



# GOLD WING ROAD RIDERS ASSOCIATION Hart City Wings Communicator



## INDIANA CHAPTER 02



ELKHART, IN.

July 2011

Edition Two Hundred Twenty Nine

### REGION D DIRECTOR

Roger & Penny Hurley  
937-698-4443

### DISTRICT DIRECTOR

Lee & Kay Tieche  
812-579-6500

### ASST. DIST. DIRECTOR

Lee & Kay Tieche  
812-579-6500

### CHAPTER DIRECTOR

Wolfgang & Connie Gless  
269-476-2321

### ASSISTANT DIRECTOR

Jim & Deb Whetstone

### CHAPTER EDUCATOR

Bob & Sue Chute

### CHAPTER TREASURER

Cindy Butler

### RECRUITER/RETENTION

Joann Gabbard

### RIDE COORDINATOR

Bruce McLeish

### COUPLE OF THE YEAR

Rich & Cari Durecki

### CARDS & FLOWERS

Brenda Heckaman

### SPECIAL ACTIVITIES

Judy & Rod Clark

### PHONE TREE

Brenda Heckaman

### CHAPTER SCRAPBOOK

Cathy Rummel

### WEBMASTER

Cari Durecki

### NEWSLETTER EDITOR

Vern Daly

### RONALD McDONALD RIDE

Jim & Carol McPhail

### CHAPTER POET

Deb Whetstone

## FROM YOUR CHAPTER DIRECTORS

### *Wolfgang & Connie Gless*



Hello to All;

Can you believe it, half the year is done and gone, before you know it the temperature will cool down big time and the snow will be flying. Now that I've given you the bad news here is the good, we still have plenty of riding weather left and some of it will be great.

On June 4<sup>th</sup>, four couples from the chapter went to Americade, held again at Lake George, NY. We had good weather going out, including a stop-over at Niagara Falls. We spent Sunday seeing the Falls and enjoying some of the other attractions that Niagara Falls has to offer. Since the last time we were there, they added a huge Ferris Wheel that takes you around about 5 times and you can see all of the Falls and surrounding area. At night it was beautiful. We arrived in Lake George Monday afternoon and after checking into the house we rented, we went and registered. We had several events planned for the week including a scavenger hunt, fashion show, a dinner ride and a Rodeo. The week went very well and we only had one day of rain, and boy did it rain and hail. We did have some rain on the way home but nothing that we could not ride through. I am not sure about the other 3 couples but, as usual, I'm ready to go again next year.

On June 26<sup>th</sup> we had a scavenger hunt. I have to thank Judy, Rod, Deb & Jim for putting on a great event. This time instead of collecting items of all kinds and transporting them in our bikes, we had a list of items to find and only had to take a digital picture of that item and return with it, (a lot less messy). The Gabbard's who arrived at the event on Gabbard Time were the lucky winners, congrats. Also, guys, you could not have picked better weather.

On July 10<sup>th</sup> we went on the Ride For Kids. This will have been the 4<sup>th</sup> year that Connie & I have attended the Ride For Kids and the second year that we have worked registration at the event. Rich & Cari and Don & Cindy also helped out at registration, and Jim & Deb and Jim & Cindy showed up for the ride. Although it costs \$35.00 to participate in the event it is well worth it knowing that the funds raised go for research for trying to find a cure. The Pediatrics' Brain Tumor Foundation is working hard to find a cure for this terrible disease and, to me, the event fee is a small bite out of my pay-check to give. This year I checked in participants that gave as little as \$35.00 to those that raised money totaling well over \$15,000.00 and believe me either of the amounts are greatly appreciated. I would like to see more Chapter participation next year; it all goes to a good cause. OK, I'm done on my soap box now.

I was checking my calendar for the next few months and there are a lot of activities coming up. Everybody pray for sunny weather and lets all 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 it looks like the warm weather is finally here to stay! It's July so get out there and enjoy your summer...

Let's take a look and see what's going on.

**July 6 - 9** . Wing Ding 33 in Knoxville, TN. (In progress as I type!)

**July 10** . Sunday- Ride For Kids (Pinhook Park, South Bend) Registration is from 8:00 to 9:45 – leaving at 10:00. Please come out and support the local Ride for Kids.

**July 16<sup>th</sup>** Chapter 02 progressive dinner ride starts at 1:00pm at discovery middle school. Come on out and have some fun... For questions or want to sign up, you can still do so by calling Chutes or the Whetstone's.

**July 17<sup>th</sup>** ARC class in Argos, IN.

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

**Aug 6** . . Rally For Hope 9AM @ Jordan Ford, Mishawaka

**Aug 6** . . Annual Corn & Sausage Roast at Case's, You really don't want to miss this- Need I say more!

**Aug 18 – 21** Wolfie's Canada Trip

**Coming up before you know it is the annual RMD ride to Indy!**

**Sept. 10<sup>th</sup>**. Don't forget our 21<sup>st</sup>. annual ride to Ronald McDonald House in Indianapolis.

**Sept 11<sup>th</sup>**. The Ride For Kids in Indy.

**Sept. 15<sup>th</sup> to the 17<sup>th</sup>**. is our Region D Convention in Coldwater Mi.

Don't forget to come out and ride with us on Thursday nights.

**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

#### General Safety Considerations

1. You need to be experienced in the motorcycle's operation and have a safety-oriented attitude before taking on the added responsibility of carrying a passenger.
2. Practice low-speed clutch/throttle control as well as normal and emergency braking in a low-risk area like an open parking lot, with a passenger.
3. Use caution in cornering and develop cornering skills over time to ensure passenger comfort and safety.
4. Use caution in corners as clearance may be affected.
5. Use MSF's Search, Evaluate, Execute strategy (**SEE<sup>SM</sup>**) to increase time and space safety margins.
6. Allow time for a passenger to adjust to the sense of speed and the sensation of leaning; speeds should be conservatively safe and reasonable until a passenger acclimates to the proper riding techniques.
7. Ensure passengers follow safety procedures:
  - a. Complete personal protective gear is properly in use.
  - b. Hold operator's waist or hips, or motorcycle's passenger hand-holds.
  - c. Keep feet on footrests at all times, including while stopped.
  - d. Keep hands and feet away from hot or moving parts.
  - e. When in a corner, look over the operator's shoulder in the direction of the corner.
  - f. Avoid turning around or making sudden moves that might affect operation.
  - g. If crossing an obstacle, stand on the pegs with the knees slightly bent and allow the legs to absorb the shock upon impact.
8. Allow more time for passing.
9. Be ready to counter the effects of wind.
10. Avoid extreme speeds and dramatic lean angles.
11. Be ready for a passenger "bump" with their helmet or with their whole body sliding forward during hard braking.
12. Start the motorcycle before the passenger mounts.
13. Have the passenger mount after the motorcycle's stand is raised and the motorcycle is securely braced. Hold the front brake lever if the surface isn't level.
14. Have the passenger dismount first.
15. Annually complete a **Basic RiderCourse 2 – Skills Practice** with a passenger.
16. Have frequent passengers complete a **Basic RiderCourse** so they can better understand the operator's task.



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

## Corn and Sausage Roast

Case House  
Saturday, August 6, 4PM  
Bring a dish to share  
Park at Jehovah Witness Church  
Call 875-9135 if you didn't sign up

## 2011 Ride List

Here is the 2011 Thursday Evening dinner ride list as of the June meeting. The list is filling in well. 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 - Bruce McLeish
- June 23 - Wolfgang Gless
- June 30 - Rich Durecki
- July 14 - Ron Gabbard
- July 21 - Jim Whetstone
- July 28 - Bob Chute
- August 11 - Wolfgang Gless
- August 18 - Jim Butler
- August 25 - Rich Durecki
- Sept 8 - Don Norman
- Sept 15 - Tom Whalen
- Sept 22 -
- Sept 29 -

## Progressive Dinner

Plans are coming together for the Progressive Dinner on Saturday, 16 July. This year there will be four stops instead of the usual three. The last one will be at Whalen's, and, if the weather cooperates, the pool will be open. So if you're inclined to partake of that activity, bring you bathing suit.

The meeting place will be Discovery School, where we meet for the Thursday Dinner Rides and the time will be 1PM.

## 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 September are Rich and Cari Durecki.

The secret of a good sermon is to have a good beginning and a good ending; and to have the two as close together as possible. *George Burns*

## Meeting Notes: By Vern Daly



Wolfie opened the meeting to 18 members and 2 guests, Bud & Brenda Holewinski.

Bud and Brenda were there to visit the chapter and see what it's all about. Hopefully they will decide to join us.

Wolfie reviewed past chapter events, including Americade and the Scavenger Hunt. Attendance was very good at the Scavenger Hunt and everyone seemed to have a good time. I know I did. WOW, that passenger seat is really comfortable.

Jim talked about upcoming events, all of which are mentioned elsewhere in the newsletter, so I'll not go over them here. We have a lot of good events coming up. Be sure and take a look at the What's Coming Up section and, as always, if you have a question about any of the events, don't hesitate to contact any chapter officer if you need more information

Bob gave the Rider Ed talk which centered on being aware of what happens to your motorcycle when you or your passenger shift their weight. Even slight movements can change the attitude and direction. Be aware of these effects and try them out when you're out riding so you'll not be surprised when it happens.

Wolfie again mentioned neighboring chapter visits. Several are coming up in the coming month. Contact Wolfie if you'd like to go on one or more of these. Editor's Note: Please note that there was a mistake in the date for the GWRRA Night At The Races in Ft. Wayne. It was previously listed as being on July 3 which is incorrect. It is on July 30. Sorry for the mistake.

From the ride coordinator, there are two Thursday Night Dinner Ride slots open in September. Please contact Bruce if you can pick up one of these.

Dumbo is staying with Bob Chute for another month.

Udderly Fantastic went to Cindy Butler for doing the Chapter Treasurer duties.

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

July 14 . . Ron Gabbard

July 21 . . Jim Whetstone

July 28 . . Bob Chute

Aug 11 . . Wolfgang Gless

Aug 18 . . Jim Buttler

Aug 25 . . Rich Durecki

---

## What's Coming Up

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

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

July 30 . . GWRRA Night At The Races, Ft Wayne

Aug 6 . . Rally For Hope 9AM @ Jordan Ford, Mishawaka

Aug 6 . . Annual Corn & Sausage Roast at Case's

Aug 18 - 21 . . Canada Trip

Sept 10 . . Ronald McDonald House Ride 9AM

Sept 15 - 17 . . Regeon D Rally (Coldwater, MI)

Sept 24 . . Bon-Fire at Heckamans

---

## Birthdays & Anniversaries

### Anniversaries:

Aug 3 . . . Rod & Judy Clark

Aug 10 . . Jim & Cindy Butler

Aug 19 . . Glen & Cathy Rummel

Aug 22 . . Wolfgang & Connie Gless

Aug 24 . . Rich & Cari Durecki

Aug 25 . . Don & Cindy Norman

### Birthdays:

Aug 2 . . Judy Clark, Ron Gabbard, Don Norman

Aug 18 . . Karen Dahmen



# The Only Insurance Carrier that Serves the Motorcycle Community Exclusively.



## Join the “Members Only” Club.

As a rider, you know what it's like to break from the crowd and belong to that exclusive club of people who share your passion.

Rider has dedicated its entire company to people just like you. People who take the road less traveled, and never, ever take the “shortcut”.

As a member of the Rider team, you get better rates, excellent coverage and hassle free service.

Our Claims Adjusters are Motorcycle Specific Experts, there for you 24/7, 365 days a year.

And we're proud to offer the Best Built-in Accessory Coverage in the Industry.

If you're a rider, we're your company.

**The Motorcycle Specialists.**  
For a Quick Quote, Go Online or Call  
1-800-595-6393.



[www.Rider.com](http://www.Rider.com)

Available in Indiana, Maryland, New Jersey, Ohio, Pennsylvania and West Virginia.

**FIND YOURSELF.**

**GOLD WING**  
 Hundreds of Gold Wing Accessories  
**IN-STOCK!**  
 Gold Wing Tire Specialists  
**WING TIRES ALWAYS ON SALE!**  
 Great selection of Pre-owned  
**TOURING BIKES**  
 Factory Trained Techs with  
**GOLD WING EXPERIENCE**

*Lake City*

3426 US 30 East, Warsaw, IN 46580  
 574-269-4199 • www.lakecityhonda.com

IT'S A HONDA

**Gold Wing Specials!**

**\$359<sup>95</sup>** 15% Off GL Parts & Accessories **GL 1800 Service Special**

Front & Rear New Tires with Installation and Balancing.

On GL 1800s everyday!

Offers valid only with this GWRRA ad.

**Only \$459!\***

- Safety inspection
- Replace spark plugs
- Change oil & filter
- Replace final drive fluid
- Replace brake pads
- Replace air cleaner
- Inspect & replace coolant
- Replace brake and clutch fluid
- Service crankcase breather
- Inspect & adjust steering head bearings
- Inspect evaporative emission control system

**HONDA**  
PERFORMANCE FIRST

**North End Cycle**  
 2426 Cassopolis Street  
 Elkhart, IN 46514 • 574.264.0618  
 www.northendcycle.com