

February 2003

Queen City Wing Rider News

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CABIN FEVER WAS GREAT!

Thanks to our District Directors, Tom & Sandy Taggart, the entire Ohio District Staff and everyone who attended and participated to make Cabin Fever a Fun-tastic time!

Carl's Comments

This past month has brought Cris and I, both great happiness and great sorrow. On the 10th of January our granddaughter was born. Katelyn Marie Hauser, 6 lb.-12 oz. 20 in. long. 10 toes 10 fingers, and a full head of black hair. That is Happiness.

On the 14th of January a great friend was called from this earth to a better place. Joyce Jones was a special person that touched the hearts of everyone that she came in contact with. She will be greatly missed, but not forgotten. She will ride with us on every ride, as our Guardian Angel. We said goodbye to her on Friday the 17th of January. On the 18th of January we said hello to Katelyn, in Honolulu Hi. for the first time. I hope that she will grow up to be the loving caring person that Joyce was.

Cris, Robin, my Mom, Dad and I spent two fabulous weeks in Hawaii with Carl, Vonita, Chase and Katelyn. We saw all the sights on Oahu. We tried to pack as much sunshine into our suitcase as we could. But could only fit a day and a half. We arrived back in Cincinnati on the 2nd of February. Remember the 50-degree weather?

As all good grandparents do, we brought back plenty of pictures. If you'd like to see them, just ask Cris, I'm sure she'll have them with her.

Now, for some chapter business. I would like to thank **Sheila Starcher** from E-2 for stepping into the position of Concierge. This position is a great help to all our members. She has blocked rooms for us at all the Rallies that we usually attend. It will be up to you to secure a room on your credit card before the deadline. Sheila has put together a list that will be available at our next gathering.

There is a large group going to the New England Rally this year, July 24 - 26. They will be visiting with our good friends **Dave & Lola Murray**. If you would like to join them we need you to sign up at this month's meeting so that Sheila can make reservations.

Last weekend a large group of us (32) went to Cabin Fever in Columbus. Boy did we have a great time. We started the weekend off with the Grand Parade. As you may have heard the theme was Fairy Tales & Nursery Rhymes. Well chapter "L" dressed up as The Pied Piper of Hamelin, **Jeff Weddle** as the Pied Piper and all the rest of us as Big Fat Rats, some Bigger than others. **Becky Weddle** made Jeff's costume. **Tim Kendrick & Tom Runck** took care of the music. **Pat Runck** made us all rat ears and tails. **Phil Hollingsworth** made the Big Cheese to go over the speaker that was pulled in a wagon. And Yes we brought home WOOD, again this year, we received Second Place in the Grand Parade Group Competition. We also received a plaque of Appreciation for running "Oogy Boogy" on Friday night. We put 64 people through, and had a blast doing it.

Other Chapter "L" members that received plaques were Christina Albert, 2nd place in the Best Theme Hat Competition. Randy & Gail Hiser, for best time on the State Puzzle. Gail also won 1st place on the Fairy Tales Jigsaw Puzzle.

For those of you that could not go with us this year or that have never been to a Cabin Fever, owe it to your self to make plans to attend next year. The theme for next year is The Roaring 20's. We need your ideas and your participation; you will not regret it.

Chapter "L" received one more plaque, The Newsletter of the Year Award. This Award was received because of the hard and dedicated work of **Pat Runck**. Pat has put her so many talents to work, and it shows throughout the Whole State. Thank you Pat for all your hard work.

Cris & I hope to see all of you at our meeting on February 19th. Don't forget Valentines Day.

Carl Hauser (pending no longer)



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2003 COORDINATORS

Chapter L Meets the 3rd Wednesday of each month at the Lakeridge Conference Center, 7118 Pippin Road, Cincinnati, Ohio at 7:30 p.m.

Chapter Staff for 2003

Chapter Director	Carl & Cris Hauser
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Chapter Sheriff	Fred Hicks
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Ride Coordinator	Gary & Donna Kuchera
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NOTE FROM YOUR EDITOR Deadline for the next QCWR News March 3rd, 2003

If you have a news item or something for sale to be put in the newsletter, you can e-mail it to the following site: newsfroml@yahoo.com

Chit Chat with Cris – Mrs. CD

Aloha! Carl, Robin & I had a wonderful time in Hawaii visiting with the new grandbaby, Katelyn and our grandson Chase, who had is 5th birthday while we were there. I will have plenty of pictures for anyone that is interested in looking.

Since, I had a great response to the BRC, (Basic Rider Course) I have made arrangements for 12 more spots. The dates for the 2nd BRC class is Wednesday, April 9th @ 6:00 p.m. – 10:00 p.m. for the classroom & Saturday & Sunday, April 12th & 13th @ 8:00 a.m. – 1:30 p.m. (for the first 6 spots) & 1:30pm – 7:00 p.m. (for the next 6 spots). If I have totally confused you about the times and you are interested, please feel free to contact me at **work** (513) 931-5000, ext. 116, **home** (513) 851-0714 or by **cell** (513) 368-0705 and I will explain.

Those of you who have already booked a spot in the first BRC class for April 2nd, 5th, & 6th, I will need your registration forms and your check for \$25.00 made payable to Great Oaks by our February meeting.

Looking forward to seeing everyone at our meeting. Remember that this is our Valentine Day's Meeting, so guys make sure that you have made or given a special heart for your lady & ladies do the same for your guy. See you on February 19.

Keep smiling
Cris Hauser – Mrs. CD

NOTE FROM OUR ADD

Roger & Penny Hurley

Hi Everyone,

We were going to wait until tomorrow night and send this, but we were as excited as all of you after the Cabin Fever closing. All of you and your members should be very proud of the showing we had this year at Cabin Fever. We can't say it enough about how happy and proud we really are to have a section like the Southwest!!! We all are having FUN and lets keep it going right on through the entire year. Thanks again for all of your volunteering and support. We believe this was the best Cabin Fever yet !!

Roger & Penny

Assistant District Directors
South West Section
Ohio



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Rally Coordinator



SMOKY MOUNTAIN RIDING (THE TENNESSE RALLY)

Howdy all you chapter "L" ians. Becky and I sure hope that your winter is not too depressing. Just keep thinking positive thoughts. It is almost over, and the Tenn. Rally is just around the corner. If you have not made reservations yet, **please** do so. We want as many of our chapter family to attend as possible. The more the merrier.

To make reservations please call the Best Western Toni Inn. The phone number is 865-453-9058. We are part of the "Sheila Starcher" group. The dates are April 25th and 26th, Friday and Saturday.

We are doing something a little different this year. We have 3 organized rides through various parts of the Smokies. Greg Hauck is leading a ride Friday afternoon. His plans are to leave the hotel at 3:00pm and return around 7:00pm. We have 2 rides going out Saturday morning. Tom Runck will be leading a ride departing the hotel at 8:00 am. Tom has an idea to lead a ride different from what we usually do. A lot of you have ridden the Cherohala and Deals Gap many times, and would like to do something different. If you fall into this category then this is the ride for you. Becky and I will be leading a nice relaxing ride at the same time. We will finish the ride we started, with Jim & Brenda Pennington last April. Becky has never done Deals Gap, and we need to finish the Cherohala. If you want to ride these roads, then this is your ride. On our ride we will stop for lunch, and we should arrive back at the hotel in time for dinner.

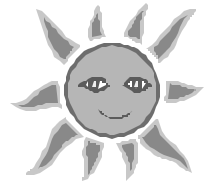
Look at your schedule and see when you want to attend the rally and choose one of the rides accordingly. Maybe you have no interest in the rally, and would just like to ride the whole time. Either way we would love to have your company. Let's start the season out right and ride the Smokies. Any questions call my cell or send me an email.

518-6427 or jweddle1@cinci.rr.com

Ride often and ride safe,
Jeff and Becky Weddle

SUNSHINE

By Anita Kendrick



February is the month of love, so make sure you hug someone special this month. I am enjoying the month...first it starts out as fear when the State of Ohio actually issues the drivers license to your teenager, but that quickly turns into relief when you get to say... "you wanted to drive so pick up your brother and the milk and don't forget the dry cleaning." That's what we had kids for right.

This month we had a few Gold Wing friends to keep in our thoughts and prayers. Bud and Peg Rahe from X-2 lost Buds mother this past month. Please make sure to keep them in your thoughts.

Happy news as we await the final word the Kelly Stumpf will be placed on the transplant list very soon. For those of us at Cabin Fever we were very glad to see Kelly's smiling face. She is truly an inspiration to us all. While we were at Cabin Fever, Joe and Terry Rosemeyer had to leave early after receiving news that Joe's father had suffered from a stroke. Sound's like it was a mild one and his prognosis is very good. Tim also had a less than optimal time at the rally as he is trying to recover from a pinched nerve in his arm. All I can say is pain medication makes Tim a very sleepy ACD.

Well that is all the news I have at this time. I'm off to check on Tim and make sure Jessica picked up my dry cleaning. If anything you would like to share give me a call or email me at 829-7163 * akendrick@cinci.rr.com. Until next month, remember, "A smile is a curve that sets a lot of things straight." – Unknown

Anita Kendrick

PINS & PATCHES

Hi, everyone! How about purchasing a new Chapter L sweat shirt, Chapter shirt or hat.. We did sell a few items at Cabin Fever and we have more for you. Just come on back to our display table and put in your order today. Hope to see everyone at our February 19th meeting.

Tom & Barb Burns



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Cabin Fever 2003 - a FULL REPORT

By Pat Runck

Little Miss Muffet, sat on her tuffet, eating her curds and whey, along came a spider and sat down beside her and said, "Hey, babe, what's in the bowl?" Cabin Fever 2003 – you just had to be there, but just in case you weren't, here is what you missed. The theme was Fairy Tales (or "tails" as X-2 would have you believe) and Nursery Rhymes and there were 544 preregistered crazy Goldwingers reliving their childhood (like any of us ever grew up in the first place).

There were 19 entries in the theme-oriented Grand Parade on Friday night. I think there were more people in the parade than in the ballroom watching. The creativity and time spent making costumes was incredible. There was an old lady in the shoe, dishes running away with spoons, the cast of the Wizard of Oz, our Chapter L Pied Piper "Rat Pack", "fairy-tails", and so much more. There was also a comedian on Friday night and everyone enjoyed his crazy sense of humor. At 10:30 PM, brave souls headed off to be "measured", go "under the blanket" and get "oogy boogied." Chapter L had 64 people go through our "Oogy Boogy" experience and we understand that E-2, with the help of Don Dakin, made getting measured a "memorable" time. If you have never participated in these fun activities at Cabin Fever, make sure you do in 2004. Heck, you get another bar to hang on your vest – what more do you want?

Saturday morning at 9:30 brought opening ceremonies and the District Couple of the Year selection. The four nervous couples pacing the halls included: **Darrel & MaryAnn Clemans** from Chapter Y, **Rusty & Diana Rickmon** from Chapter F, **Marty & Ginny Bell** from Chapter U2, and **John & Kim McNeely** from Chapter S2. All four couples did a fine job of presenting their unique GWRRA experiences and we were pleased to note that two of the four were from our own Southwest Section (can't you just see Roger's buttons busting from that puffed up chest of his?). We are happy to announce that the Ohio District Couple of the Year for 2003 is from the Southwest Section – **John & Kim McNeely** from Chapter S2. We're glad we weren't making the selection because all four finalists did a fantastic job. Congratulations, John & Kim – and good luck as the newest "state staffers."

Our own chapter couple, **Walt & Diane Hart**, attended Cabin Fever for the first time this year and they really seemed to have a good time. I looked up at Opening Ceremonies and there was Diane, looking well groomed as usual, in her newly acquired 2003 Cabin Fever T-shirt and then there was Walt – dressed for the Bahamas with his Polynesian-style, button-up palm tree print shirt. Wally – we were in Columbus, man. You are something....

The rest of Saturday was kind of "on your own". There was a Euchre tournament, best theme costume competition, best theme hat competition, games, skills ride, seminars, puzzles and we even got to "check out" our District Staff in a trivia search game where we had to figure out what was *not quite right* with them. Give me a break – we could have told you that *without* looking! Lots of folks just relaxed in the hospitality room eating cookies or making bids on the silent auction items. There were two rooms of vendors and new bikes to sit on. **Steve & Kristena Albert** competed in the hat competition with a mad hatter rabbit entry (Steve) and a big bad wolf/little red riding hood creation (Kristena). Steve also made a costume from Alice in Wonderland as one of the deck of cards. It was great – but Steve I am not sure that those red long johns are a good look for you – geesh!

Joe Lupo packed a standing-room-only seminar for the Trike Special Interest Group, **Paul Brosher** talked about Fun at Chapter Functions, **Dave Taylor** had a Rider Education presentation and there was even a talk on Personal Financial Planning with **Jim Banks**.

Throughout the day, 50/50 was being sold by the hotel staff and this year (and the 50/50 sold at our upcoming Buckeye Rally) \$1,015 was presented to **Kelly Stumpf** for her medical expenses. Wouldn't you know, Saturday night when the 50/50 was given away – our own Clyde Jones won \$200.00. We thought he would at least buy us dessert or something but I have outlined here his rationalization for how much he actually won: He won \$200; he paid \$180 for his room (he had to be there to win, you know) leaving \$20; he spent \$10 to win leaving \$10; he bought breakfast for Kim, Scott & Julie so he is now \$15 in the hole. So....Dave don't be expecting any big donation when you pass the helmet next month – somehow Clyde thinks you own HIM. And we wonder why this man gets lost! We love you, Clyde.

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Saturday night we all packed into the hotel ballroom to enjoy a talent/no talent show (Bill Stumpf call it "serious" talent and just plain "bad" talent – we have to agree). After we both enjoyed and lived through that event, we participated in a live auction and then moved on to our pajama party and slide show compliments of Ron Walters (with pictures from all the chapters) and Dan Horgan (a state staff production). It is just amazing to see so many people EVERYWHERE just having a good time. Thanks, guys – you did a fantastic job. Next up was the 50/50 drawing and then people either went off to be measured, go under the blanket or get oogy boogied or stayed behind to enjoy the "Big Daddy" karaoke and music for dancing and relaxation. There was also a GoldWing necessity – an ice cream social bar with that yummy, cold, stuff for all to enjoy. Saturday was a fun-filled day with a little bit of everything for everybody and we added one more thing Saturday night when we surprised **Kim Miller** with a little birthday gathering in Clyde's room.

Closing ceremonies were on Sunday morning and I am sure that Carl told you about all the winners from our area in his article. I have to tell you, though, when **Paul Brosher** announced Chapter L as the winner for the newsletter of the year, I couldn't believe it. It meant so much to me to see my friends from L, E-2, X-2 and A-2 so excited for me. I just want to thank all of YOU for all the great material you provided me with over the years. It seemed like every time I turned around someone was doing something I just had to write about. Thanks again – I think I am still in shock.

Back to opening ceremonies.....**Tom Taggart** really put **Jim Hutchens** on the spot when he said that he wanted to announce his "boss" – and we all saw Jim starting to stand and head to the front of the room – and then Tom turned and said "Sandy!" Jim, I think Tom "gotcha" one more time!

Before I close, I do want to recognize the Chapter L members who participated in our Pied Piper extravaganza. Our Pied Pier was **Jeff Weddle** and his "rat pack" included **Phil & Lois Hollingsworth, Randy & Gail Hiser, Roy & Sheli Williams, Mike & Judy O'Rourke, Fred & Marguerite Meyers, Mike Gadd, Tom Burns, Bud & Peggy Smith, Carl & Cris Hauser, Becky & Sam Weddle, Steve & Kristena Albert, Tom & Pat Runck**. Our sign designers & carriers were **Barb Burns** and **Arlene Gadd** and **Grant Weddle** pulled our music wagon (the Big Cheese). Thanks to **Phil Hollingsworth** for making the big cheese. Thanks also **Tim Kendrick** for putting our music together for us and to **Anita Kendrick** to being our official videographer. It was also great that **Walt & Diane Hart** and **Joe & Terrie Rosemeyer** were there to experience the Cabin Fever phenomenon too. It was yet another fun-filled Chapter L memory made. "L"YES!!

DINNER & MOVIE REPORT

Our group of 13 braved the snow and met at the Danbarry Theater in Western Hills to see the movie, "Sweet Home Alabama". We then went to the Cancun Mexican Restaurant and enjoyed a variety of delicious meals. Robin must have some influence over Jose' as he treated us superbly and gave us free appetizers. Both the movie and food received a "two thumbs up" from everyone. It was a nice way to enjoy a snowy Sunday afternoon.

Those who attended were: Mike & Judy O'Rourke, Tom & Barb Burns, Fred & Lori Hicks, Randy & Gail Hiser, Tammy Williams, Roy & Kathy Richard, and Butch and I. Thanks to Brenda Pennington for making all the arrangements. We were sorry they could not be with us due to the death of a dear friend.

We all had a great time, so mark your calendar for the next dinner & movie "date" later in the year.

Betty Royse

(Note from Brenda - Thanks to Betty & Butch Royse for stepping in to coordinate the Movie & Dinner outing when Jim & I unexpectedly went out of town for a funeral. It's great to have friends you can count on to cover for you !!)

WING DING Returning to Fort Wayne in 2005

The Fort Wayne/Allen County Convention & Visitors Bureau learned that the Gold Wing Road Riders Association has decided to return to Fort Wayne for its annual Wing Ding convention in 2005.

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OBSERVATIONS from our CHAPTER L Couple

Gliding silently in front of the snow-shrouded, transparent woodlands of early February is the semi-frozen Olentangy River. Near a sandbar in the middle of the river is a group of about twenty ducks floating nearly motionless in one spot. The shallow water moving over rocks and logs reflects the sun's rays like stars twinkling in the night. Gazing at this from our third-story window in a northern Columbus hotel led me to wonder how much longer it might be until things are green, warm, and lively. If this is a little too expressive, it's because Diane and I might be suffering from the onset of "Cabin Fever", a common disorder officially recognized by GWRRA and other leading institutions.

The therapy recommended by GWRRA for "Cabin Fever" consists of a big, rowdy get together of Gold Wingers from all over the state. As we rookies found out, the slate of activities is crammed with so much entertainment and "stuff" that it takes until the wee hours to get it all done. A big part of the weekend is competition between chapters and individuals. It would be most challenging for the judges and audience to decide in which category the competitors have decided to compete unless they declared ahead of time. Awards are given only for serious and "not serious", but there are certainly several other categories (shameless, obnoxious, stupid). Many of these performers have been cooped up way too long. One of the acts was a standup comedy routine so funny a man in the row ahead of us was doubled over in pain from laughing.

One of the more "important" competitions was among four couples for "District Couple of the Year". We had never seen anything like this before and it was riveting. It's really designated as a selection, my guess being because it is for the whole year and not just one night. The same two questions were asked of the couples and the answers were judged for how they addressed very particular elements. All four were impressive and have contributed much to their respective Chapters. The final choice must have been difficult. There is no doubt the couple chosen, **John and Kim McNeely** from nearby Chapter S2, will do a great job and put forth a great image for our state. We should be proud they are from our district and hopeful to welcome them at one of our get-togethers in the upcoming year. Also, recently selected at the region level is the Region D Couple of the Year **Will and Rita Thompson**.

Chapter pride is very much in evidence throughout the rally, and most delegates tend to wear their Chapter stuff and sit together during general assembly. Therefore, Diane and I paid a visit to the vendor area and bought our vests and some "flair" to put on them. I guess our next stop will be Tom and Barb Burns' pins and patches stand. We are attempting to clean up a little but it's a work in progress. Thanks for your attention and we will see you at the next get-together if not elsewhere.

Walt and Diane Hart

Chapter L 2003 Couple of the Year

MS WALK - again!

Mark your calendars for May 10, 2003 Sawyer Point Cincinnati, Ohio

For the past several years I have been team leader for the Gold Wing Road Riders. Each year we have raised over \$1,000 for Multiple Sclerosis.

We are in need of a "Team Leader" as I am no longer able to walk the 10 miles, but I will help with donations.

Please get in touch with me at pauline.b@fuse.net if you are interested. We need to get our team registered. Lets continue our sponsoring the MSWalk. Thanks.

Pauline Boderone

February and PMS - Parked Motorcycle Syndrome... You may be experiencing Parked Motorcycle Syndrome if... You check the tire pressure just in case it might be nice in a few days. ... You wonder if you should go start up your bike just to make sure the battery tender is doing its job. ... You know that it's been a month, three weeks, five days, and eleven hours since you got home from your last ride.

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Treasurers Report -

Boy, what a great crowd – 116 members and friends at the January gathering – excited for Carl & Cris as they began their tenure as Chapter L’s newest Chapter Directors. I hope they know we meant every word when we had their little “induction” ceremony. They will do a great job for us, have the right attitude and with our support – there are sure to be some fun and memorable times in store for everyone.

We had oodles of door prizes in January and I know people weren’t cleaning out all those “less than desirable” leftover presents from under the tree, either. These were great door prizes and they were donated by: **Gail Hiser, Ed Ely, Jim & Brenda Pennington, Andy Andrea, Penny Hurley, Lois Pettit, Donna & Gary Kuchera, JoAnn Marston, Cookie Salamon, Steve Albert, Jim & Pauline Petroviak, Bud Hensler, Neil Hardebeck, Rick & Bobbie Harless, Betty Royse, Walt Bohanan, Dave & Cathy King, Dan & Georgia Horgan, Tim & Anita Kendrick, Keith Kennedy and Tom & Pat Runck.** **Peggy Smith** was the lucky winner of our monthly membership draw and had \$10.00 extra to spend at Cabin Fever this weekend.

It was nice to meet **Tom & Lisa Young** who visited with us for the first time. They wanted a YELLOW GL1800 so badly, that they bought it from someone in California and had it shipped. One more “screamin’ yellow zonker” in the greater Cincinnati area – YEAH!!

I want to say a special “THANKS” to **Dave King** for the great *Thanks for the Memories* slide show at last month’s meeting. Tom didn’t know that Carl had arranged to show Dave’s tribute to Tom’s antics and costumes over the years so he was really surprised. Frankly, I saw some things I would have rather forgotten about. Thanks, anyway, Dave!

People must have listened to Jeff & Becky Weddle’s presentation on the *Top Ten Reasons to Attend Cabin Fever* – because Chapter L had a great group this year. It was a blast and the Chapter L “Rat Pack” looked fantastic. Next year’s theme is the Roaring 20’s – and we already have our thinking caps on for our entry into the parade and probably the “No Talent” talent show as well. You don’t want to miss Cabin Fever 2004!

I hope to see you on February 19th for the next Chapter L gathering. I’ll be up front at the door prize table waiting for my hug from YOU!

Take care,
 Pat

Happy Birthday

Happy Anniversary

2/2	Dave Taylor	3/3	Gary Kuchera	2/12	Howard Ploegsma/Kathy Skinner
2/3	Ron King	3/6	Mike Runyan	2/13	Fred & Lori Hicks
2/7	Carol Haehnle	3/6	Ron Walters	2/22	Chuck & Melanie Geggie
2/7	Marilyn Sears	3/8	Phil Yaple	2/24	Joe & Sandy Schmidt
2/8	Mike Tankersley	3/12	Elmer Jauch	3/5	Phil & Sandy Yaple
2/10	Ruby Campbell	3/12	Ken Jauch	3/16	Joe & Stormee Lupo
2/10	Joyce Jones	3/13	Neil Hardebeck	3/22	Mike & Cindy Tankersley
2/11	Fred Manning	3/14	Snappy Snapp		
2/12	Cookie Salamon	3/14	Dale Bosse		
2/14	Betty Franz	3/15	Marilyn Bosse		
2/14	Don Friessen	3/17	Fred Meyers		
2/18	Toby Darkins	3/18	Sheli Williams		
2/20	Donna Levine	3/18	Allen Lewis		
2/25	Lois Hollingsworth	3/19	Debbie Bridges		
2/25	Bill Wellman				
2/27	Penny Hurley				
2/27	Roger Hurley				



MOVE NOTE: Jim & Pauline Petroviak have moved! New address and phone is:

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 Lawrenceburg, Indiana 47025

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RIDE COORDINATOR

Congratulations to everyone who won prizes at Cabin Fever. Sounds like we had a great attendance from Chapter L. Sorry we couldn't attend this year, but since the winter has been so cold and snowy, Gary had to deliver propane to keep his customers warm and cozy. I'm sure we missed a great time. We are looking forward to the upcoming events and hope that spring is just around the corner.

UPCOMING RIDES/EVENTS

Our Wednesday night dinner rides for this next month will continue to be at The Golden Corral at 7:00 P.M., meet at the restaurant.

Feb. 19th (Wednesday) Chapter L's Meeting

Lakeridge Conference Center at 7:30 P.M.

Feb. 23rd (Sunday) Safety Sunday

Dayton, OH for more information call Tom Runck (513-385-4556)

March 1st (Saturday) Maple Syrup Ride

Hueston Woods for more information call Tim Kendrick (513-829-7163)

March 2nd (Sunday) 1st of the month Dinner Ride

Ground Round Rest., Springdale, 5 P.M. for more information call Rich and Linda Elsen (513-385-4082)

March 15th (Saturday) Adopt A Highway

Meet at Perkins, Harrison, Oh at 8 A.M. for more information call Carl Hauser (513-851-0714)

March 15th & 16th (Saturday & Sunday) Region D Fun Shop

Ft. Wayne IN for more information call Carl Hauser (513-851-0714)

March 19th Chapter L Bake Sale Meeting

Lakeridge Conference Center at 7:30 P.M.

It's not too early to start looking for your old favorite family recipes to bake and bring to our bake sale. We have a lot of fun and you get some scrumptious baked goods.

March 28th – 30th (Fri., Sat., Sun.) Kentucky G Mall Show

Crestview Hills Mall for more information call Carl Hauser (513-851-0714) or Jim Pennington (513-941-4871)

March 28th – 30th (Fri., Sat., Sun.) All Chapter Mall Show

Town Mall, Middletown, OH for more information call Carl Hauser (513-851-0714)

See you at Chapter L's next meeting on Wed. Feb. 19th. Until then, keep the shiny side up

Gary and Donna Kuchera

MONTHLY DINNER RIDE REPORT

Dinner Ride at Fore & Aft We lucked out with the temperature reaching the low 50's but Greg Hauck was the only brave soul that came on two wheels. We had to keep an eye on Jack Elsen who was seated at the end of the table where the serving trays were placed for the waitress. One plate sat a little too long and word has it that someone was minus a shrimp on their plate. Jack denies it but Pauline and I saw him licking his lips! Including Andy & I, we had 22 people attending: Butch & Betty Royse, Rich & Linda Elsen, Rick & Bobbie Harless, Greg and Shirley Hauck, Tom and Pat Runck, Tom & Barb Burns, Jack Elsen & Pauline Boderone, Neil & Brenda Hardebeck, Bob & Vivian Ullrich, Tim and Anita Kendrick. It was a "L" of a good evening with good friends and good food!

Jan & Andy Andrea

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MEMBERSHIP

By Rick & Bobbie Harless

If you are new to our meetings all Chapter L needs you to do is check off your name on the printed list. If you bring a guest with you, please have them fill out an information sheet. We ask them to fill out this sheet so we can learn a little more about them, and we can send them our newsletter.

For anyone who was not at the last gathering or has not updated their information in the last 12 months 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 take time to check your information such as birthdays, anniversaries, membership numbers, phone numbers and addresses to insure it is correct. If corrections are needed please make them and return the sheets to the sign-in table.

Don't forget to check your GWRRA membership card expiration date. So you don't allow your membership to lapse. If you have access to the Internet it is very easy to renew on line. It is quick and you can renew day or night 24/7. We also 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 hope to see you at our next Chapter L gathering on February 19th at 7:30 PM at the Lakeridge Conference Center.

Rick and Bobbie

CHAPTER PHOTO ALBUM

Smile! You're in the Photo Album

When you're on a Chapter outing and take pictures, please share them with me for the picture/history album for Chapter L. Jim & I don't make every event anymore and I really need your help in keeping a photo history for 2003. (Anita is finishing up 2002 and doesn't need any more from last year.) Please give me anything from January 1st on and we'll get going on 2003's book – right now it's empty. We are looking for a good group photo on New Years day outside of Famous Dave's. Did anyone get a good one or two? Bring them to one of our gatherings so that it may go down in history.

So, when someone points their camera towards you, SMILE – you could be in the pages of Chapter L's picture/history album!

Brenda

MY THANKS --

I want to thank each of you for your prayers, care and concern for me during my recent back surgery. On February 10th I finally will return to work for half-days for a couple weeks and I'm really excited about that progress. My recovery has been slow but successful and I again thank each of you for your kindness' to me during this difficult time.

Brenda Pennington

The family of Joyce Jones would like to say "thank you" for the beautiful flowers and the love that you had shown her.

- Clyde Jones and family

In Memory of Joyce Jones

Charter Member of Chapter "L"
Chapter "L" Coordinator
A special lady and friend.



"Thank you"

February 2003

SAFETY

Rider Education



I heard that the famous groundhog, Phil, saw his shadow and predicted six more weeks of winter. Not believing him I went out to my "hole" in the garage and uncovered my Wing and you know what – no shadow. So as far as I am concerned Spring is just around the corner!

Speaking of just around the corner, Safety Sunday is almost here and it will be held again this year at the Dayton Anglers and Gun Club, 1924 Valley Street in Dayton, OH on Sunday, February 23rd and hosted by Chapter J. We will be meeting at Bob Evans on Colerain Avenue for an 11:00 AM departure. The event starts at 12:00 and should finish around 4:00. Jeff & Becky Weddle along with yours-truly will be presenting a brief seminar on riding gear and statistics. If you have not had the opportunity to attend before, Safety Sunday consists of a series of presentations on different safety-related topics. Food is provided for sale (Chapter J has some great cooks) and it is a relaxed forum for learning and asking questions. I hope you can join me.

Our chapter's Experienced Rider Course – or ERC will be here before you know it. If you have not yet registered, please see me for the form that needs to be completed and make your \$25.00 check out to "Great Oaks". The dates are: Classroom – Thursday, April 17th from 6:00-10:00 PM at Diamond Oaks on Harrison Avenue; Riding the Range – Saturday, April 19th from 8:00 AM – 1:00 PM, also at Diamond Oaks. You may participate 1-up or 2-up – just remember that both participants must register and pay for the class. This is a valuable tool in helping riders manage their risk and a great way to hone those riding skills as riding season begins. It is designed for the experienced rider who has at least 5,000 riding miles and the course focuses on braking, swerving and cornering techniques. Please consider taking this course and see me at the meeting for more details and learn, like I did, to not just "hold on."


On January 25th there was an article in the *Cincinnati Enquirer* with a headline about fatal motorcycle crashes rising again after years of decline. Well, that may be true for the nation, but for Ohio it seems, it is not the case. Nationwide, motorcycle fatalities have increased more than 50% from 1997 to 2001. In Ohio they were up 14%, despite a 26% increase in the number of motorcycles registered in the state.

In Ohio, the Department of Public Safety through its "Motorcycle Ohio" program believes that education is the answer. Through its fleet of 357 motorcycles and 150 instructors, participants complete four hours of classroom work and twelve hours of motorcycle training in a parking lot. Cris Hauser is again scheduling participation in the Basic Rider Course for anyone who would like to take this class. I understand that we already have one class of 12 filled and she is now taking registrations for the 2nd. Please see Cris at the meeting to get signed up. Statistics prove that it just might save your life.

This is a great time of year to update your riding gear for our upcoming riding season. I was happy to see so many people purchasing new gloves, jackets and pants from vendors at Cabin Fever. Please check the manufacture date on the inside of your helmet. If your helmet is 3-5 years old, it should be replaced. Do you know that professional riding schools will NOT allow anyone to participate with a helmet that is 5 years old or older? The reason is because the material the helmet is made from begins to deteriorate over time (inside and outside) and does not provide the crash protection needed in the case of an accident. We are always quick to spend those extra dollars on chrome for our bikes – this year spend some on "body chrome!"

Last month I talked about the GWRRA "Levels" or Rider Education Program and what was meant by Level I. This month let's focus on Level II – "Safety by Education." By participating in Level II you move beyond your commitment to safety and take a more active role. To achieve Level II in the program you must have achieved 5,000 safe riding miles since becoming a GWRRA member and have completed an approved riding training course (riders) or an approved co-rider training course (seminar or 2-Up riding course) within the past two years. Our upcoming ERC will help you meet the qualifications for Level II. See me at the meeting for more details.

I am looking forward to seeing you on February 19th at Chapter L's gathering. And don't forget – **"SAFETY IS FOR LIFE!"** - Tom Runck, Chapter Educator Level IV – Master Tour Rider #3605



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NEED AN ENTERTAINMENT BOOK?

I have had several people ask me if they can still purchase an Entertainment book. I do not have any, however, they are on sale and can be purchased by calling 1-800-678-1849 or over the Internet at: www.entertainment.com/coupon. The offer expires 3/31/03.

Betty Royse

ASSISTANT CD's NOTES By - Tim & Anita Kendrick

We had a great time at Cabin Fever again. Year after year it's the highlight of our winter. February is here and I find myself looking forward to April and May for the riding season to start in earnest. But there's a lot of fun to enjoy in the next few weeks that should not be overlooked.

We're going to Valley Vineyards with Butch Boeing on Feb. 15th, which is always a great time. Tom Runck will be leading a ride to Safety Sunday on Feb. 23rd. This is a good way to get ready for serious riding, remembering to keep safety first!

On March 1st I'll be leading a ride to the annual Maple Sugar Festival at Hueston Woods State Park on two wheels if the weather permits and on 4 wheels if not. We'll meet for breakfast at Bob Evans on Colerain at 11:00 AM and then proceed to the park. When we arrive, we'll take a hay wagon ride up into the forest where the Rangers will explain the process of tapping trees and collecting sap. Then down to the Sugar Shack, where the sap is distilled into maple syrup and maple sugar candy. There are free samples and sales of syrup, candy hot and cold drinks and snacks right next to the lake.

March is our annual bake sale month. We get a major portion of our operating revenue from the bake sale so please get your cookbooks out and bring us something tasty to auction off. The auctioneers this year will be Tom Runck (Mr. Pinky), Jeff Weddle (the Pied Piper) and Gary Kuchera (Wednesday Addams). The auction promises to be entertaining. Please plan on joining us next month for the bake sale.

We look forward to seeing everyone at the meeting. Ride (and drive) safe! **Tim & Anita Kendrick**

Newsletter Editor Jim Pennington

I have the greatest appreciation for the former Newsletter Editor, Pat Runck. This appreciation did not come recently, I always thought that the amount of time she put into the Chapter L Newsletter was played down. Pat needed to have the recognition that she deserved. Well, now our former newsletter editor, **Pat Runck** won the Newsletter of the Year Award from the District. At Cabin Fever, Pat was awarded the distinguished award to recognize what a fantastic job she had done with the L News. I realize now, more than ever, the time and effort that Pat put into the project every month. From this present editor to the past editor - thanks Pat! I can never fill your shoes! You can have the job back very soon! ☺

Repeat of last month's note. - With a Chapter as large as Chapter "L", I think that communication is extremely important. I need input from members as well as those Chapter Coordinators that need to communicate their specific information to members of the Chapter via this newsletter. Your timely cooperation is requested. Please send me your information before the coordinator's meeting try to have it to me by the 1st Monday each month.

Thanks! **Jim**

February 2003

<u>Chapter</u>	<u>Meeting Location</u>	<u>Day/Time of Meeting</u>	<u>Chapter Directors</u>	<u>Telephone</u>
A-2 Hamilton	K of C Hall 930 Hamilton-Cleves Rd.	4 th Tuesday of each month 7:30 PM meeting, early to eat	Mary Paynter	513-988-2717
E-2 Eastside	New England Club 8100 block Beechmont Ave. (Rt 125)	1 st Thursday of each month 7:30 PM meeting	Dave & Cathy King	513-742-0937
F Fairborn	Rousch's Restaurant Main Street, Fairborn	4 th Saturday of each month 9:30 AM	Jerry & Barbra Martindale	513-934-2513
G-3 Eaton	Eaton Fire Dept Station #2 Lexington Road W	3 rd Saturday of each month 7:00 PM	Noel (Putt) & Marcia Lindsey	937-839-4064
J Dayton	Fuddruckers 8850 Kingridge Dr., Dayton	4 th Thursday of each month 7:30 PM	Darrin & Molly Ebright	937-427-8832
K Troy	Troy Church of the Nazarene 1200 Barnhart Rd (SR 55 & Barnhart)	1 st Saturday of each month 9:30 AM	Mike & Deby Hoff	937-440-6950
O-2 Sidney	Peoples Federal Bank, Sidney	3 rd Sunday each month 1:00 PM	Kathy & Jim Crager	937-492-0491
R Greenville	Ohio Coop. Extension Office 700 Wayne Street	2 nd Sunday of each month 9:00 AM	Carl & Diane Gilpin	937-548-0439
S-2 Springfield	Rescue 95, Route 68 (1/2 mile from Young's Dairy)	3 rd Thursday of each month 7:30 PM	Don & Linda Friessen	937-325-7906
T-2 Trotwood	Trotwood Church of the Brethren 208 Main Street	1 st Monday of each month 7:30 PM	Norma & Charlie Tobias	937-854-1851
X-2 Middletown	Kings Activity Center-Otterbein off SR 741, north of SR 63	Last Saturday of each month 9:30 AM	Phil & Sandy Yaple	513-988-0880
G Kentucky	Ryan's Steak House I-75, Exit 182	2 nd Tuesday of each month 7:30 PM	Joe & Linda Mattioli	859-356-6702
G2 Indiana	The Reservation Restaurant Milan, IN	2 nd Thursday of each month 7:00 PM	Ed & Shelly Snapp	812-576-2105

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*Don't forget our Chapter Meeting on
 February 19, 2003 - details inside!
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