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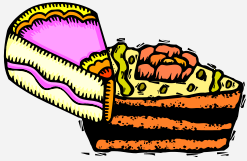
CHAPTER DIRECTORS – LARRY & DEBBE STEINHILBER

"IT'S THE RIDE"

What a vacation this has been! It has more than made up for the disastrous one last year. We had to change routes in Oklahoma and head south through Texas due to a snowfall in the mountain pass in northern Arizona. We ran into grass fires in Texas where we ended up sitting on the highway for an hour before the roads were opened back up. Before they closed the road, flames about four feet tall were blowing across the passing lane of the highway forcing us to travel in the slower lane and hope that no one rear-ended us through the thick smoke.

Since we have not had a membership enhancement officer for some time, I have been acting as the "unofficial" one. Well, I have now been made "official" by the state until we can find someone to replace me. The membership enhancement officer is responsible for contacting new or prospective members and making sure they know the benefits of being a GWRRA member and to contact members who have indicated they are not going to renew to see why they are now renewing.

Everyone knows our GWRRA motto is "Friends for Fun, Safety and Knowledge." Our vacation has been a prime example of the fun and friends part. We joined GWRRA in 2003 and started vacationing in Arizona with other Chapter B members the following year. The friendships we have made since becoming chapter members will last a lifetime. **Jerry and Barb Kirkpatrick, Frank and Alice Snyder, and Rich and Sandy Barnett (two of our newest members)** have been here in Arizona with us this month and we been riding almost every day. The weather has been great and we have put over 3,000 miles on our bike. When we aren't riding we can usually be found at the Kirkpatrick's or Barnett's playing cards in the evenings. Of course, we eat out most nights. Frank's brother and sister-in-law, Bruce & Marsha Snyder, are here too and are able to go many places with us even though they don't have a bike. Yesterday, **Jim Hopper** of Ohio Chapter F2, rode over from Goodyear to spend the day riding with us. In addition to the many rides, we attended



(HAVE BAKED GOODS AT SAM'S BY 10 A..M.)

REMEMBER BAKE SALE ON SATURDAY, APRIL 16TH AT SAM'S CLUB. ALL YOU BAKERS, START BAKING. WE WOULD LIKE TO HAVE A GREAT SUPPLY OF BAKED GOODS. YOU'VE ALWAYS DONE A GREAT JOB BEFORE AND WE'RE SURE YOU WILL AGAIN. THANKS



a rodeo, the Arizona Opry, took a ride on the Dolly Steamboat on Canyon Lake, took a ride down to Tucson to see the St. Xavier mission and have lunch with Ron & Judy Norris, and rode over to the GWRRA national office in Phoenix where we were given a tour and had a chance to speak with Paul Hildebrand, the founder of GWRRA. We even ate at two of the restaurants Larry saw on the "Man vs. Food" show - one of them being the Heart Attack grill where the waitresses wore nurse's outfits and we all had to wear hospital gowns to eat. The highlight of the trip was tandem skydiving with **Barb and Sandy**. Yes, you read right. Barb wanted to go tandem skydiving and Sandy and I agreed to go. We jumped out of a plane from 13,000 feet. The guys used the excuse they couldn't go because they exceeded the weight limit. They offered to have a party for us later in the day (or a wake if something went wrong.) Nice husbands, huh! Believe it or not, we weren't nervous before we jumped but it is not something I want to do again. I had a hard time getting my breath when I first came out of the plane but once I did it was great. We even managed to land pretty gracefully. Since my birthday is in March, I figured why not start my 59th year out doing something adventurous. We will have some pictures in our next newsletter of our dive. We start home in two days and will hate to leave. But, we know it won't be that long before we are back out on the bike riding with great friends.

See everyone soon!

ASS'T CHAPTER DIRECTORS – JOE & JACKIE

WOW! The month of March seemed to fly by so quickly. There were dinner rides to The Warrior Drive-In and Golden Corral. The food was great at both places but the fellowship with friends was even better.

The meeting in March was exceptional with **Ron and Jan Morvai, Norm and Barbara Howard and Paul and Marge Breitigan in attendance. Ron and Jan** came after receiving some information about our chapter and viewing our web site. **Norm and Barbara and Paul and Marge** were invited by **Stan and Judy Walter**. I hope all six become members of Chapter B as we look forward to having them in our chapter. The fun didn't stop there. On Saturday March 26th, by my count, 20 members from Chapter B attended Chapter V's spaghetti dinner and auction. We did not bid against ourselves too often but we did bring home our share of the auction. Great job Chapter V.



Ted and Joyce, Gail, Dick Stoops, Jackie and I were in Columbus on Saturday, April 2nd for an Officers Spring Team Meeting. Of course this lasted all day but we did gather some useful information. For instance, there will be no duck racing at Buckeye Rally this year. It has been replaced with a Pinewood Derby race. More information on the Derby to follow.

April looks to be a busy month also with Chapter B:

- **Bake sale on April 16th at Sam's Club**
- Gathering on April 17th
- Dinner rides on the 13th and 28th.
- Mark your calendars with this year's events and let's make this year a great year for showing the public what Chapter B and GWRRA are all about by having a great participation of Chapter B Members at each event.



Be safe and ride hard.

*See you at the meeting.
Joe and Jackie*

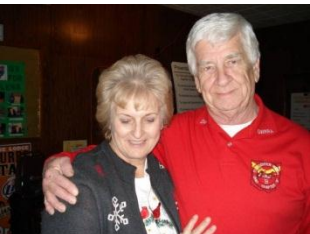


RIDE COORDINATORS –LARRY & DEBBE STEINHILBER

The Staff has a great riding season planned for all of you. This year, if you don't have a good time, it won't be our fault. We hope you all enjoy the rides that we will be going on.

REMEMBER: 2011 Ohio Buckeye Rally – “OHIO PRIDE” at the Wayne County Fairgrounds, Wooster, Ohio on June 16th -18th. Motorcycle campers and tents will be \$20/entire Rally Days. Camping fees cover Thursday, Friday and Saturday nights. We will provide Registration Forms at the Meeting on April 17th.

REMEMBER WE ARE ALWAYS OPEN TO SUGGESTIONS THROUGHOUT THE YEAR!!!



ASSISTANT RIDER EDUCATOR – DICK STOOPS

This is a repeat of an article I ran in the Chapter B Newsletter Last year, but I think it's appropriate for the upcoming riding season. We are facing a new riding season with the age old challenges of getting our rusty skills back up-to-snuff.

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, that most of the club member's 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.



SENIOR CHAPTER EDUCATORS- TED & JOYCE STRUTZ

HAPPY EASTER EVERYONE!



MARCH REPORT

Meeting Attendance	53	Level I	51
Other Seminar Activity	0	Level II	32
Seminar by Newsletter	124	Level III	13
Seminar at Meeting	53	Level IV	3

NEWSLETTER EDITORS - JIM & CAROL



Hi Everyone:

According to the calendar, it is now Spring. However, it still doesn't feel much like it. Hopefully we have seen the last of the snow. Rob and Lucy got home the week before, so they had the "pleasure" of seeing snow. Lucky for them!!! Gage and I were on the bike when we had one of these great spring days - March 21st. And, the weather is improving all the time. How about the temperatures in the last couple of days? Great, huh. Hope we see more of them soon.

We want to thank all the new members that attended our last meeting. It was a joy to have you there and we hope we see more of you in the coming year. We hope you join us on our rides and dinner rides.

Remember look for your membership number for a free breakfast!



See you soon!!

Jim and Carol

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HAPPY EASTER EVERYONE!!

- WEDNESDAY, APRIL 13TH – 6 PM – VARSITY GRILL – Galion.
- THURSDAY, APRIL 28TH – 6 PM – FIVE POINTS – Ganges
- WEDNESDAY, MAY 11TH – 6 PM – OLD 30 INN – Hayesville
- THURSDAY, MAY 26TH – 6 PM – R & M SOUTHSIDE DINER – Mt Vernon



JERRY ELDRIDGE

SUNSHINE LADY – SUE MCAVOY


WELL, WELL, WELL.....Will spring ever get here? ???????? Soon, I'm sure. I hope. Those snowbirds won't want to come home!!!! O well, Easter is right around the corner so it shouldn't be long now. Has everyone got their bonnets ready? My dad used to sing that song to us girls on Easter morning. Put on your Easter bonnet, with all the frills upon it, you'll be the grandest lady in the Easter parade. Ahhh, memories. I had a wonderful weekend just past. My brother and sisters and I met in Tennessee. Oh, what fun. Going down memory lane and making new ones. Really enjoyed myself. Enough about me. Hope your days have been good. Let's keep the travelers, the sickly, and each other in our thoughts and prayers daily. I would like to thank everyone who brought soap, shampoo, toothpaste, or any other personal items for the flood victims or the needy. **Jim and Carol** took the items to the Shelby Help Line. They distribute items (free) to anyone in need. They told Jim they really appreciated it as they don't get those kinds of items very often and they are really needed. Let me know what you think of this! We can always distribute the items by rotating them to other organizations.

Things are getting busy. We have the bake sale, the meeting, and the mall show all before the end of the month, and this is just the beginning of our riding season. Lots to look forward to. We'll see ya at one or all of these get togethers.

Barb Kirkpatrick called and informed **Jim and Carol** that **Frank Snyder is having surgery** on April 12th due to blocked blood vessels in his legs. We want to thank Barb for letting us know. **You can send cards to: Frank Snyder, 1101 S. Ellsworth, Mesa, Arizona 85208.**

- **Also, Bill Zehner**, one of our Chapter Members had a bicycle accident, yes, **BICYCLE**, and has to have major surgery in Columbus on April 12th. This is suppose to be a major surgery as he splintered his hip sockets. I'm sure Bill would love to hear from all of us too. **Send cards to: Bill Zehner, 105 Broadway, Shelby, Ohio 44875.**

See you Soon! SUE

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APRIL 2011 CALENDAR

CHAPTER ACTIVITIES

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WED.	THURS.	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
					1	2 Spring Officers Mtg - Columbus
3 Bd: Susan Kochheiser	4 Bd: Nancy Lantz	5 Bd: Dan Kerr	6	7 Bd: Shirley Smith	8	9
10	11	12	13 6pm: Varsity Grill - Galion	14	15	16  10AM: Bake Sale – Sams Club A: Ted & Joyce Strutz
17 9 AM – Chapter B Mtg Bd: Larry Kochheiser	18	19	20	21 Bd: Gage Carmean	22 GOOD FRIDAY	23
24 EASTER  A: Ron & Judy Norris	25	26	27 Bd: Judy Walter	28 6pm: Five Points Bd: Pat Davis	29 CHAPTER B MALL SHOW Take Bikes in at 9 p.m. Richland Mall	30

MAY 2011 CALENDAR

CHAPTER ACTIVITIES

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WED.	THURS.	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
1 MALL SHOW- Take out Bikes at 6:15pm	2	3	4	5	6 CHAPTER B MALL SHOW Take bikes in at 9 pm	7 CHAPTER B MALL SHOW
8 CHAPTER B MALL SHOW MOTHER'S  DAY	9	10	11 6pm – Old 30 Inn -Hayesville	12	13	14
15 11am-Chapter B Mtg & Auction starts at 12 N Bd: Rob McDowell Bd: Jim Crowl	16	17	18 Bd: Ron Kinney	19	20 A: Dan & Phyllis Kerr	21 Bd: Jackie Crowl
22	23	24	25	26 6pm R & M Southside Diner-Mt. Vernon	27	28 Bd: Joyce Strutz Bd: Barb Wolcott Bd: Eric Steinhilber
29 Bd: Judy Norris	30 MEMORIAL  DAY	31				

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GATHERING: SUNDAY, APRIL 17TH, 2011