

GWRRA Ohio District October 2018 Newsletter

OHIO, It's not the Destination, it's the Ride.



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From the Director's Corner

Well Ladies and gentlemen; if you did not get a chance to attend the Buckeye Time Out District campout, you missed a really great weekend. The highlight of the weekend was the Ohio State game tail gate party. I want to thank Doug and Lynn Kerst for going home and getting their big screen TV and setting it up for all the camp to watch the game. I didn't know we had so many die hard football fans. They stayed until the game was over, then cooked more hot dogs and ate more chips, salsa and dips.

The fact that Ohio State won made it even more enjoyable. We've already been asked if we were doing it again next year. The answer is yes or at least something similar.

Our prize winning secret recipe Chili went down well. We had very little left out of 3 roasters and the rest of the food was great. No one went away hungry. There were lots of activities as well, a Euchre tournament on Friday evening with both winners receiving Buckeye Rally registrations; Barb Hicks took first place for the ladies and Wendell Gundy took first place for the men. We had about 12 members show up to play Bingo on Saturday morning, all seemed to have a good time enjoying the game, the friendly competition and fun. The corn hole tournament after the Chili dump was enjoyed by several members. We had 5 teams competing for the Men and 4 teams competing for the Ladies and 9 teams of couples for that tournament. Winners for the men's corn hole tournament were: Doug Kerst and Dave Slonaker. Dave will receive free registration to Cabin Fever. Sue Gundy and Esther Ford won for the ladies and each will receive a Cabin Fever registration. Winners of the couple's tournament were Wendell and Sue Gundy. Wendell will receive free Cabin Fever registration and Sue will receive Buckeye Rally registration.

We had a well-attended district ride on Saturday morning preceding the chili dump. I want to thank

Margaret Moore our D.U.C. for setting up the ride to visit several of the covered bridges in the Columbus area. Also want to thank Cherryhair for leading the ride. Great job both of you. The fire on Saturday night preceding the game was nice, nothing spectacular like a few years ago, even though Lloyd was in attendance. We did do a s'mores contest with Barb Hicks winning the most unusual s'more. Using an Oreo cookie for the body and chocolate licorice strings for legs and arms and a marshmallow head, she made a s'more man. Cute and very unusual. With only 2 contestants for the s'mores contest, we have decided to have a fry pie contest for next year. So start thinking about your very favorite pie iron fry pie and come out and join us at 2019 Buckeye Time Out.

Fall Officers meeting will be in Obetz at the Obetz Community Center this year on November 10th starting at 9am. We need each chapter to bring their charter fee, the 208 passports, and Logo's for the 2019 Buckeye Rally. The theme for next years Buckeye Rally is "Oh, The places you've traveled." Chapter Officers needing to attend are the Chapter Director, the Assistant Chapter Director, Treasurer, Membership Enhancement Coordinator, Motorist Awareness Coordinator, and Ride Coordinator.

Hope to see everyone there. Until then ride safe.



Assistant District Directors

North Central Section

Doug & Lynn Kerst

I saw this in Chapter C3 newsletter for September 2018 and thought I would write about it. It looks like a fun time and should be some interesting riding in the southeast Ohio.

<http://athensohio.com/category/where-to-play/ohios-windy-9/>

If you missed Buckeye Timeout, you missed a fun and relaxing time. Except for the tail gate party that started off slow but got better after half time when the Buckeye's starting playing. It was a fun time and we saw some first timers that came out and they enjoyed the weekend. We watched some great games on a 55 inch tv and watched the fire burn behind us.

The next thing is the officer meeting and we will have a break out at the end and talk about a couple of things. Please start thinking about the sectional picnic if we want to move it or keep it the same.

Here is the only event coming up in the next couple of months that you might want to attend: November 3rd is Chapter I's Road Kill

Stew in Applecreek, Ohio starting at 4:30-???. I am seeing that most of the North Central Section chapters Christmas parties are on December the 1st. Ride safe and see you at the officer meeting.

Assistant District Director

North West Section

Rudy & Linda Copeland

We're back. Roy and Becky asked us to be the Assistant District Directors for the Northwest Section. We look forward to spending time and working with chapters A, N, and S.

We found September to be a busy and fun-filled month. Wing Ding 40 ended on September 1, 2018. Rick and Deb Warmels, the Region D couple were named the last International Couple under the format that many of us have known. Congratulations go to Rick and Deb. Wing Ding 41 will be held at the Gaylord in Nashville, Tennessee on August 27th - 31st, 2019. Rooms at the Gaylord are \$149 per night plus tax and \$10.00 per day parking. Reservations can now be made at the Gaylord. We are looking forward to Wing Ding in Nashville.

After getting home from Wing Ding we had less than two weeks until Buckeye Time Out. The weekend included a covered bridge ride, euchre, bingo, corn hole games, a s'mores contest and a tail gate party prior to watching the Ohio State game. At the present time Past Time Park is reserved for September 20th and 21st, 2019. Plan on attending Buckeye Time Out and take part in all the FUN.

The last week of September we were able to visit chapter S at their gathering on September 24th and on the 25th we were able to make it to chapter N's gathering. The first Saturday in October is chapter A's next gathering and we plan on attending that.

Even though the riding season is coming to an end there are still plenty of events and activities planned by the chapters. Fall activities and Christmas parties are being planned. Chapters are talking about rides for 2019. November 10th is the fall officer's meeting at the Recreational Center in Obetz. We look forward to seeing members at the various events.

Assistant District Director

North East Section

VACANT

Still no takers for the Assistant Directors position of the northeast. That's too bad; our section needs someone who can make the northeast their priority. With running the district as a whole the northeast doesn't get the attention it deserves.

Our last section fundraiser was V-2's Rigatoni dinner and auction held on September 23rd. It was a beautiful day for a ride and those who attended had a great time with good food and great company. Thank you V-2 for a wonderful meal and a good time.

Fall Officers meeting will be on November 10th at the Obetz Community Center in Obetz Oh. The meeting will start at 9am promptly. We need each chapter to bring their charter fee, their filled in passports, any unused passports and all Logos' for the 2019 Buckeye Rally. The theme for next year's Buckeye Rally is "Oh, the places you've traveled."

The following officers need to attend from each chapter; the Chapter Director, the Assistant Chapter Director, Treasurer, Ride Coordinator, Membership Enhancement Coordinator, and Motorist Awareness Coordinator.

Hope to see all of you there, until then Ride Safe.

Assistant District Director

South East Section

Randy Young



Hello Southeast Section,
I hope everyone has had a great summer. I attended a few rallies during this years riding season. Florida, Tennessee. Ohio, and Wing Ding to mention a few. There are still some good days left, so, get out there and enjoy them while you can.

Fall Officer's Meeting is November 10th. in Obetz. Charter fees are due. If anyone has a logo design for the Buckeye Rally, submit it at the the meeting also. The theme is Oh the places you have traveled. Bring your dates for your fundraiser or anything special you want on the ride calendar. We will have a breakout session at the end of the meeting so we can get the dates set for next years ride calendar.

If anyone is planning a chapter visit to Chapter O, they have lost their gathering place due to Stacey's closing. Their October gathering will be at my house on October 21st. at 1:00 p.m. The November gathering will be at Chapter Directors Rick and Mel Day's home on November 15th. at 6:00 P.M.

If you need any further info please give Rick or myself a call or e-mail.

See ya around the next curve.

District Educators

Bill & Pat Stiles

Motorcycle Gear for Staying Safe

Picture this, the door swings [open](#), you strut through in your black leather jacket and boots, doing your best to conjure Marlon Brando in the Wild One. Everyone turns; you are clearly the coolest person in the room.

There is clearly no better reason than that feeling to buy motorcycle gear.

Well, except this one – **safety**. The clothing we choose to wear during riding is the only thing between our skin and the road and it is incredibly important.

So, what do you need?

[Jacket](#)

[Pants](#)

[Riding Suits](#)

[Gloves](#)

[Boots](#)

Jacket

The head, arms, and legs are the most often injured in a crash. Learn how to keep your head safe by reading our section about [helmets](#). To protect your arms, you need a good motorcycle jacket.

A good jacket will be made of nylon, leather, or Kevlar and be well constructed. Check out the seams at any of your sharp points (elbows, shoulders, etc.). The stitching should be strong and [enforced](#) at these points. Also, a

good jacket will include heavy padding on the elbow, spine (yes, that's very important!) and the shoulders. Additionally, if the jacket is nylon or Kevlar, it should include reflective stripes. .

Whether it means going to a store or ordering a couple of different jackets to try, the first time you buy a jacket, you need to try it on and make sure it fits. An ill-fitting jacket might result in [injury](#) if the protective parts of the jacket shift during a fall or accident. But it can't be too tight, make sure you have room for a sweatshirt or vest on cold days.

Also, sit on your bike with the jacket on. It might feel great standing up but make sure it's long enough to cover your back while on your motorcycle and that it is not uncomfortable. Make sure the sleeves should be long enough to cover your wrists when your arms are on the handlebars.



District Educators

Bill & Pat Stiles

If you are winter rider, check out jackets that have side laces and a belt that allow you to adjust the jacket to your body. This allows you to fit the jacket after putting on some warm layers. Many jackets have zip out linings, therefore they can be used all year round.

On the other end of the spectrum, if you are lucky enough to live in year round warm [weather](#) or are a summer rider, check out summer-only jackets which are thin and highly perforated for ventilation, but still have armor.

Pants

That covers the arms, now, let's address the legs. Many riders wear jeans, but it's worth it to invest in [pants](#) made specifically for motorcycle riders. Like a jacket, good pants will be made of leather, nylon, or Kevlar. For winter riding, pants can not only [offer protection](#), they can keep you warm. Insulated pants or chaps are a good choice and can be bought coated for rain resistance.

Riding Suits

If you are serious about riding, and want to really protect your limbs, you can invest in a one- or two-piece suit. Although a bit expensive, these offer substantial protection in case of a fall and go on and off quickly. If you are going to the office, you can fit a suit right over your (other) suit or khakis.

Look for a suit that offers lots of armor pads and has good venting; these can get hot in the

summer.

Gloves

Gloves should be worn regardless of weather, and there are different types for warm and cold weather. Warm weather gloves are usually leather or Kevlar and good ones have carbon fiber knuckle protection and are un-insulated but provide protection should you fall.

Winter gloves provide the same level of protection but are insulated. Waterproofing is also a good idea.

Watch fit when buying gloves, if they are too bulky in the palm, you could lose the feel of the bike and the controls. Good gloves should also have long gauntlet cuffs that fit over your jacket sleeve to prevent wind from getting up your sleeve. Watch any seams between your hand and the grip or between fingers. A couple of hours with a seam rubbing your hand and you'll be hurting.

Reflectivity and bright colors add to us being seen and this can be carried all the way to our gloves.

District Educators

Bill & Pat Stiles



Boots

Whew! You're finally dressed and ready to go riding. Until you look down and see your bare toes wiggling around. Last thing you need are some protective boots.

A motorcyclist should have boots with a short heel; this allows the boot to fit on the motorcycle peg while still providing good ankle support. Boots should be at least 6" tall as that will offer some ankle protection. Boots can be as high as 17", which are useful for use against cold wind.

provides much greater protection than that stylish, yet utterly thin, fabric on your new Nikes.

Make sure the boot has a good, durable rubber sole that provides traction and slip resistance. The thicker the sole, the more the boot will absorb the vibration of the bike.

Leather is a great choice for a boot, as leather

District COY/CHOY Coordinators

Doug & Lynn Kerst

It's hard to believe that summer is over, and we have moved into fall. I hope like me that everyone is enjoying the cooler weather. As I am writing this, Doug and I are at the New York District Rally. It is nice to see how other districts put on their rally's, and you can get some ideas on what to do to change up yours.

It is that time of the year for chapters to start thinking about who they will be honoring with being the Couple of the Year. Remember it is to be an honor. Please do not ask them if they would like to be your chapter couple just honor them. I will have the forms at the Fall Officers meeting to fill out and mail back to me of the information for your new couple.

Also, be thinking about honoring an individual of the year. There are chapters that have a single member or a couple where one of the them doesn't participate with GW. This would be the person that you can honor with being your chapter individual. Again, it is an honor and not something that you will ask them if they would like to.

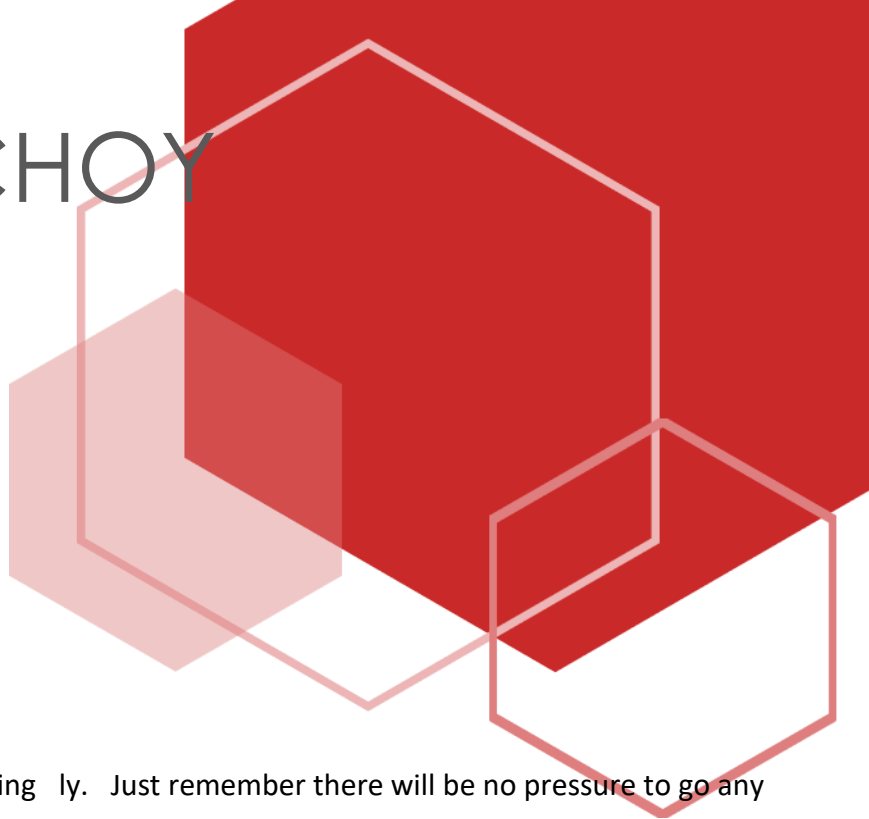
You can order from National the medals, certificates, and hanger bars for the couple and individual. You will need to do this soon so that you will have to present to them by the end of the year. It usually takes about a month to get them ordered and mailed to you.

If you are a couple or individual that has been given the honor of representing your chapter. You will do nothing different then what you have been doing in the chapter life. As the chapter coy or individual, you may be asked to carry in Chapter flag at Buckeye Ral-

ly. Just remember there will be no pressure to go any further then just being the Chapter Couple. And if you wish to you can go thru the selection process at Cabin Fever to become the District Couple. There is so much more fun that you are missing out on and the laughs that the district team has.

Now on to the Chapter of the Year. It will be starting back up in 2019. I am planning on having a copy of the hand book and score sheet to give to every chapter at the Fall Officer's meeting in November. Doug and I will be presenting the chapter of the year seminar at the fall officer meeting. Just remember this is to be fun not something that will make your chapter members crazy trying to get points. Never think that just because you may not have a big chapter or that you can't do everything on the score sheet that you can not win. There is also the Gold, Silver and Bronze awards. Just go out and have fun just like you always do just this time record who all is on rides or goes to other chapters. This is the goal of this is to get members to go to other chapter functions.

Any questions on the Couple of the Year Program or Chapter of the Year please feel free to email me or talk to me when you see me at chapters, or rallies. I will be happy to talk to you and to do my best to answer any questions.



District Membership Medic/First Aid Coordinator **Linda Copeland**



Chapter I has a class scheduled on November 4, 2018 at the same location as their Road Kill Stew fund raiser. November 12, 2018 a class is scheduled for chapter F and T2 retirees and snow birds.

Chapters F and T2 have a class scheduled January 5th, 2019 and B3 has a class scheduled January 19, 2019. At the fall officer's meeting more information will be given to the chapters.

District University Trainer

Margaret A. Moore

The following article was written by Clara Boldt, GWRRA University Director..

September Insight Newsletter

Spotlight

Need an idea for classes this month? By this time each year, most scheduled Chapter events have occurred. Riding season, too short for most, is upon us and we certainly want to take advantage. Before you know it, though, it will be time for planning next year's events.

Looking back at your events this year did it go as planned for the most part? Have enough volunteers? Did your contingency plan cover all the unexpected surprises? Did just a few Members do the lion's share of the work? Would you like to improve on future events?

There is a fun and extremely helpful class offered by the University. It is 204-02: We're Doing What? (planning a Chapter event). The class offers an outline for success starting with the pre-planning and finishing with the all-important after event debrief. The Instructor can even use your annual event as part of the class project, applying what is being presented to the actual plan.

Training doesn't have to be a multi-Chapter event. It can be tailored to what a single Chapter specifically needs. Please feel free to contact the Director of the University or any of the University Assistants if you need guidance, suggestion, or just to chat.

