



Gold Wing Road Riders Association "Friends for Fun, Safety & Knowledge"

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B3 Couple of the Year:

Gary and Karen Ballou

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Gladys Carter

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Items in History in the month of October:

- 7 Commencement of Operation Enduring Freedom in Afghanistan, 2001
- 12 Columbus Day
- 13 U S Navy established, 1775
- 16 Boss's Day
- 23 Grenada Campaign began, 1983
- 24 United Nations Day
- 27 Navy Day
- 31 Halloween



Jim and Alice Bontrager
Chapter Director



Hi Everyone, October is upon us. Halloween is coming. Our Chapter will be helping Obetz with their Halloween Party on Oct 23rd at 5:30 PM. It is fun helping the kids have fun. We hope everyone enjoyed Wing Ding. Well, I am in Florida putting away our belonging and stuff they delivered this week. The Gathering is Oct. 3rd, at 8:30 AM coffee and donuts, meeting at 9:00 AM. After the Gathering, the Chapter is going to Bob and Suzan Sestito's for a fun day. **All** members are welcome to attend. It will start at 1:00 PM. Oct. 8th at 12:30 the women are meeting at the Red Robin in Grove City for lunch. **All** women are welcome to attend. Oct. 10th, the Chapter will ride to Malabar Farms. The ride will leave Frisch's at 9:00 AM. On Oct. 13 there will be a dinner ride to Logan's on State Route 256. It will leave Frisch's at 6:00 PM. The Chapter Get Together is Oct. 15th at 7:00 PM at Obetz Senior Center. The Chapter is having a Ride Schedule Planning Meeting for next year's rides on Oct. 17th at the Obetz Senior Center at 10:00 AM. **Everyone** is welcome to attend. Bring your subjection to the meeting or give them to Jim or Alice Bontrager, Tom Eden, or Margaret Moore. We are going south for a Fall Color Ride, leaving Frisch's at 9:00 PM on Oct 24th. Oct. 28th is an ice cream ride to Tony's Coney's on State Route 62, Harrisburg at 7:00 PM. This is the last on our busy summer. Let all have fun for the rest of the riding season.

Alice and I are moving to Florida at the end of October. We will be returning for Christmas. We will be coming back north to ride next summer. We have had fun riding since we bought our first Gold Wing. We will now be able to ride almost the whole year. We will miss all the friends we have made over the years, but will miss most of you during the winter months.

Jim and Alice Bontrager

Margaret A. Moore
Assistant Chapter Director

Wing Ding 37 Trip



Wing Ding 37 has come and gone. Now we need to plan for Wing Ding 38 which will be held in Billings, Montana September 1-4, 2016. I hope that in 2016 as many as possible of our members will plan on riding out to Montana with YOUR chapter friends. Those of us who traveled to Huntsville, Alabama had a great time. Bob, Evelyn, Alice and I left on September 2 for Huntsville traveling down I-71 through Cincinnati, Louisville, KY and Nashville, TN. The weather was sunny and HOT so we stopped frequently to rehydrate. I frequently asked Alice how far she thought she could go and encouraged her to go as far as possible that day. We put on 301 miles and made it to Franklin, TN before calling it a day. We stayed at a Comfort Inn for the night and met some other Wing riders. We had 86 miles to go on Thursday and made it to Huntsville by 9:30, Sept 3rd. We registered then spent the rest of the day checking out the vendors and getting some questions answered. Everyone we met was friendly and helpful. Friday, September 4th, Ohio Chapters had the responsibility of working the
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Pre-Registration tables and B-3 was there from 8 AM until about 10 AM. We had a lot of fun meeting people from all over the country. (See attached photo) That evening we were led by Bill to a local cafe called the Blue Plate Cafe that served delicious home cooked meals. Apparently others from Ohio had heard of the delicious food served there as George and Jeannie and others showed up there for a meal, also.

Bill and Esther Ford, Gary and Karen Ballou, Wendell and Sue Gundy, Bob and Evelyn DeLong, Alice Bontrager, Rodney Freeman and I attended the event held at the Von Braun Center in beautiful downtown Huntsville. We all enjoyed the event and perusing the vendors and inspecting all the items available for purchase for ourselves or for the bikes. I ended up buying items I did not necessarily need, but liked how they looked. Saturday, September 5th Alice, Bob and Evelyn and I headed home taking our time. We left Huntsville on AL Hwy 431 north until we arrived in Franklin, TN where we had lunch at a Sonic. After lunch we turned onto I-65 north towards home. Again it was hot so we stopped often. We stopped for the night just outside of Louisville, KY and had a meal at the nearby Cracker Barrel. Sunday we rode about four hours and then were home. For me the trip was about 1015 miles. Alice did a great job hanging in there on the trip and I know I pushed her a little bit, but she persevered. Great job Alice! (See attached photo)

Margaret A. Moore



Wing Ding 37 attendees.



Alice at WD 37 checking her email.

Tom Eden
Assistant Chapter Director

Here it is October already. Our 2015 riding season is drawing to a close. Our Buckeye Rally, Region D Rally and Wing Ding have come and gone. I hope you were able to attend one or more of them. Our scheduled rides went well, though a few were cancelled due to inclement weather or bad road conditions found on a pre-ride recon.

We still have a couple dinner, ice cream and fall color rides on the schedule so please come out and join us. There is a ride planning meeting on Saturday, October 17 at the Obetz Community Center. If there is a ride that you would like to suggest, or better yet would like to plan and lead, please attend and offer your suggestions and comments.



Tom

COUPLE OF THE YEAR 2015 Gary and Karen Ballou



FALL IS HERE

Wow! It is already October. Where did the summer and the year go? The more we do, the faster time flies and our September calendar was full.

Wing Ding is over and it was a great time. The weather was hot and humid, but the rains stayed away for the most part. The Welcome Party at the Space Center was marvelous. Imagine eating your dinner while a Saturn V rocket head hangs over your head. Very eerie! And then visiting the rest of the us Wingers. It was people who sat on let themselves be INCREDIBLE!!!



was marvelous. Imagine eating full sized, real Saturn V rocket head. Very eerie! And then center, which was open just for silencing to think about the top of those fuel filled tubes and fired away from Earth.

Over the next few days, Gary and I met up with old friends, made new ones, learned new things and had lots of fun. We helped folks at registration, attended some of the new seminars presented, (supported the vendors, of course), and test drove some different trike kits. I really liked the independent suspensions, and we may need to think about changing our kit. Leaving Huntsville, we stopped in to visit old family friends and then made a seemingly long trek home. Travel is fun, but coming home is the best.



The rest of the month was filled with Buckeyes football, Clippers winning the IL Championship and, as I write this, getting ready to play the AAA World Series one game playoff in El Paso, TX, apple picking and pleasant fall rides. Go Clippers! Do it again! We didn't make Buckeye Time Out this year, but at least the rains on the day were not bad, just annoying.

Gary and I are hoping to participate in the District Couple of the Year selection at Cabin Fever in February. We will be doing a practice run at the November Officers meeting, so if you have a chance, come laugh with us. All support happily welcomed!

Go Clippers! Go Bucks! See you in the funny pages!!!!
Gary and Karen Ballou



INDIVIDUAL OF THE YEAR 2015



Gladys Carter



ACHEIVING THE VISION

GWRRA provides a culture which fosters Members with shared values, team concepts, and camaraderie. This culture also provides its Members with opportunities for personal development and achievement.

Does this particular element sound like it could be part or the foundation for GWRRA's motto "FRIENDS FOR FUN, SAFTEY, AND KNOWLEDGE"? Friendships usually form when people with shared values begin to associate with each other, resulting in a spirit of familiarity and trust, which is the definition of camaraderie. Another definition of camaraderie is the experience of good fellowship-fun. And what results in more satisfaction than a bunch of friends working together as a team to accomplish a shared goal???

The GWRRA Vision is an all-encompassing statement of how GWRRA leadership functions to grow the association. GWRRA's Divisions work harmoniously as a team to increase the Membership vase by creating an atmosphere that provides fun, promotes safety, and heightens knowledge, and by offering a full range of desirable services and benefits for its Members.

Divisions, known as Programs, include Rider Education Leadership Training, Membership Enhancement, and Operations. Operations consist of the Directors and Assistant Directors who are the leaders (Cheerleaders) of the team. Rider Education and
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Leadership Training function to promote safety and heighten knowledge while Membership Enhancement focuses on the FUN, not to say that participation in Rider Education and Leadership Training can be FUN too!!!!!! Another part of the vision element involves the Member Benefits which are too numerous to detail here. (Check out the Benefits under Membership at www.GWRRA.org.)

These programs teams all work together in an effort to make membership in GWRRA the best experience it can be-keeping current Members and attracting new ones.

A vision statement is a goal for the long term. It is an idealistic planning tool describing goals which may be attained. These may have seemed like oversimplified goals in support of the mission to become the best motorcycle association of FRIENDS sharing in FUN, improving SAFETY of motorcycling and giving the Members KNOWLEDGE they can use every day. However, what may have appeared to be simple has sustained our Association for over 37 years and will lead us into the future.....

THE MORE YOU KNOW, THE BETTER IT GETS!!!!!!

PLEASE KEEP THE FOLLOWING IN YOUR THOUGHTS AND PRAYERS....

Connie & Tim Ratliff and Family: The passing of Connie's sister Cathy.....

Ed Richards: Health Issues.....

Gladys Cater: Hoping that she is feeling better....Health Issues.....

Should there have been someone that I have missed. Please let me know.....

MEMBERSHIP ENHANCEMENT PROGRAM

PLEASE CHECK YOUR MEMBERSHIP CARDS!!! RENEW AND STAY ACTIVE

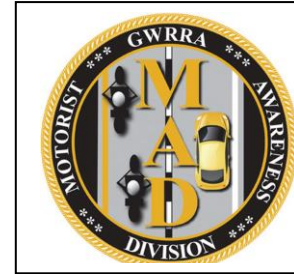
PLEASE REMEMBER TO KEEP CHECKING YOUR MEMBERSHIP CARDS AND LET ME KNOW WHEN YOU HAVE RENEWED.....

ALWAYS HAVE A MEMBERSHIP KIT IN EVERY BIKE AND VEHICLE THAT YOU DRIVE.....YOU NEVER KNOW WHEN AN OPPORTUNITY COMES TO MEET SOMEONE THAT WANTS TO BECOME A MEMBER OF GWRRA!!!!!!!!!!!!!!

Mary Bayes



MOTORIST AWARENESS DIVISION



Statistics

According to the Ohio State Highway Patrol data, Ohio is running 30% above average in traffic crash fatalities this year-to-date. This got me to thinking about the prior years of statistics that Ohio collects. With that, I was able to locate the 2014 Traffic Crash Facts for the State of Ohio. It is a bit of a dry read, but the information was interesting. Some of the data is sobering and some shows promising trends.

First, a small digression... I have to admit that I learned something I should have known before. The 'SMART' of the 'Ride SMART' motorcycle awareness program, actually stands for something and it could have been formulated by a GWRRRA member.

S Sober
M Motorcycle endorsed
A Alert
R Right gear
T Trained



Now about Ohio: The data of 2014 included some of the following facts:

At a Glance

- Approximately **2.5** fatal crashes each day.
- Approximately **2.8** persons were killed each day.
- One person was killed every **8.7** hours.
- There were **275.5** persons injured every day.
- One person was injured every **5.2** minutes.
- Of drivers involved in crashes, **54.9 %** are males, **42.7 %** are females, and **2.5 %** are gender not stated.
- Alcohol impaired drivers were involved in **4.37 %** of all crashes.
- Alcohol impaired drivers were involved in **29.46 %** of all fatalities.
- **70.4 %** of all alcohol impaired drivers involved in crashes were males.
- **65.1 %** of all crashes occurred during the daylight.
- Motor vehicle crashes killed **27.0** children and injured **7,775.0** children through age 14.

In conclusion, 1,008 people died on Ohio roads in 2014. While that is slowly trending downward, it is still high. And it is expected to be even higher in 2015.

Other 2014 fatalities data:

- Worst Month – November (we all remember last winter’s fun times)
- Worst Day of the Week – Friday (were we thinking of something else?)
- Worst Time of Day – Daylight (not dawn or dusk, So, why?)
- Weather Condition – Clear or cloudy (weather not the biggest factor?)
- Largest Age Group – Drivers and passengers 16-30 (then seniors over 76)
- Motorcycles – 140 deaths in 3,651 crashes, 65% without helmets

I think Wingers are a special exception to these statistics. We are almost outside of them. While we cannot protect against all accidents or unplanned events, we are better prepared than most drivers because we are more alert, aware, and observant of what is happening as we drive. This is our training and our commitment to being better drivers of all our vehicles. Let’s continue to be safe drivers and better motorcyclists so we can beat the odds and never be one of these statistics.

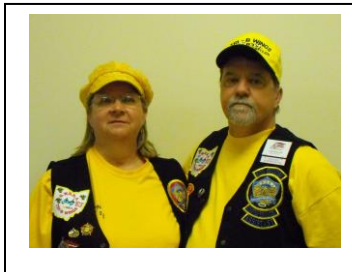
RIDE WELL and ENJOY THE FALL



COLORS!

Karen Ballou

RIDER EDUCATION

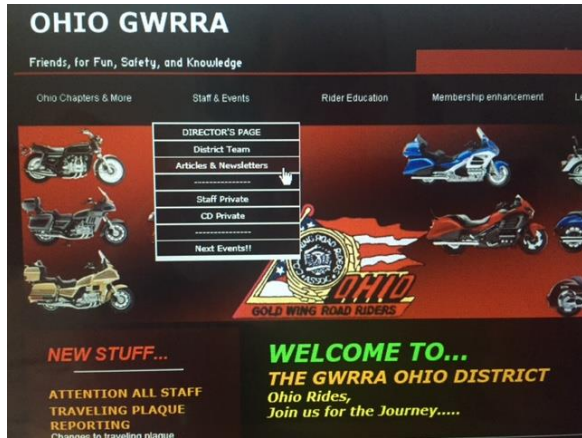


Rider Ed - October 2015

Hey, y’all! We had a great time at Wing Ding in Huntsville & were happy to see that everyone made it home safely.

In our COY article, Karen will report that while there, we test-rode several independent-suspension trike kits, so to compare them with our current ride, a 2008 Lehman fixed-axle conversion. There are definite tradeoffs. Handling was not as crisp as I am used to, but the co-rider seemed very happy with the softer ride. As long as I am doing most of the riding one-up, and considering the cost of retrofitting a different trike kit, I am inclined to look for a thicker cushion for the back seat and to leave things “as they are” for now. The co-rider may overrule me; Stay tuned!

If you are considering converting your two-wheeler to a trike, or swapping your existing trike for a different kit this winter, there are two VERY GOOD articles in the September 2015 GWRRA Ohio District newsletter. They are multiple-pages long so I will not reprint them here, but you can find them easily online.



From the www.ohiogwrra.org homepage pull down the Staff & Events submenu & select Articles & Newsletters.

Locate & select the September 2015 issue. The articles begin on page 3 “So You Want to Buy a Trike” & page 11 “How to Ride A Trike” I think you will find them interesting & informative, even if you are already “On Three”.

The GWRRA Rider Education program continues to improve & evolve. We attended the “trial-runs” of several new seminars at Wing Ding. I was especially impressed with one on

“Distracted Driving” that I am hoping to share with you early next year.

If you have any suggestions for Rider Ed discussion topics, please share them with me in the near future. The planning for next year’s programs will be starting soon.

In the meantime, while we’re on these color rides in October, keep those heads up & eyes scanning constantly. We have some additional hazards to keep in mind ... wet leaves ... increased deer activity ... and yes, those distracted leaf-peeping drivers.

Have Fun! Be Safe!

Gary Ballou

Have fun, but be safe. *“Dress for the Slide, Not for the Ride”*

Wear your helmet every time you ride.

Chapter statistics for the month of July 2015

Current First Aid/CPR – 22

Current Road Captains – 17

Current in Level I – 14

Current in Level II - 0

Current in Level III - 7

Current in Level IV - 12

September Attendance

2 - 6 Wing Ding, Huntsville, Alabama, 12 members

5 - Alternate dinner ride for those not attending Wing Ding, 1 member

10 - Dinner ride to Ann & Tony’s in West Jefferson, 5 members, 1 guest

12 - South East Section Picnic

15 - Ice Cream ride, Oh Yo in Grove City, 11 members, 10 guests

17 - Get together, Obetz Community Center 15 members, 1 guest

18 - 19 Buckeye Time Out, Pastime Park, Plain City,

26 - Lunch ride to Lava Rock Café, Coshocton,

26 - Indiana Fall Fest, Greensburg Fairgrounds

NEWSLETTER EDITOR

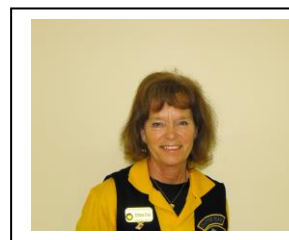
Tom Eden

If you have an article that you would like to have included here, send it to the Newsletter Editor, Tom Eden, at traveler1@columbus.rr.com. Articles could be about a ride you went on, an event you attended, or something you purchased for your bike that you think is really great, or anything you feel would be of interest to your fellow members. We sincerely welcome contributions from our members. For Sale ads, by GWRRA Members only, are also welcome for submission. Deadline for submissions is the 20th of the month.



Special Activities Coordinator

Be sure to mark your October calendar for the Obetz Halloween Party. The activity is tentatively scheduled for Friday October 23rd at 5:30pm. Ride safe,
Esther Ford



Birthdays

10/11 Karen Ballou
10/15 Wendell Gundy
10/19 Connie Ratliff
10/26 John Frank



Anniversaries

Give Connie Ratliff, 740-503-7870 or Jim Bontrager 614-282-2787 a call if any get well or sympathy cards need to be sent.



Up Coming Activities

Greeter for October - Bill and Esther Ford

For complete ride schedule see the chapter web site <http://www.gwrraohb3.org>

October 2015

- 3 – Gathering, 9:00 am, Obetz Community Center, Greeters – Bill and Esther Ford
- 3 – Chapter Fun Day 1:00 pm at the home of Bob & Suzan Sestito, 5629 Carnes Road Carroll, Ohio
- 8 – Ladies Lunch, 12:30 Red Robin, Grove City
- 10 – Depart Frisch’s at 9:00 am for ride to Malabar Farms
- 13 - Depart Frisch’s at 6:00 pm for dinner ride to Logan’s Restaurant on Route 256
- 15 - 7:00 pm get together, Obetz Community Center
- 17 - 1:00 pm Ride planning and scheduling, Obetz Community Center,
If you have ride suggestion, please attend this meeting or let chapter staff know so that the suggestion can be included.
- 23 - Obetz Community Halloween Party, Obetz, Community Center, 5:30 pm
- 24 - Depart Frisch’s at 9:00 am for Fall Color Ride
- 25 - Region D Fun at Sea Cruise, Ft. Lauderdale FL.
- 28 - Depart Frisch’s at 7:00 pm for ice cream ride to Tony’s Coney’s Route 62

November 2015

- 5 – 7:00 pm, Dinner Ride, Culvers on Route 256, meet there.
- 7 - Gathering, 9:00 am, Obetz Community Center, Greeters – Ben and Mary Bayes
- 10 - 7:00 pm, Dinner Ride, Smokey Bones, Stringtown road, Grove City, meet there
- 12 - Ladies Lunch, Location to be determined
- 14 - Visitation ride to chapter H3 in Proctorville, Ohio. Meet at Lowes, route 23 south.
- 14 - Ohio District Fall Officer’s meeting, Floral Valley, 850 Crestor Drive, Howard, OH.
- 19 - 7:00 pm get together, Obetz Community Center
- 29 - Visitation ride to Chapter X in Nelsonville, OH at Hocking Tech Campus, and Lunch following at the Boot Café, Nelsonville, OH



Here is a link to the Ohio District web site where you will find a link to their latest newsletter.
<http://www.ohiogwrra.org>

Here is a link to the Region D web site where you will find a link to their latest newsletter:
<http://www.gwrra-regiond.org>

SOUTHEAST SECTION CHAPTER MEETING PLACES AND TIMES

Chapters	Location	When	Meeting Time
A3	Marietta, Ohio gathers at Shoney's Restaurant, 44 Acme St., Marietta, Ohio. Dinner at 6:00 p.m. gathering follows. Chapter web site https://ohioa3.shutterfly.com	1 st Thursday	7:00 p.m.
B-3	Obetz, Ohio gathers at Obetz Comm. Center, 1650 Obetz Avenue, Obetz, Ohio. Light refreshments at 8:30 a.m., gathering follows. Chapter web site http://www.gwrraohb3.org	1st Saturday (except Jul & Dec)	9:00 a.m.
F-3	Lancaster, Ohio, gathers at Deb's Corner Cafe. Located on the corner of Broad St. and 6th. Ave. in Lancaster, Ohio Dinner at 6:00 p.m., gathering follows. Chapter web site http://www.ohf3.com	3 rd Tuesday	7:00 p.m.
H-3	Proctorville, Ohio gathers at Giovanni's Pizza, 614 Park Ave. Ironton, OH Dinner at 6:00 p.m., gathering follows.	2nd Saturday	7:00 p.m.
O	Newark, Ohio, gathers at Stacy's Buffet, 833 S. 30 th St., Heath, Ohio. Dinner at 6 p.m., gathering follows. http://www.ohiogwrra.org/chap/O/latest.pdf	3 rd Thurs.	7:00 p.m.
Q-2	Circleville, Ohio, gathers at Huffman Homestead, 6906 Old Tarlton Place, Circleville, Ohio. Chapter web site https://sites.google.com/site/gwrraq2/home	2 nd Thursday	7:00 p.m.
X	Hocking Hills, Ohio gathers at Davidson Hall, Hocking College in Nelsonville, Ohio.	Last Sunday	1:30 p.m.

At the time this newsletter was drafted, the Region D traveling Plaque was at Chapter MI-S2, Motor City Wings, Detroit, MI.; and the Ohio District Traveling Plaque was at Chapter H2 in Warrensville Heights, Ohio.

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