



The "L" News

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Gold Wing Road Riders Association

Region D - Great Lakes Region

Ohio Chapter L

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

NEXT MEETING: OCTOBER 17, 2001

It's October - ghouls, goblins & cauldrons of Chili !

Bites from the Big Dog...



The leaves are changing, there is frost on the pumpkin and that means it is time for Chapter L's famous Chili Dump on October 20th at **Rich & Linda Elsen's** farm. Everyone mixes up a batch of their favorite chili recipe and then we dump it in the huge vats for simmering. Personally, I am very particular about my chili but I have to say that I have never had a bad bowlful at this annual event. We supply all the fix'ns and you supply the chili, your drinks and desserts to share. As usual, we will have hayrides, fireworks, kids games, karaoke, and much more to make for a fun day. I think **Don Dakin** might be there doing his rendition of the famous "Biscuit" song - also called, "how to drive your parents crazy". This year we will have people camping at the Chili Dump too. Then on Sunday morning, we will be hosting a pancake breakfast. All in all it will just be a great weekend of fun together. Check out all the details elsewhere in the newsletter.

Our ride coordinator, **Rich Hesse**, had Ride Suggestion forms available at last month's meeting. We are looking for your suggestions as we plan next year's ride schedule. A copy of the form is also included in this month's newsletter. Please give us your suggestions. If you would like to lead the ride, that would be great but it is not required. We have some very creative people in Chapter L who come up with great ideas every year. We will be scheduling our ride-planning meeting soon so please turn in your suggestions at October's meeting. If you prefer, you can email them via our chapter website and Tim will make sure we receive them. Put your thinking caps on!

Don't forget that this is the last month to turn in the pop-tabs you have collected. We will be weighing them at the officers meeting in Columbus on November 17-18. Let's hope the state can turn over a big check to Ronald McDonald house again this year.



Not to rush the season too much, but we will have a sign-up sheet at this month’s meeting for Chapter L’s Christmas Party, which will be held on December 19th. This is a reservation-only event since we need to plan for the catered meal. So, if you plan to attend , please make sure you sign-up.

This is also the time of year when **Linda Elsen** talks to us about supporting the FreeStore. Linda always does such a great job of helping us understand why it is so important to think of others in need. So, we will have a basket at this month’s meeting to collect any non-perishable food items. We will continue this collection in November and at the Christmas party also. Chapter L has always been very generous for this collection. If you would prefer to make a cash donation, we will have a canister available for that too.

Thanks to **Dave King** for being such a good sport and wearing his “King Weenie” we presented him. I think Dave needs to take a lesson in the art of grilling – maybe we will give him another chance at the Chili Dump.

Well, Pat is giving me that look that says “you’re late with your article again” so it’s time to go. She has been sick all week and nobody is taking care of me. Don’t you feel sorry for me – yeah right. Pat calls me “Nurse Nasty”. Imagine that. Anyway, I hope to see you on October 17th for another gathering of Chapter L. And remember: we may not have it all together, but together we have it all! Let’s just have one “L” of a good time.

Back Seat Driver...

Pat Runck – Mrs. CD

This week has not been the best for me. Somehow or another I managed to start with the flu which then quickly became a killer sinus infection and now bronchitis. The pills I’m taking would be hard for a horse to swallow. I have to get well VERY quickly since Tom is my nurse. Let’s just say a compassionate bedside manner is not part of who he is. Luckily, he has found a reason to be out of the house every night this week. I’m feeling better already.

Last weekend the gals enjoyed Canal Days in Metamora, IN. I have never attended this event before and I couldn’t believe the number of shops and vendors and the crowd of people. **Donna Heitfield** took care of the arrangements for us and the Hospitality House B&B was our home for the weekend. If you ever visit Metamora – you can’t miss it since the building is pink. Now I know why Tom wanted to go with us. Anyway, I really enjoyed the shopping – prices were very reasonable and the selection was incredible. Our dinner on Saturday night at the Hearthstone started out with a ride on a flatbed wagon with built in benches pulled by an old tractor. What an experience! The ride home, again on the wagon, was beautiful. Away from the city lights, the stars looked like you could reach up and touch them. We stayed dormitory-style and I think the group downstairs practically got us thrown out with all of their laughing. It was a weekend like I have never experienced before. Thanks, Donna, for coming up with the idea in the first place.

I was thrilled to have **Roger & Penny Hurley**, our Southwest Section ADDs visiting with us again last month – especially when I found out one of the reasons they were there. Chapter L’s newsletter won the Quarterly Newsletter Award for the 2nd quarter of 2001 for the Southwest Section. What an honor. The Southwest Section has some great newsletters so to be selected is awesome. Our newsletter is only as good as the articles you contribute and the great stories and anecdotes that make it fun. It seems like somebody is always doing something newsworthy – so I want to personally thank all of you for helping to win this honor for Chapter L. “L”YES!!

Well, it looks like **Jim & Brenda Pennington** planned this year’s color ride dates perfectly for optimum color. I don’t know that I will be able to ride, but please check the ride schedule in the newsletter for all of the details. Jim’s color ride is always a “fantastic” and this year you get to ride on either Saturday or Sunday or both. Let’s just hope the weather forecasters are wrong about the predicted wet stuff.

Well, I’m running way behind schedule with the newsletter this month. Don’t forget your pull-tabs and FreeStore donations. And thanks so much for your support of Chapter “L”. See you on the 17th. And remember, to handle yourself, use your head; to handle others, use your heart.

Pat Runck



Tom Runck – Big Dog – Mr. Pinky



Being Prepared:



says, “GOTCHA!!”

A man wakes up his wife during the night with a glass of water in one hand and two aspirins in the other. She asks, “What’s this for?” “They’re for your headache,” he replies. “But, I don’t have a headache,” she says. He smiles and



To the world, you might only be one person, but to one person you just might be the world.

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 & Brenda Pennington

Association Affairs. There was an excellent turnout for our September meeting. Our gathering place at Lakeridge still had room even with a total of 90 members, guests and visitors. Included in those numbers, were ADD's Roger & Penny Hurley and Dave & Karen Taylor of the Ohio District Staff with us again for the evening.



First Timers Gary & Donna Kuchera, Toby Darkins and Bill & Sandy Halm from X-2 came out. Chuck Geggie a second timer from Mason, Michigan was also with us at this gathering. If we had a long distance award Chuck would

get it! Old timers, Vic & Donna Riley came out as well as regular attendees, Larry Ivie & Teri Harris, CD's of A-2 and Dave & Cathy King CD's of E-2.

We thank all of our regulars that came out to our birthday gathering; you know who you are! Without you there would be no L.

Constant reminder of the Membership Rewards Program.

Are you in the program? Here is the rundown again. Each member who recruits three new memberships between July 1 of 2001 and July 31 of 2002 will receive a coupon for one year's membership in GWRRA. Read about the details of this in your Wing World magazine. It pays to generate membership in our association. Life members may use the coupon for GWRRA warehouse merchandise or towards Wing Ding registration.

Remember what I have said before ... if you ever see a Gold Wing rider at a gas station, store parking lot or elsewhere, check them out. Don't put it off, find out if they are a GWRRA member. If they are not, tell them the fun we have and recruit a new member for

GWRRA on the spot. I always have GWRRA applications at our gatherings. Pick up a few at our next gathering.

Decide now to attend our gathering on **October 17, 2001 at Lakeridge** – it starts at **7:30**. Come early, kick some tires! See you at our gathering!

"Road Runner"

On the Internet - Jim.p@fuse.net
Jim Pennington (& Brenda, too!)

Retiree Ride Notice

Jim Pennington has been leading a Tuesday day ride for retirees or others that do not work during the day. Some of the Chapter "L" regulars have been Andy Andrea, Butch Royse, Walt Hart, Bud Hensler and Dick Pettit Rich Hesse (not retired) had his birthday off and decided to ride one day back in August. Durrell Monroe just recently found his urge to ride too great to resist and came across town and rode with us. Anyway, thanks to all that have participated on the day rides. We have had as many as twelve bikes show up to ride. The Tuesday rides will continue to meet at 10 a.m. at the park-n-ride on SR 128 & I-74 (exit 7) through the month of October. So remember every Tuesday depending upon weather conditions. Rides will change to 9 a.m. on Tuesday's in March of 2002.

Any questions ... give a call to Jim at 941-4871.



Tom took riding on this year's Stag Ride way too seriously this time!





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Below are some upcoming rides and events. Hope to see you there.

UPCOMING RIDES/EVENTS

➤ **October 13 (Saturday) – Color Ride #1**

The first official Chapter L Color Ride will leave from the Miamitown Park & Ride at 9:46 AM. In the event of rain, the ride is cancelled. Call Jim Pennington (941-4871) for details. If you cannot make the ride and you signed-up, please call Jim to let him know.

➤ **October 14 (Sunday) – Color Ride #2**

If you can't make the Saturday ride, or you just want to ride both days, the second official Chapter L Color Ride will leave from the Miamitown Park & Ride at 1:00 PM (a time change). In the event of rain, this ride will be cancelled. Call Jim Pennington (941-4871) for details.

➤ **October 20 (Saturday) – Chili Dump & Campout**

Meet at: Rich & Linda Elsen's farm, 10301 Roppelt, beginning at 2:00 PM. Bring serving of chili for each member of your party, drinks and dessert to share. Pancake breakfast will be served on Sunday for campers. Call Rich & Linda Elsen for details: 385-4082.

➤ **October 27 (Saturday) – Adopt-a-Highway Cleanup**

Meet at: 8:00 AM at Perkins in Harrison. We will be cleaning one side of our stretch of the highway. Don't forget your gloves. Call Carl & Cris Hauser for details: 851-0714.

➤ **October 27 (Saturday) – Dive Ride**

Meet at: 5:00 PM at Kings Country Inn in Hooven, OH. We will enjoy a great dinner of home cookin'. Call Tom & Barb Burns for details: 851-2470.

➤ **October 27 (Saturday) – X-2 Benefit for Kelly Eads**

Meet at: 7:00 PM at D. Russell Lee School for a 50's, 60's, 70's dance. Bring a favorite snack or dessert to share. Cost is \$15 per person in advance or \$20 at the door. There will be door prizes and a silent auction. Donations can be made in Kelly's name (Kelly Stumpf Eads) at the Lebanon Citizens Bank. All proceeds will help with Kelly's medical expenses. Call Mike Runyan 398-3554) for details.

➤ **October 28 (Sunday) – Applewood Dinner Ride**

Meet at: 4:30 PM at the Miamitown Park & Ride to ride to the restaurant or meet at the restaurant at 5:30 PM for

Safety Tip of the Month

Colder weather is here. Remember, cool air temperatures are one thing, wind chill is another. When riding your bike, dress accordingly. With temperatures in the high 40's, traveling at 60 mph can become uncomfortable real quick. This can affect your decision-making and increase your risk factor. -- Joe Allen, ANDRE

Ride Coordinator

Rich Hesse

It may be October but we still have some fun things to do on our ride schedule. The weather is still cooperating so come out and enjoy the fun. Again, at this month's meeting, I will have Ride Suggestion forms for next year's ride schedule. We need your input to make the ride schedule for next year full of new things to do.



Adopt-a-Highway Cleanup
Saturday, October 27th
8:00 AM from the
Harrison Perkins

Everyone who turns in a suggestion form at October's meeting will receive an extra door prize ticket. There is a form in the newsletter or

they will be available at the meeting. If you have never led a ride before, this is your chance to give it a try. Or, if you have an idea for someplace you would like to go, I bet we can find someone to lead the ride. So, put your thinking caps on and jot down your ideas. We will be scheduling a ride planning meeting soon to complete the schedule.



dinner. If it rains, meet at the restaurant at 5:30 PM. Call Carl & Cris Hauser for details: 851-0714.

➤ **November 10 (Saturday) – Fore & Aft Dinner Ride**

Meet at: 7:30 PM at the Fore & Aft Restaurant off River Road. Bring your Entertainment Cards for 2-for-1 pricing. Call Tom & Pat Runck for details: 385-4556.

➤ **November 24 (Saturday) – Madison, IN Ride**

Meet at: 1:00 PM at the Miamitown Park & Ride (4 wheels or 2). \$12.00 each to do Christmas house tour or you can choose to shop on your own instead. Call Butch & Betty Roysse for details: 471-8429.

➤ **December 1 (Saturday) – Delhi/Cleves Parades**

Details for this annual event will be available soon. Mark your calendars. Call Bob & Tril Childers for details: (367-0144).

Don't forget our chapter meeting on October 17th. Until then, ride safe and take care of each other.

Rich Hesse



The Brunch Bunch

Most of the guys and gals were gone on the Stag/Nag rides this weekend, so the names of who attended the 1st of the month brunch are not available at this time. If anyone attended, please let Pat Runck know so that we can publish the names in next month's newsletter. The next gathering of the "Brunch Bunch" will be on November 4th, meeting at the Miamitown Park & Ride at 10:15 AM.

A New Bathing Suit

Late summer and early fall always bring about sales in the retail world. It's a great time to shop for off-season merchandise and a perfect time to look for next year's bathing suit. Here is a brief synopsis of one woman's experience with doing just that.



I have just been through the annual pilgrimage of torture and humiliation known as buying a bathing suit. When I was a child in the 1950's, the bathing suit for a woman with a "mature" figure was designed for a woman with a mature figure – boned, trussed and reinforced, not so

much sewn as engineered. They were built to hold back and uplift and they did a good job.

Today's stretch fabrics are designed for the prepubescent girl with a figure carved from a potato chip. The mature woman has a choice – she can either front up at the

maternity department and try on a floral suit with a skirt, coming away looking like a hippopotamus who escaped from Disney's Fantasia – or she can wander around every run-of-the-mill department store trying to make a sensible choice from what amounts to a designer range of fluorescent rubber bands.

What choice did I have? I wandered around, made my sensible choice and entered the chamber of horrors known as the fitting room. The first thing I noticed was the extraordinary tensile strength of the stretch material.

The Lycra used in bathing costumes was developed, I believe, by NASA to launch small rockets from a slingshot, which gives the added bonus that if you manage to actually lever yourself into one, you are protected from shark attacks. The reason for this is that any shark taking a swipe at your passing midriff would immediately suffer whiplash.

I fought my way into the bathing suit, but as I twanged the shoulder strap in place, I gasped in horror – my bosom had disappeared! Eventually, I found one of them covering under my left armpit. It took a while to find the other. At last I located it, flattened beside my seventh rib. The problem is that modern bathing suits have no bra cups. The mature woman is meant to wear her bosom spread across her chest like a speed bump.



I realigned my speed bump and lurched toward the mirror to take a full-view assessment. The bathing suit fit all right, but unfortunately, it only fit those bits of me willing to stay inside it. The rest of me oozed out rebelliously from top, bottom, and sides. I looked like a lump of play dough wearing undersized cling wrap. As I tried to work out where all those extra bits had come from, the prepubescent sales girl popped her head through the curtains, "Oh, there you are!" she said, admiring the bathing suit. I replied that I wasn't so sure and asked what else she had to show me.

I tried on a cream crinkled one that made me look like a lump of masking tape, and a floral two-piece which gave the appearance of an oversized napkin in a serviette ring. I struggled into a pair of leopard skin bathers with ragged fringe and came out looking like Tarzan's Jane, pregnant with triplets and having a rough day. I tried on a black number with a midriff and looked like a jellyfish in mourning. I tried on a bright pink pair with such a high cut leg I thought I would have to wax my eyebrows to wear them.

Finally, I found a suit that fit – a two-piece affair with shorts style bottom and a loose blouse-type top. It was cheap, comfortable, and bulge-friendly, so I bought it. When I got home, I read the label, which said, "Material may become transparent in water." I'm determined to wear it anyway – I just won't be able to get wet!



An Anonymous GWRRA Woman



S.I.G. (special interest group)

Wayne Marks & Debbie Winkler of Chapter A-2 are coordinating a camping SIG for their chapter. They are trying to organize camping activities with other chapters in Ohio, Indiana, Kentucky, West Virginia and Pennsylvania. All types of camping equipment from tents to motor homes are welcome. If you are interested in camping, please contact them at 513-860-4937 or email them at marks711@infinet.com.

Entertainment 2002

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Betty Royse

Sunshine

Pauline Petroviak



Sunshine Greetings! Our thoughts and prayers go out to the family of **Duke Frazier**. Duke passed away in late September. **Clyde Jones** will be having shoulder surgery on October 16th. We hope all goes well. **Elmer Jauch** had surgery on October 9th

and two stints were placed in arteries in his heart. We are wishing you a speedy recovery.

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

Birthdays-Anniversaries



Birthdays



Nov. 1	Tom McKiernan
Nov. 1	Beth Weitzel
Nov. 1	David Best
Nov. 3	Mike Stopp
Nov. 3	Ed Ely
Nov. 5	Carolyn Schmidt
Nov. 7	John Kennedy
Nov. 9	Lori Manning
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. 23	Bill Hock
Nov. 26	Anita Kendrick
Nov. 27	Mike O'Rourke
Nov. 28	Butch Royse
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

Bob & Tril Childers

Stop by and see us at the next meeting to purchase your chapter shirt, pins and patches. We also just received a new shipment of American flags, POW flags and Ohio state flags. It's more important than ever to show your patriotism. We can also 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.gwrra.org
- **Great Lakes Region "D"**
http://www.geocities.com/~regiond/
- **Ohio District**
http://geocities.com/ohdistrict/gwrra.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. Digital pictures are gladly accepted too. We want to hear from YOU!

2001/2002 Rallies

Rallies are just about over for this year but here are a few to keep in mind for your fall riding adventures and planning for 2002.

National/International Events

- ❑ **JULY 2-5, 2002. WING DING XXIV at the Allen County War Memorial Coliseum in Ft. Wayne, IN.** For details and to preregister, contact GWRRA, 21423 N. 11th Ave., Phoenix, AZ 85027. (800) 843-9460.

District Events

- ❑ **NOVEMBER 9-11, 2001. ARIZONA DISTRICT RALLY "Fun in the Sun"** at the Ramada Inn Palo Verde in Tucson, AZ. Contact Lumpy Lumpkin. (520) 885-5709.
- ❑ **MARCH 21-23, 2002, FLORIDA DISTRICT RALLY "Florida District Wing Gathering"** at the Crowne Plaza Hotel in Sabal Park in Tampa, FL. Contact Bob Shrader, (813) 885-7963. E-mail: floridadd@msn.com. Crowne Plaza Hotel (813)623-6363. Vendors contact Ed Porter, (727) 360-4025.



Queen City Wing Riders

Ice Cream Screammers

Dinner/Ice Cream/Dessert Rides

Our Wednesday night ice cream/dessert rides are continuing. The opportunity to get out of the house mid-week for a ride, sometimes a 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?

SEPTEMBER 26, 2001 Bob Childers, Robin Hauser, Jack Elsen & Pauline Boderone, Rich & Linda Elsen, Butch & Betty Royse, Tom & Barb Burns, Walt & Diane Hart.



OCTOBER 3, 2001 Tom & Pat Runck, Tim & Anita Kendrick, Gary & Donna Kuchera, Tom & Barb Burns, Butch & Betty Royse, Bob & Tril Childers, Rick Harless, Walt & Diane Hart, Lymon Gaines, Rich & Linda Elsen, Jeff & Becky Weddle, Cris Hauser, Robin Hauser, Jack Elsen & Pauline Boderone.

FOR SALE



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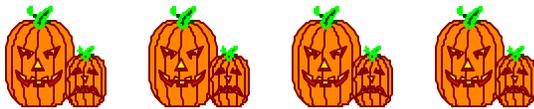


Chapter L cooks working on their newest Chili Dump recipe.

Chapter News

Things You Just Need to Know...

- On the Lynchburg, TN ride, Rich Hesse had some trouble with his trailer. He blamed it on hauling around Nancy's hot rollers all these years. Isn't that what trailers are for anyway?
- Congratulations to Tom Runck for achieving Level IV, Master Tour Rider in the GWRRA levels program. He's master #3506. Awesome.
- Congratulations to Russ Shauer and Heather Sutter who just turned 100,000 miles on their Goldwing. Way to go!
- October 23rd is A-2's 14th birthday meeting and November 1st is E-2's 14th birthday meeting. Come out and help them celebrate.
- Dave & Cathy King had some bike trouble on a recent weekend ride. Luckily they were able to borrow George Beattie's bike. Dave spent a lot of time on his "toes" because of the higher seat height. Bet you would be ready for a pair of pink ballet tights, huh, Dave?
- Don't forget to bring in your ride suggestions to this month's meeting. You will receive an extra door prize ticket.
- Also, mark your calendars for next year for Sunday, April 21st. This date has tentatively been selected as the date the local GWRRA chapters will visit the new Cincinnati Ronald McDonald House. This will be a great opportunity to go and see the brick that Chapter L purchased last year.



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 17th. Thank-you,

Jim & Pauline Petroviak

State News

Bits of the Buckeye...

- ❖ Submission of logos for the 2002 Buckeye Rally should be submitted to Roger & Penny by November 1, 2001. The theme is "Back to the Country."
- ❖ In 2002, the Region D Rally will be back. The dates are September 12-14, 2002 and the location will be announced later. Make sure you plan to attend the best region rally there is.
- ❖ Karen Taylor showed us an example of the type of basket we can make at next year's Cabin Fever. Cost should be about \$10.00 and it should take no more than an hour. Plan on participating in this fun activity.
- ❖ Speaking of Cabin Fever – they are going to have a dollar auction for the right to put a pie in the face of Tom Taggart. Oooh, I'm saving my pennies NOW!

GWRRA/MSF Chapter Survey

SEPTEMBER 2001

- Seminars Given: 1
 Attendance (each): 90
- Educated in CPR this month: 0
 - Educated in First-Aid this month: 0
 - MSF Courses taken this month: 0
 - Parking Lot Practice: 0

Rider Education

Butch Royse

SAFETY IS FOR LIFE. Some Safety Tips.

Carry a flat repair kit and know how to use it! The majority of tubeless tires punctures can be repaired in just a few minutes! There is no excuse for not carrying a repair kit, but even more importantly, you should know how to use it. Practice at home on an old tire so you are not trying to figure the process out on the side of the road! While tube-type tires are more of a hassle, once you learn how to patch a tube, it can be done a lot faster than trying to arrange a tow. Repairing & patching a tire should be considered a temporary repair and the tire should be replaced or professionally repaired as soon as possible.

Carry a Cellular phone. They may not work in Death Valley, but you may be surprised at the number of locations they do work. Thanks to our aggressive farm communities desire to ride the tractor and be able to call mom at the house, the cellular industry has cell sites in many places that would surprise you. A cell phone combined with towing insurance can make what was once a trip-ruining event a tolerable experience.



Upgrade your tool kit. The tool kit in most motorcycles is at best junk. Use the tool kit as a guide and purchase quality replacement tools from Snap-On or Sears' Craftsman. Also add a compact digital voltmeter (Radio Shack sells a pocket model for less than \$20) and a ratchet and socket set.



Butch Royse

Treasurer

With 90 people in attendance and over 50 door prizes, we had a great meeting. And, lucky **Joe Schmidt** won the membership draw for \$10.00. This month we start over at \$5.00.



Our door prizes were donated by: **Clyde & Joyce Jones, Fred & Lori Hicks, Jim & Pauline Petroviak, Rick & Bobbie Harless, Jim & Brenda Pennington, Walt Bohanan, Keith Kennedy, Ron Cawein & Karen Tomlin, Bud Hensler, Tom & Pat Runck, Tom & Cookie Salamon, Dave & Cathy King, Dan & Georgia Horgan, Sandy Halm, Ed Ely, Tim & Anita Kendrick, Jim Webster, Steve Albert, Cris Hauser, Andy Andrea, and Larry Ivie & Teri Harris.** Thanks to everyone – it adds a lot of fun to our gathering.

LAST CALL: This will be our last chance to get pull-tabs collected for this year. Please bring in all you have collected to October's meeting. Let's try to beat our total for last year! GO, "L", GO.....

Lori Hicks

The Dragon Slayers

Chapter L's 8th annual stag ride on October 5-7, was our longest yet; just over 1,000 miles. Most of the riders left on Friday at noon for a leisurely ride down to Corbin, KY – missing the evening rain. The

remaining four bikes had the extreme pleasure of putting on rain gear for the trip.

Tom McKiernan, Jeff Weddle and son, Grant and I had a difficult time, Friday evening, convincing our bikes to leave my dry garage to get started on what was going to be a very wet ride.



We were traveling much slower than anticipated due to the weather and, **Howard Ploegsma**, who had to leave a bit later because of work, caught up with us. We finally met up with the rest of the bunch at the Fairfield Inn. A good night's sleep and we were ready to get on the road on Saturday at a leisurely 9 A.M. Two of the riders didn't continue from the motel due to bike problems. The rest of us headed west of Knoxville, TN to Tellico Plains, TN where we had lunch. At this point we were short another two riders. **Rick Franklin** was experiencing headset problems and took a wrong turn; **Tom Burns** then left the group and went looking for him.



We had a late start from Tellico Plains, hoping Tom would show up. We headed off for the twisties and, as promised, I took it easy on the Cherohala Skyway.

We had been told to watch out for officers with ticket pads. At about the halfway point on the Skyway, some of the guys got a little restless and throttled on, leaving me, the level-headed rider I am, with the rest of the group. We regrouped for a rest at the CROT (Crossroads of Time) motel and then set out to tame the "Dragon". Now after eating dust on the Cherohala, I just couldn't let that happen again, so we enjoyed a much more "spirited" ride on the Dragon. About three quarters of the way through the Dragon, we made a scheduled stop at the overlook to see some friends, **Ron & Nancy Johnson**, who are the owners of the "Tail of the Dragon" web site (www.tailofthedragon.com). After a short visit and pictures (see the web site) we finished the Dragon without any "bites". On the way to the motel in Gatlinburg, we rode 18 miles of the Foothills Pkwy – a road made for motorcycles. Everyone enjoyed that ride.



Arriving at the motel in Gatlinburg at about 8:30 PM, we me up with Tom, who we thought was lost all day, but, as we found out, was just ahead of us some of the time. Most of us ate at the Outback Steakhouse that evening and returned to the motel and to bed. Planning to pull out at 8:00 A.M. on Sunday, we needed our rest.



Some of the riders had plans so **Joe Rosemeyer, Steve Seipelt, Doug Price,** and **Mike Gadd** decided to take a more direct route back to Cincinnati. The remaining, **Jeff Weddle & son, Grant** (who had no choice in the matter as a co-rider), **Butch Royse, Tom Burns, Rick Harless, Tom McKiernan, Howard Ploegsma,** and I set out for Cherokee, NC for breakfast. Next we enjoyed part of the Blue Ridge Parkway where we had another very “spirited” ride. After about an hour, we stopped at an overlook to enjoy the sights. The trees up at that elevation were in full color. We continued on and picked up I-40 West to Knoxville and then completed our 500-mile day, arriving home about 8:30 P.M. There is much more to this story, of course, but we take the “stag ride oath” and we just can’t talk about everything that happens. Thanks to everyone who participated this year. A special “thank you” to Tom Burns for being such a good Samaritan, trying to find Rick. If you want to hear the rest of the story, talk to the manly-men who made it

such a great ride: **Jeff Weddle & son, Grant, Rick Franklin, Mike Watzek, Doug Price, Tom Burns, Joe Rosemeyer, Steve Seipelt, Mike Gadd, Tom**



McKiernan, Rick Harless, Butch Royse, and Howard Ploegsma. And the dragon was slain!

Tom Runck

DID YOU KNOW:

- ❑ A popular Samoan dish is baked bat. It is singed to remove the hair. Then it is cleaned and baked or fried with salt, pepper and onions.
- ❑ A hippopotamus’ bark has been recorded at 115 decibels. That is louder than a jet airliner at takeoff.
- ❑ If the great horned owl was stripped of its feathers, the bare bird would weigh less than the weight of its feathers.



ARE YOU ON THE LEVEL? The GWRRA Rider Education *Levels Program* that is. All it takes to get started in Level I – Safety by Commitment – is a commitment to being a Safe Rider/Co-Rider and display patches (hey, we can always use more patches on our vest, right?) as an outward sign. There is a one-time cost of \$6.00 (no annual renewal) to participate and you receive your safe miles patch, rider (or co-rider) rocker & safe mileage pin. Get signed-up for Level I and make the safety commitment. See **Butch Royse** to get “on the level”.

October Word Find

Find these words about the Land of the Free...

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| DUTY | EQUALITY | FREE |
| HEROES | HONOR | IDEALS |
| INDEPENDENCE | JULY FOURTH | JUSTICE |
| LAW | LIBERTY | NATION |
| NOBLE | PATRIOTISM | PEACE |
| PRIDE | RESPECT | RIGHTS |
| SACRIFICE | SERVICE | TRUE |
| UNION | VALOR | VALUES |

Bring this completed puzzle for an extra door prize ticket!

A Daily Survival Kit should include a:

- ❑ **Toothpick** – to remind you to pick out the good qualities in others
- ❑ **Rubber Band** – to remind you to be flexible, things might not always go the way you want, but it will work out.
- ❑ **Band-Aid** – to remind you to heal hurt feelings, yours or someone else's.
- ❑ **Pencil** – to remind you to list your blessings everyday.
- ❑ **Eraser** – to remind you that everyone makes mistakes and it's OK.
- ❑ **Chewing Gum** – to remind you to stick with it, and you can accomplish anything.
- ❑ **Mint** – to remind you that you are worth a mint.
- ❑ **Candy Kiss** - to remind you that everyone needs a kiss or a hug everyday.



- ☐ **Tea Bag** - to remind you to relax daily and go over your list of blessings.



Chapter “L” Ride Suggestions For 2002



Ride Suggestion

I Intend to Lead This Ride
Yes/No

Your Name (Optional)

Your Phone Number

We will need both your name and phone number if you decide to lead any of the above rides.

Thank You For Your Suggestions



Chapter L’s Annual CHILI DUMP

Saturday, October 20th -- Beginning at 2:00 PM
10301 Roppelt – off Dry Ridge in Colerain Township
Bring your favorite chili – enough for everyone in
your party, along with drinks and dessert to share.

The hay is on the wagon, the pots are warming up, Brenda has her BIG wooden spoon and we’ve got mounds of cheese, onions and crackers. The night sky will light up with fireworks and you can try out your singing voice with the karaoke machine.

Some will even be camping for the night and then enjoying a pancake breakfast in the morning. And your GWRRA friends from all around will be there to make it great.

Call Rich & Linda Elsen – 385-4082
with questions or if you need directions.



Queen City Wing Riders

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

DATE	EVENT	EVENT LEADER	PHONE	TIME	MTG PLACE/LEAVING FROM
Oct. 13	Color Ride #1	Jim Pennington	941-4871	9:46 AM	Miamitown P & R – rain cancels
Oct. 14	Color Ride #2	Jim Pennington	941-4871	1:00 PM	Miamitown P & R – rain cancels
Oct. 17	L Meeting	Tom Runck	385-4556	7:30 PM	Lakeridge Conference Center
Oct. 20	Chili Dump	Rich & Linda Elsen	385-4082	2:00 PM	10301 Roppelt, off Dry Ridge Rd.
Oct. 23	A-2 Birthday Mtg.	Larry Ivie	398-5644	7:30 PM	K of C, 930 Hamilton-Cleves Road
Oct. 27	X-2 Meeting	Mike Runyan	398-8554	9:30 AM	Lebanon Citizens – Middletown, OH
Oct. 27	Adopt-a-Highway	Carl Hauser	851-0714	8:00 AM	Perkins – Harrison, OH
Oct. 27	Dive Ride	Tom Burns	851-2470	5:00 PM	Kings Country Inn - Hooven, OH
Oct. 27	X-2 Benefit Dance	Mike Runyan	398-8554	7:00 PM	D. Russell Lee –Rt. 4, Hamilton, OH
Oct. 28	Applewood Dinner	Carl Hauser	851-0714	5:30 PM	4:30 at Miamitown P&R if riding
Nov. 1	E-2 Birthday Mtg.	Dave King	742-0937	7:30 PM	New England Club, Rt. 125
Nov. 4	Chapter L Brunch	Pat Runck	385-4556	10:15 AM	Miamitown P&R – 2 or 4 wheels
Nov. 10	Fore & Aft Dinner	Tom Runck	385-4556	7:30 PM	7449 Forbes Rd, Saylor Park

CHAPTER “L” MEETINGS

3rd Wednesday of Each Month
Lakeridge Conference Center
7210 Pippin Road -- Cincinnati, OH

7:30 PM – Get-together



Tom & Pat Runck
Chapter Directors
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Cincinnati, OH 45251

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Chapter L’s next meeting is on October 17th. We hope to see you there!

