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Friends for Fun, Safety & Knowledge

January 22, Meeting, Dinner, and Movie

We are going to reinstate the "dinner night out" once a month and this month it will be at the Strongsville **Southpark Mall**.

We will have a bite to eat on the second level Food Court at 4:00 p.m. followed by the meeting at 5:00 p.m. and for those who wish to join us, a movie to be selected that night. (The movie theater is right across from the Food Court.).

All are welcome and we hope to see many and /or most of you there.

I have forgotten what some of you look like... seriously! Please come to the meeting so we can have a good time together!

A **Happy New Year** to all!

To Ruth and Rich, we will keep you in our hearts and prayers, hope to see there.

Anyone going to **Cabin Fever** should sign up ASAP!

Larry, Barb

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Where in the World is Jim Hopper?

October 23, 2010 near Xi'an, China

(Jim joins the Terra-Cotta Army)

In my last email story I promised to tell you how I am joining the Terra-Cotta Army of the first Emperor of China, Qin Shi Huang. The Terra-Cotta figures, dating from 210 BC, were discovered in 1974 by local farmers digging a well near Xi'an (pronounced: she'an) near the Mausoleum of the First Qin Emperor. The figures are about 6 feet high and vary in height according to their role: generals, warriors, chariots, horses, officials, acrobats, strongmen, musicians. Current estimates are that in the three pits containing the Terra-Cotta Warriors and Horses there are over 8,000 soldiers, 130 chariots with 520 horses and 150 cavalry horses, the majority of which are still buried in the pits.



Notice in the back of the trenches the figures are a mass of broken pieces. This is how all the figures were when they were first discovered in 1974. It was later discovered that a rival invading army broke into the pits around 600 AD and smashed all of the figures in order to break the mystical power of the Emperor's army. So, all the pieces have to be reassembled by hand to make the soldiers stand again. There is a workshop and a team of scientists who do this in the back of the pit building.

The Terra-Cotta figures were manufactured both in workshops by government leaders and also by local craftsmen from many different villages. The head, arms, legs, and torsos were created separately and then assembled. Studies show eight face moulds were mostly likely used, and extra clay was added to provide individual facial features. Once assembled, intricate features such as facial expressions were added. It is believed their legs were made in much the same way that Terra-Cotta drainage pipes were manufactured at the time. This would make it an assembly line production, with specific parts manufactured and assembled after being fired, as opposed to crafting one solid piece of Terra-Cotta and subsequently firing it. In those days, each workshop was required to inscribe its name on items produced to ensure quality control. This has aided modern historians in verifying workshops that once made tiles and other mundane items were commandeered to work on the Terra-Cotta army. Upon completion, the figures were placed in the pits in precise military formation according to rank and duty.

The pits were covered with a wooden ceiling supported by large beams and posts. The ceilings were covered with reed mats and layers of clay for waterproofing and then mounded with more soil over the top. Pit 1 is thought to hold 6,000 figures. Pit 2 has the cavalry and infantry units as well as war chariots and is thought to represent a military guard. Pit 3 is the command post. Pit 4 is empty.

Near the end of the tour we had an opportunity to visit the gift shop. We were very lucky to meet one of the 3 men who was digging the well which lead to the discovery of the Terra-Cotta army. Of course he spoke no English, but he smiled a lot as we shoved the book under his nose for an autograph. After I took a picture of him I noticed a sign on his desk that said, "No Photos". Oh well! You could tell he enjoyed his job. He helped to create a vast tourist trade based on the discovery and, frankly, I think he is very proud of his success!



We also toured the government factory where they produce the Warrior figures using the exact production methods of 2,000 years ago including the same clay. At the factory you could buy your own copy of a Warrior made by this process. I was surprised to learn the Warrior came with two heads. One was a copy of the style of the heads found in the pits and the other would be a copy of your head! The heads were interchangeable in the body of the Warrior... now isn't that a clever marketing idea! Well, Alice thought I should get one for our Chinese living room and since it could look like me during a party.... I thought it was a good idea too! We did cut back on the size since a 6 foot Warrior in the room would just be too big. Instead we had the 3/4 one shipped to us. The first piece of art we ever bought overseas and we hoped it would make it in one piece



As of January 18th we just learned that our Warrior landed in Los Angeles, cleared customs and will now be trucked to Cleveland arriving around January 28th. But before the clay was kiln fired we have to give our approval on my "head" that would go into the Warrior. (They worked from 5 photos they took of me while I was at the factory.)

Here's how the clay model turned out... we thought they did a great job.... they made me look younger!



Rider Education

By Peggy Kanserski

Hi Everyone. How was your holidays? This is just a short note this month to let everyone know to be thinking of a ride they would like to take. We would like everyone to contribute at least one idea for our ride schedule this year. So come on, what is it that you've done that you want to see again and share with others or somewhere you have always wanted to go a see for the first time? Feel free to write it down or tell us (Larry, Jim H., James, Barb, or Peg) and we'll try our best to schedule your ride.

Next, have you made your list of things to do on the bike before that first road trip? Now is the time to make it, and start getting the things together, like tires, oil, filters, chrome wax, new lights or chrome, new battery. Some of these things like lights and chrome can be gotten at Cabin Fever. Have you made you plan for this Valentine Weekend getaway!! Yea! Valentines is Feb 14th. We have Cabin Fever going on Feb 11-13. Kill two birds with one trip. Enjoy quite time when you want and enjoy the company of others. We have a grand parade on Fri evening usually with ice cream to follow, Saturday we get together for a dinner and after dinner the entertainment is loads of laughs with the talent show. The entertainment is included with your registration to the event with Goldwing. Hope to see you there!

Sign up online at www.ohiogwrra.org and click on Cabin Fever for all the details.

If you know someone who is not getting the newsletter via email please have them send me an email so I can update their email address PLEASE.

Peg Kanserski

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Chapter F-2 Rides and Events

January

- 1- Polar Bear Breakfast/Lunch-Golden Coral– 11 am
- 22– **Dinner/meeting– Strongsville**– South Park Mall 2nd floor food court.
Dinner 4pm (your choice), meeting 5pm, Movie 6pm approx To be decided
- 21-23 Indiana Winter Rendezvous (check Ohio GWRRA site for info)
- 29 OH-W Medic First Aid Class - Prospect Senior Citizen Inc
318 N Elm St, Prospect OH 43342 - Contact Mike Hudson
Amsoil-synthetics@wavelinc.com
- 28-30 Progressive International Bike Show- IX Center Cleveland
(suggestion Buy tickets on line in advance and save \$3.50 or go to
motorcycleshows.com and enter promo code PROOH426 and save \$4)
(Parking \$8, adults at door \$15 (bikes park free))

February

- 3-4 Michigan Wingless Weekend (Ohio GWRRA site)
- 11-13 Cabin Fever- Crowne Plaza, 6500 Doubletree Ave, Columbus OH
Theme this year [Mardi Gras](#)
- 19- Safety Sat with OH-W in Toledo OH—12-4 pm
Contacts: Kent Rhubright 419-666-2997 / krubright@roadrunner.com
Or Tom Becker 419-838-7101 / w2newseditor@embarqmail.com
- 19- **Meeting night 4pm depot**– Amherst unless noticed of Dinner location
- 20- OH-G Medic First Aid Classes - Mantua Civic Center
11670 Mantua Center Rd, Mantua OH
Contact: Mary Johnson– mrsj@gmail.com or 440-543-0795

Events continued

February

- 26 Medic First Aid Class– OH-C at Holland Library, 1032 S. McCord Rd,
Holland, OH 43528 Contact Kim Perry kaperry55@yahoo.com
- 27 Medic First Aid Class - OH-I at Mayer-Carson Hall, 157 Mill St,
Apple Creek, OH 44606 Contact Bart Russell bir1500@hotmail.com

March

- 5 Medic First Aid Class OH-F - Centerville OH
Contact Linda and Ray Copeland at lkcopeland@earthlink.net
- 6 Medic First Aid Class OH-D - Chardon OH
Contact Gus Luhta at guswing02@windstream.net
- 12 Medic First Aid Class OH-V at Ashland OH
Contact Larry Olberholtzer at ?????@zoominternet.net
- 19 **Meeting Depot 4 pm**

April

- 2 Spring Officer Meeting - Crowne Plaza, Columbus OH
- 16 **Meeting Depot 4 pm**

May

- 19-21 Indiana Rally & Convention
- 21 **Meeting** TBA

June

- 16-18 Buckeye Rally
- 18 **Meeting—TBA**

- July Wing Ding 33– Knoxville TN July 6-9

BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES

Birthdays



Anniversaries



Birthdays and Anniversaries in **January**

2 Elke Thrasher

None this month

4 Jerry Augustine

Brian Korfhage

5 Dick Cook

12 Rose Ann Augustine

14 Norene Cook

25 Milly Bigio



Birthdays and Anniversaries in February

3 Lynne Petkousek

22 Jim & Alice Hopper



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