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FROM YOUR CHAPTER DIRECTORS

Wolfgang & Connie Gless



It is January 2011, what happened to 2010? A new year is here and we can start looking forward to the next riding season. Mind you, I said look forward to not get ready for. The bad news is we still have a few months of winter weather ahead of us. On January 9th, we had our 2011-planning meeting at my house and I do believe we have a full year on tap. Also for those few that were not able to attend the Holiday Party on the 8th, you missed a good meal and a good time.

Judy, as always, did a good job of planning some entertainment that kept us all laughing. Although the weather looked bad all day and South Bend did get hammered, the snow was minimal around Elkhart and Nappanee and all that signed up for the party did attend. We made reservations for next year's Holiday Party that will be on January 7th 2012.

The Phone Tree has been revised and some changes have been made. I will be E-Mailing copies to all that have E-Mail and make hard copies to be given out at the next meeting to those that don't. Also, along with that, I will be sending a copy of the 2011 chapter schedule of activities.

As we all know Glenn Rummel has been in the hospital, but my understanding is that he is to come home in the next few days if he is not home already. I know he will be glad.

Winter Rendezvous is less than two weeks away. Although Chapter O2 does not have any talent or parade entries this year, it should still be a good time. There are going to be some new activities this year and the Triketor Pull has been replaced by a Mini Tractor Pull using lawn tractors that have been converted to pedal-power. This should be interesting. Yours truly will be entering. Wish me well for I understand the dynamics are totally different.

If anyone has any ideas to attract new membership to the Chapter please let Joann or me know. Our Chapter is still sound but new members are needed and would sure be welcomed.

Two things I would like to emphasize, one is the Pound Auction on March 3rd and the other is the Chicken Sales on March 5th. These are our main revenue makers for the chapter for the year. Funds from these two events go to the Ronald McDonald House and to support the Chapter. If you know a business or someone who can donate something to the pound auction please approach them, and if you know someone to invite to the Pound Auction please do so. As for the Chicken sales, we will have pre-sale tickets available again this year so go out and sell, sell, sell. The tickets will be available before or at the February meeting.

That should do it for this month, drive safe until you can ride safe.

Wolfgang & Connie, CD

MONTHLY MEETINGS are held the 1st Thursday of each month at the Elk's Lodge on Bristol St. just west of Cassopolis St. Dinner @ 6:30, meeting @ 7:15 PM

DINNER RIDES are every Thursday night May-Sept. (except meeting night). Meet in the parking lot BEHIND Discovery Middle School on Ash Road. Leaving promptly at 6:30 PM

FROM YOUR ASST. CHAPTER DIRECTORS

Jim & Deb Whetstone



Greetings Fellow Chapter
02 Members

Well we made it thru the
Christmas Holiday and
now it's a new year, 2011!
Wow where did the time

go? I don't know about the rest of you but it sure seems like the days are moving faster and faster. Before you know it we will be selling chickens on the street corner!!!

Well let's see what is going on in January.

Jan. 8th was our Chapter Holiday party at Del-Mars in Nappanee. As always, great food, great people and great fun!

Jan 9th was the Chapter planning meeting for the upcoming year. Where: Wolfies at 2:00pm (Bring your ideas!!!) We had a great planning meeting and there is a lot in store for us this next year.

Jan 14, 15, 16th is the Hunter Ice Festival in Niles. The Chapter talked about heading up on the 15th around 3:00 pm to observe. Dinner will be at 6:00 pm at the Hob Nob restaurant on Main St. just around the corner from Second St.

Jan 20th Hacienda restaurant in Elkhart.

Jan 21, 22, 23 is Winter Rendezvous; it is approaching fast and if you are planning on going please let Wolfie know as soon as possible.

Jan 29 or 30 possible ride in an Amish sleigh, further information provided thru the phone tree.

Feb 3rd meeting night!

Feb 19th Game night at Bruce Lucy's at 5:00 pm- bring a dish to pass and your favorite game to play. A signup sheet will be passed at the February meeting.

That's about it for now!
Happy trails to you until we meet again,
Your ACD's Jim & Deb

FROM YOUR CHAPTER EDUCATORS

Bob & Sue Chute



DID YOU KNOW:

Deer are the only animals with bones called antlers on their heads. Antlers are different than horns, which are strong, hard layers of skin.

A frightened whitetail deer can run as fast as 40 m.p.h. and can travel 15-20 feet in one leap!

There are 60,000 vehicle/deer crashes in Michigan every year, with the largest percentage occurring in the fall/winter season.

Knowing how to react to deer that appear on or next to the road is critical to driver safety. Statistics from the Michigan Deer Crash Coalition show that in most of these crashes, deaths and injuries occur when drivers veer from their lane, hitting another vehicle or a fixed object. The number one rule is: **Don't veer for deer.**

"The best thing to do if you see a deer while driving is to slow down," says Michigan State University wildlife outreach specialist, Jordan Burroughs. If a crash is unavoidable, remember the following:

- Don't swerve
- Brake firmly
- Hold onto the wheel
- Stay in your lane
- Bring your vehicle to a controlled stop

What Motorcyclists Can Do To Avoid Vehicle Deer Crashes:

- Be alert for deer whenever they ride. Deer-vehicle crashes happen in urban, suburban and rural areas.
- Slow down. Decreasing speed gives a motorcyclist more time to spot an animal and react.
- Cover the brakes to reduce reaction time.
- Use high beam headlights and additional driving light when possible.
- If riding in a group, spread out riders in a staggered formation. If one rider hits a deer, this will lessen the chance that other riders will be involved.
- Wear protective gear at all times.

Make A Difference



Got an item that you would like to sell? Advertise it here in the "For Sale" listing of the newsletter. This publication is seen state wide and could help to locate someone that is looking for your item.

Your Chapter Store Representative:

Cindy Norman

Chapter items for sale:

Hats \$13.00

Chapter Flags \$12.00

Gold Wing Clocks \$15.00

Various pins, patches etc. also available. See Cindy for details.

FOR SALE: An Eclipse heated vest. Size Large. Perfect for extending that riding season or just adding some extra comfort when riding early or late in the day. Asking \$75.00 OBO. Call 574 273-3001

FOR SALE:

1 - Teal Goldwing jacket, quilt lined, size small \$20.00

1 - GWRRA 3-In-One jacket, size small \$40.00

1pr - Cruiserworks waterproof lace type boots
Womens size 7, like new \$20.00

269-641-7562

FOR SALE:

I have an extra large GWRRA 3-in-one just like the one listed above that I bought from Max but it's too large for me. I will sell it for \$30. This combo jacket is really warm and very versatile. You can wear the two pieces together or just the "liner" or just the outer shell. Both pieces have GWRRA logos and lettering. It originally sold for around \$150 from GWRRA and it is in like new condition.

574-259-3508

RECRUITER & RETENTION

Joann Gabbard

Please send your renewals to Joann and she will forward them to GWRRA. We want to keep everyone current and enjoying the many benefits of membership in this great association. Those due in March are: Chute and Gabbard.

Card Party / Game Night McLeish's

A card party / game night is being planned at McLeish's on February 19th at 5PM.

This will be a dinner type carry-in with either cards or games planned after the meal. So if you have a favorite game you might want to share with the group, bring it along.

A sign-up sheet will be passed around at the February meeting where you will be able to indicate what you would like to bring. So be giving that some thought before the meeting comes up.

Holiday Party 2011

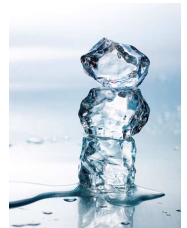
As you are all probably aware, the Chapter Holiday Party was held on January 8th at Dal Mar in Nappanee. There were around 30 chapter members in attendance, plus, we had two guests, Wayne and Tabatha from North End Cycle. It was nice to have representatives from one of our main advertising sponsors in attendance at the party. As an added, unexpected bonus, Wayne and Tabatha handed out coupons for various products and services at North End. Thank you very much for that. Certificates were handed out to all of last year's staff. And each member got a special recognition "trophy".

The gift exchange followed with a new twist, the story of Mr. and Mrs. Right. Judy always comes up with something different to keep the group entertained.

As usual, the food was good and everyone enjoyed just mingling and talking.

Niles Ice Festival

The Niles Ice Festival is coming up again on January 14, 15 & 16, 2011. Several O2 members have talked about attending.



Here is the plan: We will meet in downtown Niles at the corner of 2nd and Main St. Meet around 3PM on Saturday the 15th and walk around town and look at the Ice carvings and watch them being made. We would then go someplace and get something to eat, either downtown or near by. If you are interested, please contact Cathy Case, Cari Durecki or Bob Chute.

Update from the January meeting:

Meeting place will be 2nd and Main instead of 3rd and Main as was stated last month. At 6:00 we will be meeting at the Hob Nob restaurant for dinner. You can either join the group for the downtown tour or just meet at the restaurant, which ever you prefer.

If you drink don't drive. Don't even putt. -- *Dean Martin*

Meeting Notes: By Vern Daly



Wolfie opened up the meeting to around 20 chapter members and no guests.

We now have a new Couple Of The Year. For 2011 it will be Rich and Cari Durecki. Congratulations to both of you.

The Chapter Holiday Party will be Saturday, January 8 at 6PM. There will be around 33 in attendance including a representative from one of our sponsors, North End Cycle. Also the Chapter Planning Meeting will be held at Gless' house at 2PM on Sunday, Jan 9.

The Niles Ice Festival is coming up on the weekend of Jan 15. Some chapter members are attending this event. See the announcement on page three for details.

Winter Rendezvous is coming up on the weekend of Jan 21. There are four couples from O2 attending this year.

The Pound Auction and the Chicken Sale are coming up in March, the 3rd and 5th respectively. As usual, workers for the Chicken sale are needed, especially as some members will be out of town. Please plan on helping with this event as it is our main fund raiser for the year. Sale starts at 10:00 and goes till all the chicken is sold.

Bob gave a little talk about rider education and wanting everyone in the chapter to consider taking a Rider Ed course again this year if its been two years or more since you've taken one. He will be finding out when and where the classes will be this year. Also, as many members are having their First Aid certification expire this year he will be looking in to setting up a class for us again this spring some time. Watch your newsletter for more information on both of these events.

We are continuing our collection of items for RMD house. The February item will be Canned Goods.

As has been the case in the past, in months leading up to the Pound Auction, Wolfie and Connie will be going to nearby chapter meetings to promote the Pound Auction:
Jan 12 - H - Old Country Buffet, Goshen
There will be others. Contact Wolfie if you wish to attend.

Spring Wing Warm-up is May 19 thru 21. Some chapter members will probably be going to this event so be thinking about it. It'll be here before you know it.

Also, Wing Ding 33 is July 6 thru 9 in Knoxville.

Udderly Fantastic was given to Rod Clark for changing his day off from work so he could take Judy and Jani to O'Hare airport during the December 4th snow storm.

Be sure to save crushed cans for the chapter. Jim McPhail or Frank Case will take those. And don't forget to get pictures to Cathy Rummel for the scrapbook.

Thursday Restaurants

Below is the list of restaurants for January and February. Be there at 6:30.

Jan 20 . . Elkhart Hacienda

Feb 17 . . JoJo's - Elkhart

What's Coming Up

Jan 15 . . Niles Ice Festival (See page 3)

Jan 21 - 23 . . Winter Rendezvous - Indy

Feb 05 . . Chocolate Challenge Bake Off (C2 Garrett, IN)

Feb 5 & 6 . . Wingless Weekend (Lansing)

Feb 19 . . Card/Game Night at McLeish's 5PM (Carry-In)

Mar 03 . . Pound Auction

Mar 05 . . Chicken Sale (Bristol and Cassopolis, 10AM)

Mar 05 . . District Meeting (Anderson, IN)

May 19 - 21 . . Spring Wing Warm Up (Greensburg, IN)

July 6 - 9 . . Wing Ding 33 (Knoxville, TN)

Birthdays & Anniversaries

Anniversaries:

Feb 20 . . Tom & Connie Whalen

Birthdays:

Feb 02 . . Cheryl Rance

Feb 06 . . Cindy Beachy

Feb 13 . . Donna Johnson

Feb 25 . . Alysha Rance

Feb 28 . . Darlene Elliott



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February Item - Canned Goods

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