



# The "L" News

Cincinnati, Ohio

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Ohio Chapter L

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

NEXT MEETING: May 17, 2000

It's -01 Month - a tribute to the women of Chapter L !

### No pink, no tights...

That's right, May is the month dedicated to women. It's Mother's Day and -01 month at Chapter L. Really, we call it -01 month because most of the women of the chapter are -01s. But actually we want to dedicate this month to all the women of Chapter L. So, come and visit us on May 17<sup>th</sup> for a meeting with class. Now, that is not to say that the now famous Mr. Pinky won't have *something* to say. He has told me that he would like a couple of minutes to do a short "tribute" to co-riders. He's not letting me in on this one - probably because I would put an end to it straight away. Oh well, I've learned to live dangerously with Tom around - maybe he will surprise me and do something nice for a change. NOT!!

We had a great time at the Tennessee Rally. The weather was great and the riding incredible. Tennessee and its twisty, mountain roads is the ultimate in riding fun for me. We didn't ride Deal's Gap this time since Tom just couldn't convince Betty that she needed to ride it one more time for the heck of it. So.....we got to enjoy the Harley rally in Cherokee instead. That's okay Betty, it was a great day on the bike anyway - and the company was terrific.

Tom & I attended the State Meeting last weekend and came home with lots of information. Check out the column, "Bits of the Buckeye" for an update. And speaking of Buckeye - the Rally is coming up and I hope that lots of you are planning to attend. Have you sent in your registration yet? - If not, make sure you pick up a form at the meeting. The ride to Marietta is easy and Ohio's rally just keeps getting better and better. Come along with us and I have no doubt that you will have an excellent time. By the way - if you are planning to go - make sure you carry a GWRRA



membership form with you at all times. If you are stopped at the rally and can produce the form, you may be surprised at what it will get you!



Back to the State Meeting – I have to say that this one was special for Chapter L and for me, personally. You see our newsletter won the Quarterly Award for the Southwest Section. YEE-HAW!. Let me tell you, there are some great newsletters in our section, so I was thrilled that ours was chosen a winner. Thanks for all

the great articles and for being the crazy group you are. Seems like all I have to do is keep my eyes and ears open and somebody does something newsworthy. We have a great group of coordinators too who make sure that I have interesting articles from them every month and always on time. You make the newsletter editor’s job so easy and fun. I couldn’t do it without ALL OF YOU.

I wasn’t able to attend A-2’s recent Fun Run but Tom went along with a few other riders from L. Since I wasn’t there, someone else had to navigate. **Mike & Betty Sue Stopp** were two-up so Betty Sue got the job. Somehow the group ended up with about 20 more miles on the odometer than any other and Tom said that they went down one road five times. He swore that the people working at two garage sales were calling him by name by the time they finally figured out where they needed to turn. Betty Sue – I am sure you deserve the “good sport” award for putting up with the razzing from Tom. Thanks for filling in.

I hope you can make it to the meeting. We will have a couple of items for the ladies to take home with them (thanks, in part, to **Pauline Petroviak**). So, see you on the 17<sup>th</sup> - Until then, take care.....

Pat Runck



# Happy Mother's Day

**DID YOU KNOW.....** The female knot-tying weaverbird will refuse to mate with a male who has built a shoddy nest. If spurned, the male must take the nest apart and completely rebuild it in order to win the affections of the female.



## Bites from the Big Dog

### Tom Runck – CD

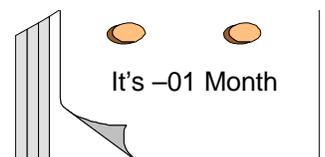
May means –01 month at Chapter L and it also means that the CD gets to take a rest. Although, as I remember, last year that ladies put Rich and me in a playpen for some reason. I just can’t get any respect. Do you think pink tights might have something to do with it?

Our chapter has purchased a gold brick that will be used in the new Cincinnati Ronald McDonald House. It will read: “GWRRA, Ohio Chapter L”. All of the other local chapters have also purchased gold bricks so GWRRA will be well represented in the new house. After visiting this facility last month, I think we have spent our money wisely. The name “McDonald” is used on the house but in actuality, they receive no operating funds from McDonald’s corporate. 93% of their funds come from donations. The work that is done there on behalf of families with seriously ill children is commendable. I think we can be proud to say that through this gold brick purchase as well as our pop tab collection, we have supported this organization. If you ever have the chance to visit a home you should go. Hopefully, you will never have the occasion to need their services. But, it is nice to know that they are there.



Well, I better get this off to Pat. She’s giving me that “look” again. Hopefully, I will see you on the 17<sup>th</sup> – Pat’s leading the meeting and I have to be well-behaved. Oh well – together we will still have one “L” of a good time....

Tom Runck – Big Dog – Mr. Pinky



# Membership/Historian

## Jim Pennington

We had good attendance at the **April** meeting with **73** members, guests and visitors coming out to the Lakeridge Conference Center to our meeting place. We thank first timers at our meeting **Ron Cawein and Karen Tomlin, ACD's of A-2**. It was also good to see **Denny & Linda Hahn** who had not been able to attend for a while. Oh, by the way, **Denny & Linda** just celebrated their 15<sup>th</sup> anniversary. Congratulations!

## 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 April gathering. Our database is getting in pretty good shape.

## GWRRA Members Memorial

Memorial Day is coming up soon and we always remember our Veterans who died in the various wars and conflicts of our country. But also, in memory of those fellow riders of Chapter "L" that have passed away, we say thanks for memories. We hope that you were lucky enough to have ridden with some of the following: **Duff Foertmeyer, Glenn & Irma Hammond, Jim Willman, Troy & Jackie Shoemaker, Al & Goldie Jacobs, Larry Bell, Gene Mencer, John Stanton, Gene Fancher, Brian Staten, Jim Schonnege, Mark Loggains and Bruce Taylor**. We remember them, I hope you do too.



## Jim's Rally Notes

By the time you read this we will have led a ride to the **Indiana Rally** in Portland, Indiana. Our next rally will be the **Buckeye**. We will be leaving for the **Buckeye Rally** in Marietta on **Thursday evening at 5:30 P.M.** on **June 15** and we plan on spending the night around Jackson, Ohio and traveling the rest of the way to



Marietta on Friday morning. Others are planning to go to this rally at other times. Please check at our May gathering for other departure times.

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 4th**. **Anyone wanting to**

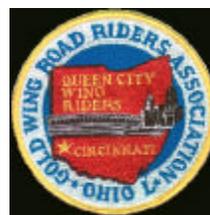
**ride out to Montana with us ... let's talk!** We will be doing some extra touring after **Wing Ding** so we will not be returning home immediately afterward.

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 May 17, 2000 at Lakeridge - 7:30 for the get together. - - - "Road Runner"

On the Internet - [JPENNINGTON.ROADRUNNER@COMPUSERVE.COM](mailto:JPENNINGTON.ROADRUNNER@COMPUSERVE.COM)

*Jim Pennington*



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# Safety Tip of the Month

If a blowout occurs, keep a firm hold on the handlegrips. Steer smoothly and ease off the throttle. Avoid downshifting and braking. Slow gradually and move off to the side of the road.

We will have tomato plants available at the meeting for sale. **Susan Adams** from Chapter E-2 has graciously donated these to us.



# Ride Coordinator

## Rich Hesse

May means it's time to get out and ride. Our try at a new Brunch location worked out great so we will be going back to Christina's again in June. Also, we have our two weekend rides over Memorial Day – one heading East and one heading South. Both sound like great rides. Now all we have to do is hope that our “Rainmaker”, **Walt Hart**, is not true to his name this time. And – there is no doubt that the people following **Clyde Jones** on his “lost weekend” will somehow end up just that – lost. I hope everyone has a great holiday and safe riding.



Check out the list of upcoming events below and mark your calendars to attend with your friends from Chapter L.

## UPCOMING RIDES/EVENTS

- **May 13<sup>th</sup> (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) if you have questions.
- **May 19<sup>th</sup> & 20<sup>th</sup> (Friday night and Saturday) – ERC Course**  
Meet at: Diamond Oaks Vocational School on Harrison Avenue at 6:00 PM on Friday evening. Call Mike O'Rourke (662-8099) if you have questions.
- **May 20<sup>th</sup> (Saturday) – Chapter E-2 Cruise-In**  
Meet at: Beechmont Motorsports at 12:00 PM. \$5.00 per bike and lots of food and prizes. Call Larry Lay (831-1825) if you have questions.
- **May 21<sup>st</sup> (Sunday) – MS Walk**  
Meet at: 8:00 AM at flying pigs entrance to Sawyer Point. Call Pauline Boderone (574-5097) if you have questions.

- **May 27-29<sup>th</sup> – (Memorial Weekend Ride) Ride to Virginia**  
Holiday weekend ride with the “Rainmaker”. Call Walt Hart (385-2356) if you have questions.
- **May 27-29<sup>th</sup> – (Memorial Weekend Ride) Ride to Lenoir City, Tennessee**  
Holiday weekend ride with “U-Turn Clyde”. Call Clyde Jones (528-0720) if you have questions.
- **June 3<sup>rd</sup> (Saturday) – Picnic Ride**  
Meet at: Bob Evan's on Colerain Avenue at I-275 for a picnic ride. Bring your lunch and drink. Time will be announced at the meeting. Call Rich Hesse (931-0544) for details.
- **June 4<sup>th</sup> (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.



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 May 17<sup>th</sup>. Until then, ride safe and take care of each other.

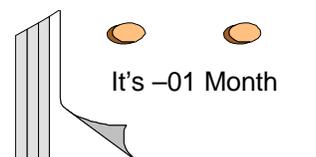


*Rich Hesse*



### DID YOU KNOW...

- A lump of pure gold the size of a matchbox can be flattened into a sheet the size of a tennis court.
- A person afflicted with Hexadactylism has six fingers or six toes on one or both hands and feet. Marilyn Monroe suffered from hexadactylism.
- The venom of a black widow spider is more potent than that of a rattlesnake.



# Sunshine

## Pauline Petroviak



**Sunshine Greetings!** Kevin Heitfield, son of Tom & Donna Heitfield, was in a serious car accident. He had a concussion and required some plastic surgery. He is now having some trouble with his upper back and shoulder. Dick Pettit's mother, Mary Belle, fell and hit her head and did some serious damage. She is in Drake Hospital recuperating. Pauline Boderone's dad, "Pop", was in the hospital with pneumonia along with some other complications. He is out of the hospital and recuperating at a retirement center.

**Jim Webster** lost his father. Our sincere sympathy to you and your family. Please keep the people mentioned above in your 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*

# Tax Relief Ride - 4/15/00

What a great way to clear the IRS cobwebs out of your brain - go for a ride. Before beginning the ride, each driver was presented with a new tax return form from the IRS. In case you didn't receive one, you can request it from them - it is Form 1040MC. That's right, MC for motorcycle. The form is really quite simple. You check the box that says if you do or don't ride a motorcycle. If you do, you don't have to report any income. If you don't - well just send in a big check to the IRS immediately.



It was a clear, sunny April day and we ended up with 6 motorcycles on a leisurely ride to Wilmington and back. As part of our ride, we rode on Rt. 350 - which some call the "Baby Dragon". Actually, the twisty part of this road is so short that if you blink you might miss it. But the riding

companions were great and the entire ride was relaxing - not much traffic and beautiful weather. We stopped at Ponderosa in Wilmington to eat where we added one more motorcycle to our ranks. We took a nice ride home on more backroads and ended what is usually a "taxing" day relaxed and refreshed. Thanks to the following people who found tax relief with us: **Rich Hesse, Bige Napier, Rich & Linda Elsen, Andy & Janet Andrea, Jim & Brenda Pennington, Pat & Tom Runck, and Mike Stopp.**

# Birthdays-Anniversaries



## Birthdays



June 2	Nolan Baurichter
June 3	Jan David
June 9	Dave King
June 11	Marilyn Sears
June 18	Heather Sutter
June 20	Lew Hall
June 20	Georgia Horgan
June 21	Tom Runck
June 21	Terri Sue Stumpf
June 22	Carl Hauser
June 23	Tom Heitfield
June 24	Ron Bien
June 29	Terry Feiler
June 30	Lori Hicks



## Anniversaries



June 1	Tom & Barb Burns
June 3	Walt & Tammy Williams
June 4	Russ & Marilyn Sears
June 4	Dave & Lola Murray
June 6	Rick & Bobbie Harless
June 7	Gene & Marilyn Matho
June 12	Marshall & Donna Goodman
June 13	Jim & Pauline Petroviak
June 17	Ken & Cindy Jauch
June 20	George & Roberta Vandal
June 23	Ron & Francie Bien
June 26	Richard & Mary Leffler
June 27	Dick & Carol Haehnle



# Pins/Patches/Parades

**Ken Jauch**



Hi, everyone and how has your month been? Mine has been very busy. I haven't been able to ride because of my bad knee and so this warm weather has me a little down. I know when I see all of you great people at our upcoming meeting, I will feel much better. As you know, they call me the "Patchman". It is because I sell all the goodies for Chapter L. I have shirts, patches, pins, flags (both antenna & pole-types), and much, much more. If you are interested in anything I have or you know of something you think we should carry, please let me know. As usual, if you see something during your travels that you think would be nice for our group, please pick up some information and give it to me. See you all at the next meeting on the 17<sup>th</sup>. Remember: you can never have too many pins & patches!

*Ken Jauch*

*The Patchman – "Fly a Sidecar"*

# Rally Coordinator

**Bob Childers**

Rallies are in full swing now. This weekend is Indiana's Rally and next month will be Ohio's. Rallies are great places to make new friends and visit vendors. So, check out the upcoming rallies and make plans. Check out the information table at the meeting for rally sheets. 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](mailto:ns.wingmaster@ns.sympatico.ca), or Stewart Mooers, (902) 543-7995, E-mail: [stewrose@ns.sympatico.ca](mailto:stewrose@ns.sympatico.ca).

## State Events

- ❑ **MAY 26-28, 2000. NEVADA DISTRICT Rally in Pahrump, NV.** Contact Don Grace, 2700 Arrowhead St., No. Las Vegas, NV 89030. (702) 657-9626.
- ❑ **MAY 26-29, 2000. WASHINGTON DISTRICT Rally, "Fiesta de Mexico"** 20th annual rally in Kennewick, WA. Contact Rick Trent. (253) 884-1777. E-mail: [precious@harboret.com](mailto:precious@harboret.com)
- ❑ **JUNE 2-4, 2000. NEW MEXICO's "Secret City Rally"** in Los Alamos, NM. Contact Neil R. Zack. (505) 672-3740.
- ❑ **JUNE 2-3, 2000. NEBRASKA DISTRICT RALLY in Grand Island, NE.** Contact Virgil Damratowski, 2112 Viking Road, Grand Island, NE 68803-2246. (308) 384-3662.
- ❑ **JUNE 9-10, 2000. OKLAHOMA DISTRICT RALLY in McAlester, OK.** Contact Marion Rice. (405) 691-3255. E-mail: [Mercar1@juno.com](mailto:Mercar1@juno.com) Vendors contact Bill Williams. (918) 663-6647, E-mail: [seusgo@aol.com](mailto:seusgo@aol.com).
- ❑ **JUNE 9-10, 2000. WISCONSIN DISTRICT RALLY at the LaCrosse Center in LaCrosse, WI.** Contact Ron Byrd, 4370 Citation Ct, Cottage Grove, WI 53527. (608) 839-5376. E-mail: [rcbdlb@terracon.net](mailto:rcbdlb@terracon.net) Vendors contact John & Judy. (608) 269-8100. E-mail: [jajjai@centuryinter.net](mailto:jajjai@centuryinter.net)
- ❑ **JUNE 9-11, 2000. UTAH DISTRICT RALLY in Kanab, UT.** Contact David Clark, 1521 E. 1200 N., Logan, UT 84341. (435) 753-1637.
- ❑ **JUNE 16-18, 2000. OHIO DISTRICT RALLY, "Rollin' On The River"** in Marietta, OH. Contact Tom Taggart. (740) 753-2214. E-mail: [taggart@frognet.net](mailto:taggart@frognet.net)
- ❑ **JUNE 30-JULY 2, 2000. WYOMING DISTRICT RALLY, "I Did Time In Rawlins"** in Rawlins, WY. Contact Rob Dempsey, (307) 672-9236. E-mail: [dempsey@wvcom.net](mailto:dempsey@wvcom.net)

## DID YOU KNOW....

➤ Tongue prints are as unique as fingerprints!



It's -01 Month

# "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"**  
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# The Brunch Bunch

## 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of the Month Brunch

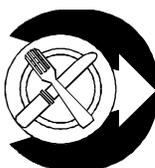


### Breakfast and much more . . .

On a beautiful Sunday morning (May 7<sup>th</sup>) we met at 10:00 AM with 13 motorcycles and 22 hungry riders ready to go Christina's in St. Leon, IN for breakfast. (Rich Hesse, Walt Hart, Bud Hensler, Jim & Pauline Petroviak, Rich & Linda Elsen, Rick & Bobbie Harless, Fred & Nolan Baurichter, Butch & Betty Royse, Tom & Barb Burns, Tim & Vicki Burns and Todd Burns & Kathy Rye). We had a great breakfast with lots of chatter and in about an hour we were ready to ride. The Burns' all headed off for another commitment and Butch & Betty had things to do, but the rest followed Jim and me as we meandered leisurely through some beautiful Hoosier hills. Jim provided us with excellent motorcycle riding enjoyment and ended our afternoon at Rising Sun, IN Dairy Queen -- whatta guy!

Join us on June 4<sup>th</sup> for what we hope to be a repeat performance. We will leave Miamitown park-n-ride at 10:00 AM to go to Christina's for breakfast (buffet or menu) and then ride some more of those wonderful southeastern Indiana backroads.

**This is not only a great breakfast, but much more.** Mornings are just better with the "brunch bunch"!



We love to ride and we love to eat!



# Ice Cream Screammers

## 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?

**APRIL 26, 2000** Butch & Betty Royse, Walt & Diane Hart, Tom & Pat Runck, Bob & Tril Childers, Dick Pettit, Todd Irving, Phil Hollingsworth, Rich & Linda Elsen, Tom & Barb Burns, Jack Elsen & Pauline Boderone, Tom & Jan David.

**MAY 3, 2000** Tom & Barb Burns, Bob Childers, Rich & Linda Elsen, Mike & Betty Sue Stopp, Elmer Jauch, Butch Royse, Walt & Diane Hart, John Kennedy & Mike, Phil Hollingsworth, Howard Ploegsma.

**MAY 10, 2000** Bob & Tril Childers, Tom & Barb Burns, Rick & Bobbie Harless, Walt Hart, Tom & Pat Runck, Phil Hollingsworth, Tom David, Jack Elsen & Pauline Boderone, John Kennedy & Jimmy.



# Chapter News

## Things You Just Need to Know...



➤ A pair of sunglasses was found after last month's meeting. If you lost them, please see Tom or Pat at the meeting.

➤ Chapter X-2 tied for 1<sup>st</sup> place for their "In-Sink" performance at the Tennessee Rally. They also brought home the award for the largest out-of-state preregistered chapter. Congrats!!

- For anyone traveling to the Buckeye Rally, do not use Rt. 7 between 3-6 PM on Friday or any other rush hour time. Instead, take Rt. 50 to I-77 to Rt. 75 to 3<sup>rd</sup> Street (2<sup>nd</sup> Street is closed).
- We have a brand new HJC burgundy open-face helmet in size small-medium. This helmet is new, in the box and if you would like to have it, please let Tom or Pat know. It's Free!
- **Elmer Jauch** was seen at the Tennessee Rally with a new co-rider. Word has it that she is just perfect – doesn't eat much and is very quiet. Maybe he'll bring her to the -01 meeting.
- The Northern Ohio Precision Drill Team has been disbanded. Janine Brandt, who was its leader, has returned to school and can no longer make the time commitment to lead the group. If you are interested in forming a new team, let Tom know or contact a state staff member.

### 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 on June 16-18. Make sure you get your registration sent in to **Tom & Sandy Taggart** as soon as possible.
- ❖ Make sure you are carrying a GWRRA membership application at the Buckeye Rally. You could be a winner!
- ❖ Dunlop had a bad batch of 471 Elite II tires but we currently don't know the batch/lot number. Check your tires before riding.
- ❖ Michelin has issued a statement that anyone using their Gold Standard tires should have them removed immediately and replaced with a tire of the motorcycle owner's choice. After replacing the

tires, proof of purchase is sent to Michelin, and then they reimburse you for the purchase. Call 1-877-242-3325 for Michelin Customer Service.

- ❖ Membership in Region D is up as of April by 3 ½ %. Of 198 new members, Ohio has recruited 116. There are now over 5,400 members in Ohio.
- ❖ Region D is responsible for Bike Show classification and judging at Wing Ding. If you plan to attend, please volunteer about 2 hours of your time to help with this job – no prior experience is necessary.
- ❖ At the Ozark Motorcycle Jubilee, Region D is responsible for On-Site Registration. They are asking for volunteers to help at the booth. Also, the registration fee for the event is ½ price for GWRRA Life Members.
- ❖ In Ohio, we are permitted to purchase raffle tickets for the Ozark Motorcycle Jubilee, but are not allowed to sell them. They are giving away some great prizes. Buy some from someone in Michigan or Indiana.

## GWRRA/MSF Chapter Survey

### *April 2000*

Seminars Given: 1 Attendance (each): 73

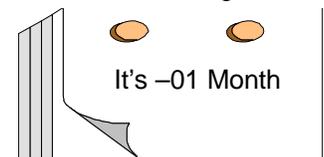
- Educated in CPR this month: 0
- Educated in First-Aid this month: 0
- MSF Courses taken this month: 0
- Parking Lot Practice: 0

## Rider Education

### *Mike O'Rourke - Safety is for Life!*

### *Tidbits of Safety*

In the past week, there have been two fatalities; one condolences go out to both of these families on their losses. Based upon the facts in the newspaper, one a rain storm to end. The the motorcyclist passing a car and hitting another



vehicle head-on. This person was trying to catch up with other riders who had passed the first car. Obviously, this accident could have been prevented



three ways. One, there was no need to hurry up to catch up with friends since everyone is going to get there sooner or later. Perhaps the friends could have slowed down and waited for their friend to catch up – Goldwingers do

this all the time. Two, by pulling out slowly and looking ahead he might have had time to duck back in behind the car. Three, if he had had a means of communication the whole thing probably would have not happened. Most of our Goldwings are equipped with CBs and this piece of equipment can often prove to be one of our best safety devices. When riding in a group, keep each other informed and use it to help keep your fellow riders safe. It is fun to chit-chat with our friends, but the CB should really be used primarily for communication of safety information. We ride one of the finest motorcycles in the world and spend time with some of the most important people to us – our friends – we need to try to make sure that we have the information necessary to make good, safe decisions while riding.

I made a couple of observations while at the Tennessee Rally and both just happened to involve trikes. While standing on the 3<sup>rd</sup> floor balcony at the hotel it was painfully obvious that the pinstriping on one fender was definitely not the same as that on the other. Too bad. Also, I watched someone hooking their trailer to their trike and it took over 30 minutes. It is good to be careful, but sometimes we go to extremes.

The ERC course on May 19-20 is full. We will begin on Friday evening at 6:00 PM at Diamond Oaks Vocation School on Harrison Avenue. Make sure you bring writing materials with you for notes. If you care to have something to drink, other than water, bring it with you. Also remember that you must be in proper riding attire – gloves, footgear covering the ankles, long sleeves, pants, and, of course, helmets. Call me if you have any questions or need directions to the school (662-8099).

See you on the 17<sup>th</sup> and remember to keep the **Shiny Side UP↑**.

*Mike & Judy O'Rourke*

# Treasurer

## Lori Hicks

Who would have thought the Easter Bunny would visit Chapter L? Good grief. Passing the Easter "bucket" added \$174.00 to our treasury. Thanks for being so generous. **Pauline Petroviak** was our lucky membership draw winner of \$5.00. This month we start over at \$5.00 again. We had lots of great door prizes donated by: **Tom & Pat Runck, Jim & Brenda Pennington, Jim & Pauline Petroviak, Fred & Lori Hicks, Betty Royse, Walt Bohanan, Clyde & Joyce Jones, Bud Hensler, Steve Albert, Pete & Judy Marshall, Larry Ivie & Teri Harris, Joe Schmidt, and Karen Tomlin.** Remember, if you bring in a door prize you will get an extra ticket to win one. Thanks to our generous donors.



Our lucky winners list included: **Lew Hall, Joe Schmidt, Pat Runck, Teri Harris, Ron Cawein, Russ Shauer, Bige Napier, Brenda Pennington, Mike O'Rourke, Betty Sue Stopp, Jim Webster, Steve Albert, Karen Tomlin, Rich Hesse, Walt Hart, Walt Williams, Tom McKiernan, Diane Hart, Jim Petroviak, Donna Heitfield, Fred Baurichter, Heather Sutter, Jim Brown, Barb Burns, Ron King, and Art Levine. Congratulations!!**

Keep those pull tabs coming and remember that each time you bring some in to sign the sheet. You will be entered in our drawing for free dinner for two at our 2000 Christmas Party. Thanks for your generosity and see you on the 17<sup>th</sup>.

*Lori Hicks*

# MS 150

## Butch Royse

I need your help. The Chapter needs your help. Boy did I screw up. Due to my extremely busy duties on meeting night (I help Betty at the WATERING HOLE), I completely forgot to say anything about the MS150. The MS150 is a bicycle ride of 150 miles that is completed over Sat. & Sun. The ride this year starts and ends at Perfect North Slopes outside of Lawrenceburg. All food & drinks as well as lodging is supplied. The only real expenses for us will be fuel. We



assist on the route by providing directions, warning them of any obstacles in the turns, how far they have come or how far they have to go but mostly to lend encouragement. The ride is on June 10th & 11th this year. As last year, they are returning to Hanover College just west of Madison, IN. For those on the ride last year, the MS staff had a conflict with the Sat. evening dinner. I have been assured that that will not happen this year and the dinner will be served in the College cafeteria. The MS staff is still trying to get the line lunch supplied by Burbanks. So far there are 374 registered riders. This is double the number they had last year at this time and they are hoping for a lot more. There is a pool at the college and it will be open from 1-5 PM. Refreshments will be available (for a nominal fee) from 3-10 PM Sat night. "Patsy's Decline" will be the live band on Sat. night. "Neutron Wave" will be the band playing at the finish line on Sun. Thanks in advance for your support.



*Butch Royse*

# MS WALK

## **Pauline Boderone**

Hello! The day of the MS Walk is almost here. I hope each of you are doing well with filling your sponsor sheet. If possible, I am asking each participant to bring to our meeting on the 17<sup>th</sup> the following items:

1. Your yellow sheet of your sponsor pledge form
2. A check to cover your total pledges (money)
3. A confirming "YES" that you are still planning to walk
4. Your walker ID envelope with all of this inside
5. Your emergency information filled out

We will meet on Sunday, May 21<sup>st</sup> at 8:00 AM at the entrance to Sawyer Point by the flying pigs. I plan to be there early enough to turn everything in and have all of our shirts so that we will be ready to walk at 8:00 AM. If you need to get in touch with me before the 17<sup>th</sup>, please call 564-7044 (7:30AM-5:00PM) or 574-3940 (6:30 PM-10:30 PM). Thank-you!!



# MS 150 TOO!

Hi, everyone. Riding season is finally here. Are all of you enjoying it? Unfortunately between work, teaching and training I haven't had much time to ride. Hopefully, that will change in June. That is not why I am writing this article. This is one of those begging articles. Most of you know that for the past 10 years I have been supporting the MS Society's 2 fund raising events the MS Walk and the 150 Mile Bike Tour. Additionally, I served on several of their committees. Last year I stepped down as Chapter L's coordinator for these two events. Butch Royse took over the 150 and has done an admirable job. This year I have decided to ride a bicycle in the 150. That's right - no motor - just peddle power. I have already started training for the event. Each bicyclist must raise a minimum of \$250.00 to participate in the event which is why I am asking for your help. I will be sending many of you a personalized letter explaining everything. I hope you will help. It would be nice to meet my minimums with only GW support. Thanks in advance for your help.

*Butch Boeing*

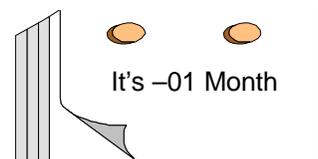
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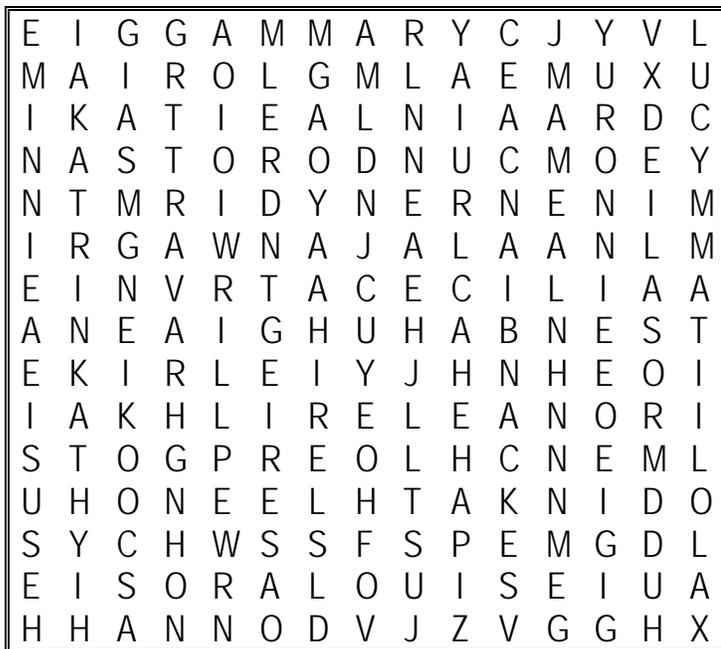
### **Insurance no longer needed to ride helmetless in Kentucky**

PICKERINGTON, Ohio – Beginning this summer, Kentucky motorcyclists will no longer be forced to provide proof of medical insurance to ride without a helmet, the American Motorcyclists Association (AMA) reports. Gov. Paul Patton on April 5 signed into law House Bill 619, which repeals the proof-of-insurance requirement. The new law takes effect in mid-July. Under the old law, Kentucky motorcycle operators 21 or older could ride without helmets provided they showed their county clerk proof of medical insurance coverage when registering their motorcycles. The motorcyclists then had to buy a \$3 sticker showing they complied with the law. Also, under the old law there was a lot of confusion over whether out-of-state riders were required to wear helmets in Kentucky. The new law clears up that confusion. Out-of-state riders may now ride without helmets. Those who worked for the repeal of the proof-of-ownership requirement included the AMA, Kentucky Motorcycle Association/K.B.A., Motorcycle Riders Foundation, and the National Coalition of Motorcyclists.



## May Word Find

Find these words about women in songs...



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|----------|---------|-----------|
| ADELINE  | ALICE   | AMY       |
| ANNIE    | BIANCA  | CANDY     |
| CECILIA  | CHLOE   | COOKIE    |
| DAWN     | DINAH   | DOLLY     |
| DONNA    | ELEANOR | GEORGIA   |
| GIGI     | GLORIA  | IDA       |
| IRENE    | JEAN    | JOSEPHINE |
| JUANITA  | JUDY    | KATHLEEN  |
| KATHY    | KATIE   | KATRINKA  |
| LOLA     | LOUISE  | LUCY      |
| MAGGIE   | MAME    | MARGIE    |
| MARIANNE | MARY    | MIMI      |
| MINNIE   | RACHEL  | RITA      |
| RONNIE   | ROSALIE | ROSAIE    |
| SHEILA   | SHERRY  | SUSIE     |
| TAMMY    |         |           |

Complete this word puzzle and bring it to the registration table for an extra door prize ticket at May's meeting!



## Public Relations

### Linda Elsen

Thanks to everyone who donated items for the Ronald McDonald House. We had enough supplies to fill our little horse trailer to the roof. We joined up with Chapter E-2 and arrived at our destination as a group. We made quite a splash with 19 bikes and 2 cars in attendance. At Ronald McDonald House we were well received. The ice cream social went very well. **Larry Lay** started things off by being 1<sup>st</sup> in line and that sort of broke the ice. The children at the house were so big-eyed and shy when their parents brought them to get ice cream. We were given a tour of the house and learned a lot about how things were run. Children from all over the world had stayed at the house. There was a child from Bosnia there and we had a chance to talk with some of the families. Those who attended from Chapter L were: **Tom & Pat Runck, Bob & Tril Childers, Rich & Linda Elsen.** My thanks to Chapter E-2 for letting us join the fun. We had a great time. Collecting the kitchen items took so little time but the end result was fantastic. Thanks again for helping. We were thanked by the house staff and the children's smiles said it all. Thanks for being so generous!



*Linda Elsen*

### ~THE HANDWRITING ON THE WALL~

A weary mother returned from the store, lugging groceries through the kitchen door. Awaiting her arrival was her 8 year old son, anxious to relate what his younger brother had done. "While I was out playing and Dad was on a call, T.J. took his crayons and wrote on the wall! It's on the new paper you just hung in the den. I told him you'd be mad at having to do it again." She let out a moan and furrowed her brow, "Where is your little brother right now?" She emptied her arms and with a purposeful stride, She marched to his closet where he had gone to hide. She called his full name as she entered his room. He trembled with fear-he knew that meant doom! For the next ten minutes, she ranted and raved About the expensive wallpaper and how she had saved. Lamenting all the work it would take to repair, She condemned his actions and total lack of care. The more she scolded, the madder she got, Then stomped from his room, totally distraught! She headed for the den to confirm her fears. When she saw the wall, her eyes flooded with tears. The message she read pierced her soul with a dart. It said, "I love Mommy," surrounded by a heart. Well, the wallpaper remained, just as she found it, With an empty frame hung to surround it. A reminder to her, and indeed to all, Take time to read the handwriting on the wall.

