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FROM YOUR CHAPTER DIRECTORS

Mike & Margaret Knepple



Hi everyone! Maggie and I hope you are all keeping warm.

We are glad to see so many of you braved the cold to attend our recent meeting.

We'd like to thank Denny & Brenda for setting up everything for our Holiday Party. The food was great, as always. Special thanks for the DVD that John Phippen made

of the Chapter photos, it was great.

Maggie & I would like to thank everyone that has stepped up to fill all of our Chapter positions. We couldn't ask for a better staff. From the bottom of our hearts, we thank you for stepping up to fill our staff positions.

Terry Malcolm came up to swear us in, so it's official, we're your new Chapter Directors! Or, as Maggie says, I'm your new Chapter Director and she's my director. Maggie & I will swear in Wolfie & Connie at the March meeting. Arnie Danner from D-2 also came up with Terry and it was nice to see him again.

Jim & Kathy Leslie were at the meeting to talk to us about the Ride for Kids. It was nice to have them visit us and share all the info they had for their ride.

Maggie has tickets for our chicken sale and the price will be \$5.00 this year. If you would like to get some tickets, just give Maggie a call and she will get them to you, or you can get them at our March Meeting. Start practicing the chicken dance as our Chicken sale is coming up soon! This means you Deb & Judy!

Check your newsletter for all our upcoming events. If you did not get your name on the sign up sheet for an event, please give the person putting on the event a call so they can add your name to the list. If you are on a list and can not make it to the event, please give the person holding the event a call to let them know you can not make it. Thank you.

It might not seem like it, but riding season is just around the corner. The Chapter calendar is getting full, but we still have several open weekends. If you have an idea for a ride or event just let us know so we can get that on the calendar.

So, until next month, keep safe and warm.

Mike and 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

FROM YOUR ASST. CHAPTER DIRECTORS

Wolfgang and Connie Gless



Hello to All

Well 1/12 of the New Year is gone. Time does fly, but the good thing is that spring and summer are just that much closer. Connie and I are sorry that we could not be at the Feb-

ruary meeting (not really) but we had pressing business elsewhere, like Florida. We had a chance to ride for a week and it was great, 80 degrees and no rain, just a little wet pavement, but inevitably, we had to come home to zero degrees, burr.

As we all know, the next function on the agenda is the Chicken Sales in March. That's less than one month away and, with luck, the weather will cooperate. Last year we could not have asked for better weather. Lets try and break the sales record of last year, which I believe was 800 half's.

Connie and I missed the camp-out at Rance's this year. Hope all had a good time. The next fun activity will be the winter bash. It should be a good time for all, and a good way to break up the humdrum of this winter. If you have not signed up yet I believe you still can, contact Kathy Case, she is coordinating this event. Well I guess that is about it. Hope to see all at the Thursday night dinners and don't forget its February, that means Valentine's Day and President's Day

Wolfgang & Connie Gless

FROM YOUR CHAPTER EDUCATOR

Bob Chute



ERC classes are scheduled for May 10th & 11th with 12 openings for each day at Brownstown, IN, and May 17th & 18th with 12 openings each day at Akron, OH. I will be going to the ERC class in Brownstown on May

10th. I was checking the District Rider Ed Calendars and found that Chapter N, South Bend, is holding a Medic First Aid Class on Saturday April 5, 2008. I am trying to get additional information on this and should have it by the next meeting.

The District Educators have started a New Award to be given each year to a member of one of the Indiana GWRRA Chapters, The "Meadows Rider Education Award of Excellence" award is open to ALL Indiana Chapter Members. This Award is intended to recognize that special individual or couple that goes above and beyond in the promotion of Rider Education in Every Day Life. Nominations for this award may be made by any GWRRA member, and should be in the form of a letter stating the accomplishments of the nominee or nominees. Nominations need to be postmarked or turned in, in person, to any of the District Educators Staff no later than May 29th, 2008. The first Award will be presented at the opening ceremony of Spring Wing Warm Up, 2008.

All of You be Safe during this snooowy winter and stay warm.

Respectfully Bob Chute



The Rance Ranch by Deb Whetstone

The grills were lit and the food was ready
It all looked so great it was hard to hold steady
Burgers ,steaks and sausages too
Yes we sure know how to eat in Chapter 0-2
Unlike previous years this year no one took the chance
To set up their tent and spend the night at the Rance Ranch
Yet the party was a great success
with such a great hostess and host
They provided food friendship and fun
including our great gathering post
A table filled with food and a fire so toasty and warm
With the weather brewing up outside
we felt comfortable and safe from harm
Alysha and Jodie our newlyweds were also there
It was great to hear about their young married lives
thanks girls for wanting to share
And Candice young lady it's always great to see you
You are always soo happy in everything that you do
We know that we can count on you to lift our spirits high
And you lived up to those expectations
even as we all were saying Good bye
Yes as we all know all good things must end
So we all said good night to our 0-2 family and friends
We heard that the weather in Florida was perfect from the start
Yes Max and Darlene were headed out with Carol
and our favorite ___ _ _ _ _ !!!
So although you were gone we want you to know
That we really do miss you sooo
So once again a big thanks to the Rance Family
For giving us a great night and being all you can be!!!!

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. Those due in April are:

Denny and Brenda Heckaman
Mark and Carol Skinner
Robert and Diane Stratton



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



FOR SALE: A Direct Lift Pro

Cycle XLT pneumatic table lift. It has a 93 inch table length with side extensions which are included. This is a new 2007 model but won't work for my trike application. It has a weight capacity of 1000 lbs. Just right for your Wing! Contact Tom Albin @ 574 533-8887 or e-mail @ Cruiser_CT@MSN.COM.



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

Winter Bash

STRIKE up the band and get ready for the greatest Chapter O2 **COMPETITION** in history!!! If you haven't signed up yet, call Kathy Case A.S.A.P. to attend. This is a weekend you won't want to **PASS** up!!! A little **BIRDIE** says this one is going to be a **WINNER**. We promise to **BOWL** you over.

Swim or just relax until dinner at 5:30 p.m. at Brewster's just down the street where we hope no one needs the **DRIBBLE** bib. **KICK OFF** for the competition is after dinner in our **LOCKER ROOM**. **TEAMS** will be picked and a variety of sports will put each one to the test. Strength, endurance, skill, and a good sense of humor will all play a part in teams **WINNING** an event. You will want to **HOOP**, holler, and **CHEER** your team on as it soars like an **EAGLE** to the heights of glory to become the overall **CHAMPIONS**.

TEAM PARTICIPANTS should bring the following: 1) a snack to share, 2) drink of your choice, 3) wear a team of your choice T-shirt, sweat, hat, etc. and 4) bring some piece of sports equipment. You may want to workout, practice and be sure you loosen up a little (*maybe a lot*) to **SCORE** in our "**Winter Bash Games**".

START YOUR ENGINES and arrive Saturday, March 15 at the Country Inn & Suites in Kalamazoo, MI. Rooms will be available at 3 p.m. \$85 + tax includes: use of pool, exercise room, Internet, morning newspaper, refrigerator and microwave in room, hot breakfast, coffee, tea, cookies and candy in the lobby. See Frank for directions to the motel.

The **GOAL** for the weekend is to just have fun!!!



"Our ignorance is not so vast as our failure to use what we know."
M. King Hubbert



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

- Feb 21 Hunter's (Hively and Main, Elkhart)
- Feb 28 King Gyros (Elkhart across from Concord Mall)
- Mar 13 Michael's (Cobblestone Crossing)
- Mar 20 Alley Oops (CR 17)
- Mar 27 Luncker's (Edwardsburg)

What's Coming Up

- Feb. 22-24 . . **Winter Rendezvous** (Marriott East, Indy)
- Mar. 8**Chicken Sales** (Corner of Cassopolis and Bristol)
- Mar 15**Winter Bash** (Kalamazoo)
- Mar 30**District Bowling** (Noblesville)

Birthdays & Anniversaries

Anniversaries:

- March 6 . . . Jerry & Jean Rummel
- March 9 . . . Ron & Jo Ann Gabbard

Birthdays:

- March 1 . . . Greg Swanson
- March 4 . . . Kyle Beachy Joy Homan
- March 31 . . Tammy Van Laecke

February Meeting Notes:

Mike welcomed everyone to the meeting. There were around 25 Chapter O-2 members present and four guests: Jim and Cathy Leslie, Arnold Danner, CD from D-2, and Terry Malcolm, Assistant District Director.

First order of business was to swear in our new Chapter Directors. Terry performed this duty and presented them with their CD patches and Certificates. Past CD patches were also presented to Denny and Brenda. Mike and Maggie, you're now 'official'.

Bob Chute announced the formation of a new rider award as well as the schedule for ERC classes. You will find details for these in his newsletter article on page 2.

It was decided to cancel the February 14 dinner due to that date being Valentine's Day and the crowds that will be at the restaurants.

Brenda announced the birthdays and anniversaries. There were no additional cards or flowers to report.

Please check the upcoming events section as we are starting to have more events scheduled with spring approaching. I don't know about the rest of you but I'm sick of winter already. Come on riding season!

Jim Leslie did a presentation on the "Ride for Kids 2008" and handed out flyers. It's amazing how much money has been collected for this very worthwhile cause, the Pediatric Brain Tumor Foundation. This is a motorcycle only supported charity with events all year in various locations around the country. The date for the Indiana event is Sunday, July 13. Assembly will be at Pinhook Park in South Bend. Signup starts at 8:00 AM and ends at 9:45 with an escorted ride starting at 10:00. For more information call 800-253-6530 or go to www.rideforkids.org.

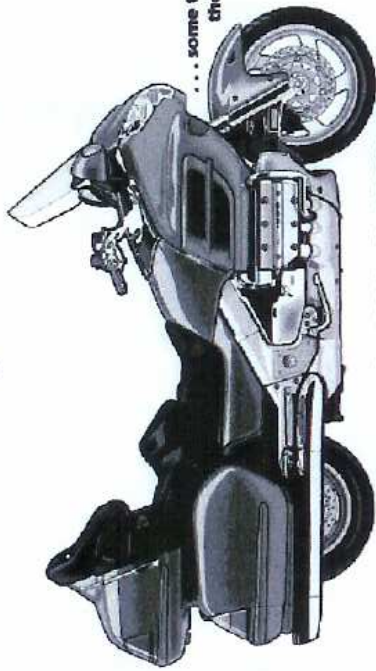
Dumbo will be staying with Mike for the time being. Apparently no one 'slipped up' this month. Udderly Fantastic was presented to yours truly for stepping up to do the newsletter. I hope I can live up to everyone's expectations.

And last we had two visiting 'cheerleaders'. I think they might have been Cathy Case and Judy Clark. But who knows for sure. They were promoting Chapter O-2's Winter Bash to be held on March 15. Most of you already have the details for this event. Absolute last chance to sign up for this event will be March 1. If you need any more information, contact Cathy Case.

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.

**When was the last time . . .
 . . . you fell in love ? ?**



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