

GWRRA Ohio District June 2019 Newsletter

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



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Roy & Becky Jones

From the Director's Corner

Woohooo! It looks like riding season might actually finally be here. A couple of weeks ago we decided to take a Saturday off and take a ride up to the Marblehead Light house. It was going to be our first Trek ride. That particular morning it was only in the low 40s at home and the weather was only going to 45 up by the lake that day.

Needless to say, we aren't as young as we used to be and after breakfast with our home chapter we decided to put that ride off until warmer weather. Are you having fun with the Trek Rides? From the comments I've gotten it seems like everyone is having fun doing the Trek Rides. That's what it is about, FUN!

Our first Trek ride was to the AI Root Company in Medina. This happened while we were attending the North Central picnic. The host chapters, P and C-3 did a great job of setting up the picnic and choosing a ride that included a Veterans Memorial park, the AI ROOT Company and ending in Wooster at a fantastic ice cream shop. Both of us had a great time and we want to thank everyone who helped out with that ride.

This brings us to the next topic I wanted to discuss. Team Work. The NC picnic and ride went off well simply because people worked together to make it happen. We've been discussing what makes a chapter strong since the Spring Officers meeting and last month I told you that your members make your chapter special. It is you as officers that make the chapter strong. Teamwork is essential in a strong chapter, it is essential in any good organization. Without teamwork you have chaos, the right hand doesn't know what the left hand is doing. You also have egos out of control; someone getting offended or angry because they feel that their efforts don't count if someone else has an idea or does something without communicating that to the offended person. It's rarely the case that the person with the idea wants to take over the project. They just had an idea and went with it. THEY HELPED! In the world of volunteering, you never ever

turn down HELP.

Teamwork means that you don't always get your own way. It means putting your ego aside and working together for the common good. It means that sometimes you have to realize that other people want to help and you need to let them without complaint. It can also mean that if you want something done, sometimes you need to step up and follow through with your idea, It's not enough to come up with an idea, you need to be ready to take that idea and run with it. Compromise is the name of the game and when a chapter works together and compromises on things for the good of the chapter. That is one more aspect of having a good strong chapter. Two new things to think about; Teamwork and Compromise, they work.

As I write this, Buckeye Rally is only three weeks away and we are coming down to the end of the Ice Cream challenge. Which chapter will win? Right now it's very close. So good luck to all and we hope to see all of you at the rally.

As always, Ride Safe.

Assistant District Directors

North Central Section

Doug & Lynn Kerst

What a busy time May was with the riding courses that was held. We hope everybody had a fun time and learn something taken the classes. Thanks to all the instructors that taught the classes also. The north central had the first sectional picnic on May 18th. We had about 25 bikes and 49 members that came out for a nice day of riding. I left Lynn up to ordering the weather and she did a great job on that. It was in the 70 to 80s for the fun ride and gathering of members. If you see either of Chapter P or C3, please thank them for a wonderful job they did setting up the day.

Upcoming events within the next month in the Ohio District is Buckeye Rally on June 13-15th. We are looking forward to the fun that the district team has planned and we hope that the weather is wonderful for all members to come out and have fun. The south east picnic is coming up on June 8th in Obetz and looking forward to that day also. Chapter C3 is holding a road captain course on June 30. If you are interested in the class, please contact Phil the chapter director of C3 and he can give you the information since it is not out to us yet. The north east picnic is coming in July and is always a fun day and is a nice potluck.

Assistant District Director

North West Section

Rudy & Linda Copeland

May was another fun filled month with GWRRA. We started off the month in Pigeon Forge prior to the Tennessee Rally.

Rudy went and rode the new section of the Foothill's Parkway and Deal's Gap, while Linda spent a three hour lunch with a former teacher friend who lives in Gatlinburg. As usual we had a great time at Spring Fling. We were able to spend time with chapter A members Mike & Lois Monday and Mike & Sharon Reed. Also with this group was former chapter A members Paul & Cindy Schreiner who now reside in Tennessee. We ended the weekend with the Hatfield's and McCoy's dinner theater. On our way home on Sunday we rode in some rain in Tennessee and then had nice weather the rest of the ride home.

On Tuesday May 7th chapter T2 celebrated their 28th year. Everyone was treated to ice cream cake for the celebration. By the end of the week we were heading to Russellville, Arkansas. We rode down two up on the trike and the return trip was the trike and Rudy's new 2018 yellow Goldwing. The reason for going to Arkansas is that is one of the few dealers who will custom paint a Goldwing in yellow. According to Rudy it does take some time to get used to an automatic bike. His first chapter group ride was meeting up with chapter F on their ice cream ride to Mom and Dad's Dairy in Cedarville.

He was able to really work on those riding skills at the ARC (Advanced Rider Course) in Galion on May 18th. That was the day Linda attended the North Central picnic in Valley City. Kudo's to chapters P and C3 and the ADD's Doug and Lynn Kerst for a nice location for the picnic. Rick and Sue Urbanski, CD's of chapter P and Philip Vink, CD of chapter C3 not only helped choose a great location; but they also planned a great ride afterwards. The Root Candle Factory and Store in Medina was a stop on the ride. This fulfilled one of the stops on the Trek Ohio rides. From here the ride continued on to Hartzler's Ice Cream Shoppe in Wooster. Linda skipped the ice cream and rode on to Galion to meet up with Rudy. Joining us for supper at Ralphie's were two ARC class members, Allen Fox and Cherryhair and one of the instructors, Ron Marcinko. A BIG THANK YOU goes to the instructors Ron Marcinko and Robert G. Williams. Good food, good friends, and a good ride home. Just west of Upper Sandusky the sky decided to open up for about 10

minutes. A little damp, but dry when we reached home.

Chapter S moved their gathering forward one week since the 4th Monday is Memorial Day. They scheduled a ride to the southeast section to complete the three locations on Trek Ohio on Saturday May 25th. It turns out just Rudy and I enjoyed the ride. Our first stop on the ride was at the AMA Museum. From there we traveled on I-70 to Zanesville where we picked up the Triple Nickel (St. Rt. 555). We rode 20 miles of the Triple Nickel and stopped at Port 37 for gas. We continued on St. Rt. 37 to St. Rt. 78 where we headed towards McConnelsville. About 7 - 8 miles from there we stopped at the Jesse Owens State Park & Wildlife Area Miner's Memorial Park. This is the location of the Big Muskie. We had sunny weather on our return trip along St. Rt. 37. The closer we got towards home the windier it got. In Mutual, a few miles before Urbana, we stopped and put on rain gear. Outside of just a little bit of rain we had a great day riding and enjoying the countryside of the beautiful state of Ohio. Randy Young, SE ADD made great choices for Trek Ohio.

We spent Sunday of Memorial Weekend traveling with chapter F to the Ponderosa in Hillsboro. On Memorial Day we traveled to Rosie and Doug Sander's home for a picnic for chapters A, N, and S. What a great way enjoy the month of May. Considering all the rain Ohio has had this month we have been fortunate to stay fairly dry in our adventures.

Look forward to seeing everyone at Buckeye Rally in Wooster June 13th - 15th.

Interim District Educators

Robert G & Angela Williams

Hello Fellow Riders

I am all about Educational Opportunities. I was given the opportunity to head off down into our neighboring state of Pennsylvania to their District Rally in York. I was invited down to participate in an Advance Riding Course for Sidecars.

I was not a certified Sidecar Instructor, but to become one...you must learn the material, then submit an N.13 to the Team Assistant of Rider Course Development, Chuck Gergie, and then have a MI (Master Instructor) or MIT (Master Instructor Trainer) observe you. Shout out to Don Henrey from West Virginia the MI that came over to not only observe me but also to observe another TRC (Trike Rider Course) instructor candidate.

Over the past several years I have had some folks ask about when a Side Car Course would be taught in Ohio. Well now that Ohio has a Certified Side-Car Instructor, all we need are the names of the folks that want to take a class and find a site that all of us can agree on.

The range must be 240 ft by 160 ft to meet GWRRA standards. I need at least 4 Sidecars and up to 6 unless I can get another Side Car Certified Instructor to assist, then we could go to 12 Rigs.

My Challenge to you...let's find those Owner Operators in and around our State. Help locate a suitable site to hold the Course and Do It.

How did we do on Rider Course Registration for 2019?

Cancelled one location due to low registration 2 TRC and 1 ARC.

ARC total Bikes: 24 total Rider/Co-Riders: 31

TRC total Trikes: 15 total Rider/Co-Riders: 20

Note of Interest, the Wilmington Bike Course was the only full course this year so 50% of the total Bikes were at Wilmington and the other sites were equal at 6 bikes.

Trikes were as follows: Wilmington at the largest with 7 followed by Canfield with 5 and Galion with 3.

Safe Travels!!!

District COY/CHOY Coordinators

Lynn & Doug Kerst



It's hard to believe that it is already June. The month of May has gone by pretty fast. I will be sending out emails here this week asking for your chapter couple or at least someone from each chapter to be there Friday for opening to carry in the chapter flag.

For those of you that have not seen on face book or heard about it thru National. The 6 international couples have been selected they are.

North East Territory: Bob & Liz Fowler

North West Territory: Don & June Detwiler

South East Territory: Carl & Kathy Williams

South West Territory: Robert & Joan Partigianoni

Canada Territory: Mark & Dale Williams

They will be formally presented to the GW family on Tuesday August 27th. If you are going to be at Wing Ding on that day. Come and see the new couples.

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

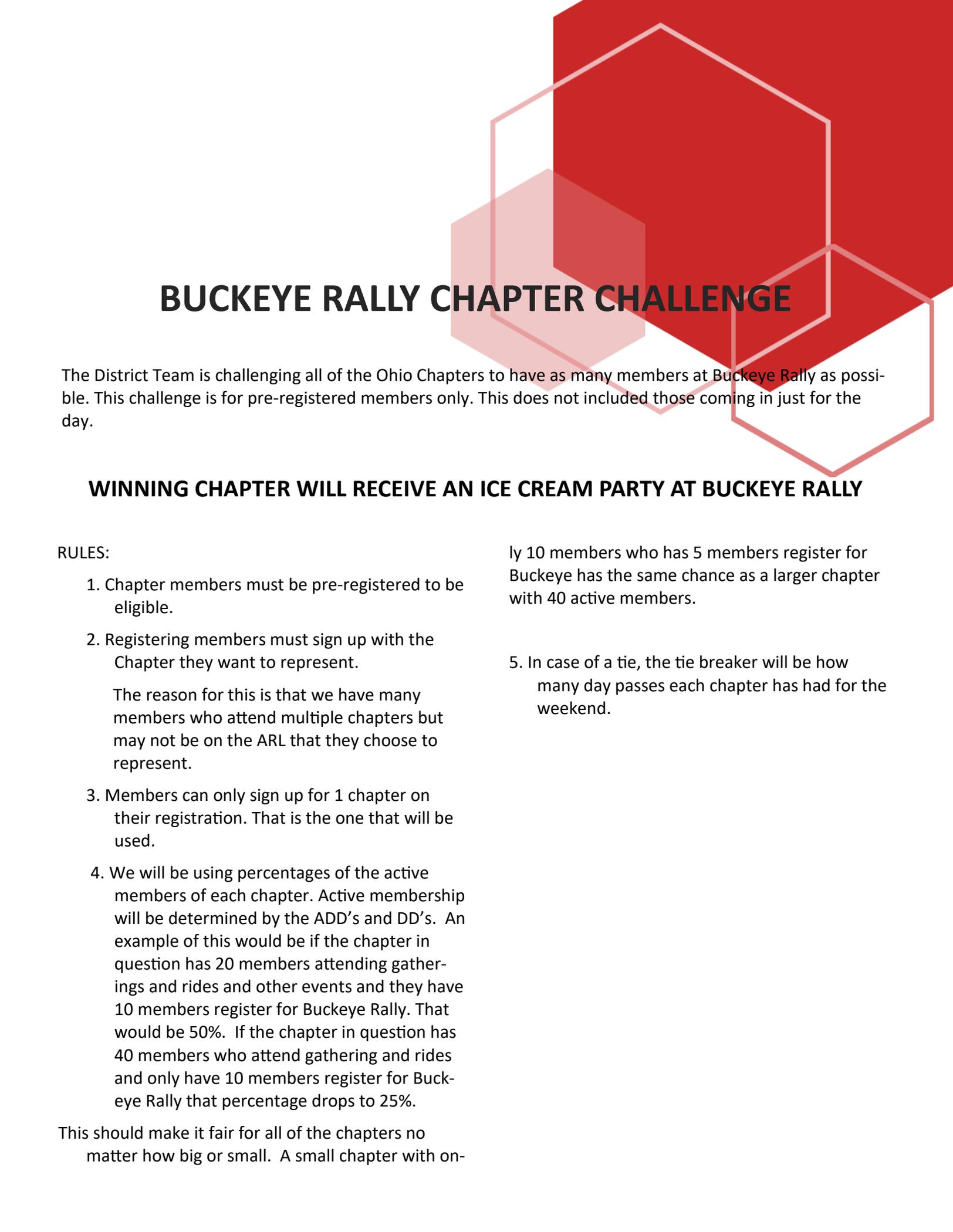
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...that using the most current form (found on the University website) for U.3, U.10, and U.4's will assure that they are processed correctly?

...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.



BUCKEYE RALLY CHAPTER CHALLENGE

The District Team is challenging all of the Ohio Chapters to have as many members at Buckeye Rally as possible. This challenge is for pre-registered members only. This does not include those coming in just for the day.

WINNING CHAPTER WILL RECEIVE AN ICE CREAM PARTY AT BUCKEYE RALLY

RULES:

1. Chapter members must be pre-registered to be eligible.
2. Registering members must sign up with the Chapter they want to represent.

The reason for this is that we have many members who attend multiple chapters but may not be on the ARL that they choose to represent.
3. Members can only sign up for 1 chapter on their registration. That is the one that will be used.
4. We will be using percentages of the active members of each chapter. Active membership will be determined by the ADD's and DD's. An example of this would be if the chapter in question has 20 members attending gatherings and rides and other events and they have 10 members register for Buckeye Rally. That would be 50%. If the chapter in question has 40 members who attend gathering and rides and only have 10 members register for Buckeye Rally that percentage drops to 25%.

- ly 10 members who has 5 members register for Buckeye has the same chance as a larger chapter with 40 active members.
5. In case of a tie, the tie breaker will be how many day passes each chapter has had for the weekend.

This should make it fair for all of the chapters no matter how big or small. A small chapter with on-