



GWRRA Chapter L News Letter



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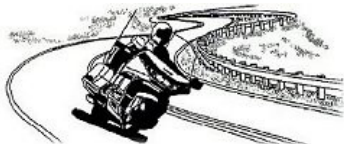


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Jim & Brenda Pennington

International Couple of the Year 2006–2007

From your Recycled Chapter Directors

Happy New Year

We certainly hope everyone had a great Christmas holiday and a Happy New Year celebration. Brenda and I are back in Lakeland, Florida trying to avoid the cold and freezing weather until April. Although we are currently in a cold spell here, it is much colder in Ohio as you well know.

2009 was not good for our Chapter "L" membership by our losing two of our long time members, Tom Burns and Jack Elsen. These long time members were at our rides and events each and every time there was a ride, event or activity. Tom passed away while we were in Florida earlier in the year 2009. Jack passed away just before the end of 2009 after having spent the last few weeks in the hospital. Our condolences go out to Barb and Pauline who were Tom and Jack's special ladies for many years. May Tom and Jack rest in peace.

Phil and Lois Hollingsworth will be taking the reins at the staff meetings and our monthly gatherings. Give them your support but do NOT encourage Phil to tell his "R" rated jokes! Encourage Lois to keep Phil under control.

After a lot of planning by Chapter "L" members and staff our ride coordinators, Butch and Judy Royse have the 2010 Ride Calendar finished. Tim Kendrick our Webmaster placed it on our Chapter web site in a month to month format. We hope that everyone reads the ride calendar and that you ride with us this year.

January 1— Tim Kendrick e-mailed me and reported that the polar bear ride at Quaker Steak and Lube turned out great with 36 Chapter L members showing up for fun and food. More information inside this newsletter!

Looking ahead for the new year we have a special anniversary with Chapter "L" surviving 25 years. In April of 1985—Chapter "L" had it's organizational meeting at Trolley Tavern at Anderson Ferry just west of downtown Cincinnati. There were many people there to kick off the new GWRRA Chapter in Cincinnati. Supporting members came from the Dayton area chapters F and J, if I remember correctly. Chapter "L" received it's Charter in August 1985 and that is the date we celebrate as our anniversary. Check out our calendar for August!

How about making a New Year's Resolution to get active in Chapter "L" and participate in our rides, events and activities with us! Thank you to the 2009 and 2010 staff of Chapter "L" for serving, without you there would be no chapter. Thanks again!

Jim & Brenda



"Share the Journey"

2010 Chapter "L" Staff

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& Member Concern

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Chapter "L" Rides and Events

By Judy & Butch Royse

Well, here we are in 2010. How do we say that anyway? It certainly was awesome to see so many Chapter L folks at the New Years' Day "ride". We had over 30 in attendance. L Yes!

And, we had another great turnout at another, not so fun, event – Jack Elsen's funeral. We had 21 bikes assemble for his procession. It was an awesome tribute to Jack on a beautiful (but cold day). He would have been proud. Pauline, we certainly send our condolences. Jack will be missed greatly, and know that your GWRRA family is here for you.

As I write this it is snowing and Jim and Brenda are in sunny Florida. Hmmm. How do I feel about that? There's a little bit of jealousy there, but I understand that it is cold there also. I do hope it warms up soon so you can get some great riding in on our behalf. Have fun and ride safe Jim and Brenda. We miss you.

And now for fun events coming up for Chapter L: Get out your dancing shoes or your cowboy boots for **Chapter L's Annual Winter Dance – "Winter Hoedown at the Chapter L Ranch"**. The date is **January 23rd**. See flyer for more details. You can purchase tickets from any Chapter L member.

Cabin Fever is **February 12 & 13**. Chapter L will be sitting back and relaxing and just having some fun this year. We are taking a break from hosting events. Please let Gail know if you plan to attend so she can let you know what is planned.

Line Dance with Debbie, **January 17th and 31st** as well as **February 7th and 21st** at Marston's building.

Our **February 7th** Chapter L Dinner Get Together will be hosted by Barb Burns, going to the Sleepy Hollow Inn in Loveland. Please let Barb know if you plan to dine with us.

And, on **February 28th**, Randy Hiser will take us Bowling. More on that later.

Mark your calendars for **March 27th**. Chapter L will be hosting a Medic First Aid class. The cost is \$20.00 each. See Carl Hauser for more details.

Be sure to check the Chapter "L" website <http://www.gcwr.org/> for the full 2009 Calendar and other items of interest.

*With the sun on your back— And wind in your face,
May you always be blessed, To ride often and safe!*

Judy and Butch



Note from our Ohio District Director



Cabin Fever

I'm trying something a little different this year by communicating directly to you through the ADDs in an effort to keep you informed about the upcoming Cabin Fever.

Please promote Cabin Fever at your monthly gatherings or send out e-mails to your members **in your own words** leading up to the event.

Cabin Fever will be held February 12-14 at the Crowne Plaza North located just north of Columbus off I-71. Entry to Cabin Fever is by pre-registration only and you can register on-line by visiting the Ohio District website at <http://www.ohioqwrri.org/> or they can go to the same site and print out registrations that can be mailed. Let's get our members out there to join in the fun; we especially want to target those who have never attended so they see what they have been missing. Again there will be no on-site registration.

You will see in our January newsletter that there will be two new night games this year thanks to OH-E2 (In the Jungle) and OH-F2 (The Eye Exam), also thanks for volunteering goes out to OH-Y (Oogy Boogy) and OH-W (I walked the Plank).

If you're Chapter can help with game attendants through the day on Saturday the 13th please let me know.

Please let your members know there will be a "Best Dressed Theme Contest" on Saturday along with a "Best Decorated Union Suit Contest" and "Best Decorated Theme Hat". These contests will be awarded by "Best Couple" and "Best Individual" with 3 places each.

We are trying something new this year with the Sweetheart Dinner, we are assigning seats. If your members would like to sit together please try to have them register at the same time or drop us an e-mail no later than two weeks prior to the event and we will do our best to work with them on seating arrangements. Of course making new friends by sitting with some different folks isn't bad either.

Our complete schedule will be available later this week and I will send it out to you and post it as soon as it's finished.

We also asked each Chapter to bring two nice items that we can enter in the silent or live auctions. The dollar amount for these items is not set and we don't expect any Chapter to over extend themselves so bring what you think you can afford to help the District. This is one of our fund raisers.

We would also like Chapters A through L to bring 2 dozen sugar free cookies and Chapters M through Z to bring 2 dozen regular cookies for hospitality.

If your Chapter is participating in the "Talent Show" you must sign up before 11am on Saturday. If you have music it needs to be on a single cd (with no other music) so Matt doesn't have to search through for the entire thing for the right song. Music needs to be turned in to Matt or Sheryl as early as possible on Saturday, preferably when you sign up at the event or MEC table. Staging will be outside the ballroom same as last year. Please have props and stage hands ready to keep things rolling.

Music requirements for the "Grand Parade" on Friday night will be the same, single cd with nothing else recorded on it, these can be turned in to Chuck and Melanie as they sign you up in the "Staging Area" look for the staging signs in the hallway.

I have probably forgotten some things because I have CRS disease but this is a good start.

Please help us make this the best Cabin Fever ever.

John & Linda Frank

Ohio District Directors

In Memoriam—Chapter L members

In 2009 we lost 2 long time members of GWRRA and our Chapter. **Tom Burns** passed away in the early spring and **Jack Elsen** passed away at Christmas time. Both of these members had shown what it is to endure real pain, an attitude to beat all the odds and literally decide they were going to not only continue life but to “have” a life. They held onto the thread of life until that thread broke. When the thread broke, our hearts did too!



The folks of GWRRA are a rare breed. It seems that anytime you need help, support or companionship, one or more is there for you. When we're at parties, dinners, nursing homes, picnics or whatever, there's always someone ready to help, ready to go the extra mile and ready to show the depth of their friendship.

Tom Burns – Tom was an avid motorcycle rider. He had been in love with riding for years and in love with his wife Barb for many years also. Tom and Barb seemed inseparable and were always on a Chapter L ride and attended each and every activity and event.

Tom was an active fireman in earlier years and then a driver for Queen City Metro working weird hours and split shifts. He endured pain from his disease and surgeries. Tom and Barb had 2 sons and their families who were always at Chapter L activities which included camping and they enjoyed being with our Chapter L.

Tom also played Santa for the residents at the Mt. Healthy Christian Home. Every time Chapter “L” rides we miss Tom there on his red Gold Wing!

Jack Elsen - what can I say about Jack – Jack had been very sick for quite awhile, in and out of the hospital. We were getting ready to head to Florida for the winter and this had been a tough time for us since a cousin of mine died on Wednesday. Then with Jack being released from the hospital Brenda and I went to visit him at home. At the time we were unaware that ... hospice was there. We came in and Jack did not know we were there. A few minutes went by and a priest came in and gave him last rites or final blessings while we were there. Jack died around 4 PM 12/26/09

Jack had ridden with us for over 25 years. He was a brother - lodge member and belonged to the Shrine. He rode Shriners motorcycles in parades while he was able to ride.

As a GWRRA member, everyone in GWRRA in SW Ohio knew him. He had an accessory shop where he sold chrome and he had a white 1500 Gold Wing trike and a white 1993 1500 Gold Wing. We would have a tech day at his shop in April where we could put our bikes up on a lift, change oil or add chrome... or whatever we needed to do.

CD-Jim





Ride Educator

By Carl Hauser



Here we are in a brand new year and it looks like it may be cold for the next few months (unless you are one of the lucky ones in Florida). Its time to think about training, off the bike, yes I mean First Aide/CPR.

I was first trained in FA/CPR in the early 80's when I started with the Colerain FD; I have taken a refresher course every other year since.

You may be saying I don't need to learn FA/CPR I'll never use it. Well I hope you never need to use it BUT what IF. What IF one of your friends or a loved one goes down and you are the only one there. Would you know what to do? Cris always says I'll call for Carl, well what if its me? God forbid.

So lets make plans now to attend the Medic First Aid (MFA) training on Saturday March, 27, 2010 At Mt. Healthy Christian Home, 8097 Hamilton Ave. The cost is \$20/person and payable to GWRRRA of Ohio.

I have room for 24 people so talk to or call me (851-0714) ASAP

Ride Safe (if you can ride) *Carl*



Membership Enhancement

By Roy & Kathy Richard



Happy New Year to everyone.

Remember—Drop off you membership card at the registration table at this months Chapter L meeting. Your card might be drawn to win a \$10 gas card.

Check your membership card for the expiration date and renew your membership as soon as possible.

If you need membership information, please contact us anytime.

Our condolences go out to Jack Elsen's family and friends. Jack was quite a character and his humor and generosity will be missed. Pauline was always there for him and gave so much of herself to make him comfortable and happy. We won't forget our time with both of them on the Alaskan Cruise. May he rest in peace and perpetual light shine upon him.

Ride safe.

Roy & Kathy

Sunshine and Phone Tree

By Pauline Boderone

A Blessed and Healthy New Year to everyone. Start the New Year by making a resolution to take care of yourself. Eat better; exercise more; make that doctors appointment; stop smoking; laugh more; love more; find a church and attend; daily tell someone that you love them; pray; thank God each day for everything he has given you; attend a Chapter meeting; if you have been away for a while we would enjoy seeing you, we have a lot of fun and you would be most welcome.

The day after Christmas I lost my "Jack." I would like to say THANK YOU for all the prayers, love, motorcycle escort, food, good wishes and friendship. You all were a part of his beautiful good-by.

Another member, **Tom Runck**, has suffered through a severe stroke, hospitalization and rehab. Such strength and endurance one has and a fine example for us all! The following note is from **Pat Runck**: "Sorry I have been so slow in sending an update on Tom. He is doing much better and was approved by Drake last Monday (12/28) to go there for rehab. As usual, however, Blue Cross/Blue Shield, in their infinite wisdom, chose to deny approving this. The hospital cannot legally discharge Tom since it is not safe to do so and as a result I am now in the midst of a battle with BCBS. The people at Good Sam have been incredibly helpful and are fighting alongside me to get this approved. Trust me, if you think health care is going to be any better when the government gets its fingers into this pie, you are sorely mistaken. What I am experiencing is the beginning of what most insurers are going to start doing and the government will absolutely do TO PEOPLE, not FOR PEOPLE.

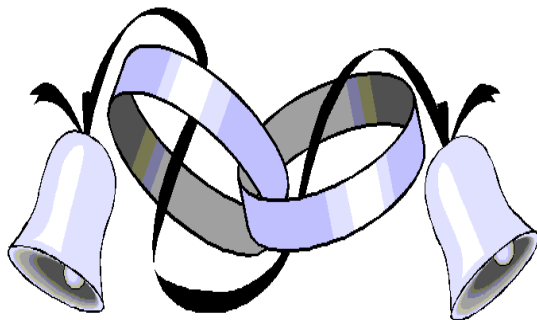
Also, thought you would like to know that **Bill Tieke** has been in the room next to Tom. He had shoulder surgery on 12/15 and came in a few days ago after developing a staph infection. Sounds like he will be leaving Good Sam on Thursday and going to West Park (I think this is the one off Crookshank) nursing facility for further recovery. It has been a bright spot each day to visit with he and Yvonne and talk about happier times."

We could go on and on about the illnesses, accidents, surgeries and backbones of our members, but that's not everything they're about. They are family; they were and are members of GWRRA and our own Chapter "L"

SINCERE SYMPATHY is extended to Peggy Muchmore on the passing of her father, Robert "Bob" Muchmore. The visitation is Tuesday, January 12th with the funeral on Wednesday. With the publication timeline of this newsletter the funeral will be over. Contact Pauline for further details.

January Anniversaries

Ruby & Sonny Campbell	1
Lois & Phil Hollingsworth	17



January Birthdays

Tril Childers	4
Karen Taylor	5
Michael Gadd	6
Nancy Hesse	6
Roy Richard	6
Becky Weddle	6
Linda Simmons	12
Nancy Fread	13
Ted Enzweiler	13
Bud Hensler	16
James Behanan	20
Mike Short	22
Lois Mickle	30



Chapter L Staff

Serving YOU and having FUN together during Christmas time.

By Randy and Gail Hiser

What a great way to start off the Holidays with a house full of friends! And that is just what we did. Randy & I hosted the 2009 Coordinators Christmas party. Some wonder why we started so early (4:00 PM). Most stayed until after 10 PM, even a few until midnight. Of course when you get a group of fun loving people together, there has to be games, games, games. We had a little friendly gender competitions.

They all had a chance to snoop around the house. You know, you wonder what is in that room, or that room? What is on the shelves? There was a game to find all Santa's reindeer hidden everywhere, except the kitchen and laundry room (No need to air out dirty laundry!), which all looked alike and had their names on them. Cris Hauser and Tim Kendrick found them all the quickest.

While they were looking for reindeer, they were to count all the motorcycles in every room too. Look in pictures, on shelves, on awards, everywhere. Hey, it was a Gold Wing Christmas party, why not count motorcycles! Only one winner for this game. Butch Royse found 69 out of the 84 that were around.

After reloading our snack plates and drinking cups the games continued. A Christmas stocking filled with 15 items was passed around for feeling. This one kind of got out of hand feeling up the sock. But in the end Fred Manning and Kathy Richard got the most items right.

Last was the card toss. A simple, yet precise game... all you had to do is to get your 10 cards into a Christmas wrapped box. Easy right? Not so for most people. Fred & Roy had to have a toss off. They both got 6 cards in the box. Roy won with an additional 3 cards in the box to Fred's 2. Judy Royse won with 5 cards in the box for the women.

We had two door prizes for a thank you for coming and playing Gail's silly games. Anita Kendrick and Denise French were the lucky winners.

Enough prolonging the gift exchange. There were presents to be opened. Jim & Brenda gave a gift to all the coordinators in appreciation of all the work they did throughout the year. Gail stated that this was the season for giving. As she read questions from songs or movies, the person that guessed the right answer gave their gift to the person they had—giving of gifts. This also ended up with much Christmas carol singing.

To say the least, a good time was had by all!!

(Editors note: THANKS GAIL & RANDY for hosting the Staff Christmas Party.)



Chapter L ACD's Speak!



by Phil & Lois Hollingsworth

Phil and I would like to wish you all a Happy and Healthy New Year with several miles of good road ahead of us. We enjoyed seeing so many wingers at our Christmas dinner. Southwest Asst District Directors Tim and Linda Fleming were in attendance to help present the Couple of the Year to Randy and Gail Hiser. There was plenty of good food for all and we were blessed to have several wingers from other chapters joining us. Tim and Anita brought the music and Brenda led us in several carols. We were then entertained by the Pennington family. Carol and Bill Pott's daughter made a wonderful cake for our dessert.

As if we hadn't had enough to eat over the holidays, several of us attended the Polar Day Dinner at the Quaker Steak and Lube in the Stone Creek Plaza. The wingers totally filled the large dining area and overflowed into the bar area. The staff were prepared for us and the service was great.

We hope to see you all at our meeting on January 20th and be sure to buy your tickets for the Winter Hoedown at the Chapter L Ranch on the following Saturday. There's still time to register for Cabin Fever in February.

Getting to know

by Barb

I am going to be interviewing and writing a news article every month featuring Chapter L members. This month I would like to introduce you to our **Chapter Couple of the Year for 2010—Gail and Randy Hiser.**

Gail and Randy live in Colerain Township. Their house is easy to spot because it's the one with the most decorations in the yard for every event or holiday. Woodworking and decorating the yard is one of Randy's hobbies, along with golfing and bowling. Gail organizes, with the help of Randy all our Chapter L campouts and Cabin Fever events.

They both like camping and going to the NASCAR races. Randy likes to collect NASCAR items while Gail is into M & M's and Raccoon's. They have quite the collection of items that would rival any dealer.

Gail and Randy will be married 35 years in October according to Gail. Randy wrote 38 years of marriage and Gail crossed that out. Daniel their son is 27 and Ray their other son passed away from cancer in 2004. Their daughter-in-law is Crystal and their grandchildren are Haley and Madisyn.

They own a 1993 blue Gold Wing that Gail bought for Randy for his 45th Birthday. Randy is a Maintenance Millwright at XTEX for 33 years. Gail is a part-time Administrative Assistant for 15 years at the Christ, the Prince of Peace United Methodist Church. Randy bought his first Harley for \$50.00 in order to get back and forth to work. It was his only means of transportation. He has owned seven other motorcycles since the Harley.

Randy and Gail learned about Chapter L after attending a Chapter E-2 meeting. They found out that Chapter L was closer to their home. They liked our blue chapter colors because it matched their bike. I hope this article has given you a glimpse into Randy and Gail's life and that you gotten to know them a little better.

Barbara Burns

Chapter L Web Site Update

If you haven't been to the chapter web site recently, you should make a point to visit and check out the completely new look and some new content.

The web site has not had a makeover in several years so I thought over the holidays I'd remedy that. In addition to a much brighter more colorful theme we have a new address. This new address will be easier to remember for most people too. You can try it out at www.oh-l.org. The old address, www.qcwr.org will continue to work. Both addresses will take you to the same place – Chapter L's home on the world wide web.

I have updated the safety recall links and cleaned up several other pages to improve their appearance. Carl and I have both added many pictures to the photo section recently too. It's worth a few minutes to visit again...

Cabin Fever Comments...

It looks like we have the smallest group in recent memory going to Cabin Fever this year. I attribute this to the fact we are taking the year off as a chapter and not participating in the parade or talent show.

Even though we're not doing these things we'll still have a lot of fun, only we'll be able to actually relax and enjoy each other's company without worrying about what we have to do next and where. The only plans we have so far (besides relaxing and having fun) is to visit our old haunt, The Winking Lizard for dinner on Saturday.

It's not too late to sign up and join us. There is no walk-in registration, it's advance registration only. We hope you'll join us!

Tim Kendrick

Chapter Supply

By Bill & Carol Pott

Bill and I want to wish everyone a **SAFE AND HEALTHY NEW YEAR**. If you missed the New Year ride (yes, there were brave souls who rode their bikes) to Quaker Steak and Lube you missed a great morning get together. The restaurant and staff were great - the food was good too.

If you feel like us it seems like we are in a deep freeze, but the people in Florida aren't having it so great either. I heard this morning it was 37 in Ft. Lauderdale, but look at the positive it beats Minnesota at -40.

We finally sold the last of the 20th Anniversary "T" shirts-just in time for our 25th. I wore my new fleece jacket like a sweater on New Years day and it kept me quite cozy. We still have Henley shirts for sale and we will bring what we have to the next meeting.

Get on your dancing shoes and get ready for HOEDOWN AT "L" RANCH on the 23rd. The committee has been working hard to make it a very special evening. All of the staff has tickets for sale. This and the bake sale helps to raise the funds that pay "L"'s expenses.

BRING YOUR FRIENDS AND FAMILY for one of a "L" of a good time.

See you on the 20th at our meeting.

Bill & Carol

Phil's added ACD note

Happy New Year to all! Hope that everyone had a Holiday full of joy. Quaker Steak and Lube was packed by the time we got there we had to sit in the overflow area. so we didn't get to visit with everyone. I was told later that we were a surprise to many of the staff at Q.S. & L. If so, they did a wonderful job taking care of us all.

Jack's passing put a sour note on the Holiday. It's never a good time to loose a loved one but around the Holiday's is just the worst. Our hearts and prayers go out to Pauline at this most trying time. It always helps to have family around to help you get through something like this and Pauline knows she has a very large family at L... all of GW for that matter. Jack's passing has left a big hole in Chapter L, he will be missed. I enjoyed his sense of humor. He a lot of times would mumble something in my ear that would be funny to us and probably no one else. I didn't have the privilege of knowing Jack all that long. He had health problems all the time I knew him. He fought like a warrior. Jack, may you truly rest in peace. "And that's all I've got to say about that"

Treasurer Report

By Debbie Winkler

Hi Everyone,

In December, we did not have a regular chapter meeting. Our annual Christmas Party was held on our meeting night: 12/16/09.

I would like to thank the Pennington family for providing the entertainment for the evening. Everyone enjoyed the music and songs, especially the little ones!

Jack's Catering catered the dinner. Brenda Pennington brought back her annual "12 Days of Christmas" – in which everyone thoroughly enjoyed participating in – especially Bill Martin.

The tables were decorated by: Barb Burns & Pauline Boderone; Gail & Randy Hiser; Anita & Tim Kendrick; Brenda & Jim Pennington; Judy & Butch Royse; Kathy & Roy Richard; Elmer and Yours truly.

The cake was donated by Bill & Carol Pott (daughter). Soda and water was donated by Fred & Lori Manning. Tim Kendrick provided background music.

Thanks to everyone for helping to make this Christmas Party a memorable evening.

A special thanks to Pat & Joann Marston for providing a place for me to teach Line Dancing one more year. Classes will continue through March; every other Sunday. The next class will be: January 17.

Hugs & Kisses to all.

Debbie & Mr. B





John Raymond Elsen

January 28, 1934 to December 26, 2009

This is to a great man I knew very well,
And I have a story to tell.
As a blind date 29 years ago,
In case any of you did not know.
Maury's Tiny Cove was our first date,
Believe it or not, he was not late.

At a Shriner's dance we fell in love,
I felt like an angel from above.
I never knew his mom and dad,
For me this is very sad.

Jack and his brothers made Easter candy,
From what I heard they were very handy.
He was a homebuilder on the West Side
Helping build Red Lobsters he took pride.

With brother Richard cars was the thing,
Build, buy, haul them, and make them sing
He was proprietor of Guest House Motel,
Wow, did he have stories to tell!

A Mason and Shriner he happened to be,
This was very special to me.
Statuary he ran in the side yard,
Moving that stuff became very hard.
We had Mary, Jesus, St. Francis and more,
A lot of pretty things were for sure.

He owned a motorcycle, a Gold Wing
It was a neat brown machine!
He played the lottery, won big, made a buy
Of a white Gold Wing, it really fit the guy.
Our mascot was Casper the white ghost,
He became known up and down the coast!



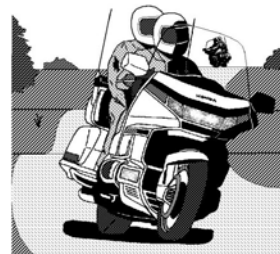
GWRRA Chapter L was our home
Every once in a while we would roam,
To Chapter A2, X2 and E2 we would ride,
Keeping Casper by our side!

Christmas was his favorite time of year,
He was my Santa, I never did fear.
That wasn't a beer belly he sported so well,
It was Gold Star Chili, I gotta tell.

We did travel north, south, east and west,
We liked Alaska the best!
Miss Sunday Mass seldom would he,
No matter how sick he would be.
This past year he was very ill,
Couldn't be cured by any pill,

All of your prayers were great,
But the Good Lord said, "He couldn't wait.
Hospice nurses do your trick,
This one has been very sick!
Allow him to be peaceful, please don't be sad.
I am waiting for him with his mom and dad!

Thank you,
John Raymond from your children and mine.
Sweetheart we will all be fine,
You have given us memories to share,
Some day you can welcome us there.
Love, Hugs & Kisses—"Polly"



"EXPLAINING THE GWRRA WAY"

HOW GWRRA DIFFERS FROM MOTORCYCLE "CLUBS"

"GWRRA is not a motorcycle club." We have all heard it, haven't we? But, just what does it mean?

Simply put, it means that our Association and our Chapters don't function in the same organizational and procedural format that "clubs" do. That is, we don't elect anyone to any position by running candidates against each other and having the membership vote on them. We don't choose our Officers with popularity contests. We don't impose our wishes on others. We select, not elect. Clubs usually are local in scope. Chapters are national or international and tied to a single organization. We don't have long and heated debates, make motions, second motions, call for votes or go into long, detailed reports in our Chapter gatherings. We don't need uniforms, people giving us rules to obey, or exorbitant fees or dues.

In other words, a GWRRA Chapter gathering is not presided over by a "president" and conducted according to Roberts' Rules of Order or the parliamentary procedure process. That is the format that many "clubs" use in their meetings.

We don't say that we are *better* than clubs, we are just different. Some people like the club format of operation. This is all well and good. Those folks should be encouraged to attend and participate where they are the most comfortable. We think when they "try it"(our format!), "they'll like it."

The GWRRA Chapter format of operation is more flexible than a club format. A GWRRA Chapter is not a "club," either in its organizational structure or its operational format. It is **PART** of something bigger than itself.

Sometimes, less-informed Chapter participants will try to lead the Chapter into the "club" format of operation. It's the responsibility of GWRRA Officers to work together to retain the non-political, non-club environment in the Chapter. If this becomes a problem, other Members of the Operations Team will be able to assist you.

AND WHAT A DIFFERENCE IT IS...

A CLUB usually consists of:

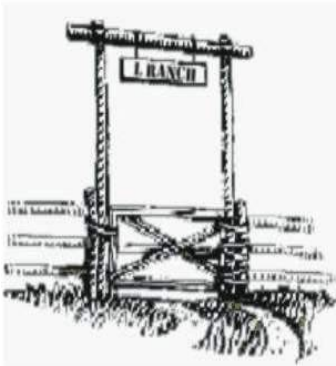
1. Self-governing and regulated body of local individuals
2. Monthly dues
3. Political officers and events, campaigns, voting, etc.
4. Popularity contests decide outcomes
5. Individual's qualifications may not be important in holding office
6. Attempts to maintain control and build "empires"
7. Many personality conflicts
8. "Bosses" and the potential for power struggles
9. Majority rules - 49% disagreement 100% of the time
10. Funding and disbursement disagreements
11. Seldom clear "directions" and goals"
12. Non-educational
13. Everything must be VOTED upon

A GWRRA CHAPTER usually consists of:

1. Officers selected and appointed based upon qualifications and desire
2. Continuing Officer development and training
3. Regular Operations seminars and meetings to establish new concepts
4. Officers are volunteer "employees"
5. Members wants and needs are the only guiding forces
6. Meetings with purposes - dissemination of valuable information, fun, education
7. Common purposes - no popularity contests
8. Decisions based upon Member response and input from staff and committees
9. Limited financial goals and maximum stability - all Officers have corporate liability insurance
10. Members participate as they choose
11. Members are WELCOMED by all Chapters
12. No additional dues or fees at the Chapter, District or Region level
13. Full-time Rider Education Division with trained professionals and rewarding programs



Chapter L's Annual Dinner & Dance
Saturday, January 23th 2010
6:00 - 11:00 PM



Green Township
Senior Center
3620 Epley Lane

WINTER HOEDOWN
AT THE
CHAPTER L RANCH

Menu includes fried chicken,
baked beans, potato salad,
desserts & more...
soft drinks & coffee provided...



Cost: \$15.00 per person
Advance Tickets Only

Dance

Last year we had a great winter dance and everyone enjoyed the seaside theme!

This year we are having a quite different theme as you can see by Tim and Anita's flyer to the left..

ALL CHAPTERS: E-2, X-2, IN G-2, KY G and others who want to come to the Hoedown should get your reservations in early for a table (s) for your group.

FAMILIES can also get a table together for a great winter activity. You will have fun!

There's plenty of room for ALL who want to have FUN with "L" Join us!

Reservations, please call :

Tim Kendrick
513-829-7163

Gail Hiser
513-851-5721

Or, you can also order on line at the Chapter L website.

www.qcwr.org

All "L" Staff members will have tickets. Join us for the Hoedown and a Chuck Wagon feed at the "L" ranch. L yes we'll have fun—always do!

Rallies and Rooms

By Denise French

I am already tired of the cold temperatures and being in hibernation mode. So it's time to think about having fun at the upcoming District Events.

Indiana District

January 22-24 Winter Rendezvous at the Marriott East in Indianapolis, IN.

Ohio District

February 12-14 Cabin Fever

This year's theme is : "Wild West"
Crown Plaza Columbus North

6500 Doubletree Ave. Columbus, OH 43229

(614) 885-1885

Registration forms (hardcopy) are online at the Ohio District web page or you can register by PayPal on the District web site.

Michigan District

February 12-13 Wingless Weekend at the Double tree Hotel in Bay City, MI.

Join our ACD's Phil and Lois at Cabin Fever in Columbus





January 2010

Chapter L Rides and Events

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Jim & Brenda Pennington
Chapter Directors Ohio "L"
216 Howell Street
Cleves, Ohio 45002



Our next meeting will be January 20, 2010
7:30 PM at Green Township Senior Center
3620 Epley Lane Cincinnati, OH 45247

Sending this to -



Other local area GWRRRA Chapter Info

<u>Chapter</u>	<u>Meeting Location</u>	<u>Day and Time of Meeting</u>	<u>Chapter Directors</u>	<u>Telephone</u>
E-2	New England Club 8100 Block Beechmont Ave Cincinnati, OH	1st Thursday of each month 7:30 PM meeting	Steve and Anne Teal	513-894-3010
F	Rousch's Restaurant Main Street, Fairborn, OH	4th Saturday of each month 9:30 AM	Donna Tucker	937-439-0441
Fairborn			Dan Gorby	937-439-0075
J	Champp's 7880 Washington Village Dr. Dayton, OH	4th Thursday of each month 7:30 PM	Steve and Kathy Belw	937-233-8880
N-2	Frostie Drive-Inn 424 W. Washington St., Sabina, OH	4th Saturday of each month 10:00 AM	Jim & Jane Langan	937-439-0441
Sabina			Hugh Bute	937-275-8561
Trotwood	United Christian Church, 8611 Hoke Rd., Clayton OH 45315	1st Tuesday of each month 7:30 PM		
X-2	Kings Activity Center-Otterbein off SR 741, north of SR 63	3rd Saturday of each month 9:30 AM	Steve & Sue Francis	937-307-1010
Middletown				
G	Walt's Hitching Post 3300 Madison Pl. Ft. Wright	2nd Tuesday of each month 7:30 PM	Dennis & Sue Zimmerman	513-745-8901
Kentucky				
G2	The Reservation Restaurant US 350& 101 Miam, IN	2nd Thursday of each month 7:00PM	Brenda "Boo" & John Busek	812-654-2798
Indiana				

Southwest Ohio GWRRRA Chapter Info