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FROM YOUR CHAPTER DIRECTORS

Wolfgang & Connie Gless



Hello to All;

The warm weather, and sometimes hot weather, just keep going by very fast. Before you know it fall will be here and the start of the cool to cold weather. The good thing is that there is still plenty of riding weather to come, let's make good use of it.

This past month we had our Progressive Dinner Ride that went very well, all that attended had a good time. We had 4 stops, the first for appetizers at our house, the next for a salad at Jim & Deb's house, the third for the main course at Bob & Sue's home, and finally we rode to Tom & Connie's home for desert. Tom & Connie also invited everyone for a swim in their pool, which was greatly appreciated, as the weather was very warm. The only glitch in the day was that Tom had a bike malfunction that slowed us up a little en-route to their house which also resulted in the group getting separated. In the end, all made it to the last destination unscathed.

Five Chapter members attended the A.R.C. Course held in Warsaw & Akron this past month and all that attended were successful in completing the course. The classroom session was held in the morning in a very cool room of a church basement. We then went to lunch in Mentone on our way to Akron. The riding portion of the course was held in an open parking lot with very little shade and of course, it was very hot, but we all managed to survive. To say the least it was worth it as I always learn something new at each course I have taken and I'm sure the others did to.

The last thing I want to comment on was the Ride for Kids held at Pinhook Park in South Bend on July 10th of this year. This ride is to raise funds for research to find a cure for Pediatric Brain Tumors. If you haven't attended this event in the past, you should really consider it next year. It is one of, if not, the best organized event we have attended. The entire route was police escorted and all intersections were blocked by local law enforcement, and they did a great job. From start to finish, we never had to stop for traffic; it was all halted for us. At the end, we were all treated to a light lunch and all participants were recognized for their fund raising efforts. Some of those amounts were very impressive. Most important to be honored were the survivors of this nasty disease, they are what this event is all about. Connie and I will be back again next year and I hope more of you will also attend.

Hope to see you all at future chapter events, until then 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 all wanted warm weather to hurry and get here but did you really want it this warm? I know it's been plenty hot for me; there have even

been days that I would not want to ride because it was so hot! We have had a record number of days over 90 degree's this past month even a few topped 100 and I have to say I for one will be looking forward to some cooler weather.

Ok let's see what's in store for August & September:

August 6th was our annual corn & sausage roast and The Rally for Hope

Aug 18- 21 Wolfie's Canada Trip

Sept 3rd Rumble at Rummel's (help finish garage & whatever else needs taken care of) **Please keep this date open as Glen & Cathy could use our help!**

Sept 4th Region 1 ABATE's annual MDA Ride. St. Jo. Co. fairgrounds, registration starts at 8:00am ride leaves at noon.

Sept 10th **Ronald McDonald House Ride** – Leave the Mishawaka Meijer parking lot at 9AM (Bremen HWY 331 SOUTH) Come one come all- It doesn't matter what you ride- what matters is that you ride, please join Chapter 02 for our 21st annual ride to the Ronald McDonald House.

Judy Clark has informed us that there are 3 rooms left at the Radisson if anyone else would like to stay with us on Saturday night after our RMD ride. Please let Judy know right away as she will need to cancel them soon.

Sept 11th The Ride for Kids in Indianapolis. Starts and ends at the Indianapolis Motor Speedway. Registration starts at 8:00am closes at 9:45 and leaves at 10:00am (includes a lap around the track)

Sept 15- 17 Region D Rally (Coldwater, MI) the theme is Monster Mash.

Sept 24th Possible Bon-Fire at Heckaman's

Sept 24th Possible color ride before heading to Heckaman's. Leave the school at 9:00am

Oct 8th Fall Fest at the Howard County Fairgrounds, in Greentown IN.

**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

Practice, Practice, Practice

'Skill' is often no more than CONFIDENCE

By: James R. Davis



Some time ago I was riding with a group down a back-country road when our group leader decided that we needed to perform our 'mandatory' U-turn. The road had two lanes (one in each direction) and there was no oncoming traffic.

With only one exception everybody made a 'three-point' maneuver. That is, we turned across the road and stopped when we could not keep going without running off the pavement, then backed up after turning the front wheel, stopped and turned the front wheel again and proceeded to complete the maneuver.

There was, as I said, one exception. This rider was on a relatively new GoldWing and he was carrying a passenger. Further, he is a BIG man - well over 6' tall and well over 300 pounds.

This man simply aggressively leaned his bike over and drove his bike through the entire 180 degree turn without needing to stop or running out of pavement.

The chatter on the CB was filled with compliments relative to his profound skill with his bike. Those compliments started again at our next rest stop. They were well deserved compliments. But they were misdirected.

That is, what should have been complimented, in my opinion, was the rider's CONFIDENCE rather than his skill.

Don't get me wrong - the man demonstrated lot's of skill. He had demonstrated a mastery of his clutch, his throttle, and his HEAD!

With even modest skill almost anyone can lean a bike far enough in a slow-speed turn to drag a peg - but very few of us want to or would even try to get close to that big a lean because we do not KNOW that we can do it successfully. Why? Because we lack confidence in either our machine or ourselves. So, we compromise and do what we KNOW we can do - we make a three-point U-turn on a narrow road.

And how is it that this BIG man developed the confidence to make that slow-speed hard lean needed to complete his smooth U-turn? He had lot's of experience. Experience gained from lot's of practice.

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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

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1pr - Cruiserworks waterproof lace type boots
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Color Ride

Plans are being formulated for a one-day color ride on Saturday, September 24 leaving at 9AM from Discovery School, where we meet for our Thursday dinner rides. Whether or not the Color Ride takes place will depend on participation. **So if you want to go on this be sure to contact Bob Chute and express your interest.** If the Bon Fire at Heckaman's takes place the color ride would end up there

Work Day at Rummel's

A work day is being planned to help out at Rummel's which will include hanging some drywall in the garage and various other chores for which Cathy needs some help. If you can attend this event please contact Wolfie for the starting time.

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Whether you call it skill or confidence, this man handles his bike very well indeed. He deserves recognition and regard, and he certainly gets both from me. Further, his U-turn maneuver took substantially less time than mine did. In other words, he was at risk for far less time than I was. THAT aspect of the value of experience never occurred to me before - confidence can reduce time at risk.

So, schedule some time on a regular basis and go out and practice, practice, practice. Earn the respect and regard of your friends by increasing your confidence/skills. Potentially reduce your at-risk time while on the road.

Practice increases confidence. Confidence shows as 'skill.' Over-confidence, however, can kill. The difference between the two, of course, is that being confident means you know you can do something, being over-confident means you think you can.

Making a U-turn like my friend did may not be the most important thing you will ever have to do, but failing to negotiate a curve at high speed because you lack confidence enough to lean the bike just a bit more is simply unacceptable motorcycling.

River Boat Ride

Again this year we are planning a ride on the River Queen in Elkhart on Sunday, September 18, with a hotdog dinner after at Clark's.

The ride leaves at 2PM and it is suggested that everyone show up at the dock at around 1:30 in order to get good seats on the boat. If it's hot bring drinks. No alcohol allowed.

Judy would like to have people contact her if they're planning on going so she'll have a count for the dinner.

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 October are Jim and Cindy Butler.

You never really look for something until you need it. [La Forge to Hannah - - TNG/"The Masterpiece Society"](#)

Meeting Notes: By Vern Daly



Wolfie opened up the meeting to 20 members and 3 guests, Alex Tyler, Lonnie Hunter and Barry Nelson.

First order of business was a review of the several events that happened since the last meeting.

Bob reported on the Progressive Dinner, which was well attended and a very enjoyable event. This year was a little different as it included four stops instead of the usual three.

Wolfie reported on the Ride for Kids which a few chapter members attended. And Bob reported on a HOT ARC class.

Jim then went over several upcoming events which the chapter is sponsoring including the Annual Corn and Sausage Roast, Wolfie's Canada trip and the combined RMD House Ride and Indianapolis Ride For Kids. Judy mentioned the planned River Boat Ride which will be held on Sept 18th. Judy needs to have a rough count of attendees due to the fact that there will be a hot dog dinner at their house after the ride. Last year this was a really fun event. Hopefully the turnout will be as good as it was last year.

Also discussed was a possible Bon Fire at Heckaman's and a Color Ride, both on the 24th of September. Both of these events are somewhat tentative. **Contact Bob Chute if you are interested in the Color Ride.** If the Bon Fire at Heckaman's takes place the Color Ride would end up there.

Wolfie also discussed some upcoming neighboring chapter events including the Rally For Hope on August 6th which starts at Jordan Ford in Mishawaka at 9, and Chapter IN-U's Hog Roast, which is also on August 6.

Bob spoke about some important group riding skills, some of which have slipped a little in our chapter group rides. Some of the topics discussed were:

- Importance of the Lead Bike and the Tailgunner
- Leader needs to set a reasonable pace including not accelerating hard after a stop sign as it causes a rubber band effect where trailing bikes have a hard time catching up. Wait until the tailgunner informs that the group is together before returning to higher speeds.
- Use of hand signals indicating single file, double file, debris in the road.
- Coordinated lane changes on multiple-lane roads. Leader should call for acquisition of the desired lane and tailgunner obtains the lane after which the group does the shift.

Region D Convention is on Sept 15 - 17, again in Coldwater, MI. Perhaps the chapter will plan a one-day ride to this event.

A work day is planned on Sept 3rd to help Rummels with some chores around the house including hanging some drywall in their garage. Contact Wolfie for time.

Dumbo will be staying with Bob. So everyone be on their best behavior so he doesn't have anyone to give it to.

Cindy gave Udderly Fantastic to Frank and Kathy for all their hard work on hosting the Corn and Sausage Roast.

Important Notice: October's Monthly Meeting will be held on the 13th NOT the 6th.

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

Aug 11 . . Wolfgang Gless

Aug 18 . . Jim Buttler

Aug 25 . . Rich Durecki

Sept 8 . . Don Norman

Sept 15 . . Tom Whalen

Sept 22

Sept 29

What's Coming Up

Aug 18 - 21 . . Canada Trip - Leave Wolfie's at 8AM

Sept 3 . . Work Day at Rummel's

Sept 4 . . MDA Ride

Sept 10 . . Ronald McDonald House Ride 9AM Meijer's

Sept 11 . . Ride For Kids - Indianapolis

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

Sept 18 . . River Queen Boat Ride 1:30 Elkhart

Sept 24 . . Color Ride (Tentative) Leave from School @ 9AM

Sept 24 . . Bon-Fire at Heckaman's

Oct 8 . . Fall Fest at Howard County Fairgrounds.

Oct 22 .Card Party & Chili Cookoff, Gabbard's 5PM (Tentative)

Nov 12 . . Chapter Birthday Party (Miller's)

Birthdays & Anniversaries

Anniversaries:

Sept 24 . . Frank & Kathy Case

Birthdays:

Sept 17 . . Connie Whalen

Sept 25 . . Vern Daly

Sept 27 . . Glen Rummel



Save those pop tabs for the Ronald McDonald Ride on Sept 10, 2011

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