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B3 Meets the 1st Saturday of each month (No gathering in September or December) at 9:00 am. Join us at 8:30 am for light refreshments and Coffee at the Village of Obetz Community Center, 1650 Obetz Avenue, Obetz, OH 43207

B3 Couple of the Year:

Bill and Esther Ford

B3 Individual of the Year:

Ken Daft

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Items in History in the month of January:

- 1 New Years Day
- 17 Desert Storm Air War Begins, 1991
- 18 Martin Luther King, Jr. Day
- 23 Peace in Vietnam announced, 1973
- 27 Vietnam Peace Accord Signed, 1973
- 30 Viet Cong Launch Tet Offensive, 1968





Group photo at the Christmas Party

Tom Eden
Chapter Director
(Pending)



I hope that all of you had a Merry Christmas and that your New Year is off to a great start. As I start the year as a New Chapter Director I hope that events that we have planned will offer something for everyone.

Last November and at the Christmas party a number of people asked me about the mileage bars that the chapter awards. Each November 1st we ask that everyone turns in their odometer reading. This will be compared to last years ending mileage to determine mileage ridden. If you sell your bike keep a record of the reading that was on it as of the date of sale. And if you acquire a new bike we will need the mileage when you obtained it and the mileage as of Nov. 1. The computations will be done with a computer program that will provide your miles for the year and a total mileage for the chapter. For those new members of the chapter, I will need your mileage as of Nov. 1, or the date you joined the chapter. As a check against the computer you may provide your estimate of miles ridden. If you have additional questions see me prior to or after the gathering. In last month's newsletter and at the Christmas party I mentioned using the passport for an in chapter activity. At the November gathering completed passports are collected so that chapter officers can turn them in at the November State Officers meeting. My intention is to ask that all passports be turned in at the November gathering completed or not. One of the passports will be drawn from all the passports and that individual will receive one paid admission to the chapter Christmas party. Completed passports will be sorted out to go to the officers meeting. If you have additional questions see me prior to or after the gathering.

Margaret mentions Cabin Fever in her article. This is a great break from winter and gives us a chance to renew acquaintances with folks from other chapters in the state. I would encourage your attendance at the event if you are a new member. Additionally, I would encourage you to attend to cheer on our chapter couple, Gary and Karen Ballou, in the District Couple of the Year competition.

One of the activities at Cabin Fever will be Mouse Trap Car races. I have several of the official mouse traps that must be used and copies of the rules for the race. This should prove interesting.

Tom Eden
Chapter Director (pending)

Margaret A. Moore
Assistant Chapter Director



By the time you read this Christmas will be gone and the New Year will be here. As a recap as to what happened during the past year in the chapter we had a lot of very good rides, but due to weather we had a number of rides canceled without any other activity to do on those scheduled days. We, as a chapter, will hopefully have other activities set up to do if, due to weather, we cancel a ride: activities such as a movie and lunch or bowling and lunch. We are asking you, as members, to help us come up with alternate activities, so please if you have an idea please let one of the Chapter Staff know what your idea is so we can discuss it or place it on the ride calendar. Next up is the annual Ohio Winter activity, Cabin Fever, coming up in February 2016 at the State Lodge at Deer Creek State Park just outside Mt. Sterling. Please plan on attending as we do have a lot of fun and there will be seminars, games and vendors. So come out and have some fun with your Bee 3 friends.

Margaret Moore
Assistant Chapter Director

Assistant Chapter Director

Your photo here

COUPLE OF THE YEAR 2015

Bill and Esther Ford

We are honored to be selected Couple of the year once again. We will do our best to represent the B -3 chapter. We are not sure about competing for region or district but will carefully consider it. We thank our chapter for the loyalty the show the entire staff. Have a safe and happy New Year. See you at the breakfast.



Bill and Esther

INDIVIDUAL OF THE YEAR 2015

Ken Daft

B3 Friends,

What a surprise it was for me when Tom stood up and said I was the "Individual of the Year" at our Christmas Event. I find myself in quite a quandary! Having known some of the individuals who have been named over the years I've been in B3, I wonder if I can measure up to the likes of those who have preceded me. And then I wonder what it all means. Never done this one (Continued on next page)

before! I find myself asking the simple and obvious question: "What am I supposed to do?" I guess as time moves forward, I'll find out. I've had a lot of "titles" in my life: pastor, chaplain, state coordinator, national education director, professor, reverend, colonel, etc. It took me some time to figure out what all those titles meant, so I'm confident with Tom's help as our leader and the support of all the great "wingers" in B3, I'll fit right in. At any rate, I'm glad to be the Individual of the Year. I think!?

Ken



MEMBERSHIP ENHANCEMENT PROGRAM



Mary Bayes



DO I HAVE TO OWN A GOLDWING

Have you met someone who would be a good fit with our Chapter? But they don't ride a Gold Wing. Encourage them to join. Did a GWRRA member sell their Gold Wing and either quit riding or purchase another brand of motorcycle? Encourage them to stick around. Most of us know there are two categories of GWRRA memberships, Full Members and Associate Members. To be a Full Member one must own a Gold Wing or Valkyrie motorcycle. Associate Members are those who either own another brand of motorcycle, or maybe no motorcycle at all, but are still interested in being a part of GWRRA because of all we have to offer. It was recently announced that Associate Members no longer pay any more than a Full Member to enjoy all of the benefits of GWRRA membership.

So, other than having a Gold Wing, are there other differences between being a Full and Associate Member? The short answer is "not really". They can participate equally in any and all activities at all levels with only "2" exceptions-and one of those can be overridden in extreme circumstances. Associate Members are not eligible to become Directors or Assistant Directors (at any level) and they may not participate in the Couple of the Year selection process above the Chapter level. Yes, Associate Members may be honored as your Chapter Couple of the Year-they just cannot participate in the District selection (Continued on next page)

process. Yes, an Associate Member can hold team positions, even the officer positions as Trainer, Educator, Membership Enhancement Coordinator, or Treasurer. The Exception that might be overridden; in the rare instance of a Chapter facing closure due to no Full Member assuming the Directorship, a qualified Associate Member desiring the position can be considered as an alternative to closing the Chapter.

So don't be a Gold Wing "SNOB", embrace Associate Members and encourage others to join and participate as an Associate Member. Who knows, they just might realize owning a Gold Wing really "IS" for them!!! It's a great way to grow our Chapter.

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For more information on types of memberships refer to the Officer Handbook.....

By the time you are reading this Ben and I hope that you have had a very Merry Christmas....We also hope that you will have a wonderful and healthy New Year.....

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

Please keep the following Members in your thoughts and prayer:

Frank Shoemaker- Going thru the last stages of having cancer.....

Gladys Carter-Having health problems.....

Ed Richards-Having health problems....

Should I have missed anyone, please let me know.....

MOTORIST AWARENESS DIVISION



Karen Ballou Good for Ohio



Gary and I had the privilege in December of visiting the big island of Hawai'i. While there, Gary rented a bike and can now color Hawai'i off his map. That only leaves Alaska, which he hopes to take care of in August 2016. However, while there, I was watching things with my Motorist Awareness eye.



Being Hawai'i, riding is an all-year-round event and in wet or dry weather. And the vast majority of bikes that I saw were Harleys. They were out in force in everyday and side of the island. Even saw a fully outfitted Santa on his Harley, but he was too fast to get a picture. The island is about 4,000 square miles and relative few miles of road. You wonder where the riders go that they haven't been before.

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I did notice one thing – the lack of public awareness notices visible. I did not see a single yard sign, bumper sticker or magnet or public service notice. Now I realize that Hawai'i is small, with fewer riders than other states of the US, but I would bet that there are Harley rider clubs that could fill this void.



So, 'Good for Ohio', and most of the other US states! While we are a seasonal riding state, like half of the US, I think that we are good at promoting awareness all year. So keep up the good work.

It is January 2016 and I wish there to be snow soon. Gary and I hope that everyone has a safe, prosperous and FUN new year and riding season.



RIDER EDUCATION DIVISION
Gary Ballou



Random Thoughts from the Rider Ed Corner for January 2016

Winter. YUCK. It's not even really here yet ... and I'm already dreaming of next Spring.

In the meantime, let's try to stay active. Those who may be headed to warmer climates for the next couple of months may have an easier time of this... but try to get that 20-30 minutes of exercise at least 3-4 times a week. And "surfing" the internet doesn't count.

If Santa was kind enough to leave any Safety Chrome in your stocking and if your trusty Wing isn't tucked away in winter storage like mine (sigh) you've got an excuse to go out to the garage & pet it once in a while, while you add a few new lights, gadgets, etc.
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If you haven't already done so, check out the Ohio District December newsletter. Claude outdid himself last month with his annual "BIG BIG Gift Giving Guide". A lot of neat stuff will be discounted now that we're past the holiday season.

I'm still looking for some suggestions from any of you for seminar/discussion topics that you'd like to have after the gatherings January-February-March. I know that we covered a lot of material in 2015, as we were trying to make our Chapter-of-the-Year points push. But if you see anything interesting in a magazine, or while on the computer, please share them with me.

I'd like to know if any of you, especially our newer members, would be interested in taking a Road Captains seminar in the spring of 2016. It is a fun & easy program, with a couple of (Continued on next page) hours of "class" time and a short road course requirement. This seminar can sharpen your skills in Team Riding & give you the confidence to be a safe Ride Leader/Tail Gunner using GWRRA approved standards.

The District has announced some 2016 dates for ARC (Advanced Rider Course) & TRC (Trike Rider Course) offerings, with a couple more "to be announced" later. April 16-17 at Wilmington & April 23-24 at Nelsonville is what we know as of this writing.

The Chapter is also in the market for an Assistant Rider Educator. I'd like to share this fun with any like-minded soul who would like to learn more about the program & how to share it with others. No experience is necessary, just a willingness to be a safe rider & to encourage the same in others.

If anyone has any comments/questions/compliments/complaints about the Rider Ed program, please share them with me at any time. I'm here to serve.

Stay Warm!

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

Current First Aid/CPR – 22
Current Road Captains – 17

Current in Level I – 14
Current in Level II - 0
Current in Level III - 5
Current in Level IV - 13

December Attendance

4- Obetz Christmas Santa's Workshop, 8 members
5- Chapter Christmas Party 37 members and 1 guest
12 - Obetz Christmas Kickoff, 15 members
17 -Get together, Bill and Esther Ford's home, 10 members

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, 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

Wow has this been a busy month! Thanks to all who helped with Santa's Workshop and the Christmas kick-off for the Obetz community. We were very busy helping the children with crafts, writing letters to Santa serving refreshments monitoring games escorting characters and other duties. I don't know what they would do without the help of our B-3 chapter. Again thank you!!!!



Secret Sisters starting again in January let me know if you want to participate. I will keep a list of the secret sisters. this has been a fun activity for those involved. Just keep it simple and fun.

Ladies lunch will be Roosters; 1650 Stringtown Road Grove City at 12:30 on January 14. Mark your calendars ladies.

HAPPY NEW YEAR EVERYONE!!!!

Esther Ford



Birthdays

- 9 Esther Waddell
- 13 Evelyn DeLong
- 24 Patricia Richards
- 24 Paul Reed
- 30 Linda Frank
- 31 Jerri Reed



Anniversaries

Give Connie Ratliff, 740-503-7870, or Tom Eden, 614-634-1311, a call if any get well or sympathy cards need to be sent.

[Up Coming Activities](#)

Greeter for January Ben and Mary Bayes

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

This is your chapter. The events scheduled are not just for the officers. One of the goals of GWRRA is FUN. It isn't as much fun without you there. The tentative schedule for 2016 has been planned, but there is space for more. There are some FUN and Exciting activities scheduled. Please be a part of your chapter. If you have ideas for rides/activities let Tom Eden know, as there is plenty of space to add activities and destinations.

January 2016

- 1 – 10:00 am, Frisch's restaurant, South Hamilton Road
- 2 – 9:00 am, Chapter gathering, Obetz, Community Center
- 13 - Dinner ride, Meet there at 6:30 pm, Florentine Restaurant, 907 W. Broad ST.
- 14 - Ladies Lunch, Location to be determined
- 21 - 7:00 pm Mid-Month get together, Obetz Community Center
- 23 - 11:00 am lunch/ice Cream ride, Culvers, Rt. 256, 1912 Reynoldsburg-Baltimore Rd.

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February 2016

- 4 – 6 Cabin Fever, Deer Creek Park Lodge, theme is NASCAR
- 11 – 13 Indiana Winter Rendezvous, Columbus, Indiana.
- 11 - Ladies Lunch, Location to be determined
- 13 - 9:00 am, Chapter gathering, Obetz, Community Center
- 17 – Dinner Ride, Location to be determined
- 18 - 7:00 pm Mid-Month get together, Obetz Community center
- 26 – 27 Michigan Wingless Weekend, Bay City Michigan, theme Mardi Gras
- 27 – Going to a movie, time, location and movie will be announced based on movie



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 Sept. & 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, North Shore Wings in Warrensville Heights, Ohio.

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Those people recognized for perfect attendance at gatherings: From left to right, Tom Eden, Ed Richards, Patrick and Mike Pallos.



Those recognize for attendance at the most events. Ben and Mary Bayes, Margaret Moore and Tom Eden



Those recognized for high Mileage, Gary Ballou 20,134 and Margaret Moore 15,941Miles.