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**Tom & Linda Matlock**

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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.

**No July Gathering!!!!**

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

<b>July</b>	<b>Birthdays</b>	<b>Anniversaries</b>
July 01		Bob & Suzan Sestito
July 03	Connie Jackson	Mike & Cecilia Chambers
July 07	Mary Bayes	
July 21		Ed & Pat Richards
July 28		Brian & Carolyn Sittler

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*;

*Hello B3ers,*

Summertime is here: So are sun, fun, activities and rides. I know people have other things going on during the summer with family, etc., but if you want to ride and you aren't, just blame yourself. We have a busy ride schedule this summer. There are no excuses for not riding and having fun.

We went to the Buckeye Rally: Our state district rally. Yes, we spent some money, bought some safety chrome, and did a light parade Saturday night. We had ice cream and I hear, there was no shortage of food from the vendors. I just bought a couple packs of donut holes from the vendors to do my part by supporting them. RIGHT! We had a good time there. The nights were cold for those of us that were camping. Next trip, we carry an electric heater. I don't care if it is summer

B3 members helped out the District Staff with the Amuzing Race: A take-off of the Amazing Race on TV. That is another story in itself.

B3 also went on a ride recently to the west side of Ohio. Did some shopping at Competition Accessories, what a store, then went to Sierra Electronics in Troy, spent more money, then rode to a state park. Harry led, and had me going in circles on the back roads; I don't know where the park was. It may have been in Indiana as far as I know.

As most of you know, Margaret (MAM) has a VTX trike. She has been getting some riding time in and racking up a lot of mileage. She pulled our cargo trailer to the Buckeye Rally, while I pulled our camper trailer. I keep trying to get our ladies on the bikes. I especially would like the trike co-riders to get some front seat experience. This is in case of problems with the Rider. There have been

a couple of accidents recently, one was at Buckeye Rally.

We always stress to be careful, wear recommended clothing, take riding courses etc. It might not always keep you from getting hurt, but almost all the time, will lessen the injury.

We have the All Ohio Bike Fest 2009 coming up in Union County on July 23 – 25 of 2009. Check out the Web site to see the schedule of activities and the vendor list. They are also having a night bike ride. Site is:

<http://www.unioncountycvb.com/AllOhioBikeFest>

. The night ride is from 8:45 till 9:45. It begins at Union Co. Services Ctr., 940 London Ave, Friday night. The Ride for Kids is Saturday morning for those who want to participate. There is a light contest Saturday night, 8:30 to 9:30 at Honda Marysville.

It is light outside until late. There are plenty of hours in the day to ride. Come on out and enjoy some of the activities.

We have Region D coming up; more fun, then Buckeye Time-Out (Camping and more fun). By the time this comes out, I hope to have current information about the 2009 Children's Hospital Toy Ride. Keep close eyes on our WEB site for updates on this ride in August.

We are trying something new in the organizing of it

.  
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:**

Well, we are into the nice warm days of summer and looking for a lot of good riding ahead. We have all covered a lot of miles in the last few weeks and seen a lot of different scenery. We have had a lot of participation from all of our members on all of the different rides and looking forward to even more in the future. We have visited two different Chapter meetings and also Buckeye Rally where our Chapter was in charge of the Amuzing Race. We all had a great time at the Rally and looking forward to the District Rally in September.

Our Chapter has been invited to participate in a parade in Baltimore, Ohio on August 12. This will be a good opportunity for us to show our colors and all the good looking bikes and maybe talk to some possible new members. The more we are seen the more opportunities we have for recruiting new members. As you know we have lost a number of members lately so we need to recruit to keep our Chapter going strong.

It seems a lot of us are investing in new modular helmets since the accident coming from Niehaus. The more protection we have the better off we all are.

Ben Bayes



Camp site hang out. Buckeye Rally, June 11-13, 2009, Wooster, Ohio

### **MURPHY'S LAW FOR Motorcycling**

- 1- A motorcycle cannot fall over without an audience.....
- 2- The odds of a motorcycle falling over are directly proportional to the size of audience and the owner's ego.....
- 3- Motorcycles are to yellow bugs as aircraft carriers once were to Kamikaze pilots...
- 4- You will not feel a need to go to the restroom until after you have put on your rain suit.....
- 5- The Fact that your keys are still in your pants pocket will only become apparent to after you have put on your gloves.....
- 6- Quick fixes are so named for how long they stay fixed.....
- 7- The only part you really need will be the only one on permanent back order....
- 8- Nothing is harder to start than a used motorcycle being shown to a prospective buyer.....
- 9- You will never have a flat tire on the road unless you leave a flat kit at home....
- 10- Universal-fit accessories are so named because they fit no bike in the universe.....

I thought how true the above statements are.....The author is unknown, but he has lived life as motorcycle rider.....

Always remember: Anger is the condition in which the tongue works faster than your brain!!!!

Please don't forget to let me know when you renew your memberships.....So far, we have been doing great.....

Participate.....Get Involved.....Make a Difference

Mary Bayes  
Membership Enhancement Coordinator  
Chapter OH B-3

Chapter Rider Educator (C.R.E.) July 2009

This month I will cover some of the risks that are more common when riding on the 2 lane roads and 4 lane roads without controlled access.

The most common risk associated with these types roads compared to controlled access roads (freeway) is the danger of cars or other vehicles pulling out in front of you causing you to come to a rapid or emergency stop. Robert Bray gave me this technique that he uses to see if a vehicle is about to pull out. He watches the tires to see if they are creeping. This movement is easy to discern and gives you more time to slow or stop than eye contact with the driver or just watching the vehicle. In farm country these vehicles pulling out in front of you may bring a large amount of mud or other debris that you will have to avoid, and often are farm vehicles that travel very slowly.

These types of roads also are more prone to have road kill than freeways and this requires more vigilance. In Amish country or areas where livestock may be walking along the road you have the very real possibility of having to avoid large deposits of animal waste.

Most of these types road also have very small or no shoulders or berms that would allow you to pull off the road in case of emergency. This could result in a vehicle stalled in your lane as you top a small hill requiring emergency stops, or you on the edge of the pavement in a dangerous position in case of flats or breakdown. If you have to stop avoid doing so just over the top of a hill if possible.

When team riding on these roads we must be aware of our team size in case vehicles want to pass. It is very important to keep the teams at a maximum of 5 bikes or less if pulling trailers. The tail gunner must communicate with lead if there are vehicles wishing to pass and we need to separate to allow safe passing for them. Of course it is also, more difficult for our teams to pass slow moving vehicles on these roads.

The road captain should give instructions to pass as individual bikes and form up as a team after completing the pass.

It has been my experience that there are more instances of gravel, sand, or leaves in turns on 2 lane back roads. It also seems there is more likelihood of debris on these roads such as dirt, limbs; mud, fallen leaves in the fall, grass cuttings, etc. Of course you are traveling slower on these roads and this should give you more time to avoid this debris.

In the summer on some of the most scenic roads we seem to be seeing an increase of bicycling enthusiasts. Without bike lanes or areas for them to pull off the roads they have the same rights as vehicles and often less control of their vehicles. Please pass them very carefully and give them plenty of room in case they swerve into your path unexpectedly, especially when you are approaching oncoming traffic. Bicyclists are often unaware of you behind them, unless you are on a HD with loud pipes, and may swerve in front of you.

The last hazard that I am going to mention this month that is unique to these roads, and possibly the most important, is the possibility of children running out in front of you. When traveling in areas where children are playing in the yards adjacent to the highways, be especially vigilant for their unexpected movement. On some of the more scenic routes we come upon these homes quite unexpectedly.

Thanks to all members of B-3 for their commitment to safe riding.

Tom Matlock  
Chapter Rider Educator

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## Snippets of Wisdom

If you can't get it going with bungee cords and electrician's tape, it's serious.

There are drunk riders. There are old riders. There are NO old, drunk riders.

Everyone crashes. Some get back on. Some don't. Some can't.

Thin leather looks good in the bar, but it won't save your butt from "roadrash" if you go down.

The best modifications cannot be seen from the outside.

Always replace the cheapest parts first.

## Ride Schedule

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

### JULY



#### No July Gathering



July 3-6	Wing Ding	Tulsa, OK
July 13	Dinner Ride 6:30 PM	JPs BBQ
July 17	Staff Meeting 7:00 PM	JJ & Margaret's house
July 18	Ride to Martinsville, WV	9:00 AM
July 24	All Ohio Bike Feast (23-25) Hometown Buffet 6PM	Marysville, Night Ride Meet there, Leave 8PM
July 25	Ride for Kids Marysville	7:30 AM

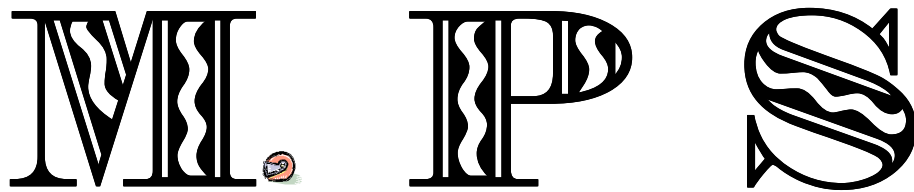
### AUGUST

Aug 6	<b>B3 Gathering</b> After gathering ride	<b>9:00 AM Obez Center</b> Young's Dairy
Aug 8	Ride to Baltimore	Leave time tba
Aug 10	Ride 7:00 PM	Meet @ Gypsy Joes, Lancaster
Aug 13-16	Kentucky Trip	Leave Thursday
Aug 21	Staff Meeting	Sue & Wendell's House
Aug 22	Ride to Malabar Farms	Leave 9 AM, Brown Bag
Aug 29	Ride to Laurelville	9:00 AM

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)

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