

# Rumble Pack



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January meeting will be held on Sunday the 13th, at Mad Cactus, 9175 Pearl Road, Strongsville, OH. from 2-4p. . Please try to make this meeting, and be on time. We have decisions to make, and a lot of things to discuss.



## February, 2011

A limited number of copies of this newsletter, will be available at the current meeting. See RED or Deb S. before the meeting starts. Newsletter emails have been going to your home email address, rather than the Rumblepack one, they are too big for our email. But still get those email accounts cleaned out, and do it regularly!



**EDITORIAL COMMENT  
BY RED**

I am up on my soap box, as I have something to say. I hear a lot of chatter and members make comments to me, and, although I appreciate everyone's opinions, I think that this needs to be said. **THIS IS NOT ONE PERSON'S PACK**, but it belong to all of us. It is not anyone's fault **BUT YOUR OWN** if you do not participate and give your opinion and **VOTE!!!** When rides are not to your liking, well, did you give the committee any suggestions? Did you offer to help the committee? Have you offered to do a ride? If you say no to any of these three, then **STOP YOUR BITCHING!!** Sorry, about that, but it is time for hard truth to come out. I do love each and every one of you guys, but many do not seem to realize how difficult it is to put a ride together, be responsible for reservations, both doing them and the financial part. There was a lot of behind the scenes things done for the Motorcycle Show, it did not "just happen". The membership response for helping was great, and we should be proud of the people who helped out, and even those who offered to help and were not needed. (There was not that much room for everyone to be in the booth.) That is just one example. Even our meetings, they take time for agendas, organization, recording of minutes, trying to keep the meeting moving and within the time we are allotted to have the room. Reservations have to be made, and it is not easy to find a place that has a private room and will accomodate all of us. Not all of us are leaders, and we do have some very strong personalities as leaders. Thank goodness for that. I am very proud of being a WomanOnWheels, and being part of the Rumblepack, and I hope that each and everyone of you can say the same thing. Let's join together and have fun instead of griping and not doing. Hugs and kisses, RED.

## Wedding Shower

Congratulations to Rachel and Jason, they are a great couple!



And, thanks to Sue B for opening her home to us, and to her and Ali for organizing such a special day.



Have you printed out your copy of the Ride Calendar? It was sent to your rumblepack email address. For the month of February, we are planning a game night, 2/19 - come to the meeting for more information. And, in March, the 5th will be a trip to Iron Pony. There will be a family event on March 27th. Keep an eye out for future events, will be listed in the newsletter as well as your email.

## Gerry's Fndraiser

Although bad weather was a small factor in keeping some people home, the event went off well and I understand that over \$3000 was raised for a great person. We are so proud that we were able to do what we could to help. Scoundrels was full of great people, eating, drinking, sharing good times. Raffle boards, tip boards! Great going to the people who worked so hard to make this all happen./



Thanks to Leo, for taking all these great pictures.

## IX CENTER booth

Thanks to Cheryl for the e-pics!! (taken from facebook)



Thurs (set-up), Fri, Sat, and Sun were busy days, but well worth the time and effort for the pack. We sold raffle tickets for the lottery board, and for the Honda Rebel. Talked to a lot of great people, and even took some time to shop and enjoy ourselves. Thanks to everyone who made helped at this event. The participation was outstanding. And to our support members, Roy and Jeff who helped so much with the set-up. The Honda Rebel was won by a person from Grafton, Ohio, see the website for more information.

Since the vast majority of motorcycle accidents involve some level of 'rider error', it makes a great deal of sense to strive for making **no rider errors**.

The way to achieve making motorcycling as safe as possible is to make sure that **you are never the cause of an accident** (yours or for anybody else), that you **avoid** those situations that are demonstrably less safe than is reasonable, and that you have developed the **skills and judgment** to deal with any other dangerous situations that may occur.

As anyone who's been on one knows, big bikes-Harleys, dressers, tourers, cruisers handle differently than smaller bikes. They have different centers of gravity; they steer more slowly; they put you in a different riding position; and riding one-especially riding it well-requires different skills. This article is aimed at helping owners of such motorcycles-bikes with big engines, long wheelbases, and a lot of weight-get the best ride out of them.

Let's start with this ... for almost all curves, you do not have to downshift at all. If you are going too fast at entry, you use your brakes to bleed some speed before you enter, then proceed normally.

In the rather rare case that you need to downshift before you enter a curve, because you are going too fast AND because you are going to enter a serious up-hill grade, for example, you simultaneously brake and downshift (meaning that you pull your clutch and front-brake lever at the same time as you roll-off your throttle), ease the clutch back out as the engine speed and rear wheel speed synchronize. Your braking effort should be done by that time, but even if it is not, **LEAVE YOUR THROTTLE ALONE** - it should be close to where it needs to be and any thinking or 'adjusting the throttle is a waste of time and effort.

You do NOT 'coast' a motorcycle except for perhaps a fraction of a second while shifting. You are either accelerating or decelerating, or proving just enough power to the rear wheel to maintain your speed.

As to accelerating while in a curve ... **FORGET IT!!** All you want to do is **MAINTAIN YOUR SPEED** in order to stabilize your suspension. All talk or thoughts about accelerating in order to maintain stability is **MYTH!!!**

Maintain a constant speed all the way through a curve - especially since **MOST CURVES** can be ridden at the speed you enter them. **ONLY** when an unusually tight turn presents itself should you need to slow down in order to make it. And, if you don't slow down (because you didn't have to), you then don't have to speed up at its end either.

MEMBERS: IF you need an address or phone number, please go to the rumblepack.org site and go to the members only section, this will give you the directory which has all the information about each other that you will need.

POST PICTURES on snapfish.com. It is free to join, and the rumble pack already has albums there for you to look at or get for your own. facebook also has space for pictures, and they are easy to obtain for the newsletter.

Check the Calendar at :  
[RUMBLEPACK.ORG](http://RUMBLEPACK.ORG) for birthdays, to see who is getting a little more "experienced" this month.

CHECK your WOW card, are your dues up to date? Terri has been great in keeping track of everyone to make sure they are aware, but it is your responsibility to know when you are due to pay WOW again.

## HAVE FUN, RIDE WELL, LIVE, LAUGH, LOVE!!

Upcoming: Game and movie night, trip to Iron Pony, Acres of Fun day

Please continue to send RED [redcb@gmail.com] pictures of your rides that occur in any month, so that we can all enjoy them in the future newsletters.



Have an educational subject you would like to speak to the group about???? Check with Char or Ali about speaking at a future meeting.

### February, 2011 Calendar

		1	2	3	4	5 Gerry Fundraiser
6	7	8	9	10	11	12
13 Meeting	14 <b>Valentine Day</b>	15	16	17	18	19 game and movie night
20	21	22	23	24	25	26
27	28	MARCH 1	2	3	4	5 IRON PONY



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