

## Ohio District Traveling Plaque Rules Revisions August 2014

- There must be at least 5 members of a Chapter present to be eligible to capture the Traveling Plaque. They must all be wearing their Chapter Colors or Vests. Chapter must have traveled a minimum of fifty miles. They must be present at the beginning of the event/gathering, remain at the event for a minimum of 4 hours (unless the event is less than 4 hours), and be presented with the plaque at the end of the event or 4 hours whichever occurs first.
- If more than one Chapter shows up to capture the plaque, then it will go the Chapter that has traveled the farthest distance.
- Visiting Chapters **MUST** determine mileage from their gathering place to the host chapter gathering place using MapQuest at [www.mapquest.com](http://www.mapquest.com). The **shortest distance route option** will be used to calculate the distance traveled. The resulting directions with total mileage **MUST** be printed and brought to the hosting chapter to obtain the plaque. *Plaque will not be awarded without supporting documentation from Mapquest.*
- Any disagreements or problems will be resolved by the host chapter's ADD. If the ADD for that section is not present to render a decision, the traveling plaque will be held by the host chapter until the ADD renders his/her decision. The ADD's decision is final with concurrence from the District Director if necessary.
- As soon as the Traveling Plaque has been captured, the gaining Chapter Director or their designee should contact the District MEC. Tell them where the plaque is, gathering details, picture if possible, a short story, and name and phone number of whom to contact for further information. Please send the information to [OhioMEC@Ohiogwrra.org](mailto:OhioMEC@Ohiogwrra.org) with the details of the capture.
- The MEC will then post the location of the Plaque on the District Web Site.
- Once a Chapter has captured the plaque, at least two other Chapters must capture the plaque before they can once again claim possession. (Unless the plaque remains idle for 3 months, then it can be captured by any chapter.)
- It will be the responsibility of the Chapter Director to ensure that the Traveling Plaque is at every Chapter function while in their possession, not just Chapter gatherings.
- The Chapter Director will obtain and engrave the next plate in sequence showing the capturing Chapter, miles traveled, Chapter received from, and the date of capture. Plate must be the same size and style.
- There will be a drawing at the closing ceremonies at the Buckeye Rally/Convention for \$50. Each time a Chapter has captured the District Traveling Plaque, the Chapter's name will be entered into the drawing. There will be only one drawing for the winner. If the winning chapter does not have a member in attendance at closing ceremonies at the Buckeye Rally/Convention, the prize will be forfeited. The \$50 will then be rolled into the following year's prize. In other words, someone from the chapter must be present to win.

Note: The intent of this plaque is to encourage Chapter visitations and travel among the District.

*Have fun on your travels and be safe!*