



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

October 2016

**B-3 BUZZ**

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B3 Meets the 1<sup>st</sup> 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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**Tom Eden**  
**Chapter Director**



After the October gathering Gary Ballou will be presenting a Team Riding refresher seminar. Following the seminar we will go to the home of Tim and Connie Ratliff for the annual chapter Fun Day. Tim and Connie will have meats, buns, drinks and games. Connie recommends that we bring side dishes and our lawn chairs. The chapter will be providing desert. Outdoor activities are planned with indoor activity as a backup.

On October 8<sup>th</sup> at 10:00 am is our annual ride planning meeting. We recently received the calendar of events for Region D and the Ohio, Indiana and Michigan districts. If you have suggestions for after gathering lunch ride restaurants and destinations, evening dinner rides, ice cream destinations, Saturday rides, weekend overnight rides, multiday destination rides, or any out of the box activities please get the ideas to a staff member or attend the meeting. Ideas alternate activities for prior to and after the riding season will also be welcomed.

November 12<sup>th</sup> is the State Officers meeting. It will be held in Stewart Hall in the Obetz Community Center. We are the hosting chapter. Karen Ballou is developing the menu. She will need someone to head up the kitchen crew. Karen is asking for donated fall themed deserts for the lunch being provided, i.e., apple or pumpkin treats or snacks. Chapter members will need to be available to setup the tables and chairs on Friday November 11<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 pm. It should take us no more than an hour to set up for the meeting. On Saturday chapter members will need to be available at 4:00 pm to begin cleanup of the room and storing of the tables and chairs. We must have the room cleaned up by 5:00 pm because of a group coming in to the facility for a party.



**Margaret A. Moore**  
**Assistant Chapter Director**

The Riding Season Coming to an End

On my return trip from Billings, Montana and Wing Ding 38 I had two things happen – I had a headlight bulb blow out and then an upper left rear light burn out. I suppose anything could have happened far worse than burned out bulbs, so I can consider myself lucky after riding 4,113 in 13 days. On Sept. 1<sup>st</sup>, I rode the Beartooth Highway with Dan and Nancy Pry of Chapter Y, Mt. Vernon, OH. This was my third time on the highway, but my second time as the rider. The weather was great, the temp was mild and the view, as always, was spectacular.



I took a few pictures while at the rest stop. As an experiment, I mounted my little Sony camera to a Gorilla tripod (attached to my left handlebar) while at the 9,190 foot rest area. Once we were back on the road I started the camera and took an eleven minute video of Dan and Nancy climbing the rest of the way to the top of the Beartooth highway topping out at 10,947 feet (57 degrees). It turned out a little jumpy, but the views were fantastic. On the decent down the south side we ended up meeting Ben, Mary, Wendell and Sue at the Top of the World Store and Rest Stop. We then got on the road and further down the road, after avoiding cattle, we turned onto the Chief Joseph highway (296) which was my first time on that road. It turned out to be a very interesting ride with more beautiful scenes.

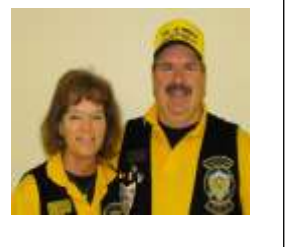


Once we were back on the road and started down to the lower altitude the temperature started to increase. By the time we got onto Highway 120 towards Bridger it was 90 °! We stopped at a little café in Bridger called the Buckeye Garage Café/Casino. We had a great lunch and I resisted the urge to try my luck at the slots. We headed back to Billings. The entire ride was 247 miles ridden with great company. My thanks go to Dan and Nancy for allowing me to travel with them on these great roads with all the fantastic views along the way.

**Assistant Chapter Director**

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**COUPLE OF THE YEAR 2015**  
**Bill and Esther Ford**



**INDIVIDUAL OF THE YEAR 2015**  
**Ken Daft**

**GETTING LAZY**



Something caught my eye the other day which I do many times a week. I pressed the button on my remote for my car and the doors suddenly opened and I was given free access. And then I thought, "This car will do just about whatever I want." Most important, it could spoil me big time!

Cars are made much better these days. So are our bikes.

If you take the view that motorcycles were made better in the early days, then I suggest you make a visit to the Motorcycle Museum in Kenton, OH. There you will find bikes as early as 1907! And when I have looked at those old bikes and then remember the 'old' beemers and Yamahas I used to ride, well, there's no comparison. The Gold Wing is light years ahead of where those bikes were in every way to compare, except for maybe price.

There's one liability to better motorcycles. They make us lazy. We have a cushy ride, wide and comfortable saddles, a center of balance beyond explanation, cruise control, sound system, on and on. And if we're not careful we can be mesmerized into getting lazy about the important discipline we need to practice. We know what we have learned in the excellent training classes we receive regularly at B3 and on a State and National level. If you're like me I need to resist the temptation to relax. I can't. There are too many "boxes" out there who pull in front of us and too many who move over on an interstate without seeing us (had this happen to me many times).

SO, be comfortable and enjoy your wing . . . and remain ALERT at all times!



## MEMBERSHIP ENHANCEMENT PROGRAM Mary Bayes



### Great Expectations or How's Your Integrity?

All of GWRRA's officers sign the Memorandum of Understanding (MOU), which spells out the responsibilities of holding office. There is one line in the MOU which states "Will abide by all requirements set forth by GWRRA Home Office and published in the Officer's Handbook." Taking a look at the Officer Handbook reveals a section titled Expectations of Officers. That section further defines some of the items contained in the MOU. One of those relates to 'leading by example'. It states: "Lead by example! You are expected to hold high the ideals of GWRRA. .... Promote a safe environment and proper rider education by wearing appropriate riding gear (helmet, gloves, long-sleeved shirt or coat, and boots) when riding.."

Having recently attended Reno Rendezvous and other GWRRA events, I witnessed lots of Goldwingers riding around in short sleeves, maybe shorts, no gloves and tennis shoes (yes it was hot, but.....). Oh, they weren't wearing helmets either. Many of us have known members who 'succumb' to the peer pressure of wearing proper gear – and some of those members have been saved from greater injuries by virtue of the protection provided. While there is no intention for anyone in GWRRA to become the "gear police", there is an expectation that officers will set the example and encourage others to follow suit.

What does this have to do with integrity? Remember, as an officer, you signed an agreement (the MOU). Have the personal integrity to abide by what you committed to – especially when you think no one is watching! That's the truest demonstration of integrity.

The more you know, the better it gets!

Jack Wagner

GWRRA Deputy Director

This article appeared in the September 2015 issue of the Arkansas District Newsletter. Thanks to Mary Bayes for bring it to our attention

It was great to have Bob and Evelyn DeLong join us for the September Mid-Month get together. Welcome back, we have missed you. They are both on the road to recovery.

PLEASE REMEMBER THE FOLLOWING:

Gladys Carter: Serious health problems, but is starting to feel better...

Evelyn DeLong: Will be completing her rehab in a couple of weeks...

Ken Daft: Recovering from the Shingles and the after affects.....

Robert Vogel: His father has severe health problems.....

Ed Richards: Health issues.....

Harry Durbin: Will be having or has already had cataracts removed....

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

**MOTORIST AWARENESS DIVISION**  
**Karen Ballou**



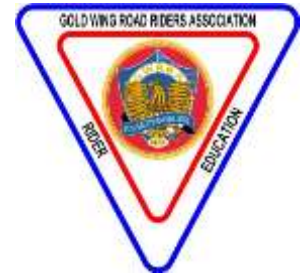
My summer has been very busy and has ended with Wing Ding 38 the first week of September. And at Wing Ding some new plans for Motorist Awareness were announced. It is news that I think is overdue and very good.

Effective January 2017, the Motorist Awareness Division will become its own entity and Program. It will no longer be a section of the Rider Education Program. The new Directors of Motorist Awareness will be Barri & Mike Critzman. They are working on revamping the program and have started by developing and revising talks which are short, 15 to 20 minutes, and seem to concentrate on a singular topic. They are concise, engaging and can hit a little more detail than that same topic can as part of the standard longer presentation. Barri presented one at the Master's luncheon at Wing Ding. It was brief, informative and entertaining. She engaged the audience with open questions and short answers. I look forward to seeing all the new presentations and being able to share them with others. Let's just hope it doesn't increase my paperwork 😊

By this time, all schools are back in session. Remember to pay attention to all the school zone flashing lights. Also be aware that private schools are also permitted to have a reduced school zone speed limit by their facilities. These private schools can be in stand-alone buildings, shopping centers and churches. The timing for the school zone restrictions may vary, as private schools may have longer or shorter school days and the school zone restrictions is based on the time that school is beginning and ending. I have not seen any with restrictions when Saturday schools are operating

**DRIVE CAREFULLY AS YOU PEEK AT THE FALL COLORS**

## RIDER EDUCATION Gary Ballou



Rider Ed for October 2016

### **Motorcycle Autumn Riding Tips**

(Excerpted from the website of the Illinois State Police)

**Hazard Awareness:** Your nice relaxing ride through the country should be fun, but don't relax too much. You have to maintain a constant state of awareness. Make a mental exercise of calling out hazards; there are no wrong answers. Call out everything: driveway, intersection, children, dogs, parked cars, oncoming line of car behind a slow moving vehicle, blind curve, hillcrest, deer, gravel, construction, potholes, railroad crossing, etc. This exercise will help you prepare for something, but more importantly, it will force you to scan beyond your normal boundaries.

**Wet Weather:** You are going to get wet. Riding in the rain can be done safely if you follow a few simple rules. Keep rain gear with you; riding while dry will keep you more comfortable and is less distracting. Keep a pair of clear glasses or wear a helmet shield; keeping the rain out of your eyes is imperative. Adjust your riding speed for the conditions. When it first starts raining, there may be excessive amounts of oil on the road. Watch for standing water. Motorcycle tires by design are efficient at displacing water but are not exempt from hydroplaning. Remember water will pool in the normal vehicle tracks on the road and most roadways are crowned and, as such, water will usually be deeper on the right side of the road. Gear up, slow down, create distance, and stay focused!

**Leaves are Falling:** Many people venture out to see the fall colors, presenting a couple of hazards. Drivers may be distracted and not paying attention to the road and further may not see you. Keep your distance from other vehicles. Also as leaves begin to accumulate on the roadway they can be very slick. Whether wet or dry, riding through stacks of leaves can reduce traction and increase stopping distances. A simple reduction of speed and increased awareness can make all the difference.

**Deer Season:** As crops are harvested, the area deer can forage is reduced. Additionally, as farm equipment runs through the fields, deer are being pushed into other areas, many closer to the road. Hunters are also in the timber, pushing deer into other areas. We also have to consider that this is the breeding season for deer and they will be running more actively than normal. Scan the roadway & just off of the shoulders.  
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Typically deer movement will peak at dawn and dusk. Areas where crops or timber are relatively close to the road will present the greatest challenge, and unfortunately will provide you the shortest reaction time.

**Frost & Ice:** Even if it's a clear sunny day you must pay careful attention if the temperature has been near or below freezing. Watch for slick spots on bridge decks or other elevated surfaces and in shady areas where the morning sun may not have done its job yet. Frost & Ice can form from a number of sources, such as fog, a driver who pours an old cup of coffee or other beverage out of the car window, or from leaking vehicle fluids and car exhaust, to name a few.

**Dress for Success:** It's always a good idea to carry several layers of clothing. Temperatures can vary widely during autumn days and you won't want to be cold just because you get detained or ride longer than you anticipated. Hypothermia can begin to set in when the temperature is in the mid 50's, especially if you are getting wet. Shivering is another form of distraction and can reduce your ability to control your motorcycles safely

Gary Ballou  
Rider Educator B3

**Wear your helmet every time you ride.**

### Chapter statistics for the month of October 2015

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

### **September Attendance**

1 – 3 Wing Ding, Billings, Montana, 13 members  
15 - 7:00 pm Mid-month get together, 13 members  
24 – 25 Buckeye Time Out, Friday night 5 members, Saturday 6 members  
26 - Dinner Ride,

### **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](mailto: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 20<sup>th</sup> of the month.

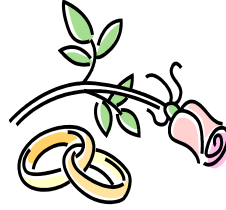




## October Birthdays & Anniversaries

### Birthdays

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



### 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.*

## **Special Activities Coordinator Esther Ford**



News from special events; Thanks to everyone who helped with traffic control for the Zucchini Festival! A special thanks to Margaret Moore for organizing it with the police chief. Everything went well and once again the Obetz community appreciates the (yellow shirts) for their support.

Our next opportunity to serve Obetz will be October 28<sup>th</sup> for the Halloween Celebration. It will be at the Dixon Quarry on Industrial Drive. We should be there around 5:00 to 5:30 to help set up. We will be assisting with crafts and games from 6:00 to 9:00. This is a really nice event with lots of attendance.

Please remember to bring food for the food pantry when we come to the gathering. They have resumed that service for the community. That is another way for us to pay it forward for letting us meet at the center.

Thanks to the best chapter in the DISTRICT!

Esther



# OBETZ HALLOWEEN PARTY

**DIXON QUARRY**  
**October 28th, 2016**  
**6:00 PM - 9:00 PM**



*5:30 FRIDAY*

## TRUNK TRICK OR TREAT

- Food
- Games
- Prizes
- Haunted Hay Ride
- Trunk or Treat Decoration Contest
- Costume Contest
- And more!





[Up Coming Activities](#)

**October Greeters – Tim and Connie Ratliff**

*For a complete ride schedule see chapter web site*

<http://www.gwrraohb3.com>

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 were only 8 people at the planning meeting Saturday. 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 or any officer know, as there is plenty of space to add activities and destinations.

**October 2016**

- 1 - 9:00 am, Chapter gathering, Obetz Community Center, Team riding refresher seminar following gathering with Chapter Fun Day at Tim and Connie Ratliff's home.
- 3 – Dinner Ride, Talitas in Grove City, meet there at 6:30 pm
- 8 – 10:00 am, Ride planning meeting, Obetz Community Center, get your suggestions for destinations and dates to a staff member, or attend the meeting.
- 13 - Ladies Lunch, 12:00pm, destination to be determined
- 15 – 10:00 am Chapter Color ride north, meet at Frisch's
- 20 – 7:00 pm Mid-month get together, Obetz Community Center
- 22 - 10:00 am Chapter Color ride south, meet at Frisch's
- 28 – 5:30 pm meet at Dixon Quarry Park for the Obetz Community Halloween Party,
- 29 - 10:00 am Chapter Color ride south, meet at Frisch's

**November 2016**

- 5 - 9:00 am, Chapter gathering, Obetz Community Center, Lunch at Talitas, Grove City
- 10 - 12:00 pm, Ladies Lunch, destination to be determined
- 11 – 6:00 pm preparation for Fall Officer's Meeting Obetz Community Center,
- 12 – 9:00 am Fall Officer's Meeting Obetz Community Center,
- 17 - 7:00 pm Mid-month get together, Obetz Community Center
- 19 – 10:00 am, **Something New**, a bowling outing at Star Lanes in Grove City, meet there, we will go to lunch afterward.
- 24 – A happy Thanks Giving to all



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 <a href="https://ohioa3.shutterfly.com">https://ohioa3.shutterfly.com</a>	1 <sup>st</sup> 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 <a href="http://www.gwrraohb3.com">http://www.gwrraohb3.com</a>	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 <a href="http://www.ohf3.com">http://www.ohf3.com</a>	3 <sup>rd</sup> 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.	1 <sup>st</sup> Saturday	7:00 p.m.
O	Newark, Ohio, gathers at Stacy's Buffet, 833 S. 30 <sup>th</sup> St., Heath, Ohio. Dinner at 6 p.m., gathering follows. <a href="http://www.ohiogwrra.org/chap/O/latest.pdf">http://www.ohiogwrra.org/chap/O/latest.pdf</a>	3 <sup>rd</sup> Thurs.	7:00 p.m.
Q-2	Circleville, Ohio, gathers at Huffman Homestead, 6906 Old Tarlton Place, Circleville, Ohio. Chapter web site <a href="https://sites.google.com/site/gwrraq2/home">https://sites.google.com/site/gwrraq2/home</a>	2 <sup>nd</sup> Thursday	7:00 p.m.
X	Hocking Hills, Ohio gathers at Davidson Hall, Hocking College in Nelsonville, Ohio.	Last Sunday	1:30 p.m.

Chapter web sites are shown in Blue.

At the time this newsletter was drafted, the Region D Traveling Plaque was at Indiana Chapter IN-B, in New Albany, Indiana; and the Ohio District Traveling Plaque was at Ohio Chapter M, Buckeye Travelers, in Boardman, Ohio.



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### Here is recent information from Honda Marysville Motorsports!

During the month of October, Honda Marysville Motor Sports is offering a 15% discount on service work performed at the dealership. Additionally, they are offering free pickup and delivery of your ride within 30 miles of the shop.



Watch out for these as you enjoy the colors of fall!

# **Rigatoni Dinner And Auction**



## **Chapter V-2 Fund Raiser**

**Date: October 09, 2016**

**Time: 2:00—6:00 PM.**

**Auction Starts at 4:00 P.M.**

**Place: Blessed Sacrament Church**

**Sargus Hall**

**852 Main Street**

**Wintersville, OH**



**Price: \$8.00 for Adult**

**\$4.00 Children 5 to 10**

**Children 4 and under free**

**For information call**

**Tom or Tammy Straka**

**740-317-4228**



## Hey Region D...It's Cruising Time Again!

March 9 - 19, 2017

Norwegian "GEM"



Leaving out of New York City

Cabins start at \$799

### ITINERARY:

Thu 09-Mar 4:00 pm SHIP DEPARTS NEW YORK CITY, NEW YORK, US  
Fri 10-Mar AT SEA  
Sat 11-Mar AT SEA  
Sun 12-Mar AT SEA  
Mon 13 Mar 8:00 am - 5:00 pm SAN JUAN  
Tue 14-Mar 8:00 am - 5:00 pm ST.THOMAS  
Wed 15-Mar 8:00 am - 5:00 pm PHILIPSBURG ST. MAARTEN, NETHERLAND ANTILLES  
Thu 16-Mar 7:00 am - 1:00 pm TORTOLA, BRITISH VIRGIN ISLANDS  
Fri 17-Mar AT SEA  
Sat 18-Mar AT SEA  
Sun 19-Mar 10:00 am SHIP ARRIVES AT NEW YORK CITY, NEW YORK

**Call Ian Cort at 954-514-4143 or his cell is 305-896-2482.**

**\*\*Book under GWRRA name\*\***



Pictures from Wing Ding provided by Sue Gundy



Mary Bayes at Wall Drug



Iron Mountain Road



Iron Mountain Road



Ben, Mary, Sue, Wendell at Mount Rushmore





Entrance to Crazy Horse Monument



Devils Tower and an American Bison



Sue, Wendell, Ben and Mary at Bear Tooth Pass



Wendell, Ben and Mary at entrance to Yellowstone National Park





Monument at Custer Battle Site



A lunch stop Wendell, Ben, Mary, Bill and Esther



Preparations for Grand Parade Lineup



Grand Parade move out





At Closing ceremony, Gary and Karen, Esther and Bill, Wendell, Ben and Mary, Margaret Moore and Dave Smith a former chapter CD now living in N. Carolina