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SUNDAY, OCTOBER 18TH – 9:00 A.M. BUFFET BREAKFAST –MEETING FOLLOWS
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CHAPTER DIRECTORS LARRY & DEBBE STEINHILBER

What a busy September starting with our Labor Day weekend trip to Canada. 30 of us made the 905 miles trip around Lake Erie. **(Read more in Joe & Jackie's article)** After our Sept. gathering, we had 19 bikes make the trip to Ashland for their Teddy Bear ride. When we had eaten the cookies provided by the Ashland

Hospital, we had 11 bikes join some of the Chapter V members on a trip to Peggy Sue's Steak & Ribs in Danville.

18 members attended the Region D rally in Celina the third weekend in September. All of us camped except for a certain blonde and her husband who chose to stay in a comfy motel room facing the lake. Two couples from Chapter I (Charlie & Nancy Lantz and Pete & Sally Hall) camped with us. We were allowed to have fires so all of us sat around the campfire in the evenings in matching flannel pajama bottoms we bought from one of the vendors. We roasted marshmallows and made smores. **Bernice, Carol, Rob** and I participated in the Freak Show. We had a blast! A big thank you to Bernice for all the hard work she did making our Siamese Twin outfits. We were supposed to be joined at the torso with two heads, two arms and three legs. In order to help us earn points for chapter participation, **Rob** decided to enter the Freak Show as Super Freak. He layed on a table while several young girls put around 50 fake tattoos on his arms and several other girls painted all kinds of designs on his face. We all had our pictures taken many times by the members who came to the show. In fact if Carol had a \$1 for every picture taken of her, she could probably retire! **Ted Strutz** and **Larry** rode their bikes in the Top Gun competition where they performed various maneuvers on their bikes. Larry came in third in the Novice class and Ted came in third in the Expert class. Way to go guys! Unfortunately the box with Larry's plaque in it came apart when I was carrying it into the house and the plaque fell on the floor and broke. Thankfully I was able to glue it back together but we won't be able to hang it on the wall with the one he won last year. Some of the guys entered their bikes in the bike show and won first place. The weather was good, the company was great and we had a fantastic time.

Several of our members rode to North Carolina to this years' Wings Over the Smokies rally. (See Carol's article for more info) Next up is:

- **Leaf ride** to the Red River Gorge area of Stanton, Kentucky and the Daniel Boone National Forest on **Oct. 10 & 11.**
- **Annual Halloween Party** will once again be held at **Frank & Alice Snyder's** house on **Oct. 24** where Frank will cook his famous "garbage pail stew."

Some of our members have started heading south and west with more to follow soon. We wish them a safe trip and hope they will think of the rest of us when we are up here freezing and they are lying on some warm sandy beach or riding on some back desert road.

Thanks to a successful Midnight Fun Run we were able to donate \$650.00 to the Harmony House. In addition, we were able to donate \$650.00 to Ride for Kids as a result of our candle sales and \$350.00 to Toy Time as a result of our working at the Shiloh Ox Roast. Thank you to every member who made these donations possible.



See you
Larry & Debbe



ASSISTANT CHAPTER DIRECTORS JOE & JACKIE WOODMANSEE

This has been a very busy month with both chapter activities and family gatherings and we have enjoyed nice weather for the most part. This was the first year Jackie and I were able to go on the Labor Day weekend ride and I must say we enjoyed all 900 plus miles of the trip. We gathered early on Saturday morning at McDonald's with a ride out time of 7 am. There were 20 bikes and 28 riders that headed into the fog and the brisk, cool morning air on our way to Canada. We all had the spirit of adventure and were eager to ride new roads, see the shore of Lake Erie and enjoy the sunny day. By Saturday night I knew I had ridden long enough and I welcomed the sight of our motel in Fort Erie. Customs wasn't difficult but it did take the better part of an hour to get through. Sunday morning we followed the Niagara River from Fort Erie into Niagara Falls and it was a very beautiful ride at 35 mph and having the sun rise in the east and glimmering on the water. After several hours in Niagara Falls we continued on our ride across Canada to Windsor traveling through farmland and having a glimpse of Lake Erie when we could. We saw tobacco farms, ginseng farms, tomato farms and windmill farms throughout the northern shore of Lake Erie. We spent Sunday night in Chatham, Canada, a city that was probably glad to see our group leave on Monday morning (they made us take our two ladies of the evening and the rider that rode to the wrong hotel after getting gas, with us). We continued through Canada to Windsor where we entered our beloved United States. While waiting to get through customs we got to see our tax dollars at work with the border patrol taking someone away in handcuffs. Upon entering the United States we felt compelled to take a free tour through some of Detroit's finest neighborhoods. We safely made it to the interstate and onto our planned stop for supper. Some riders continued home since time was running late and the severe weather we kept hearing about was upon us. My hat is off to our **Chapter Directors Larry and Debbie** for their leadership in planning and guiding us on that trip. Yes, not everything went smoothly but as a group we made it through and everyone made it home safely. **Thank you Larry and Debbie.**



Ride safe and we will see you down the road.
Joe & Jackie



CHAPTER EDUCATORS TED & JOYCE STRUTZ

This is one of those months when I just couldn't get my mind wrapped around what to write about so I decided to borrow an article from the Rider Ed database. As I started to check the list out, this one just sort of stuck out at me. I know I have been guilty of this and I am sure all of you have before too.

Do You Ride with the Right Attitude?

When you decide to take your motorcycle out for a ride, what are you thinking about? Where is your attention? Are you thinking about the things you will be doing when you get to work? Is your mind playing with the words you could have said, or should have said, in the debate with your boss or spouse earlier in the day? In short, where is your head at when you saddle up? Each and every time you throw a leg over your motorcycle it matters what you are thinking about. Whether you are simply commuting to work to reduce fuel costs, or you are heading out on a week long vacation on two wheels, your mental attitude plays a big role in how safe you will be on the road, and how much you will enjoy the ride.

Riding a motorcycle is an activity that is 80% to 90% mental while the rest is physical. When you are thinking about the job on your way to work, or going over the list of errands you need to complete, or just

letting your mind drift as you idle down to the end of your driveway, your level of safety is reduced. You need to shift your attitude and focus only on the ride to insure an incident free trip.

So how do you shift from thinking about daily issues to the ride at hand? Establish a routine that you will go through before every ride. Start by evaluating the condition of your motorcycle as you walk up to it. Do a mental T-CLOCS. Look at the tires as you approach (inflated, tread, visible damage). Are there any oily or wet spots under your bike (where did it come from, is it safe to ride)? And try to be conservative when you answer these questions to yourself. Keep your eyes open for anything amiss. Then, if everything looks OK, gear up.

Next step, finish donning your protective outer layer. Most of us put on our gear in the same sequence every time. Long pants and boots are usually put on in the house. Out at the bike, your jacket, helmet, eye protection, and gloves complete the process. Consider the weather and make sure you have packed any other gear you may need before the ride is over.

Put the key in the ignition and start the bike. While the engine warms, check the fuel level. Determine how far you will be able to go before you need to stop for a fill-up. Do you know the route you plan to take? Do you have all the necessary information with you to get where you want to go. Good.

With those aspects considered, you are ready to focus on the journey. Now, when you shift your bike into gear, shift your brain into active rider mode because nothing else matters now except your safety. All your thoughts should be about the ride you are beginning. Your eyes should be active and scanning your surroundings - **AGGRESSIVELY!** Look for potential hazards that might cause you to change your speed (by braking or accelerating), to change direction (by swerving or turning), or to communicate to other road users. A wave of the hand, a flash of your big beams, or a toot of your horn tells others that you are there. Make sure they are aware of you.

All the while your mind should be translating the inputs from your eyes and ears into pictures of things that might happen next. Evaluate in your mind what your response would be to any of the possibilities. When a hazard comes up, keep your options open until you have to choose one - the best one - the one that lets you avoid the hazard safely and without any drama. This is riding with the right attitude - the attitude that your job is to ride safely until you park your bike and remove the key from the ignition. Develop a routine like this for yourself and every ride you take will be a safer and more a pleasing ride.

AUGUST REPORT

Meeting Attendance	58
Other Seminar Activity	0
Seminar by Newsletters	124
Seminar at Meeting	58 (Safe Riding)
Level I	16
Level II	14
Level III	10
Level IV	2



Ride Smart...Ride Safe....Ted & Joyce

**RIDE COORDINATORS
LARRY & DEBBE STEINHILBER**

- **Oct. 10 – Leaf ride to Stanton, Kentucky.** Leaves from the parking lot across from Paul Revere’s Restaurant in Lexington at 8:00 a.m.
- **Oct. 24 - Halloween party at the Snyder’s, 1740 Kaster Rd., Shiloh, 6 pm.** Bring a covered dish and your tableware. Meet at the Snyder’s.

Larry & Debbe



**SUNSHINE LADY
JOYCE STRUTZ**



Hello Chapter B Family! Sunshine lady here.

Well, it seems that summer is on the way out for now and fall is being quickly ushered in. The leaves seem to be turning to some really beautiful colors. We are looking forward to the leaf ride, just hope the weather will cooperate.

Happy Birthday to all our friends born in October. Happy anniversary to those special couples married in October. You all enjoy your special days!

We had a good time at the Region D rally. The weather was great! The company we kept was even better and the people at the fairgrounds in Celina treated us very well, even brought everyone a fire ring and provided fire wood. The campfires really felt good as it was pretty cool those evenings we were there. I must say there were some pretty strange looking characters running around! I never thought I would see Carol with a beard and Debbe and Bernice seemed to keep right in step as twins! Rob looked like quite a different kind of biker. As always the region staff did a wonderful job, thank you Region D staff!

I would like to give a special thank you to **Lu and Karl** for opening their beautiful new home to all of us for their open house. What a beautiful home!

Just for thought, "Some people are too tired to give a smile so you might just want to give them one of yours!" Everyone have a great month. Stay safe and be happy.

Robin Windbigler, 4888 SR 288, Galion, OH 44833 is recovering at home from recent surgery.

Dollie Wolfersberger is in MedCentral Mansfield Hospital. At the present time, she does not want visitors; however, it would be nice if we all sent her cards: Send to: **Dollie Wolfersberger, MedCentral Mansfield Hospital, 335 Glessner Avenue, Mansfield, Ohio. This just might cheer her up.**

HOPE TO SEE ALL OF YOU SOON – GOD BLESS

JOYCE



**NEWSLETTER EDITORS
JIM & CAROL CULLER**



HAPPY HALLOWEEN EVERYONE!!

By now most of you have heard I (Carol) participated in the Freak Show at the Region D Rally. That was an experience!! Mildly putting it. I must admit, after they coerced me into coming out of the bathroom, I had a great time. All of us, **Debbe and Bernice** as the siamese twins were a big hit, **Rob** as the Harley tattoo man, and me as the Floozy Bearded lady with a snake, had a great time. If I had not volunteered to be the bearded lady, guess who was going to have to do it? Yes, our fearless leader...**Larry!** Boy was he glad I saved him.

Yes, as **Larry and Debbe** stated in their article, we were the ones that stayed in a motel. **SURPRISE!!** However, we enjoyed the hospitality of the campers and enjoyed sitting and eating with them at their campsite. Whether you stay in a motel or camp, everyone makes you feel welcome. If you didn't get to attend the Rally, you missed a great time. The Regional Staff did a great job with the Rally and even the weather cooperated.

A group of Chapter B Members went to “**Wings Over the Smokies**” again this year. There was a forecast of bad weather, however, we had a great trip with great weather most of the time. When we started out on Tuesday, it was raining a little then stopped and we had a fantastic ride down some curvy roads (especially route 47) that was just great. Wednesday was another great riding day and then we arrived on Thursday at our motel. Friday, **Charlie and Phyllis** led us on an all day ride to some water falls that was just beautiful. At one of the falls we could ride our bikes under the rocks behind the falls. Just great. We then feel rich. You’ll have to ask him. Saturday it rained, but that was OK as we had our riding in and were going to the Rally. When we left Sunday morning, we waited until after it cleared up and had another great day riding home. Every night in the motel the group got together and played the dice game introduced by Rich Faeth. We didn’t have a name for the game so **Karl Kinstle** named it for us. It is now called “It’s only a Game”. I think everyone had a wonderful time.

Some of the regulars did not get to go this year. We’re looking forward to having them next year. As always, I have a block of rooms for “Wings Over the Smokies” 2010.

We wanted to thank **Karl and Lu Kinstle** for a wonderful time at their open house. Everyone got to see their new beautiful home and enjoy great food. **Thanks for welcoming us into your home.**

**See you Soon!!
Jim and Carol**

MOTORIST AWARENESS DENNIS LONG

This past July, the Ohio Legislature had passed two laws. One is for cars. You are now required to have your head lights on whenever there is a need for your windshield wipers to be on. We have all been caught in rain while riding. Wouldn’t it have been great if all autos had their lights on?

The second law was to expand on a current law. The expansion is that you are to move over if there is any vehicle on the curb, be it police, fire, wrecker or just a broke down auto. If you are not on a divided highway, and you do not have room to change lanes; you are to slow down as you pass these vehicles.

Ride for Kids



Thank you for your assistance in raising \$2,600 for this year’s Ride for Kids trip to St Louis. As is what seems normal for St Louis, there was “some” rain. Actually, it had rained so much that they had to alter the route we took as some of the roads were flooded. The alternate roads were not much better as there was trash and debris that had washed up and across the road in some areas.

The individual that brought in the most individual money was a brain tumor survivor who during his treatments purchased an airplane to rebuild and fly across the country. He did that and sold the plane, donating \$10,000 from the sale of this plane to Ride for Kids. The St Louis ride brought in over \$81,000, the most they have ever gotten.

**Ride safe and often!
DENNIS LONG**

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GWRRRA is now on Facebook. If you are one of those who use Facebook, you may want to check their page out. Don't forget to check and see if your information listed in the Goldbook is correct as any changes must be made by Nov. 1. Something else to remember with Christmas coming is that GWRRRA sells gift certificates that can be used for GWRRRA merchandise and apparel as well as membership renewals.



**DINNER RIDE COORDINATOR
JERRY ELDRIDGE**

Thanks to everyone who participates in the dinner rides. We always enjoy ourselves with good food and good company. Hope to see you at our next one.

DINNER RIDES: For directions call Jerry Eldridge at (419) 347-7293

Oct. 14 - Lynway, 1320 Cleveland Ave., Ashland.

Oct. 22 - Hunger Payne's, Corner of East Main and SR 181, Crestline

Ride leaves from front of Richland Mall at 5 pm. Dinner starts at 6 pm.

Come Join Us!!

OCTOBER BIRTHDAYS

- 9...John Hochhstetler
- 9...Karl Kinstle
- 15...Joe Woodmansee
- 17..Kevin Stamper
- 20,,Deb Friebel
- 21..Dick Davis
- 23..Larry Wolcott
- 24..Bonnie Oberholtzer
- 24..Jerry Weston
- 26..Debbie Crowl
- 27..Clarence Walter
- 28..Charlie Barnette



OCTOBER ANNIVERSARIES

- 7...Bill & Noreen Zehner
- 10..Larry & Cheryl Moore
- 24..Charlie & Phyllis Barnette

NOVEMBER BIRTHDAYS

- 2....Dale Crowl
- 7...Lu Kinstle
- 12...Dennis Long
- 14...Dave Welch
- 14...Fred Brickley
- 17...Dixie Awbrey

NOVEMBER BIRTHDAYS

- 18...Don Jones
- 20...Rita Eldridge
- 23...Larry Oberholtzer
- 28...Rich Faeth
- 28...Alice French
- 29...Bonnie Stamper

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- 18...Ed & Della Stockdale
- 22...Larry & Susan Kochheiser

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OCTOBER 2009 CALENDAR CHAPTER ACTIVITIES

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WED.	THURS.	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
				1	2	3 Buckeye Timeout- Plain City
4 Buckeye Timeout – Plain City	5	6	7 A: Bill & Noreen Zehner	8	9 Bd: John Hochhstetler Bd: Karl Kinstle	10 Leaf Ride – Stanton KY
11 Leaf Ride Stanton KY	12	13	14 6 pm Lynway Restaurant Ashland	15 Bd: Joe Woodmansee	16 A: Larry & Cheryl Moore	17 BD: Kevin Stamper
18 Chapter gathering – 9 am	19	20 Bd: Deb Friebel	21 BD: Dick Davis	22 6pm Hunger Payne’s - Crestline	23 Bd: Larry Wolcott	24 A: Charlie & Phyllis Barnette Chapt B Halloween Party 6 pm 5:30 pm Chapt V Mtg
25	26 Bd: Deb Crowl	27 Bd: Clarence Walter	28 Bd: Charlie Barnette	29	30	31 Halloween 



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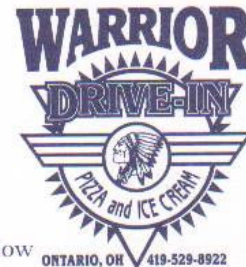
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