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We hope everyone had a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

Not a lot happened in December, with the holidays going on. Our Holiday Party started the new year out just right. Our poet Deb Whetstone had a wonderful poem for all of us to enjoy.

And everyone got some very nice gift's. The nicest gift we received was a DVD that Denny & Brenda had made of the thing's the chapter has done throughout the year. We would like to gave a special thanks John Phippen for all his hard work he put in making the DVD for us. Great job John. Thanks again for all your great work. And a special thanks to Denny & Brenda for setting up Del-mar for the Holiday Party, and the wonderful time we had. Thanks again for the great food & fun.

We have a lot of things coming up in the up-coming months. So get really for lots of fun, games & rides.

Get your thinking caps on for Rance's Campout in February. Camp sites will be judged. If you have any ideas about something you would like to host this year, just give us a call. We still have a lot of dates open.

Please keep your prayers and thoughts for Kathy Easterly. She is going though some tuff times right now. If you would like to send her a card, just to let her know you care, here's her address:

Kathy Easterly
27575 Bittersweet Lane
Elkhart , IN 46514

Well that's about all that I can think of. So just keep people you know in your thoughts and prayers, because everyone could use someone who cares. Also keep our service men and women in your thoughts. And pray that they all come home safe.

So stay safe and be careful is winter. Spring's just around the corner, and riding time is coming soon.

Mike & Maggie

MONTHLY MEETINGS are held the 1st Thursday of each month at Bennigan's in the Ramada Inn, off Cassopolis and the toll road. Dinner @ 6:30, meeting @ 7:15 PM

DINNER RIDES are every Thursday night May-Sept. (except meeting night). Meet in the Amberwood Terrace parking lot on CR 17. Leaving promptly at 6:30 PM

Wolfgang and Connie Gless



Hello To All, and hopefully a Very Happy 2008.

The New Year is here and the weather is as fickle as ever, one week we have winter storm warnings and lots of snow and the next week we have 60 degree weather with lots of rain. Hopefully the flooding did not effect you or any of your family or friends, it must be the Indiana or Michigan area or both. The Holiday

Party was a great success with a better than 90% membership attendance, that's great! The meal was very good and our now past Chapter Directors Denny & Brenda Heckaman closed out their term in style. Those of you who could not attend there is always next year.

The next event on the agenda is Leadership Training in Anderson Indiana and that's all that is scheduled for January. In February, our meeting falls on the 7th and the next chapter event will be the Winter Camp-out at the Rance compound. Those who have gone before know it will be fun and those who have not, you got to try it. You can stay overnight, camping in the large heated barn, or just come to eat and enjoy the company and festivities. The last event for February is Winter Rendezvous on the 22nd to the 24th in Indianapolis. The only other activity I want to mention is the Chicken Sales coming up the 8th of March. It is a fund raising event for the chapter and membership help is needed.

Well that should take care of business, lets all keep our fingers crossed that the coming up riding season arrives early and is full of pleasant weather. I don't know about you but we are ready to ride as soon as possible.

Wolfgang & Connie Gless

Bob Chute

To all of the Hart city, IN-02 members



My name is Robert (Bob) Chute and have been ask to be the IN-02 Chapter Rider Educator. I am in the process of doing what has to be done to be appointed by the District Rider Educator. He let me know that it was up to the State Officers for this position. So I am introducing my self to you. I am a foreigner but have received my green card to enter into Indiana and be a part of Your Chapter. I am a retired Michigan State Trooper and spent 23 years, three months and 28 days on the road. I spent the first 2 ½ years in Flint and the rest of the time in Niles. I have been a member of GWRRA for 14 years. Most of that time I was a member of Chapter S in the Benton Harbor Area. I am on my sixth motorcycle and third Goldwing. Owned the same one twice. I now ride a 2006 Wing and love it. I have taken two experienced rider courses that were taught by Michigan State University Trafic Safety Division. I am presently working for AKAL Security Inc. out of New Mexico. They contract with the US Marshals Service to provide security for Federal Court Houses. I am the Lead at the US Bankruptcy Court in South Bend, IN and am on my tenth year. I now live just outside of Edwardsburg, Mi and moved in June of last year. I lost my wife of 43 years in 2006 to Breast Cancer but have found a new love in Sue Myer. We both love to ride and have found new friends in IN-02. Until next month be safe. Check your rides, clean them and look forward to the riding season.

Bob Chute



RECRUITER & RETENTION

Ron Gabbard

Please send your renewals to Ron and he will forward them to GWRRA. We want to keep everyone current and enjoying the many benefits of membership in this great association. No one will be due in January. In February, Mike Knepple will be due. In March, Vern Daly needs to renew.



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.

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Cindy Norman

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Holiday Party

Submitted by Vern Daly



Fifty two people were in attendance at the Chapter O-2 Holiday party held at the Del-Mar banquet hall, which looked very festive with the lighting and Christmas Tree decorations. The festivities start with a social hour from 6:00 to 7:00. Everyone mingled and swapped stories while munching on veggies and cheese and crackers. Most also watched a slide show video of pictures from past events.

The main meal consisted of fried chicken, prime rib and assorted side dishes along with yummy deserts, all supplied by the Del-Mar staff. If you didn't get enough to eat it was your own fault. Everything was just delicious.

After everyone filled their tummies, Brenda and Denny recognized all of their staff members from the last two years. Certificates of appreciation were presented to all those members who participated in helping O-2 to be one of the most active chapters in the state.

Then it was Mike and Maggie's turn. The new staff for the next two years was introduced. A few of last term's staff repeated their commitment or simply went to a different job. The new staff is a good blend of old and new members.

Dumbo even got in on the act. At certain times during the celebration, due to a few little slip-ups here and there, a certain small elephant was seen flying around the room. Actually, I'm not even really sure who he left with. But I'm sure he'll have a good home.

Last, but not least, was the gift exchange. As usual, it was very enjoyable and good for a few laughs here and there. Surprisingly there was very little "stealing" this time. A certain reindeer drew a lot of attention. I don't think I would have wanted to try and steal that one.

After Denny and Brenda distributed Chapter gifts, the party finally broke up around 11:30 or so and everyone headed home in a quite foggy night. Thank you Denny and Brenda for your service for the last four years and for all the work you put in to putting on this party. We all hope you enjoy just being a member again. (Well, Brenda isn't completely off the hook).

Yes, she looks all sweet and nice..but she's actually:



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Save those pop tabs for this year's Ronald McDonald Ride! Let's make the 2008 Ronald McDonald Ride the best one yet!

Thursday Night Dinners: (Meet there at 6:30 P.M.)

- Jan. 10 Olive Garden (Elkhart)
- Jan. 17 Hacienda (Elkhart)
- Jan. 24 Between-The-Buns (Elkhart)
- Jan. 31 El Camino (Elkhart - Osolo Rd.)
- Feb 14 Michael's (Cobblestone Crossing, Elkhart)
- Feb 21 Hunter's (Hively and Main, Elkhart)
- Feb 28 King Gyros (Elkhart across from Concord Mall)

What's Coming Up

- Feb. 8 **Camping at the Rance's Barn**
- Feb. 22-24 . . **Winter Rendezvous** (Marriott East, Indy)
- Mar. 8 **Chicken Sales**
- Mar 15 **Winter Bash**
- Mar 30 **District Bowling** (Noblesville)

January Birthdays & Anniversaries

Anniversaries:

- Jan 13 **Jeff & Terrie McCord**

Birthdays:

- Jan 1 Rod Clark, Brenda Swanson
- Jan 2 Al Beachy Jan 30 . . . Cindy Norman
- Jan 8 Imants Kalass Jan 31 . . . Cindy Butler
- Jan 21 . . . Cathy Rummel
- Jan 26 . . . Maggie Knepple

January Meeting Notes:



Mike opened up the meeting by welcoming the roughly 30 members that were in attendance. He expressed that he hoped everyone had a nice Christmas and New Year.

The big activity since the last newsletter was the **Chapter Holiday Party** on January 5th. (See article on page 3)

Bob Chute, the new Chapter Educator introduced himself. He is a retired Michigan State Police officer where he served for 23+ years. Currently he is serving as Lead Court Security Officer with the US Bankruptcy Court in South Bend. He has 39 years of riding experience. Sounds like we will all benefit from his wisdom and guidance.

Denny expressed thanks to prior year's staff members as well as the chapter in general for his and Brenda's last four years as CD and assistant CD. He also thanked everyone that stepped up and took positions in this term's staff.

Cards & Flowers: Brenda said that there were no cards and flowers to report on since the last meeting.

We will once again be **Camping** at the Rance's barn on February 8th starting at 5:00 PM. (See below)

February 22-24th is **Winter Rendezvous** to be held again in Indy at the Marriott East.

Udderly Fantastic Award was given away by Rod, in Judy Clark's absence, to Denny and Brenda for their generosity in opening their home and leading the chapter for the last 2 years.

Dumbo will be staying with Connie as he is relaxing and recuperating on the couch by the fireplace after an enjoyable but grueling Christmas and New Years. (see additional information in Holiday Party on page 3)

The **Couple of the Year (COY)** for 2008 was announced. Al and Cindy Beachy will be representing us this year.

Please get pictures to Cathy Rummel for the **Scrapbook!** You can also e-mail digital pictures to Vern Daly for possible inclusion in the newsletter, space permitting.

If anyone has **crushed cans** to turn in please get them to Frank Case or Jim McPhail to help with the Chapter funds.

Camping at Rance's

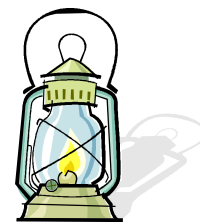
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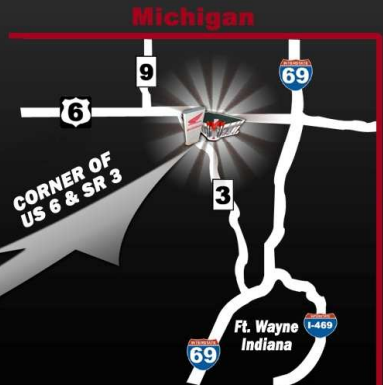


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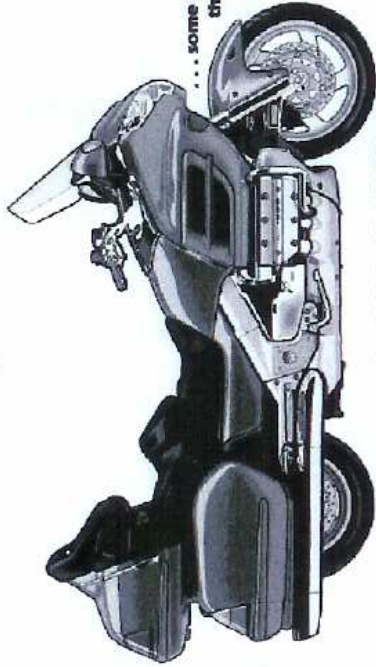
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