



# The "L" News

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Gold Wing Road Riders Association

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, 7118 Pippin Road, Cincinnati, OH at 7:30 PM.

**NEXT MEETING: Sept. 18, 2002**



Queen City Wing Riders

September... And we'll be  
"Dancing In The Moonlight"!!

*The Sr. CD has his moment...*



Well, I just returned from the best vacation of my life. We go to northern Michigan every year for a relaxing time at the lake and this year was just incredible. I caught a 4

pound smallmouth bass, the weather was 78-80 degrees everyday, sunny and no humidity with a cool lake breeze, and Pat says that I was on my best behavior. It just doesn't get any better than that. We had a wonderful time that last week of August but that meant we had to miss Chapter L's annual picnic. All reports indicate that it was a great time too. There were 136 people in attendance and relaxing fun with friends was the order of the day. Thanks to Carl & Cris for taking charge of this event and to all of you who attended and made it a fun day.

September means that our first try at a chapter dance is almost here. I hope that you have marked Saturday, September 21<sup>st</sup> at 7:00 PM on your calendar and plan to join us at Rich & Linda Elsen's farm. Tim Kendrick will be providing our music so if you have any special requests, get them in now so he will be prepared. We are still selling tickets (\$7.50 each) or you can purchase them the night of the dance. We will be providing the soft drinks, coffee, tea, pretzels, and chips. We ask that you bring a dessert or hors d'oeuvres to share and anything else you may want to drink. Please give us a call if you have questions or need directions: Tom Runck - 385-4556; Carl Hauser - 851-0714; Tim Kendrick - 829-7163; or Rich Elsen - 385-4082.

Don't forget that our annual Stag Ride will take place on October 11-13 and we will be heading south to the mountains of Tennessee and North Carolina but will be taking a slightly different route. We will stay in Corbin, KY on Friday night at the Fairfield Inn and then end up

in Lenoir City, TN on Saturday night. I will have a sign-up sheet at the meeting so if you think you would like to go with the manly-men of Chapter L – sign-up and join us. It should be a fairly cheap weekend since we are not staying in Gatlinburg/Pigeon Forge. Our hotel on Saturday night is only \$56.00 and we split that with two to a room. I hope you can ride with us.

Since I was gone on vacation, I was not able to attend the visitation and funeral service for Dick Pettit, who passed away last month. Dick was a former Chapter Director of Chapter L and a long-time friend and former co-worker. I'll never forget the boxer shorts competitions at the MS150, his crazy sense of humor, the many fun times we spent together riding our Wings, and his recent shouts of “Join AMA” at our meetings. I am sure he is riding the twisty motorcycle-only roads in heaven along with so many of our other cycling friends who are there too. And Lois – (Louise, as I call her) – I can't wait to give you a hug. Our deepest sympathy to you and all of your family.

Well, I am late getting this to Pat once again. I hope to see you at our meeting on the 18<sup>th</sup> – uh-oh, that means Pat's birthday is the 17<sup>th</sup> and I haven't gone shopping yet. Hey, Carl – you better do the same – Cris' birthday is the 19<sup>th</sup>, remember? Take care, friends and see you at the meeting and the dance!

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- Sr. CD* -

## Back Seat Driver...

**Pat Runck – Mrs. Sr. CD**

I am sitting here on September 11<sup>th</sup> trying to concentrate on publishing the newsletter and my mind is wandering. Since that fateful day one year ago, my life has changed. I can't help but shed a tear in remembrance of the innocents who lost their lives in New York, Washington, DC and Pennsylvania. And for those since in Afghanistan or anywhere else where we wage war against the perpetrators of evil. I want to thank you for your friendship, your companionship and for your influence on my life – so many others never got the chance to do the same with their friends and family. I thank my God for guiding my life over these past 365 days which are still strewn with unanswered questions and unfettered emotions. I want to remind you that when pressed against the darkness and uncertainty of our worst tomorrows, we all possess the ability to be great, to change the world we live in and to forsake ourselves for others. We can positively impact the lives of people right in our midst if we just open our hearts and minds to the

possibility. I simply ask that we never, ever forget what happened and that we pause, give thanks and move forward.

This weekend is the Region D Rally and we will be heading up to Tiffin, OH for a great way to end the summer rally season. I hope you are planning to attend. Our new International Couple of the Year, Bruce & Julia Malson, will also be there. Don't forget to bring your Quad Rally form with you (from IN, OH, MI & Region D) so you can get it signed and drop it in the container to be eligible to win \$400!

I know that Carl is leading a ride up on the morning of Friday, September 13 at 9:00 AM. If you would like to ride with him, please give him a call.



It's not too soon to start thinking about the cool, crisp weather of October and the famous annual all-chapter event – the CHILI DUMP. This year it happens on

Saturday, October 19 and the Elsen's have again invited us to get together at their farm. So just what is a chili dump (since we have so many new friends in the Southwest section now)? You cook up your favorite recipe of chili – doesn't matter what kind – homemade or store-bought. You bring enough servings for everyone attending with your group and when you get to the farm it all gets dumped in HUGE pots and simmered with everyone else's. We provide the onions, cheese, and crackers and the bowls & spoons and you get to enjoy some of the best chili ever. We found a new supplier for the bowls this year so we have BIG ones with enough room for plenty of chili and all the fixin's. You are asked to bring a dessert to share with the group, your own drinks and a healthy appetite. Rich & Linda provide the hayrides and some of the best fireworks around. There is always a big bonfire and the Elsen farm is just the best location to gather friends from all over GWRRA-land. We will have flyers at the meeting so pick one up and join us on October 19<sup>th</sup>.

I'll see you on the 18<sup>th</sup> at the meeting and get those dancing shoes dusted off for some *Dancing in the Moonlight* on the 21<sup>st</sup>. It is sure to be one “L” of a good time!



**Pat Runck**



### What?



A husband, looking through the paper, came upon a study that said women use more words than men. Excited to prove to his wife that he had been right all along when he accused her of talking too much, he showed her the study results. It read, “Men use about 15,000 words per day but women use 30,000.” The wife thought for a while, then finally said to her husband, “It's because we have to repeat everything we say.” The husband said, “What?”



## Assistant CD Update

**Carl Hauser**

Hear it is the end of summer already; where did the time go? Seems like only yesterday we were complaining about it being too cold to ride.

Boy, did we have fun at the Chapter "L" Picnic. There were 136 people at the Elsen farm. I would like to thank **Rich & Linda** for their hospitality. The Elsen Pavilion is a place we like to party. I would also like to thank **Becky Weddle** and **Terrie Rosemeyer** for taking care of the kids' games, **Tim & Anita Kendrick** for the music, **Lori Hicks** for the piñata, **Rich Elsen** and **Roy Wiseman** for the hayrides, **Butch Royle** for setting up, and **Joe Rosemeyer** for helping me on the grill. Thanks to anyone I may have missed, and to everyone who came out to make this day another special GWRRA memory.



Our next big event at the Elsen Farm will be **Dancing in the Moonlight**, Sept. 21<sup>st</sup>, 7:00 PM till ??? . This is a fundraiser for Chapter L and tickets are on sale for \$7.50 per person. You can see any of the Chapter L staff for

tickets in advance or purchase them the night of the event.

See you at our next gathering on September 18<sup>th</sup>.

Carl Hauser

## Membership

**Rick & Bobbie Harless**



Autumn is just around the corner. Are you ready? Recruiting is what keeps our association growing and everyone can do it. Whenever you see a fellow Winger or someone that might be interested in becoming an associate as you are out and about, talk to them about GWRRA. Make sure you always carry membership forms – you do don't you? You never know where you might find a new member for the association. If you need some forms, pick up a couple at the sign-in table.

As part of GWRRA's new membership drive you could win a new 2003 GL 1800 Gold Wing. That's right, Every

time you recruit a new member your name and theirs goes in a hopper for the drawing. Just think how grand it would be to have a new 1800 just for helping someone become a member of this great organization. You can read about it and get more information in the September issue of *Wing World* or go to the Internet site at [www.gwrro.org](http://www.gwrro.org); you can also call 800-843-9460.

**SIGN-IN's**- all that is necessary is to check off your name on the sheet. We will help if you can't find it or if it was mistakenly left off. If you bring a new guest or visitor, please have them fill out an update sheet so we know who they are and where they are from.

For those who were not at our August gathering, we have printed off information sheets from our database for each member. We will have yours at the sign-in table when you check-in at the meeting. Please confirm that the information we have is correct – things like birthdays, anniversaries, membership, phone numbers and addresses. Thanks!

Just in case you aren't aware of how we are handling the membership draw now. You now need to drop your GWRRA membership card (the one you received the last time you renewed), into the jar on the sign up table to be eligible for the \$10.00 drawing. Your card will be returned before the meeting is finished or if we run late you will find it at the sign up table.

At the meeting we had 104 in attendance. Isn't that great, we thank everyone for his or her support. We know that without your support and help there wouldn't be a Chapter L. We want to welcome the first timers from the August gathering. They were **Paul & Tina Miles, Harry Wabnitz, William & Carol Pott, and Daniel Woodin**. I hope that you enjoyed yourselves and that we will see you again this month. Try to introduce yourself to visitors and new members to make them feel at home.



Don't forget to check your GWRRA membership card expiration date. If you have access to the Internet, it is very easy to renew your membership on-line. It's quick and you can do it day or night. We always have membership forms available at the meeting too. Make sure you carry them with you – you never know where you will meet your next GWRRA friend.

We will see you at the next Chapter L gathering on September 18<sup>th</sup> at 7:30 PM at Lakeridge Conference Center.

Rick & Bobbie Harless

- Why don't we ever see the headline, "Psychic Wins Lottery"?
- Why is the person who invests all of your money called a "broker"?
- Why isn't there mouse-flavored cat food?



## Rappin', Not Rallies

### Jeff Weddle

*US or THEM – the PAIN of CYCLE SERVICE*...Hey wingers, Waz up? Hope that you are all having a fantastic year, free from the trouble of dealership customer service.

Forgive me as I stray from the normal rally type hype that I usually enjoy spewing at you. I feel the need to let off a little steam. Yes, I am talking about the lack of service, and poor treatment that I, and I know some of you, have received from Honda dealerships in this area over the years. We spend \$20,000.00 plus for Honda's flagship touring machine. It is wrong for me to expect to be treated with respect and decency? Or is this just the nature of the beast?

I have talked with many of you over the almost 2 years that I have been attending Chapter “L” and have heard a number of distressing dealership related stories. I will change the names but I am sure that you will recognize your story.

### Story one: My first Wing.

Joe Shmo Homerglow had been riding motorcycles for a number of years, and has always wanted a Wing. Who wouldn't? He had been riding much smaller bikes and wanted something that he and his wife would be comfortable riding together. So together they went to a local Honda dealership and fell in love with a beautiful red GL 1500 SE. He thought about getting a used 1500, but his wife insisted they go ahead and get the new one. She did not want to have any one else's problems. The deal was done. Umpteen thousand dollars spent. Treated like kings and queens by the sales person. Now they were on their way into a completely new world - the world of G.W.R.R.A. heaven, and Honda dealership hell.

Not long after purchasing their beautiful red dream machine a small \$20.00 item on the bike broke. They return to the dealership from which their very expensive machine was purchased only to be told, “tuff”. “It is not our fault it broke. We put it on right. You broke it, you pay for it.” WOW!! Where was that king and queen treatment they had received when they bought this machine? So they decided to do business with another Honda dealer.

Their experience with the next dealership was not much different. This man has now decided to do his servicing himself.

### Story 2: New tires for my 1800.

Craig Crewcut loved his brand new GL 1800. Tire life is not the as long with the 1800's as compared to the 1500's, but it is a different animal. The trade is about 2000 to 3000 mile of tire life for superb handling and killer acceleration. Well it was time for Craig to replace his stock Bridgestone tires. He had been doing business with this particular Honda dealership for quite a while now, and was promised, as he told me, “I will

get new tires cheaper than most people can get them because of my loyalty to this dealership”. Well he got the treatment all right. Let's just say he was too sore to ride the bike home from the dealership that day, and we all heard about for long time.

### My story: The \$43,000.00 GL 1800

As most of you know I wrecked “Penny” on the TN Rally ride in the Smokies last April. The damage amount to “total” the bike was \$12,200.00. Some how the dealership managed to get the insurance company for \$13,300.00. It took them 7 weeks to complete this process. I was told it would be 2 weeks no more than 3. Four months later Becky and I had a front tire blow out going into a curve at 25 mph. With no warning the front tire slid right out, we dropped straight over on the engine bars and slid across the street and hit a guardrail. !@#\$ I am sick of this.

The bike was taken to the same dealership, and again I was told 2 weeks. Yeah, right! It has been almost 4 weeks and the estimate has not even been completed. They did an initial walk around estimate and came up with \$7,200.00. After the first accident the initial estimate was \$8,400.00, and the final cost was \$13,300.00 = quite a bit of difference. The dealership told me that once they start on the bike they always find more damage.

Over the last 3 weeks I have had 4 to 5 conversations with the owner of this establishment. I made it clear to him that I do not want this bike fixed. I let him know that I wanted a complete estimate, and to get out of this bike and on a new one. Does that seem hard to understand? Is my English not clear?

They almost insisted on fixing bike and putting me back on it, because that was the easiest and most profitable thing for them to do. I have to pay the dealership out of my own pocket to get them to tear the bike down and complete the estimate. If they find another \$2,800.00 in damages, which should be a no-brainer, I will come out well enough to start over. I hope this works out well for me. I will let you all know. I wish that someone would open a Honda dealership that actually cared about the people who pay them \$20,000.00 for a new bike, and are willing to pay them more than reasonable rates for service. Why is this so hard? If some of you are having great experience with a dealership within a reasonable proximity please let me know. If this hits close to home, please let me know. I do not wish to be treated better than anybody else. I just wanted to be justly dealt with and treated like a human being. You can reach me at jweddle1@cinci.rr.com.

Well this is too long already. Thanks for listening. **RIDE SAFE AND RIDE OFTEN.**

God bless America,

Jeff Weddle





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## Safety Tip of the Month

Whenever you decide to pass, take one last look behind you before pulling out. Motorcycles as well as automobiles have blind spots in the mirrors, and turning your head to do a final "shoulder check" can be a lifesaver.

## Ride Coordinator

### Gary Kuchera

Can you believe it is time to start thinking about our ride schedule for 2003? We are going to have ride suggestion forms at this month's meeting to get your input on things you would like to do and places you would like to go. We have scheduled a ride-planning meeting for November 10<sup>th</sup> – the location will be announced later. Also, if anyone would like to lead a Fall Color Ride, we have a couple of weekends open in October – the 20<sup>th</sup> or 26-27<sup>th</sup>. Let me know.



There was a great turnout for the first of the month dinner ride on Sunday, September 8<sup>th</sup>. See Linda Elsen's article for the details.

Don't forget, we are still meeting at the parking lot in front of K-Mart on Colerain for our dinner/dessert rides. Meeting time is 7:30 and the group will decide where they want to go from there.

Take a look at our ride and event schedule. I am sure you will find something fun to do on two wheels or four.

## UPCOMING RIDES/EVENTS

### ➤ September 12-14<sup>th</sup> (Thur.-Sat.) Region D Rally

Meet at: 9:00 AM on Friday, Sept. 13<sup>th</sup> at Bob Evans on Colerain to ride to Tiffin, OH for the Region D Rally. Carl & Cris Hauser will be leading the ride. We are staying at the Holiday Inn Express, 78 Shaffer Park Drive in Tiffin, OH (419-443-5100).. Call Carl Hauser (513-851-0714) for more information.



### ➤ September 14<sup>th</sup> (Saturday) Claudia Sanders Ride

Meet at: 1:00 PM at the Miamitown Park & Ride at I-74 and Rt. 128. Dinner reservations have been made for 5:00 PM. It is imperative that you **make a reservation** with Butch Royse if you plan to attend. Give Butch a call at 513-471-8429.

### ➤ September 10,17,24 (Tuesdays) Retired & Riding

Meet at: 9:00 AM at Wendy's on SR 128 & I-74 (exit 7). Call Jim Pennington (941-4871) for more information.

### ➤ September 21<sup>st</sup> (Saturday) Chapter L Dance

Meet at: Rich & Linda Elsen's farm at 10301 Roppelt Road. Time is from 7:00 PM to 12:00 AM. Cost is \$7.50 per person. Bring hors d'oeuvres or dessert to share. Soft drinks will be provided. For more information call Rich & Linda Elsen (513-385-4082) or Carl & Cris Hauser (513-851-0714). The theme is "Dancing in the Moonlight." Tickets can be purchased from any staff member or at the dance.

### ➤ September 22 (Sunday) Velvet Ice Cream Ride

Meet at: 9:00 AM at the Bob Evans on Colerain Avenue. Riding to Velvet Ice Cream near I-70. Call Mike & Judy O'Rourke for more details (513-662-8099).

### ➤ September 28-29 (Sat.-Sun.) Hocking Hills Ride

Meet at: 8:30 AM at the Perkins on North Bend Road. Riding to Logan, OH for a one-night overnight ride. Call Walt Hart for more details (513-385-2356).

### ➤ October 4-6 (Fri.-Sun.) Metamora Canal Days

**LADIES ONLY** - Meet at: The Hospitality Bed & Breakfast in Metamora for a weekend enjoying the



Canal Days in Metamora, IN. Reservations are a must so call Donna Heitfield at 513-367-6042 to hold your place.

➤ **October 6 (Sunday) 1<sup>st</sup> of the Month Dinner Ride**

Meet at: 4:00 PM at the Bob Evans on Colerain to ride to the Covered Bridge Country Restaurant at 4655 St. Rt. 46, West Harrison, IN. Come in cars if it is raining. Dinner is scheduled for 5:00 PM. Sign-up at the meeting or call Tim Kendrick for details (513-829-7163).

➤ **October 11-13 (Fri.-Sun.) Chapter L Stag Ride**

Meet at: 6:00 PM at Tom Runck’s house on Friday night. Sign-up at the meeting or call Tom at 513-385-4556 for details.

➤ **October 13 (Sunday) St. Mary’s on the Rock Ride**

Meet at: 1:00 PM at the Miamitown Park & Ride. Sign-up sheet at the meeting or call Mike O’Rourke for more information (513-662-8099).

See you at Chapter L’s next meeting on the 18<sup>th</sup>. Until then, keep the shiny side up...

knew in his own meager life, he comes to realize and accept life's truest riches - his family and friends. This timeless holiday classic not only celebrates the season, but also the American philosophy of life - that hard work, fair play, and the love and support of family and community will be rewarded. We have brought Bedford Falls to the stage and given it our own special touch. No one should miss this incredibly inspirational story.

This multi-chapter event was well-attended last year and we are hoping for an even better crowd this year. It’s a great way to get in the mood for the holidays. See Dan & Georgia Horgan for details or give them a call at 513-738-3425. Reservations are required and payment for the show must be made in advance no later than October 15<sup>th</sup>. Cost should be around \$38-\$39.00 each. Well worth it for a great dinner AND a show.



Don't be left out – join the GWRRR Rider Ed. Levels Program Today!

## Sunshine

### Anita Kendrick

I don't know about you, but I was never sent home early from school due to the heat in September....what is up with that? I just got to send them back to school; they (the school) shouldn't be allowed to send them home early. Oh well.

As I write this it has been a quiet month for Chapter L family and friends. As I mentioned at last month's meeting, Howard Ploegsma was forced to cut an end-of-summer trip short due to a severe case of cellulitis in his leg. Howard, we hope you are recovering and feeling better. You have been in our thoughts and prayers. We were glad to see Jack Elsen at the picnic. Though a little winded, he sure was a trooper coming out into the heat to be with friends and family. Jack, keep on the "mending" road. Tom & Sandy Taggart, our Senior District Directors, are praying and caring for their daughter Shannon right now. Shannon was in a car accident and was banged up pretty badly. Please keep Shannon as well as Tom and Sandy in your thoughts and prayers. If you would like, drop her a card in the mail at: 5051 Rt 78, Box 119, Buchtel, OH 45716. Fred & Lori Hicks' daughter, Debbie, had back surgery and is now on the road to recovery. We hope things are mending well.

If I have missed anyone this month or been late with getting cards out I do apologize. I was a little under the weather myself. Tim and I would also ask that you keep my father in



Gary Kuchera



## La Comedia – Nov. 30<sup>th</sup>

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and worth in life should be a sacrifice for an insurance policy to cover a loan. In steps his guardian angel Clarence to help show him what life would have been like without him. Through a series of encounters with bitter people he happily



your thoughts and prayers. We are waiting for tests to come back to give us more information but at this point the doctors are thinking he has leukemia. I know we will make it through what ever we are dealt with our faith and support of friends and family.

Well, I'm off to start some catch up work as I pay for that week off I took. Always remember...."A smile is a curve that sets a lot of things straight." -- Unknown

Please call me (829-7163) or send me an email ([akendrick@cinci.rr.com](mailto:akendrick@cinci.rr.com)) with all information of interest to our chapter family.

Anita Kendrick



YIPPEE!!

## Birthdays-Anniversaries



### Birthdays



Oct. 1	Francie Bien
Oct. 2	Bill Barrett
Oct. 2	Ruby Trew
Oct. 2	Bill Stumpf
Oct. 8	Chris Smith
Oct. 9	Kim Smith
Oct. 9	Steve Albert
Oct. 14	Teri Harris
Oct. 17	Tim Kendrick
Oct. 22	George Vandal
Oct. 24	Pauline Boderone
Oct. 31	Jay Morris



### Anniversaries



Oct. 4	Tom & Donna Heitfield
Oct. 6	Pat & JoAnn Marston
Oct. 6	Durrell & Pauline Monroe
Oct. 8	Robert & Betty Franz
Oct. 15	Dale & Marilyn Bosse
Oct. 18	Randy & Gail Hiser
Oct. 25	Mark & Linda Simmons

## Pins/Patches/Parades

### Cris Hauser

Hi everyone! Summer is coming to an end and it is time to place your orders for warm, long-sleeved chapter shirts. I have a good supply of these and if you would like something even warmer, you can cuddle up in one of our cozy new chapter sweatshirts – complete with the "L"YES! Logo. I won't be able to attend this month's meeting because I will be taking the basic rider course and hopefully NOT dropping the bike in the process. Our guest Pins & Patch people (try saying that 3 times fast) will be Tom & Barb Burns, who volunteered to take care of things for me at this month's meeting. If you placed an order for shirt(s) at the August meeting, please see Tom & Barb – there is a good chance your order will be ready for pickup. Also, this will be your last chance to purchase dance tickets in advance. The dance is scheduled for Saturday, September 21<sup>st</sup> at the Elsen farm and you won't want to miss this great evening relaxing with friends. Tickets may be purchased the night of the dance also. I hope to see all of you at the Chapter L dance. I also want to say a special "thanks" to all of you for your support of Pins & Patches and friendship you have shared with me. It is so wonderful to have the great GWRRA friends who have become our chosen families. Thanks, and see you "Dancing in the Moonlight!"

Cris Hauser

## Get in the Rider Education Levels Program and be a Chapter L "Safety Nut"!



## Leader of the Pack

September had finally arrived and it was time for Rich and I to lead a monthly dinner ride. Since we had never officially planned and led a ride before, we were slightly hesitant to do it this time. Oh no, oh no, where do we go? We poured through the Entertainment Book time and again and finally decided upon the Dearborn County Country Club in Aurora, IN. Heck, our bikes are as quiet as those golf carts, right?

Next we had to figure out the route for a short back roads ride to get there. We had no knowledge of the area and didn't have the time to go exploring. So.....we called on our friends, Bob & Vivian Ulrich for help. They came through with flying colors. Bob laid out the route and then Bob & Vivian, Tom & Barb



Burns and Rich & I pre-rode it. I was given the task of writing down the directions – as I am sure many of you women have done before. Holding the paper against Rich’s back and trying to write clearly just does not work! Attempting to decipher what I had scribbled down proved to be a challenge. I tried to keep track of the mileage from one road turn to the next. I even got detailed enough on the ride itself to give distances in 100 feet from one turn to another. Several people wanted to know whose feet I had used to measure the distance!



During the ride, Bob kept giving us scenic tips and had us looking for llamas and Indiana Indians. We didn’t see any Indians but we did see the “exhaust” from their ponies. We even saw a canoe in somebody’s front yard serving as further evidence that Indians still exist.

We all arrived at the restaurant hot (it was 96 degrees outside) but in one piece after enjoying a twisty back roads ride. As it turned out, we were the only customers in the restaurant. Rich told everyone that he had arranged it that way. I think he just got lucky – how about you? Right away one of the waitresses came out to tell us that their grill was broken and we should order something other than grillable items. We were hot and thirsty so we were emptying drinking glasses as fast as they could fill them. Finally we ordered our food after much discussion about the pricey items and turned-up noses about the veggie of the day – snow peas. I don’t think they passed many of our lips. The food was hot and delicious and I don’t think anyone left hungry.

At this point, Rich thought the ride was over and he could relax. But, of course, this was not the case. This was a Goldwing ride and people wanted ICE CREAM. All “official” chapter rides must end with ICE CREAM – the group shouted. So.....it was off to the Harrison Dairy Queen we rode, offering directions to everyone on how to get back to civilization. We closed the DQ with full tummies and many hugs.



So went the first official ride led by Rich & Linda Elsen. Those who followed us were: Rick & Bobbie Harless, Carl & Cris Hauser, Tom & Pat Runck, Tom & Barb Burns, Walt & Diane Hart, Bob & Vivian Ulrich, Tom Heitfield, Steve Albert, Randy & Gail Hiser, Ted & Lois Enzweiler, Allan & Teri Aunkst. Meeting us at the restaurant were Jack Elsen & Pauline Boderone. Thanks,



everyone, for making it such an enjoyable ride. We enjoyed being leaders of this pack. It was lots of fun, definitely a safe ride, and we gained a little knowledge in the process – we learned a tidbit or two about the Indiana Indians.

Linda Elsen

## “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://www.ohiogwrro.org>
- **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!

## Eat, Shop, Travel, Play!

Hey – what do Goldwingers like to do best next to riding? EAT, SHOP, TRAVEL, and PLAY, of course. So, why pay full price to do all of those things? With the Entertainment Book you can save half-off and enjoy two-for-one pricing on many of those activities and savings on all the rest. The book is bigger and better this year and still costs just \$35. So, help yourself and Chapter L buy buying a book. You can also help by selling some books at work, church, and to friends and family. They make great gifts too. Let’s make this a group effort and it will be a great fundraiser.

Entertainment Books’ September promotion is a free book (to sell at full profit) for every 20 books we sell in September. So try to purchase your book(s) this month. Please make your check payable to “GWRRA CHAPTER L” and of course we take cash too. You can also visit our website, [www.QCWR.org](http://www.QCWR.org), to place your order. If you would like to take some books to sell or want to purchase one for yourself, please see me at this month’s meeting or feel free to give me a call at home at 471-8429. Thanks for your continued support!

Betty Royse

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## 2002 Rallies

Only a few more rallies to enjoy in 2002. They are great places to ride to and make new friends.

### National And International Events

**OCTOBER 16-19, 2002. GWRRA's 25th ANNIVERSARY HOMECOMING, to held in a variety of venues in and around Phoenix, Arizona.** For details and to preregister, contact GWRRA, 21423 North 11th Avenue, Phoenix, Arizona 85027. (800) 843-9460 or [www.gwrra.org/homecoming](http://www.gwrra.org/homecoming).

**JULY 1-4, 2003. WING DING XXV, the 25th Anniversary of Wing Ding, at the Dane County Expo Center, Madison, Wisconsin.** For details and to preregister, contact GWRRA, 21423 North 11th Avenue, Phoenix, Arizona 85027. (800) 843-9460 or [www.gwrra.org](http://www.gwrra.org). See advertisement in this month's issue located in the Wing Ding program. All bikes welcome!

### Regional

**SEPTEMBER 12-15, 2002. GREAT LAKES REGION D RALLY at the Seneca County Fairgrounds in Tiffin, OH.** Contact Jim or Shirrin Hutchens. (586) 726-0742. E-mail: [JHutchens@Prodigy.net](mailto:JHutchens@Prodigy.net).

### District Events

**SEPTEMBER 19-21, 2002. NORTH CAROLINA DISTRICT "Wings Over The Smokies" in Fletcher, NC.** Contact Mike & Jo Bourque. (910) 487-5646. E-mail: [ontwowings@juno.com](mailto:ontwowings@juno.com). Vendors contact Duane & Linda Gordon. (252) 492-5742. E-mail: [duaneg@ncol.net](mailto:duaneg@ncol.net).

**OCTOBER 10-13, 2002. VIRGINIA DISTRICT RALLY "Rally In The Valley" at the Salem Civic Center in Salem, VA.** Contact Mike or Angie Mitchell. (804) 266-7280. E-mail: [gwtgger@aol.com](mailto:gwtgger@aol.com). Web site: [www.2firstsaga.com/goldwing](http://www.2firstsaga.com/goldwing). Vendors contact Steve or Linda Whitmer. (804) 328-1345. E-mail: [RallyNValley@aol.com](mailto:RallyNValley@aol.com).

## Claudia Sanders Ride

*Ride to where the fried chicken craze all started – Sept. 14<sup>th</sup>*

Betty and I will be leading a ride to Claudia Sanders restaurant in Kentucky on Saturday, September 14<sup>th</sup>. We will be leaving from the Miamitown Park & Ride at I-74 and Rt. 128 at 1:00 PM. Dinner reservations have been made for 5:00 PM. Most meals from the menu are served "family-style", all-you-can-eat for \$12.95. Dinners can also be ordered off the menu. We will be able to order off the menu as long as we have fewer than 30 people on the ride – more than thirty and we will have to order a buffet-style meal. It is imperative that I know in advance that you are planning to go on the ride. If you didn't sign-up at last month's meeting, please give me a call so I know to expect you (513-471-8429) or you can email me at [roysec@mpowernet.com](mailto:roysec@mpowernet.com). Hope to see you on the 14<sup>th</sup>.

## Butch & Betty Royse

Our first of the month dinner ride on August 11<sup>th</sup> was at the Fore & Aft Restaurant on Foley Road on the banks of the Ohio River. It was a great night for river watching and we had a seat by the window. Thanks to Tom & Barb Burns, Mike & Judy O'Rourke, Fred & Nolan Baurichter, Jim Pennington, Tom Heitfield, Steve & Kristena Albert for joining Tom & Pat Runck for an evening of great food and friends – and half price dining thanks to the Entertainment Card!

## Chapter News

### Things You Just Need to Know...

- Congratulations to Bob & Tril Childers who are Chapter L's newest Life Members of GWRRA.
- Emily Berry, the Special Events Coordinator with the National Multiple Sclerosis Society, will be visiting us in September to recognize our efforts in supporting the MS150 bike tour.

Queen City Wing Riders Present  
Chapter L's

## Dancing in the Moonlight

When:  
Saturday  
September 21, 2002  
7:00PM to 12:00PM



Cost:  
\$7.50 per person  
For More  
Information Call:

- Ruth Barry is heading off to Ireland for two weeks to try to find some of her ancestors. Have a wonderful trip and come home safely to us, Ruth.
- Check out our website to see Chad Johnson display an interesting and unique capability for a human being. I think the appropriate word is chameleon. Thanks to Tim Kendrick for bringing this to our attention.
- Our good friends, Dave & Lola Murray, will be leaving us in the next couple of weeks for a new home in New Jersey. Lola has been promoted to a great new job but it means that they have to leave Cincinnati. Good luck to you both and please stay in touch!!
- Plans are still underway for the formation of the Southwest Tricycle Group. A heavy-duty tricycle has been found at Sam’s Club – called the “Yerf Dog.” They have also found someone to do the modifications on the bike. If you are interested in participating, please call or email Linda Simmons at 513-829-6275 – [Prytylady@aol.com](mailto:Prytylady@aol.com) or Mary Paynter at 513-727-1049 – [c\\_director@a2ohio.com](mailto:c_director@a2ohio.com).
- Chapter X2 will be celebrating their 9<sup>th</sup> birthday on the weekend of Friday-Saturday, September 27<sup>th</sup> & 28<sup>th</sup>. The festivities start with a Honda appreciation day on Friday evening at Middletown Honda. On Saturday morning at 9:30 AM, X2 will hold their meeting and birthday party - also at Middletown Honda. They have a big tent set up and it is always a lot of fun. Happy Birthday, Chapter X2! Maybe the Traveling Plaque will be going to a new home too.



- ❖ Ohio is working the goody booth and gate security on Saturday at the Region D Rally. Anyone who would like to volunteer to help, please see the Hurley’s, Taggart’s or anyone else on the District Staff.

## Upcoming Hocking Hills Ride

For the Hocking Hills ride I plan to meet at Perkins on North Bend Road near I-74 and leave at 8:30 AM. Come early for breakfast. Our hotel, the Amerihost Inn, is located at a "one-stop" venue called Rempel's Grove in Logan, Ohio. There is an Amish-style restaurant, antique and craft malls, furniture outlet, miniature golf, and an ice cream shop all situated around a big parking lot. The hotel has an indoor pool and whirlpool. Our group has a reservation for Saturday night, September 28, 2002. If you want to participate, please call and reserve a room in your name from the group. The phone number is 740-385-1700 and the group name is "Goldwing Chapter L Group". Rooms not reserved by 09/13/02 will be released to general inventory. The cost is around \$90. Additional details and a signup sheet will be available at the August get-together. You may contact Walt or Diane Hart at 513-385-2356 for more details.

## GWRRA/MSF Chapter Survey

<b>August 2002</b>
Seminars Given: 1
Attendance (each): 104
➤ Educated in CPR this month: 0
➤ Educated in First-Aid this month: 0
➤ MSF Courses taken this month: 0
➤ Parking Lot Practice: 0

## State News

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

- ❖ It seems our own Roger Hurley has been having trouble with skunks in his yard. Well, some wise old farmer told him that human urine was a sure-fire method to keep them away. So – if you are up West Milton, OH and you see a guy in his yard “marking his territory” you know it’s Roger. Don’t know if it has had any effect on the skunks, but the water company wants to know why his water usage is down – not as much flushing going on, you know. One minute you’re dressing like a woman and the next you’re impersonating a dog. Penny, we feel real sorry for you, babe.
- ❖ Get out your crayons, pencils, paint or computers. We need logos for next year’s Cabin Fever and Buckeye Rally. You design it – we put it on T-shirts and pins and everything else imaginable. Logos for Cabin Fever (theme is Fairy Tales & Nursery Rhymes) need to be turned in by September 30<sup>th</sup>; Buckeye Rally (theme is Buckeye Birthday Celebration) logos turned in by November 16<sup>th</sup>. Winner receives two complimentary rally registrations, two T-shirts, two rally pins and a plaque. Get those creative minds going!

## Treasurer

### **Lori Hicks**



We celebrated our 17<sup>th</sup> chapter birthday in August with 104 Goldwing friends. We enjoyed good eats and treats and 43 door prizes were donated by the following generous people: Fred & Lori Hicks, Rick & Bobbie Harless, Tom & Pat

Runck, Jim & Brenda Pennington, Neil & Brenda Hardebeck, Carl & Cris Hauser, Ron & Connie Walters, Ron Cawein, Dan & Georgia Horgan, Marshall Goodman, Dave & Cathy King, Randy & Gail Hiser, Bud Hensler, Tom & Cookie Salamon, Steve Albert, Andy Andrea, George & Roberta Vandal, Clyde & Joyce Jones, Mark Simmons & the Paynters. Daniel Woodin was the lucky winner of the \$10.00 membership draw. You could be this month’s winner. All you have to do is drop your current GWRRA membership



card into the container on the membership table. Somebody always wins because it pays to go to "L"!

Don't forget your door prizes. When you bring one, you receive an extra door prize ticket to win one. Feeling lucky?? See you on the 18<sup>th</sup>.

## Lori Hicks

The Harvest Home Parade on September 5<sup>th</sup> was a great success. The weather was beautiful and the Chapter L banner was flying, thanks to Ken Jauch. The parade riders included: Carl Hauser, Rich & Linda Elsen, Randy & Gail Hiser, Ted Enzweiler, Fred Baurichter, Ken Jauch, Elmer Jauch, Jim Webster, Sam & Donna Peterson, Joe Rosemeyer, Roger Feiler, Andy Andrea, Tom Burns, Bob & Vivian Ulrich and Gene Grasher. Thanks for the great Public Relations!

## Rider Education

**SAFETY IS FOR LIFE.** *Fall...it's almost here...* Cool weather, vivid colors, falling leaves, crisp mornings. All are conditions that we need to prepare for. Leaves on the road in a curve can be very slick. Cool mornings and warm days call for a wider variety of riding gear. The sun is setting earlier now, so on a long ride be prepared to ride home in the dark and maybe it's time to



replace the tinted visor on your helmet with the clear one too.

But the most dangerous hazard is the beautiful scenery. There are many of us that find watching the road ahead all of the time to be very boring. We have a hard time not checking out the farm houses, animals in the pasture, unusual cars and the occasional female jogger in tight pants. This tendency to watch everything *but* the road is made worse by the beautiful colors seen only for a few short weeks in the fall.

Fall is a mixed blessing. It's a great time to be riding a Gold Wing but we all know it means the riding season is drawing to a close, so we try to maximize our enjoyment of the scenery. While doing this, we tend to slow down, wander about the road getting out of our track and make the rider behind us very nervous. The drag rider's job turns into something akin to herding cats and the leader wonders why he ever volunteered to lead the ride in the first place.

With that said, enjoy the fall riding season but please be mindful of the ride and those you ride with.

Ride safe; ride smart. **GET EDUCATED!**

## Tim Kendrick



It's time to begin our food drive for the Freestore. Please bring non-perishable items to the meeting and get signed-up for a chance to win a free Christmas dinner at Chapter L's Christmas party on December 18<sup>th</sup>. We will draw the lucky winner at the November meeting.

## September Word Find

*Find these names of composers...*



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| BARBER    | BARTOK   | BEETHOVEN |
| BELLINI   | BERG     | BERLIOZ   |
| BERNSTEIN | BIZET    | BLOCH     |
| BORODIN   | BRITTEN  | BRUCKNER  |
| BUSONI    | CHABRIER | CHOPIN    |
| COPLAND   | DELIBES  | DUKAS     |
| DVORAK    | ELGAR    | FALLA     |
| FAURE     | GERSHWIN | GOUNOD    |
| HANDEL    | HAYDN    | IVES      |
| LISZT     | MAHLER   | PORTER    |
| POULENC   | PUCCINI  | RODGERS   |
| ROSSINI   | SCHUBERT | STRAUSS   |
| VERDI     | VIVALDI  | WAGNER    |

*Bring in this completed puzzle for an extra door prize ticket!*



*Queen City Wing Riders*  
**GWRRA - REGION D - OHIO CHAPTER L**  
**UPCOMING EVENTS**

DATE	EVENT	CONTACT	PHONE	TIME	MTG PLACE/LEAVING FROM
Sept. 14	Claudia Sanders	Butch Royse	513-471-8429	1:00 PM	From Miamitown Park & Ride
Sept. 18	L Meeting	Tom Runck	513-385-4556	7:30 PM	Lakeridge Conference Center
Sept. 21	Chapter L Dance	Rich Elsen	513-385-4082	7:00 PM	Elsen Farm, 10301 Roppelt
Sept. 22	Velvet Ice Cream	Mike O'Rourke	513-662-8099	9:00 AM	Bob Evans on Colerain Avenue
Sept. 24	A-2 Meeting	Matt Paynter	513-727-1049	7:30 PM	K of C, 930 Hamilton-Cleves Road
Sept. 24	Retired & Riding	Jim Pennington	513-941-4871	9:00 AM	Wendy's, SR 128 at I-74
Sept. 28	X2 Birthday Mtg.	Phil Yaple	513-988-0880	9:30 AM	Middletown Honda
Sept. 28-29	Hocking Hills Ride	Walt Hart	513-385-2356	8:30 AM	Perkins, North Bend Road
Oct. 3	E-2 Meeting	Dave King	513-742-0937	7:30 PM	New England Club, Beechmont Ave.
Oct. 6	Dinner Ride	Tim Kendrick	513-829-7163	4:00 PM	Bob Evans on Colerain Avenue
Oct. 11-13	Stag Ride	Tom Runck	513-385-4556	6:00 PM	9365 Yellowwood Drive
Oct. 13	St. Marys on Rock	Mike O'Rourke	513-662-8099	1:00 PM	From Miamitown Park & Ride



**CHAPTER “L” MEETINGS**  
 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday of Each Month  
**Lakeridge Conference Center**  
 7118 Pippin Road -- Cincinnati, OH

**7:30 PM – Get-together**  
**We Monitor C.B. Channel 3**



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

**Chapter L's next meeting is on September 18<sup>th</sup> at 7:30 PM.**  
**We hope to see you there!**

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