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CHAPTER DIRECTORS LARRY & DEBBE STEINHILBER

We have returned from our “vacation” to “sunny” Arizona. In response to the many inquiries we have received wanting to know how things went, here goes:

(1) We stopped in Tulsa, OK the first night where our bike and enclosed trailer were stolen less than two hours after we reached the motel. Thank heavens they didn't steal our pickup truck, too. (2) In between dealing with insurance companies and looking for a new bike and trailer the first two weeks, we did manage to get some riding in thanks to the generosity of Rick Burns who loaned us the use of his 1997 Valkyrie. (3) It rained the entire third week – the first time they have gotten that much rain in over 20 yrs. That same week we got a call from home saying our 15 yr. old dog needed to be put to sleep. We saw a movie and played a lot of cards that week with **Frank & Alice Snyder and Jerry & Barb Kirkpatrick**. (4) Our GPS stopped working on the way home the second day. On the third day the truck heater went out and the intake started leaking antifreeze. As a result we spent 7 hours and \$950 at a local Chevy dealer getting it taken care of. That put us one day behind in getting home. That folks is how our “vacation” went.

We did manage to find another enclosed trailer and a 1996 1500 cc SE. It is 4 years older than the one that was taken but has 40,000 miles less. It doesn't have as much chrome as the other one but we don't care. Speaking of chrome, are you aware that even if you carry a certain amount of coverage for accessories that you will be lucky to get 50% of that amount? We carried \$5500 of coverage for accessories – (\$500 for our little pull behind trailer and \$5000 being the replacement value of the chrome on our bike). Foremost Insurance depreciates the accessories just like they do the bike. The adjuster told me they normally only pay out between 20-30% on accessories. We received 50% but are still arguing with them on a few items. We will say one thing for Foremost. We were fortunate to get an adjuster who pushed things through for us and between faxing things and overnight mails, we had our check two weeks to the day the bike was taken.

Another thing everyone should be aware of. If you are pulling a trailer behind your vehicle, you have liability coverage only. You have no comprehensive, collision or theft unless the trailer is specifically listed on your automobile policy. When we took our policy out two years ago through the AAA, we were told the trailer did not have to be listed on the policy but we would have full coverage on it anyhow as long as it was hooked to the truck. Wrong! Check your policy and if your agent tells you it doesn't have to be listed separately, get it in writing. That way you can come back against the insurance company if you need to make a claim. We are going to have to collect under our homeowner's policy where the coverage isn't as much. We are still dealing with that company.

All I can say is – it is good thing Larry didn't get his hands on the people who took the bike or I would have had to go on to Arizona by myself and picked him back up in Oklahoma on the way home once he got done serving his jail time for assaulting the thieves! Hopefully the rest of the year goes better.



Larry & Debbe



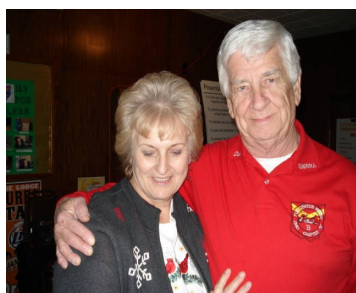
**ASSISTANT CHAPTER DIRECTORS
JOE & JACKIE WOODMANSEE**

January is now behind us and it is approaching the middle of February (Yeah). We just had our second good snowfall this month so now it can stop. I know the groundhog said six more weeks of winter but I don't think so. I will give it about 3 more weeks then I expect to have warmer weather and sunshine around here.

This weekend is **Cabin Fever and Valentines weekend** and we will be in Columbus celebrating both events inside with a few hundred of our closest friends (a few hundred and one if I count Carol, which I do). For those that have been to Cabin Fever and attended the games Saturday evening, Chapter B will be hosting the "Walk the Plank" game. This should be a blast. Jackie and I wish all of you a Happy Valentines Day weekend and are looking forward to a great riding season.

Ride safe and we will see you soon!
Joe & Jackie

HAPPY VALENTINES' DAY



**ASSISTANT CHAPTER EDUCATOR
DICK STOOPS**

This month's article will deal with a problem a lot of us will be faced with this spring when we get our bikes out of storage and get ready for a new riding season. I came across an article in a little magazine called "Ride On" and will present it verbatim. This was presented by an insurance agent by the name of Karen Diehl and deals mainly with switching motorcycles. Getting the bike out for the first ride after 3 or 4 months of not riding can be a lot like trying out a new bike. The article is as follows:

Whoever coined the phrase "it's just like riding a bike" probably never switched motorcycles. That's because even experienced riders can be pretty wobbly when they hop on an unfamiliar bike, according to data from the country's largest motorcycle insurer, Progressive.

The study of almost 2 million motorcycle policies over a five-year period finds that riders who switch bikes are nearly 70 percent more likely to crash than riders who keep the same bike.

"Most people already know that riding can be especially dangerous for new bikers" said Rick Stern, a Progressive motorcycle product manager who is also a rider. "But our data shows that the less familiar you are with your bike, the more likely you are to be involved in a collision, regardless of your experience".

The study also found cruiser riders who switch to sport bikes are three and a half times more likely to crash. That's more than double the risk than if they had just switched to another cruiser. Sport bikers, on the other hand, can reduce their risk by more than a third just by switching to a cruiser.

"We want experienced riders to know their risks so they can take extra precautions when they replace their bikes," said Stern. "It's a good idea for riders to take their new bikes out for a couple of shake-down cruises in a parking lot before hitting the open road."

Even people who have been riding for years can benefit from practicing the basics on their new bike, Stern said, including low-speed riding, turning, shifting, swerving and higher speed panic stopping.

After all, the goal is to keep the dirty side down and the shiny side up, there's no substitute for experience - and not just experience on the road, but also on the bike.

This spring we will be facing some of the same issues that a person faces with a new bike, even though we are bringing an old familiar bike out of winter storage. Our skills will be rusty and the bike somewhat unfamiliar. The Goldwings most of the club members ride have all kinds of goodies, CB, Stereo, Cruise, Reverse, and on and on. Play with these in the driveway before going out on the road. Becoming familiar with the controls for these various niceties can be very distracting. Set all of the controls while the bike is at rest. It's scary as heck to become distracted trying to find the stereo volume control, then looking up to find yourself in the oncoming lane facing a lot of traffic, or just riding off into the ditch while trying to adjust the CB frequency. Taking care of these things before riding can prevent major distractions on the road.

Here's hoping for a safe, enjoyable riding season for all.

Dick Stoops, A. R. E.

DECEMBER REPORT

Meeting Attendance	33
Other Seminar Activity	0
Seminar by Newsletter	124
Seminar at Meeting	33
Level I	16
Level II	14
Level III	10
Level IV	2



**CHAPTER EDUCATORS
TED AND JOYCE STRUTZ**

ARC, TRC, ERC, and Trailering classes upcoming. Register soon as they fill up quickly. You can register on the Ohio website and I will have registration forms at the gathering.

Wilmington, Ohio	April 17th ARC April 17th Trailering April 18th ARC April 18th TRC	Streetsboro, Ohio	May 15 th , ARC May 15 th , TRC May 16 th , Trailering May 16 th , Trailering
Fremont, Ohio	April 24th ERC April 25th ERC	Mansfield, Ohio	May 22 nd , ARC May 22 nd , TRC May 23 rd , ARC May 23 rd , TRC
Marietta, Ohio	May 1st ARC May 1st TRC May 2nd ARC May 2nd TRC		



**SUNSHINE LADY
JOYCE STRUTZ**

HAPPY VALENTINE'S DAY EVERYONE!



As I look out the window I realize it will be a while before the trusty Goldwing is out of the garage! Wow, look at all that snow. That is what living in Ohio is all about...This is a good time to just close our eyes and rewind to the fun rides from our last riding season and know that the next riding season will be here before we know it!

So, happy birthday to the sweethearts born in this month and happy anniversary to you special couples celebrating your anniversary this month, the romantic month. I wish you all the best!

Cabin Fever is this weekend. What a great way to get away for a while. We are going to spend the day on Saturday and I am really looking forward to it! I am sure we will have a great time. How could we not have a good time with all the crazy goldwingers hanging around in one place:)

Lu Kinstle had knee surgery today. Lu, we wish you a very speedy recovery. I am sure it will go as well as the first one you had done. I also extend our very deepest sympathy to you and your family for the loss of your Mother. It is never easy to lose a parent.

See everyone at the February gathering! Hope some of this snow is gone before then but I think it will take a long time to melt. Take care and be safe.

Abraham Lincoln said "It's not the years in your life that count, it's the life in your years." Chapter B friends are the best cause **Chapter B rocks!**

Bless you each and everyone! Hugs to you all!

JOYCE



**NEWSLETTER EDITORS
JIM & CAROL CULLER**

Hi Folks:

Well, **Cabin Fever** is this weekend. We plan to have our usual great time there. The State Staff always does a great job setting this up for all of us.



Debbe and Larry! We hear that **Ron and Judy Norris, in Arizona**, has a bike for sale. And, what do you know, it matches the description – **a 2000 red Goldwing**- of the one you had stolen. Better find out where they were.....I think they're trying to make a little money on the side.

For those of you that remember **Fred and Betty Baldwin**, we received news from **Nancy Lantz** that she read in the Bucyrus Newspaper that **Fred Baldwin** passed away on February 2, 2010. Fred and his former wife, Betty, were good friends and members of Chapter B. They rode a lot with our Chapter in the 1990's and were on the Chapter Staff. Our prayers and thoughts go out to his family. We would like to thank Nancy for letting us know.

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

**WEBSITE COORDINATORS
DAN AND PHYLLIS KERR**

NEW GRAND BABY!!

Daphne Elaine Munch made her appearance Feb 8th at 3:55 pm. Weighing in at 7 lbs 3 oz. 20 1/2 inches long and absolutely perfect. Mother and daughter are doing well. Grandparents **Dan and Phyllis, Mark and Susan** are madly in love with her.

Be prepared there WILL be pictures, lots and lots of pictures.

**Ride safe and often!
Dan & Phyllis**



**DINNER RIDE COORDINATOR
JERRY ELDRIDGE**

Boy what terrible weather.. Hopefully it will be better by our next supper ride on February 25th. Looking forward to seeing you there. Thanks everyone for all your participation in the Dinner Rides.

**THURSDAY, FEB.25---Paul Revere---57 State Route 97---Lexington
WEDNESDAY, MAR. 10---Warrior Drive In---3393 Park Ave. West---Ontario
THURSDAY, MAR. 25---Hong Kong Buffet---Walmart Plaza---Ontario**

Come Join Us!!

Jerry

FEBRUARY BIRTHDAYS

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

MARCH BIRTHDAYS

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

8....Larry & Debbe Steinhilber
14...Jerry and Barb Kirkpatrick

MARCH ANNIVERSARIES

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

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FEBRUARY 2010 CALENDAR CHAPTER ACTIVITIES

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WED.	THURS.	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
	1	2	3	4	5	6
7	8 A: Larry & Debbe Steinhilber	9	10 6pm Athens Greek Restaurant	11 Bd Jerry Kirkpatrick	12 CABIN FEVER	13 Bd Rob Kennedy CABIN FEVER
14 A: Jerry & Barb Kirkpatrick 	15	16	17	18	19	20
21 9:30 am Chapter B Meeting	22	23	24	25 6pm Warrior Drive In – Ontario	26	27 5:30 Chapter V Meeting
28 Bd Paul Schrock						
	<p>Jan. 20- Feb. 19 AQUARIUS – One of your greatest assets will be improving upon the good ideas and suggestions of others and making them even better when something critical is at stake. Everyone will be glad you're involved.</p> <p>Feb. 20- Mar. 20 PIECES – You are likely to be the recipient of a little hero worship from those you helped survive a difficult situation. Your ingenuity won't be forgotten.</p>					

MARCH 2010 CALENDAR CHAPTER ACTIVITIES

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WED.	THURS.	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
	1	2	3	4	5 Bd-Debbe Steinhilber	6 Bd-Gail Miller
7 A: Jerry & Rita Eldridge Bd-Sue McAvoy	8	9 Bd-Dodie Brickley	10 6pm- Warrior Drive-In Bd-Doug Friebel Bd-Larry Moore	11	12 Bd-Don Smith A: Dan & Marcia Kieselhorst	13 A: Fred & Dodie Brickley
14 Daylight Savings Time Begins 	15 Bd-Helen Prosser	16	17  ST. PATRICK'S DAY	18 Bd-Cheryl Steinhilber	19	20 SPRING BEGINS!!! 
21 9:30 Chapt B Meeting	22	23 Bd-Susan Craig Bd-Ed Stockdale	24	25 6pm-Hong Kong Buffet- Walmart Plaza Bd-Cheryl Moore	26 Bd-Dick Stoops Bd-Julie Hochstetler	27 5:30p – Chapter V Mtg
28	29	30	31			
	<p>Feb. 20- Mar. 20 PIECES – You are likely to be the recipient of a little hero worship from those you helped survive a difficult situation. Your ingenuity won't be forgotten.</p> <p>Mar. 21-April 19 An important person – someone usually difficult to reach – will suddenly become available. Once you make the breakthrough, make something of it.</p>					



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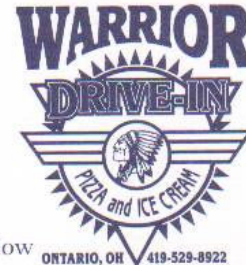
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