

GWRRA Ohio District April 2019 Newsletter

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



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Roy & Becky Jones

From the Director's Corner

Welcome to Spring and riding weather soon we hope. It's still too cold in Ohio to ride much but at least we don't have any snow. Unlike California- they have drifts of snow. Spring always brings new things happening, new things to see and do. GWRRA is no different and new this spring is a program called GroupWorks.

GroupWorks is an online club management program that allows members and leaders to easily communicate with others in the group, handle scheduling events and posting events for all members to see. It has been described as "Facebook" without the ads and propaganda. Ours is closed to anyone not a member of GWRRA. Here is a brief description of how GroupWorks works.

The Ohio district is a group. The District team is added first to the group then the Chapter Directors according to sections will be added to the group. Each of you will receive an invite to join GroupWorks. Once you join you will be assigned a password and you will log in and update your profile. Once you become a member you can go on and view all of the other members and any events added to the event schedule and check the calendar to see if there is anything going on in the district that you would like to know about, perhaps there is a group or district ride that you would enjoy going on. All you have to do is view the information and then you can go to the members section and click on the member who is leading the ride and send that person an e mail. You will only see that person's name no other information will be available but when you click on that person you will be able to type out an email and send it through GroupWorks. Chapter Directors should be easily able to click on their membership and send an e mail to everyone in their chapter by typing just one e mail and clicking on their entire chapter. If you wished you could send an e mail to the entire ARL of Ohio. The nicest part of adding membership is that once the Chapter Directors are added, GroupWorks will upload the entire Ohio ARL to the site and define it by Chapter designation. There are webinars and other

information and training available to us from GroupWorks. We will have more information as we continue to work with this program and become more familiar with it. Just be aware that you will be receiving an invitation to join in the very near future.

Cabin Fever 2020, we know that everyone is wondering where Cabin Fever 2020 will be held. While it is not yet set in stone, we have been in contact with Salt Fork State Park Lodge and Resort. The main issue with Mohican Lodge was all of the steps, Salt Fork has 4 elevators. There is one on each end of the room hallways and instead of having to walk down one long hallway to another long hallway to get to your room, there is only one hall way and no more than 27 rooms to each hallway. This will make it much easier on everyone to get back and forth from room to events. The Lodge itself is easier to get to and has recently been remolded to make it more handicapped friendly. Cambridge is the closest town about ten miles away with several restaurants and other points of interest. We are waiting to receive a proposal and contract from Salt Fork and the Ohio State Parks Corporation. We will let everyone know as soon as we know.

Buckeye Rally is fast approaching. Have you sent your registration in? If no, then why not? The theme is "Oh, The Places We Have Been." And this theme should be a lot of fun. There will be everything you enjoy about the rally and more; rides, both guided and unguided, Thursday Dinner ride, seminars and modules, Mascot contest with a twist, Shiny Side Up, games and fun. We hope to see everyone there June 13-15, 2019 at Wayne County Fairgrounds in Wooster.

Assistant District Directors

North Central Section

Doug & Lynn Kerst

I think it is finally spring or trying to warm up enough so that we can get the bikes out and ride. I know that I have been thinking of riding but work is stopping me again. This year is going to be a good one for riding because the district has a lot of things for the members to ride to and back home. I hope that everybody has a great riding month.

It was brought to my attention at a gathering about the Amish getting electric bikes. I was looking it up and saw a article about it and it is too long to copy and paste so I am pasting the link to here to read. If you are going to be riding on a motorcycle or a car in Holmes or Wayne County, please read this article about what is going on. Members have to be more careful around them because the bikes can go about 28 mph. <https://www.timesreporter.com/news/20181128/hot-topic---holmes-county-community-has-concerns-with-e-bikes>.

Here is upcoming events in Ohio: April is a slow month with Chapter T auction on the 6th. May is going to be a busy one with the rider courses going on every weekend of the month. Chapter B has their mall show on the 4th and 5th, and their auction on May 19th. Motor awareness day is on the 11th, and the north central picnic is on 18th.

Assistant District Directors

North East Section

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National has set up a new program for communication and scheduling of events called GroupWorks. Very soon each of you will be getting an invitation from the District Directors to join GroupWorks. We urge each of you to join this program. It will allow you to access all events in the district; it will allow each of you to send an e mail to any other member in the district. Your information is totally private; no one can view your private information. As of right now the Ohio Administrator for GroupWorks will be Doug Kerst.

Buckeye Rally registration is out and is also on line. We hope to see everyone there for fun, food, rides, vendor sales and a whole lot more. Come and join us.

Riding Season is on us and several of the Northeast Chapters have Trek Rides planned. I do have several Trek booklets ready available. Get your order in and I will get the booklet to you. Who knows who could win that \$100.00? It might as well be YOU

Assistant District Director

North West Section

Rudy & Linda Copeland

March is flying by; however we have managed to stay busy and enjoy the month. On March 2nd we were able to visit chapter A in Findlay for their gathering and auction. Rudy won the 50/50 and we spent that plus at the auction. One of the items we purchased was an 850 piece jigsaw puzzle that was put together the next week. We enjoyed visiting with all the people there. Later that afternoon we traveled to Mt. Vernon for chapter Y's auction. The food as always was good and it was very good to see George and Jeanie Fowler out and about. We came home with some items from their auction also.

On March 5th T2 had their annual chili dump. As usual there was two kinds of chili, regular and spicy. Seventeen members showed up to consume delicious chili and discuss the weather. Members are ready for the weather to warm up to start riding again.

The next weekend on the 9th we traveled to Tiffin for the Safety Saturday sponsored by chapter S. Joe Fritz, from chapter S, contacted ODOT (Ohio Department of Transportation) and got information about roundabouts. The three handouts were quite informative. Trooper Williams was very informative with his presentation. He talked about distracted drivers, dangerous roads, and motorcycle riding. He enjoys riding himself so that helps. Robert G. Williams then gave a presentation on "Trailerling" and we presented a module on "R U Ready 2 Ride." Of course the answer to that was definitely. We enjoyed seeing chapter S and the food they fixed for Safety Saturday was very good. The next weekend on the 16th we went back for an MFA (Medic First Aid) class. Eight

members were trained in the class. Mike Monday helped with the instruction.

On Sunday March 17th chapter T2 met at the Air Force Museum in Dayton. Members from chapter F also joined us. We spent most of the time looking at the presidential hangar. Afterwards Bob and Janice Downs, Steve and Jane Nickerson, and Linda Wise joined us at the Barbecue Restaurant. We were in for quite a surprise when arriving home we had two inches of snow covering our yard. Most of it was melted by the time we left for the Florida Rally on the 19th. The rally was at the Hilton in Altamonte Springs. At the rally we spent three days in 70 degree weather. It was absolutely beautiful. With the theme of "Wingin' Out of This World" we have seen many aliens. We had a great time talking with other members from the southern states and some buckeyes who have moved to Florida. We had a fabulous time at the Florida Rally.

Upon returning home we will be gearing up for the Spring Officer's Meeting in Wooster on March 30th. We will be working on finalizing plans for the 2019 Buckeye Rally. The theme is, "Oh the Places We Have Been."

Interim District Educators

Robert G & Angela Williams

Hello Fellow Riders

I announced that I was stepping down as of June 30th 2018 at the Buckeye Rally. However things do change, Bill Stiles who stepped up to take the Position has had to step away due to health concerns. I want to thank him for his efforts and wish him all the best as he works to regain his health.

Most of you know that Ohio has all of its Rider Courses in May. This year is no exception. We/Me/ You have a number of registration forms that has Bill Stiles address on them and I don't want to have someone get their form lost in the transition. I have sent out new forms with my address. I will send everyone a conformation email when I get the form in the mail so they know they have a spot reserved for them. What I am asking from you all...if you know someone that was thinking of attending, ask them if they sent in the form and if they did, do they have the conformation email from Robert G??? If not call me, email me or text me. Thank you for your assistance in making these events possible.

Report on MFA participation for the 1st Qtr. 2019:

1/5/19. F/T2.	15 participants
1/12/19. E2.	14 participants.
1/19/19. B3/O.	22 participants
2/23/19. Y.	6 participants
3/09/19. A3.	9 participants
3/16/19. S.	8 participants
total	74 participants

If you were not part of any of these CPR/FA classes you missed meeting our newest CPR manikins. Thanks to OH-I, OH-T OH-P for making donations to purchase these NEW manikins that have immediate feedback devices.