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**Month at 9:00 a.m. Donuts/Coffee**

(No get together in July or December)

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<b>Chapters</b>	<b>Location</b>	<b>When</b>	<b>Time</b>
<b>B-2</b>	Bellefontaine, Bellefontaine JVS, 2280 St Rt 540, Potluck 6 PM	2 <sup>nd</sup> Thurs	7:00 p.m.
<b>B-3</b>	Obetz, meets at Obetz Rec. Ctr, 1611 Chillicothe St., coffee/donuts 8:30 am	1 <sup>st</sup> Sat. (except Jul & Dec)	9:00 a.m.
<b>D-3</b>	Marysville, meets at Sandy's Bar & Grill, 333 Millcreek Dr, check with CD for other info	2 <sup>nd</sup> Wed.	7:30 p.m.
<b>O</b>	Newark, meets at Stacy's Buffet, 833 S. 30 <sup>th</sup> St., Heath, eat 6 PM	3 <sup>rd</sup> Thurs.	7:00 p.m.
<b>U-2</b>	Hilliard, meets at Hilliard Branch Library, 4772 Cemetery Rd, potluck at 6:30 pm	4 <sup>th</sup> Sat.	7:30 p.m.
<b>Y</b>	Mt. Vernon, Grove Church of Christ, 7740 Grove Church Rd, 43022.	1 <sup>st</sup> Sat.	7:00 p.m.
<b>Y-2</b>	Zanesville, Papa Chuck's Restaurant, 375 Muskingum Ave, 43701, eats at 6 p.m.	2 <sup>nd</sup> Tues.	7:00 p.m.
<b>Z-2</b>	Delaware, Byxbe's Restaurant, 1502 W. William St, eat at 6:00 pm	1 <sup>st</sup> Wed.	7:00 p.m.
<b>Other</b>	<b>Chapters</b>		
<b>F-3</b>	Lancaster, meets at Fat Cat's Pizza, 1448 Ety Point Dr, near Walmart, eat at 6:00 pm	3 <sup>rd</sup> Tues.	7:00 p.m.

**Greeters for August – Ben & Mary Bayes**

*Let's all remember to wish these folks a Happy Birthday and a Happy Anniversary*

**August**

**Birthdays**

**Anniversaries**

Aug 02  
Aug 05  
Aug 06  
Aug 12  
Aug 14  
Aug 16  
Aug 21  
Aug 22

Mike Pallos  
  
Harry Durbin  
Patrick Pallos  
  
Bob DeLong  
Shannon Jackson  
Frances Pallos

Ben & Mary Bayes  
  
Bob & Evelyn DeLong  
  
Mike & Frances Pallos

Give Linda Matlock or Margaret Moore a call if we need to send out get well or sympathy cards.



Did you find a Helmet? The first member who sends me an email to [malm3848@aol.com](mailto:malm3848@aol.com) will earn an award. It will not appear in every issue. No Member can be a repeat winner within a 6 month period.



From the *OH B3 Chapter Director*;

*Why We Keep Talking About Proper Riding Gear*

As most of you know, a B3 Member recently dumped his bike on a ride of ours down a twisty, curvy road. Who it was is not important to this article. The bike was damaged and the rider was injured.

I would like to address that the rider did sustain minimal injuries due to the gear he was wearing. He had a leather jacket on and was wearing leather gloves. He was wearing long trousers and heavy shoes. The Rider did have a helmet on, but it was a *Shorty*. Part of the injuries were to the face. With eight stitches, black eye and facial swelling I think he is aware of the benefit of a full face helmet. Also, even though the crash bar was destroyed, it did its JOB.

I know sometimes this gear may appear to be a pain in the posterior, BUT it does help in a crash. The other important point is to always remember to ride your own ride. Ride your own skill. You never know what is around the corner; gravel, sand, animal or a car over the center line.

On a lighter note, on August 8<sup>th</sup>, Baltimore is having a Festival Parade. Some Gold Wing Chapters have been invited to participate and Show Off their pride and joy. (Bikes not wives). The parade starts at 10:30 and runs down Hwy 256. It will end up in a park where the bikes will park and allow the public to see what we have. This is a three day event. Check their web site for more info. There will be some food vendors and entertainment there also. So come out and ride with us or visit and get to know Baltimore.

Also coming up on August 23<sup>rd</sup> is the 2009 Annual Children's Hospital Toy Ride. This year instead of being organized by Chapter U2 it is being organized by the Central Ohio Team under Mike Tussey, ADD. If you want to help with the events, contact myself or Mike Tussey.

B3 is again handling Staging and Coordination of the Road Guards. All Central Chapters are supposed to furnish Road Guards for the Parade. Also, this year we hope to get the word out to more GW members and all the motorcycle organizations in and around the state. This year we will meet after the Parade at the Franklin Park Conservatory on E. Broad St. Also, our ADD has enlisted the help of some Boy Scouts to help with the distribution of food and the cooking. It should be interesting. I think we will get more riders out this year due to the larger exposure the event should get.

Harry and Sandy have put together another ride south of the border (Kentucky) during August 13 to 16. We usually have fun. We are riding the dinner paddlewheel boat again, going to Fort Knox and other points of interest. I believe Frog legs will be in there somewhere. If interested, contact Sandy ASAP. This should be a three or four day event. Don't miss out on another Durbin adventure.

A last minute afterthought is a helmet experience I just had. I recently bought a new HJC Modular helmet. Two weeks after I bought it, I was riding when the clear flip visor on it started flapping. I stopped to check it and found out I lost my screws. (No comment) There are two black screws on each side holding the swivel in place. One on each side was missing and a third one was backed all the way out and caught in the plastic. My shield was held on by one of the original 4 screws. I put locktite on the replacement screws. Point being, check your screws on helmets to ensure they are tight. The same as a mechanical check of your bike.

As always, ride Safe, have Fun, and always enjoy Ice Cream.

Thank You, **JJ** (John J Moore, OH-B3 CD)



**From Your Assistant Chapter Director:**

It seems like just yesterday that this year started and now it is more than half over. We have had a lot of good riding weather and hopefully more to come. We still have a lot of good rides planned and also some not planned. We don't have to always have to plan a ride just call up a friend or Chapter Member and just take off. While Mary and I were at Hinderer Honda getting new tires put on, Bob and Evelyn came in looking for new headsets and we all got together and took a ride up through Utica and the countryside back home and a really enjoyable time. A couple days later I called and asked if they were free to go on a ride and ended up with Bob leading us on one of his scenic Hocking Hills rides and having dinner at the Amish Restaurant in Logan. A very good ride and great fellowship.

A few of us have had new tires put on our bikes and I had Nitrogen put in mine. They claim that they will run cooler and hold the pressure better. I have checked mine quite a few times and the pressure is staying steady. Hopefully maybe I can get a few more miles from them as the first two sets of tires I have only gotten about 14 thousand miles on them. Not near as good as the 1500 got, but I guess the 1800 doesn't get as good mileage.

I want to remind everyone to remember to ride your own ride when riding in a group. What I mean is ride at the pace that you feel comfortable with. Some bikes handle better in different situations than others, but always keep your bike at the speed that you feel you are in complete control. Most accidents happen when we try too hard or take our eyes off the road for a split second and loose control.

Don't forget we have a ride coming up to Kentucky with Harry and Sandy in August. Make sure you let them know if you are planning on going so Sandy can get the rooms reserved and, also, the ride on the Bell of Louisville. Most will be leaving on Thursday the 13<sup>th</sup> of August and coming home on the 16<sup>th</sup>. Also don't forget to make your reservations for Region D Rally in September.

Ben Bayes ACD

**From Your Membership Enhancement Coordinator:**

**EVERY MEMBER MATTERS**

Have you ever belonged to an organization where you felt like you were just a number, basically invisible to the rest of the members? That is not a good feeling, and you get no fulfillment out of being a member of that organization.

When you join GWRRA it is not because you have to; it is because you want to. Perhaps you are looking for other people with similar interest in motorcycle riding and the social gatherings. Regardless of the reason, you have become part of a unique organization made up of area chapters.

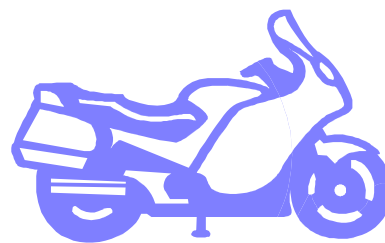
You are a different person with different ideas and methods of doing things. The important thing is for you to share those ideas.

When there is a discussion concerning whatever topic within the chapter, do not be afraid to share your thoughts. It is up to the leaders of our chapter to keep an open mind and accept new ideas. Nothing makes a member, old or new, feel more important or accepted than when they have a chance to contribute. Without input from members, we can get into a rut and keep doing the same things over and over. The first couple of times they were fun, now it is old hat and becomes boring. Boring leads to complacency and the next thing, you know we are no longer having fun. People stop participating and things will fall apart. In order to have fun we must continue to participate, because "EVERY MEMBER MATTERS."

We have more rides, dinner and ice cream, and some over night trips planned for this riding season that will be great fun times. This is your Chapter, so come join in the fun. It is great just to talk with everyone over dinner or an ice cream cone. We get to know more about one another. Always remember.....EVERY MEMBER MATTERS.....

Mary Bayes  
M E C

(Excerpts of article above from Kentucky Chapter Y) 



### Chapter Rider Educator

I was in Plain City last Saturday and in order to ride home I had to ride in a steady rain ON MY 2 WHEELER. No I haven't done this on a 2 wheeler in a long time and I admit I was nervous. So, the following are my observations on this experience and something for all of us to think about in the rain.

As I pulled out of the parking lot the first thing I noticed is my rear tire spinning a bit because I had put a little too much power on it and the rear end wanted to go sideways to the right. (Oh, for my trike!)

As I accelerated through the gears I noticed the tendency for the rear tires to break lose if I wasn't real careful on the power. Straight line riding is pretty straightforward as long as you avoid the areas on the road where the water accumulates and the center track. Since I was riding and the rain had just started the center track was a mixture of the oil from cars and trucks and the rain and the

bike let me know that right away. I think I was hydroplaning slightly where the water was not running off completely. It sure felt a little "squirrely" at times, maybe because of my light weight bike.

Turning was done very carefully with less lean than I would normally take and at a slower speed. Right hand and left hand turns onto roads were done very carefully and without a great deal of power put to the rear wheel. Boy coming to a stop was an adventure as I applied the rear brake until I became aware of the correct mix of front and rear brake to use.

I don't think the visibility restriction was any different than on the trike but one of those things we really need to remember in the rain. I came to the conclusion many years ago that riding in the rain was not my favorite thing to do and my opinion hasn't changed one bit.

We all need to remember these issues when we get caught in the rain. Also make sure that you leave a lot more room between you and the vehicle in front of you. If you get caught in the rain sometime the best thing may be to just pull off under a shelter and let it pass.

Tom Matlock  
Chapter Rider Educator

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## Ride Schedule

\* All Rides leave from Frisch's Big Boy 3920 Hamilton Rd, unless otherwise noted

### August

Aug 1	<b>B3 Gathering</b> After gathering ride	<b>9:00 AM Obetz Center</b> Young's Dairy
Aug 8	Ride to Baltimore Parade	8:30 AM – Meet at Frisch's
Aug 10	Ride 7:00 PM	Meet @ Gypsy Joes, Lancaster
Aug 13-16	Kentucky Trip	Leave Thursday 9AM (Harry's Coordinator)
Aug 21	Staff Meeting	Sue & Wendell's House
Aug 22	Ride to Malabar Farms	Leave 9:00 AM with Brown Bag Lunch
Aug 23	Children's Hospital Toy Ride	Meet @ Scioto Downs 11:00 AM
Aug 29	Ride to Laurelville	9:00 AM –Meet at Fisch's

### September



Sept 5	<b>B3 Gathering</b> <b>Meet at Slate Run Park</b>	<b>9:00 AM - Slate Run Park</b> Hwy 674 South of Canal Winchester
Sept 14	Ice Cream Ride 7:00 PM	Brewster's, Grove City
Sept 17-19	Region D Rally	Celina, Ohio
Sept 22	Dinner Ride 7:00 PM	Miller's Essenplatz, Newark, OH
Sept 25	Staff Meeting 7:00 PM	JJ's
Sept 26	B3 Cookout 1:00 PM-?	Wendell's & Sue

Sue Gundy, B3 Ride Coordinator If need information contact JJ or myself.  
Check the web site for changes: [www.gwrraohb3.com](http://www.gwrraohb3.com)

## WING DING "31"

There were six of us from Chapter B-3 that headed for Tulsa, Oklahoma on June 29<sup>th</sup> to attend Wing Ding. The Gundy's and the Durbin's along with Mike Chambers and Cecilia Reis made their way through Kentucky, Missouri, Arkansas and into Oklahoma on the back roads as much as possible. It was HOT!!!!

After arriving at our hotel and getting settled in-----off we went to pick up our packets at pre-registration and start thinking about how much "safety chrome" some of us really needed. Roger Hurley, Region D Assistant Director and his wife, Penny were the first familiar faces we saw. So, guess who was asked to work the pre-registration tables on the first morning!!! Those "yellow" chapter shirts really do stand out in a crowd. We all worked our shift and then headed for the vendors where some of us left too much money.

The attendance this year was a little over 9,000 which was really good. The chuck wagon dinner and entertainment sponsored by the Tulsa Convention & Visitors Bureau was great. Another evening the J & M Corporation sponsored Dr. Don White, Master Hypnotist. Volunteers were taken from the crowd and it was hysterical. All of the entertainment was free to all the Gold Wingers and a great crowd was at all of these functions.

The national and regional staff plus all the chapters who helped out worked very hard to make Wing Ding a successful rally. After all, that's what it's all about-----having fun at Wing Ding.

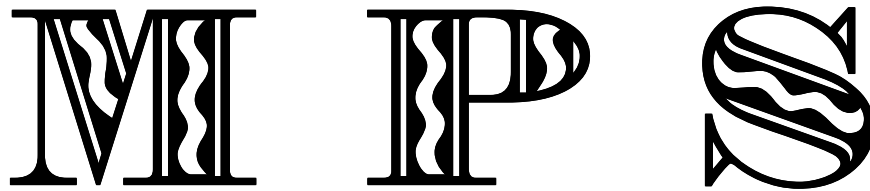
Wing Ding 32 will be held in Des Moines, Iowa next year and some of us have already made our reservations. We have a list of motels in Des Moines if you are interested in attending. Let us know and we'll get the information to you. If you have never been to a Wing Ding rally you don't know what you're missing. The city is full of Gold Wings-----they are everywhere!!!!!! The restaurants, gas stations, motels and even ice cream shops were full of motorcycles. There were about 300 folks who were attending their first Wing Ding rally and this could be you next year. This makes our tenth year to attend Wing Ding and we love every year more.

Come and ride to Wing Ding 32 in Iowa with us next year!!!!!!!!!!  
Harry & Sandy Durbin



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