

# GWRRA OHIO

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Cabin Fever 2011



## FROM YOUR DISTRICT DIRECTOR

Robert "G" & Angela Williams  
Ohio District Director

I hope that you and yours had a very Merry Christmas and a wonderful beginning to a new year.

Now, I have to learn to write 2011 when I date something.

Yes, another year marked down in the books and time to think about this year, 2011.

As most of us know, the winter months are when we schedule all our indoor training and informational events.

I know that our District Educators, Melanie and Chuck, have been setting up many CPR/FA classes across our state. If you have been thinking about taking one, now is the time to get signed up for one of these very important classes.

Our Assistant District Educator's, Bill and Katie Wilson, are working with each section to setup our Safety Sat/Sun events. I hope you are able to make time and find one that interests you and are able to attend. Everyone is welcome, so bring a friend. This is a great way to show off GWRRA to prospective members.

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After many years of serving on the District Team, Matt and Sheryl Wycarver have stepped down. We want to wish them the very best and say they will be missed. Dale Hudson our District MEC will take on the additional role of District Trainer. He will be responsible for all the OCP training in Ohio. If you would like to find out how a GWRRA Chapter works, this is the class you want to take. Feel free to contact Dale or your ADD and request a seat in our next class. Dale will announce the next OCP training date when he finalizes it.

I would like to congratulate all our Membership Enhancement Coordinators and Treasurers as new GWRRA Officers. These are two very important positions within the District & the Chapter, and now they are recognized as they should be.

Angela and I have been getting a steady stream of Cabin Fever registrations, thank you. It is a real benefit to us for planning purposes to get these as early as possible. So please go on-line and register or print off a registration form and mail it. I can assure you that we will have a great time. The excitement is building; the theme is Mardi Gras; and I can hardly wait to see everyone there (by the way, the shirts will be Mardi gras purple with the Mardi Gras logo).

Looking forward to great things for this New Year!



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### MEC CHAT

Dale & Colleen Hudson  
Ohio MEC / Treasurer

All of Ohio and interested readers.

Here we are in December with only a few days left before the end of this glorious year. Let's take a look at what happened this year.

We started early in the year with Cabin Fever. You really need to experience this fun filled time as often as you can. We had line dancing, silent auctions, dancing, Sweethearts Dinner, talent shows, and even some secret events you may have heard about. What a break of the winter.

We had a beautiful summer where we had some really hot weather and some milder weather. Through that time, my wife of 41 years and I managed to glide through the "Smokies" on our GoldWing and put another 2000 miles on it. What a wonderful vacation it was. We got to see the Cherokee Nation, along with riding down through clouds, early in the morning, to experience God's beauty.

We experienced Buckeye Rally. Not only was it a wonderful time to enjoy the vendors and the "carneys food", we had ample opportunity to listen to some really great speakers, letting us in on the latest LTD topics as well as Rider Education topics. That is always a fun time to take a break, have a seat, grab some pop corn and listen to really good speakers. No matter how many times you may have heard a topic, there is always something new to experience.

We experienced Patty's Settlement. What is that you ask? Some really hungry folks rode their Wings to Paducah, Kentucky. There is a wonderful place there called "Patty's" that serves wonderful meals. They have two claims to fame. One is their 7 inch high pieces of pie. The real killer is their pork chops. Or should I say pork chop. One, cut in half, will feed two folks very well. Their home baked bread is made in clay flower pots. You twist the very large muffin of bread and walla, out it comes. You over eat soooooo much; you can barely make the three mile ride back to your room for the night. If you would rather walk it off, the entire settlement is surrounded by quaint shops of antiques as well as shops with everything from knives and guns to buttons. Ample parking and a fun time.

Six of us, from there, rode to and through the Great Smoky Mountains. Two thousand miles of them. We stayed in and enjoyed the Cherokee Nation at its finest. We bought jewelry and gifts and souvenirs, and on and on. One of the great things there is getting to stop for almost all of your meals. With me being the eater of the bunch, I probably had more fun than everyone else.

We had Region D Rally. Wow, what a time. If you have never been to a region rally, you are missing a bunch. It basically looks the same as a district rally, but it is not. As you get into things, you find friendly folks you haven't met before. This one is from Ohio, and then another is from Indiana. Another few feet and you run into Michigan. Wow. When you get acclimated to what is happening you find there are several states as well as Canada there for the same reason. We are all having FUN. We all have the same agenda. Let's get along and have FUN. Not a harsh word was heard. Oh we did some chattering back and forth in good fun, but we were one big happy family. Then we heard that at the end of the year, Ron and Dianna Miller, Region D Directors will be stepping down. Really sad to see you go. Been a hoot. But who will step up? Up steps Roger and Penny Hurley. They are Assistant Region Directors and at one time were the Ohio District Directors. What a small world.

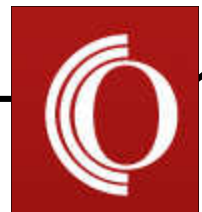
We also had Buckeye Time Out. Just go camping and have a great time. Play corn hole, eat hot dogs, sit around the campfire, eat hot dogs, go to town for a meal, eat hot dogs, etc, etc. Did I mention eat hot dogs.

We visited Indiana's Rally as well as Michigan's. When you visit these two sister states, they treat you to the best friendship you can find. More and more folks get to recognize your face and make sure they come over and say hi to you. Thanks to you all. Above and beyond all of that, the entire region has trained almost every CD and ACD in the OCP program. That is the Officer's Certification Program. Every time I talk to someone that has taken the course, I get good words about wishing they had it available several years ago. Always something to learn.

That brings us to Thanksgiving. We all have so very much to be thankful for. May we give thanks and may God watch over and protect our troops that are in harm's way.

Then came the celebration of Christmas. I hope you all celebrate in the way that is customary for you or your faith. As I was presenting an OCP class recently, I was asked how long I was going to call it Christmas. I replied that as long as Christ is in my life, I will celebrate it as Christmas. Of course that is only my opinion and in no way suggests how you should feel or celebrate. We of GWRRA have neither political nor religious views, but each person can have their opinion. With that, I will close and hope you all had as good of a year as my family has had.

With the finest of Regards to you all,



# Traveling Plaque

## Region "D" & Ohio District



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### Historical Wings

1st Thursday  
Dinner 6:00PM Meeting 7:00  
Shoney's Restaurant  
44 Acme Street,  
Kroger Shopping Center  
Marietta, Ohio

Marietta

CD: John and Dee Ayers

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## HELLO SOUTHWEST SECTION

Lloyd & Becky Glydewell  
SW section Asst. District Directors  
Couple of the year coordinators

Hello to all of our fellow Gold Wingers. November has slipped away. Christmas is coming (and gone) quickly. Santa Claus, the reindeer, the cookies and cakes, and S--W!! Don't really like that dirty word.

We hope this article finds you with your bellies full of turkey dinner after counting all your blessings. We all have so many blessings to be so very thankful for.

The November's Officer Meeting went very well. The room was full of CD's, ACD's, Ride Educators, Treasurers, and Membership Enhancement Coordinators. Everyone was attentive to all of the new information given and had fantastic questions to ask and get answers. All of the team had their responsibilities, and carried them out without any problems. We will say that it was quite different being on the other side of the coin this time, but the whole day was a great experience.

Our SW Chapters were all in attendance and had positive feedback for the day. The newest info to pass along is the Treasurer and the MEC will become officers at the beginning of the New Year. At this time they will not be required to have the OCP (officer's certification program), but it is highly recommended so we are all on the same page. After all, we all need structure in our lives, including our GW life.

We need to put a lot of focus on recruiting and retaining members. If every chapter would try real hard to acquire a MEC/MAD for the New Year, we can start off with lots of energy towards getting us new friends. We have lots of materials to stuff into your recruiting packets to hand out to every motorcycle you see. Give us a call or email if you need some of these great tools. We will also be carrying them with us to the different events we attend.

We look forward to working with all our Chapters and we hope that everyone that attended the Officers meeting came away with a lot of positive thoughts. Be sure to check out the New District webpage. It has a lot of good information and is very easy to navigate. Just go to [ohiogwrra.org](http://ohiogwrra.org) and check out what is happening.

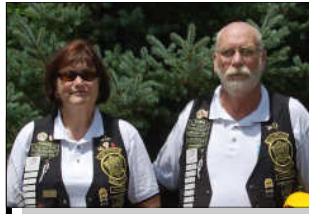
We want to take a moment and congratulate the following...

- Chapter - F Newsletter Award for the second quarter
- Chapter - L Newsletter award for the third quarter.
- Chapter - E2 Website Award for the second quarter
- Chapter - T2 Website award for the third quarter.

Way to go guys!! South West, THE BEST!!

It is a very hard decision when trying to come up with a winner because all of you do a very good job. A BIG Thank you very much goes out to all the Newsletter Editors and to all the Webmasters for a very good job well done.

We are also the Couple of the Year Coordinators and are asking and would really like to see every Chapter in Ohio seek out and find that special Couple and honor them as your Chapter Couple. What a special time it would be for them to be able to represent their Chapter and the GWRRRA. Nothing is expected of your couple other to have fun and meet new friends as they represent your Chapter. If you have a Couple that would be interested in the selection process please have them contact us real soon and we will work with them and help them in any way we possibly can. They will need to be ready to give their presentation at Cabin Fever. So let's get together and have the South West win the COY!!



## RIDER EDUCATION NEWS

Chuck & Melanie Geggie  
Ohio Senior District Educators

Hi Folks,

We hope that everyone is enjoying this Holiday Season with family and friends. We are fortunate enough to have all our children at home this year.

We have lots of great events planned in the next few months and we hope that many of you will be able to participate in them.

First, of course, is Cabin Fever on February 11 & 12. Come join us for a fantastic Mardi Gras weekend in Columbus!

For information about any of these events, be sure to check the Ohio Website. If the information you need is not there, call the Chapter Director, or us.

### Medic First Aid Classes:

January	16	Chapter E2
	22	Chapter A3
	29	Chapter W

### Safety Saturday/Sundays:

January 30 Chapter V

February 26 Chapter F3

February	26	Chapter C
	27	Chapter I

March 19 Chapter W2

March	5	Chapter F
	6	Chapter D
	12	Chapter V
	19	Chapters Y &

Z2

26 Chapter P2

Have a great New Year and remember to be safe out there even when not on your motorcycle!

We learned at the meeting there is an Individual of the Year as well. This person would again be that special person that always is front and center at your chapter events. Just like your chapter couple, you can reward them with a medallion from national too.

We are looking forward to Cabin Fever this year. Mardi Gras is the theme and I'm sure there will be some great costumes. It will be a FUN time. Cabin fever will also have games to play, parades & a talent show to watch, contests to win, vendors to help you spend money, seminars to get better educated, auctions to enjoy, tricycle race, a Sweetheart Dinner (extra cost), ICE CREAM for everyone and let's not forget the night games that are always a great time too. *And*, if you get your registration in early, before January 1, 2011, you could win a free registration for 2, hotel room for Friday and Saturday night and a box of chocolates. The drawing will be held January 2, 2011. You may be the lucky winner, but you have to be in it to win it!!

Speaking of winners, the passport drawing was done at the meeting and here are the lucky winners of Cabin Fever, Terri Hampshire from the North West, Buckeye Rally, Sally Slonaker from the Central Section, and Larry Steinhilber from North Central winning Region D Rally. Congratulations to all the winners!! Another winner was the Ride for Kids in Marysville, Ohio; Chapter H3 raised a whopping \$1,110.00 for the kids this year!! Way to go H3!! The total amount raised was phenomenal, \$4.5 million!! That comes from the heart, no doubt.

That's about enough for now. After all, there are Christmas parties to get ready for, gifts to buy and family and friends to see!

We wish you a very Merry and Blessed Christmas and a fantastic Happy New Year!! Be safe and we will see everyone soon.



## GREETINGS FROM THE MIDDLE

George & Jean Fowler  
Central section Asst. District Directors / Chapter of the year Coordinators

Happy New Year!

This past year has really flown by, especially since August 1 when we joined the District Team. It certainly has been a trip so far and the best part has been getting to know you all better. We attended our first Officers' meeting in November as ADDs and you members made it a fantastic experience for us. Thanks for all of the time and hard work you put in as volunteer leaders to make your chapters and this organization continue to grow. Be sure to give your treasurers an extra pat on the back. They come through every November with the paperwork (signed with black ink J) to keep you official. We know there have been changes in GWRRA that are all about being able to better serve the members and you have been able to roll with the changes. Keep that positive spirit -- your chapters will benefit in the end.

Congratulations to these Central Section winners of the quarterly newsletter and website awards.

- Second Quarter 2010:  
Newsletter: Chapter B2 - Bellefontaine,  
Website: Chapter Z2 - Delaware.
- 3rd Quarter 2010:  
Newsletter: Chapter O - Newark  
Website: Chapter B3 - Obetz.

Great job everyone!

Thanks to the Ohio chapters who sent in entries for the 2010 Chapter of the Year Program. The winner will be announced at Cabin Fever in February. We invite all chapters in Ohio to consider entering this program for 2011. There are some good changes in place for program scoring to enable any size chapter to compete. Visit this website: <http://med.gwrra.org/guides/choy/2011ChapteroftheYear.pdf> for a copy of the 2011 Chapter of the Year Program Guide and Score Sheet. This includes all of the changes for 2011. Print out the guide & score sheets (yep, all 20 pages or only 10 pages if printed back-to-back) and at the beginning of the year delegate the project to one of your chapter members who enjoys keeping track of details. Make sure the chapter participates in activities that earn points, keep track of them monthly, and by the end of the year your CHOY entry will be ready to submit. Or....wait until next December and try to remember all of the fun things you did, what training you received and what you did in your community the previous 12 months. Everyone has their own style and it doesn't matter how you go about it, but it would be great to honor your chapter and give it a try.

Did we mention Cabin Fever? We hope you are making plans to attend this year at the Crowne Plaza Hotel, February 11-13. The Mardi Gras theme will no doubt bring out the creative side of many of you not to mention the no-talent showcase, silent auction, Sweetheart Dinner, games, entertainment, etc. etc. Don't forget you may register on-line or via mail before February 1. There are also District winter events in Indiana in January and in Michigan in early February. So there are several options to help get us through the winter months.

We were able to get to some of the chapter Christmas parties and want to thank all of you for your warm hospitality and friendship. We had a blast! Our wish is that everyone has a wonderful, healthy, and happy year in 2011 and we look forward to seeing you all soon. In the meantime, we'll leave you with these words of wisdom:

*A New Year's resolution is something that goes in one year and out the other.*  
~Author Unknown



## HELLO FROM THE NORTHWEST SECTION

Bill and Sandy Nourse  
NW section Asst. District Directors  
Special Project Coordinators

### New Year's Greetings from the Northwest Section

It was good to see all of you that attended the November Officer's Meeting. There was a lot of information shared there and we hope it was an informative day for you. Thanks for attending and remember if you need help or have questions the District Team is there for you.

Hope you had a wonderful Holiday with your family and friends. Looking forward to a FUN 2011 with new roads to travel, new friends to meet and great times together. Be safe out there on the roads, especially with the Winter weather. May your New Year be filled with peace, happiness, good health and joy with a smile to your heart and on your face all year long. It is the perfect time for remembering wonderful folks like you, our GWRRA extended family and making plans for a wonderful New Year of Fun.

Remember to check the calendar for your Chapter, the Section, the District and the Region for up coming events through out the year. The state web page is an excellent source of information.

Happy New Year from the two of us to all of you.



## FROM THE DISTRICT COUPLE OF THE YEAR

Kirby & Sandy White  
2010 Ohio Couple of the Year

A Cold Brrr to All! Trying to keep the Driveway and sidewalks cleaned off has been challenging as of late. We hope that everyone's holidays were great. As of this writing it is before the holidays, 12-20-10 and we still aren't quite ready for Christmas. There is still baking to do, presents to buy, and presents to wrap. Wonder if we will get them all done.

We have both been a little sluggish and a bit under the weather with runny noses and coughs, but LIFE IS GOOD! We haven't been to other chapter activities lately but, we hope after the holidays we can get out and about to the Chapters.. Also, we hope to go the Indiana's Winter Rendezvous January 21-23. Their theme is Hillbilly Hoot-N-Nanny.

If you can't go at least check out their flyer, the wording is a hoot. Then in February we will attend Michigan's Wingless Weekend on the 4th-5<sup>th</sup>. Their theme is The Flintstones/ Stoneage Era. I wonder how many Fred Flintstones or Barney Rubbles will we see. Of course we can't forget our own Cabin Fever on February 12th-13<sup>th</sup> and the theme is Mardi Gras. Should be lots of beads floating around. Come and enjoy a fun filled weekend.

If you have any questions concerning any of these winter events just go on the web and check out their website. We hope to see a lot of you folks at one or more of these activities within Region D. Remember "Region D Rocks".

In closing we hope everyone had a wonderful holiday season and that this New Year will be a safe and prosperous one for all.

"Never worry about the size of your Christmas Tree. In the eyes of little children, they are all Thirty feet tall." Larry Wilde  
May You Always Have Golden Memories





### THE GEEK SQUAD

Claude "No-chrome" & Deloris Mitchell  
Newsletter and Website editors

#### I GOT A PHONE CALL THE OTHER DAY....

I often receive phone calls from telemarketers, usually during dinner, a good TV show or some other inopportune time. The other day I got a call, and luckily it was not during one of those times. Therefore I had the time to respond to the caller as he gave his spiel for money. Never have I gotten a call and had the ammunition to adequately respond. I usually I brush them off with a polite no thank you, and that is that. This would NOT be one of those calls.

The phone rang, and the caller identified himself as a representative of the Cleveland clinic. Now the first thought that came to my mind is WHY on earth is the Cleveland clinic asking for money from the average citizen....

I mean come on... The Cleveland clinic has 1 dollar less than God, and is throwing up a new building faster than a dandelion grows on a summer lawn. But what really got to me was that this was the Cleveland clinic, the same clinic that

- a) Cancelled the Teddy bear run for the Pediatric ward,
- b) That is attempting to close the Trauma center on East Side of Cleveland.
- c) the is closing the 120 year old Huron School of nursing.

Why would these events and the phone call solicitation bother me so much....

It's a long story, but bear with me I WILL explain.

#### THE TEDDY BEAR RUN

The last Cleveland Clinic teddy bear run was held in 2008; attendance at the event was beyond all expectations. To say the response was overwhelming would be a gross understatement. I'm not sure of the exact count, but the estimates would be about 8 to 10,000 bikes. This made it the largest attended TEDDY Bear Run EVER. The numbers were so great that it took about 2 hours to completely clear the IX center.

Now let's fast forward to the 2009 Teddy bear run (TBR) planning meeting. There had been a few meetings, and about the 4<sup>th</sup> meeting we were honored to have a representative of the Chief of police (the department) and the Mayors office sit in. They were there to express the concerns of the City about the execution of the previous years event. You see I mentioned before that it took over 2 hours to clear the parking lot, well that means that it took over 2 hours to also clear out the roads.

The TBR effectively closed the following freeways  
I-71 North from the airport to downtown  
I-90 East to I-71 North  
I-77 to I-71 North  
I-480 east to I-71 North

Jennings freeway (route 176) North to I-71 north  
The closure of these roads effectively closed off the west side of Cleveland access to downtown and all points east.

Additionally the freeway ramps entering I-71 were closed AT THE TOPS of the ramps, thereby trapping anyone that was on the ramp, until the run was over (again over 2 hours later). The north/east bound truckers were trapped, the Buses (greyhound) were trapped, the cabs were trapped, and little old ladies that may have just happened to be getting on the freeway ramp to go

to church were trapped. It doesn't take a rocket scientist to clearly see that this was NOT an ideal condition. According to the City's representatives', all H\_\_ broke lose the Monday morning after the TBR. Anger was the emotion of the day. This business community and the citizens of Cleveland were upset. They (the representatives) explained that they weren't there to tell us we couldn't do the TBR, but the TBR was NOT going to go off as it did last year. In short we needed to find a BETTER way to get the riders from the IX center to the Cleveland Clinic Campus.

The solution to the problem was a rather elegant one. Instead of occupying the entire northbound freeway, the TBR would limit itself to the far left lanes. The fact that the Berea freeway enters I-71 using the left lanes would aid in this effort. The Bikes would then exit at East 9<sup>th</sup> street, and utilize Carnegie to continue to the clinic. Normal freeway traffic would be routed off the inner belt (I-71 North) at I-490 East, and then rerouted back to I-71 via I-77 north. This was a decidedly better plan, than closing off the entire freeway (I-71north), as had been done in the past. There was however a catch. To divide and separate the 2 lanes of I-71 North Motorcycle traffic, from the 2 lanes of regular traffic would require Orange barrels / Traffic Cones; LOTS OF THEM. The company that was willing to provide them, (I'm not sure of the name so I will not speculate) wanted approximately \$5,000.00 (five thousand dollars??) to layout the route on I-71. It was determined by Clinic officials that this amount **WAS NOT IN THE BUDGET**; and a sponsor would be necessary to provide the necessary funding. A sponsor could not be found... So therefore the 2009 Teddy Bear run was **CANCELLED**; cancelled for the lack of \$5,000.000 worth of funding. Is it not amazing that a corporation that can throw up a building at the drop-of-a-hat could not find \$5,000.00 for the well-being of their own patients.

#### THE HURON ROAD TRAUMA CENTER.

This year the Cleveland clinic has stated, and attempted to close the LEVEL II trauma center at Huron road hospital. The reasons cited were Money, and staffing. WELL what does the closing of this trauma center mean to the Motorcycling community? Well when one thinks of Trauma, you typically think of gunshots, drug overdoses, falls, or vehicle accidents/

Consider this, Motorcycling is an inherently dangerous sport, on what are naturally unstable vehicles. Thus one can confidently say that ANY-TIME, there is an unwilling separation of a motorcyclist from his bike then

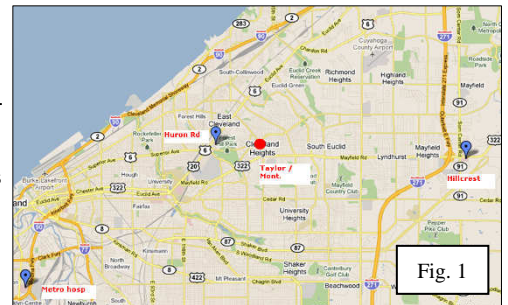


Fig. 1

TRAUMA to the Motorcyclist is involved. You will note from the map (Fig.1) that Huron road hospital is directly in the middle of the east side of Cleveland. Removing Huron road from this picture instantly puts a Trauma service hole in the center of the coverage of the eastern section Cleveland, and the surrounding tier one suburbs.

What happens to a poor soul that has an accident on say Monticello and Taylor roads? Today the injured motorcyclist would be taken to the trauma center at Huron road hospital, located at

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### Kirby & Sandy White 2010 Region "D" couple of the year



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the corner of Forest hills Boulevard, and Terrace roads in East



Cleveland. The duration of this trip would be approximately 10 minutes (Fig.2)

When Huron road closes, the ambulance will respond and now the decision must be made to transfer the unlucky rider to Metro-health hospital, or Merida Hillcrest, both Trauma centers.

In perfect conditions (at 3:00 am on a Sunday Morning perfect weather) the ride from Monticello/Taylor to Merida Hillcrest



(Fig.3) is approximately 18 minutes. This time increases exponentially during the day.

The ride time to Metro-health medical center is 24 minutes, a 8 and 14 minute increase respectively. (Fig. 4). Again these time will increase depending of the time of day.



It is common knowledge that when dealing with a trauma patient, the time to the patient receives adequate treatment is critical. The increases in time by the closure of Huron road hospital will cause undue harm and possibly death to patients needing treatment. Remember this as you ride your machine around the East side of Cleveland, and its suburbs. Make no mistake about it, the closure of Huron Road trauma center, will put the lives of motorcyclist in danger.

So now this takes us full circle; back to the telemarketer requesting a contribution to the Cleveland Clinic. I asked the gentleman why I should contribute monies to an already overfunded institution. The SAME institution that...

- could not find \$5,000.00 to fund the safety of the Motorcycle riders, and benefit their own pediatric patients.
- Can find the money to construct a NEW building, faster than lightning can strike???
- seems to care not about the quality of TRAUMA emergency health care of an entire section of the Northeast Ohio area
- that has closed the over 100 year old, Huron road School of nursing?, IN THE MIDDLE OF THEIR NURSING PROGRAM.

The bottom line is that as much as the Cleveland Clinic tries to exhibit this loving caring, good corporate citizen image, their actions reveal otherwise. Its about the Dollar, let me repeat, its about the dollar so much that they could not even bring themselves to provide additional funds to support a project for their own pediatric patients.

Needless to say the representative could not answer the questions asked (as they were rhetorical). I do not think I will be hearing from the Cleveland Clinic for contributions ever again.

I will leave you with these thoughts.... Trauma is not just gunshots, stabbings, and/or drug overdoses. The closing of Huron Road trauma center affects us all, and some more than others. WE ride motorcycles, and anytime we have a mishap on our bikes, you can best believe that bodily trauma is going to be involved. We never WANT to have an accident, but if the present time BE that time, we can all hope that the accident doesn't happen in the mid to near east side of Cleveland. If so then we can thank Cleveland Clinic, for he increased travel time necessary to get us to specialized medical treatment.

Ride Safe.  
(Especially on the East side of Cleveland)



## NORTH CENTRAL SECTION

Wayne and Debra Wolf  
NC section Asst. District Directors  
& Vendor Coordinators

Hello Everyone,

Well by the time you read this old Saint Nick will have come and gone for another year, and 2011 will have begun. Hope you all had a wonderful Christmas and great New Years Eve.

Just to remind everyone Chapter I has changed where they hold their monthly gatherings. They will now hold their monthly gatherings at Ryan's Steak House on Rte. 83. Chapter W has also changed their monthly gatherings location It will be at New Beginnings Café' on Center Street in Marion.

The North Central Section has a Safety Sunday scheduled for January 30<sup>th</sup>. This event will be held at the Cramer Community Center located at 2612 Twp. Rd 49 (Cemetery Rd.) in Iberia, Ohio. Chapter B & V will be hosting this event with lunch being served at noon and the event starting at 1pm and running till 4pm. Come hungry and ready to gain some interesting insights in support of this event.

Cabin Fever is approaching fast so make sure you get your reservations in for this fun filled weekend in February on the 11<sup>th</sup>, 12<sup>th</sup> and 13<sup>th</sup>. The theme is Mardi Gras and we cannot wait to see you all there. Till next month we will see you down the road. It's The Ride





### FROM THE SOUTHEAST

Marty & Ginnie Bell  
SE section Asst. District Directors

Here we are into the new year of 2011. We hope everyone had a Merry Christmas

and made a lot of New Year's Resolutions. We always make a few, that way we don't have much trouble trying to decide which ones to keep and which ones to break. Ginnie and I are looking forward to a great year participating with all of our wonderful GWRRA friends scattered all over this great country of ours and especially our many friends throughout the South East Section. We are in the process of making our plans to attend Cabin Fever in February and Wing Ding 33 in July.

We want to encourage each and everyone of you to make your plans now to attend Cabin Fever. It is being held February 11th, 12th, & 13th. Please sign on to our web site [www.ohiogwr.org](http://www.ohiogwr.org) and read all about it. You can make your reservations online or print a copy to be filled in and mailed. We think this is going to be one of the best Cabin Fever's ever. The Theme is "MARDI GRAS" so you know we are going to have a swinging time. Dress for the occasion, come participate in the parade and throw some beads or watch the parade and catch some thrown beads. Either way you will have a great time. Also, we are having a "Sweetheart Dinner" last year was the first time for this dinner and it sold out fast. Everyone that attended last year's event had an exciting time so you know you have to get your reservation in early.

The next big event to get excited about is Wing Ding 33, being held in Knoxville, TN. This event is going to be big this year. Some of the greatest Motor Cycle riding in the world is located in the hills of Tennessee, so the ride going to Knoxville and the ride home is going to be some of the greatest riding fun of the summer riding season.

We hope you are receiving the e-Newsletter sent by GWRRA Customer Service which keep us updated on Wing Ding 33 and other GWRRA events. If you are not receiving this email, please call GWRRA Customer Service at 1-800-843-9460 or sign on to [www.gwr.org](http://www.gwr.org) and give them your current email address. We think you will enjoy this email, it contains a lot of good information about GWRRA.

Looking forward to seeing all of you soon and remember:

**"THE MORE YOU PARTICIPATE;  
THE MORE FUN YOU HAVE"**

**"IT'S THE RIDE"**

### GWRRA MEMBER BENEFITS...

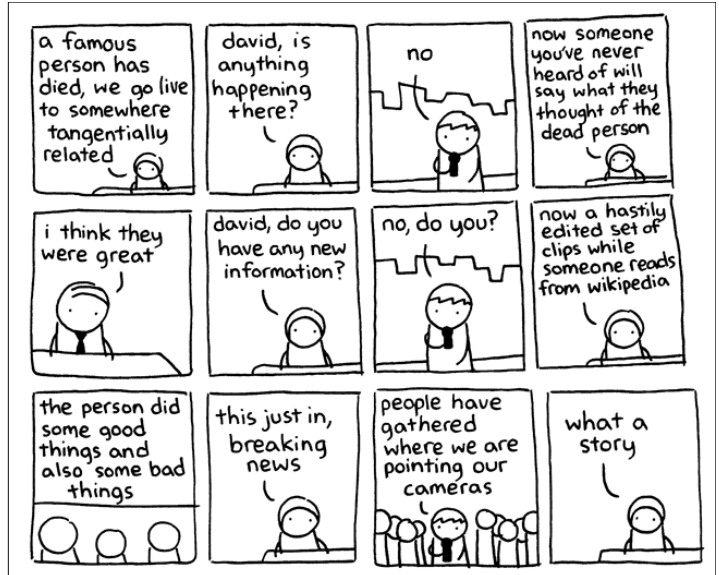
<http://gwr.org/membership.html>

GWRRA members can point, click and save money on items to furnish and finish their homes.



At Sears Commercial Market-place, GWRRA members can save 5-50%\* off everyday items such as home appliances, electronics, mattresses, fitness equipment, lawn and garden products, and much more. Plus you will save on the top brands, including Kenmore and Craftsman.

To enroll in this special Gold Wing member benefit, please email [benefitsmanager@gwrbenefits.org](mailto:benefitsmanager@gwrbenefits.org) with your first and last name and home address today!



### GREETINGS FROM THE NORTH EAST

Steve & Pam Detwiler  
NE Section Asst. District Directors  
/ Directors of Sales

Hi Everyone,

We just cannot believe it is the beginning of 2011 already. Hope all of you had a nice Thanksgiving and didn't stuff yourselves until you gobbled. Next we were looking at Christmas and all those Christmas cookies and fruitcakes. Let's hope spring comes soon just to work off all those calories we consumed over all the holidays.

After we get done celebrating New Year's it would seem there would be a long winter's nap in store for us, but wait!! It is now time for Cabin Fever and a little romance with your sweetie!! What a fun and enjoyable way to break up the winter blahs with costumes, games, secret events and things, Sweetheart Dinner and last but not least our silent and live auctions. To make these a success we are looking for three items for the auctions from each chapter. Maybe something you received at Christmas that would look better on the silent auction table than on your shelf collecting dust or that great gift Aunt Sadie bought you and you did not have the heart to tell her you bought the same thing for yourself on sale last month. Donate yours to the auction and keep Aunt Sadie's. Now everyone is happy! Chapter members, after Christmas when you are putting away decorations and see that unused gift on the shelf, think of Cabin Fever and bring it with you when you come join in all the fun over Valentine's Day weekend at the Crowne Plaza in Columbus, Ohio.

We will be looking forward to seeing you at Cabin Fever celebrating Mardi Gras!!



## OHIO CABIN FEVER – Mardi Gras - FEBRUARY 11, 12, 13, 2011

Sweetheart Package drawing for early registration will be held on January 2, 2011 (one winner). Admission by PRE-REGISTRATION ONLY. Limited to first 650 participants. Event pin for the first 500 registered. Complete this page in its **entirety** and mail with fees before February 1, 2011. Make check or money order payable to: GWRRA of Ohio. On-line registration with credit/debit card payment made be made at [www.ohiogwrra.org](http://www.ohiogwrra.org)

**Mail to: Robert G & Angela Williams, 1505 Amboy Dr, Hudson, OH 44236 Tel (330) 650-6771**

Qty: _____	Registration - Member (Same price as last year!)	\$18 per person	\$ _____
Qty: _____	Registration - Non-Member (Same price as last year!)	\$27 per person	\$ _____
Qty: _____	Registration - Ages 13 to 15	\$10 per person	\$ _____
Qty: _____	Registration - Ages 12 and Under	FREE	
Qty: _____	Sweetheart Dinner - Vegetarian Lasagna	\$20 per person	\$ _____
Qty: _____	Sweetheart Dinner - Chicken Roulade	\$20 per person	\$ _____
Qty: _____	Sweetheart Dinner - Chicken Marsala	\$20 per person	\$ _____
Qty: _____	Sweetheart Dinner - Top Sirloin Steak (medium well)	\$22 per person	\$ _____

\*Dinner limited to the 1<sup>st</sup> 220 people who register. Entrées include, tossed salad, chef's choice of potato/rice, vegetable du Jour, dessert, coffee, soda, iced tea, and tip).

(Chicken Roulade - baked boneless chicken breast stuffed with a vegetable herb dressing topped with a White Zinfandel Cream Sauce)

(Chicken Marsala - boneless breast of chicken topped with sautéed mushrooms, shallots and a Marsala Sauce)

Cabin Fever Shirts – Polo Short Sleeve: Please mark quantity of each

Small _____	Medium _____	Large _____	X-Large _____	\$19 each	\$ _____
XXL _____	XXXL _____			\$21 each	\$ _____

Cabin Fever Shirts – T-Shirt Long Sleeve: Please mark quantity of each

Small _____	Medium _____	Large _____	X-Large _____	\$16 each	\$ _____
XXL _____	XXXL _____			\$18 each	\$ _____

Cabin Fever Sweatshirts: Please mark quantity of each

Small _____	Medium _____	Large _____	X-Large _____	\$21 each	\$ _____
XXL _____	XXXL _____			\$23 each	\$ _____

No shirt orders after February 1, 2011. Shirts may be purchased on site for higher cost.

**Total Enclosed: \$ \_\_\_\_\_**

**Note: No refunds without District Director prior approval. No refunds after February 1, 2011. \$10 handling fee on all refunds. Event will be held regardless of weather.**

For Hotel Reservations, Please call Crowne Plaza North, 6500 Doubletree Ave, Columbus, OH at (614) 885-1885 or register on online at [www.ohiogwrra.org](http://www.ohiogwrra.org). Mention Ohio Gold Wing Road Riders to receive special rate of \$95.00 per night room rate. Special room rate is only valid until January 22, 2011.

Rider \_\_\_\_\_ GWRRA# \_\_\_\_\_ Exp. \_\_\_\_\_ Chapter \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_ Phone ( ) \_\_\_\_\_

Co-Rider \_\_\_\_\_ GWRRA # \_\_\_\_\_ Exp. \_\_\_\_\_ Chapter \_\_\_\_\_

E Mail Address (only to be used for registration questions) \_\_\_\_\_

I/We do agree to conform and comply with the ideals governing this rally and I/We further agree to hold harmless GWRRA of Ohio, GWRRA, Officers or Co-sponsoring organizations or any property owner(s) for any loss or injury to self or property in which I/We may become involved by reason or participation in this rally. I/We agree to assume responsibility for any property which I/We knowingly damage. I/We have read this entire form.

Rider Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Co-Rider Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_



# New GWRRA BENEFITS

## New from GWRRA... The MI card



Critical decisions are made in the first few minutes of your emergency care. If you are unconscious or incapacitated, first responders have no knowledge of your existing medical conditions, current medications or other important details which could save your life in a medical emergency.

miCARD is the only physician-designed medical identification solution that combines a portable wallet card with a Personal Health Record. Now medical personnel will know your unique medical conditions, current medications, allergies and more. Plus, you can store EKGs, lab results, create medicine lists and allow physician updates. With miCARD, your medical information goes wherever you go

### Why Order Your miCARD® Today?

- Because a medical emergency could happen to you at any time...
- 119 million Americans just like you will experience a medical emergency this year
- If you're unconscious or incapacitated, you cannot communicate your medical information
- More people die from medical mistakes each year than from highway accidents, breast cancer, or AIDS
- Because you should carry medical information in your wallet...
- Medical emergencies can happen anywhere — Paramedics are trained to search your wallet for your information
- Without it, medical personnel spend valuable time gathering your critical information from multiple doctors, hospitals and family members
- Accurate information reduces medical error and unnecessary testing
- Because you have a medical condition, a medical allergy or take multiple medications...
- Asthma
- Diabetes
- Heart Disease
- Latex
- Penicillin
- Sulfa
- Coumadin
- Insulin
- Viagra™

# 2011 Cabin Fever “Mardi Gras”

**Date: February 11, 12, 13, 2011**

The Winner of the Sweetheart Early Registration Package will receive:  
Full Registration for 2, Hotel Room for Friday & Saturday night & Box of Chocolates  
To be eligible for drawing: Your registration must be received no later than January 1, 2011. Drawing will be held January 2, 2011.

Theme Grand Parade  
Entertainment  
District Couple of the Year Competition  
(Winners to be announced at Sweetheart Dinner)  
Chapter of the Year  
Talent Show  
Games  
Vendors  
Seminars  
Chapter/Individual Contests  
Auctions  
Ice Cream!!!  
Craft  
Sweetheart Dinner (extra cost)  
Night Games

**\*\*Mardi Gras Tricycle Race\*\***



Logo Winner – Carol Culler

Lots of Fun planned for All Ages  
Get your registrations in EARLY!