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FROM YOUR CHAPTER DIRECTORS

Wolfgang & Connie Gless



Hello to All;

December 2011, the last month of the year; what happened to the other 11 months, they came and went so fast I can hardly remember what we did or what happened or anything else. I think I remember attending last year's holiday party but it just doesn't seem like it's been almost one year since we had that party. I just looked at the calendar and I realized that this year's holiday party is one month away; it should be a good time. They say that as you get older time seems to pass faster and they are definitely right. The good thing I can say is that the next riding season is just 5 months away and I know it will be another fun time.

Last month we had the 20th chapter birthday party at Miller's in Middlebury again and it was a huge success. Judy invited as many former members as she could find and 5 former members were able to attend. The food was as good as always and if you went away hungry it was definitely your fault. Judy also brought out her party games and all had a very good time.

We also had a good showing of members to attend Chapter H's Haystack Dinner. That was my first time attending the dinner and also the first time eating a haystack, not bad. If you haven't tried it there is always next year.

Well it is time for the last part of this article and guess what; it is also our last article as your Chapter Directors. For the last 2 years as your Directors, Connie and I have learned a lot and had a lot of fun time doing it. Connie and I truly enjoyed our time at the top. Yes there is work that has to be done but it could not be done without the cooperation and help of all the members and for that we thank you all. All our staff has helped in more ways than you know. Without it this chapter or any other chapter cannot survive. We feel that the chapter is stable, and what I mean by that is that we have a good member base and all offices are filled for 2012. Now we need to grow, so we need to find new members and show them that Chapter O2 and GWRRA are all about Fun, Friends and Knowledge. The new year is just around the corner and your new chapter directors Jim & Deb will also need our help. So let's all do our part to make Chapter O2 the best in Indiana or how about the hole country.

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,

I have to say it- November finished off with some beautiful weather and I can only hope you were able to get in a ride while you still had the

chance. I can honestly say that I cannot ever remember a warmer Thanksgiving Holiday weekend! I hope everyone had a great Thanksgiving with many blessings... and now we must move on to the last month of the year...

Yes it is-December, and it looks like the cold weather and the white stuff may be with us until spring! What a thought! With the year at its end, Deb and I would like to extend our thanks for a fantastic year. We are looking forward to the upcoming holidays with our families and friends and we wish each of you joy and peace thru this season. 2012 is right around the corner so let's see what's in store for chapter 02.

Dec 10th Carry in Dinner at Whalens with Christmas Lights in Michigan City to follow!

Dec 15th Dinner at Red Lobster in Elkhart (6:30)

Jan 7th Chapter 02's Holiday Party at Dal Mar in Napanee.

Jan 19th Dinner at Hibachi Grill, located just off of grape rd. in the Indian Ridge Plaza. (the old Circuit City Bldg)

Jan 29th. D2's Chili Cook-off in Garrett, IN. From 1:00 to 4:00

Feb. 17, 18,19th Winter Rendezvous, still time to join us for a good time in Indy. Let's make it a fun and exciting time.

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

RIDING DRAG IS ANYTHING BUT

By: James R. Davis



We continue this month with our discussion of the responsibilities of the "Drag" bike or the "Tailgunner".

During the ride the drag may well see that one of the group's members slows down dramatically when entering curves. This is a sure sign that that rider is being pushed beyond his individual riding skills. The drag bike should take it upon himself to do two things in this case:

- He should request the lead bike to slow down
- He should be sure that the individual having the control (or confidence) problems is moved towards the back of the group, preferably to the last position in the group that rides in the 'slot' (right half of the lane). This change of group position is often best done when the group makes its next stop, but sometimes it must be done immediately.

If the drag bike observes that a rider does not appear to have control of his bike adequate to continue the ride as a member of the group, then he MUST so advise the lead bike and request that the group make an immediate stop to resolve the problem. In almost all cases the resolution will involve INSISTING that the impaired bike leave the group and be escorted to a safe destination. It is typical that the drag bike will act as the escort.

In severe cases, typically those involving drugs, alcohol, or medical problems, the impaired driver must not be allowed to drive their bikes at all, if they can be stopped, and one of the co-riders might be asked to drive it to a safe place for overnight storage, for example. In this case the impaired driver should NOT be allowed to assume co-rider status!! Some other form of transportation needs to be arranged.

If either the lead or the drag bike insists that an individual not be allowed to ride with the group, the group MUST NOT allow that individual to continue to ride with them. If the individual in question refuses to leave, then the group should simply stop and not proceed while he continues to remain.

The lead and drag bikes are a team designated by the group to conduct them safely to their destination. These are not symbolic positions. They require maturity, experience, training, cooperation, good communications, and good judgment. And, occasionally, your thanks.

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 OR TRADE Once again I am offering a GWRRA 3-in-one jacket in extra large for sale for \$30 or trade for something about equivalent. This is a really nice riding jacket that can be worn all together or each piece separately. Original selling price from GWRRA was around \$100 or more. It's just too big for me. Call me at 574-259-3508 for more information.

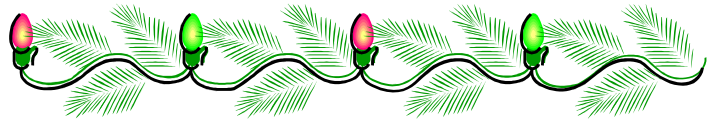


Niles Ice Festival

The Niles Ice Festival is coming up again during the weekend of January 14th. Several Chapter members are planning on attending this event on Saturday the 14th and meeting at 6:00 for dinner at Hob Nob restaurant there in Niles. Bob Chute will be getting a count for the restaurant at the January meeting so be thinking about if you're interested in attending. The plan would be to go to Niles whenever you wish, in order to have enough time to look at the carvings, and then meet at the restaurant at 6:00. You will probably meet up with other chapter members as you walk around the displays. Or you can plan individually to get your group together at a specific time.

Dinner and Lights

Be ready for a fun evening of Dinner and Lights starting at 5PM on Saturday, December 10th, at Whalen's. We will all meet at their house for dinner and socializing followed by a caravan trip to Michigan City to take in the Christmas Light Display. At this time Connie is not asking for this to be a Carry-In. A sign-up sheet was passed around at the November meeting and also at the December meeting.



Chapter Holiday Party

The Chapter Holiday Party is coming up soon. It will again be held at Dal-Mar in Nappanee. Snacks will be served at 6:00 with the main dinner being at around 6:30. This is always a fun event and the food is always good, so be sure to plan on attending. Cost for this event is \$10.00 and Connie will be collecting payment for this no later than the January meeting. A sign-up sheet was started at this month's meeting, but you can still sign up at the January meeting.

Once again, as a reminder, we will not be doing the gift exchange, like we have in the past. In it's place, everyone is asked to bring a gift item to be donated to Ronald McDonald house. This can be anything like baby toys or clothes, children's toys, hats, gloves, scarves, slippers, socks, body wash, lotions, thermal mugs, gift cards, phone cards, anything that the kids or adults could use. Baby clothing items are usually in high demand including preemie items. Don't necessarily think Christmas gifts but rather things residents could use during their stay.

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. None are due in February.

"Whatever is good to know is difficult to learn." -- Greek Proverb

Meeting Notes: By Vern Daly



.Wolfie opened up the meeting to about 25 chapter members and two guests, Norman's two grandkids.

Wolfie talked about this last month's events, which included the Chapter Birthday Party at Miller's, which was a fun event with good food and fun games. He also mentioned that a few couples attended the Western Haystack Dinner in Goshen, hosted by Chapter H. Deb Whetstone talked about the planning meeting, which was held at their house on Nov 13th. It was well attended and we got the entire year planned out. We have a lot of fun things planned. Be sure and watch the "What's Coming Up" section of the newsletter to keep updated on events and any changes.

Jim Whetstone talked about upcoming Chapter events, which include the Dinner and Lights at Whalen's on Dec 10. The sign-up sheet was passed around one final time at the meeting. Looks like it should be a fun event and by the looks of the sign-up sheet it should be well attended. Also mentioned was the Chapter Holiday Party on Jan 7. A sign-up sheet was started for this event, the cost of which is \$10, payable by the January meeting. Slips of paper were circulated so everyone could suggest a couple for Chapter COY. Results will be announced at the January meeting.

Bob gave the Chapter Educator talk which centered on two topics, preparing your bike for winter and selecting riding clothing. The three main things mentioned about winterizing your bike were:

- Change the oil
- Check the tires
- Put bike on center stand

The main points of selecting riding clothing were that there are no standards for protection in the US like there is for helmets. There is a standard in England called the Personal Protective Equipment standard, but you'll generally not find that on clothing sold here, so the main things to look for are construction quality, materials used and stitch count. For leather the stitch count should be 11—14 stitches per inch and for fabric it should be 13—16. Either less or more can weaken the seams. Also you should look for a liner made of a slick material so it will not grab the next layer of clothing.

Wolfie reviewed the upcoming national and district events as well as neighboring chapter events. Most of those events are, or will be, listed in What's Coming Up.

Both Dumbo and Udderly Fantastic will be staying with their respective guardians for the time being.

Keep saving those crushed cans for the chapter. Jim McPhail or Frank Case will take these.

Thursday Dinners

Be at the restaurant at 6:30

We will probably be doing the dinners once a month during the winter.

December 15 . . Red Lobster (Elkhart)

January 19 . . Hibachi Grill, Indian Ridge Plaza, Mishawaka
This is just off Grape Road, just south of the Toll Road, where the old Circuit City used to be.

What's Coming Up

- Dec 10 . . Dinner and Lights in Michigan City
At Whalens 5PM
- Jan 07 . . Holiday Party at Dal Mar 6PM
- Jan 14 . . Ice Festival, Niles, Dinner at 6PM, Hob Nob
Contact: Bob or Sue Chute
- Jan 29 . . D2 Chili Cookoff Garrett, IN
- Feb 3 & 4 . . Michigan Wingless Weekend, Lansing
- Feb 10 - 12 . . Ohio Cabin Fever, Columbus
- Feb 17 - 19 . . Winter Rendezvous, Wyndham West, Indy

Birthdays & Anniversaries

Anniversaries:

None in January

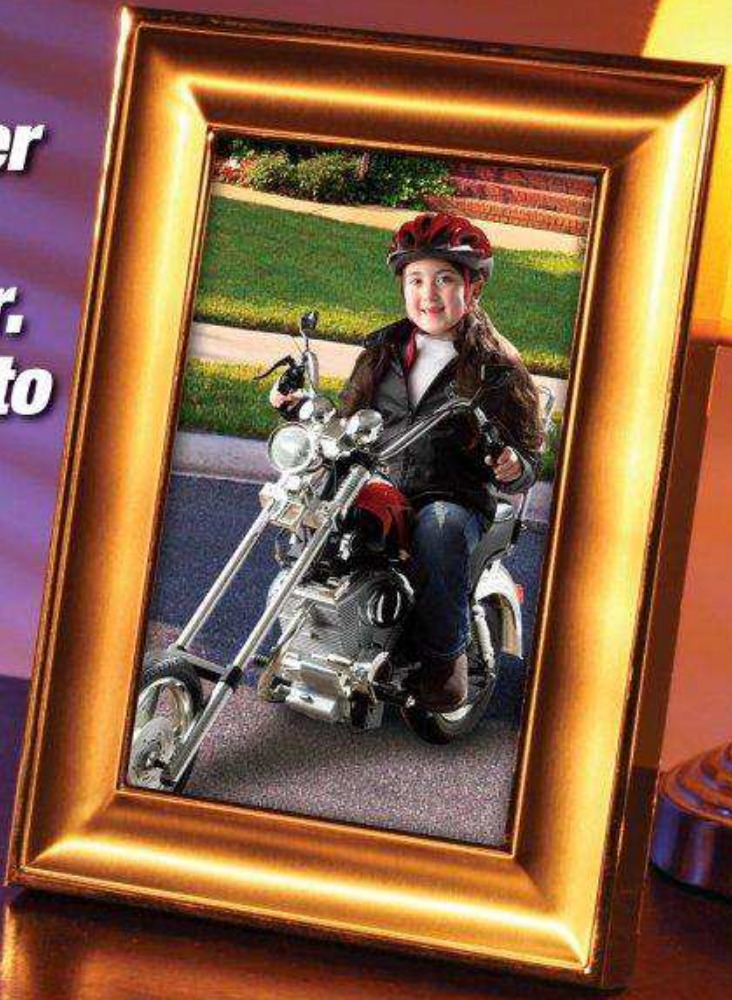
Birthdays:

- Jan 01 . . Rod Clark
- Jan 02 . . Al Beachy
- Jan 21 . . Cathy Rummel
- Jan 22 . . Bruce McLeish
- Jan 30 . . Cindy Norman



Save those pop tabs for the Ronald McDonald Ride September 8, 2012
January Items : Actual items for January were not selected. You all know what the list is like. Just bring something appropriate.

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and her father.
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cover her.***



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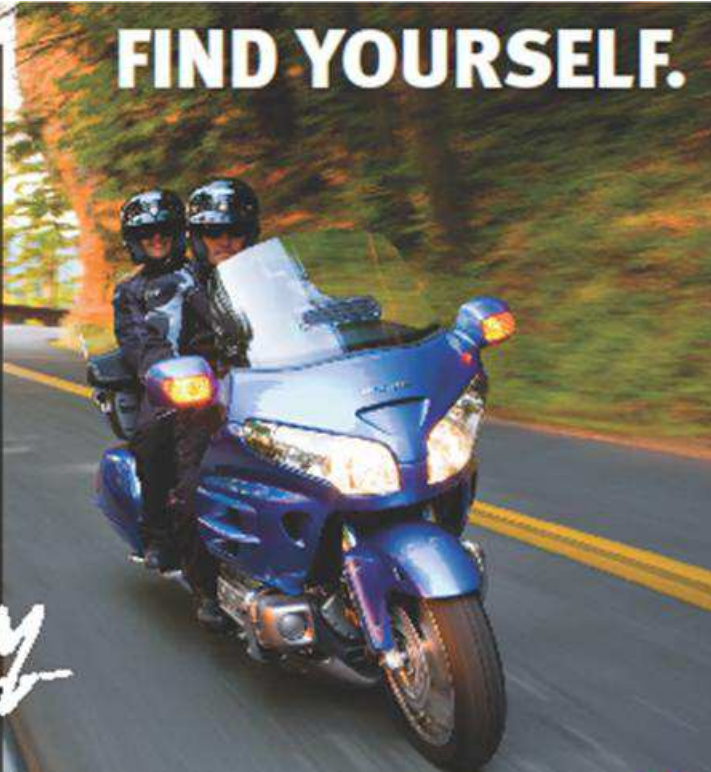
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