



The "L" News

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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: October 18, 2000

It's October – time for Stag Riding & Chili Dumping !

Bites from the Big Dog...

Well, another successful October Chapter L Stag Ride has come and gone. Luckily, we didn't listen to our "professional" weather forecasters – telling us that we might as well not even get up for the weekend since all we were going to see was frigid temperatures, rain and snow. These people actually get paid to be wrong. Anyway, the manly-men of Chapter L defied them and enjoyed an awesome weekend of riding. I had the extreme pleasure of being roommates with **Clyde Jones** over the weekend. I think this was the first time he had ever been on a trip without Joyce. First of all, Joyce packed him a "picnic lunch" to bring along and share with the guys. Now this is just not done on Stag Rides – so he quickly stuffed it back in the bag and we never saw it again. Then he had these shorts – with a pocket-like place for his hands – well, I will just have to tell you privately about those. And to top things off, I had asked him to warm my sheets for me, since I was riding down later in the evening and he rode down earlier that afternoon. Simple enough request, don't you think? Well, he fixed my bed alright –short-sheeted it (except that he had to call Joyce to find out how to do it!). And to top the weekend off, we saw some Goldwing friends in a van heading the same direction we were. They say that after the first fall freeze comes the Harvest Moon – I don't think that is what we saw from the back of the van, though. It was an *Elsen Moon* – and trust me – you don't ever want to see one. Thanks to the guys who participated this year in the stag ride: **Tim Burns, Tom Burns, Rick Franklin, Rick Harless, Carl Hauser, Clyde Jones, Dave Pettit, Dick Pettit, Joe Rosemeyer, Butch Royse, and Michael Watzek.**

This weekend Pat gets rid of me again since I am riding on Chapter E-2's Stag Ride, thanks to the planning of **Pete Marshall**. Pat has me packed already. Looks like it is going to be a gorgeous weekend for L's Color Ride on Saturday, October 14th too. Check out the details in Rich Hesse's



article.

At the coordinator’s meeting, Rich provided us with a list of the rides received from last month’s suggestion forms. We had fantastic response from all of you. There are some really neat new places and activities in the plans and we hope to finalize things at this month’s meeting. If you have any additional ideas, please give them to Rich at this month’s meeting. It looks like next year’s schedule will be great. Thank you so much for your input.



Just so you didn’t think I was the only crazy person in our household – the restroom prop for **Carl Hauser** last month was all Pat’s idea. And didn’t Carl do a great job of clowning around when he sat on the “throne” and all of a sudden, jeans were

around his ankles? Now you can see why I am so excited about our new ACD. He will fit in perfectly at Chapter L. Thanks for being such a good sport, Carl, and for taking part in Pat’s prank last month. Stay out of those women’s restrooms, okay?

Well, I have to get ready to ride and get this article to Pat. See you on the 18th. Please remember to bring in your pop tabs, batteries for St. Joseph Home and food donations for the Free Store. Together we will have one “L” of a good time.

Tom Runck – Big Dog – Mr. Pinky



Leonardo da Vinci invented an alarm clock that woke the sleeper by rubbing their feet!

Back Seat Driver...

Pat Runck – Mrs. CD

October is definitely way up there as far as being one of my favorite months of the year. It’s Stag Ride time and this year Tom is gone two weeks in a row. My wildest dream come true! He’s been on his best behavior lately (since the new Wings were announced) because he thinks he is going to get one. Aren’t they neat? I can’t wait to see one “up close and personal”. Check out the AMA website – they have some

awesome pictures of the new Wing as it rolled off the assembly line – with sound included. You can see it at <http://www.ama-cycle.org>.

This year our sister chapters A-2 and E-2 turn into teenagers – that’s right – they both celebrate chapter birthdays and will be 13 years young. A-2’s birthday party will be at their meeting on October 24th and a lot has happened since **Tom & Kathy Peck** took over as their first Area Reps. Then November 2nd, E-2 celebrates their 13th birthday and I am sure that their first Area Reps, **Clyde & Joyce Jones** will be on hand to help them party. Plan to come out and help our friends (who were originally part of Chapter L) celebrate. I bet there will be sweet treats to enjoy.



In September, a group of brave campers set up at General Butler for a warm but damp weekend. **Bob & Tril Childers (& dog, Sugar), Carl, Cris & Robin Hauser (& dog, Samantha), Fred & Lori Hicks, Dick & Lois Pettit, Butch Royse, and Tom & I** enjoyed the relaxation of a camping weekend. Actually, Tom and I wimped out and ended up at a hotel on Saturday night. We still had a good time in spite of the weather. **Dick & Lois Pettit** hoteled it the whole weekend – maybe the smartest thing they could have done. When they were visiting with us on Saturday, Lois put a smile on **Fred Hicks’** face. She told him he had a bezoar. What’s a bezoar, you ask? Well, normally your cat would have one – a hair ball. Lois works for a doctor and recently they had a patient who had a hair ball. I don’t even want to know how that happened – but Fred thought that it was a perfect explanation of his physical attribute. So – it’s not from too many Twinkies, it’s not from guzzling all those soft drinks or the DQ banana splits – it’s a BEZOAR. Just when you think you’ve heard it all – something like this comes along. Gross.

This month is also my favorite because it means it is time for our all chapter Chili Dump at **Rich & Linda Elsen’s** farm. The date is Saturday, October 21st beginning anytime after 2:00 PM.



Remember to bring enough chili for each person in your group (a little extra sure wouldn’t hurt), your own drinks, and desserts to share. Chapter L is furnishing the cheese, crackers, onions, papergoods and big pots and cookers for chili dumping. If you have never tasted a pot full of blended chili – well you are missing out on a treat. It is delicious. There will be games, karaoke, hayrides, and much more. We are planning to eat around 4:30-5:00 so plan to arrive early so that



the chili has time to cook. It should be a great day with Goldwing friends. Thanks, Rich & Linda, for helping to make this all possible.

Well, it's time to get the newsletter completed and Tom out the door for another Stag Ride. It's going to be a good weekend. See you on the 18th. Until then, take care.....

Pat Runck



Membership/Historian

Jim Pennington

Association Affairs – Thanks!!

Even with the peak of riding season starting to wind down, it looks like there was a good number in attendance at the September gathering ... 76 in attendance. I think I'm going to start calling this article **THANKS!!**

First of all, I want to *thank Rich & Nancy Hesse* again for so easily handling the membership table last month. Keeping track of all that attend and passing out tickets can really get confusing when there are a lot of members coming in all at once. I don't think **Rich & Nancy** had any trouble filling in. I am sorry that the **Penningtons** could not attend the September gathering. As most of you know, I was spending some time with my mother. She was in the hospital again with heart problems. She is out now, still very weak and she showed me the card that she received from **Pauline Petroviak** ("Sunshine") on behalf of the chapter. She said *"tell the chapter thanks!"* It is appreciated. So, *thanks!!*

We also want to *thank the first timers, visitors and all GWRRA members* who came out to our September gathering. A **First Timer** for September was **Don Guthrie** who rides a **1985 Wineberry Interstate**. Visiting **CD and ACD's** from **A-2, Larry Ivie** and **ACD Ron Cawein & Karen Tomlin** were in attendance. **E-2 ACD Dave & Cathy King** were in attendance as well as several members from **A-2** and **E-2**. **ADD, Bill Stumpf** was the only one we had from **X-2**. *Thanks* for coming out **Bill**. As I have stated before we cannot name everyone who attended, but we sincerely welcome **Don Guthrie** the first timer, all of the old timers and everyone to our meeting and hope that you do come back soon.

I hope that you can join us on our great "fall color ride" this weekend – the weather should be perfect.

We are meeting at 9:00 AM at the Miamitown Park & Ride and should be home around 5:00 PM. If you can't ride with us, take a ride somewhere to enjoy this time of year.

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

For now, don't forget our gathering on **October 18, 2000 at Lakeridge** - 7:30 for the get together. - - -

"Road Runner"

On the Internet - Jim.p@fuse.net

On the Internet -

Jim Pennington



FOR GWRRA !



A San Diego patrolman pulled over a driver and told him that because he was wearing his seat belt, he had just won \$5000 in a safety competition. "What are you going to do with the money?" the officer asked. "I guess I'll go to driving school and get my license," the man answered. "Don't listen to him," said the woman in the passenger seat. "He's a smart aleck when he's drunk>" This woke up the guy in the back seat, who saw the cop and said, "I knew we wouldn't get far in a stolen car." Then there was a knock from the trunk and a voice asked in Spanish, "Are we over the border yet?"

--Quoted in *Funny Times*





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and mark your calendars to attend with your friends from Chapter L.

UPCOMING RIDES/EVENTS

- **October 14th (Saturday) Color Ride**

Meet at: 9:00 AM at the Miamitown Park & Ride for a ride through the Fall color of Kentucky. Should return home around 5:00 PM. Call Jim Pennington (941-4871) for details.
- **October 21st (Saturday) Chili Dump (Oct. 22nd – Rain Date)**

Meet at: 2:00 PM at Elsen’s Farm, 10301 Roppelt Road – Colerain Township. Hayrides, fishing, games, music, bonfire. Bring your own chairs, a dessert to share, drinks and enough chili for you and your guests. Chili will be served around 4:30-5:00 PM. All chapters invited. Call Rich Elsen (385-4082) for details.
- **October 28th (Saturday) Dive Ride**

Meet at King’s Country Inn in Hooven, OH at 5:00 PM. Call Tom Burns (851-2470) for more information.
- **November 5th (Sunday) Chapter L Brunch**

Meet at: Argosy Casino restaurant in Indiana for brunch buffet at 10:15 AM. Call Pat Runck (385-4556) for additional information. This is RAIN or SHINE – 4-wheelers or 2-wheelers. Hey, you have to eat anyway so come along!
- **November 18th (Saturday) Forest View Gardens Dinner**

Meet at: Forest View Gardens for an 8:00 PM seating. Featured presentation are songs from “The King & I”. Call Betty Royse (471-8429) for more details. Sign-up sheet at meeting – reservations required.
- **December 2nd (Saturday) Delhi/Cleves Christmas Parades**

More details will be available soon about these annual events. Call Ken Jauch (662-3082) for information.

Safety Tip of the Month

Avoiding small animals is desirable, but given the choice between hitting a squirrel or hitting a guard rail, there is only one rational decision.

Ride Coordinator

Rich Hesse

October’s brunch location at the Old Brick wasn’t the greatest so in November we are returning to one of our old favorites – The Argosy Casino in Indiana. We meet at the restaurant upstairs and if it is nice, sometimes try to take a ride afterwards. Meeting time is still 10:15 AM.



Thanks for the Ride Suggestions!

At last month’s meeting we asked for your ideas for our 2001 Ride Schedule – and

the response was fantastic. We are hoping to assign dates and ride leaders at our next meeting, so if you have any ideas you would still like to submit, please give them to me at the beginning of October’s meeting. And don’t forget, if you have an interest in learning how to plan and lead a ride, please let me know. I would be glad to help you with some ideas. Check out the list of upcoming events below

Don’t forget about our ice cream rides every Wednesday evening, except our meeting night. We leave from the K-Mart parking lot on Colerain Avenue, near Ronald Reagan Highway at 7:30 PM. Don’t forget our Chapter Meeting on October 18th. Until then, ride safe and take care of each other.



Rich Hesse



The Brunch Bunch

On October 1st, a group of hungry riders followed **Jim & Brenda Pennington** to The Old Brick in Sunman, IN for breakfast. They then joined IN G-2's ride and ended the day at the Liberty Bell restaurant in Liberty, IN for dinner. The "Brunch Bunchers" included: **Butch & Betty Royse, Rick & Bobbie Harless, Rich Hesse, and Jim & Brenda Pennington.** See you on November 5th for another gathering of the Brunch Bunch at Argosy Casino in Lawrenceburg, IN.

Asst. Chapter Director

Carl Hauser

This past weekend (October 6-8), I went on my first Chapter L Stag Ride. I didn't know what to expect; with Runck around anything could happen. We started out on Friday night and rode to Corbin, KY, where we spent the night. The next morning we rode down I-75, picking up SR 68 in Sweetwater, TN and riding east Tellico Plains, TN. Here we picked up SR 165, otherwise known as the **Cherohala Skyway**. As Tom Runck said, "We had our way with her." The Skyway has fantastic views around every turn, not that I had time to notice. It has plenty of "S" turns; sweepers and tight curves over its 53 miles of nicely paved two-lane roads. At the top, there were times we could not see the road due to the cloud cover.

From the Cherohala, we went to **Deals Gap** on US 129 and had lunch, again great roads and beautiful sights. After lunch we headed east to **Cherokee NC** where we stopped for the night. On Sunday we got up early and took the Blue Ridge Parkway east. The trees were covered with fall colors. At the top of the mountain the temperature was a mere 23 degrees. Frost was covering the leaves still on the trees and from a distance it looked like snow. The wind was blowing the clouds over mountain dropping them into the valley - what a beautiful sight. From there we went north on I-40 and took 25W into Kentucky then up I-75 to home.

I think this trip had *almost everything*: good food, good roads, good friends, just a little rain, just a little cold, and lots of fun. I hope that you can join us next year.

P.S. Just outside of Lexington, Tom Runck spotted an *Elsen Moon*. Ask Tom about that one.

Your **pen-ding** ACD -



Carl Hauser

DID YOU KNOW

- Deal's Gap Motorcycle Resort, formerly known as the Crossroads of Time, has new owners. Rob & Leslie Pemble, while new to Deal's Gap Motorcycle Resort, are not new to motorcycling. They used to own a sport touring accessories shop in Dillsboro, NC. It will be a great place to stop by in the Spring – they have lots of new T-shirts, food, accessories and even an engine and suspension specialist on site.
- It is estimated that a single toad may catch and eat as many as 10,000 insects in the course of one summer.
- There are more living organisms on the skin of a single human being than there are human beings on the surface of the earth.
- Blackbird, who was the chief of the Omaha Indians, was buried sitting on his favorite horse.
- When you blush, your stomach lining also reddens.



Sunshine

Pauline Petroviak



Happy Halloween! **Dick & Lois Pettit's** grandsons are both doing very well. **C.J.**, the 3-year old does not have leukemia after all. It turns out he is suffering from Cat Scratch Disease and should be fine. **Andrew**, the 7-year old had heart surgery to repair his damaged heart valve and hole in his heart. He is recuperating. **Janet Bohanan** had the veins in her leg stripped and she is home recuperating. She will have the same procedure done on the other leg soon. **Estelle Ray**, Chapter X-2's Chapter Mom, has been suffering with shingles and we hope she is starting to feel better. **Tom David** was rushed to the hospital with congestive heart failure. He is feeling better now and is back to work. **Jim Pennington's** mother was in the hospital with heart problems. She is home recuperating but is still very weak. **Carolyn Gingerich** had surgery on September 15th and is now home recuperating and doing well. **Charlie Estep** had surgery on his shoulder and is home recuperating and doing well. Also, Charlie will be retiring this month – congratulations! **Bernice Oxier's** father was in the hospital and he is now home recuperating and doing well. **Jim Nickerson** had triple by-pass surgery on October 10th. Our prayers for a speedy recovery. **Denny Hahn** had eye



surgery on October 11th and we wish you a successful recovery.

Our deepest sympathy goes out to **Jack Elsen & Pauline Boderone** and **Rich & Linda Elsen** on the death of Jack and Rich's brother, Albert. If anyone would like to send a memorial, please direct it to the American Lung Association.



Now for some GOOD news.....**Fred & Lori Hicks** are first-time great grandparents of a little girl – Ashley Leanne, born September 13th. **Dave & Cathy King** became grandparents for the first time to Natalie Grace, born on

September 14th. **Marshall Goodman** welcomed a new granddaughter, Zoe Hannah, born on September 8th. And, **George & Diane Beattie** became grandparents again to twins, Marie Elizabeth and Susan Juliann, born on October 10th. Congratulations and best wishes to all!

Don't forget to see me to get ripped off at Chapter L this month! 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



Nov. 1	Tom McKiernan
Nov. 1	Beth Weitzel
Nov. 1	David Best
Nov. 3	Mike Stopp
Nov. 5	Carolyn Schmidt
Nov. 7	John Kennedy
Nov. 9	Lori Manning
Nov. 9	Pete Marshall
Nov. 11	Jackie Best
Nov. 13	Butch Boeing
Nov. 13	Bernice King
Nov. 16	Jim Brown
Nov. 21	Linda Hahn
Nov. 23	Marjorie King
Nov. 27	Mike O'Rourke
Nov. 28	Butch Royse
Nov. 28	Don Yarber
Nov. 29	Dawn Barrett
Nov. 30	Richard Hagemann



Anniversaries



Nov. 1	Rich & Linda Elsen
Nov. 4	Bob & Chris Fray
Nov. 5	Irven & Carolyn Schmidt
Nov. 9	Tom & Kathy Peck
Nov. 11	Carl & Cris Hauser
Nov. 24	Ray & Bernice King
Nov. 26	Bob & Tril Childers
Nov. 27	Tom & Janet David

Pins/Patches/Parades

Ken Jauch

Hi, everyone! We've got shirts, flags, pins and all that stuff on sale. There are patches for your vest or jacket. It's not too early to start thinking about Christmas gifts! And, speaking about Christmas – our annual Delhi and Cleves Christmas Parades are just around the bend – scheduled for Saturday, December 2nd. I will have more details later, but mark your calendars to start the holidays right – riding your Goldwing!

Ken Jauch

The Patchman – “Fly a Sidecar”

Entertainment Books

Betty Royse

Anytime you can save money, you're happy. So, want to save on sporting events, theater and movie tickets, local attractions, travel offers, and, of course, restaurants – well, it's so easy. Just purchase the Entertainment Book for all sorts of discounts that will save you and your friends money. It will also make your Chapter happy by helping with its fund raiser.

Last month, we sold only 9 books, but some eager sales members have sold a few more and are hustling to sell even more. Why don't you become one too? You can purchase a book for yourself or to give or sell to others at our October meeting. Remember that it is helpful if you know for sure you have sold the book(s), to pay for them when you pick them up. That way, we can make our required monthly payment. If you plan to pay by check, please make it payable to “GWRRA Chapter L”. Each book is \$35 and an Associate card is available for \$10. We appreciate your help with this fund raiser and see me at the meeting to get your books. If you can't attend, just give me a call at 471-8429 and I will arrange to get them to you. Be happy, save money – buy the Entertainment Book!

Betty Royse



"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!*

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Call **Butch Royse – 513-471-8429**.

Rally Coordinator

Rallies are pretty much over for the season. It's not too late to start thinking about next year. Wing Ding will be held in Greenville, SC from July 3-6 and the Ohio Rally will be in Wooster, OH on June 15-17. The Indiana Rally will be on May 11-13 and Michigan Rally on August 3-5. I will have information sheets as they become available. I hope you had a fun time at this year's rallies. Rallies are great places to make new friends and visit vendors. So, make plans to attend next year. **RALLY-ON!!**

Ice Cream Screamers

Dinner/Ice Cream/Dessert Rides

Our Wednesday night ice cream/dessert rides actually include dinner most times. It seems that the opportunity to get out of the house mid-week for ride, meal and dessert with friends is a perfect combination for a Goldwinger. We have a good turnout every week!



ICE CREAM RIDES -- WERE YOU THERE?

SEPTEMBER 13, 2000 Tom & Barb Burns, Tim Kendrick & Nathan, Carl & Cris Hauser, Robin Hauser, Bob & Vivian Ulrich, Carl Hauser IV, Bonita Elkins & Chase, Jack Elsen & Pauline Boderone, Bob & Tril Childers, Tom & Pat Runck.

SEPTEMBER 27, 2000 Tom & Barb Burns, Butch & Betty Royse, Bob & Tril Childers, Carl, Cris & Robin Hauser, Jack Elsen & Pauline Boderone, Dan & Georgia Horgan, Rich & Linda Elsen, Tim Kendrick & Jessica.

OCTOBER 4, 2000 Carl, Cris & Robin Hauser, Bob & Tril Childers, Tom & Barb Burns, Rick & Bobbie Harless.

OCTOBER 11, 2000 Carl, Cris & Robin Hauser, Bob & Tril Childers, Tom & Barb Burns, Rick & Bobbie Harless, Rich & Linda Elsen, Tim Kendrick and Jessica & Nathan, Butch Royse, Tom & Donna Heitfield.



Chapter News

Things You Just Need to Know...

- Joyce Jones has reserved rooms at the University Plaza Hotel in Columbus, OH for Cabin Fever in February 9-11, 2001. They are being held under her name and the rate is \$69.00 for a King room and \$75.00 for a Double room. Please call 1-877-677-5292 to take over a reservation in your name. Joyce will have a sign-up sheet at the meeting this month.



- Chapter L will have a Christmas Carol Sing-A-Long at the Graystone Residence Home on Friday, December 8th. We will meet at Jack & Pauline’s house on Harrison Avenue at 6:30 PM and arrive at the home by 7:00 PM. We will be presenting homemade ornaments for the residents and Santa Claus will even be there. **Jan David** has agreed to play piano for us. Mark your calendar and take this opportunity to raise the spirits of others who are shut-in during the holidays.
- Amy Bishoff from the MS Society will be with us in October to present an award to the chapter.
- Don’t forget to set your clocks back one hour on Saturday night, October 28th. Daylight Savings Time ends on Sunday the 29th. You’ll need that extra hour of sleep after attending the Dive Ride on Saturday.
- A-2’s meeting in November is moved up one week to November 21st and will be their Craft and Bake Sale Meeting.
- Don’t forget we are collecting food items for the Free Store, and “C” and “AA” batteries for St. Joseph Home. We appreciate your help!



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...

- ❖ A Horizon Program will be presented in the Southwest Section on Sunday, January 14, 2001. The program is free to GWRRA members and will be held at the Dee Russell Lee Career Center in Hamilton. If you are interested, please contact Tom Taggart.
- ❖ The next Ohio Officer’s Meeting is scheduled for November 18-19 in Columbus and all pull tabs need to be turned in at that time. Also, the selection for the 2001 Buckeye Rally logo will be made and the four finalists for the District Couple of the Year will be selected. The

theme for the rally is “Escape to the Country” and no Amish buggies, etc. should be used in the design.

- ❖ We have received a preliminary agenda for the upcoming Cabin Fever and it looks great. There are items like Wagon Train Skills Ride, Wells Fargo, Saddle Up, Join the Posse, Mail Order Bride, Bounty Hunt and Panning for Gold. Sounds like a great time is just around the bend.
- ❖ Ohio is trying to form a trikette team. These are tricycles designed for adults and ridden by women. A great article can be found about existing teams in this month’s *Wing World*. If you are interested in participating or would like more information, please let **Tom & Sandy Taggart** or **Karen Taylor** know.



GWRRA/MSF Chapter Survey

September 2000	
Seminars Given: 1	
Attendance (each): 76	
➤	Educated in CPR this month: 0
➤	Educated in First-Aid this month: 0
➤	MSF Courses taken this month: 0
➤	Parking Lot Practice: 0

Slow Speed Riding

By Mark Yager yagermh@islandnet.com
Editor’s Note: A long-time motorcycle enthusiast, Mark is currently an instructor at the Canada Safety Council.

Slow Speed Riding

As much as we enjoy ripping down smooth, curvy roads devoid of traffic and radar guns, we all know that the majority of our time is spent plodding through urban areas at low speeds: Trips to the mall, off to the grocery store, down the street to the video rental store, all clustered with traffic and “cages” (also known as automobiles). We deal with slow speed riding daily yet so few riders are



adequately trained to properly deal with it. So we must remember that, as important as high-speed riding skills are, we can all benefit from slow-speed survival techniques as well. My definition of slow-speed riding is about walking pace, and it's easy when you know a few tricks.

Proper posture

Many riders are tempted to use body parts as balancing weights when riding slowly. Usually, this involves moving a knee away from the bike to counterbalance in a slow turn. If you do find yourself doing this, be prepared:



Proper seating posture is very important. Sit comfortably on the bike and keep your knees against the tank. Try not to move around too much as this transfers weight around and provides steering input to the bike. And keep your feet on the footpegs.

Sighting

Failure to look ahead is one of the most common errors with slow speed riding. A good way to practice this is setting up cones about four yards apart and slaloming through them. Vary the distance between cones if your bike can't make it. As you are going between two cones, you should be looking at the path you want to take in the next gate, which should be about 3.0 to 5.0 yards ahead. Many riders look 3.0 to 5.0 feet ahead which causes them to be shaky. Looking the proper distance ahead gives your mind enough time to plan a route, so you don't have to make so many last-minute corrections. Force yourself to look far ahead. Try it, you'll be amazed how this technique will improve your slow-speed riding.



The Front Brake

Under normal conditions, the front brake is an invaluable tool for keeping your bike under control. However, at very slow speeds while the front wheel is turned, the front brake can be too strong to provide a smooth stop. I tend not to use the front brake at very low speeds. The rear has more than enough power to stop you at these speeds, just be careful not to shift around to get your foot on the brake pedal (if it isn't already, as it should be), or you'll upset the bike's balance.

Clutch Slipping

Another major key to slow speed control is the clutch. Most motorcycles have wet clutches, which means that the friction plates are bathed in oil to keep them

cool. This means that slipping a clutch is not a problem for a short time. I have over 50,000 miles on my bike -- the clutch has never been rebuilt and still works fine, even though I occasionally "slip" it. When riding at a speed that is slower than your idle will let you go, control your speed by pulling in the clutch past the friction point to disengage the engine from the rear wheel. The friction point is the point that the clutch just starts to 'grab' and transfer power to the rear wheel. When you feel unsteady because you are going so slowly you feel you almost have to put your foot down, then let out the clutch a bit to speed up until you're steady. You can do this for quite some time without hurting the clutch.

By putting these techniques into effect, you will ride at low speeds better than 80 percent of other riders. I talk to police officers and other life-long riders who have never heard of these tricks, and many come back and tell me how much they have helped them. The best way to learn any riding techniques, including these, is to take a Motorcycle Safety Foundation rider's course. They will increase your confidence and skill immeasurably.

Treasurer

Lori Hicks

We had 76 people attending our September gathering. There were 34 door prizes donated by: Jim Webster, Jim & Pauline Petroviak, Tom & Pat Runck, Clyde & Joyce Jones, Dave & Cathy King, Steve Albert, Larry Ivie, Fred & Lori Hicks, Ruth Barry, Ron King, Jim & Brenda Pennington, and John Kennedy. Sandy Yapple's name was pulled out of the bag for the membership draw but she was not in attendance. So....this month the draw will be worth \$10.00.



Our pass the hat donations brought \$174.00 into the chapter treasury. Thanks to everyone for being so generous. Also, please remember that if you bring in a door prize you receive an extra door prize ticket for each item – and an extra chance to win one.

TABS, TABS, TABS – please remember to bring in your pull tabs this month. October/November marks the end of our collection time for this year. If you have been saving them at home, now is the time to bring them in since the Runck's and Hauser's will be taking them with them to the officer's meeting next month. See you on the 18th.

Lori Hicks



A Dollar's Worth of Trivia

A lesson for our citizens in the United States of America as our country gets ready to select two individuals; one who will become our next President. Take out a one dollar bill and look at it. The one dollar



bill you're looking at first came off the presses in 1957 in its present design. This so-called paper money is in fact a cotton and linen blend, with red and blue minute silk fibers running through it. It is actually material. We've all washed it without it falling apart. A special blend of ink is used, the contents we will never know. It is overprinted with symbols and then it is starched to make it water resistant and pressed to give it that nice crisp look. If you look on the front of the bill, you will see the United States Treasury Seal. On the top you will see the scales for the balance -a balanced budget. In the center you have a carpenter's T-square, a tool used for an even cut. Underneath is the Key to the United States Treasury. That's all pretty easy to figure out, but what is on the back of that dollar bill is something we should all know.

If you turn the bill over, you will see two circles. Both circles, together, comprise the Great Seal of the United States. The First Continental Congress requested that Benjamin Franklin and a group of men come up with a Seal. It took them four years to accomplish this task and another two years to get it approved. If you look at the left hand circle, you will see a Pyramid. Notice the face is lighted and the western side is dark. This country was just beginning. We had not begun to explore the West or decided what we could do for Western Civilization. The Pyramid is uncapped, again signifying that we were not even close to being finished. Inside the capstone you have the all-seeing eye, an ancient symbol for divinity. It was Franklin's belief that one man couldn't do it alone, but a group of men, with the help of God, could do anything. "IN GOD WE TRUST" is on this currency. The Latin above the pyramid, ANNUIT COEPTIS, means "God has favored our undertaking.." The Latin below the pyramid, NOVUS ORDO SECLORUM, means "a new order has begun.." At the base of the pyramid is the

Roman Numeral for 1776. If you look at the right-hand circle, and check it carefully, you will learn that it is on every National Cemetery in the United States. It is also on the Parade of Flags Walkway at the Bushnell, Florida National Cemetery and is the centerpiece of most hero's monuments.

Slightly modified, it is the seal of the President of the United States and it is always visible whenever he speaks, yet no one knows what the symbols mean. The Bald Eagle was selected as a symbol for victory for two reasons: first, he is not afraid of a storm; he is strong and he is smart enough to soar above it. Secondly, he wears no material crown. We had just broken from the King of England. Also, notice the shield is unsupported. This country can now stand on its own. At the top of that shield you have a white bar signifying congress, a unifying factor. We were coming together as one nation. In the Eagle's beak you will read, "E PLURIBUS UNUM", meaning "one nation from many people." Above the Eagle you have thirteen stars representing the thirteen original colonies, and any clouds of misunderstanding rolling away. Again, we were coming together as one. Notice what the Eagle holds in his talons. He holds an olive branch and arrows. This country wants peace, but we will never be afraid to fight to preserve peace. The Eagle always wants to face the olive branch, but in time of war, his gaze turns toward the arrows.



They say that the number 13 is an unlucky number. This is almost a worldwide belief. You will usually never see a room numbered 13, or any hotels or motels with a 13th floor. But, think about this: 13 original colonies, 13 signers of the Declaration of Independence, 13 stripes on our flag, 13 steps on the Pyramid, 13 letters in the Latin above, 13 letters in "E PLURIBUS UNUM", 13 stars above the Eagle, 13 plumes of feathers on each span of the Eagle's wing, 13 bars on that shield, 13 leaves on the olive branch, 13 fruits, and if you look closely, 13 arrows. And for minorities, the 13th Amendment. We don't know this and our children aren't taught this. Too many veterans have given up too much to ever let the meaning fade. Tell everyone what is on the back of the one dollar bill and what it stands for because it is important to know our history.



Remember to vote on November 7th. Our future depends on it!



October Word Find

Find these words about kinds of sheep...

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| LEICESTER | LINCOLN | MONTADALE |
| MOUFLON | NAVAJO | PANAMA |
| POLWORTH | ROMEDALE | RAMBOUILLET |
| SHROPSHIRE | SUFFOLK | SOUTHDOWN |
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Complete this word puzzle and bring it to the registration table for an extra door prize ticket at the October meeting!



How to Clean and Protect Your Windshield

Written by Allen Smith, of Tulsa Enterprises
 With very few exceptions, little by little GoldWingers clean their windshields to death. Take a stroll around the parking lot outside a

restaurant where a GWRRA chapter is eating. Look through all the windshields. Except for the brand new machines, almost every windshield shows evidence of well-intentioned abuse by the bike's owners. Sure, you need to keep your windshield clean, both for appearance and safety, but you don't need to go about it the wrong way!

First of all, you should know a bit about your GoldWing's windshield. Unlike most automobile or truck windshields, it is not made of glass. The original equipment Honda GoldWing GL1500 windshield is made of hard coated polycarbonate. While polycarbonate is great stuff, if you use a cleaner containing alcohol or ammonia (including Windex® or Pledge®) you start softening the hard coating, exposing the windshield to greater tendency to scratching and pitting. These and other alcohol-based cleaners work great on glass, but aren't meant for synthetics. Also, do not use Rain-X® on any coated windshield! Second, if you grab one of those service station scrubber wands, you don't know what kind of abrasives are imbedded in its spongy or squeegee surfaces. It's worth it to carry your own cleaning materials. At service stations, the temptation is to do a "final wipe-off" with those handy paper towels. Resist the urge! Paper is processed wood pulp. You're essentially scrubbing your windshield with a handful of ground-up twigs! Is it any wonder your windshield quickly goes from crystal clear to a crazy quilt pattern of swirls and whorls that's especially annoying when riding in the rain or in the glare of on-coming headlights!

Alcohol or high-petroleum-content cleaners are even more destructive to aftermarket windshields made of Lexan®. Spritz a little alcohol on one of these windshields and it immediately turns milky white. I had a customer tell me he destroyed one of these windshields while refilling his fuel tank. The hose nozzle strung loose, gushing gasoline all over the inside of his Lexan windshield. Was he angry!

Here's how I tell my customers to clean their windshields: Step 1. Use a wet, not damp, wash cloth or hand towel you keep for that purpose in a plastic zip-lock bag inside your Wing's travel trunk. Allow the water to soften the dried-on bugs. Work cross-wise and up and down; if you use a circular motion you tend, unconsciously, to increase the rag pressure and scrub harder than you need to. Also, if there's any grit on the cloth to gouge the surface, circular scratches are more annoying to the eye than straight ones. (By the way, I don't use diaper material because the tightness of the weave tends to pick up and retain grit.) Soft terry cloth is the best for the initial soaking and wiping. Step 2. With the windshield still wet, sparingly spray on some of Sumner Laboratories product called 210®. Using clean tee-shirt material, gently wipe the windshield dry, again using straight back-and-forth motions. Sumner's 210® is available through many motorcycle and plastic supply houses (and Tulsa Enterprises carries it too!). It's specially formulated for use on Lucite or Lexan. Besides being anti-static and anti-fog, it helps seal the pores of plastic and leaves a protective coating. As with any product you've not tried before, test it on a small area of the windshield.

Of course, in the final analysis, for severely scratched and pitted windshields, the best thing to do is start over with a fresh one, promising yourself to give it better care than you gave the last one. Just as investing in a fresh set of motorcycle tires makes a world of difference in how your motorcycle rides, by making a relatively small investment for a new windshield, you can improve your whole outlook on life!



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UPCOMING EVENTS

DATE	EVENT	EVENT LEADER	PHONE	TIME	MTG PLACE/LEAVING FROM
Oct. 14	Color Ride	Jim Pennington	941-4871	9:00 AM	Miamitown Park & Ride
Oct. 21	L Chili Dump	Rich Elsen	385-4082	2:00 PM	Elsen Farm, 10301 Roppelt Drive
Oct. 24	A-2 Birthday Party	Larry Ivie	398-5644	7:30 PM	K of C, 930 Hamilton-Cleves Road
Oct. 28	X-2 Meeting	Mike Runyan	398-8554	9:30 AM	Lebanon Citizens – Middletown, OH
Oct. 28	Dive Ride	Tom Burns	851-2470	5:00 PM	King's Country Inn – Hooven, OH
Nov. 2	E-2 Meeting	Larry Lay	831-1825	7:00 PM	Am. Legion Post, 4521 Weiner Ln.
Nov. 5	Chapter L Brunch	Pat Runck	385-4556	10:15 AM	Argosy Casino - Lawrenceburg, IN
Nov. 11	X-2 Square Dance	Georgia Horgan	738-3425	7:30 PM	Dee Russell Lee Vocational School
Nov. 18	Forest View Dinner	Betty Royse	471-8429	8:00 PM	Meet at restaurant
Nov.18-19	Officer's Meeting	Tom Runck	385-4556		Univ. Plaza Hotel – Columbus
Dec. 2	Delhi/Cleves Parade	Ken Jauch	662-3082		Details available later



CHAPTER “L” MEETINGS
 3rd Wednesday of Each Month
Lakeridge Conference Center
 7210 Pippin Road -- Cincinnati, OH
7:30 PM – Get-together



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We hope to see:

At Chapter L's next meeting on October 18th at 7:30 PM!

