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**July 1<sup>st</sup> 2012**

**Chapter C-3 newsletter**

**Gathering 1<sup>st</sup> Saturday of the month**

**Kartel's Restaurant, 14741 Pearl Rd.**

**Strongsville, OH**

**9AM breakfast 10AM gathering**

*It's The Ride*



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## CD's soapbox

Hi Everyone,

I would like to start off by reminding you there is no July gathering.

I would also like to wish all of you who are attending Wing Ding a safe and happy trip. Barb and I are going to our very first Wing Ding and can't wait to get started. Fortunately we will have fellow chapter members there to share our good times with. Even if we didn't I'm sure we could rely on the friendly support of GWRRA members from around the country.

Buckeye Rally is in the books. I would like to thank all of those who donated cookies and fruit for the hospitality room. If you missed the rally this year you really missed a good one. The facilities in Xenia were top notch and you could tell the district staff gave it their all to make sure everyone had a great time. Unfortunately our pine wood derby cars didn't fare well against the competition. Looks like it's back to the drawing board for next years race.

I also tried my hand at the amazing challenge. I had never competed before so there was a bit of a learning curve. I found myself looking back to things I had learned in the ARC course to help me get in a clean run. I stepped out of my comfort zone and into a really good time.

Speaking of good times . There is a lot of riding season left. Please check the ride schedule on the website to see if you can make some of them. While all of the rides have been great so far participation has been low on some of them. I find it's usually the more the merrier. Remember if we get too large of a group we are blessed to have enough qualified leaders that we can break into smaller groups to allow for different riding styles.

I guess that's about it for this month. So if you'll excuse me I have to go pack for my next grand adventure.

Stay safe,

Dave

# Educator Corner – Jul12

Harley Miller

And good day to you, fellow GW riders.

As you might have noticed, it has been very hot of late. Ya Think?

With the heat, some things to be watchful for:

1. As you ride, you may have noticed that when you drive on or over the “road snakes” (tar in the cracked joints of the asphalt), you loose traction. Be very careful about these. You can loose the bike, which would not be a good thing. Avoid driving over them if possible. If the roadway has too many, it might be time to find an alternate route. Keep your safety always in mind!
2. Believe it or not, you are cooler riding with a helmet on. And, somehow safer . . .
3. Wear a long sleeved shirt or armored coat. This will protect you from both the sun and if you spill. ‘Better cow hide than your hide’
4. Keep yourself hydrated. You loose a lot of liquid in the sun. Well, ok, I stand corrected. The women folk just glisten. Stops for a water (and/or Ice Cream!) will also keep you more alert in the heat. Remember, the heat makes you drowsy and much less alert.
5. Some are going to WingDing this coming week. Again, you are the only person to keep yourself out of danger. Be always vigilant of the drivers around you. Keep your eyes roving, side to side, way ahead, and do not forget what may be sneaking up on you from behind! Keep a safe zone around yourself. If you pass, do not linger! The driver you are passing may not have seen you or will loose you in the blind areas of his/her visibility. Stay away from riding behind large trucks. He can pass over ‘alligators’ (tire treads) or other debris in the roadway and you may not see them in time to miss. Not a pretty picture.
6. And lastly, always go over safety before a ride. Talk among the riders who is to be road captain/drag. Routes. Stops. What to do is not all make it through a light or a car divides the group. Where the group is to stop for a break. You know, good stuff like that!



## A word from the ACD

Hi Gang, this has been a great month! We started off with a ride to the Mansfield Reformatory, what a place. If the walls could talk I can imagine there would be some amazing stories. We rode down the way to Granny's only to find that they closed early on Saturdays but with one fell swoop of his "Gold Book", Dave found the Chapter Director for Mansfield and saved the Day by getting us to the other restaurant owned by "Granny". Generous portions and all-you-can-eat Ribs had us letting our belts out for the ride home.

The next ride was to Amish Country and Lehman's Hardware. We were not able to make this ride but hear it was fun, as usual.

On June 16<sup>th</sup> I took a ride down to the Buckeye Rally to check out the festivities. I met Dave and Barb to root them on in the Pinewood Derby, no trophy this year but fun to watch. Dave participated in the "Amazing challenge", a timed motorcycle obstacle course. The weather was hot and so was the riding. In the end, a bike and a trike with virtually the same time, the bike scraped pegs and the trike spent most of the course on two wheels, it was pretty exciting to watch.

June 23<sup>rd</sup> was our, perhaps first annual, ride to Loudonville for a lazy trip down the river. Another hot one, Roy led us on a terrific route down to Mohican where Ken, Christy, Mike, Dave and I took on the mighty river for a perfect day of canoeing. We stopped for lunch across the street at "Trails End Pizza"

then Roy, the human GPS led us north. After a quick stop for ice cream, we mounted up and headed home with full tummy's and memories of fun times with friends.

The best part of this month was making memories and spending times with our friends from C3. We have some great folks in our chapter and we have been fortunate enough to get to know them by taking part in the rides.

The riding season is in full swing and before you know it we will be laughing and having fun at our year end party saying "remember when...". I have listed the remaining riding opportunities so you can plan ahead to make them. Corinne and I will be attending as many as our schedule allows.

July 4<sup>th</sup> through July 7<sup>th</sup>, Wing Ding (We're going)

July 20<sup>th</sup>, Toft's Ice Cream

July 27<sup>th</sup> and 28<sup>th</sup>, Buffalo, Presque Isle, Anchor Bar, Caverns overnight trip

August 4<sup>th</sup>, Midnight Fun Run with Chapter B, Galion Ohio.

August 11<sup>th</sup>, Covered Bridge Ride, Ashtabula.

August 17<sup>th</sup> and 18<sup>th</sup>, Southern Ohio, West Virginia overnight.

August 25<sup>th</sup>, Serpent Mound, Newark, Ohio

September 13<sup>th</sup> through 15<sup>th</sup> Region D Rally, Celina, Ohio

September 29<sup>th</sup>, Canal Fulton Boat Ride

A lot of time and preparation goes in to a typical ride, this includes pre-riding the route and planning and calling stops to ensure a smooth successful ride. Please let Roy and Dave know if you will make a ride as much in advance as possible so we can plan accordingly.

If you would like to lead a ride, let Roy know, he is a tremendous resource and will ensure your ride is successful. We have some great folks in C3, come on out and ride with them!



Your Assistant Chapter Directors

Chuck and Corinne Pulling



## Sunshine Corner

I hope this finds everyone safe and having fun riding!

There are no birthdays or anniversaries to mention this month, because we combined the June and July birthdays and anniversaries to ensure that the celebrants could enjoy their awesome cookie (as there is no July gathering) – emailing a cookie just wouldn't be the same.

I believe that our address and birthday list is just about up to date. If we missed your birthday or anniversary, it's only because we didn't know when it was. For anyone we missed wishes to participate, please forward the information (name/names, birthday/birthdays, anniversary, and address) and we will be sure to include you.

Don't forget to send an email to [C3sunshinecorner@gmail.com](mailto:C3sunshinecorner@gmail.com) if there is any news that you wish to share with the group. It has been very quiet... Also, please remember to keep Tom Flood and his family in your thoughts and prayers as he continues to heal.

Ride safely (rubber down) and see you at the gathering in August!



Sharon

# JUNE IN REVIEW

June 2

The Gathering and Mansfield Ride



The June gathering was well attended and we were so happy to see everyone. We kept this one kind of short and sweet because we had a ride to get to 😊 Dave went over some upcoming and June events such as Ride for Kids, Buckeye Rally, and Wing Ding (I'm in the middle of packing right now---my 1<sup>st</sup> Wing Ding 😊 woohoo!!). Harley discussed co-rider gear and duties. Sharon brought the most wonderful cookies for those celebrating a birthday or anniversary! Draw Blue has reached an all time high again!!! Still no winner. Harley's ticket was picked and he drew a clear marble!! There are only 5 marbles left 😊 Come to the August gathering and try your luck 😊 Pass it Forward has been kind of slow. If you have something nice and unexpected for a C-3 friend bring it along to the gathering and Pass it Forward 😊 We finished up with the always fun doorprizes. Chuck led us on a nice scenic ride to the Mansfield Reformatory. What an interesting place.

June 9

We went on a nice ride to a few favorite spots in Amish country. Just can't get enough of this one! Lehman's Hardware, Mudd Valley Creamery, and Mrs. Yoder's Kitchen. I love the "back roads" ride there and never tire of contributing to the Amish economy!!



June 10

### Ride for Kids

Pediatric brain tumor research is such a worth while cause!!!! The ride was amazing and if you have never attended, I would encourage you to participate next year. If you've attended once or several times, you know what I mean and please keep showing up!!! This ride raised over \$95,000.00.



June 14 – 16

### Buckeye Rally

We really had a good time. The mock emergency crash response was amazing. They pulled out all the stops for this one. The city of Xenia really did us a favor. They sent the fire chief, 3 ambulances, 1 or 2 fire trucks, the state highway patrol, and LIFE FLIGHT. They used this for training and actually loaded the mock patients in the ambulances, used the "jaws of life" to cut the car apart, and not only loaded the mock patient into life flight---but took her away in the helicopter! When they brought her back, they shut the helicopter and we were free to look inside and ask questions. All and all, pretty cool☺ The pinewood derby was fun but I didn't do so well. Dave won his first race, but faced defeat on the next two.

I think I picked up some pointers and will give it a shot again next year. You should too 😊 Dave gave the amazing challenge a try and got in a good clean run on his final try. The course layouts are available on the GWRRA website and he plans to do some practicing so if you have an interest in this as well, let him know.



June 23

Mohican Adventures

This is not my cup of tea so I spent the day visiting my mom in Painesville. It sounds like they had a lot of fun!!! If you like canoeing and missed this one, you missed a good time. If the timing just wasn't quite right and you wish you could have gone, I don't think there would be too much arm twisting involved in trying to go again 😊

Well that about wraps it up for June---what a busy month! I have to get back to packing for Wing Ding 😊 Hope to see you soon----Wing Ding and other rides in July. If not, I hope to see you at the August gathering-----don't forget the door prizes, Pass it Forward to a C-3 friend, and buy some tickets for your chance to try to Draw Blue!!!! Fun, safe riding to all 😊

# North Central Chapter Gatherings

Chapter B Mansfield – The fun center wings 3<sup>rd</sup>  
Sunday Of the month Leiderkrantz 1001 Silver  
Lane Rd. Mansfield, OH Breakfast 9AM  
gathering after CD Joe & Jackie Woodmansee  
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[www.gwrraohb.org](http://www.gwrraohb.org)

Chapter C-3 Strongsville-Cross roads 1<sup>st</sup>  
Saturday Kartel's Restaurant 14741 pearl Rd.  
Strongsville, OH Breakfast 9AM gathering 10AM  
CD Dave & Barb Hicks 216-509-4836  
[littldogs1@sbcglobal.net](mailto:littldogs1@sbcglobal.net) [www.gwrraohioc3.org](http://www.gwrraohioc3.org)

Chapter F-2 Amherst-Gone with the wings 2<sup>nd</sup>  
Saturday of the month Nordson Depot corner of  
Jackson & Franklin, Amherst, OH Gathering 1PM  
CD Larry & Barb Goodrich 440-453-4453  
[Wingraider49@yahoo.com](mailto:Wingraider49@yahoo.com)  
[www.gwrraohiof2.org](http://www.gwrraohiof2.org)

Chapter I Wooster- The I's of Ohio 2<sup>nd</sup> Saturday  
of the month Ryan's Family Steakhouse 3743  
Burbank Rd. Wooster, OH eat 5PM gathering  
6PM CD Bob & Becky Benjamin 330-276-5900  
[amishtrike@aol.com](mailto:amishtrike@aol.com) [www.chapteriohio.com](http://www.chapteriohio.com)

Chapter K-2 Bellevue 1<sup>st</sup> Saturday of the month  
changes location contact Alice 6PM dinner 7PM  
gathering CD Alice & Tim Schauss 440-839-2194  
[aschauss@frotier.com](mailto:aschauss@frotier.com)

Chapter P Medina – Wings of Pride last Sunday  
of the month Panera Bread 4065 Pearl Rd.  
Medina, OH CD Ron & Carrie Marcinko 330-416-  
1460 [Blk93wing@aol.com](mailto:Blk93wing@aol.com)

Chapter V Ashland- Mohican valley Wings 4<sup>th</sup>  
Saturday of the month The Mill Restaurant  
(Inside Buehlers Grocery) 1055 Sugarbush Drive  
Ashland, OH 5:30 PM meal 6:30 PM gathering  
CD Dennis & Cathy Carpenter 419-929-8385  
[Firewings54@yahoo.com](mailto:Firewings54@yahoo.com)

Chapter W Marion – Wyandot Wings 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday  
of the month Marion Diner 1565 Marion-Waldo  
Rd. Marion, OH 6PM social 7PM gathering CD  
Jerry & Pam Newland 740-360-0228  
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