



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

September **B-3 BUZZ**

**OH-B3**

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B3 Meets the 1<sup>st</sup> Saturday of each month except 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

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#### Items of interest in the month of September

- 2 - VJ Day, Japan Signed Formal Surrender, 1945
- 3 - Allied invasion of Italy begins, 1943
- 4 - Labor Day Holiday
- 10 - U S Naval Sea Cadet Corp Incorporated, 1962
- 11- Patriot Day and National Day of Service and Remembrance
- 13 - Grand Parent's Day
- 14 - Star Spangled Banner written by Francis Scott Key, 1814
- 14 - Ladies Auxiliary of VFW Organized, 1914
- 17 - U S Constitution Approved, 1787
- 18 - U S Air Force Established, 1947
- 16 - POW/MIA Recognition Day
- 24 - Gold Star Family Remembrance Sunday
- 29 - VFW Day, VFW Established, 1899

Gary and Karen at Region D/Michigan Rally





**Hello Chapter B3,**

The chapter Director position is still vacant. Anyone interested in the position should get their information to me as soon as possible.

Randy Young  
Southeast Section  
Assistant District Director

**Rob & Amanda Stufflebeam  
Assistant Chapter Directors**

Rob & Amanda Stufflebeam  
GWRRA Ohio B3 – Asst. Chapter Directors



**MEMBERSHIP ENHANCEMENT PROGRAM**  
THE LOVE OF MOTORCYCLING

Our love of motorcycling is hardly unique, taking into consideration of 70,000 Gold Wing members. The love of touring on a Gold Wing is very much shared by other. But, actually it does not matter who makes your motorcycle, the love of riding is the same.

Knowledge is the power in a recurring theme throughout GWRRA and one of the core values, but it is not the most important of them; that would be Friendship. Our Motto is “Friends for Fun, Safety, and Knowledge”, that is the reason for the motto in that order.

There you have it six little words that convey the essence of our organization and the reason GWRRA exists. So being a member volunteering, going on Chapter rides, going to the business meetings, and attending Chapter Gathering and other activities planned by the Chapter keeps a member active and involved, in other words, making the “FUN” happen within the Chapter. This makes ours an exciting Chapter. Remember to always mingle among all members and guests that are gathered.

With that being said it is now time to “RIDE.” Ride safe and always have "FUN".....  
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Please remember the following:

Bill Ford: Is now at home recovering from his transplant.....Also keep Esther in your thoughts as she cares for Bill.....

Evelyn Delong: Health issues..

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

Ken Daft: Is now feeling better after his long bout with shingles.....

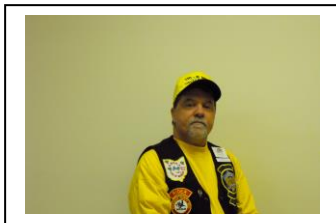
Rob Stufflebeam: His mother is in the hospital and not doing very well

A special request:

Jim and Donna Lust had an accident as they left the Region D Rally....Jim had pelvic injuries that required surgery....Donna has a wrist injury and will have to have further treatment when they are able to be transported home to Ohio....Please keep both in your thoughts and prayers.....

Our thoughts and prayers are with these members and also for anyone I might have missed.....

Mary Bayes  
Membership Enhancement Coordinator  
May, 2014



## RIDER EDUCATION DIVISION

The feeling of freedom that comes from riding a motorcycle or ATV and being out in the elements is why we ride. However, it also comes with the risk of being injured by those same elements. Luckily good riding gear will offer comfortable protection from those elements without compromising the benefits you get from riding—the sights, the feelings, the smells, and the sounds.



I hope that many of you got to witness all of part of the August 21 Solar Eclipse. My daughter Dana & I drove to Tennessee to be in the path of totality. In the days leading up to the event, the news media were constantly warning us



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never to look directly at the sun without wearing proper eye protection. So we had our certified “eclipse” glasses. This got me to thinking that maybe it would be timely to discuss proper eyewear for riding our motorcycles. It’s not just as simple as buying a pair of \$2 sunglasses.

#### ATGATT

The GWRRA Rider Education program encourages all to follow the practice of ATGATT, an acronym that stands for “All The Gear, All The Time.” Even if you are only going on a short ride, even just to the store, you should use your protective gear.

You will need an appropriate long-sleeved jacket or long-sleeved shirt, above-the-ankle boots, long pants, full-fingered gloves and a helmet. Additionally, because no one can ride without seeing clearly, it is critical to protect your eyes.

#### Eyewear

Bugs, dirt and rain at a picnic are bothersome. Contacting any of these projectiles at 70 mph with your eyes can be a very dangerous problem. If you wear prescription glasses, this is generally not enough. Most eye care professionals will recommend special impact-resistant lenses and maybe specialized auto-tinting photochromic safety glasses are your best bet to protect you from flying debris as well as from bright light. Keep in mind that photochromic glasses have their drawbacks too, they can take several minutes to darken or lighten. Riding suddenly from light to darkness and vice-versa, such as going through tunnels, can be challenging.

If you have normal distance vision, but use reading glasses, there are several brands of wraparound safety glasses with bifocal “cheaters” in them. For less than \$20/pair you can find excellent glasses, clear and tinted, with magnifiers ranging 1.0-3.75. They will get scratches in them and should be replaced regularly. I go through one or two pairs each riding season. Some people report good results with yellow tinting for all day use. I prefer a darker tint during sunny daylight hours & swap them for clear lenses during dusk/night/dawn hours.

Some rely on their helmet’s face shield. Many of the newer helmets have a retractable visor “built-in” but they get mixed reviews...many people have reported that these tend to scratch easily & replacements can be difficult to find & expensive to replace.

Some wear (and swear by) glasses that have a foam “padding” in them to cushion your face from an impact and to keep some dust and bugs from getting behind the lenses. Some report that they “fog up” a lot from humidity  
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and perspiration. Some of these specialty glasses can be pretty pricey too. You can also choose to be a little wild & crazy!

Regardless of the specific method you choose, your glasses and/or helmet face shield need to be shatterproof. Those ones you see on shopping websites for a few bucks are not a good idea. You've heard the adage "If you've got a \$10 head, then go ahead and wear a \$10 helmet". The same applies to your eye protection. Caveat Emptor.



Gary & Karen Ballou  
Rider Educator OH-B3  
2015 Ohio District Educator of the Year  
Motorist Awareness Coordinator OH-B3  
2017 Region D Motorist Awareness Program Coordinators  
2015 OH-B3 Couple of the Year  
2016 Ohio District Couple of the Year  
2016-17 Region D Couple of the Year

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

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

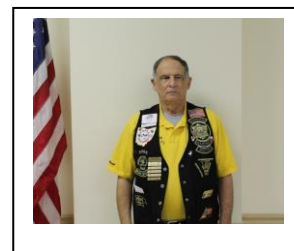
**Attendance at the August activities**

- 1 – Clippers Baseball Game, 5 members
- 5 - Chapter gathering, 26 members, 1 guest
- 5 - Ride to South West Section Picnic
- 10 - 12 Michigan & Region D Rally, 3 members
- 15 – Dinner and dessert ride, 11 members
- 19 – Lunch at Clay’s 11 members
- 20 – Unscheduled ride to Marietta, 13 members
- 26 – Traffic control for the Zucchini Festival Parade, 12 members
- 29 – 31 Wing Ding Gaylord, Texas,

**NEWSLETTER EDITOR**

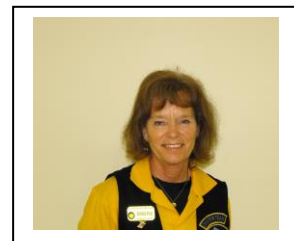
**Tom Eden**

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, 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 GWRRRA Members only, are also welcome for submission. Deadline for submissions is the 20<sup>th</sup> of the month.



**Special Activities Coordinator**

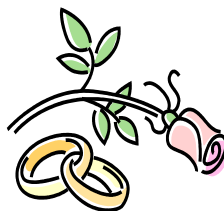
**Esther Ford**



**September**

Birthdays

12 Sandy Durbin



Anniversaries

Rodney & Teri Freeman

*Give Connie Ratliff, 740-503-7870 or Rob Stufflebeam, 740-304-2518 a call if any get well or sympathy cards need to be sent.*

**[Up Coming Activities](#)**

**Greeter for October Tim and Connie Rattliff**

For a complete ride schedule see the 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 a chapter team member know, as there is plenty of space to add activities and destinations.

**September 2017**

1 -2 Wing Ding Gaylord, Texas

There is no Gathering this month!

12 6:30 pm, meet there, dinner ride, Ann & Tony's, 211 E Main St West Jefferson, OH

14 – Ladies Lunch, 12:30, location to be determined, meet there

21 – 7:00 pm, Mid-Month get together, Obetz Community Center

23 – Chapter Ride, Visit Chapter F in Fairborn, Ohio, Meet at Mile Marker 71 on I-70 West at 7:00 am

26 – 6:30 pm, Dinner/Ice Cream ride, at Culvers, 1912 Ohio Rte. 256, Reynoldsburg

**October 2017**

7 - 9:00 am, Chapter gathering, Obetz Community Center, Chapter Fun Day following at the home of Randy Young. Directions will be provided.

12 – Ladies Lunch, 12:30, location to be determined, meet there.

14 – 9:00 am meet at Frisch's, Fall Color Ride.

17 – 6:30 pm, Dinner / Ice Cream ride, Clay's 8089 W. Main Street Hebron, Ohio, meet there

19 - 7:00 pm, Mid-Month get together, Obetz Community Center

21 – 9:00 am meet at Frisch's, Fall Color Ride.

25 – 6:30 pm, Ice Cream ride, Dairy Queen, 5034 N. Walnut Street, S. Bloomfield, Ohio, meet there

27 – 5:30 pm, Obetz Halloween Party, Meet there, Dixon Quarry, Industrial Center Drive off Alum Creek Drive. This is the light just south of Vance Outdoors.

28 10:00 am, 2018 Ride planning meeting, Obetz Community Center. All are welcome to attend and suggest rides for 2018.

## "THE GWRRA WAY"

### HOW GWRRA DIFFERS FROM MOTORCYCLE "CLUBS"

"GWRRA is not a motorcycle club." We have all heard it, haven't we? But, just what does it mean? Simply put, it means that our Association doesn't function in the same organizational and procedural format that "clubs" do. That is, we don't elect anyone to any position by running candidates against each other and having the membership vote on them. We don't choose our Officers with popularity contests. We don't impose our wishes on others. We select, not elect. Clubs usually are local in scope. Chapters are national or international and tied to a single organization. We don't have long and heated debates, make motions, second motions, call for votes or go into long, detailed reports in our chapter gatherings. We don't need uniforms, people giving us rules to obey, or exorbitant fees or dues. In other words, a GWRRA chapter gathering is not presided over by a "president" and conducted according to Roberts' Rules of Order or the parliamentary procedure process. Many "clubs" use that format in their meetings. We don't say that we are better than clubs, we are just different. Some people like the club format of operation. This is all well and good. Those folks should be encouraged to attend and participate where they are the most comfortable. We think when they "try it"(our format!), "they'll like it."

The GWRRA chapter format of operation is more flexible than a club format. A GWRRA chapter is not a "club," either in its organizational structure or its operational format. It is PART of something bigger than itself. Sometimes, less-informed chapter participants will try to lead the chapter into the "club" format of operation. It's the responsibility of GWRRA Officers to work together to retain the non-political, non-club environment in the chapter. If this becomes a problem, other members of the Operations Team will be able to assist you.

#### AND WHAT A DIFFERENCE IT IS...

A **CLUB** usually consists of:

1. Self-governing and regulated body of local individuals
2. Monthly dues
3. Political officers and events, campaigns, voting, etc.
4. Popularity contests decide outcomes
5. Individual's qualifications may not be important in holding office
6. Attempts to maintain control and build "empires"
7. Many personality conflicts
8. "Bosses" and the potential for power struggles
9. Majority rules - 49% disagreement 100% of the time
10. Funding and disbursement disagreements
11. Seldom clear "directions" and goals"
12. Non-educational
13. Everything must be VOTED upon

A **GWRRA CHAPTER** usually consists of:

1. Officers selected and appointed based upon qualifications and desire
2. Continuing Officer Development and training
3. Regular Operations seminars and meetings to establish new concepts
4. Officers are volunteers
5. Members wants and needs are the only guiding forces
6. Gatherings with purposes - dissemination of valuable information, fun, education
7. Common purposes - no popularity contests
8. Decisions based upon Member response and input from staff and committees
9. Limited financial goals and maximum stability – all Officers have corporate liability insurance
10. Members participate as they choose
11. Members are WELCOMED by all chapters
12. No additional dues or fees at the chapter, district or region level
13. Full-time Rider Education Division with trained professionals and rewarding programs

The above is directly from the GWRRA Officer's Handbook. **All members** should be informed as to the differences and know why GWRRA chapters are different from a "Club".

From: Just a Member



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
A-3	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	Mansfield, Ohio gathers at Liederkrantz, 1001 Silver lane, Mansfield, Ohio. Breakfast is available. Chapter web site <a href="https://gwrraohiob.wordpress.com">https://gwrraohiob.wordpress.com</a>	3 <sup>rd</sup> Sunday	9:00 a.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.
O	Newark, Ohio, gathers at Stacy's Buffet, 833 S. 30th St., Heath, Ohio. Dinner at 6 p.m., gathering follows. Chapter web site <a href="http://www.ohiogwrra.org/chap/O/latest.pdf">http://www.ohiogwrra.org/chap/O/latest.pdf</a>	3 <sup>rd</sup> Thursday	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.
Y	Mount Vernon, Ohio gathers at Alison's Finer Diner at 11587 Upper Gilchrist Road in Mount Vernon. Chapter web site <a href="http://www.colonialcitywings.com/">http://www.colonialcitywings.com/</a>	3 <sup>rd</sup> Saturday	9:00 a.m.

As of 7/13/2017 the Region D Traveling Plaque was at Ohio Chapter OH-M, in Boardman, Ohio. And the Ohio District Traveling Plaque was at Ohio Chapter OH-M, in Boardman, Ohio.

## Member items for sale

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## 2008 Goldwing Trike



Champion Conversion, bought triked, new. GPS, lots of chrome and extras, CB, Trunk holds 3 Helmets, 101,000 miles just broke in, \$20,000 or OBO Phone # 740 468 9261 Millersport, Ohio (Leave message and we will get back} Cell 740 364 8833. Wendell

## 2005 Goldwing Trike



2005 Honda Goldwing bought new, 2011 California Sidecar conversion, lots of Kuryakyn chrome and lights, CB, J & M Auxiliary music player, 60,000 miles, all services current, service records provided, wired for Gerbing heated clothing, bike cover.  
\$15,000 Tom Eden, 614 634 1311

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## Buckeye Time Out Camping, Games, Cookout

Friday-Saturday September 15-16, 2017

It's time once again for the annual Ohio GWRRA camping and kick back weekend!  
Friends for Fun, Food and more Fun



Pastime Park, Plain City  
370 N. Chillicothe Street, Plain City, OH 43064  
<https://www.plain-city.com/campground>  
GPS: N 40° 06.869' W 83° 16.224'



### ***Cost to camp?***

\$25 per night; Senior (over 65) \$22

### ***Don't camp?***

Make it a day ride on Saturday to join in the fun at Pastime Park.

Any questions please contact: Rudy and Linda Copeland  
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