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**CHAPTER "B" GATHERING**  
**SUNDAY, MARCH 15<sup>TH</sup> – 9 A.M. BUFFET BREAKFAST**

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**CHAPTER DIRECTORS  
LARRY & DEBBE STEINHILBER**

By the time you read this we will be riding our bike somewhere in Texas with **Dale and Jackie Crowl**. We hope to be back in time to attend the Region D workshop in Toledo before heading to Chapter V's spaghetti supper and auction on March 28. We hope everyone will support them as they are big supporters of Chapter B.

For those of you who did not attend **Cabin Fever** this past weekend, you missed a great time. Seeing **Jim Lust as Baby New Year** in an adult depends and **Don Smith as a bottle of Irish** beer was the highlight of the weekend. It sure was good seeing **Robbie & Lucy Kennedy** who flew in for the weekend especially for **Cabin Fever**.

Although **Jim & Carol Culler, Joe & Jackie Woodmansee, Rob & Bernice McDowell, Rob & Lucy Kennedy and the two of us** competed in the various games offered, **Robbie** was the only one who placed taking third place in the corn hole toss. You can read more about the weekend in **Joe & Jackie's article**.



**Dick Stoops** has given up his position as Motorists Awareness Coordinator to concentrate on his position as Assistant Rider Educator. The job of the **Motorist Awareness Coordinator** is to make motorists aware of safe ways to co-exist with motorcycles on the road. This can be by publishing articles in the newspapers, speaking to groups, placing brochures in businesses, etc. **If anyone is interested in accepting this position, please contact Joe Woodmansee.**

**Upcoming Events:**

- March 15 – Chapter “B” Gathering – 9:00 a.m.
- March 28 – Region D workshop, Toledo – 9:00 a.m.
- March 28 – Chapter V spaghetti supper & auction – 4:30 pm (supper)  
6:00 pm (auction)



See you in April!  
*Larry & Debbe*

**ASSISTANT CHAPTER DIRECTORS  
JOE & JACKIE WOODMANSEE**

Wow! February is behind us and as far as I'm concerned March came in like a Lion. **Jackie and I experienced our first Cabin Fever and I must say it was interesting and enjoyable.** We arrived Friday evening after the opening ceremonies but in time for the entertainment. There was a parade of people dressed as their favorite holiday and I believe all the holidays were represented including Baby New Year. After the Parade of Holidays we enjoyed listening to live music, did some dancing and watched **Carol and Bernice** see who could (ah, I

better not go there). The band played for several hours and afterwards we enjoyed ice cream sundaes. Saturday morning started with a meeting of which Jackie and I were late getting to so we headed over to the vendors tent to see what we needed to buy. I bought a pair of gloves for this summer. After the meeting the games got under way, the Adult Tricycle Race was the main attraction again. **Bernice and Larry** both advanced to the second round before being eliminated. The Corn Hole Tournament was also a big hit and I believe **Larry S. and Robbie K.** both advanced into late rounds before being eliminated. **Robbie** lost to the tournament winner in the semi finals. Great job everyone. Jackie and I entered the putting challenge and I wasn't even close. **Jackie** did pretty good. In addition to the games, there were informational classes as well as crafts for anyone who wanted to participate. Later in the afternoon there was a silent auction with many wonderful items up for bids. As evening approached we were seated for dinner. You know, when you place your order for a banquet meal you're really not sure what you might get. I think we all enjoyed our meals that evening. After dinner, there was a talent show where individuals or chapters got to entertain everyone. There were individuals that told jokes, danced or sang to chapters that told their version of how Columbus was founded to men and women singing and dancing (and we weren't sure who were actually the men or the women- I think that chapter has an identity problem). The entire talent show was very entertaining and enjoyable. It was followed by an auction that had many excellent items including a set of Dunlop Elite III tires. Everyone seemed to have a wonderful time. Jackie and I called it a night but others continued playing games until after midnight. Sunday morning, awards were presented to contest winners and then the closing ceremonies. We had a great time and look forward to attending next year's Cabin Fever. We hope other chapter members will plan to attend as well.

*Joe & Jackie*



## **RIDE EDUCATORS TED & JOYCE STRUTZ**

I can almost smell it! I've noticed tinges of it in the air! What you ask? Why, riding season of course. Time to start working the kinks out and thinking about getting the cobwebs off the bike. That could also be said of our minds. Time to think about getting our minds in gear for the riding season.

Did you know that panic is one of the big causes of motorcycle crashes? If you don't stay focused and keep a clear mind, chances are you will focus on the wrong thing and that is when the accident starts to happen. Let's say you go into a corner a little too hot. Then you find out it is a tighter corner than you thought it was. Right at that point when you realize those things it is really easy for panic to take hold. The worst thing you can do is to focus on the imposing danger.

What we need to do, at the point of panic taking over, is to recognize what is still working in our favor. By training ourselves to do that it can significantly improve our chances of survival. We must discipline ourselves to push aside the threats that are screaming at us and concentrate on the important stuff. Still got grip? Excellent! Now focus on the exit to the curve and ride to it.

If you get yourself stuck in an escalating panic situation, what we tell ourselves will most likely become a self-fulfilling prophecy. If all we can think is that we are going to crash, then we probably will. If we fixate on that impending threat, we will likely ride smack into what we really want to avoid. We need to replace fear and panic with positive thinking. Following are five tips to make survival easier.

- **Avoidance** is the best way to reduce the stress of a panic situation. Entering a blind curve remember the saying "Slow in and out with a Grin".
- **Concentrate** on what is working in your favor. Have confidence and stubbornly refuse to accept crashing as an option.
- **REMEMBER**, you go where you look. Don't live by the saying " We came, We saw, We crashed into it" Look away from the threat and look toward the solution.
- **Do not hold your breath.** That increase panic and tightens your muscles. Let out a deep sigh and let yourself relax into the bike. This will help put you back in control and build confidence.

- **If you have traction**, use it! Our bikes have enough reserve there to get us through most situations.

While we are speaking of building confidence, here is a list of **Advanced Rider Courses and Trike Courses** coming up. If you sign up for a course, remember that full riding gear is required and you have to show proof of insurance and membership. **Don't forget you driver's license**, The cost of the course is \$30.00 and the registration form is available on-line and at our gathering.

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

## COUPLE OF THE YEAR ROB & BERNICE



We had a great time at Cabin Fever this last month. Met more friendly couples and shared some good ideas.

We “Walked the Plank” and “Were Under the Blanket”. We carried our Chapter flag during “Opening Ceremonies” with pride.

We joined **Ted, Joyce, Paul, and Dixie** at Chapter Y's Auction this past Saturday. We are thoroughly enjoying being the Chapter's Couple. God Bless and ride safe.

Love, Prayers and Friendship to ALL  
*Rob and Bernice*

## HUMOR

- A couple is lying in bed. The man says, 'I am going to make you the happiest woman in the world..' The woman replies, 'I'll miss you.....'
- 'It's just too hot to wear clothes today,' Jack says as he stepped out of the shower, 'honey, what do you think the neighbors would think if I mowed the lawn like this?' 'Probably that I married you for your money,' she replied.
- What does it mean when a man is in your bed gasping for breath and calling your name?  
A: You did not hold the pillow down long enough
- A man and his wife, now in their 60's, were celebrating their 40th wedding anniversary. On their special day a good fairy came to them and said that because they had been so good that each one of them could have one wish. The wife wished for a trip around the world with her husband. Whoosh! Immediately she had airline/cruise tickets in her hands. The man wished for a female companion 30 years younger..... Whoosh...immediately he turned 90!!!

*Gotta love that fairy!*

# CABIN FEVER OVERVIEW



NEEDLESS TO SAY, WE HAD A GREAT TIME!!!



**SUNSHINE LADY  
JOYCE STRUTZ**

Hello everyone! Well, let's see, it is now March so the first day of spring will be here soon. And.....March came in like a lion so it should leave like a lamb! Good things to look forward to! **Happy Birthday to you March friends and Happy Anniversary** to you couples celebrating your happy anniversary day this month.

I understand **Don Smith** is doing very well after having surgery on both knees. Boy, what a brave man:) Our good thoughts and prayers are for you to have a speedy recovery and be back on the bike ASAP!

**Our Prayers and Thoughts** are with :

- **Shirley Smith** and her Family. Shirley's mother, Elsa Maxwell, passed away.
- **Dick & Gayle Davis** for the loss of their son in December.
- **Rich & Karen Faeth:** Let's remember to keep Rich and Karen in our prayers at all times. They are fantastic Chapter B Members (and Friends).

**Everyone take care and Happy spring to you all, it is coming!!!**

**May your troubles be less, your blessings be more and nothing but happiness come through your door.**

**Hugs from the sunshine lady!**  
**Have a great day!**  
*JOYCE*



**NEWSLETTER EDITORS  
JIM & CAROL CULLER**

Well, we went to Cabin Fever and had a great time. The **State Staff** did a fantastic job of organizing everything to make sure we had a good time. I believe our First Timers – **Joe and Jackie Woodmansee**, really enjoyed themselves. I know we certainly enjoyed their company. But, the really great thing about the whole weekend was **Rob and Lucy Kennedy** flying in from Florida to join us. That was fantastic!! We were thrilled to have them and to get to enjoy their company for the whole weekend. I've always felt like the Chapter Members are just like family. And, I guess, you could say **Rob and Lucy** proved it, by joining us.



Here is a picture of our group at the **Valentine's Dinner**, which was a great success. I believe they stated that **220 members attended the Dinner**.

Also, our Leaders were officially sworn in at Cabin Fever. Now, we have to do what they tell us to!!



**See You Soon**  
*Jim and Carol*



**PUBLIC RELATIONS  
RON SCHIED**

**MALL BIKE SHOW**



As most of you know, we will be having a bike show at the Richland Mall the first weekend in May. **Carol Culler** will be making laminated display Signs to put on the bikes. The display card will feature the GWRRA logo and show the owners names together with the year and model of the bike. Please get your information to Carol if you need a card. The dates of the show will be May 1-3. More information will be in the April newsletter.

See You All Soon!  
*Ron*

**DINNER RIDE COORDINATOR  
JERRY ELDRIDGE**



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

- Wednesday, March 11 – Hong Kong Buffet – Ontario
  - Thursday, March 26 – El Campestre – W. Fourth St., Ontario
  - Wednesday, April 8 – East of Chicago – Willard
  - Thursday, April 23 – Country Harvest, Wooster
- All dinner rides meet at the restaurant at 6:00 p.m.

Come Join Us!!  
*Jerry*

**MARCH BIRTHDAYS**

- 4...Pat Carey
- 5...Debbe Steinhilber
- 6...Gail Miller
- 7...Sue McAvoy
- 9...Dodie Brickley
- 10..Doug Friebe
- 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



**APRIL BIRTHDAYS**

- 3....Susan Kochheiser
- 4....Nancy Lantz
- 5....Dan Kerr
- 7....Shirley Smith
- 17...Larry Kochheiser
- 27...Judy Weston
- 28...Pat Davis



**MARCH ANNIVERSARIES**

- 7...Jerry & Rita Eldridge
- 12..Dan & Marcia Kieselhorst
- 13..Fred & Dodie Brickley

**APRIL ANNIVERSARIES**

- 16...Ted & Joyce Strutz
- 24....Ron & Judy Norris

(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**

#### **9AM Breakfast 10AM Gathering**

**1<sup>st</sup> Saturday - Kartels Kitchen** 4741 Pearl Rd. or 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 back there in the 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**

#### **5:00PM Dinner 6:00PM 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**

#### **8AM Breakfast - 9AM 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 till 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 turn and go back.

### **CHAPTER W 6PM Dinner - 7PM Gathering**

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

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



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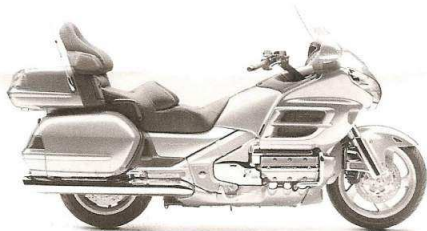
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