



# The "L" News

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Region D - Great Lakes Region

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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: March 21, 2001**

March Madness – it's Bake Sale time !

*Bites from the Big Dog...*



March means it's time for Chapter L's annual Bake Sale. One thing I know for sure is that we have some awesome bakers in our Goldwing family and you can be sure that there will be something for everyone to bid on at our meeting on

March 21<sup>st</sup>. So, clean out that loose change that fell out of your pockets under the couch cushions while being a couch potato all winter, and join us for an evening of fun and calories. The lovely and talented, **Brenda Pennington** and **Pauline Petroviak** will serve as our auctioneers and our watering hole proprietors, **Butch & Betty Royse** will have plenty of coffee and soft drinks to wash it all down. It is always a fun night and we are grateful for your support.

This weekend on Saturday, March 17<sup>th</sup>, Pat and I are hosting a dinner at the Kennings Circle K restaurant on Bridgetown Road at 5:30 PM. They are seating us in a private area (guess they were forewarned about us) and the menu has something for everyone. There is a coupon in the *Entertainment Book* that can be used also. So, I hope you can come out on St. Patrick's Day and join us. Please give me a call (385-4556) to let me know you will be attending if you didn't sign up at the last meeting.

The Buckeye Rally will be here before we know it and I hope that you have already sent in your registration form. If not, we have them available at the meeting so pick one up and mail it in. You don't want to miss out on the fun. Also, if you are having trouble finding hotel rooms for the rally (we don't normally have trouble because of the help of our concierge, **Joyce Jones**), there is another option to consider. There are dorm rooms available in Wooster which the state staff toured recently. Most have a living room and kitchen on the first floor and two bedrooms and bath on the second floor. They do not have television or telephones but all basic toiletries, linens and towels are provided. Two people in a townhouse rents for \$45 per day and with



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four people it rents for \$50 per day. The phone number for these townhouses is 330-287-7504. The theme for this year’s rally is “Escape to the Country” and the Wooster area provides some incredible riding roads. Mark your calendars to attend with us.

Another great ride this year will be our trip to Wing Ding in Greenville, SC. Chapter L has a large group traveling to GWRRA’s “main event” this year and you don’t want to be left out. You can check out details about Wing Ding on the GWRRA website at [www.GWRRA.org](http://www.GWRRA.org) and there is an on-line registration form that makes signing up to go a breeze. We have groups leaving at various times and Joyce has our hotels arranged for us. Please see **Carl Hauser** or me for more details.

The weather finally cooperated and I have been able to put some miles on my new steed. What a ride! Can’t wait for the Tennessee Rally to put it to the test on those famous mountain twisties.

I hope to see you at our next meeting on March 21<sup>st</sup> and please remember to bring your favorite baked goods to donate for our auction. Don’t forget – we may not have it all together, but together we have it all! Let’s just have one “L” of a good time.

*Tom Runck – Big Dog – Mr. Pinky*

### Did You Know:



- Astronauts can’t cry in space. There is no gravity, so the tears can’t flow.
- Dr. Miles Compound Extract of Tomato, a patent medicine, went on the market in the 1830’s; it is now commonly known as ketchup.

- In the country of Tibet, it is considered good manners to stick out your tongue at your guests.

- When a gorilla drinks water, which is rare, it soaks the back of its hand and sucks the water from its fur.



- In swimming, the fastest stroke is called the “Crawl”.

## Back Seat Driver...

### Pat Runck – Mrs. CD

March will be a great month for me if my new grandson ever decides to make his entrance into the world. He’s overdue and hopefully by the time you read this article, he will have arrived. **Rick & Bobbie Harless** are also waiting for their new grandchild and maybe by the time of our Bake Sale we will both have new babies to brag about.



There is definitely something wrong (or right, depending upon your point of view) with some of the manly-men in our chapter. In case you missed our February meeting, **Carl Hauser, Tim Kendrick, and Nathan Marcum** dressed up as Valentine Cupid Candy Men. Very scary. These guys in red long-johns with candy attached gave a whole new meaning to Valentines Day. Let’s hope we never have to experience it again. You guys have the same sickness that Tom has and it seems to be spreading in Chapter L. Nathan, who is only twelve, has been imprinted and warped for life. Oh, what being a member of Chapter L can do to you.

It has been kind of a bad month already for Chapter L with the passing of Rickie and Zach Joyce and Pat Nickerson. Pat was Jim Nickerson’s (of AMA fame at Chapter L) wife and had taken care of Jim since his stroke. Now Jim’s day-to-day life will surely change and we need to keep him in our prayers. The tragedy of loss is never more profoundly felt than when children are involved. That is the case with the nephews of Rick & Bobbie Harless. These were the children of Bobbie’s brother, Rick, who had previously also lost two wives to untimely deaths. Attending the visitation service and seeing the faces of these boys’ friends made it all too clear that children never think about death. Please keep this family in your prayers also, especially Rick, as he tries to find meaning in his life through this tragedy.

Don’t forget our Bake Sale this month. We count on you (and not the calories) to make this a success. See you on Wednesday, Mar. 21<sup>st</sup>. And remember, to handle yourself, use your head; to handle others, use your heart.

*Pat Runck*



## Pride Matters!

Don't forget to wear your vest or chapter shirt to the next Chapter L meeting. Our pride is showing!

## Membership/Historian

*Jim Pennington*

### Association Affairs – Thanks!!

There was an excellent turnout for our February meeting. Our gathering place at Lakeridge was filled with tables and seating for a total of **83 members, guests and visitors**. We had first timers, **Joe Rosemeyer and Terrie Mays** with us. **Joe (Rosie)** rides a brand "H" ('94 FLSTC in black) but, we still hope that he and **Terrie** come out to all our rides and events this year. We also have heard rumors of wedding bells! We also had younger first timers who came out with parents, **Jessica Marcum and Nathan Marcum** ...belonging to **Tim & Anita Kendrick**. It is too bad that they had to see what some adults actually do at some special gatherings. Don't know what I am talking about ... remember, it was our Valentine's Day gathering ... you had to be there. (CD Tom did not dress up!)

### Membership Draw has a winner!

There was a winner in the membership draw for February. **Bud Hensler** won the membership draw for being there and having a valid membership card in his possession. So far **Bud** has perfect attendance for 2001. (How about you?) If you were at the January or February gathering, your name will be in the drawing for the March gathering. Hope you will be able to get out of the house and come to Chapter "L."

### Membership Phone Directory

If you have been an active member and attended rides and events with Chapter "L" you should be listed in our new Membership Phone Directory. If you did not pick up your directory, these directories will also be at our next gathering. I do have a correction, one of the **Kings of GWRRA, (Dave and Cathy King)** – phone number is 742-0937. If there are any other

corrections, please let me know and I will post the changes here.

### Membership Updates

In an effort to keep the membership records up to date at our next gathering, I would like you to confirm your current information with me including your special dates, phone numbers, Membership Number as well as your expiration date.

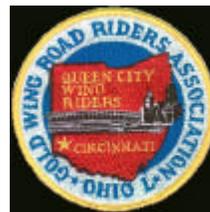
### E-mail Addresses

I will have a new sign in sheet for members with e-mail addresses. I will have a listing of members with computer e-mail addresses that you should verify. Those of you who are not on the list should sign up unless you want to remain incognito. If you cannot attend the March gathering, call me with your e-mail address at 941-4871.

Don't forget our gathering on March 21, 2001 at Lakeridge – it starts at 7:30. Come early, kick some tires! - - - "Road Runner"

On the Internet - Jim.p@fuse.net

*Jim Pennington*



FOR GWRRA !

## The Watering Hole

Just a quick "Thank-You" to all who participate in our coffee/pop sale at the meetings. We usually make no less than \$20 a month which helps with Chapter expenses. We really appreciate the people who donate the 12-packs of pop, too. Thanks for your help and support.

*Butch & Betty Royse*





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and riding to the new casino to enjoy lunch. The price is around \$9.00 per person. Hope you can make it.



Don't forget, for the remainder of the winter, we are meeting at Riley's in Greenhills on Winton Road at 7:30 PM for our Wednesday evening dinner and ice cream rides. Our regular schedule of ice cream rides beginning at K-Mart starts on April 4<sup>th</sup>.

### UPCOMING RIDES/EVENTS

➤ **March 17<sup>th</sup> (Saturday) Dinner Ride**

Meet at: Kennings Circle K restaurant, 6166 Bridgetown Road at 5:30 PM. There is a coupon in the Entertainment Book - #B65 that may be used. Call Tom Runck (385-4556) for more information.



➤ **April 1<sup>st</sup> (Sunday) Chapter L Brunch/Lunch**

Meet at: Miamitown Park & Ride at 10:00 AM. We will be riding to the Belterra Casino in Indiana near the Markland Dam for lunch. Cost is approx. \$9.00 per person. Call Pat Runck (385-4556) for additional information. This is RAIN or SHINE – 4-wheelers or 2-wheelers.

➤ **April 14<sup>th</sup> (Saturday) Crossroad Dinner Ride**

Meet at: Miamitown Park & Ride at 1:00 PM. We have 3:00 PM reservations at Crossroads restaurant in Versailles, IN, 615 West US 50 (812-689-3000). Call Butch Royse (471-8429) for additional information.



Don't forget about our dinner/dessert rides every Wednesday evening, except our meeting night. We meet at Riley's restaurant on Winton Road in Greenhills at 7:30 PM. Don't forget our chapter meeting on March 21<sup>st</sup>. Until then, ride safe and take care of each other.



*Rich Hesse*

### Safety Tip of the Month

All too often we rely on a supposed inherent riding ability. If we fail to maintain our physical or mental edge, what is the price we could pay? Training is available, accessible and affordable. Let's make our miscues on the practice range – not the road. Take an ERC or RSS course today to further develop and maintain our riding edge while reducing risk. Make the commitment and be as prepared as you can be.

### Ride Coordinator

*Rich Hesse*

March brings new rides and events to enjoy. Don't forget that we are still meeting on Wednesday nights at Riley's in Greenhills at 7:30 PM. We will continue with this schedule until April 4<sup>th</sup>, when we will again start meeting at the parking lot near the old Print Craft in front of K-Mart on Colerain Avenue – again at 7:30. Hopefully we will



have some good riding weather to allow us to enjoy our dessert rides again.

**Kennings Circle K**  
**Mar. 17<sup>th</sup> - 5:30 PM**  
**Call Tom Runck**

Also, our 1<sup>st</sup> of the month brunch will be held at Belterra in Indiana. We will be meeting at the Miamitown Park & Ride at 10:00 AM



## The Brunch Bunch



On March 4<sup>th</sup> a group of hungry Goldwingers met at the Argosy Casino Buffet in Lawrenceburg, IN for breakfast. The "Brunch Bunchers" included: **Rick & Bobbie Harless, Butch Royse, Tim & Anita Kendrick, Fred & Nolan Baurichter, Tom & Barb Burns, and Todd Burns & Cathy Rye, Pat Baltus, and Tom & Pat Runck.** See you on April 1<sup>st</sup> for another gathering of the Brunch Bunch, this time meeting at the Miamitown Park & Ride at 10:00 AM.

### An Irish Blessing:

May there always be work for your hands to do,  
 May your purse always hold a coin or two.  
 May the sun always shine warm on your windowpane;  
 May a rainbow be certain to follow each rain.  
 May the hand of a friend always be near you;  
 And may God fill your heart with gladness to cheer you!



## Parking Lot Practice

No foolin' – on April 1<sup>st</sup> from 8-11AM, Chapter E-2 will be hosting a parking lot practice at the Sports Page Café. This is a perfect place to hone those riding skills that got rusty over the long winter. Give Dave Murray (247-9877) a call if you need more information.

## Changes, Changes

Oh, for crying out loud! It's only the middle of March and already I have had to change one of my rides. I had planned to go to The Treehouse Restaurant, just west of Aurora, on April 14<sup>th</sup> for dinner. Well, I guess I could still go, the prices are right, but unfortunately the restaurant has closed. So, off I went on another great adventure and found a brand new restaurant in Versailles. – The Crossroads. Since one of the owners also owns a farm, the specialty for the restaurant is fresh pork, and steaks, right from the farm. We will be leaving from the Miamitown Park & Ride at 1:00 PM. I'm hoping for decent riding weather so that we can ride the bikes. Dinner is scheduled for 3:00 PM. If



you would just want to meet us at the restaurant, it is about ¼ to ½ mile west of the traffic light in Versailles, left side. A sign-up sheet will be at the meeting or you can call me at 471-8429. I hope you can join us and I hope we can ride on two wheels. I found some pretty nice roads for us to enjoy.

*Butch Royse*

With five little words, state tourism officials are hoping to show that Ohio is much more than the heart of it all. "Ohio So Much To Discover!" will become the state's new slogan and part of a new logo this spring. The new campaign will focus on highlighting Ohio's wealth of history and nature.

## Sunshine

**Pauline Petroviak**



Happy Spring to All! **Kenny Jauch** will have gall bladder surgery on March 19<sup>th</sup>. It will be outpatient and will be off work for two weeks. **Donna Heitfield** had surgery on March 1<sup>st</sup> to have some benign tumors removed and she is now home recuperating. **Butch & Betty Royse's** daughter, **Lori**, broke her leg and had surgery for torn ligaments and had a plate put in to stabilize the bone. Lori will be on crutches for about 6 weeks. **Fred Baurichter** had surgery on his hand and is doing well and back to work. **Fred Manning** was in the hospital undergoing many tests to determine what was causing his dizziness and unstable balance. His white count is very high and he is in the early stages of leukemia and diabetes, carpal tunnel, arthritis, and vertigo. Fred has returned to work – let's keep him in our prayers. Our thoughts and prayers go out to **Bobbie Harless** on the loss



of her two nephews who were killed in a fire in their home on March 5<sup>th</sup>. Rickie was 12 and Zach was 9. Also, our deepest sympathy goes out to **Jim Nickerson** on the loss of his wife, **Pat**. Pat had been in the hospital for one week with heart problems and had been home one day when she suffered another heart attack.

We recently heard that **Roberta Vandal** is having problems with her right eye and is going through some diagnostic testing.

Now for some much needed good news – Congratulations to **Carl Hauser IV**, son of **Carl & Cris Hauser**, who graduates from the Navy Nuclear Power School on March 16<sup>th</sup>. He will be spending the next two months in Groton, CT for welding school and then reports to Pearl Harbor, HI in mid-July. He will be stationed aboard the USS Columbus (SSN762), a fast attack submarine.



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

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

*Pauline Petroviak*



*Happy  
St. Patrick's  
Day*

## Birthdays-Anniversaries



Birthdays



April 1	Roger Feiler
April 2	Donna Heitfield
April 4	Bob Kallmeyer
April 10	Bob Ulrich
April 11	Pauline Petroviak
April 15	Marguerite Meyers
April 15	Mark Simmons
April 16	Lois Pettit
April 16	Sandy Yaple
April 19	Joyce Verkamp
April 20	Tom David
April 23	Bud Smith
April 24	Bob Childers
April 24	Clyde Jones
April 25	JoAnn Marston
April 26	Kelly Stumpf
April 27	Lois Hollingsworth



Anniversaries



April 2	Rich & Nancy Hesse
April 4	Don & Nancy Guthrie
April 15	Fred & Marguerite Meyers
April 16	Andy & Janet Andrea
April 17	Mike & Cheryl Kempf
April 20	Art & Donna Levine
April 24	Larry & Denise Lay

## Pins/Patches/Parades

### Bob & Tril Childers



Stop by and see us at the next meeting to purchase your chapter shirt, new flag for your bike and pins and patches. We can order just about anything. Keep your chapter pride showing!

Remember – you can never have too many pins & patches!

*Bob & Tril Childers*

## “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.gwrro.org>
- **Great Lakes Region “D”**  
<http://www.geocities.com/~regiond/>
- **Ohio District**  
<http://geocities.com/ohdistrict/gwrro.htm>
- **Chapter “L”**  
<http://www.QCWR.org>

Also, if you would like to submit an article to the newsletter, please feel free to fax it to 513-385-5026, or e-mail it to [Prunck@aol.com](mailto:Prunck@aol.com). Digital pictures are gladly accepted too. We want to hear from YOU!



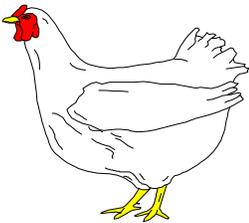
### You Know You Are From Ohio If...

- You don't think of Florida when someone mentions Miami.
- You think pro football teams are supposed to wear orange.
- You know all four seasons: Winter, Still Winter, Almost Winter, and Construction.
- You've ever had to switch the furnace from heat to air conditioning in the same day.

## The Chicken Gun

### Sometimes it DOES take a Rocket Scientist....

Scientists at NASA have developed a gun built specifically to launch dead chickens at the windshields of airliners, military jets and the space shuttle, all traveling collisions with airborne fowl to test the strength of the windshields. British engineers heard about the gun and were eager to test it on the windshield of their new high-speed trains. Arrangements were made to borrow the gun. But when the gun was fired, the engineers stood shocked as the chicken hurtled out of the barrel, crashed into the shatterproof shield, smashed it into smithereens, crashed through the control console, snapped the engineer's backrest in two, and embedded itself in the back wall of the cabin. Horrified, Britain sent NASA the disastrous results of the experiment, along with the designs of the windshield, and begged the U.S. scientists for suggestions. NASA's response was just one sentence: "Thaw the chicken."



## 2001 Rallies

Here is some information on 2001 Rallies. They are great places to ride to and make new friends. Try to find a place for some of these rallies in your 2001 ride activities.

### National And International Events

- ❑ **JULY 3-6, 2001. Wing Ding XXIII in Greenville, South Carolina.** For details and to preregister, contact GWRRA, 21423 North 11th Avenue, Phoenix, AZ 85027. (800) 843-9460. See application form in Wing World or at GWRRA website [www.gwrro.org](http://www.gwrro.org).
- ❑ **AUGUST 31 - SEPTEMBER 2, 2001. Second annual "OZARK MOTORCYCLE JUBILEE" in**

**Springfield, Missouri.** All Motorcycle Invitational Drill Team Championships and International Rally. Sanctioned by GWRRA and Regions D, E & M. Presented by Black Eagle Promotions. For information and to preregister, call (800) 843-9460 or on the web at [www.motorcyclejubilee.com](http://www.motorcyclejubilee.com).

### Regional

- ❑ **MAY 18-20, 2001. UPPER CANADA REGION K RALLY** "Spring Rendezvous 2001" at the Niagara Regional Exhibition Ground in Welland, ON. Contact Dennis Evans. (905) 685-9238. E-mail: [devans@vaxxine.com](mailto:devans@vaxxine.com).
- ❑ **MAY 25-28, 2001. SOUTH WEST REGION F Rally in Cortez, CO.** Contact Ron Tolson, 13481 Lakota Road, Apple Valley, CA 92308. (760) 240-1206. E-mail: [rontolson@aol.com](mailto:rontolson@aol.com).

### District Events

- ❑ **MARCH 29-31, 2001. FLORIDA DISTRICT RALLY "Wing Gathering" at the Sabal Park Radisson Hotel in Tampa, FL.** Contact Bob Shrader. (813) 885-7963. E-mail: [floridadd@dellnet.com](mailto:floridadd@dellnet.com). Vendors contact Ed Porter. (727) 360-4025.
- ❑ **APRIL 19-21, 2001. ALABAMA DISTRICT RALLY "Sweet Home Alabama" in Muscle Shoals, AL.** Contact Jim or Sue Jackson, phone/fax: (334) 448-7478. e-mail: [jjrider90@aol.com](mailto:jjrider90@aol.com) or Ronnie or Kay Broome, (334) 271-2925, e-mail: [rbrider93@aol.com](mailto:rbrider93@aol.com).
- ❑ **APRIL 26-28, 2001, MISSOURI DISTRICT RALLY "Hillbilly Reunion", at Southern Oaks & Magnolia Inn, Shepherd of the Hills Expressway in Branson, MO.** Contact: Frank & Mary Williams, RR 2 Box 489, Buffalo, MO 65622. (417) 345-8225. E-mail: [cfrank@todays-tech.com](mailto:cfrank@todays-tech.com) or Randy & Carol Roberts, 1110 Country Club Dr., Butler, MO 64730. (660) 679-5004. E-mail: [gwrroadd@iland.net](mailto:gwrroadd@iland.net). Web site: <http://gwrro.mo.tripod.com/>.
- ❑ **APRIL 27-28, 2001. TENNESSEE DISTRICT Rally "Spring Fling—Roaring Twenties" in Pigeon Forge, TN.** Contact Ray Massengale Jr., 2000 Old Alabama Road SW, McDonald, TN 37353. (423) 472-5981. E-mail: [gwrroarray@bellsouth.net](mailto:gwrroarray@bellsouth.net). Web site: [www.tngwrro.org](http://www.tngwrro.org).

## Ice Cream Screeners

### 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!



**DESSERT/DINNER RIDES -- WERE YOU THERE?**

**MARCH 7, 2001** Tom & Barb Burns, Rick & Bobbie Harless, Tom & Pat Runck, Tim & Anita Kendrick, Nathan Marcum, Tril Childers, Cris Hauser, Robin Hauser, Jack Elsen & Pauline Boderone.

**MARCH 14, 2001** Rick & Bobbie Harless, Tom & Pat Runck, Tim & Anita Kendrick, Jack Elsen & Pauline Boderone, Tom & Barb Burns, Robin Hauser, Joe Rosemeyer & Terrie Mays, Bob & Tril Childers, Tom Heitfield.



**Chapter News**

**Things You Just Need to Know...**

- At our February meeting we had pink and white balloons hanging up in honor of Valentines Day. It seems that one person just couldn't resist the temptation of busting a pink one. He tried to remain incognito but you should know better than to think someone wouldn't "rat" on you right, Larry Lay?
- You can be glad you don't live next door to Clyde Jones. In case you missed the story at last month's meeting – it seems that he just had to drain the water off of his pool cover (approx. 1,000 gallons of it) and then the neighbors notified the Clermont County workers because they thought there was a water main break. Luckily Clyde went out to find out what all the commotion was about and quietly "fessed up" to the workers just before they started to tear up the street. Clyde just gets into trouble no matter what he does. Joyce says that he is not allowed to go outside and play anymore without supervision.
- Chapter L members including Butch & Betty Royse, Tom & Pat Runck, Cris Hauser, Robin Hauser, Jack Elsen, and Barb Burns, attended and passed CPR training a couple of weekends ago. One of the maneuvers learned was the abdominal thrust, used to dislodge items stuck in victims' windpipes. In order to complete this exercise, one places their arms around the waist of the victim. Wouldn't you know that it was a Goldwinger that required another position to be taught because the arms of the person "saving" the victim weren't long

enough to go around his waist. Cris' arms are plenty long – it was just that Jack's waist was a wee bit too round.

- Jim Pennington will be collecting e-mail addresses from members to add to the information we have on file. Also, if you would prefer to just download the newsletter on-line and not receive one in the mail, please let us know. We can notify you when it has been posted for retrieval. This will save us printing and postage costs. Thanks!
- See Butch Royse about getting signed up in the Rider Education "Levels" program. Levels 1,2,3,and 4 show our commitment to safe riding and it is easy to participate. You may actually qualify at a higher level than you think you do. Butch has the sign-up sheets and will be glad to explain each level to you. GWRRA is all about rider education and we owe it to ourselves to be the smartest riders we can be. That means co-riders too!
- Jessica and Nathan Marcum are full-fledged, card-carrying members of GWRRA and Chapter L now. They each have their own new vests – Jessica even made hers herself. Tell them how great they look next time you see them and how much we appreciate their level of commitment to our organization.
- Don't forget to set your clocks back on Saturday night, March 31<sup>st</sup>. Daylight Savings Time begins on April 1<sup>st</sup> and that's no foolin'. Be careful – we know Nancy Hesse and Cris Hauser will be in a bad moods because they hate to lose that hour of sleep.
- Don't forget – no door prizes at this month's meeting.
- We are collecting canned goods and non-perishable food items each month for the Free Store. If you have any you would like to donate, there will be a collection basket in the front of the meeting room by the podium. See Lori Hicks for your door prize ticket for making a donation. No tickets this month, though.

**Get "Ripped-Off" at Chapter "L"**

Don't forget to stop by and see us at this month's meeting to purchase your 25 cent rip offs for St. Joseph Home. We will be selling them before and after the meeting and we will be glad to rip you off. It's fun, fast and easy and for a great cause. See you on the 21<sup>st</sup>. Thank-you,

*Jim & Pauline Petroviak*



## State News

### **Bits of the Buckeye...**

- ❖ Upcoming dates to remember include: March 25<sup>th</sup> – Safety Sunday North in Medina, May 5<sup>th</sup> – Skill Days Southeast in Nelsonville, May 19<sup>th</sup> – Skill Days Southwest in Dayton.
- ❖ It was great to see our National Directors, Mike & Judy Wright at Cabin Fever this year. They presented Tom & Sandy Taggart and the District of Ohio with an award for having the most GWRRA members within a state – we have over 5,400 members. Recruiting and retention are what we need to do to maintain this honor. Our Region D Directors, Jim & Shirrin Hutchens attended also and it was a pleasure to visit with them too.
- ❖ Chapter Directors and Assistant Chapter Directors will be meeting in Columbus on April 21<sup>st</sup> at the University Plaza Hotel.
- ❖ The Ohio Recruiting Contest runs from June 1 to May 31 of the following year. You can find out how many members you have recruited by contacting the GWRRA membership office in Phoenix. You can submit a copy of the list they provide you to Karen Taylor by May 31<sup>st</sup> for this year's contest. New friends are the lifeblood of our organization.

## GWRRA/MSF Chapter Survey

### **February 2001**

- Seminars Given: 1  
 Attendance (each): 83
- Educated in CPR this month: 0
  - Educated in First-Aid this month: 0
  - MSF Courses taken this month: 0
  - Parking Lot Practice: 0

You are needed to make this year's MS Walk better than ever. If you have put on a few pounds and want a reason to get back in shape, make this your goal. This year we walk on Saturday morning – May 12<sup>th</sup>. Call me at 513-574-3940 and get your name on our team roster.

Thanks! *Pauline Boderone*



## Rider Education

### **Butch Royse**

#### **SAFETY IS FOR LIFE. The ABCs of ABS:**

Anti-lock brakes were developed in the early 1900s for trains. As you might imagine, the coefficient of friction for a steel tire running on a steel rail leaves a lot to be desired. After World War II, anti-lock brakes were also used on jets.



In the 1960s, heavy trucks and some luxury cars were fitted with ABS, but the technology of the time and most of these systems weren't up to snuff. With the advent of digital technology, anti-lock brake systems that actually worked well became a reality. Currently, you'd be hard pressed to find any car without some form of ABS.

A motorcycle rider's first and often last line of defense are his or her brakes. But when a brake locks, it's of no use, and the end result may be worse than never braking at all. Some of the more progressive motorcycle designers were quick to grasp the implications of ABS. In 1989, BMW offered the first practical system on its K100RS. Currently both BMW and Honda offer ABS as either standard equipment or as an option on selected models.



**How It Works:** With normal hydraulic brakes, an overzealous rider can apply too much pressure at either lever and lock up the front or rear brake. At this point, the wheel stops spinning and starts slicing. Rain, sand, or a greasy road surface make this prospect more likely, as does an emergency panic situation. With ABS, a sensor mounted at the wheel constantly monitors the wheel's rotation. It sends the information to an Electronic Control Unit (or computer) that compares the wheel's speed to the vehicle's speed and, in most systems, to the speed of the other wheel. When the sensor tells the computer that the brakes are applied and the wheel has stopped rotation but the vehicle is still in motion, the ECU triggers the hydraulic system to release pressure momentarily. When the wheel starts turning again, the ECU reapplies the brakes. If need be, it will pulse the brakes up to 15 times a second. You may be familiar with the term "threshold braking." Threshold braking means that the rider holds the brakes on the verge of lockup. If the wheel starts to lock, the rider eases up but maintains some pressure. It's the fastest way to stop a bike, and that's how ABS works. Threshold braking requires a lot of practice and is difficult to master. With ABS, all the rider has to do is hold the brake pedal or lever on. ABS does the rest.

**Pros and Cons:** It would seem that ABS is the answer to a motorcyclist's prayer. Maybe yes, maybe no. To use ABS effectively, you need to understand how it works. Because the system pulses the brake pedal, your instinctive reaction



may be to release the pedal when it starts to pulse. Wrong move. Now you've released the brake. When the ABS activates, hold the lever on and let the system do its job.

Riders confronted with a panic situation may also rely only on the ABS. One of the great features of ABS is that it allows you to steer your way out of trouble under hard braking – without worrying about wheel lock. Many riders are understandably leery of anti-lock systems. After all, it's relatively new technology where motorcycles are concerned. It's also expensive and there are those little black boxes. The good news is that if the ABS fails, you still have perfectly normal brakes, just without the anti-lock feature.

For the average rider, an ABS equipped machine can be stopped quicker with better vehicle control on wet or slippery roads than a bike set up with standard brakes. Furthermore, vehicle stability is increased because you can't lock either wheel. The only real problem with ABS is on dirt roads. A proficient rider may want to intentionally lock either wheel to slide the bike through a turn, and ABS prevents that bit of fun. That's one of the reasons why there is a disable switch on BMW's GS-series bikes.

The other place ABS doesn't work is on solid ice or snow. If the vehicle is in a multi-wheel slide, the sensors tell the ECU that it has stopped and never pulses the brakes. The solution is to ease off the brakes and let the wheels turn if they can. Better yet, don't ride in those conditions in the first place.

Is ABS the wave of the future? I think so. The only real drawback now is price, which remains high. I'm confident that as more computers find their way onto motorcycles, lowering the overall price of technology, so will ABS. The safety factor is too great to be ignored.



With the new Wing offering ABS as optional equipment, I thought it might be of interest to future GL1800 riders.

Article written by Mark Zimmerman, Motorcycle Tour & Cruiser Magazine.

*Butch Royse*

**Treasurer**

**Lori Hicks**

Another great get-together with 83 people attending. **Bud Hensler** won the membership draw for \$5.00, so this month it will again be worth \$5.00. We had over 50 door prizes donated by the following generous people: **Fred & Lori Hicks, Jim & Pauline Petroviak, Ron King, Tim & Anita**



**Kendrick, Keith Kennedy, Walt Bohanan, Jack Elsen & Pauline Boderone, Tom & Barb Burns, Rich & Nancy Hesse, Bud Hensler, Dave & Cathy King, Dan & Georgia Horgan, Tom & Pat Runck, Jim & Brenda Pennington, Ed Ely, Tom & Cookie Salamon, Andy & Janet Andrea, Steve Albert, and Ruth Barry.** Thanks for your generosity. It is always fun to win a door prize. Don't forget, if you bring a door prize, you receive an extra ticket to win. Let's have fun, fun fun.

The pull tabs are flowing pretty good, but there is always room for more. Keep 'em coming! Thanks everyone and see you at the March meeting and Bake Sale. We won't have time for door prizes this month so save them for April.

*Lori Hicks*

**ERC:** We still have 4 openings in our upcoming ERC class scheduled for June 1-2. If you would like to participate, please give me a call (471-8429) or sign up at the meeting. Thanks – Butch Royse

**MS 150 -- June 9-10**

We could sure use your help. June 9-10 are the dates for this year's MS 150. For those who have not participated before, our job is to assist the bicycle riders that are raising funds for Muscular Sclerosis by riding 150 miles over two days. We assist at dangerous intersections and caution them of approaching traffic or road conditions. There are usually around 400 bicycle riders for this fundraiser. We have even had some GWRRA members ride bicycles in this event in the past. The MS Society provides all food and overnight lodging so the only expenses we usually incur is for our gas. This year, the route is from Perfect North Slopes ski area in Lawrenceburg, IN to Hanover College, just west of Madison, IN and back. If you would be available to work only one day, that would be okay too. We really need some extra help on Sunday morning because there are so many dangerous intersections on the Sunday route home. So, come on out on Saturday, enjoy supper with us and stay the night. Just make a note on the sign-up sheet or let me know your plans if you are unable to work both days. Your help is greatly appreciated by the bicycle riders and me.

*Butch Royse*



## March Word Find

Find these TV terms...



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| AIRING   | AUDIO   | BOOM         |
| CAMERA   | CLOSEUP | CUE CARD     |
| DOLLY    | EDIT    | FADE OUT     |
| GAFFER   | GRIP    | LIGHTS       |
| LIVE     | MINICAM | MONITOR      |
| NETWORK  | PILOT   | PRINT        |
| PROP     | RATINGS | REMOTE       |
| RERUN    | SCRIPT  | SEQUEL       |
| SERIAL   | SERIES  | SET          |
| SPIN-OFF | SPONSOR | STAND BY     |
| STATION  | TEASER  | TELEPROMPTER |
| VIDEO    | WRAP    | WRITER       |
| ZOOM     |         |              |

## Speed the Way to a Cure

Benefiting the Arthritis Foundation & hosted by the Kentucky Speedway - Join the Arthritis Foundation and the Kentucky Speedway on Saturday, April 21, 2001 for the first Speed the Way to a Cure Motorcycle Event. Participants must pre-register to enjoy a cruise on their own through the scenic countryside to the Kentucky Speedway. Riders will receive a ticket to the 700 WLW ARCA Race on May 12, 2001, commemorative event t-shirt, lunch and will complete their journey with laps around the 1.5 mile oval and an afternoon of fun, food and



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entertainment in the infield of the Kentucky Speedway. Not only is this the best event to hit the Midwest, but it helps the 64 million people affected with arthritis in the United States. Chances are that one out of every five people you know has some form of arthritis. It is not limited to older people. In fact, as many as 285,000 children nationwide are affected with arthritis. So, help the Arthritis Foundation find the cause and cure for the more than 100 forms of arthritis.

All riders must pre-register to participate in track laps and to receive race tickets, T-shirt & lunch. Spectators register the day of the event. Space is limited and is on a first come, first served basis. So sign up now! Schedule of Events: 12 pm Gates open & spectator registration begins; 12-3 pm Pre-registration check-in, track laps and lunch; 3:30 pm Raffle drawings; 5 pm Gates close.

Event Activities: Motorcycle displays & merchandise, great entertainment, motorcycle & racing raffle items from all over the region, Outback Catering Concessions & beverages, Swap meet.

Registration: Pre-registered rider \$120.00 includes: 3 laps on your bike around the Kentucky Speedway, 1 ticket to the May 12, 2001 ARCA Race, Lunch & beverage, entertainment & swap meet, commemorative event t-shirt.



Pre-registered rider & passenger \$150.00 includes: 3 laps on your bike around the Kentucky Speedway, 2 tickets to the May 12, 2001 ARCA Race, 2 lunches & 2 beverages, entertainment & swap meet, 2 commemorative event t-shirts.

Spectator Registration (Day of event) \$10.00 includes: Event admission, entertainment & swap meet, free parking.

Pre-registration forms must be postmarked by Friday, April 6, 2001. Event details, lodging information and forms will be sent prior to the event after registration and payment have been received by the Arthritis Foundation. CALL THE ARTHRITIS FOUNDATION AT (513) 271-4545 TO RECEIVE A BROCHURE WITH A REGISTRATION FORM AND MORE INFORMATION.

Elissa Hostetter, Assistant Development Director Arthritis Foundation, Ohio River Valley Chapter, ehostetl@arthritis.org 513-271-4545.

### One Last Did You Know...

- In Victoria (Australia) it is a fineable offense to wear hot pink pants after noon on Sunday.
- In Australia they have a national law that requires taxi cabs to carry a bale of hay in the trunk.
- In Denmark, no one may start a car while someone is underneath the vehicle.

## Queen City Wing Riders

### GWRRA - REGION D - OHIO CHAPTER L UPCOMING EVENTS

DATE	EVENT	EVENT LEADER	PHONE	TIME	MTG PLACE/LEAVING FROM
Mar. 17	Dinner Ride	Tom Runck	385-4556	5:30 PM	Kennings Circle K – Bridgetown Rd.
Mar. 21	L Bake Sale Mtg.	Tom Runck	385-4556	7:30 PM	Lakeridge Conference Center
Mar. 27	A-2 Meeting	Larry Ivie	398-5644	7:30 PM	K of C, 930 Hamilton-Cleves Road
Mar. 31	X-2 Meeting	Mike Runyan	398-8554	9:30 AM	Lebanon Citizens – Middletown, OH
Apr. 1	Chapter L Brunch	Pat Runck	385-4556	10:00 AM	Miamitown Park & Ride to Belterra
Apr. 1	E-2 Parking Lot Prac	Dave Murray	247-9877	8:00 AM	Sports Page Café - Mt. Carmel
Apr. 5	E-2 Meeting	Dave King	742-0937	7:30 PM	New England Club, Rt 125
Apr. 14	Dinner Ride	Butch Royse	471-8429	1:00 PM	Miamitown Park & Ride-Crossroads
Apr. 18	L Meeting	Tom Runck	385-4556	7:30 PM	Lakeridge Conference Center
Apr. 21	Officer's Meeting	Tom Runck	385-4556	9:00 AM	University Plaza Hotel - Columbus
Apr. 24	A-2 Meeting	Larry Ivie	398-5644	7:30 PM	K of C, 930 Hamilton-Cleves Road
Apr. 27-29	TN Rally	Tom Runck	385-4556		Pigeon Forge, TN

### CHAPTER “L” MEETINGS

*3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday of Each Month*  
**Lakeridge Conference Center**  
 7210 Pippin Road -- Cincinnati, OH

**7:30 PM – Get-together**



Tom & Pat Runck  
 Chapter Directors  
 9365 Yellowwood Drive  
 Cincinnati, OH 45251

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Chapter L's next meeting is on March 21<sup>st</sup>. We hope to see you there!

**March 2001**