

# RUBBER CITY RIDERS NEWSLETTER AKRON, OHIO

## CD's POINT of VIEW

By Steve Detwiler & Pam Jeanneret

Hello All,

Hope everyone is well. Here it is the month of September already. I can't believe how fast time is flying. It seems like we just got our bikes out of storage. Now, we just have a couple more months of riding left. We have had a lot of good riding this season. I hope that everyone has had a chance to get out for a ride. If not, we have a few more rides set-up for this season. Come out and have some fun with us. Dale and I have tried to plan rides that people enjoy. I have seen different people on different rides. So, maybe we are doing the right thing.

We had a chance to go on the last ride. Everyone seem to have a good time. We made a few stops so people could shop and sight see. The best part of the trip for me was all the laughing and joking that was going on in the group. Dale and I spoke about this part way through the trip. We both have said many times, we bought our bikes to enjoy and have fun. Then we found Chapter T and a lot of people that feel the same way. Wow! The best of both worlds!! Come out and have fun with us!!

Saturday, September 8th is a very busy day for Chapter T. First, at 10 a.m., staging for the parade in Brimfield which kicks off at 10:30. Shine up your bike and let's show the folks some beautiful machines. Pam and I will have a Motorist Awareness booth at Brimfest which runs Thursday, Sept. 6th through Sunday Sept. 9th. Come help or stop in . At noon, the Northeast Sectional picnic will be held at Edinburg Park which is located on Rock Springs Rd. Go east on Tallmadge Rd. through the intersection of Edinburg, then north on Rock Springs. Take some sort of covered dish. There will be games and a short ride to New Baltimore for ice cream. That should be over by 3 or 4 p.m. Then our big annual Steak Fry at Fred and Peg Nichols. If you are just coming for the steak fry and not to help, that starts at 6 p.m. Please bring a covered dish and a \$5.00 donation per person to help pay for the steaks and corn. If you are planning to help set up, you can get to Fred and Peg's any time after 11 a.m. You can also camp on their property. Bring your tent, camper or RV and spend the night. Then Sunday morning Fred and Peg will provide breakfast for everyone. If you wish to bring something for that I am sure they will not mind. Then you can help tear down the tents and clean up. We hope you can put this day aside for Chapter T and participate as much as you can.

On another note, don't forget the Christmas Party this year. Please sign up early so we have a head count. It is December 8th at 356 Bombers Squadron next to Akron/Canton Airport. We are going to have a good time! See you on the road.

Ride Safe,  
Steve and Pam

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## PENDING ACD BLATHERINGS—DALE & COLLEEN HUDSON

# Have You Caught on Yet??

What's there to catch onto? Take a look around.

It just keeps getting better and better. You have all heard the terms, "Catch on", "Let's catch a wave", "Let's catch a movie", and on and on.

What are we catching onto.....Chapter T Fever.

Every time we have a gathering or an evening meal, or a breakfast for that matter, there seems to be a buzz about what is happening. It is growing by leaps and bounds and is getting to be more fun each time.

For instance; I was leaving Lindsay's to head home from a breakfast on a Sunday when I heard our ride coordinator (Ron) on the CB saying, OK Robert you start out and lead for an hour and then we will change ride leaders. What a concept. I found out later, it was a great ride and all had fun.

Then came the day for the Wing Nut Challenge. When we got to Lindsay's, we were all talking and when I asked about some of the folks I didn't see, I was told there are several that are taking another ride. Great day in the morning. Two rides in the same day. Wow. We then proceeded to ride the Wing Nut Challenge and had a great time.

Half way through the Wing Nut Challenge, we passed a bunch of our other Chapter T members going the other way. (Must be lost TEE HEE) When we finished up, we find out that is the "No Nut Challenge" for those that did not wish to compete in the Wing Nut Challenge. That makes it the third ride in the same day. And all from Chapter T members. I hope you all had as much fun as we had.

Then this weekend. We did the Brown Bag Ride to Mohican. What a day. We ended up with ten bikes, all two up, and an entire day of fun. We had breakfast at Lindsey's and left for the Forests of Mohican. We had a leisurely ride to Loudenville, stopped at the dam and had a great picnic. (please understand this is two meals on the road already) While we were there a HOG group also stopped by and seems they like to have fun also. We all sat around and made noises that we were needing naps, except a few had to make the trek down the mountain just because it was there. Then we visited the covered bridge, then the overlook seeing all of Mohican. From there we went to Loudenville to do a little shopping in the quaint shops offered there. Fun, fun, fun. From there to Wooster to stop at All Seasons and look around. Great day so far. Guess what then? Right. We stopped at the Barn for our third meal on the road. More fun. It seems brown bag rides have only one goal. Have fun. Ok two. Have fun and eat.

Like I said, it just keeps getting better. If you like to have fun and haven't yet,

# Catch On

Your ACDs having fun,

Colleen and Dale

## RIDER EDUCATION

By Robert and Angela Williams



**Congrats to:** Joe & Shellene Keller and Ray & Shelley Immel for completing the Road Captain Course. I finally caught up with both couples and presented them with their patches.

A special congratulation goes out to Julie Veneskey who, in spite of the poor weather conditions, completed her BRC on August 19th and passed! I am sure that Julie is still smiling as well as her rider coach Jim Veneskey.

**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 Cup was presented to Harry Memmer, one of the founding members of Chapter T.

**Riding Topic:** Last month we touched on some mishaps that occurred around Wing Ding as well as the Michigan Rally that Angela and I attended. This month I would like to share with you some interesting statistics and where you can find them. Our MAD group works to educate the non-motorcyclists to make them more aware of the motorcycles that share the roadways. As the cost of fuel rises, more and more motorcycles will hit the road. Our Riders Ed group works to educate the motorcycle operators. Even with all this education accidents happen. I believe that knowledge is power and GWRRA is working to give us the knowledge and power to enjoy our chosen sport. In the August issue of the District RE newsletter our Motorist Awareness Director Jill Becker shared a number of links that we can use to look up some very interesting facts. I hope you take the time as I did to follow the links provided below and empower yourself.

1. [www.iii.org/media/hottopics/insurance/motorcycle](http://www.iii.org/media/hottopics/insurance/motorcycle)
2. [www.nhtsa.dot.gov/people/ncsa](http://www.nhtsa.dot.gov/people/ncsa)
3. [www.nhtsa.dot.gov/people/injury/pedbimot/motorcycle/motorcycle03/nhtsamotorcycle.htm](http://www.nhtsa.dot.gov/people/injury/pedbimot/motorcycle/motorcycle03/nhtsamotorcycle.htm)
4. [www.webbikeworld.com/Motorcycle-Safety/809-360.pdf](http://www.webbikeworld.com/Motorcycle-Safety/809-360.pdf)

Below are some excerpts that I found on the WebPages I have noted above.

***Sales of all types of two-wheelers reached about 1,158,000 in 2006, a level not seen in about 30 years. At the same time motorcycle fatalities have also been climbing, reaching their highest level in 2006 since 1981. There has been a dramatic jump in the number of deaths among motorcycle riders age 40 and older in recent years.***

***NCSA is responsible for providing a wide range of analytical and statistical support to NHTSA and the traffic safety community, through data collection, analysis, and crash investigation activities.***

***Helmets worn as part of a motorcyclist's protective gear are known to be very effective in a crash. NHTSA estimates that helmets saved the lives of 674 motorcyclists in 2001, and that 444 more lives could have been saved if all motorcyclists had worn helmets.***

**Angela's Saga:** August 16th was our 27<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary. And every three or four years we make a pilgrimage to Lost Wages, Nevada. This year we took one day away from the one armed bandits to drive out into the desert, more specifically Death Valley. Angela was ready to rent a Goldwing and ride through the desert, but instead we rented a car as I was still recovering from an illness I picked up on Friday. It was no surprise to see other brave souls riding in the desert heat. Angela noticed that a significant number of riders had bandannas around their nose and mouth which is something we don't see around here. The first stop was the old 1900's ghost town of Rhyolite. While walking around the ruins, we noticed several Harley riders ride up to the old train station. When we got up to the train station, I went over to one of the riders who were standing in the shade drinking water. I was surprised to find out that they were from Germany. It was their last day of a three week vacation to the states. It was nice to listen to their riding experiences here in the states, as they shared them with fellow motorcycle enthusiasts. Angela and I hope they made it home safe and sound.

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

## TECHNICAL TALK

### By Chuck and Marlene Isom

Since the Chapter has several new participants, and that is all any of us are, I would like to use this month's article to help you become more acquainted with GWRRA and the Chapter operations. Even the seasoned GWRRA member should find something of interest here. Getting involved in GWRRA and Chapter activities will bring you to the "heart" of the Chapter. If you have any questions, please feel free to ask any of the seasoned Chapter participants. They will gladly help you to understand the functions of the Gold Wing Road Riders Association and make you welcome into our family. Hopefully this article will help answer some of your questions.

**WHAT IS THE CHAPTER ALL ABOUT?** Making friends. Riding our Gold Wings with our friends. Promoting safe riding, to enhance our motorcycle experience. Learning skills and safety techniques for riding. **FRIENDS FOR FUN, SAFETY AND KNOWLEDGE!!** GWRRA'S motto and purpose.

**HOW DO I JOIN THE CHAPTER?** You don't join a Chapter, you join the Gold Wing Road Riders Association (GWRRA) and you participate in the Chapters of your choice. So the question should be asked - "How do I become a Chapter participant?" You do nothing more than attend a Chapter Get-together, ride or event. There is no cost of formal application needed to participate in a GWRRA Chapter, as a local Chapter is one of the benefits of belonging to our international association. The Gold Wing Road Riders Association has a network of over 82,000 members, with over 800 Chapters in all 50 states and 52 foreign countries that are yours to enjoy. So you are never far from "home", even when you're on the road.

**WHAT IS THE STAFFING STRUCTURE IN GWRRA?** All officers are appointed. There is no voting or elections held in GWRRA. The chain of Command goes as follows: National Operations Executive Director--Melissa Eason, Region Director Tom Taggart. We are in Region "D" -The Great Lakes Region (Ohio Michigan and Indiana). Ohio District Director--Roger Hurley, and Chapter Director Steve Detwiler. Each Director then appoints his or her own staff of Assistants, Educators, Coordinators and other supporting staff. The Chapter Director has the operational responsibility for the Chapter and obtains input from his or her staff and Chapter participants in reaching decisions regarding Chapter activities. So everyone who participates has a voice in the Chapter operations, if you are a member of GWRRA.

**WHAT ARE THEY TALKING ABOUT? EVENING RIDES:** Once a week (weather permitting) we have a ride set up. These rides always leave from a designated "staging" location or ride point. The time of departure varies usually 6:30 so make sure you read your Chapter newsletter or ask the Chapter Director, who will be more than happy to fill you in. A ride will not start if it is raining. We usually go in cars if that happens. **WEEKEND RIDES:** The Chapter tries to schedule a full day ride at least once a month. If you have any special roads and parks etc, that you would like to share, make sure and let the Chapter Director know. Many of these rides will start from early to mid morning and run until early evening. Sometimes overnights might be a factor for a longer trip. All these rides are discussed with the Chapter so be ready with your input. **GET-TOGETHERS:** Once a month, instead of our weekly ride, we have a "Get-Together". This can include speakers, videos, ride planning and safety information, and technical stuff ha-ha and of course ...a meal with plenty of socializing. These Get-Togethers are not business meetings. GWRRA does not operate in a "club" format. There is no voting, minutes, or Treasurers report. Decisions regarding the Chapter are made by the Chapter Director who does, however, get input from Chapter staff and participants regarding events which are of interest to the Chapter participants. **RIDE REQUIREMENTS:** The Gold Wing Road Riders Association would like to stress that a GWRRA ride cannot start in the rain. If some participants do decide to start in the rain, the ride is not considered an "official" GWRRA ride. An "OFFICER" must always be present on all "official" GWRRA Chapter rides. The officers are Chapter Director, Assistant Chapter Director and the Chapter Educator. If there is not an Officer present the ride is not considered an "official" GWRRA ride. All participants are reminded of the importance wearing a helmet and other appropriate riding apparel.

**DO I HAVE TO DO ANYTHING WHILE I AM A PARTICIPANT?** Yes, learn and have as much FUN as you can! That's why this association and the Chapters exist. **FRIENDS FOR FUN, SAFETY AND KNOWLEDGE!** We thank you for choosing Chapter "T" as the Chapter to participate in, Welcome to our family.

An old lady was arrested for shop lifting. The judge asked her what she stole. She answered, "A can of peaches". He said "How many peaches were in the can?" She answered Six". He said "Ok, I will sentence you to six days in jail". Her husband from the back of the room asked if he might speak up. The Judge said ok. The husband said "She stole a can of peas too". A thief who stole a calendar got 12 months. Don't buy dead batteries, they are free of charge. Did you hear about the guy whose whole left side was cut off in a motorcycle accident? He is all right now.

Keep all those technical things in good working order, have a safe and enjoyable ride.

Till next time Your Technical Coordinators, Chuck and Marlene

## **SECRETARY'S REPORT**

By Julie Veneskey

The meeting for August 8<sup>th</sup> 2007 was called to order at 7:15 pm by Chapter Director Steve Detwiler. Steve introduced the guests for the evening. Jack and Dee Kline brought guests Les and Jan Ashby. Don and Cindy Davis were also visiting from Chapter G-2. Steve thanked Steve and Debbie Willaims and Denny and Joy Miller for all their hard work on the Wing Nut Challenge.

Mike Dorsey read a thank you card from the folks at the Four Seasons Senior Living Facility. They thanked all those who took part in the senior day rides. Dale Hudson read a card from Jan Bodnar, which also came with a check for cans that she took in to be recycled. Dale also read a thank you card from Jack and Dee Kline for the all the well wishes they received after the death of Dee's mother.

Chapter Educator Robert Williams awarded the GWRRA travel mug to Levels participant Harry Memmer. Robert and Angela are now qualified bike show judges.

Ride Coordinator Ron Abate talked about some of the upcoming rides. There will also be a sheet at each of the meetings for members to put their ideas for rides for next year.

Congratulations to MED Chuck Pangburn for being mentioned in this month's Wing World. Chuck does carvings in various forms, two of which were pictured in the magazine.

Steve talked about the upcoming food drive for the Center of Hope. The drive will start at the September meeting and will continue through the November meeting. There will again be two teams. So please start collecting non-perishable food items and blankets. Cash donations will also be accepted.

Steve also talked about next year's auction and holiday party. Back by popular demand, the money and gift certificate jar will be at each meeting. He also put it to a vote about the chapter purchasing many of the items needed for the spaghetti dinner. The members were in favor of this. At the September meeting a sign up sheet will be passed around for the holiday party being held on December 8<sup>th</sup>. A head count is needed by the November meeting. Cost will be \$10 per person, with the chapter covering the rest of the cost.

It was also announced, that after a vote at the last meeting, we will be going back to the old Chapter patch as the official patch. Those who have the new ones need not change. Also, Pam Jeanneret asked the women of the Chapter if they would like some sort of hat or visor for themselves. Visors were decided on, which Joy Miller will look into. Members were also asked to bring in door prizes.

### Upcoming events:

- 8/18-Mohican Park Brown Bag Ride – Leave from Lindsay's parking lot at 10:00am
- 8/23- Region D Rally
- 9/1 – Labor Day Ride – Leave form TA Truck Stop I-71 and I-76 at 9:00am
- 9/8 – Brimfield Parade – 10:00 am
- 9/8 – District Picnic in Edinburg
- 9/8 – Steak Fry at Fred and Peg Nichols' house
- 9/14 – Buckeye Time Out
- 9/22 – Geneva Lake Brown Bag Ride

## SPECIAL PROJECTS-BRUCE & 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

### RIDE COORDINATORS— RON & SHARON ABATE

Fellow riders, we are still having good riding weather, so get out and ride. I would like to thank Keith and Vickie Williams for leading the L- 2 Dam Ride. They took the challenge when no one seemed to know exactly where to go and it all turned out to be a lot of fun. Thanks again. The Honda Homecoming event on July 27<sup>th</sup>, 2007 was very interesting. Ted, Hill, Dan and I rode down in Hill's car because of rainy weather in the morning. We left at 7:00 am and arrived about 10:00 am. We signed up for a motorcycle assembly plant tour. In about 400 ft. of assembly line they mate a frame to an engine and 40 minutes later they fire it up and run it on the chassis dyno, a completed bike. We then had lunch and headed for the vendors at Bellfontaine. All the Goldwing goodies that you could possibly want were there. There were also some vendors in the town of Marysville. We ate dinner then headed home. I would highly recommend the factory tour.

On August 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2007 Hill, Ed Santa and I rode over to Ken and Carol Shope's place near Westover, Pa., about 180 miles one way. Ken and Carol's house is very nice and they have 5 1/2 acres. He invited anyone who wants to go to his home in the future to give him a call and set a day. The next day, August 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2007, Hill, Don, Ted, Dan and I headed out for Deal's Gap to run the Tail of the Dragon. We left around noon and rode to Bristol, Va. We then left Saturday morning, with Ted leading, and rode to the Deal's Gap area and tamed the "Dragon". Speeds were limited to 35 mph, with police using radar guns every 7-8 minutes. I don't know how anyone could run faster than 45 mph. It was awesome. We then rode Blue Ridge Parkway from Cherokee to Asheville NC, then back to Bristol, Va. The roads were excellent and just curvy enough to keep it a challenge.

We left Bristol Sunday morning at 9:00 am and rode I-81 to Wytheville and then north on I-77. We ran into rain almost into Ohio and that cooled our heels for awhile. We all took turns leading and running tail gunner on the way home. We arrived home about 5:15 pm. This ride can be done comfortably in 3 days, riding about 400 miles a day. Down and back to Bristol is about 400 miles each way, with 125 miles to the Deal's Gap area. If you ride the parkway back to Bristol, you can do another 300 miles. The first and third days are all highway. The ride through W. Virginia and Virginia is excellent, with long sweeping curves to keep it interesting.

The mystery dinner ride that Ted set up on August 1<sup>st</sup> was a nice experience. We had, I believe, 18 bikes in total. It was a challenge getting everyone to the restaurant but we pulled it off safely. There was also a car show there. We then rode to the ice cream store on Rt. 303 west of I-271 after dinner. Everyone had a nice evening.

Everyone is welcome to ride any of the rides we go on. I will try to get the word out for any upcoming rides.

Ron and Sharon Abate

# September 2007

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
						1 Labor Day Ride— Kentucky, Call Ron Abate for details 3/715-4355
2 Labor Day Ride— Kentucky  9am Lindsay's Breakfast	3 labor Day Ride— Kentucky	4	5 Mystery Ride 6:15 At Lakemore Plaza Steve & Debbie Williams Leaders	6 Anniversary Don & Judy Weigand	7 Anniversary Mike & Andie Dorsey	8 Brimfield Parade, District Picnic in Edinburg Steak Fry @ Fred & Peg Nichols 6pm Hartville
9 9 a.m. Lindsay's Breakfast	10	11 Birthdays Ray Immel David Pruett	12 Anniversary Dale & Colleen Hudson  Chapter T Meeting	13 Birthday Ron Abate	14 Buckeye Time-Out Plain City Camping	15 Buckeye Time-Out Plain City Camping
16 Buckeye Time-out Birthday Bruce Barthol 9 a.m. Lindsay's Breakfast	17	18 Anniversary Paul & L Nyki McWilliams Hartville Kitchen 3/877-9353	19 Birthday Charlie Selzer	20	21	22 Geneva-on-the-Lake 8am Lindsay's Breakfast Leave 9am
23 9 a.m. Lindsay's Breakfast	24	25	26 Desert Inn Canton 3/456-1766	27 Birthday Robin Spears	28 Birthday Nyki McWilliams	29 Birthday Marlene Ison
30 9 a.m. Lindsay's Breakfast  Birthday Fred Nichols			ANY QUESTIONS ABOUT TIMES & WHERE TO MEET CALL	STEVE 3/608-5771 PAM 3/606-1559  HOME - 3/673-4072		

# October 2007

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1	2 Birthday Dave Ostrowske	3 Last Mys- tery Ride—Fred & Peg Nich-	4	5	6 Birthday Bob Jarrett Brown Bag Leaf Ride
7 Break- fast 9 am Lind- say's	8 Birthday Joe Voytko Anniver- sary	9 Birthday Colleen Hudson	10 Chapter T Mtg. 7:15 pm	11	12	13 Birth- day Judy Voytko
14 Break- fast 9 am Lind- say's	15	16	17 Hart- ville Pie Factory 330-877-	18	19	20 Chapter T Fall Ride for
21 Breakfa st 9 am Lind- say	22	23	24 De- lanie's Tallmadge 330-630-	25 Birth- day Tracy Rohrbaugh	26	27
28 Break- fast 9 am Lind- say's	29	30	31 Mongoli an Barbeque Macedonia	Any Questions Please	Or Pam At 330-606- 1559	