

GWRRA Ohio District July 2019 Newsletter

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



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District Directors

Roy & Becky Jones

From the Director's Corner

From a Directors perspective, I can tell you that the most memorable part of Buckeye Rally was the rain. We've had rainy Buckeye Rallies before but nothing like Wooster 2019. Did everyone see the video that circulated the week after the rally?

They had a flood and not just Wooster, most of Ohio had flooding problems that week. But it's over and the weather being what it was, we had a good rally. It could have been better attended but all in all we had a good rally. The Reverse Dunk Tank was well received even by the people who had to sit in the chair. "COLD! REALLY COLD" was the comments from district team as they took their turn. IF you ever wanted to get even with someone on the team-that was the time. But it was fun and that's what it was all about.

At Opening we had a lot of different T shirts worn by our members, it was interesting to see all of the places our members have been. From Alaska to Hawaii and everywhere in between we seem to be well traveled. With the weather and the local authorities being uncooperative, it was felt that doing away with the light parade was the move to make. It was too much risk to take having motorcycles on the road without a police escort and having to try and stop for all lights and stop signs. Hopefully next year will be different.

Have you heard the term "Ghost members"? Most of us have but I was asked recently by a newer Chapter Director to explain the term and what we do about them and why we would want to discourage participation in our gatherings and other events including rallies.

A "Ghost Member" is a person who is not a GWRRA member but still enjoys attending gatherings, dinners, rides with his/her friends and other events. This person may have been a GWRRA member at one time, or was never a member at all and will not join the organization. We ask that after 3 or 4 meetings or events

that they join the organization and become a part of us or to stop coming to gatherings and other events. The main reason is that when a non GWRRA person attends all events they are getting the same benefits for free as those who have paid for the privilege of attending. By all means, encourage non-members and former members to attend your events but at the same time let them know that they need to become members if they wish to continue. The cost to join is not excessive and the benefits they receive are well worth the cost. It all comes down to how much, does your friendship mean to that person?

Buckeye Time Out will be the next district event. The place is Past Time Park in Plain City and the date is September 13-14. New this year at Buckeye Time out will be a "Fry Pie" contest. Who can make the best Fry Pies, the tastiest or the most original? We had a good time making different types of s'mores; I'm thinking that the fry pies will be just as interesting.

Summer is in full swing now and riding season is at its best so put miles on those bikes and smiles on your faces. Ride safe.

Assistant District Directors

North Central Section

Doug & Lynn Kerst

What a fun time it was at Buckeye Rally. There was a couple of things that we all learned this year and will be better for next year. That is the rain is not a good thing for us campers especially on Thursday. It made it hard to park during the hard rain and wind that lasted about 10 minutes. The rain was just light for the dinner ride which we had about 90 members that went on the ride whether it was on two or four wheels. The weather turned out better for the next couple of days. It only rained at night or when all the events were done. We had a fun time with the members that came from other states that we haven't seen in a while. The only bad thing but good for members is that the reverse dunk tank on Saturday was hopping with members getting back at their favorite district team member. The temperature was about 70 and cloudy and the water was as cold as ?/?/. It was a good time and all the district team was awake after their turn. Thanks for all the members that came out to have fun and looking forward in seeing you next year in Wooster.

Upcoming events-July 13th northeast sectional picnic at Berlin reservoir July 20th northwest sectional picnic in Port Clinton July 28th Chapter I teddy bear ride at Wooster fairgrounds starts at 1 August 3rd southwest sectional picnic in Beavercreek. I am not going to talk more about the other sectional picnic in detail because I will let their ADD talk about it since they know more about them.

Assistant District Director

North West Section

Rudy & Linda Copeland

Where did the month of June go? As always it seemed to fly by, but we had a lot of fun with the GWRRA family. We started on the first of June by visiting chapter A at their gathering.

Rudy then led the group to Tilton Hilton at Indian Lake for lunch. June 4th we attended chapter T2's gathering. This month we held the gathering at Menke Park in Troy because the church the chapter meets in was damaged by the Memorial Day tornadoes. Fortunately everyone we seemed to know had minimal damage from the tornado. We met chapter F at the Cone Corner in Springfield on June 5th for ice cream. There were about 50 members present for the southeast section picnic that was held in Obetz on June 8th. Margaret Moore then led the group to Crosstown Creamery in Tarlton for ice cream. Fun day.

The next week was busy with the Buckeye Rally. We want to thank chapters A and S for helping with Buckeye Rally registration. Chapter N was assigned security and chapter S helped N out with security. Thanks to all three chapters from the northwest section for helping out at the rally. The newest event this year was the reverse dunk tank. For a dollar members had three chances to soak a member of the district team. The water was a little on the COLD side; however everyone seemed to have fun and helped the district raise over \$200. Word is next year CD's might be the members to get wet. It would be great to have national team there and be able to drench some of them. Who knows what games might be set up for next year. In 2020 the rally will again be at Wooster on June 11-13. (This is NOT father's day weekend) The theme is 4th of July "Celebrate Your Freedom." It will be great to see how patriotic the campsites will be.

On Wednesday June 19th chapters T2 and F met at Young's Dairy in Yellow Springs. Another Trek Ohio destination visited. Chapter's F gathering was on Saturday June 22nd and the ride afterwards was to Captain Nine's in Germantown. Visits were made to chapter S on June 24th and chapter N on June 25th. On the 27th chapter F set up a ride on the Copperhead Trail.

It is approximately 110 miles long with 956 curves. Members from chapters B3, I, and O will also be represented on the ride.

We want to wish everyone a Happy 4th of July. We look forward to seeing many members at the northwest picnic on Saturday July 20th at Catawba Island State Park, 4049 East Moores Dock Road, Port Clinton. The event is a brown bag lunch. We plan on starting in Lima and picking up chapter N, ride to Findlay where we will be joined by chapter A and then meet chapter S at Fostoria and ride to Port Clinton. After the picnic we will ride to the Lighthouse at Marblehead and then on to Toft's for Ice Cream. Another destination on Trek Ohio.

Assistant District Director

North East Section

Vacant

Now that the Buckeye Rally is over, it's time to focus on what is going on in the Northeast. Coming up too quickly is the Northeast Picnic, July 13th at Mill Creek Day Use area at Berlin Lake. We will eat at 1pm, burgers, hot dogs, buns, condiments, and tableware will be supplied by the district. Bring a dish to share. We still have a few FUNdraisers coming up; next in line is Chapter I-2 Corn Roast on August 11th. This is always a great time with lots of fun, food and all the corn you can eat. AND—I do believe there will be another corn eating contest this year.

By the time you recover from the Corn Roast, it's time for Bike Night at the Canfield Fair. This year Bike Night is on Friday August 30th, the first bike rolls in at 3pm and on-site registration goes until 7pm. Come on out and enjoy the fair and if you can spare an hour or two to help Chapter M at registration or parking bikes, or doing the judging for the bike show, I am sure that they would appreciate it. This is always a good time both for the workers and for anyone who just brings their bike into the fair. Come out and join us.

V-2's Rigatoni dinner and auction ends the Northeast Section Fund Raiser for the year and that one takes place in October. WE have not been given that date yet but as soon as it is available we will let everyone know.

Summer riding season is here. Don't forget to check out the Trek Ohio rides, it is not too late to buy a booklet and get in on the \$100.00 drawing. AS always ride safe.

Interim District Educators

Robert G & Angela Williams

Hello Fellow Riders

I have been reading the story that came out of New Hampshire this week. A young man went left of center and hit a group of Riders on their way to a Fundraiser event for Veterans. The report said, "7 killed and at least 3 severely injured." I was struck by the comment made in one of the reports, "people were rushing around rendering aid." My heart goes out to all those families that have been impacted by this event. In reflection, I asked myself, "Are those that I ride with ready to deal with this kind of event?"

I ask you the same question, "Are those that you ride with ready to deal with this kind of event?" I recall getting a call from Terry Hoover, Ohio Chapter A. He was so grateful that when he had one of those unplanned events, that those he rides with were prepared. He wanted to thank me because I was the one who presented the GWRRA Motorcycle Crash Scene Response Seminar to his fellow riders. I am one of many Presenters that can put on one of these Seminars.

GWRRA has many seminars that can prepare us to be the one to render aid when the occasion requires it. So, the point of this commentary is: *"are those that I ride with ready to deal with this kind of event and or am I?"*

As your Interim District Educator, I can and will find someone that can present one or more of these seminars at a chapter event or even as part of a chapter gathering. I have been recently asked to present the MCSR Seminar at Ohio Chapter F sometime in the next few weeks. Once the details are nailed down you will see and hear more on that event via GWRRA Group Works. But feel free to call me (330/802-2429) or email me at (robswing55@gmail.com) to inquire about some education opportunities for you Chapter.

I want the answer to my question to be YES! Life Happens so be prepared!!

District Trainer

Margaret Moore

Information for all certified University Trainers:

Need an idea for classes this month? Thanks to the keen eyes of Valerie Tucker, Senior District University Coordinator, and several of her Instructors, suggestions were submitted for edits. The University edited the following:

GWRRR Module 103-03 Only Sugar Melts in the Rain

GWRRR Seminar 103-01 Dangerous Epidemic, Distracted Drivers

GWRRR Module 106-02 How Aging Affects Riders

Check out the changes made. Remember, when preparing to present a class, always check the website for updates to the classes. The date of the most recent edits will be listed.

Thank you for submitting your suggestions. All Instructors and Trainers are welcome to do the same.

In the Spotlight

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...that using the most current form (found on the University website) for U.3, U.10, and U.4's will assure that they are processed correctly?

...the password for accessing University classes has changed. Each Instructor has his/her personal password. Please don't share the login with others.

The above information has been taken from the June 2019 Insight Newsletter.

District Medic/First Aid Coordinator

Linda Copeland

Fourteen chapters were represented in MFA (Medic First Aid) classes in 2019. By the time summer is here MFA classes and riding classes (ARC - Advanced Riding Class and TRC - Trike Riding Class) are usually over. It seems like more and more members from Ohio are becoming snow birds.

Check with your chapter and see if there is anyone that will not be in Ohio during the winter and needs to schedule an MFA class. If it is necessary classes can probably be scheduled to accommodate the snow birds. Please feel free to contact Linda Copeland at LkCopeland@earthlink.net or 937-498-1651.