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## FROM YOUR CHAPTER DIRECTORS

### *Wolfgang & Connie Gless*



Hello to All;

February is here and winter seems to be in all its glory. We have had a few storms that have dumped anywhere from a few inches of snow to 40 inches of snow on Michiana and the surrounding area, although this is not as bad as parts of New York and other eastern states have had this year. This all makes me wonder what Global Warming really means. While on vacation I heard that Punxsutawney Phil did not see his shadow so they say winter will be short lived from this point on, we can only hope.

Connie & I missed being with you all at the meeting but to be honest we did have a good time in Florida, at least until the last day, and that is a story we would have to tell in person if you haven't heard about it already.

Winter Rendezvous, what can I say except that the three couples that attended had a good time. I was disappointed that we had such a small group that went this year. I was asked a few times what happened but didn't have a real good answer. After 3-4 years of having a talent for the talent show and a float for the parade, it was a little sad to sit in the audience and only watch this year. What do you think about getting back into it in 2012? The chapter did have a hospitality suite but it was not well used. Over all the attendance was way up from 2010 and the changes that were made by the state staff seemed to be well received, although some events were a little disorganized, may have been first time jitters. Connie and I did participate in the "new tractor pulls" and as usual, Connie placed first. I, on the other hand, did not even place. Why you may ask, how about that it was due to mechanical failure of the event equipment. It turned out that after the ladies finished, the pedals on the tractor were so worn out that they fell off when the men put their power to them. How does that sound for an excuse, believe it or not that is the truth, for the most part. Next year's Winter Rendezvous is expected to have some changes due to the Super Bowl being held in Indianapolis for 2012. More information will be available in the future.

As I mentioned in last month's article, our two biggest events of the year are coming up in March, the Pound Auction (March 3<sup>rd</sup>) followed close by our annual Chicken Sales (March 5<sup>th</sup>). As for the Pound Auction if you can get something donated that would be great, if not please bring at least one nicely wrapped item to be auctioned off. Last year's auction was a big success and I would like to see the same this year. Also, if you know someone that could participate please invite them to attend, the more the better. We need participation in Chicken Sale pre-sale tickets that were handed out at the meeting. I printed 250 tickets and can print more so if needed just ask. Help will also be needed on the day of the sales so please make time to help. Participation has been great in the past. One more thing, pray that some or all of this snow melts before the sales. The lot is getting full.

That is all we have for this month, be safe and well.

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 by now we are all experiencing a big difference in the length of day light that we seem to be gaining every day, isn't it great! We also know that just

means we are much closer to riding season! Of course as I sit here typing this we are looking at blizzard conditions outside for the next 24 hrs or so!!! Oh well onward we go!

### Chapter 02 events

**Feb 19.** Card/Game Night at McLeish's 5PM (Carry-In) be there or be square!

**Mar 03.** Don't forget our Pound Auction, all proceeds go to Ronald McDonald House... Chapter 0-2 members- Please bring one item to be auctioned off- Guest and visiting Chapters are not required to bring an item for auctioning.

**Mar 05.** Our annual Chicken Sale (Bristol and Cassopolis) please come out and support our Chapters fund raiser. We will be meeting for breakfast at 8:00am at the Colonial Pancake House on west Bristol St. (19) and CR-5

**Mar 05th.** Is also the District Meeting in (Anderson, IN)

**Mar 12.** Hold this date open for possible CPR training at the Elks Lodge in Elkhart, (more to follow.)

**Mar 17.** Dinner at Sports Time Family Pub & Grill- near Cr 17 & Cr 14 - Looks like good food and locally owned!

**Mar 19.** 2:00pm Bowling at the Country Club Bowling Lanes in Elkhart. You don't want to miss this if you like to have fun this is the place!!! Dinner will be at Jo Jo's Pizza afterwards.

**Mar 31.** Dinner at the Hob Nob near Main St & Second St. downtown Niles, Mi.

**Mar 27.** Sunday- leaving from NEC @ 11:00 am arriving Meijer Gardens around 1:00pm to tour the indoor gardens and the butterfly exhibit. Price will be \$12 per person but if we have a group of 10 or more it's \$7.

After touring the gardens, we'll be going to get a bite to eat before heading back home. Contact Rich Durecki for any questions or concerns.

**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



### QUICK TIPS: Preventing Motorcycle Theft

Follow these basic tips to help avoid becoming a victim of motorcycle theft:

- **Lock your ignition** and remove the key. Most bike thefts occur when the ignition is shut off, but not locked.
- **Lock the forks** or disk brakes with locks that have large, brightly colored tags.
- **If traveling with other riders**, lock motorcycles together when not in use.
- **If riding alone**, lock your bike to a secure, stationary object that can't be easily dismantled, such as a light pole.
- **Add an audible alarm** to your motorcycle.
- **When traveling** and spending the night at a hotel, locate an outdoor security camera and park your bike in the camera's view. If this is not possible, park your bike close to your room.
- **Keep an eye on your bike**. When parking at a public event, check your motorcycle periodically, especially immediately after leaving your bike, to make sure there are no suspicious individuals lurking about.
- **If parking in a garage**, block your bike with automobiles, close the garage door and make sure it is locked.
- **Don't store** your title in your bike's storage compartment, tank bag or saddlebag. The safest place for your title is at home.
- **Uniquely mark** and then photograph your bike. If thieves take your bike, note its unique markings to law enforcement using the photos you have taken.
- **Keep your bike registration** and insurance identification card on you when you ride.
- **Be careful** about giving out private information on where you live, work or play.

**If you use a trailer to transport your motorcycle, follow these safety tips:**

- **Park the trailer** in a well-lit location near security cameras or in an area easily seen by restaurant, hotel or event staff.
- **Lock the trailer doors** and hitch.
- **Secure doors** by backing up to a wall, so there is not enough room for doors to be opened.
- **Know your trailer** identification and license plate registration numbers.
- **When riding home**, make sure you're not being followed.

### Guard against theft when selling your bike:

- Using fake identities has become common in bike thefts. Don't turn over the title until you can verify the check or money order is valid and has cleared the bank. Mail the title to the new owner.
- **Ask the buyer** for his or her name, address, date of birth and driver's license number. Then ask to see the driver's license and check that the information given matches the license.
  - **Be especially cautious** of anyone who presents out-of-state identification.
  - **Make sure** the potential buyer wasn't dropped off by another party and is planning to take a one-way test ride with your bike. Verify that the buyer owns the vehicle he or she arrived with, and that the vehicle is of equal or greater value than your bike.
  - **Check that** the buyer's driver's license carries a valid motorcycle endorsement.
  - **It isn't necessary** that you provide a buyer with the title right away. A written document signed by the seller and buyer indicating price and method of payment can serve as proof of purchase. You can forward the title to the buyer once the check has cleared the bank.
  - **If you decide** to sell your motorcycle on consignment, do not provide the signed title to the dealership until you have received your money in full. Make sure the dealership is a reputable business before you trust them as an agent.

Theft Prevention Tips courtesy of **Sentry Insurance**  
Published by Motorcycle Safety Foundation – [www.msf-usa.org](http://www.msf-usa.org)



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

**Time Share For Rent**

For rent: Two weeks of time shares located in Crossville, TN. Available on the 15th and 16th weeks, which end up being in April. The timeshare is located on a PGA golf course, for all of you golf enthusiasts. There are great roads to ride, and is only two hours from Pigeon Forge and Gatlinburg. The time share is pretty much between Knoxville and Nashville. We are not going to be able to use our weeks this year, and are renting them out for the cost of the maintenance fees only, which comes to \$375.00 per week. It has a full kitchen, 2 bedroom, 2 bath. Lots of amenities. For more information please call Ron Gabbard at 269-641-2329.

## 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.

## Bowling Party

Again this year we will be having a bowling party on March 19, 2PM at Country Club Lanes on Cassopolis Street. Be prepared for some unusual ways of bowling...this year's event will be kicked up a notch. After bowling, we will enjoy pizza at JoJo's, where awards will also be given.

We had a good turnout last year, but could use even more bowlers. If you missed it last year you really missed a fun event. Try to make it this year.



## 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 April are: Heckaman and Skinner.

"The measure of success is not whether you have a tough problem to deal with, but whether it is the same problem you had last year." -- John Foster Dulles

## Meeting Notes: By Vern Daly



Wolfie and Connie were escaping the winter weather and enjoying a vacation in Florida, so Jim & Deb chaired the meeting attended by 17 members. It was good to see Sue Chute back up and running (not quite, but her surgeries are over and she is healing.) Cathy Rummel phoned with the news that Glen is home, which was good for all of us to hear. Cathy also thanked everyone for the birthday cards she received and said it made her feel very special and happy.

First order of business was a recap of chapter events since the January meeting, which included the Holiday Party, Planning Meeting, Niles Ice Sculpture Festival, and Winter Rendezvous. Members were reminded of upcoming events, the Pound Auction at the March meeting on the 3<sup>rd</sup>; Chicken Sales on March 5; and Card, Game, & Food party at McLeish's on February 19<sup>th</sup>.

Judy handed out tickets for the upcoming chicken sales. If you were not at the meeting, please give Judy a call and she will get tickets to you. Bruce & Lucy passed around a sign-up sheet for the party at their home on the 19<sup>th</sup>. Please give them a call if you would like to attend. Judy discussed the possibility of going to Chicago to attend a play and costs involved. She also reminded everyone of the bowling party on March 19 and told them to be prepared for some unusual ways of bowling...this year's event will be kicked up a notch. After bowling, we will enjoy pizza at JoJo's, where awards will also be given.

Bob Chute, Chapter Educator, listed the upcoming ARC/ERC classes and locations:

April 16 & 17 - ARC/Trike in Evansville

May 14 & 15 - ERC in Brownstown

May 14 & 15 - ARC/Trike in Marion

June 11 & 12 - ARC/Trike in Rensselaer

July 16 & 17 - ARC/Trike in Akron

Bob & Sue also reminded everyone of the tentative First Aid date which is March 12. If this date changes, members will be notified via the phone tree.

A list of neighboring chapters meeting dates and places were announced for possible future visitations. Additionally, a list of upcoming district, regional, and national events was read.

In Brenda's absence, Deb Whetstone read the birthdays for February, and a special congratulation was given to Tom & Connie Whalen, who will celebrate 40 years of marriage on the 20<sup>th</sup>. Also, sheets were passed out regarding Jim White, who will be celebrating his 80<sup>th</sup> birthday on February 13. Jim & Pat are former members of O-2 who relocated to Forsythe, GA several years ago.

Tom Whalen presented Dumbo to Lucy McLeish, who in total honesty admitted her shirt was inside out. Tom stated that had she acted more nonchalant and said she was just like the young kids who wear their clothing inside out as a sign of "Stylin" she would not have been awarded this dubious honor. Rod Clark, current guardian of Udderly Fantastic, will keep him for another month.

Household cleaners will be the item to bring for Ronald McDonald House to the March meeting.

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 March and April. Be there at 6:30.

Mar 17 . . Sports Time Grill (CR17 - Formerly Beef-O-Brady)

Mar 31 . . Hob Nob (Niles)

Apr 21 . . Bravo Café (Osceola)

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## What's Coming Up

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)

Mar 12 . . CPR Class (Elkhart Elks Lodge)

Mar 19 . . Bowling (2pm Country Club Lanes, Elkhart)

Mar 27 . . Meijer Gardens (Meet at NEC @ 11:00am)

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

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

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## Birthdays & Anniversaries

### Anniversaries:

Mar 09 . . Ron and JoAnn Gabbard

### Birthdays:

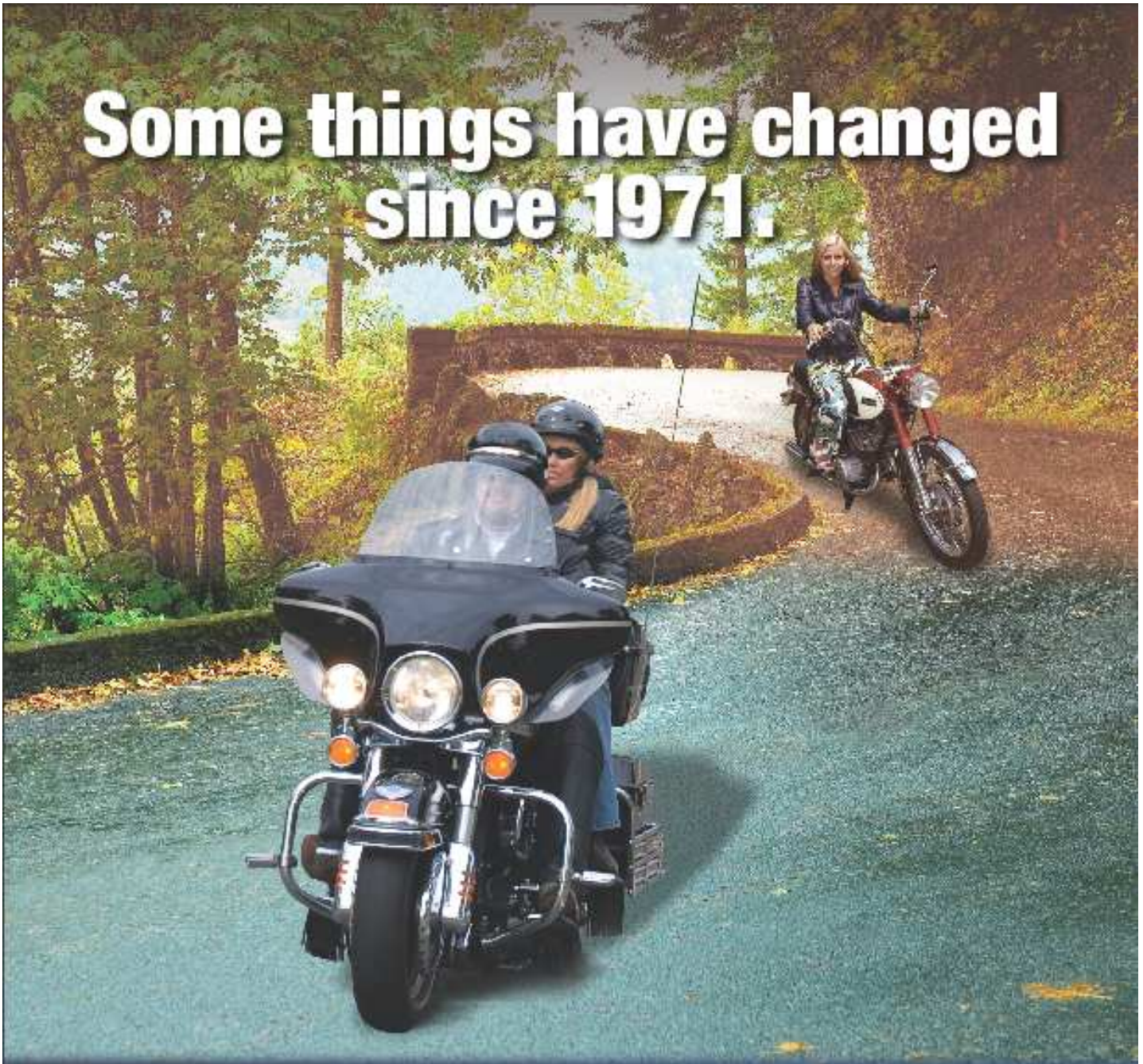
Mar 04 . . Kyle Beachy

Mar 31 . . Tammy VanLaecke



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