



## Gold Wing Road Riders Association

“Friends for Fun, Safety & Knowledge”

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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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#### Items of interest in the month of December

- 7 – Pearl Harbor, Hawaii bombed by Japanese, 1941
- 11 – Hitler and Mussolini Declare War on US. 1941
- 15 – Bill of Rights Day
- 16 - Beginning of Battle of the Bulge, World War II in Belgium, 1944
- 20 – President Jimmy Carter signs USO's new Congressional Charter
- 21 – Winter Begins
- 24 – Hanukkah Celebration begins at sundown
- 25 – Christmas Holiday
- 26 – First day of Kwanzaa
- 31 – Official End of World War II, 1946



**HAPPY  
HOLIDAYS!!**

**Tom Eden**  
**Chapter Director**



Lack of Circulation – not medically speaking:

Let's be more social during the light refreshment time at the beginning of the gathering. We used to all circulate and greet one another. Now, I see people walk in and grab a seat and stay there all morning. I hear comments, "like no one said hello", "glad to see you", "we have missed you", or "have your health challenges worked out". If no one walks up to you, seek out others and say "hello". New folks need to break their habit of speaking only to the members that introduced them to B3. Get out and introduce yourself. If you see some one that you do not know, make it appoint to go introduce yourself. Of late I have noticed small groups that stay together until the beginning of the gathering. They stay in the same tile squares all morning. The motto includes 'Friends' you cannot be a 'friend' to anyone if you do not speak to or meet to them.

My departure:

A number of life challenges have created a crisis in my personal life. I will not labor on them. I have to make a number of changes and adjustments to accommodate the situation. One of them is my involvement in GWRRA and Chapter B3. I will be turning the chapter over to the CD that will succeed me. I will attend gatherings as I can, however; rides, overnight trips, rallies and Wing Ding attendance will be out of the question unless there are major corrections to my situations.

At the November Gathering, chapter membership generously donated \$132.00 which I took to the Food Pantry. The pantry staff was glad to get the donation and the funds will be used for the purchase of dairy products which are in great demand.

Six of us had a very enjoyable outing at Stardust lanes. We were able to watch the early portion of the Buckeye game, which was shown on the projector screens above the lanes. After bowling we went to China Bell for lunch and watched more of the game on cell phones. The waiter recognized our yellow shirts and inquired and joked about Jim and Alice Bontrager. We missed those of you that could not be there.

I understand the 5 members were able to be at the Santa's Workshop at the Obetz Community Center to assist with the activity. Thank you to those members

I hope you had a Happy Thanksgiving.

I hope all will have a very good time at the Chapter Christmas Party.  
Merry Christmas and Happy New Year to all

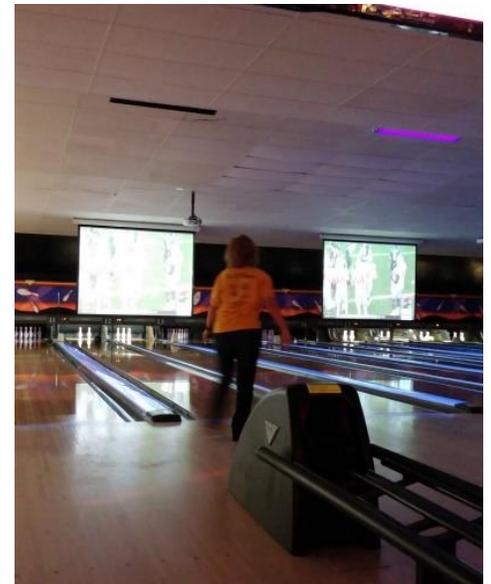
**Margaret A. Moore**  
**Assistant Chapter Director**

Winter is HERE!

Well, I think winter is finally here. Working in the wind and cold is no picnic believe me, as on Nov 22 I was out in it for five hours at the auto auction. Could not ride my trike to work due to the cold so it sat, lonely, in my garage waiting for me to give it a thorough cleaning before winter really gets bad. Of course, mine is never really put away as I ride whenever there is a warm, sunny day.



For those who did not participate in the Bowling event, you missed a great time. We had lots of fun and endured some funny bowling. At our age and different levels of health, it was a challenge to find a way to get the ball down the lane without it ending up in the gutter. Of course it did it for every one of us.



I hope everyone had a very enjoyable Thanksgiving with their families and you are making plans for Christmas which will soon be here.

See you all at the Christmas luncheon on Dec 3<sup>rd</sup> at 4 pm at the Der Dutchman in Plain City, Ohio

Margaret Moore



**Assistant Chapter Director**

Your photo here

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



**INDIVIDUAL OF THE YEAR 2015  
Ken Daft**



**MEMBERSHIP ENHANCEMENT PROGRAM  
Mary Bayes**



**STATEMENT OF PURPOSE OR WHY ARE WE HERE**

Every organization or business should have a mission statement as well as a statement of purpose. While being similar, they are different. A mission statement should answer the question 'why we do and what we do?' The statement of purpose contained in the Officer Handbook includes pieces of the mission statement and sums it up very succinctly to answer the questions 'what we do and for whom' as well as 'why we do it'.

"GWRRA is an informal educational, social organization of proud, unique, and special people - Gold Wing Owners, also proud, unique people that are owners of other Motorcycle Brands. It was formed for people to exchange ideas, share safety information relating to motorcycling and motorcyclists, educate the non-motorcycling public concerning motorcycling problems and participate in impromptu rides.

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In addition, it supports the Motorcycle Safety Foundation (MSF) and assists all motorcyclists in achieving and /or improving public acceptance of motorcyclists. GWRRA is a family-oriented organization, without political or religious affiliations or influence and supports civic, local, police, charity, and government organizations. GWRRA publishes and distributes Wing World and other media that will inform, educate, entertains and enlighten our Members and Officers.

Hard to believe that everything we do can be distilled into one paragraph from the "Officer Handbook". Putting this paragraph into action is where all the "FUN" happens.  
Remember **THE MORE YOU KNOW THE BETTER IT GETS**

Jack Wagner

October 2016

PLEASE KEEP THE FOLLOWING IN YOUR THOUGHTS AND PRAYERS....  
**Gladys Carter: Recovering for very serious health problems, doing better....**  
**Ken Daft: Recovering from a terrible case of the shingles and the aftermath problems....**  
**Ed Richards: Doing better and recovering from health issues...**  
**Robert Vogel: His father has serious health problems....**  
**Harry Durbin: Has had cataract's removed from both eyes and the surgery went so very well.....**

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

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



Mother Nature is finally surrendering. I do believe winter is here. Driving to and from the B3 bowling on Saturday, the dark gray skies, intermittent rain with snow pellets and the "wholly cow" wind made that very clear.

My car had to spend the other night outside in our driveway. The windows were very frosty the next morning and while driving around Saturday, my car felt different, a little sluggish. I thought, "Well, so do I". But my car is not a person, even if I did name her. So I decided that I needed to do a T-CLOC on my car.

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**Tires** – The temperature has just fallen through the thermometer, but your tires were last filled when? When it was 60 or 70 degrees? Check the pressure and reset for winter. While you are down there, what do the tires look like? Cracks, bulges, metal showing through, little tread... If they need to be replaced, and yes it can be costly, it will cost less than the accident or towing in your future. Maybe replace the worst tires now and the others when you are able.



**Controls**- Cars aren't like bikes. Our controls are nicely housed and protected. However, when was the last time you cleaned off the dashboard of dust and dirt and that sticky soda you splashed last month? Give the whole dashboard a good clean, and be sure that all the controls work freely. Also make sure that all the warning lights are working (and remove the electric tape covering that annoying warning light). Compressed air, like we use on keyboards, will work at getting dirt from small crevices.

**Lights**-This is lights inside and out. Dashboard lights and overhead lights are for your safety, so be sure they work the way you want. Headlights and taillights are critical in winter. Short days mean we rely on the lights more. Check all lights, clean off the lenses and make sure that if snow has covered your car during the day, clear the lights off, just like the windows. Oh, and don't forget the license plate light.



**Oil** and other fluids- We are all probably good at getting or doing an oil change as needed. And if you use a quick oil change service, they will check and top off the fluids. Every winter I refill my window washer fluid about twice, depending on the weather. If you don't have a washer fluid available when you run out, vodka would work nicely since it won't freeze either. Do you have a rear window wiper? Don't forget to fill it also.

**Chassis**- Not much we can do on this, except watch for problems. Things hanging from under the car are never a good sign. Just once in a while, take a look under your car. There may be a clown hiding under there.

For the next few months, motorcycles in Ohio will be hard to find, except in storage. If there is a nice day or two, they may come out and they will be even harder to spot. Remember 50 shade of gray? That is winter. Even all the cars sometimes look the same. If you travel south, you will see more, so watch out for them.

Hope everyone had a Safe and Precious Thanksgiving and has a Safe and Joyful Holiday Season. As my hubby says,

*Treat every day as if it were your last. Someday it will be.*



## RIDER EDUCATION Gary Ballou



## Making the Right Decision!!!

From Michael and Dorie Werner, Region F Educators



**Decision Driving:** We all make decisions while we ride and drive, but it amazes me just how often it goes on. Time and motion studies have found that on average we will make 160 driving decisions per mile. So, let's say that in a ride of 500 miles; we would make 80,000 of them.

What is a driving decision?

Examples are: checking our mirrors, looking at our gauges, slowing down, speeding up, and signaling lane changes, keeping the proper following distance, proper lane positioning during our ride and into curves, or getting ourselves adjusted in or on the seat. We can also include the decision to NOT text or make/take that phone call. These decisions all seem to become second nature as we gain more experience.

There are influences that assist us in making driving decisions: the laws we abide by, our safety, safety of others and our own priorities and values. Our own self-interest helps us make decisions by knowing that if we don't obey the laws and rules of the road, we could be putting ourselves in danger as well as endangering other people near us or those with us. Priorities assist us in making decisions on what is important at the time.

Values influence our decisions because they are deeply held beliefs beyond compromise. Values are installed in us by our parents and peers.

When we drive and ride, making the correct decision is in a split second. Failure to make the correct decision can put us and others at risk of injury or worse.

Always make good decisions when behind the wheel and behind the handle bars.

**Please keep these essential driving techniques in mind:**

- Maintain proper following distance
- Observe the speed limit
- Maintain your lane
- Avoid ALL distractions
- Yield the right of way
- Be attentive to the road ahead of and around you
- React and be ready to react to hazards in and on the road
- Have a clear mind and keep alert
- Ride or Drive defensive

**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

**November Attendance**

5 - Chapter gathering, 29 members and 1 guest

11 - Preparation for Fall Officer's Meeting, 17 members

12 – Fall Officer's Meeting, 6 for meeting, 10 for support staffing

17 - Mid-month get together, 9 members

19 – **Something New**, bowling outing at Stardust Lanes, 6 members

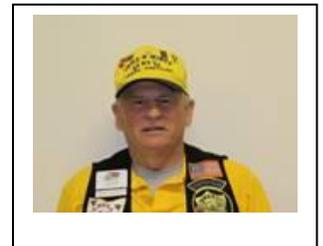
19 - Lunch after bowling, 6 members

22- Santa's work shop at Obetz Community Center, 5 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](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.



**Special Activities Coordinator  
Esther Ford**



Thanks to everyone who gave money for the food pantry. They were very pleased with our donation. Thanks to everyone who could help at Santa's workshop, (sorry about the late notice), our help is always appreciated.

Christmas kick off will be on Saturday December 10th. To help with the characters or to be one, arrive at the center at 4:30. (Judy said we will not be bagging popcorn.) They will let us know how else we can serve. Hope to see you there.

Our Christmas party is almost here. Remember your exchange gifts man for man and lady for lady, gifts of a \$10 value. If you have a door prize gift we will have a table for them. Looking forward to having a wonderful Christmas with all our B - 3 friends!

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!!!

Esther



**December Birthdays & Anniversaries**

**Birthdays**

Dec. 2 Ed Richards  
Dec 16 Carolyn Sittler  
Dec. 24 Diane Thompson

**Anniversaries**

Dec 12 Gary and Karen Ballou  
Dec 12 Harry and Sandy Durbin

*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](#)

**December Greeters – There is no December Gathering**

See you at the Christmas Party

*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 2017 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 or any officer know, as there is plenty of space to add activities and destinations.

**December 2016**

3 – Chapter Christmas Party, Der Dutchman Restaurant, Plain City, Ohio, 4:00 pm

8 – Ladies Lunch 12:30 p.m., Location to be determined

15 - Get together, 7:00 p.m. Obetz Community Center

**January 2017**

1 – 10:00 a.m., New Year's Day Breakfast, Frisch's, 3920 S. Hamilton Road.

7 – 9:00 a.m., Chapter Gathering, Obetz Community Center with MEC seminar by Margret Moore. Lunch following will be at Wendy's Groveport location.

10 – 6:30 p.m., Dinner ride, Kingy's Pizza, 7470 Hill Rd, Canal Winchester, Ohio

12 – 12:00 p.m. Ladies Lunch, location to be determined at gathering

17 – 6:00 p.m. Visitation to Chapter F3, meet there, Deb's corner café, Broad ST. and 6<sup>th</sup> Avenue, Lancaster, Ohio

19 – 7:00 p.m. Mid-month get together, Obetz Community Center

21 – 9:00 a.m. First Aid/CPR Training, Groveport Zion Lutheran Church, 6014 Groveport Road, Groveport, Ohio



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 Ohio Chapter OH E2, in Cincinnati, Ohio; and the Ohio District Traveling Plaque was at Ohio Chapter M, Buckeye Travelers, in Boardman, Ohio.

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