



Gold Wing Road Riders Association

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OH-B3

“Friends for Fun, Safety & Knowledge”

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B-3 2009 Couple of the Year

Tom & Linda Matlock

**B-3 Meets the 1st Saturday of every month at
9:00 a.m. 8:30 am Donuts/Coffee
(No get together in July or December) At the
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CENTRAL SECTION CHAPTER MEETING PLACES AND TIMES

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

Greeter for November - Margaret Moore

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

November

Birthdays

Anniversaries

Nov 06

Alice Bontrager

Nov 23

Larry Carter

Give Esther Ford (740-927-3048) or Mary Bayes a call if we need to send out get well or sympathy cards.



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This will be my first Newsletter Article as the New CD of Chapter B-3. I am looking forward to some exciting times ahead as we go into the New Year together. I have chosen my Staff Members and am looking forward to working with them in trying new and exciting things as a Chapter. We have all been blessed with the leadership that JJ has provided us along with his staff. We all need to let him know how much we all have appreciated him and the fine job he has done in leading our Chapter.

We already have some Training Seminars lined up as well as the First Aid and CPR classes. Tom Matlock will be teaching the Training Seminars and Chuck Evey will be conducting the First Aid and CPR classes. We all need to keep updated in all these fields to be eligible for the Levels Program as well as for our own safety and knowledge.

We will be starting to plan our ride schedule and other activities at our next two Staff Meetings. We will be having our New Years Day breakfast as usual. We will probably meet at Frisch's as this seems to be the most convenient spot for most of our Chapter Members as well as supporting them for using their lot and restrooms on most of our rides.

I as well as the ACD, Rider Educator, and MEC will be at the Ohio Fall Officers Meeting on November 21&22 to learn about all the new projects that our District Directors have in store for us in the coming year. This with the upcoming Obetz Kids Halloween Party, Christmas Party, and our own Christmas Party we will be keeping pretty busy.

Please let me or any of the Staff know of any concerns or any suggestions you might have as to rides or any other projects that you might have for our Chapter. Remember the Chapter belongs to all of us as GWRRA Members.

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ONE FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTION

WHAT IS THE BENEFIT OF BELONGING TO A CHAPTER

Many Members feel that the “Chapter” is the single most important benefit of belonging to GWRRA and for many reasons, some of which are listed below.

NEW FRIENDS: Countless new friends with a common interest are made. It provides an opportunity to ride our “GOLD WINGS” (and other bikes) with our friends.

SAFE RIDING: Safe riding is promoted to make our riding experience even more enjoyable. Skills and safety techniques are taught and learned.

FRIENDS FOR FUN, SAFETY AND KNOWLEDGE: You really get an opportunity to live the motto of “FRIENDS FOR FUN, SAFETY AND KNOWLEDGE.”

The best advice that can be offered is to attend a Chapter meeting. These meetings (normally held monthly) are social events that try to offer something for everyone. New ideas are always welcome!!!

You do not join a Chapter; you are a member of GWRRA and a “participant” of a Chapter. You can participate in as many or as few activities as you wish!! There are no applications or fees needed to participate in a GWRRA Chapter, with over 800 Chapters, when you travel you’re never far from “Home.”

Most Chapters publish a newsletter, usually on a monthly basis. When you are a member of GWRRA and attend your first meeting, you will be asked to sign in, and then you will be on the distribution list for that Chapters newsletter. In it you will everything from Chapter Officers articles, upcoming rides and events, to information about other Chapters’ meetings and events.

At last months meeting, Jack & Debby Pryor visited our meeting (they picked up our flyer at Hinderer Honda.)

They are residents of Newark; we hope they will become GWRRA members.

Harry has had surgery and now is on the mend. I know that everyone sends their best wishes for a speedy recovery.

Also, remember the Christmas Party.....All reservations and monies are to be in by the November 07 meeting.

Mary BayesMEC.....

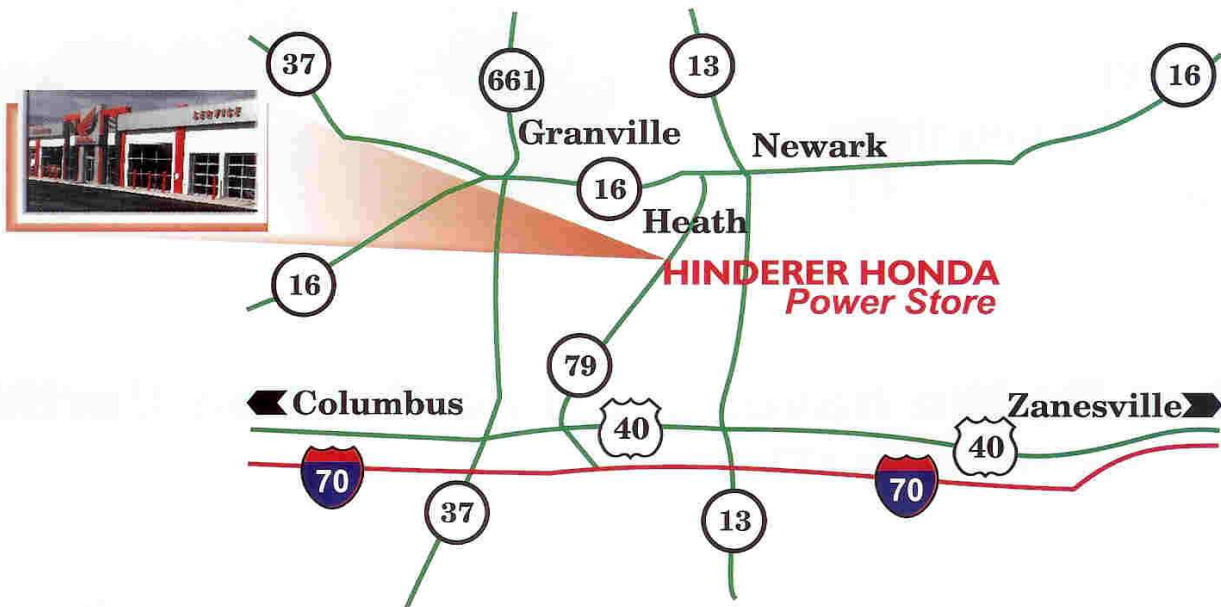
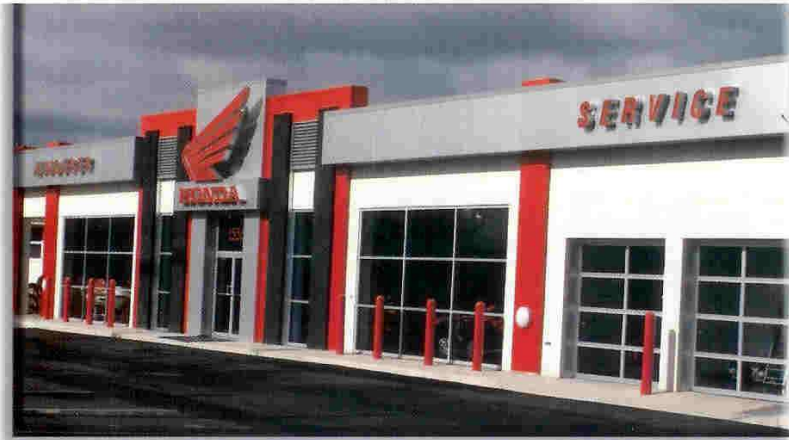
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For Sale

Larry and Gladys Carter have a Motorcycle Camper for sale. It is a 1989 Kamperoo. It has a canvas top (always covered), under the bed storage, spare tire, dressing room, and awning. It is a fast set up model. If you are interested in seeing it please send an email to algmcarter@hotmail.com. The asking price is a modest \$1400.00

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Chapter Rider Educator (pending):

It's been nice having the last two years off since serving as chapter directors for B-3, but now it's time to take on this new position as Rider Educator for Ben and Mary. We have been members of B-3 for the last ten years and GWRRA since 1996. Now we are looking forward to serving the chapter in this new position.

B-3 has always been safety oriented and Tom Matlock has carried on that tradition during his years in this position. Tom has done an outstanding job and will be around to present seminars and training classes for the chapter.

As the riding season comes to a close there are those of us still brave enough or maybe just crazy enough to keep on riding. Make sure you get the long johns out of storage and put on the layers if you aren't fortunate enough to have the electric suits that plug into the bike. Either way, make sure you dress for the weather so you can stay toasty and warm.

While riding, be especially careful of all the wet leaves and other debris on the roads. They can be as slick as ice in the winter time. Hope everyone enjoys the last few rides of the fall season because we all know what is coming next. UGH!!!

HAPPY THANKSGIVING TO ALL!!!!

Bee Aware & Bee Safe
Harry & Sandy Durbin
Pending C.R.E.

Motorist Awareness

By Margaret Moore

Conspicuity

From Out of Nowhere!

"A common complaint of street riders is that other motorists fail to observe them. Motorists who violate motorcyclists' right-of-way frequently state, 'I didn't see him,' or 'He came out of nowhere.'"

Why Conspicuity?

"The greatest risk to all motorcyclists is the violation of their right-of-way by the driver of another vehicle." The failure of motorists to detect and recognize motorcycles in traffic is the predominating cause of motorcycle accidents. A significant "Hurt" finding was that conspicuous motorcycles and riders were less likely to have their right-of-way violated by other vehicles.

Why Are Motorcycles Difficult to Detect?

There is no clear answer. But there is a great deal of conjecture and many theories. It is known that the problem centers on at least three potential factors.

1. **Detection of the motorcyclist!** People truly fail to detect a motorcycle in the traffic environment.
2. **Human visual-perception limitations.** People fail to attach valid, meaningful relationships to what they observe. Their matching, comparing, and association of the information they gather yields them inaccurate conclusions.
3. **Misinformation.** The observer sees a motorcycle, then identifies it in the same category as a bicycle or moped. They do not view the motorcycle as a threat to their safety.

With this in mind ask yourself: How can I make myself more conspicuous while riding?

You may want to consider the following:

1. **Bright Colors** - Wear brightly colored upper-torso clothing and a light-colored helmet. Use Retro-reflective material on your clothing, your motorcycle, and your helmet to increase your visibility in low-light conditions.
2. **Headlights** - Ride with your headlights on high beam during the day. You might consider a modulator that pulses your headlight during daylight hours. Headlight modulators are federally regulated lighting devices, and as such, all state laws governing them are preempt.
3. **Position Lamps** - Many modern motorcycles are equipped with position lamps in their front turn signals. This may help other motorists to identify the vehicle as a motorcycle and enable them to better judge its distance and speed.

Fairings - Motorcycles equipped with fairings were under-represented in crashes where motorists violated the motorcyclist's right-of-way. The larger the fairing and the brighter the color, the more effective it seemed to be in preventing other vehicle right-of-way violations. (Hurt, 1981)

Lane Positioning - Rider traffic strategy strongly affects visibility. Position yourself within a lane to avoid windblast from other vehicles, avoid roadway hazards, and to create a space cushion between you and other traffic. Don't hide among other vehicles. Position yourself so drivers ahead can see you in their mirrors.

Turn Signals - Communicate with other road users by signaling your intentions. When legal, combine hand with electric signals whenever possible. Remember to cancel your turn signals. A false signal is as dangerous as none at all.

Brake Light - A flashing light is more visible than a steady one. Use your brake light before and during stops to make yourself more conspicuous and to communicate your intentions.

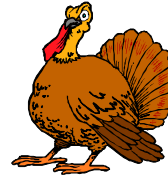
If you plan on riding this last part of the year please keep the above information in mind to ensure you are
Conspicuous!!!!

Ride Schedule

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



November



Nov 7	B3 Gathering	9:00 AM Obetz Center Trailerling Seminar
Nov 13	Pot Luck 6:30 PM Bring Dish	Tom & Linda Matlocks Set up rides for 2010
Nov 17	Dinner Ride Spaghetti Warehouse	7:00 PM Meet there
Nov 20	Staff Meeting Ben & Mary's	7:00 PM
Nov 21 & 22	Officer's Meeting	Crown Plaza, Columbus



December



Dec 5	Obetz Children's Christmas	5:00 PM Obetz Center
Dec 12	B3 Christmas lunch Der Dutchman	11:00AM to 3:00 PM Plain City

Hope everyone has had a lot of fun on the rides and events this year; we have enjoyed them and being with everyone. We've seen a lot of the countryside and met a lot of new people. Have recruited a few new members and hope everyone enjoys the Holidays.

Sue Gundy, B3 Ride Coordinator If need information contact Ben or myself
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