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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 June - Harry & Sandy Durbin**

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

<b>June</b>	<b>Birthdays</b>	<b>Anniversaries</b>
June 05		Bill & Esther Ford
Jun 08	Gary Ballou	
Jun 20		Mike & Mary Tussey

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 Everyone,*

This past weekend we put 900 miles each, on our bikes. That is my Gold Wing and MAMs VTX Trike. We, and numerous other members of B3, went to the Niehaus Appreciation Day out of state. It was like going to a rally. There were things to buy, Safety Chrome, and other items. We are looking forward to the Buckeye Rally coming up soon. We have our list set out that we (I) want. We have some good rides coming up in the next month or two. Don't forget the Indiana Rally is coming up at the end of the month for those that want to show your support.

We do have some sad news to report about our last trip. There was an incident where one of our members was injured. She is sore, but doing well at this time. We all hope Evelyn does a full recovery with no side effects. She will be getting a new helmet though.

We talk about Safety all the time. It is part of having fun, traveling and being with our friends. We hear it all the time. Wear proper clothing, wear a helmet, T-Clock your bike. Take riding courses, go to seminars, etc. If Evelyn had not been wearing a modular helmet, the outcome would have been a lot worse. Our riding attire may sometimes be a pain in the back side, but we want to keep everybody safe and sound.

Margaret and I will not be going down to Tulsa this year. Going down to Florida to visit my new Granddaughter took of a lot of MAMs vacation time. It was worth it to see her. I hope those going to Tulsa have a great trip.

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



### **From Your Membership Enhancement Coordinator:**

I hope that everyone had a great holiday and enjoyed time with their families.....

Every chapter has members that never come to the chapter meeting, even after being invited. Many join GWRRA for the magazine, the Gold Book, or the Rescue Plus Program, but never show up at the meetings. Then there are our friends that may leave due to health problems or because they have sold their bikes and don't ride anymore.

Being a member of GWRRA offers a great opportunity to enjoy the fellowship with so many people from all walks of life. You will make friends that you will have for a long time to come. You can benefit greatly from the Riders Education Programs. It will make us all safer and more responsible riders. The Leadership Training Program will give you skills you can use in all aspects of your life and that will make GWRRA even better.

Our Chapter loves to ride, day and over night trips. We, also, like to try different restaurants, and don't forget the ice cream parlors we visit. Having fun with friends is the main goal. **ALWAYS HAVE FUN!!!!!!**

You know why you are members of GWRRA and that is what we should be sharing with others, telling people why we enjoy the organization, and why we are members. This is the information we need to pass on to people, then we will reinforce each other.

Remember, everyone in the chapter can, and should, contact members that we have not seen for awhile. Also, we can't forget the members that are on roster and never attends, if you know them or live close to them give them a call and tell them it would be great if they could attend one of the meetings, or ride.

Get out and ride your bike, but ride safe.

Mary Bayes

**From your Assistant Chapter Director:**

Well, as a chapter we have had a lot going on in the last month. John and Margaret got to go visit their new grand child. I had my first chapter meeting and led my first chapter ride and later Tom Eden, Harry Durbin and I took the ARC course. Wendell Gundy and Bob DeLong took the TRC course along with their spouses as co-riders. The course for me was very interesting and beneficial and even though I have been riding for a long time, I learned a lot from the course. I guess the biggest thing for me was how to look through the curve and not just looking down. I would recommend this class for everyone no matter how long you have been riding.

The trip to Niehaus was very interesting in many ways. Harry and Sandy, Bob and Evelyn and Mary and I left on Thursday and went to the Brown County State Park in Indiana. We met the rest of the group on Friday in Highland, Illinois which consisted of JJ and Margaret, Tom and Linda, and Tom Eden. On Saturday we all rode to Litchfield, Illinois to Niehaus and I think all of us spent some money on our bikes. Saturday afternoon we all rode back to Martinsville, Indiana together and spent the night.

On Sunday morning some had to get home earlier and took the freeway home. Harry and Sandy, Bob and Evelyn, Mary and I took the back roads to come home. We were taking State Route 44 East through Indiana, but had to take a detour due to 44 being closed for construction. When we got to Interstate 74 north of Shelbyville, Indiana we were heading south on Interstate 74 when I felt my trailer bumped up off the road. Harry said you have lost a tire and I pulled over and stopped as soon as possible. Harry and Bob both pulled over and stopped and I then noticed I had lost my spare tire which was fastened to the trailer tongue. What we didn't notice at first was that the wheel had bounced off the road and hit Bob's windshield and, also, had hit Evelyn on the right side of the head and knocked her out. We called 911 and got a squad and the sheriff and she was taken to the hospital with a concussion and bruised shoulder.

Thank god she was wearing a full face helmet or I am sure the injuries could have been more serious. We should preach to all our family and friends the importance of wearing all the protective gear we can. We never know when something unexpected like this can happen.

Ride safe and ride a lot.

Ben Bayes



Evelyn DeLong's Vega Modular helmet after the tire hit it.



**How about this as a replacement?  
This what Vega sent her!!!! (NOT)**

## Chapter Rider Educator (C.R.E.)

For some time it has been clear that we enjoy different types of riding in our chapter. I want to be clear that there is nothing “bad” or “wrong” with any of the types as long as they are done safely, just that there are different risk factors that have to be managed and some people are more comfortable managing some kinds rather than others. I plan on covering some of the different types of risk factors associated with each kind of riding in the next couple of articles.

First of all I will eliminate the 2 types of riding that I think are inherently unsafe and that we do not condone or participate in. The type associated with sport bikes or “crotch rockets” consisting of fast starts, trick riding, and generally very high speed riding. And that most often associated with cruisers consisting of going from one poker run stop to another, (frequently bar or tavern). This would not be dangerous except for the temptation to partake in the favorite beverage containing alcohol. I’m sure there are mixtures of both but not something that I would consider safe practice.

I am restricting myself to those rides that usually have a destination and generally follow the route that takes the least amount of time usually being Interstates or multilane highways, and those that are for leisurely riding with no particular destination other than a lunch or snack as their purpose. This same route would be for sight seeing and nature observation consisting of 2 lane national, state, or local roads. Some riders without time constraints chose the leisurely ride to reach a destination, also.

Some of us enjoy both types of riding and some of us strongly prefer one or the other.

This month I am going to look at risks associated *most often* with interstates; higher speeds, heavier traffic, and a different mix of vehicles. Higher speeds and multilane traffic require the rider to be more alert to their surroundings. When I ride alone or with my wife on an interstate I usually ride in the far left hand lane and adjust my speed to the general flow of traffic.

Usually this allows me to somewhat control the distance from the vehicle in front of me and to have less traffic closing quickly from behind me. On a lot of interstates this allows me to have a “bail-out” to the left and eliminates any vehicle from coming at me from the left. Whenever possible I also will adjust my speed to eliminate any vehicle traveling at the same speed immediately to my right, or in my blind spot. I also check my rear view mirrors more frequently on the interstates.

I don’t prefer the right hand lane due to the risks associated with merging traffic from the right, traffic constantly to my right, and frequently being overtaken by large tractor trailers. These units move a lot of air and create a great deal of turbulence that moves your bike in several directions.

Generally I try to avoid the middle lanes because of the risks associated with vehicles moving in and out of “my space” from right, left, front, and back. Also the risk of being forced to hit an obstacle in the road if a vehicle is on both sides of me when I see it and I can’t swerve to avoid it.

I think that it is critically important when riding interstates to be aware of where you are in relation to the vehicles in close proximity to you AT ALL TIMES and where it looks like they are going and to have a “bail-out” whenever possible.

Again, I don’t see interstate riding any more risky than other types of riding as long as you are comfortable that you can manage the risks.

Next month I will cover some of the risks that are more common when riding on the 2 lane roads.

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

Chapter Rider Educator (CRE)

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## Snippets of Wisdom

If you want to get somewhere before sundown, you can't stop at every tavern.

Practice wrenching on your own bike.

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

If you ride like there's no tomorrow, there won't be.

Gray-haired riders don't get that way from pure luck.

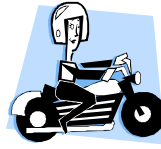
There are drunk riders. There are old riders.

## Ride Schedule

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



### June



June 6	<b>B3 Gathering</b> After Gathering Ride	<b>9:00 AM Obetz Center</b> Waldo, Bologna
June 11-13	Buckeye Rally	Wooster, Ohio
June 16	Dinner Ride Meet @ Lancaster	F3 Meeting 7 PM eat 6 PM
June 19	Staff Meeting 7:00 PM	Tom Eden's
June 20	Brown Bag Ride 9:00 AM	Burr Oak
June 24	Ice Cream Ride 6:30 PM	Meet @ Gypsy Joes, Lancaster
June 27	Ride to Amish Country 8:00 AM	Lunch & Shopping

### JULY



### No July Gathering

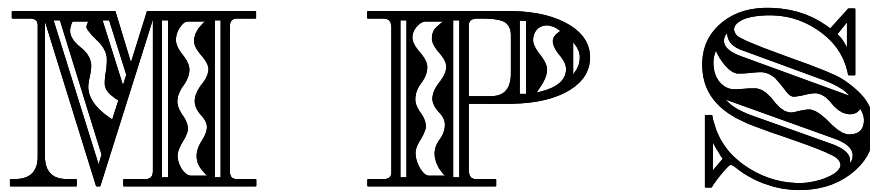


July 3-6	Wing Ding	Tulsa, OK
July 13	Dinner Ride 6:30 PM	JPs BBQ
July 17	Staff Meeting 7:00 PM	JJ's
July 18	Ride to Martinsville, WV	Depart 9:00 AM
July 24	All Ohio Bike Feast (23-25) Hometown Buffet 6PM	Marysville, Night Ride Meet there, Leave HB 8PM
July 25	Ride for Kids, Marysville	Leave @ 7:30 AM

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