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	<p><b>CHAPTER "B" GATHERING</b>  <b>SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 15th – 9 A.M. BUFFET BREAKFAST</b>  <b>LIEDERKRANTZ - 1001 SILVER LANE, MANSFIELD, OHIO</b>  <a href="http://gwrraohb.org">gwrraohb.org</a></p>
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## CHAPTER DIRECTORS LARRY & DEBBE STEINHILBER

### HAPPY VALENTINE'S DAY



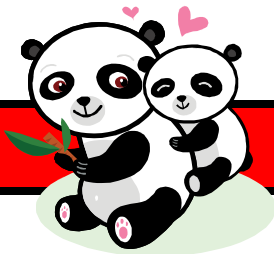
With all the bad weather we have been having I missed the first chapter gathering of 2009. I really wanted to be there but while you were all enjoying the breakfast I was out on back roads plowing snow. I want to thank Joe for filling in for me. I heard he did such a great job that there were rumors of impeaching me!

Changes to be made to the ride schedules that were emailed out to you.

- **Safety Sunday** originally scheduled for March 8 in Bellevue will now be held on **March 7 in LaGrange, Ohio from noon to 5:00 pm**. They are promising some good speakers so let's have a good turnout to support Chapter F2.
- **Ride to Chapter W** in Marion, Ohio on May 3 will be rescheduled.
- Ron Scheid was able to book the **Richland Mall** for a **mall show on May 1-3**. We will take the bikes in after the mall closes on the first and pick them back up after the mall closes on the 3<sup>rd</sup>.
- **Chapter gathering in June** will be held on the regular date of **June 21** – not June 7.
- **Cleveland Teddy Bear Ride**: When the schedule was made out the Cleveland Teddy Bear ride was tentatively set for June 21; however the date has now changed. As soon as we have a firm date we will add it to the schedule as we know there are a lot of members who want to attend.

Don't forget to make your reservations for **Cabin Fever** to be held on **Feb. 13-15**. It promises to be a really good time. We have ten members attending so far.

Stay Warm! Larry & Debbe



CABIN FEVER 2009

HERE WE COME!

## ASSISTANT CHAPTER DIRECTORS JOE & JACKIE WOODMANSEE

Wow! January is about over and we just know better weather is on the way. Cabin Fever weekend is approaching and so is Valentines Day which means that we are going to have a fun time in Columbus. Jackie and I are looking forward to an exciting weekend.

As Assistant Chapter Director I had my first experience with performing one of my duties which was running the January meeting in the absence of our Chapter Director. Due to snowy weather Larry was out clearing roads and was unable to attend and Debbe asked if I could run the meeting. You know, being put on the spot can be frightening but Debbe had the agenda prepared and discussed each item with me so all I had to do was follow the agenda. I looked over the agenda and realized I knew or was aware of most of the information that needed discussed. Being at meetings and participating in Chapter events made me more knowledgeable about Chapter activities and that knowledge helped make this a pleasant experience. As I stood before the chapter and ran through the agenda I realized I was not alone in my task. I had support from current and past chapter leaders and more importantly I was addressing a room of friends. Larry and Deb - thank you for the opportunity.

Joe & Jackie



**RIDE EDUCATORS  
TED & JOYCE STRUTZ**

I'm sure most all of you have heard of the HURT REPORT which was released nearly three decades ago. For those that aren't familiar, it was the last major U.S. study of motorcycle crashes. The general traffic environment and the world of motorcycling has seen significant changes since the late 1970's. Even with all the changes very little research has taken place concerning motorcycle safety. The Motorcycle Safety Foundation, the AMA, has donated funds to go along with government funds to institute a new study. They are hoping to glean new information to answer basic questions and to aid in designing strategies to prevent crashes.

There have been some much smaller independent studies done and Motorcycle Consumer News did a survey of its readers that have had crashes. Obviously, the MCN survey can correlate no info in regard to fatal accidents. They did have 820 respondents. The responses highlighted some of the risk factors and the value of protective gear and the part it can play in injury prevention. They were surprised by the average amount of riding experience prior to the crash: 17.02 years. They also proved the predicted outcome of the newer riders being more likely to crash. Returning riders proved to be more likely to crash within the first two years following their return. They were very surprised that the majority of crashes happened under ideal conditions: lone rider, daylight hours, warm weather, two lane highway, and dry pavement with no hazards. Over half the respondents were single vehicle accidents which suggests rider error and shows the importance of rider training courses. As you might think, the most dangerous spots were intersections and curves. Even though we prefer back roads to the super slab, the slab proved to be the safest riding environment. Amazingly, 95% of the respondents were wearing DOT approved helmets at the time of their crash. They also had a very high percentage wearing gloves and boots. They even had approximately 40% that were wearing armored jackets. MCN's survey showed the major percentage of collisions occurred to an experienced rider fully alert, during daytime hours in the warm months, and the weather was clear. This shows me that rider misjudgments might be inferred to be the cause of many crashes.

The HURT study was accomplished by investigators doing on scene analysis of more than 900 motorcycle crashes. Their findings back then were rather different than MCN's more recent survey results. The other vehicle caused the accident two thirds of the time in multiple vehicle accidents. One thing that stayed somewhat consistent was the fact that in single motorcycle accidents rider error caused two thirds of those. Be careful and stay alert out there.

It will be interesting to find out the results of the new study once it gets done. It's due to be started soon now that government and private providers have come up with the money to fund it. I am very curious to see the comparison of the two reports and to find out how things may or may not have changed. Of two things I am sure: rider training and the wearing of protective gear are important factors in accident avoidance and survival.

**Ride smart...Ride safe.....Ted & Joyce**

**SEMINAR –JANUARY**

<b>Meeting Attendance</b>	<b>39</b>
<b>Other Seminar Activity</b>	<b>26</b>
<b>Seminar at Meeting</b>	<b>39</b>
<b>Level I</b>	<b>16</b>
<b>Level II</b>	<b>14</b>
<b>Level III</b>	<b>10</b>
<b>Level IV</b>	<b>2</b>
<b>Seminar by Newsletters</b>	<b>124</b>



**HAPPY VALENTINE'S DAY**

**Seminar Subject: Ted reviewed his article on Riding Preparedness.**



**NEWSLETTER EDITORS  
JIM & CAROL CULLER**



Hi Guys:

Seems like time is flying by again. Before you know it, we'll be preparing our bikes again for some great rides like we had last year. You have to admit, we really had a lot of nice rides in 2008 and plan to have even more of the same this year.

Cabin Fever is coming up and we know the ones that have registered will have a great time. Jim and I have gone to Cabin Fever since 1989 (missed only one) and have enjoyed every one. The State Staff does a great job making sure everything is arranged for our fun and enjoyment. I'm sure this year will be no different. It's always a great weekend just to enjoy being together with all our friends and having fun. If you have not attended one, you don't know what you're missing.

**See You Soon  
Jim and Carol**



**DINNER RIDE COORDINATOR  
JERRY ELDRIDGE**

The first dinner ride of the year held at Taylor's Restaurant and Ice Cream Shop in Galion had **29 members** in attendance. Taylor's is one of our long time advertisers and we want to thank everyone for coming out in the cold to support him.

Here are the upcoming dinner rides: Hope to see you there!!

- Feb. 11            Wednesday - **O'Charley's**, Ontario – 6 p.m.
- Feb. 26            Thursday, - **Paul Revere's** , Lexington – 6 p.m.
- March 11          Wednesday - **Hong Kong Buffet**, Ontario – 6 p.m.

**HAPPY VALENTINE'S DAY**

**MOTORIST AWARENESS COORDINATOR  
DICK STOOPS**

Soon spring will be here and we will be enjoying a new riding season. Being motorists, as well as motorcyclists, we need to be on the look-out for motorcycles which will be sharing the roadways. When driving our cars and trucks we need to remember that a motorcycle is sometimes difficult to see, especially when we are looking out for other cars and trucks. The motorcycle's smaller size and slim profile make it easy to ignore when looking for other traffic. Many accidents occur when the motorcycle and a car or truck collide. Usually the driver of the larger vehicle claims to have never seen the motorcycle.

On the roadway, accidents can be caused by pulling out in front of, changing lanes and cutting the motorcycle off, or braking suddenly. We need to remember that the motorcycle sharing the road with us has the same privileges as any other vehicle and must be extended the same respect and courtesy that we would show any

other vehicle. Be aware and alert at intersections, especially when waiting to make a left turn. A motorcycle may be tucked in close behind the car you are waiting on and out of your line of sight. Also, cars may not be present, but there may be a motorcycle that you don't see.

Signal to make your intentions known even if there are no cars in front of or behind you. Let the motorcycle rider know what you are going to do so he has time and space to react. Allow plenty of space between you and the motorcycle you are following because the rider may need to react to a situation that normally would not affect your car. Even a slight contact with a curb or another vehicle can have a devastating effect on the motorcycle. Also, realize that the motorcyclist must change positions on the road to avoid road conditions or objects in the roadway. A car may not be affected by these situations, but again, a motorcycle needs time and space to react.

As motorcyclists we need to do our part. We must make ourselves as visible as possible to other traffic. Don't tailgate. The vehicle in front of you obscures your forward vision and may need to stop, or swerve to avoid something. Don't tuck in closely to other vehicles at intersections. The guy in the opposing lane waiting to make a left turn may be in a hurry and start his turn right after the car you are following clears the intersection. Use caution around larger vehicles. A motorist may not be aware of your presence if you are hidden behind a truck, or large SUV.

With awareness and caution, motorists and motorcycles can co-exist, but we all have to do our part.

#### FEBRUARY BIRTHDAYS

11..Jerry Kirkpatrick  
13l..Rob Kennedy  
28..Paul Schrock



#### MARCH BIRTHDAYS

4....Pat Carey  
5...Debbe Steinhilber  
6...Gail Miller  
7...Sue McAvoy  
9...Dodie Brickley  
10..Doug Friebel  
10..Larry Moore  
12..Don Smith  
15..Helen Prosser  
18..Cheryl Steinhilber  
23..Susan Craig  
23..Ed Stockdale  
25..Cheryl Moore  
26..Richard Stoops  
26..Julie Hochstettler

#### FEBRUARY ANNIVERSARIES

4...Rich & Karen Faeth  
8...Larry & Debbe Steinhilber  
14..Jerry & Barb Kirkpatrick  
26...Larry & Barb Wolcott



#### MARCH ANNIVERSARIES

7....Jerry & Rita Eldridge  
13...Fred & Dodie Brickley

(No addresses will be placed in the Newsletter. Please refer to your Member list for the Addresses. If you do not have one, contact Larry and Debbe Steinhilber)

**SECTION CHAPTER GATHERINGS:  
DATES, TIMES AND LOCATIONS**

**CHAPTER C-3**

**9:00 AM Breakfast 10:00 AM Gathering**

**1<sup>st</sup> Saturday - Kartels Kitchen, 4741 Pearl Rd. (SR 42 So.) Strongsville, Ohio**

**CD Tom & Ann Gajewsky (330-225-0070)**

Take I-71 North to SR 82 or Exit 231. Turn left or west. Go to SR 42. Turn Left. After the third light there is a strip mall on the left. The restaurant is in the back left hand corner. If you pass the movie theatre you went too far.

**CHAPTER F-2**

**9:30 AM Gathering**

**1<sup>st</sup> Sunday - Nordson Depot - Franklin Street, Amherst, Ohio**

**CD Larry & Barb Goodrich (440-453-4453)**

Take SR 58 North. Go under the Turn Pike. At first stop light and car dealerships on corner, turn left. Go to stop sign, road veers to the right. At the second street turn right (Jackson) Go down to Franklin. Turn left on Franklin. Old train Depot is on the right.

**CHAPTER I**

**5:00 PM Dinner 6:00 PM Gathering**

**2<sup>nd</sup> Saturday – Country Harvest Restaurant, St. Rt. 250 West of Wooster, Wooster, OH**

(Same place Chapter B holds their Midnight Fun Run)

**CD Bob and Rosemary Campbell (330-262-3094)**

**CHAPTER K-2**

**7:00 PM Pot Luck Dinner**

**1<sup>st</sup> Saturday - American Legion, 208 W. Main St (Rt.20) Bellevue, OH**

**CD Alice & Tim Schauss (440-839-2194)**

**CHAPTER P**

**8:00 AM Breakfast - 9:00 AM Gathering**

**Last Sunday - Golden Corral - 4913 Grande Blvd., Medina, Ohio**

**CD Ron & Carrie Marcinko (330-722-0494)**

I-71 N to Exit 209 SR224/I76S go East to next exit (Rt. 3) go left on Rt.3 (Wooster/Pike Rd). When entering Medina road turns into Rt 42. Stay on 42 past square until you get to Grande Blvd. Make a left here to Golden Corral. There is a K-mart on the left before Grande Blvd.

**CHAPTER V**

**5:30 PM Dinner 6:30 PM Gathering**

**4<sup>th</sup> Saturday - The Mill Restaurant (Buehlers Grocery) SR 250, Ashland, Ohio**

**CD Wayne & Debbie Wolf (419-945-1315)**

From I-71 go west on SR 250 towards Ashland. About 1 to 2 miles on the left is Buehlers Grocery Store. Turn left at the light. Need to go into the grocery store to get to restaurant. If you get to SR 42 you went too far.

**CHAPTER W**

**6:00 PM Dinner – 7:00 PM Gathering**

**2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday – Ryans Restaurant, SR 95, Marion, Ohio**

**CD George & Mary Click (740-389-2488)**

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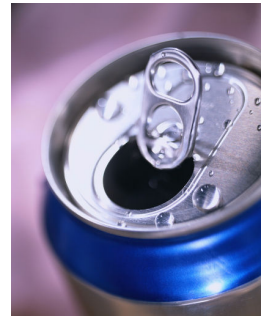


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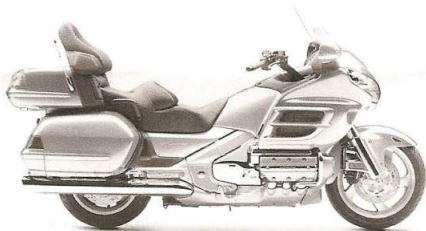


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