Carbon monoxide-- if the engine must be running to do some work, make sure the area is well ventilated. Never run the engine in an enclosed area. **WARNING** - the exhaust contains poisonous carbon monoxide gas that can cause loss of consciousness and may lead to death. Run the engine in an open area or with an exhaust evacuation system in an enclosed area. Gasoline-- Work in a well ventilated area. Keep cigarettes, flames or sparks away from the work area or where gasoline is stored. **WARNING** - gasoline is extremely flammable and is explosive under certain conditions. Keep out of the reach of children. Hot components-- **WARNING** - engine and exhaust parts become very hot and remain hot for some time after the engine is run. Wear insulated gloves or wait until the engine and exhaust system have cooled before handling these parts. Used engine/transmission oil--**WARNING** - Used engine oil (or transmission oil in two-strokes) may cause skin cancer if repeatedly left in contact with the skin for prolonged periods. Although this is unlikely unless you handle used oil on a daily basis, it is still advisable to thoroughly wash your hands with soap and water as soon as possible after handling used oil. Keep it out of the reach of children.

Battery hydrogen gas & electrolyte – **WARNING** - the battery gives off explosive gases. Keep sparks, flames and cigarettes away. Provide adequate ventilation when charging. The battery contains sulfuric acid (electrolyte). Contact with skin or eyes may cause severe burns. Wear protective clothing and a face shield. If electrolyte gets on your skin, flush with water. If electrolyte gets in your eyes, flush with water for at least 15 minutes and call a physician. Electrolyte is poisonous, if swallowed, drink large amounts of water or milk and follow with milk of magnesia or vegetable oil and call a physician. Keep out of the reach of children.

Brake dust-- Brake dust may contain asbestos. Never use an air hose or dry brush to clean brake assemblies. Use an OSHA- approved vacuum cleaner or alternate method approved by OSHA, designed to minimize the hazard caused by airborne asbestos fibers. **WARNING** - inhaled asbestos fibers have been found to cause respiratory disease and cancer. Brake Fluid- **CAUTION** - Spilling fluid on painted, plastic or rubber parts will damage them. Place a clean shop towel over these parts whenever the system is serviced. Keep out of the reach of children.

Coolant-- Under some conditions, the ethylene glycol in engine coolant is combustible and its flame is not visible. If the ethylene glycol does ignite, you will not see the flame but you will be burned. **WARNING** - Avoid spilling engine coolant on the exhaust system or engine parts. Coolant can cause some skin irritation and is poisonous if swallowed. Keep out of the reach of children. Do not remove the radiator cap when the engine is hot. The coolant is under pressure and could scald you. Keep hands and clothing away from the cooling fan, as it starts automatically. If coolant contacts your skin, wash the effected areas immediately with soap and water. If it contacts your eyes, flush them thoroughly with fresh water and get immediate medical attention. If it is swallowed, the victim must be forced to vomit then rinse mouth and throat with fresh water before obtaining medical attention. Because of these dangers, always store coolant in a safe place, away from the reach of children. Nitrogen Pressure-- For shock absorbers with gas-filled reservoir: **WARNING** - Use only nitrogen to pressurize the shock absorber. The use of an unstable gas can cause fire or explosion resulting in serious injury. The shock absorber contains nitrogen under high pressure. Allowing fire or heat near the shock absorber could lead to an explosion. Failure to release the pressure from the shock absorber before disposing of it may lead to a possible explosion, if it is heated or pierced. To prevent the possibility of an explosion after disposal, release the nitrogen by pressing the valve core. Then remove the valve stem from the shock absorber reservoir. Dispose of the oil in a manner acceptable to the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA). There I hope these Warnings and Cautions keeps you out of harms way.

Uses for Vodka: to cure foot odor wash your feet with vodka. Put vodka in a spray bottle and spray bees and wasp to kill them. Use a cotton ball and apply Vodka to your face to cleanse the skin and tighten pores. To remove a bandage painlessly, saturate the bandage with vodka The solvent dissolves the adhesive. **REMINDER** Seat belts are not as confining as a wheel chair.

Keep those technical things in order and have a safe and enjoyable ride.

Your Technical Coordinators Chuck and Marlene

Secretary's Report By Julie Veneskey

The meeting for September 12th, 2007 was held at Lindsay's Restaurant in Akron and called to order by Chapter Director Steve Detwiler at 7:15 pm. Assistant Chapter Directors Dale and Colleen Hudson were not in attendance due to celebrating their wedding anniversary. Steve introduced the guests for the evening. Gene and Barb Rolls were visiting from Chapter I. Guy Cutler, a friend of Fred Fish, was also visiting. Steve thanked those who participated in the Brimfield parade and Fred and Peg Nichols for hosting the Steak Fry.

Ways and Means person Joy Miller showed off the new Chapter T visors for the ladies. They will be sold for \$10 each. The new/old chapter patches are in the process of being made. Joy also talked a bit about next year's fundraising auction. It will be held on April 28th, 2008. Please start collecting items for the auction. Also the money and gift certificate jar will be at each meeting until the April meeting. The chapter has already purchased the paper supplies for the auction.

Chapter Educator Robert Williams talked about the MAD booth that Steve and Pam presented at the Brimfest and how educational it was to him. Robert presented the GWRRA travel mugs to level participants Jim and Julie Veneskey for successfully completing the Motorcycle Ohio Basic Riders Course. He did this to remind chapter members about educating themselves about safe riding.

Ride Coordinator Ron Abate once again asked for a volunteer to be the Chapter Road Captain. Ray Immel spoke up to take the position. Ron spoke about the ride to Kentucky over Labor Day weekend. He mentioned that during the ride they rode for a bit with the ACD's from Chapter E in Michigan. They complimented the group on their group riding technique.

CD Steve Detwiler spoke about the canned food drive for the Center of Hope in Ravenna. Cans and blankets will be collected from now until the November meeting. Once again, there will be two teams. Those with last names beginning with A through M will be on Dale Hudson's team. Those with last names beginning with N through Z will be on Steve Detwiler's team. The winning team will get to pick a name from the losing team to wash their bike in the spring. Participation will be by bike. This separates the women who ride their own bikes from their spouses. Checks made out to the Center of Hope will also be accepted. With these funds the center can buy 3 times as much for their shelves.

Technical Coordinator Chuck Isom talked about fuses, relay boxes and Dielectric Grease. He also mentioned that Ohio is trying to pass a mandatory helmet law.

Steve mentioned that they need to know by the November meeting how many will be attending the holiday party on December 8th, 2007. This will be held at the 356th Fighter Group. The cost is \$10 per person with the Chapter covering the remaining cost. Steve also mentioned that the November meeting will be a planning session for the rides to be taken in 2008. Input from everyone will be welcome. So start thinking of where you would like to go next year. Steve would like anyone who knows a member who has not been around in a while to contact them.

Ted Daniels and Jack Kline talked about some items they have for sale.

Upcoming events:

9/22 – Ride to Geneva on the Lake – meet at Deerfield Circle Restaurant at 8:00 am.

10/6 – Leaf Ride – meet at Lindsay's for a 9:00am breakfast

10/13 – Chili Bash at Jack and Dee Kline's

10/20 & 21 – Fall Ride to Williamsport, Pa – meet at the Cracker Barrel at I-76 and Rte. 44 at 8:00 am

Meeting adjourned at 8:20 pm.



Riding Along With Ron & Sharon Abate

Hello Riders,

We had a good Sunday ride on September 16, 2007 to Washington, PA. We rode Rte. 14 to Rte. 168 and down to Rte. 18. When we stopped for something to eat, Ted, Don, Hill, Steve and Debbie all had spaghetti and meatballs, Denny and I had Stromboli. All good eats! We then rode over to Wheeling and up Rte. 7 to Rte. 151. Ted and Don led the ride on the way home. We stopped at Gary and Karen's to see how he was doing. Gary is flat on his back in bed, but we all left him smiling. They will try to come to the next meeting.

I would like to get as many people involved in leading rides as possible. I would like everyone who rides on Sundays to take a turn at leading and a turn at running tail-gunner. I can set up a route then have riders lead, etc. Hopefully, the riders will then start to set up routes and lead their own rides.

When I lead, I call out 5 areas in our particular lane to expect problems. They are center line, left track, center track, right track and right side. Sometimes I will have time to relate the hazard, such as road dirt or road kill. Other times just avoid the particular area called out.

If you are going to participate in the Fall Ride on October 20-21, you should have your room reserved at the Quality Inn, Williamsport, PA. If not call and make your reservation for Saturday night October 20, 2007. The phone number is 570-323-9801. Pray for good weather and we will have a great ride. Any questions call Ron Abate 330-715-4356. Feel free to call with input.

Thanks

Ron and Sharon



October 2007

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
	1	2 Birthday Dave Ostrowske	3 Last Mystery Ride—Fred & Peg Nichols Birthday Vickie Williams	4	5	6 Birthday Bob Jarrett Brown Bag Leaf Ride Breakfast at Lindsay's 9 am Ride at 10 am
7 Breakfast 9 am Lind- say's	8 Birthday Joe Voytko Anniversary Roy & Robin Richards	9 Birthday Colleen Hudson	10 Chapter T Mtg. 7:15 pm Dinner 6 pm	11	12	13 Birthday Judy Voytko Ed's Chili Bash @ Jack & Dee Kline's 6 pm
14 Breakfast 9 am Lind- say's	15	16	17 Hartville Pie Factory 330-877-6969	18	19	20 Chapter T Fall Ride for Info call Ron Abate at 330-715-4356
21 Breakfast 9 am Lindsay Chapter T Fall Ride	22	23	24 Delanie's Tallmadge 330-630-2888	25 Birthday Tracy Rohrbaugh	26	27
28 Breakfast 9 am Lind- say's Birthday Charlotte Memmer, Paul McWilliams	29	30	31 Mongolian Barbeque Macedonia 330-908-3988	Any Questions Please call Steve at 330-608-5771	Or Pam At 330-606-1559	



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November 2007

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	