

Rumble Pack



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March 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. Come earlier to have a meal.



Are you watching the ride calendar weekly, cause there is so much to do. The ride committee has worked long and hard to provide rides for us, and the more we have attending, the merrier it gets. Of course, you can't do everyone of the rides (More power to you, if you can!) but work and family comes first. The rain will stop one of these days, but that does not stop us from going on rides. Looking forward, April brings us the Antique Motorcycle Exhibit and the Ride for the Troops. One is car, and one is BIKES! And, there are lots of open dates, at this time, so if you have a ride that you would like to plan, contact the ride committee, and it can be added to the calendar. Bring it up at the meeting, too. Please do not plan a ride when we already have a ride scheduled. That is not fair to the committee who meets and tries to plan rides that will be a benefit to the majority of the members.



New members need encouragement, and a guiding hand to help them get started with our pack. It is the responsibility of each established member to find out if new person lives near to them, and then to exchange phone numbers and email addresses, and be a mentor to that person. If each of us would do this simple thing, and then followup with a ride or two, newbies would feel more welcome and want to ride with us. A simple thing to do, and you will get to ride, too. Lets not forget that once, we were "new" to this group, too. Let's keep our pack strong and full of enthusiastic riders.



We go shopping. A pack trip to Iron Pony happened on Saturday, March 5th. We drove (in the rain), we shopped, and then we had the chance to have a great lunch with our sister WOW, BuckeyeState Lady Riders. (Columbus). They are so excited about WOW weekend. Purchases, like the new jackets and new helmets will be displayed at the first riding event we have.



WOW Weekend III is coming! Dates for this event are June 24-26th, earlier this year so that more people can attend. We are hoping that first time people from RP will choose to make this their weekend ride. The site chosen is Lake Hope State Park, with a Lodge for the majority of the attendees, and adjacent cabins will also be available. Get your reservation money into to Char, the form is available on the website, with amount information and address. There is a DEADLINE for reservations, so send in your check now.



It is soon to be riding time, and it is time to clean out the garage or basement and find items that you do not want or cannot use. Bring those items to the meeting, to share or even sell. What you no longer need may just be the perfect item for someone else. Please, items should be in good condition, and at a reasonable price, if not given away.



Looking for rides that are not on the Ride Calendar? Two ideal sites that give you a destination, as well as road by road instructions, are; MotorcycleeventsinOhio.com and Sundaymorningrides.com These websites offer short and long rides, curves and hills, and even some sightseeing ideas. Well worth taking the time to check out.



Don't forget that our pack does not charge dues, the dues are paid to the national organization (WOW). Instead of dues, we do a 50/50 raffle, and accept donations. Any other monies come from fund raisers, which our main charity is Ride for Kids.

Napoleon, Ohio, is the site of the Women's Ride sponsored by Harley Davidson. May 14th and 15th are the dates. There are a few openings in the reserved rooms, contact Trish for more information as to which member has an opening in her reserved room. You will pay your share of the room to the person who reserved the room. You must pay your \$30.00 fee to HD by April, they are asking for a mailed reservation for the weekend. This includes the activities and a breakfast. Riders are going to Napoleon on Friday night as well as Saturday morning, so there is always a time for a group to ride together.



What a STEAL!!!! Joanne is offering a great deal. A 1983 Honda Shadow, 6 speed for \$800.00. Contact her at joanne@rumblepack.org for more information.



Although always a personal choice, wearing a helmet while riding a motorcycle is a sensible choice to protect one of the most important parts of your body: your head. However, not all helmets offer the same level of protection. In fact, some helmets may actually not offer any type of real protection to the wearer at all. To better understand what makes one helmet safer than another, take a closer look at how a motorcycle helmet operates.. A motorcycle helmet's primary responsibility is to absorb the harmful kinetic forces generated in an impact against another object or surface. This is accomplished through the use of two layers: a rigid outer shell and an softer, inner foam liner. The rigid shell, usually composed of fiberglass, Kevlar and similar composite materials, spreads the kinetic forces across its surface, flexing and distorting as necessary to redirect the kinetic energy away from the wearer's head. The energy is then transferred into the inner foam liner, which will compress as needed to soften the impact before the remaining energy is transferred to the wearer's head. Simply wearing a motorcycle helmet is not enough to protect you. The helmet itself must fit well without causing undue discomfort. A helmet that is too tight may cause headaches that can distract you on the road; likewise, a loose helmet will be buffeted by wind and could obstruct your vision. As a rule of thumb, a helmet should fit snugly and maintaining its position while you turn your head from side to side without sliding across your cheeks. The chin strap should be able to fasten securely under your chin and should not be able to slip loose when tugged on. The helmet's shell and other features, such as a face shield or visor, should not interfere with your vision. Also take into consideration the type of helmet you are interested in because the level of protection offered by an open face helmet is significantly lower than a completely enclosed, full-face helmet.

How to clean a helmet: Mix a teaspoon of dish soap with a dish pan of hot water. Use a clean white washcloth to work the soapy water into the inside fabric of the motorcycle helmet. This will get the oils up and out of the fabric. 2 Set the helmet out to dry, but don't put it in the sun. The sun could fade the color of the outside of the helmet. 3 Spray Windex on the outside of the helmet and wipe it down with some paper towels. You might also use the Windex to spray and clean the visor of the helmet if you have one. 4 Spray Helmet Fresh inside of the helmet onto the fabric. Helmet Fresh is designed to get rid of any odors and eliminate any bacteria or mildew that might have started growing. It is nontoxic and safe to use on a daily basis.

How to clean a helmet visor: . 1. Detach the shield from the motorcycle helmet using the instructions that came with the helmet. Typically, you will reach inside the helmet and press in on buttons at the interior corners of the shield to release it. If the shield has side plates on either side, grasp them and pull them firmly from the shield.

2. Dampen a microfiber cloth with warm water and wring it out to remove most of the moisture. Open the cloth up and lay it over the face shield. Wait for five minutes to allow the mud and debris to soften.
3. Fill a bucket with 1/2 gallon of warm water and add 1 to 2 tablespoons of baby shampoo.
4. Remove the damp microfiber cloth from the shield and place it into the soapy water. Wring the cloth out well.
5. Wipe all sides of the shield with the soapy cloth to remove all dirt and debris.
6. Rinse the microfiber cloth in clean water and then wipe all surfaces of the shield to remove the soap residue.
7. Dry the shield with another dry microfiber cloth to remove all moisture.

Do not use abrasive scrubs, acids, window cleaners or solvents on the motorcycle helmet shield as these products will scratch the surface and degrade the plastic.



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 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.

MARCH, 2011 Calendar

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