



The "L" News

Cincinnati, Ohio

GWRRA

Region D - Great Lakes Region

Ohio Chapter L

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Chapter L meets the 3rd Wednesday of each month at the Lakeridge Conference Center, 7210 Pippin Road, Cincinnati, OH at 7:30 PM.

NEXT MEETING: April 19, 2000

Back from the Desert & Ready to Ride!

CD Bites from the Big Dog...

Hey, I'm official – that's right – no more *PENDING*. Thanks to our Assistant District Director, **Bill Stumpf**, for attending our March meeting and for doing such a nice job of presenting Pat and me with our certificate, telling the world that we are the official CDs of Chapter L. Kinda scary, isn't it? We're excited and hope we will live up to your expectations.

I spent one incredible week in Palm Springs, California with my wonderful wife (who took me along). We put 2,400 miles on the rental car in 4 days. Boy, did we see some awesome things. We drove all the way through Death Valley. What a desolate place but incredibly beautiful. The desert flowers were blooming and the mountains were every color of the rainbow. Then we went up to Big Bear Lake at almost 10,000 feet for a stark contrast. They were still skiing and snowboarding up there and the lush green was beautiful. Each year we find something new to explore and this was surely the best. Thanks, Pat, for putting up with me and my need to "see and do" one more time.

Thanks so much for being so generous at last month's bake sale. We raised a lot of "dough" (see Lori's article for the amount – since she wouldn't tell me before I went on vacation – go figure). Anyway, we had a lot of high-bidders from "L" as well as from A-2, E-2, and X-2. It was a fun time and I really enjoyed wearing my baker's outfit. Thanks to **Cris Hauser** for bringing it for me. Last, but surely not least, thanks to **Brenda Pennington and Pauline Petroviak** for auctioneering. Give these ladies a job to do and you know it will be done right. (Am I out of trouble now, Pauline?)



Thank goodness it is April and riding season is here. Sorry I missed the first ride on April Fool’s Day. Thanks to **Rich Hesse** for doing such a great job of leading it for me. Sounds like everyone had fun and that’s what it’s all about. I’m leading a “Tax Relief” ride on April 15th and hope you can make it. Check out Rich’s article for details on this ride and all other upcoming events. It’s more fun with YOU!



We received a message from Terri Sue Stumpf on Monday, April 10th informing us that she will no longer be assisting Bill as the ADD for the Southwest section of Ohio. She will remain an active participant of GWRRA in the future, however, and would like to continue to hear about all the fun stuff going on with our chapter. Please update your records to include her new mailing address, telephone number, and e-mail address: Terri Sue Stumpf, 4483 N. Riverside Drive, Hamilton, OH 45011, 513-896-5263, ladywing@cris.com. Thanks for all you have done for so many people, Terri Sue, and good luck in the future.

Well, I think I have rambled on long enough and I need to get this article to Pat. Be extra careful when you jump on the bike for some of the first rides of the year. The 4-wheelers aren’t used to seeing us on the road yet and we are probably not in our best riding form either. One of the crazy things we experienced in California is the unnerving thing that motorcycle riders do out there called “splitting the lane”. It is no wonder that that state has such a high mortality rate for its motorcyclists. Most of the highways have those metal “bumps” to divide the lanes, so they are riding on and around those too. VERY SCARY. I can’t even imagine it. We had quite a few Goldwings go between us and the car next to us. I guess it is all what you get used to – but I sure can’t. Heck, sometimes I think I have a hard enough time staying in my OWN lane.

See you at the meeting on the 19^h. Together we can have one “L” of a good time.

Tom Runck – Big Dog – Mr. Pinky



Back Seat Driver...

Pat Runck – Mrs. CD

April brings us one month closer to the best month of the year – MAY. Why do I think that May is the best, you ask? Because it’s –01 month at Chapter L and the ladies run the show. No pink spandex, no goofy outfits – just a well run and informative meeting. So, we are making our plans for next month and hope that you will be able to attend. For now, we just have to get through April and who knows what that might mean.

We had a great time at E-2’s Mall Show at the end of March. It was very well organized and well attended. On Saturday around 6:00 pm, a group of about 24 or so people from Chapter L met and attempted to have dinner. The first restaurant had an hour and a half wait and we were hungry, so that wouldn’t do. Next we tried the restaurant at the Holiday Inn and, can you believe it, they didn’t WANT our business. Yep, after arguing with the manager about his idea that people just didn’t eat in large groups anymore (we do it all the time), and him wanting one bill versus separate, we decided he just didn’t want our money. So, the third try was the charm and we ended up at Ponderosa in Eastgate for a great meal with no waiting. There is nothing worse than a hungry Goldwinger.

See you on the 19th. Until then, take care.....



Pat Runck



“I never received the notice...”

That’s not a valid excuse when the IRS mails something to your former address. If you’ve moved, it’s YOUR responsibility to inform their local office. Generally, they consider the “last known address” as correct, and that’s the one shown on your most recent tax return. To avoid any problems, send Form 8822 or a letter with your signature. Mail to the IRS regional service center serving your OLD address. Be sure to include your full name(s), old and new address, and social security numbers for both you and your spouse, if you file joint returns.



Membership/Historian

Jim Pennington

We had good attendance at the March meeting with 90 members, guests and visitors coming out to the Lakeridge Conference Center to our meeting place. We thank first timers at our meeting **Len Kallmeyer**, and his brother **Bob Kallmeyer** from Kentucky G. Also in attendance were **Mike & Carol Runyan**, **Marty & Leanne McCartney** from X-2, **Sam & Carol Shepherd** from X-2, **Ron Walters** from X-2. **Sandy Yaple** from X-2 came back for her second time at "L" and won the membership draw. Ask **Sandy** ... she will tell you that "It pays to go to "L" ...!" (Chapter "L", that is). We want to thank all members and visitors for coming out and helping Chapter L's bake sale to be a real success.



Membership Updates

I want to thank everyone again who helped bring our membership records up to date by filling out a new data sheet at the March gathering. Our database is getting in pretty good shape.



I promised Zearl and Jane Black back in January that I would promote the **Tennessee Rally** for them this year. If you are new to GWRRA, you should plan to attend this rally, if you can. The rally has a circus theme this year. "Three

Ring Spring Fling" and it is held in Pigeon Forge, Tennessee. The opening will be on Friday April 28 and the closing on Saturday evening April 29, 2000. This rally is getting real close. It will be fun for all!

Rally Notes

Check your ride schedule and remember that we will be leading a ride to the Indiana Rally in Portland, Indiana on Saturday May 13. We will be leaving for that rally at 8:00 A.M. from Wendy's in Miamitown (SR 128 & I-74). We will also be leading a ride to the Buckeye Rally in Marietta on Thursday evening at 5:30 P.M. on June 15. Plan on spending Thursday night around Jackson, Ohio and traveling the rest of the way to Marietta on Friday morning. We will also be going to Wing Ding in Billings, MT leaving on Friday afternoon June 30. We plan to arrive in Billings on July 3.

Anyone wanting to ride out to Montana with us ...

let's talk! We will be doing some extra touring after Wing Ding so we will not be returning home immediately afterward.

Parting Thought

In order to keep GWRRA in the growth mode, I would like you to think, "recruiting" for the year 2000. You know how much you enjoy the chapter camaraderie, fun, rides and events. Why not share that with a friend that does not belong to the association! I have membership applications for you to get out there and recruit new members. See me at the registration table at our next gathering.



For our members on the Internet, do not forget to check out Chapter "L's" own web page at <http://members.aol.com/QCWR>

For now, don't forget our gathering on April 19, 2000 at Lakeridge - 7:30 for the get together. - - - "Road Runner"

On the Internet - JPENNINGTON.ROADRUNNER@COMPUSERVE.COM

Jim Pennington



FOR GWRRA !

FOR SALE: 1989 GL1500, beige with CB, new tires. Only 8,400 miles -- matching trailer. Must sell due to health. Call Gene Matho - 367-5778.

\$7,900 - bike ** \$1,700 - trailer

Call for details



Ride Coordinator

Rich Hesse

April has arrived and riding season has begun. The list of upcoming events below should hold something fun for everyone. Mark your calendars and plan to participate with your friends from Chapter L.



UPCOMING RIDES/EVENTS

- **April 15th (Saturday) – Tax Relief Ride**
Meet at: 10:30 AM at Bob Evan’s on Colerain Avenue. We will be heading northeast from Cincinnati for a picturesque ride and lunch along the way. Returning home before dinner time (so you have time to do those chores around the house). Call Tom Runck (385-4556) if you have questions.

- **April 28-30 - Tennessee Rally**
Everyone does their own thing getting there. If you have questions about this event, call Tom Runck (385-4556) for information.

- **May 6th (Saturday) – Chapter A-2 Fun Run/Rally – KFC Hall in Hamilton**
Meet at: 10:30 AM at Wendy’s in Ross on Route 128 near Route 27. Ride to Hamilton to participate in A-2’s Rally. Call Tom Runck – 385-4556 for details.

- **May 7th (Sunday) - Chapter L Brunch**
Meet at: 10:00 AM at the Park & Ride in Miamitown to go to Christina’s restaurant in Indiana for brunch. This is RAIN or SHINE – 4-wheelers or 2-wheelers. Hey, you have to eat anyway – so come along! Jim Pennington is leading this ride so give him a call (941-4871) for details.

NEW Place
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- **May 12 – 14th (Weekend) – Indiana State Rally**
On your own for this fun weekend.

GET INVOLVED!

- **May 13th (Saturday) – Day ride to Indiana State Rally**

Meet at: 8:00 AM at Wendy’s on Route 128 in Miamitown near I-74. Call Jim Pennington – 941-4871 for details.

- **May 19 & 20th (Friday night and Saturday) – ERC Course**

Diamond Oaks Vocational School on Harrison Avenue. Call Mike O’Rourke – 662-8099 for details.

- **May 27 – 29th (Memorial Weekend Ride) Ride to Virginia**

Long weekend ride to Virginia. Call Walt Hart – 385-2356 for details.

- **May 27 – 29th (Memorial Weekend Ride) Ride to Sweetwater Tennessee**

Long weekend ride to Sweetwater Tennessee. Call Joyce and Clyde Jones – 528-0720 for details.



Don’t forget about our ice cream rides every Wednesday evening, except our meeting night. We leave from the K-Mart on

Colerain Avenue, near Ronald Reagan Highway at 7:30 PM.

Don’t forget our Chapter Meeting on April 19th. Until then, ride safe and take care of each other.



Rich Hesse



Safety Tip of the Month

Highway Work Ahead... - It’s Spring and that means that those orange barrels will be back and highway construction work will begin. Remember, eighty-five percent of motorcycle crashes in work zones result in injury or death. Ride smart and safe in roadway work zones this year.



Chapter Couple

Jack Elsen & Pauline Boderone

You selected us to be Chapter Couple
What is it we do?
Go and spread PR to everyone
Were the words that came from you!

We made an X-2 meeting,
Took **Pop** to one at E-2,
Joined in each one's Mall Show
Did our best for all of you!

X-2's Mall Show Middletown
Spread GWRRA news and L-PR
Told all the people we met
How "L"-oveable we are.

E-2's Mall Show Eastgate
We all really did good!
Tas and **Casper** each one
Came home with the wood!

Elmer with his purple bike and
Jim Webster with his red, drew a crowd,
Walt Williams with his eagles
We did Chapter L proud!



[Pauline wrote this poem and isn't it GREAT! Jack & Pauline have been representing Chapter L so well since the first of the year – attending events and spreading the good word about GWRRA and Chapter L. Thanks for the poem and for being our Chapter Couple!]

Sunshine

Pauline Petroviak



Happy Easter to All!! **Ken Jauch** had arthroscopic knee surgery on April 12th. He is home recuperating and will be off work for 3-5 weeks. **Red Schmidt** had surgery on his shoulder on March 14th. He is home doing well and going to therapy 3 times a week. **Richard (Dick) Hagemann** had knee replacement surgery on March 22nd. He was in the hospital for 11 days but is now home recuperating and making many trips to the hospital for therapy. **Lois Pettit's** father has some

cancer removed from his lung and is now home and doing well. Please keep all of the people mentioned above in your prayers for a speedy recovery.

Cindy Jauch's grandfather passed away on April 6th. You and your family are in our thoughts and prayers.

Please keep me informed of all news so I can pass it on to the rest of the Chapter members. We are concerned and interested in our all family members.

Until next time, *keep the sunshine in your hearts.....*

Pauline Petroviak

Birthdays-Anniversaries



Birthdays



May 1	Bobbie Harless
May 1	Richard Leffler
May 8	Janet Andrea
May 9	Norma Brown
May 9	Ron King
May 11	Linda Elsen
May 12	Joe Schmidt
May 14	Judy Marshall
May 17	Duke Fraizer
May 18	Ed Packard
May 19	Charlie Trew
May 20	Brenda Pennington
May 20	Walt Hart
May 26	Kathy Skinner
May 26	Howard Ploegsma
May 27	Sandy Schmidt
May 29	Kathy Peck
May 30	Mary Napier



Anniversaries



May 4	Denny & Linda Hahn
May 23	Mike & Betty Stopp
May 25	Roger & Terry Feiler



April is the month when the green returns to the lawn, the lilac and the IRS!



Pins/Patches/Parades

Ken Jauch



As I sit here at almost midnight waiting for Cindy to return home, I was thinking about how our riding season is going to shape up this year. This late at night both kids are in bed sleeping and it is so quiet, you can get a lot of thinking done. I was wondering how many new ways I can come up with for selling all of the great items we have available. I still get writer's block about this whole thing, so here we go again. If anyone gets some new items or ideas for new items, give me the information or, better yet, pick up some information and give me a copy. We always have access to places for ordering shirts and antenna/post flags. We have big and little patches and pins for your vests and jackets. We have stickers for your bike and other vehicles. Remember to come in the back of the room after the meeting and take a look at what we have available. And – if you have any ideas about creative ways for me to talk about pins and patches – well, I'm all ears. (Hey, **Walt**, maybe you could give me some pointers??) Stop by and say "Hi" to your lonely Patchman.....Remember: you can never have too many pins & patches!

Ken Jauch

The Patchman – "Fly a Sidecar"

Rally Coordinator

Bob Childers

April has arrived and rallies have begun. Now all we have to do is hope for good weather traveling down and back to Tennessee. Keep your fingers crossed. In the meantime, check out the upcoming rallies and make plans. Don't forget to look for the sign-up sheets at the meeting for future rallies. RALLY-ON!!

Bob Childers

International

- ❑ **JULY 4-7, 2000. Wing Ding XXII in Billings, Montana.** For details and to preregister, contact GWRRA, 21423 North 11th Avenue, Phoenix, AZ 85027. (800) 843-9460.

Regional

- ❑ **MAY 18-21, 2000. Southeastern Region "A Team Rally"** in Bay St. Louis, MS. Contact Jim or Margie Hodge, 5705 Old Fort Bayou Road, Ocean Springs, MS 39564. (228) 875-1764, home or (228) 432-8914, work.
- ❑ **JUNE 2-3, 2000. APPALACHIAN REGION (N) "Vacation/Rally VI In the Mountains"** at the Holiday Inn Convention Center in Bristol, VA. Contact John R. Koty, 5000 Brooksvie Road, Lenoir City, TN 37772. (865) 986-5601. Vendors contact John R. Koty or Sam Winters. (931) 647-7743.
- ❑ **AUGUST 4-6, 2000. Canadian Atlantic Region (L) "Millennium Rally"** at the Michelin Social Club in Bridgewater, Nova Scotia. Contact Evan Langille, (902) 895-6844, E-mail: ns.wingmaster@ns.sympatico.ca, or Stewart Mooers, (902) 543-7995, E-mail: stewrose@ns.sympatico.ca.

State Events

- ❑ **APRIL 13-15, 2000. ALABAMA DISTRICT RALLY, "Wings Over Lakepoint Resort"** in Eufaula, AL. Contact Jim or Sue Jackson, (334) 297-1719, E-mail: jirider90@aol.com or Ronnie or Kay Broome, (334) 271-2925, E-mail: rbrider93@aol.com
- ❑ **APRIL 28-29, 2000. TENNESSEE DISTRICT RALLY, 18th annual "Spring Fling"** in Pigeon Forge, TN. Contact Sam Winter, 1757 Broadripple Drive, Clarksville, TN 37042-4620. (931) 647-7743. E-mail: winsam@prodigy.net Vendors contact Jeff Limer. (423) 336-5835.
- ❑ **APRIL 27-29, 2000. MISSOURI DISTRICT "Hillbilly Reunion"** Rally in Branson, MO. Contact Frank & Mary Williams, (417) 345-8225. E-mail: c-frank@todaystech.com or Randy & Carol Roberts, (660) 679-5004. E-mail: gwradd@iland.net MO District Web Page: http://members.tripod.com/gwrra_mo for a registration form.
- ❑ **APRIL 29, 2000. DELAWARE's third annual "Charlie Raysor Memorial Hobo Stew"** at Lums Pond State Park in Bear, DE. Contact Diane L. or Robert H. George, RR 1, Box 222B, Seaford, DE 19973. (302) 629-2225. E-mail: diane@dmv.com.
- ❑ **MAY 4-6, 2000. ARKANSAS DISTRICT "Play It Again 10-Year Rally Reunion"** Rally in Mt. View, AR. Contact Charlie Brown, (501) 293-3134. E-mail: charlieb@cswnet.com or Jones Martin, (870) 932-6349.
- ❑ **MAY 4-7, 2000. 16th annual SOUTH CAROLINA DISTRICT RALLY in Myrtle Beach, SC.** Contact Brad Fuller, 11984 N. Hwy. 905, Longs, SC 29568. (843) 399-1765.
- ❑ **MAY 12-13, 2000. INDIANA DISTRICT "Spring Wing Warm-Up"** in Portland, IN. Contact Eric Franson, P.O. Box 17037, Indianapolis, IN 46217. (317) 787-6557



- ❑ **MAY 19-20, 2000. TEXAS DISTRICT RALLY "Blast Off To The Future"** at the MPEC Center in Wichita Falls, TX. Contact Linda Noland, (281) 350-0220, Tommy Thomsen, (281) 540-2454 or check out the District Page <<http://home1.gte.net/breezech/index.htm>> Vendors call JP Parker, (409) 278-3608.
- ❑ **MAY 19-20, 2000. KANSAS DISTRICT RALLY, "Cruisin' In 2000"** in Emporia, KS. Contact Bill Tucker, (316) 777-1416 or Bobby Sheperd, (316) 221-9699.

Ice Cream Screamers

Ice Cream/Dessert Rides

Our Wednesday night ice cream/dessert rides continue to be a big hit. It seems that the opportunity to get out of the house mid-week for an hour or so and visit with friends while consuming some sweet treat is right up a Goldwinger's alley. We have a good turnout every week!



ICE CREAM RIDES -- WERE YOU THERE?

MARCH 22, 2000 Tom & Barb Burns, Rich & Nancy Hesse, Fred & Lori Hicks, Tom & Pat Runck, Rick & Bobbie Harless, Walt Hart, Jack Elsen & Pauline Boderone, Elmer Jauch, Butch & Betty Royse, Howard Ploegsma, Tom David.

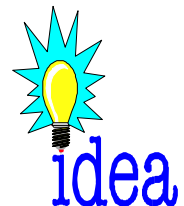
MARCH 29, 2000 Tom & Barb Burns, Walt & Diane Hart, Jack Elsen & Pauline Boderone, Rick & Bobbie Harless, Jim & Brenda Pennington, Butch & Betty Royse, Rich & Linda Elsen, Fred & Lori Hicks, Bob & Tril Childers.

APRIL 5, 2000 Tom & Barb Burns, Jim & Pauline Petroviak, Rick & Bobbie Harless, Rich & Linda Elsen, Butch & Betty Royse, Walt & Diane Hart.

APRIL 12, 2000 Tom & Barb Burns, Bob & Tril Childers, Rich & Linda Elsen, Tom & Pat Runck, Rich Hesse, Rick & Bobbie Harless, Jack Elsen & Pauline Boderone.



"Opportunity is missed by people because it is dressed in overalls and looks like work." -- Thomas Edison



"L" Logs On...

Website Browsing

Sign-on to our national, region, district, and local websites for up-to-the-minute information about everything-GoldWing. If you find any really great sites during your browsing, let us know so that we can publish the addresses. *Get Connected!*

- **Gold Wing Road Riders – National**
<http://www.gwrra.org>
- **Great Lakes Region "D"**
<http://www.geocities.com/~regiond/>
- **Ohio District**
<http://www.javaroma.com/gwrraoh>
- **Chapter "L"**
<http://members.aol.com/QCWR>

The Brunch Bunch

1st Sunday of the Month Brunch



This month we will be trying a different place for brunch on Sunday, April 7th. We will be meeting at 10:00 AM at the Miamitown Park & Ride, 2-wheels or 4-wheels (rain or shine!). We will be going to Christina's restaurant in Indiana and, if weather permits, probably taking a quick ride afterwards. **Jim Pennington** will be leading the ride to the restaurant so plan to go. Mornings are better with the "brunch bunch"! Those who attended April's brunch were: **Dave & Cathy King, Dan & Georgia Horgan, Tom & Barb Burns, Todd Burns & fiancée Cathy, Steve Albert & Tonya Chinn & daughter Kristena,** and their niece, and **Betty Royse.**



Chapter News

Things You Just Need to Know...



- Don't forget to bring a door prize it this month's meeting. You will receive an extra door prize ticket for each item you bring. More prizes and more chances for you to win.
- Chapter A-2 will be holding a Fun Run on Saturday, May 6th starting from the K of C hall at 930 Hamilton-Cleves Road (Rt. 128) in Hamilton, OH. First bike out is at 11:00 AM with awards at 3:30. Cost is \$5.00 each for rider and co-rider. Sandwiches, desserts and soft drinks will be available for sale. Rain date is May 21st. Chapter L has a ride to this event – see Rich's article for details.
- **Pauline Boderone** is coordinating Chapter L's participation in the upcoming MS Walk on May 21st at Sawyer Point. If you would like to join the group that will be walking, see Pauline at the meeting for information.
- The April meeting will be the last chance you have to sign up for our Chapter ERC class on May 19-20. There are still two spots open so see **Mike O'Rourke** at the meeting or give him a call at home (662-8099). This is a great time to fine tune your riding skills.
- **Judy O'Rourke** will probably be all tanned and rested after enjoying a vacation in the Virgin Islands while on Spring Break with some teachers from school. Listen, Judy – we better not see you on any of those 'Spring Break' videos MTV is so famous for....
- On of our members forgot to set her clock ahead at the beginning of the month and, as a result, walked in late to the chapter brunch. We won't tell you her name but her initials are: B-E-T-T-Y-R-O-Y-S-E. Gosh, we can make *anything* newsworthy.
- The first “get acquainted” meeting for Chapter L was held on April 13, 1985 at 10:00 AM. **Jim**

Pennington told us that most of those original attendees are either deceased or no longer able to ride. We celebrate our birthday in August because that is when we actually received our Charter from GWRRA for our chapter.

Get “Ripped-Off” at Chapter “L”!

Our St. Joseph Home Fund Drive by having Guild Members selling “pull-offs” continues to be a big success. THANKS to all who participated. See us before and after the meeting to continue getting “ripped-off” for St. Joseph Home!

State News

Bits of the Buckeye...

- ❖ Don't forget that the theme for this year's Buckeye Rally is “Rollin’ on the River” and will be held in Marietta, Ohio. Make sure you get your registration sent in to **Tom & Sandy Taggart** as soon as possible.

GWRRA/MSF Chapter Survey

March 2000

Seminars Given: 1 Attendance (each): 90

- Educated in CPR this month: 0
- Educated in First-Aid this month: 0
- MSF Courses taken this month: 0
- Parking Lot Practice: 0

Rider Education

Mike O'Rourke

(This article is reprinted from *E-Wing News*)

WHY WEAR A HELMET?

In the local newspaper just last week (about March 3rd) was an article about a local resident who didn't stop for a motorcyclist. The driver of the car was cited for a traffic violation. The motorcyclist was care-flighted to a regional medical center for head injuries, the local hospital was unable to properly care for the rider's injuries. The motorcyclist was not wearing his helmet.

Many of you may have read an article that came out either last summer or the summer before about a rider that was on life support for head injuries that was incurred during a motorcycle ride. This rider was rounding a curve in the road



when he and his motorcycle came in contact with some oil. The bike went down, the rider's head came in contact with the pavement, shortly after, the rider went into a coma. The family of the rider was contemplating pulling the life support system that kept him alive. The ironic part of the story, that I read, is that the rider had a helmet attached to the "sissy bar" on his bike. I am sure most of us that have ridden for a few years have either seen or heard about incidences that I have described above. Many of us have seen first hand what can happen if the bike goes down and the rider is not wearing a helmet. I have seen helmets that have protected its rider when the bike went down, not a pretty sight. The helmeted riders did not suffer any head related injuries because they were protected. Lets take a look at some of the facts that the NHTSA (National Highway Traffic Safety Administration) have published on their web site: <http://www.nhtsa.dot.gov>. (for more facts visit their web site):

- Head injuries are the leading cause of death in motorcycle crashes.
- In 1997, 2,106 motorcyclists died and approximately 54,000 were injured in highway crashes in the United States.
- An unhelmeted motorcyclist is 40 percent more likely to incur a fatal head injury when involved in a crash.
- NHTSA estimates that motorcycle helmets reduce the likelihood of a fatality by 29 percent in a crash.
- From 1984 through 1997, NHTSA estimates that helmets saved the lives of 8,474 motorcyclists. If all motorcycle operators and passengers had worn helmets during those years, an estimated 6,817 more lives would have been saved.



Another fact about head injuries is that of what it costs us in terms of dollars. A privately conducted study put the average cost of hospital admissions for a non-helmeted rider at \$17,704. We all pay through increased insurance premiums or through increased taxes for

those individuals that become wards of the state because of their injuries.

I realize that I am "preaching to the choir" so to speak. For the most part Gold Wing riders are safety conscience. Over the few years that I have been involved with Gold Wings and the few events that I have been at I have not been overly impressed with helmet usage. Let me explain why I made that last comment. I met an individual who is a chapter educator at a non-Gold Wing event who did not want to wear a helmet because it "choked him when he wore it" and "it wasn't a Gold Wing sponsored event. The first Gold Wing Rally that I attended I was surprised at the number of Gold Wing riders that were riding their Gold Wings around the camp grounds and in the congested vendor area helmetless.

As a former chapter rider educator, I was instructed that all we could do was heavily suggest all our riders wear helmets. On all our official outings everyone wore a

helmet. Yet if it wasn't an official outing many of our members chose not to wear their helmets. I was brought up to always wear a helmet when you are mounted on a motorcycle. If you should happen to go down on a motorcycle and your helmet is not on your head you stand a very good chance of becoming one of those statistics that I mentioned earlier in the article. Wearing a motorcycle helmet shows that you care about your personal safety and that you are a conscience rider. It also shows that you care for your families in that you want to be around to see them grow and you want to grow old with them.

Thank You!

Wayne Stewart

E-WING NEWS, RIDER ENRICHMENT COORDINATOR

Shiny Side UP↑
Mike O'Rourke

The Bear

Treasurer

Lori Hicks

Pauline Petroviak and Brenda Pennington did one "L" of a job as auctioneers at our bake sale last month. The grand total raised was \$686.00. Thanks to all the great bakers who donated 55 items for sale. And a big "thank-you" to all of the bidders. You were very generous and we appreciate your support.

The membership draw for \$5.00 was won by **Sandy Yapple**, half of Chapter X-2's new Chapter Couple. Confrontations! This month is starts off at \$5.00 again.



TABS, TABS, TABS: When you bring them in for the first time, please sign your name on the list. Then every time you bring more in, place an "X" after your name. Your name will be entered in the drawing for free dinner reservations for our Christmas Party based upon the number of times you donated tabs. The more you donate, the more chances you have to win. Thanks!

DOOR PRIZES: Bring one and hopefully win one! It's fun – and don't forget that starting this month if you bring a door prize you receive an extra door prize ticket for each door prize you donate. So....increase your winning potential. We always have such great door prizes thanks to your generosity. We're one "L" of a group. Also, keep those pull tabs coming. See you on the 19th!

Lori Hicks



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April Fools

Rich Hesse

If you missed our April Fools Ride on April 1st you missed your chance to design and plan this ride. **Jim & Brenda Pennington, Durrell & Pauline Monroe, Walt & Diane Hart, Howard Ploegsma & Kathy Skinner, Bud Hensler, Bige Napier, Dick Pettit, Steve Albert, and Rich & Nancy Hesse** all played their part in organizing this ride. We left Bob Evan's Restaurant on Colerain Avenue at about 12:30 PM. I headed north on Route 27 for ten miles. At that point the next bike took the lead and I dropped back to ride drag.



This happened every ten miles until every bike had its chance to lead. Some people thought it was an easy way for me to plan this ride. Well, what can I say, but we all got a chance to determine where we were going.

We covered a lot of roads between Ross and Brookville, including Hamilton and Harrison. The weather cooperated and there were a lot of beautiful roads and we got a chance to ride on some roads that we had never been on before. At the end **Steve Albert** led us up a hill onto what most of us thought was someone's driveway. At the end of the ninety miles it was my turn again to get us back to civilization. After a few anxious minutes, we came upon some familiar sights and I was able to get us back to route 52 and I-74 where we ended the ride. Thanks go to the people that came out for a fun afternoon of riding. It gave me a chance to work out some cobwebs and a chance to familiarize me with my bike again after a long winter lay-up.

Rich Hesse

History in the Making

Fifteen, yes 15 years ago Chapter “L” was being planned ... April 13, 1985 a get acquainted meeting was held at Trolley Tavern. **Bill Wergowske**, our first Area Representative (now called the Chapter Director) arranged a meeting with GWRRA Region and State Directors to start a GWRRA Chapter in Cincinnati. **Elmer Jauch** was Chapter L's first Assistant Area Rep. There were 25 Gold Wing owners in southwestern Ohio and Cincinnati that were now members of this association.

The get acquainted meeting was successful and there were 23 in attendance. There were 10 or 12 visitors from Chapters F & J from the Dayton area.

1st meeting - Chapter L had it's official “kickoff meeting” on May 22, 1985. At this meeting all 32 members from the Cincinnati area decided to keep the meetings at the Trolley Tavern and the Chapter colors selected were gold and blue. A contest was planned to select a design for our chapter patch. **Jim Nickerson** recruited new members for GWRRA as they met him on the street, on rides or at the local Honda

store. If they rode a Gold Wing anywhere around Jim, he usually had them signing-up in a hurry.

2nd meeting was held on June 19th. 43 members were present and the printout from National had 72 names listed in the area ... up from 25. It was announced that GWRRA members attending either the May or June meeting and then attending the July and August meetings, would be eligible to be Charter Members of Chapter “L”

3rd meeting was held on July 17th. 45 members were present and this meeting. **Kathy Peck** won the contest for Chapter Patch. **Kathy Peck** began plans for a Chapter Banner.



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4th meeting was held on August 21st. 40 members were present and it was announced that the Chapter was going on a ride to have our Charter Rockers presented. The ride was planned for a Saturday, August 21, 1985.

The August Charter Ride was led by **Jim Pennington** to St. Marys, Ohio. The Charter Riders were: **Bill Wergowske, Jim & Brenda Pennington, Roger & Mary Armontrout, Billy & Margaret Mullins, Ed & Judy Gorman, Paul Dion, Henry Arnold, Jim Nickerson, Ken & Mabel Truax, Al & Lois Rolfes, Bo Capehart and Kathy Peck.** The Assistant State Director, **Jim Trent** presented **Bill Wergowske** with the Chapter Charter and everyone a Charter Member Rocker. Oh, by the way, it started to rain as we were leaving to ride to St. Marys! Everyone was pretty well drenched by the time we arrived.

Chapter L has always celebrated August as the birthday month. We plan to celebrate again this year. If you have old photos of early rides and other Chapter L memorabilia, plan on bringing them to all of the meetings between now and the August meeting ... after all Chapter L will be 15 and we need to celebrate! The Area Representatives and Chapter Directors who have served Chapter L during the first fifteen years are listed below.

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| 1985 | Bill Wergowske |
| 1987 | Jim & Brenda Pennington |
| 1991 | Jim & Pauline Petroviak |
| 1993 | Bill & Yvonne Tieke |
| 1994 | Dick & Lois Pettit |
| 1996 | Mike & Judy O'Rourke |
| 1998 | Rich & Nancy Hesse |
| 2000 | Tom & Pat Runck |

The Watering Hole

Just a quick thank you to all who participate in our pop & coffee sale. This is just a small way that we can add a little to our treasury.



Thanks, Butch & Betty Royse



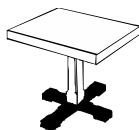
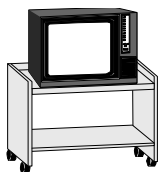
April Word Find

Find these words about types of tables...

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| CREDENCE | DINETTE | DRAWING |
| DROP-LEAF | DRUM | END |
| ENVELOPE | EXTENSION | FOLDING |
| GATE-LEG | KITCHEN | NESTING |
| NIGHT | PEMBROKE | PIECRUST |
| PIER | POOL | POUCH |
| REFECTORY | RENT | SIDEBORD |
| STEP | TELEVISION | TRAY |
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Complete this word puzzle and bring it to the registration table for an extra door prize ticket at this month's meeting!



MS 150

Butch & Betty Royse

It's that time of year. The MS150 bike ride is scheduled for June 10-11. For those that have not participated before, we provide assistance to bicycle riders as they raise money for Multiple Sclerosis during a 150 mile bicycle ride. The route is completed on Saturday and Sunday and all food and lodging is provided. The ride this year is returning to Hanover College in Hanover, Indiana. Hanover is just west of Madison. The bicyclists all liked the ride last year and they are only making minor changes this year. The only one that I have heard about is an extra rest stop added in Madison. If you are interested there will be a sign-up sheet at the meeting. We could use your help. THANKS!



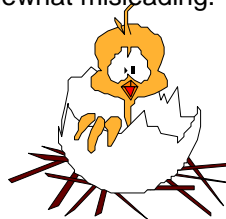
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Tech Topic

A funny view of working on a Gold Wing



This is a necessary item for effectively working on or cleaning a Gold Wing. If you have ever used what is commonly called a "trouble light" you may have experienced the same thing. Here is the definition of a trouble light: The mechanic's own tanning booth. Sometimes called a drop light, it is a good source of vitamin D, "the sunshine vitamin," which is not otherwise found under motorcycles at night. Health benefits aside, its main purpose is to consume 40-watt light bulbs at about the same rate that 105-mm howitzer shells might be used during, say, the first few hours of the Battle of the Bulge. More often dark than light, its name is somewhat misleading.



See you on the 19th at Chapter L's meeting!!

