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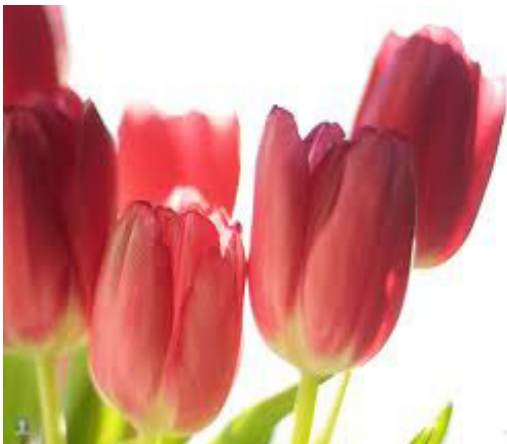
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**Our next gathering will be on
Saturday, May 7th, 2011
at the
Iron Skillet Restaurant
Located at the Pilot Truck Stop
I75 and RT. 18
North Baltimore, Ohio**

**Breakfast Buffet begins at 9 AM
Gathering follows at 10 AM**



Mike & Lois Monday Chapter Directors



April was a very rainy month, but at least we were able get our bikes in the mall without getting wet. That was both malls, Findlay and Bowling Green. We had twenty bikes this year at the Findlay Mall. Thank you to all who brought their bikes to the mall, and even though you might not have had the time to get you're bike in the show this year, still thank you for coming to the show and supporting your chapter. As always, it is a good time when we get together. We also had good turnout out Friday for the pizza and Saturday for Tokyo Steak House. On the following weekend we had seven bikes from Chapter A head to Bowling Green to show off our bikes once more. W-2 had a very nice Mall Show with eighteen bikes. Then on Saturday seven of us headed to Lima for Chapter N's Mall Show. We all had great time in Lima seeing friends from that chapter that we have not seen for awhile. No trip to Lima would be complete with out a stop at Joan's Fabric for the ladies and a stop at Harbor Freight for the guys. With three Mall Shows in two weeks in the Northwest Section what a better way to kick off May's Motorcycle Awareness month! This lets the public know that we are ready get back on the road and that we all have to share.

April 2nd we had the spring officers meeting in Columbus. Mark Rupert, Dennis Ciesinski, Paul & Cindy Schreiner and Lois and I were in attendance. This year at Buckeye Rally the duck races are out and the pinewood derby is in. We have two cars for the race and we have our two team captains - Dennis Ciesinski and Mike Hampshire. I know allot of chapters will be racing but we have only one chapter we have to beat and that is W-2, you will find out why at a later time. This year our job at Buckeye Rally is the Goodies table.

April 23rd Mike and Teri Hampshire opened up their home to have a maintenance day. I think we had five bikes there but only one got serviced. We all had a good time and of course we had a cook out since we all have to eat.

April 28th to May 1st was the guys ride lead by Mike Hampshire. I'm sure they all had a good time and we will have them share this with us at the May gathering as well as the girls will sharing with us about their ride on April 29th and 30th.

Now lets get on to May and the hope for nicer weather.

4th & 18th	Coffee Break at I Hop located on 236 and 224 in Findlay - 9 AM
7 th	Gathering at the Iron Skillet North Baltimore - Eat at 9 AM - Gathering at 10 AM
7 th	W-2 Bologna Run after Gathering
19th-21st	Indiana District Rally
24th	Ice Cream Ride (Russell's) - Meet at the Iron Skillet at 6 PM
28th-29th-30th	Day Rides - New location every day - All three rides will leave from the Iron Skillet times TBA with an E-Mail

Keep Them Wheels Rolling
Mike & Lois Monday



Vic & Barb Russell Assistant Chapter Directors



Hello everyone! Wow, what a month April was for mall shows. We want to thank everyone who brought their bikes. We had 20 cycles this year, maybe next year we can have more (the more the merrier). Some in our chapter took their bikes to Chapter W2's mall show, they had 18 cycles. It sure was a windy ride there and back. We also visited Chapter N's mall show, they had 14 cycles. We had a good time at both. It's a great way to support our fellow chapters. A big THANK YOU to Mike Hampshire for setting up the pizza dinner and Tokyo Steakhouse dinner, both were really good. Mike had to cover his beard a couple of times but it survived.

The big news for May is our first ICE CREAM RIDE (yea). We will leave the Iron Skillet at 6:00 PM on the 24th. Hope to see a large number there. There are more rides in May, so check the newsletter and if you would like to lead a ride contact Mike or myself and we can let you know what dates are available. Keep having fun!

Vic & Barb



Terry & Cindy Hoover Motorist Awareness



This month I would like to talk with you about distractions while we drive. It is so easy to get distracted these days. Have you ever been driving and noticed the person next to you talking on the phone, or putting on his makeup, or her shaving while they are driving? Sorry about that last part I was distracted and think I got that backwards. I know it happens all the time, so let's get started and talk about it.

As we did with the previous articles, let's start with a little quiz.

1. Driver distraction is a factor in what percentage of collisions?
 - a. 60%
 - b. 70%
 - c. 80%
 - d. 90%
2. Splitting your attention while driving leads to increased chances of being in a collision due to:
 - a. Slowed reaction
 - b. Lowered productivity
 - c. Increased chance of error
 - d. All of these
3. It is never safe to text and drive?
 - a. True or False
4. Using a phone while driving is about as risky as driving drunk?
 - a. True or False
5. An acceptable method to deal with driver fatigue is:
 - a. Drink coffee or caffeine
 - b. Turn up the radio
 - c. Roll down the window, or raise your face shield.
 - d. Take a break and sleep

Ok let's see how you did.

Answers: 1) 80%. 2) D. All the above. 3) True. 4) True. 5) D. Take a break and sleep.

- 1) Do you realize how many lives we could save by just paying attention to what we are doing? Please put your phone in the back seat while you are in your car. Put it in one of the side compartments while you are on your bike.
- 2) Don't split your attention period Think of the person that you may run into, it could be your son or daughter, or maybe one of your fellow Gold Wing friends.
- 3) If any of you miss this one I will personally thump on your head!
- 4) We all know how much we hear about drunk drivers and how many of them lose their license. Maybe it's time we have laws that are just as strict as the ones for driving while drinking.
- 5) I think most of us missed this one. I know we have all done on or more of these things just to stay awake while we have driven somewhere, but the proven fact is the only sure way to deal with driver fatigue is to take a break and get some sleep.

Until next time; Slow down and be safe out there!

Terry & Cindy



Mark & Sue Rupert Rider Educators



This month I'm going to impart some advice on wet weather riding which will include some do's and don'ts.

First thing is about using good rain gear. A helmet with a good fitting face shield is a must. You don't want water dripping down on your face and glasses. This can distract you and hamper your vision. Keep your face shield clean and use an anti-fog on it. Keeping the shield clear and your face dry and warm will reduce eye strain and fatigue thus keeping you more alert. Keep your windshield as clean as possible. This will help the water blow off the wind shield thus reducing eye strain through better visibility.

A good rain-suit is a must. Get a suit that is roomy enough to wear extra clothing underneath the suit. Even on a warm day the rain can make you cold enough to shiver. A rain-suit made with Gore-Tex or a Gore-Tex like material work the best. This material lets moisture from inside the suit escape out while keeping the rain from getting in. This will keep you dry and warm unlike non Gore-Tex which makes you feel clammy inside the suit. Typically a good suit will outlast several cheap suits. A good suit is money well spent. Gore-Tex gloves and boots are also money well spent for the same reasons as the rain-suits, although any waterproof boot will work just fine. Remember a warm and dry rider is a safe rider.

The first 15 minutes or so of rain are pretty hazardous. Oil and anti-freeze that is lying in the little holes of the pavement is brought to the surface by the water, thus making it very slippery and reducing traction. When on wet pavement, slow down a little and avoid sudden moves, jackrabbit starts and hard braking. Pulling a trailer will make it more likely to lose traction when accelerating and braking when it is wet. Remember you are dealing with reduced traction on wet pavement.

There have been a couple of improvements made in recent years that really benefit us for reduced traction conditions. One is ABS braking. As Stu Oltman said, this is probably the biggest safety feature made in the last 50 years for motorcycles. The other improvement is tires. Some brands of tires are being made with greatly improved wet pavement traction. However, having these features does not mean you should be riding as if it were dry conditions when it is wet.

Avoid hydroplaning. Water collects in the low places of the roadway. Well worn tire tracks in the lanes are prime collection places for water. Water a 1/4 inch or more deep can cause your tires to ride on top of the water, thus giving you little or no traction and steering control. Not good. When this condition is encountered slow down and move to the center of your lane. As this is typically the high ground of your lane. However, the middle of the lane can be the most slippery when it starts to rain. Use caution.

Of course not riding is the safest thing to do when it rains. But we all know this is not a practical solution. If it becomes necessary to get off the road, DO NOT, REPEAT DO NOT pull off onto the berm of the road. Find a parking lot, gas station, ECT. away from the roadway. The reason for this is if you can't see to ride chances are drivers of cars and trucks can probably see less than you. If they wander onto the berm and you are sitting there it's going to do more than ruin your whole day. If there is a lot of lightning get off the roadway if you can. I have not seen any lightning rods for bikes that work worth a darn.

Remember good gear and a good dose of common sense can make riding in the rain relatively safe and enjoyable.

RIDE SAFE
Your Chapter Rider Educators
Droopy and Sue Rupert



Cindy Schreiner
Sunshine Lady
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FINALLY - MAY WE CAN GO FOR ICE CREAM !!!!



ANOTHER ONE TO MAKE YOU LAUGH!

Blond at NASA:

There's one redhead, one brunette and one blond. They are all at the NASA space center. The redhead says to the flight technician, "I want to go to the moon." The flight technician says she can go tomorrow. The brunette says, "I want to go to Mars." He says she can go next week. The blond says "I want to go to the sun." The flight technician says "Don't you know you'll burn up?" The blond says, "Well - then I'll go at night."

WHAT'S YOUR RISK OF ID THEFT?

From an AARP bulletin:

Just when you'd figured out how to get your credit score, another important number crops up - your ID score, which can alert you to your risk for identity theft. In use for a decade by financial institutions and other creditors, the ID score calculates the risk that customers are who they say they are.

It's free and it works. The website is: www.myidscore.com. You fill out the contact information (no Social Security number is required) and answer some simple questions about your financial history. The result is a score between 1 and 999. The higher the score, the more you are at risk for identity theft.

I tried it with my information. The website wanted my Social Security number to "properly" identify me. I wasn't crazy about doing that, even though I initiated the link. So, I went back and put Paul's name in. We got to the part where we had to answer a few financial questions (where have you lived before, etc.). They did not want his Social Security number. He got a score that rated his risk of being a victim of identity fraud. The website went on to give us more websites to visit and preventative steps to take if needed.

Check it out if you want to and remember - SHRED SENSITIVE DOCUMENTS !!!!!!!

Have a wonderful day!



MAY

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1	2	3	4  Coffee Break I HOP Findlay 9 AM	5  Ward & Kim Whitmer	6  Judi Boyle	7  Breakfast 9 AM Gathering 10 AM Chapter W2's Bologna Run Country Choppers
8 	9 Wing Ding 33 registration must be postmarked before May 13 th , 2011 for lowest rate.	10	11	12	13	14
15	16	17	18  Coffee Break I HOP Findlay 9 AM	19 Indiana District Rally 19 - 21 st  John & Teri Burnett	20 Indiana District Rally  Brad & Karen Teeters	21 Indiana District Rally
22	23  Alyssa Hampshire	24  Ice Cream Ride Leave Iron Skillet 6 PM	25	26  Linda Wolford  Myron & Toni Strohscher	27	28  Day Ride Hampshire's
29  Day Ride Hoover's	30  Memorial Day  Day Ride Monday's	31				



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Chapter A	Findlay	1 st Saturday	9 AM	10 AM	Mike & Lois Monday 419-387-7459
Chapter C	Toledo	3 rd Saturday	9 AM	10 AM	Jerry Fortman 419-843-8277
Chapter M2	Defiance	4 th Saturday	9 AM	10 AM	John & Jane Lime 419-395-2352
Chapter N	Lima	4 th Tuesday	6 PM	7 PM	Rosie & Doug Sanders 419-339-6626
Chapter S	Fremont	4 th Saturday	None	7 PM	Sandi Best 419-448-1681
Chapter U	Celina	2 nd Saturday	5 PM	6 PM	Dorothy & Vic Gehrlich 937-693-8983
Chapter W2	Bowling Green	4 th Sunday	5 PM	6 PM	Tom & Jill Becker 419-838-7101

STATE EVENTS

**2011 Buckeye Rally
"Ohio Pride"
June 16th - 18th, 2011
Wayne County Fairgrounds, Wooster, Ohio**

**Indiana District Rally & Convention
Buckeye Rally & Convention
Wing Ding 33
Michigan District Rally & Convention
Region D Rally & Convention
Ohio Fall Officers Meeting**

**May 19th - 21st
June 16th - 18th
July 6th - 9th
July 29th - 31st
Sept. 15th - 17th
Nov. 19th - 20th**

For the April issue of
the Ohio Newsletter
please click here:
<http://www.ohiogwrra.org>

If you've lost your 2011
Buckeye Rally Registration
form or you would like to
register online please click
here:
<http://www.ohiogwrra.org>



Hello from Your ADD's,

As you know our yearly Buckeye Rally/Convention is just around the corner; June 16-17-18 at the Wayne County Fairgrounds, Wooster, Ohio. "Ohio Pride" is our theme, so lets see you there showing your pride for Ohio and GWRRA. Please complete your registration and mail it before June 1st, 2011.

Looking forward to the events and to seeing you there. We have a full schedule for you with many things to do. "All the fun you've had before-but maybe just a little more!" This year we are having rides....Yes Rides! Thurs.'s ride will be to the Western Reserve National Cemetery with a dinner stop included at The Barn and Fri.'s will be to the Secrest Arboretum with lunch in Shreve at the Des Dutch Essenhausen Restaurant Amish Cooking/Quilts 'n Things and Sat. a ride to Smucker's & Eastern Wayne County. Enjoying a ride, enjoying the country side, enjoying some good food. This sounds like something a motorcycle rider, ("Gold Winger") would love to do, so come join us for some FUN.

As mentioned before we will have the fun things that we have done in the past that you enjoyed, too. We will have camping, seminars, early morning breakfast at the Fair Grounds, camp site judging, vendor sales, demo rides, arcade games and paint ball course. When you get tired, hungry and thirsty the hospitality room will be there for your needs. Get back at a friend at Jail & Bail, an old favorite that we were asked to bring back. There will be a sanctioned parking lot practice and of course the Bike and Light shows. Fri. & Sat. night buffets, Masters Breakfast, no zone truck display, Membership Enhancement, Leadership Training, Rider Ed Tables and games , too. The favorite Top Gun, Goodies sales, COY get together, silent auction, Amazing Team/Individual Challenge to tell you more. The Purple Peddlers Tricycle Drill Team will perform and more.

Where is the Duck Race you ask?....well..... the ducks swam away and in their place is an All Ohio original -Pinewood Derby Races. This is something new this year, brought back from years ago and will prove to be even more exciting than some wild and crazy ducks. We only have a few more cars left, so be sure to get yours. We purchased 70 kits and only have 5 left, so this will be quite a race and a lot of FUN.

If all this isn't enough good reasons why you should attend Buckeye Rally/Convention, than we just don't know. Come and support your District and HAVE FUN!

***See you there.
Bill and Sandy Nourse
NWADD
Ohio GWRRA***

****Remember it's not the destination that really matters, "It's The Ride".***



The Bike is Back!

Yes, that's right! We are pleased to announce that through a newly enhanced partnership with **American Honda**, we will be giving away a brand new **2012 Honda Gold Wing** to one lucky winner at Wing Ding 33 in Knoxville, Tennessee this July 6-9!

"We are very excited to bring this important element, which has been missing for the past couple of years, back to Wing Ding!" states Melissa Eason, C.O.O. of GWRRA.

TICKETS FOR YOUR CHANCE TO WIN are available through pre-registration or by calling GWRRA Member Services at **(800) 843.9460** if you are already registered. **Only a certain number of tickets will be printed!** Any remaining tickets will be available for purchase on-site during the event! **You must be present to win!** The winner will be selected at **Closing Ceremonies on Saturday, July 9**, in the ballroom of the Knoxville Convention Center. Don't miss out! **Get your tickets today!**

NOTICE: This giveaway is in lieu of the \$10,000 Cash Prize previously advertised. If you purchased tickets for the cash giveaway, you will be contacted soon and given your choice to exchange for the Gold Wing Tickets or your money back!

Only a few weeks left to Pre-Register and SAVE!!!

Register before May 13, 2011 and save!!!

Prices will go up on May 13 so be sure to register online or call GWRRA Member Services before it's too late! Advance registration not only saves you money but also time so you can get to the things you want to see or do quickly! Simply make one stop to pickup your registration packet containing your armbands (worth chances to win great prizes), your official Wing Ding Pocket Guide (coupons, schedules and more), exclusive souvenir event pin, your t-shirts*, tickets*, and more! (* if purchased)

GROUP DISCOUNT REMINDER!

Remember, if you register 10 or more people at once, you can receive \$5 off of each registration

Spots are Still Available for Great Rides!

The new Destination Rides are proving to be popular as registrations are coming in daily! Reserve your spot to tour some of Tennessee's most scenic countryside with a couple hundred of your closest friends today! *Availability is limited!*

The Destination Rides are **available to pre-registrants only** and **will not be available for purchase on-site**. All rides will include lunch, entertainment and/or admission, tour, etc. Each participant will receive complimentary maps with scenic and direct routes.



Chapter A **Prayers and Hugs** **go out to our friends:**

Marty and Don Feehan on the passing of Marty's mother.

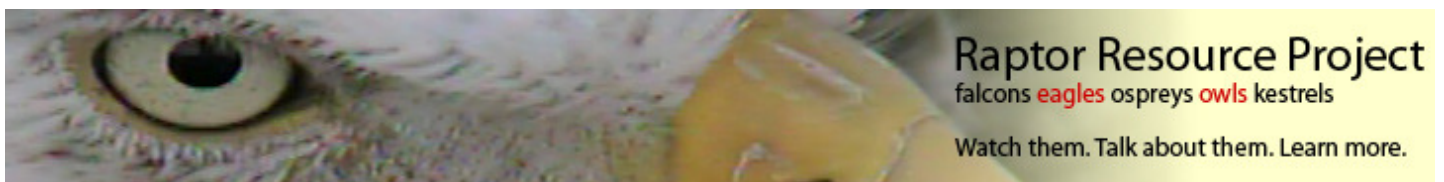
Don and Phyllis Middling on the passing of Phyllis' mother.

Kirby and Sandy White on the passing of Kirby's mother.

*Paul Kinn who under went heart surgery.
(Apologies to Paul and Marilyn since I forgot to include this in April's newsletter.)*

Speedy recovery wishes Ray and Kay Romstadt who were both ill recently.

Hopefully I didn't miss anyone this month -



I don't know if any of you are interested, but I have been keeping track of the Decorah Eagles that are nesting in Iowa. The three eggs have hatched and they sure are growing. The information states that the eagle nest is about six feet across, 4 feet deep and weighs about 1000 pounds. Here is the link if you are interested.

<http://www.ustream.tv/decoraheagles>

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3rd Annual



Motorcycle Awareness Day

Saturday, May 14th, 2011

RAIN DATE: MAY 21st

ALL BIKERS AND RIDERS WELCOME!

Escorted parade through
downtown Defiance

Starts at 1:00 PM, Registration at 11:00 AM
Northtowne Mall Parking Lot

Poker Run to follow
LAST BIKE IN AT 5:00 PM
UNDER THE TENTS

Parking Lot
at the corner of Fort St. and Wayne Ave.
Defiance, OH 43512

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Great Vendors



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- JayLynn and Colt 45



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Sponsor or Donate, please contact us!!!

\$10.00 for a Single Rider
\$15.00 per Couple for Poker Run
\$5.00 General Admission



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*Please remember
this Memorial Day:*

Freedom Isn't Free

*Please support
our troops -*

*May they return
safely.*

