

Delaware Wing Riders

September 2009

Gold Wing Road Riders Association
GWRRA Region D - 'The Great Lakes Region'
Ohio District, Central Section



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Monthly gathering

Z2 meets the 1st Wednesday
of every month at 7 pm, at:

Byxbe's

Restaurant & Bar
1502 W William St.
Delaware

GPS latitude and longitude:
N40 18.185 W83 06.163

Directions to Byxbe's:
the west side of Delaware
on US-36 0.4 miles east of
Houk Rd, on the north side
of US-36.

Please join us, 6-7 pm for
dinner before the gathering.

We hope to see you at our
monthly gathering ...
all are welcome



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You can find us on the web at:
www.geocities.com/MotorCity/8580/

Visit the Ohio District website at: www.ohiogwrra.org

Please take the time to check out our upcoming rides and
Regional events, and maybe you will be able to join us.

Friends for Fun, Safety and Knowledge

Words from your Chapter Directors



Hello Gang, well the Summer is winding down, but there is plenty of good biking weather left. Hopefully, it will stay warm since we had such a cold start. We have some great participation in all of our events this summer and I hope it continues until the first snow flake. For September we have the Indiana ride, the Popcorn Festival, and Region D Rally for our major events. We hope everyone is able to get out and have fun.

Speaking of fun, we have a lot of new Road Captains now! This will make things a lot more fun! You won't have to put up with yours truly as ride leader as we can switch it around for variety. Congratulations to all of those that took the extra time

to complete this course. Group rides just became a little more fun a lot more safe. And speaking of Group Rides, We have decided that we need to have riding "Call signs" (or for those that have been in GWRRA for awhile, aka "Handles") in place of using our names. We have too many Johns, Brians, Jims, etc... So we would like you to submit a short name (preferably one syllable) we can use for group riding. An example is that Daryl will be using his old Call sign, "Kuffs". If you cannot pick one out, one will be assigned. Remember you usually earn your Call sign/Handle, LOL!!!

Finally, we want to give a piece of sad news. Two of our staff members have decided to resign from their duties. Donna Rhodeback is stepping down as Treasurer and Chuck Frieze is stepping down as Rider Educator after November. The good news is Paul Roehrenbeck is stepping up to fill the Treasurer position. At this time we have no official replacement for the RE position. If you are interested please let us know as we have to nominate him/her to the District Ride Educator. A big Thanks to all for their hard work and dedication. The entire chapter appreciates their help! It is people like this that make this the best Chapter in the Country!

That's it for now; we will see you at the next event!

Daryl and Alicia Collins, Z-2 Chapter Directors

Assistant Chapter Director's Thoughts



Hello everyone! What a beautiful summer this has been. We have had great weather for riding – ok, except for the Ride for Kids where we all got rained on. But it was worth it. One of the things that we tend to forget is that we have a Chapter Charity and the kids are the ones that benefit. With our help, some of the survivors of brain tumors are going to college with scholarships from the PBTF (see article below). Otherwise, the families of these kids would not be able to send them because of medical bills. Keep that in mind, please as we ask you to participate in fund raisers.

We can't believe that it is September already! That means that soon we will be holed up indoors and our bikes will be covered in their

blankets. Bummer!

Wait a minute...we have lots of riding still to do!! YEA!! Some of our favorite rides are in the fall – Circleville Pumpkin Festival, Arthritis Leaves Ride, Annual Z-2 Leaf Ride. The good thing about these rides is that it probably won't be 90 degrees in the shade. Temperatures should be just right for riding. Be sure to check out the ride calendar for upcoming rides that you want to go on and keep your eyes on your e-mail for details.

See you soon at an upcoming event! Happy Riding and Ride Safe!

Kim & Paige, Chapter Z2 ACDs

Chapter Z2 Rider Education/Safety Current Status

Chapter Talks/Newsletter Articles:	1	Attendance:	35
Educated In First Aid/CPR This Month:	0	Current First Aid/CPR:	19
Road Captain Courses This Month:	11	Current Road Captains:	15
MSF Courses Taken This Month:	0	Co-Rider Course This Month:	0
Other Seminars Taken This Month:	0	Attendance:	0
Signed Up For Level 1:	0	Current in Level 1:	7
Signed Up For Level 2:	0	Current in Level 2:	4
Signed Up For Level 3:	0	Current in Level 3:	8
Signed Up For Level 4:	0	Current in Level 4:	7

Rider Education Monthly Informational Report

Hello Z-2, this month we are doing a “guest” article from me, Brian Richards, “wearing my hat” as a certified Rider Education Seminar Instructor. As many of you know, I worked with the Ohio District Ride Education staff to organize a “GWRRA Road Captains Course” for our chapter, and I sent out emails to the chapter members asking who would be interested in participating.



I want to thank those members that felt strongly enough about their safety, for themselves and also for helping the rest of the chapter for those chapter rides we all enjoy so much, to attend the GWRRA Road Captains Course that I presented. The chapter now has significantly increased the percentage as well as number of qualified Road Captains for their rides. We went from 5 Road Captains to 15, Yippee! Congratulations to our newest OH-Z2 Road Captains and Co-Captains: John & Melanie Biteman, Tom Chamness, Kim Blosser & Paige Nolan, Bill & Deb Childs, Pete & Sherri Finley, and Jim Ruddy.

I also want to thank the Ohio District Assistant Ride Educator, Robert G. Williams, for being so extremely cooperative with me in setting up the special procedures that we worked out to be able to accomplish this class, making it possible and as convenient as possible for as many of our members as possible to avail themselves of this opportunity.

Also, I'd like to add a special “Safety Note” for all our riders out there that have those highway pegs on our bikes so we can stretch out our legs. These are GENERALLY a good idea, to keep your legs from cramping up, etc., when you are out there for long stretches of highway. BUT, a word of caution, when you have your feet stuck out there and cruising down the highway, PLEASE remember, when you start approaching towns (with traffic lights that can suddenly change red on you), or more congested areas, where someone could quickly pull out in front of you, get your feet back on the stock pegs and in quick reach of the controls, most especially that rear brake pedal.

Please, everyone out there, ride safe, be aware, and have fun ride ... see you out on the highways

Brian Richards, Z2 Rider Education Seminar Instructor

Membership Enhancement

Another GWRRA discount ...

Hello everyone! GWRRA has partnered with AFLAC (you know, the one with the duck) to offer personal, accident or cancer policies thru our association program. AFLAC's volunteer policies offer GWRRA members the option to apply for insurance plans that address their family's and individual needs, for example AFLAC pays cash benefits that policy holders can use for whatever they need the most in the event of an emergencies, it can be used for house payments, groceries, or car payments while they are away from work recovering. For more information contact 1-800-220-9610 or go to www.choseaflac.com/gwrralead.

Pete Finley, Z2 Membership Enhancement Coordinator

Last Month's Gathering Minutes

Daryl opened the gathering and welcomed everyone. He introduced a long-standing member Greg Dettore, and 3 OH-Y and 2 OH-M visitors. We had 30 members and 5 guests in attendance.

Deb Childs read the chapter birthdays and Anniversaries and the GWRRA Anniversary dates for August.

Daryl made a sad announcement that he had received news from two of the staff members that for various reasons they needed to step down from their positions, **Donna Rhodeback** from Chapter Treasurer and **Chuck Frieze** from Chapter Educator. Their diligent hard work in those positions will be greatly missed. He asked if there was anyone in attendance that would be willing to step up into either of those positions.

Daryl mentioned he would like to start a new practice at the gatherings, any member that has found some new item/gadget/whatever, generally for their bike, that they are really pleased with a feel the other members might also find it useful, are asked to bring it up at the gathering. To start things out, he mentioned about the very bright white lights he has on his GL-1800 and stated that now, Advance Auto is cross-referencing these in their books and carrying them, at a cheaper price than through other sources. He also warned about putting flags on your antenna, after having his antenna snap off with his American Flag. Another item he discussed was a new, motorcycle specific satellite radio antenna that provides better reception and can be mounted directly to the handle bars, at a cost of \$30.

Brian reported that as of Oct 26th we will be required to pay for the OH-Z2 website that we currently have, which has been free. And the feeling is that it is too restrictive to justify paying a cost for it, so he has researched and found a good site at a reasonable price, that will give us unlimited storage capacity (so we can put more newsletters, pictures, etc., on the website), unlimited broadband (there is no limit to how much data is up and downloaded to and from the website), and unlimited email addresses. The email addresses will be set up as generic addresses for each of the chapter staff positions, so as people change, we don't have to change all our records, and we can also make it available to members that don't currently have email addresses if they want.

Daryl talked about Buckeye Rally, we had 16 members there, a great turnout that he was very pleased about. He also mentioned the Chapter Garage Sale, the proceeds of which were designated to be added to those for the chapter charity, and we made \$400. And on the charity (see details below) we were able to designate \$1,100 from the chapter, and **Daryl** found out that as a Honda Associate, due to the purpose of it, they would partially match, so we ended up donating a total of \$1,850, which was really great, and he thanked all the members for their support and assistance in making this happen.

Daryl talked about future events, the Blue Ridge Parkway ride coming up the weekend following the gathering, which is planned for leaving Friday evening and returning home on Sunday. On Aug 15th we will be having our dinner ride, on Aug 22nd we will ride to "Trader's World" and Ikea near Cincinnati, Aug 23rd is the "Central Section" organized Columbus Children's Hospital Toy Ride, and over the Labor Day weekend, again leaving Friday evening and returning home on Monday, we will be touring Brown County in Indiana. **John Biteman** asked if there was sufficient interest and is going to look into setting up an activity to go to see a Clippers game. **Daryl** asked if there was interest in having another bike/car wash to start towards next year's donation, and got an affirmative so he will start working on it. He also found out that Wal-Mart has a program to give money to organizations to support them for "good causes" and he will pursue what needs to be done to submit an application for that. Another possible chapter activity was brought up, the idea of some members getting together some week-day evening and going for a bicycle ride. **John Biteman** reminded everyone he is the "Activities Coordinator" and first asked if everyone knew the answer to last month's newsletter "question", about the color of the bear, and most of the members shouted out "White", as a polar bear.

Daryl discussed the upcoming Region D Rally, reminding everyone that the theme is "Carnival/Circus" and **Brian** mentioned that they had announced at the Michigan Rally that they are asking for chapters to participate in an old-fashioned "Circus Parade" as maybe themes such as "Freak Show" where members could design costumes as the "Bearded Lady", the "Two-Headed man", etc.

Daryl announced that as the Rider Ed portion of the gathering, **Brian Richards** was going to give the Rider Education seminar "Group Riding", and while he was preparing, everyone enjoyed desserts, and the door prizes were given out. **Brian** also announced that, as had been coordinated previously and for those that had expressed an interest, after the formal completion of the gathering, he was going to give the "GWRRA Road Captains Course", the classroom section, and informed everyone there that were set up to take the course, that the road portion was going to be held on Saturday by the Ohio District Assistant Ride Educator, **Robert G. Williams**. **Daryl** announced that as an incentive for staying for the "Group Riding", everyone that stayed would receive a ticket, and he was going to draw a winner after the presentation, and they would win a nice velour "Ride for

Kids” embroidered jacket we received from the ride, for the amount of money we donated. The jacket was won by **Barb Roderick**, a visitor from OH-Y.

Respectfully Submitted, **Loretta Richards**, Acting Secretary

Chapter Charity

We know that you all are aware of our chapter’s charity, the Pediatric Brain Tumor Foundation (PBTf), and it’s “Ride for Kids”. 12 chapter members braved the forecasted weather to participate in this year’s annual event in Marysville, sponsored in part by Honda Rider’s Club of American (HRCA), the AMA, and American Honda (and we sincerely thank each of them for joining us). We got drizzled on just a little during the ride, but to “some” degree the weather god was somewhat kind to us, while we were all under the big tent during the after-ride “Celebration of Life” it absolutely poured. Unfortunately, yours truly didn’t pay enough attention to the sky and since it was sunny and bright when we got back from the ride, and got ready to go under the tent for the celebration, thinking we were “safe”, I hung my helmet from the hand-grip ... yep, you can just imagine, I got some good laughs from my “friends” and fellow members as I **POURED** the water out of my helmet. Oh well, at least my headset hasn’t seemed to have taken any damage from being soaked for awhile.

During the celebration, after hearing some amazing stories of what these kids go through, and what the foundation is doing to find a cure, and help these children in the meantime, there were drawings for door prizes, and I was lucky enough to be the 2nd ticket drawn (the 1st drawn was for a new motorcycle courtesy of HRCA, won by Ken Denman of OH-D3, Marysville), and won a tire of my choice from Dunlop, which will help (a couple days before the ride, I had just installed a new set of tires).

I wanted to give some very encouraging background information about the foundation, many of us have heard about so many of the other charities out there and how big a percentage of our donations are set aside for “Administrative Costs”, sometimes some frighteningly high figures, but the foundation states their percentages are 83.7% to the actual programs, 8.9% to “management and general”, and 7.4% to “fundraising”. These are very impressive, that we see the vast majority going to the actual work of helping the children, through support to them as well as research grants in the fight to find a cure. Brain tumors are the leading cause of cancer death in children. And according to “Charity Navigator”, allegedly the “nation’s premier evaluator of charities”, the PBTf has received their highest rating for the fifth year in a row, “for its ability to efficiently manage and grow its finances. Only 4% of the charities we rate have received at least 4 consecutive four-star evaluations”.

Something else I personally found exciting ... about a week before the ride, I received a call at home, and the caller-id said it was the Pediatric Brain Tumor Foundation. I was surprised to say the least, even more so when I answered it, it was a young lady calling to thank us for our generous donation at last year’s ride, with the money that was donated, she was one of many young people that were able to receive a scholarship to go to college, and she was so excited and pleased that this was made possible through the generosity of people like us. Hearing her thank us (last year, as the then Chapter Director of OH-Z2, my name was listed as the person in charge of the organization making the donation, which is why she called me), and telling how grateful she was and how wonderful it was for her to be able to go to college, brought tears to my eyes, and I told her that we all, all the members of OH-Z2, as well as all the other people, groups, organizations that worked to acquire the funds to make these donations, were very happy to be as helpful as we possibly could, and look forward to the foundation finally being successful.

Brian Richards, Z2 Newsletter Editor, Webmaster, & Special Projects Coordinator

Region D Rally Information

Editor’s note of possible interest to many of our members, does the name “Fred Rau” sound familiar? Think Wing World Magazine back in the 80’s; maybe the Road Rider or Rider magazine, and every motorcyclist has heard of the Motorcycle Consumer News Magazine. Well for those that do not know, Fred and his wife Cherrie are Life Members of the GWRRA and have been active participants since 1981. Fred was the Editor of Wing World Magazine back in the early 80’s. Fred Retired from the Motorcycle Consumer News magazine in 2004 and returned to free lance writing. He currently writes columns for six different national and international magazines, where his work is read by over 250,000 motorcyclists. In addition to that, he now has his own online magazine for touring riders, called “Fred and Friends,” some of these friends you may recognize, they

are, David Hough, Nick Hopner and Stu Oltman. **Now this is where Region D comes into the picture;** Fred and his wife are in the middle of a 5,000 mile tour across the country, testing an all new prototype Luxury Touring model of the Can-Am Spyder for the manufacturer. Fred found out we were having the GWRRA Region D Rally in the same area he was scheduled to visit so, Fred & Cherrie are going to be at the GWRRA Region D Rally on Thursday and Friday. Fred will be “showing off” the new Can-Am-Touring model at the Rally and we are sure he will want you to stop by and look at this vehicle and shoot the breeze for awhile.

You are the driver of a bus. At your 1st stop 6 people get on. At the 2nd stop 4 get on, 3 get off. At the 3rd stop 4 get off and 7 get on. What color are the bus driver’s eyes?

Answer to be available at next month’s gathering

MISCELLANEOUS

If you have anything you want to have advertised here, please send the information to the Newsletter Editor. We will gladly run any member’s ad in the newsletter immediately following their request. If a member wants it run in a subsequent newsletter, a new request each month is required.

SPECIAL NOTICE

A notice to all our members: a reminder that THIS IS YOUR NEWSLETTER! If you would like to write an article, such as about a ride you went on, an event you attended, something you got for your bike that you think is really great and you want to tell the other members about it, anything you feel would be of interest to your fellow members, PLEASE, we sincerely welcome contributions from our members. Just write your article and send it to the Newsletter Editor and as room allows, we will publish them.

MV chapter of Road Riders for Jesus is sponsoring a CARE-NET PREGNANCY CENTER Benefit ride September 12th at 10am. Meeting at 11 at Woodlake trail, with a 1.5 hour ride ending at Ryan’s. Their meeting room is reserved for lunch there. If you get \$150 in pledges, you get a free T Shirt. They have a fundraising walk in October, but we thought a ride would be a neat idea.

Pledge sheets and Flyers are available, contact Jean Davis. Care-net will collect the funds after you turn in the pledge sheets.

The Salvation Army is having a block party the same day as our Care-net ride. They asked if some of us could go to their block party and give rides to kids. This would be a good outreach. We hope for the 2-3 pm timeframe. The Salvation Army would take care of the disclaimer. We just need to show up with bikes and an extra helmet.

CLASSIFIEDS

Contact Brian Richards, 740-397-0312

Hondaline GL1800 Chrome Trunk Rack. Sells new for \$134, just used part of one year, not compatible with the trunk spoiler. Asking \$50/OBO.



- Honda 2009 GL-1800 stock Saddlebag light housings, pair, with bulbs. Asking \$150/BO



- Honda 2009 GL-1800 stock trunk light housing, pair, with bulbs. Asking \$150/BO



- Honda GL-1800 under-mirror retractable wind wings, smoke-tint, cut and shaped to match the curvature of the mirror housing. Asking \$20/BO



- Honda GL-1800 case guard mount leg wind wings, magenta-tint. Asking \$30/BO



- GL1800 Turn Signal LED Conversion Kit Integrated Housing Style, includes run/brake circuit to create both red running and brake lights. Normal rear turn signal housings are illuminated *only* when the turn signal is flashing. This kit makes those dead upper “turn signal” housings an additional red running light the rest of the time (does not alter the operation of the turn signals and the red light shuts off when the amber signal comes on). Cost new, \$40, only used a short time until I changed the tail lights to LEDs and these won’t fit into the housing. Asking \$25/BO.



- Chrome backrest frame for Kawasaki Vulcan. Asking \$20/BO



Contact Joe Cybak, 740-625-6834, '92 Kwik Kamp asking \$1,000, it's in good condition and does not leak.



Upcoming Chapter and other significant rides & events

Details on this month's events (if you are interested, or want further info, please contact the CD):

- Sep 02 - OHZ2 Gathering at Byxbe's, 7pm
- Sep 05-07 - Tour Brown County, IN, details TBA
- Sep 12 - Popcorn Festival, Marion, details TBA
- Sep 13 - ARC Course, Streetsboro, OH, 9am
- Sep 17-19 - Region D Rally, Celina, OH
- Sep 19 - Dinner ride, TBA
- Sep 24-26 - NC Wings Over the Smokies, Fletcher NC

Coming up next month (if you are interested, or want further info, please contact the CD):

- Oct 02-03 - Buckeye Timeout, Plain City OH
- Oct 03 - OHY Gathering, Soup-Supper 6pm
- Oct 07 - OHZ2 Gathering at Byxbe's, 7pm
- Oct 08-10 - VA District "Rally in the Valley", Salem VA
- Oct 10 - OHZ2 Leaf ride, details TBA
- Oct 17 - OHZ2 Circleville Pumpkin Festival, details TBA
- Oct 17 - OHZ2 Dinner ride, details TBA
- Oct 18 - OHZ2 Apple Butter Fest, Roscoe Village, details TBA
- Oct 18 - OHF3 Toy ride
- Oct 24 - OH-Z2 activity, details TBA
- Oct 29-31 - Region N Rally, Wingtoberfest, Gray TN

Let's support each other, by visiting the other chapters in our Central Section & area

<u>Chapter</u>	<u>City</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>When</u>	<u>Eat/Mtg</u>	<u>Contact Nbr</u>
B2,	Bellefontaine	Ohio Hi-Point JVS, 2280 SR 540, Bellefontaine	2 nd Thu	6pm/7pm	614-467-4529
B3,	Obetz	Obetz Comm. Center, 1611 Chillicothe St.	1 st Sat	No/9am	614-833-4204
D3,	Marysville	No meetings till April--contact CD for more info	2 nd Wed	6pm/7:30pm	937-246-3221
O,	Newark	Stacy's Buffet, 833 S 30th St., Heath	3 rd Fri	6pm/7pm	740-787-1557
U2,	Hilliard	Hilliard Branch Library, 4772 Cemetery Rd	4 th Sat	6:30pm/7pm	614-336-8231
Y,	Mount Vernon	Grove Church of Christ, 7740 Grove Church Road, Gambier	1 st Sat	-/7pm	740-397-1743
Y2,	Zanesville	Alfred S. Carr Center, 1035 Beverly Ave (off SR 60N)	1 st Sat	5:30pm/after	740-891-2091
B,	Mansfield	Leiderkrantz, 1001 Silver Lane	3 rd Sun	8:30pm/9am	419-946-9509
F3,	Lancaster	Annie's Cheesecake and Tea Room, 161 W. Main St.	3 rd Tue	6:30pm/7:30pm	740-964-0216
W,	Marion	Ryan's Restaurant, 2227 Marion-Mt Gilead Rd	2 nd Sun	6pm/7pm	740-389-2488

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1 GWRRA Anniv Matt & Sheryl Wyscarver, 99	2 OHZ2 Gathering at Byxbe's, 7pm	3 Happy Birthday Melanie Biteman	4	5 Tour Brown County, IN, details TBA OHB3 Obetz OHY Mount Vernon
6 Tour Brown County	7 Tour Brown County Labor Day 	8 Happy Birthday Sandy Mackenzie OHY2 Zanesville	9 OHD3 Marysville	10 OHB2 Bellefontaine	11 GWRRA Anniv Philip Johnson, 00	12 Popcorn Festival, Marion, details TBA
13 ARC Course, Streetsboro, OH, 9am	14 Happy Birthday Daryl Collins	15 Happy Birthday Suzette Hall	16 Happy Anniversary Brian & Candi Kleinschmidt	17 Region D Rally, Celina, OH	18 Region D Rally OHO Newark	19 Dinner ride, TBA Region D Rally
20	21	22 1 st day of Autumn	23	24 Happy Birthday Alicia Collins NC Wings Over the Smokies, Fletcher NC	25 NC Wings Over the Smokies	26 Happy Birthday Jeanne LaFountain GWRRA Anniv Curt & Judy Byers, 06 NC Wings Over the Smokies OHU2 Hilliard
27 Happy Anniversary Bill & Deanna Podelco	28	29	30			

Color Key: **OHZ2** rides/events, **Region/District** rides, **other chapter** rides/events, **Misc** motorcycling events, Central Section Gatherings