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FROM YOUR CHAPTER DIRECTORS

Wolfgang & Connie Gless



Hello to All;

May is here and not a lot of riding yet. Let's keep our fingers crossed and hope for an improvement in the weather. April was not loaded with a lot of Chapter activities but we did get together a few times.

We had our chapter Bake Sale at North End Cycle again and made a little capitol for the Chapter. I was sorry that I was not able to attend due to work schedule but with luck maybe next year. We had the coin drop again and one of our Chapter members was the lucky winner (Bruce McLeish). The weather was a little cool, so we didn't have as good a turn out for the bike show.

Parking lot practice was held again at Rance's church. I believe we had 9 bikes participate including a guest, Bobby Newman, who joined us. Our Chapter Educators Bob & Sue Chute did an excellent job setting up the course and instructing it. The weather held off on rain but the temperature was a little cool. After the practice, some went home and a few of us went and had lunch.

This Chapter is about to celebrate a very important event, this year will mark the 20th year of Chapter IN-O2's existence and we still have one Charter Member in the Chapter, Jim & Carol McPhail. We have planned a photo session for the June meeting (June 2nd) and would, of course, like all members present for that photo in chapter shirts and vests. This photo with a small article will be submitted to Wing World Magazine for publication. The question came up as to which shirt as we seem to have a few different styles in our closets. I know I have at least five. When I joined the chapter back in 1999 all red was the color. Since then it has changed many times. I would like to see the chapter go back to an all red shirt as the official chapter shirt color. So, if this is expectable to the rest of the chapter members, any new member that wants a shirt will get red as the color. For the photo any mostly red chapter shirt is the first choice, second would be the white, red and black. If you don't have any of those then whatever color chapter shirt you have will be acceptable. And of course, bring your vest.

Ok I believe that covers this month see you at the next event and 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,

May showers will bring plenty of flowers and warmer weather I am hopeful!

The riding season is upon us but the majority of us are still waiting for it to just warm up a bit and dry out. I know, just be patient for the warmer weather is not far off now.

Don't forget our dinner rides start this month, every Thursday night- meet behind Discovery Middle School which is at the intersection of County Line rd (Ash rd) and Brummitt st. Kick stands up at 6:30. See you there! Well let's see what is in store for May.

May 13th thru 15th – Is the 39th Annual Blessing of the Bikes in Baldwin Mi. The Blessing will be held on Sunday the 15th. at 10:00am

May 15th. We have our CPR/First Aid Course at Christiana Creek Country Club at 1:00pm sharp! We will have a meal there before we leave. Please plan on attending. This will be a two year certification.

May 19th. – 21st. Spring Wing Warm Up (Greensburg, IN)

Just to note: There are a couple of dates to remember,

June 26th – Scavenger Hunt (2:00pm) more to follow.

July 16th – Progressive Dinner ride – more to follow.

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: Guidelines For Riding With A Passenger On Your Motorcycle

Legal Considerations

1. All state laws and requirements for carrying a passenger must be followed.
2. Some states have specific equipment requirements. Examples: the motorcycle must have passenger footrests, passengers must be able to reach the footrests, and a motorcycle must have a separate seating area for a passenger.
3. The decision to carry a child, assuming all safety and legal factors have been considered, is left to the parent or guardian. Ensure that the child is mature enough to handle the responsibilities, tall enough to reach the footrests, wears a properly fitted helmet and other protective gear, and holds onto you or the passenger hand-holds. Check your state's laws; a few states have set minimum ages for motorcycle passengers.

Operator Preparation

1. Passengers should be considered as a second "active" rider so they can help ensure that safety and procedural operations are correctly followed.
2. A passenger will affect the handling characteristics of a motorcycle due to the extra weight and independent motion.
3. A passenger tends to move forward in quick stops and may "bump" your helmet with theirs.
4. Starting from a stop may require more throttle and clutch finesse.
5. Braking procedures may be affected. Braking sooner and/or with greater pressure may be required.
6. More weight over the rear tire may increase the usefulness and stopping power of the rear brake, especially in quick stop situations.
7. Riding on a downgrade will cause braking distance to increase compared to a flat surface.
8. Extra caution is called for in a corner because of the extra weight. Cornering clearances may be affected.
9. More time and space will be needed for passing.
10. The effects of wind, especially side wind, may be more pronounced.

Next month we'll continue with "Motorcycle Preparation".



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:

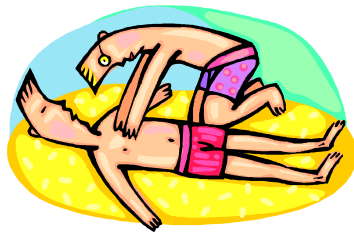
- 1 - Teal Goldwing jacket, quilt lined, size small \$20.00
 - 1 - GWRRA 3-In-One jacket, size small \$40.00
 - 1pr - Cruiserworks waterproof lace type boots
Womens size 7, like new \$20.00
- 269-641-7562

FOR SALE or Trade:

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 **or trade for something else that fits me better**. 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

CPR Class

Wolfie will be instructing a CPR class on May 15th starting at 1PM at the Elks Lodge in Elkhart (our regular meeting place). Attending this



Courage doesn't always roar. Sometimes courage is the small little voice at the end of the day that says.....I'll try again tomorrow."

-- *Mary Anne Rademacher*

2011 Ride List

Here is the 2011 Thursday Evening dinner ride list as of the May meeting. The list is filling in well. Thanks to all who signed up at the May meeting. If you haven't signed up yet please consider taking one of the open slots. Contact Bruce McLeish

- May 12 - Jim Whetstone
- May 19 - Vern Daly
- May 26 - Tom Whalen
- June 9 - Rich Durecki
- June 16 - Bob Chute
- June 23 - Wolfgang Gless
- June 30 - Rich Durecki
- July 14 - Ron Gabbard
- July 21 - Jim Whetstone
- July 28 -
- August 11 - Wolfgang Gless
- August 18 - Jim Butler
- August 25 - Rich Durecki
- Sept 8 - Don Norman
- Sept 15 -
- Sept 22 -
- Sept 29 -

Chapter Picture

We want to do a Chapter picture to send in to Wing World commemorating our chapter's 20 year anniversary. Hopefully we can get it published in an upcoming issue.

Here's the plan

We will take the picture at the June meeting, right after eating and before the actual meeting starts. That would put it at about 7PM. Please, everyone be there no later than 7:00 and wear your Chapter shirt, the red and black one if you have it, if not then the white, red and black. Also, if you have one, please wear your vest.

We want to have as many members in this picture as possible, so everyone **please try to make this meeting**.

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. Due in July are Rod & Judy Clark.

Meeting Notes: By Vern Daly



Wolfie opened up the meeting to around 20 members and three guests from Chapter MI-S.

Wolfie gave a review of past events, namely the Bake Sale/Bike Display at NEC and the Parking Lot Practice. Both events went well.

Jim talked about upcoming chapter events which included the CPR Class, the Progressive Dinner Ride and the **Chapter Picture**. See "What's Coming Up" for dates. Also, please be sure and check out the special announcement on page three about the **Chapter Picture**.

In the Rider Ed segment Bob talked about the importance of attending an ARC. Also mentioned was a reminder to check your first aid kit that you carry on your bike. Make sure you have not only the proper equipment but that it is fresh and hasn't deteriorated over the years. Another thing to check now that riding season has started is your tool kit. Make sure you haven't inadvertently left one or more tools out the last time you worked on your bike and used some of the tools.

Wolfie again mentioned that he and Connie will be visiting neighboring chapters, mainly to promote the RMD ride. If you want to accompany them please contact Wolfie for dates and times.

Wolfie also reviewed neighboring chapter events as well as District/Regional/National Events. Most of those are listed in the "What's Coming Up" section immediately to the right. If you need any more detailed information on any of these events you can call Wolfie or Jim.

The Thursday Dinner Ride list is filling up quite well. There are currently four slots open. See page 5 for the complete list and to see what slots are available. If you haven't signed up to lead a ride please consider taking one of the remaining open nights.

Both Dumbo and Udderly Fantastic will be staying with Jim for another month.

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 Dinner Rides

Meet behind Discovery School. Leave promptly at 6:30

May 12 . . Jim Whetstone

May 19 . . Vern Daly

May 26 . . Tom Whalen

June 9 . . Rich Durecki

June 16 . . Bob Chute

June 23 . . Wolfgang Gless

June 30 . . Rich Durecki

What's Coming Up

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

May 15 . . CPR Class Elk's Lodge, Elkhart 1PM

June 4 . . Bike Show @ Hayden Honda

June 6 - 11 . . Americade

June 11 . . Chapter H Fun Run Blessin Haus 9:30

June 11 . . MI-S Scavenger Hunt, Harbor Sports & Cycle
Benton Harbor 10:00AM

June 17 & 18 . . Ohio District Convention, Wooster OH

June 25 . . Roadrunners (R2) Rally for ANNA Rensselaer

July 3 . . GWRRA Night at the Races (U) Ft Wayne

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

July 10 . . Ride For Kids (Pinhook Park, South Bend)

July 16 . . Progressive Dinner 1PM, Start at Discovery School

July 30 & 31 . . Michigan District Convention, West Branch, MI

Aug 06 . . Rally For Hope 9AM @ Jordan Ford, Mishawaka

Aug 18 - 21 . . Canada Trip

Birthdays & Anniversaries

Anniversaries:

June 25 . . Rod & Cheryl Rance

Birthdays:

June 04 . . Carol McPhail

June 11 . . Denny Heckaman



Save those pop tabs for next year's Ronald McDonald Ride. Let's make the 2011 Ronald McDonald Ride the best one yet!
June Item: Cleaning Supplies.



RIDER INSURANCE PROMOTES MOTORCYCLE SAFETY AWARENESS MONTH

SPRINGFIELD, N.J. – Rider Insurance is joining with federal, state and local highway safety, law enforcement and motorcycle organizations in proclaiming May as “Motorcycle Safety Awareness Month”. By increasing safe riding and co-operation between motorists and all other road users, we can reduce the number of fatalities and injuries on our nation’s highways.

Nearly 50 percent of all motorcycles involved in fatal crashes collided with other types of motor vehicles. It is important to remember that motorcyclists are more vulnerable than those in other types of vehicles. Motorists should always look for motorcycles by checking mirrors and blind spots before entering or leaving a lane of traffic and at intersections. It is just as important that riders be visible to other motorists and obtain proper training and licensing, wear the appropriate protective gear, and always respect the rules of the road.

In recognition and support of Motorcycle Safety Awareness Month, Rider Insurance will be giving away hundreds of dollars a day in motorcycle safety apparel and motorcycle training courses throughout May on Facebook. The promotion will kick off at 10 am on May 1, 2011 and everyone who “likes” Rider Insurance’s page on Facebook is eligible to participate. Details can be found on the Rider Insurance website, www.rider.com and on the Rider Insurance Facebook page, <http://www.facebook.com/pages/Rider-Insurance/66182707468>.

Rider will also be introducing new “Watch for Motorcycles” decals and reflective helmet stickers. They will be available at the Rider booth at various motorcycle events and motorcycle dealerships throughout IN, MD, NJ, OH, PA, and WV free of charge. For event locations, go to www.rider.com/motorcycle_community/motorcycle-events.html and for participating motorcycle dealerships near you go to <http://www.rider.com/accessDC/login.asp>.

In addition to direct promotions, Rider will continue to support other individuals and organizations in their efforts to promote safety awareness through the Rider Insurance Bleiwis Family Foundation and general corporate donations and sponsorships throughout the riding season. If you are planning a motorcycle safety awareness event, please contact events@rider.com.

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