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FROM YOUR CHAPTER DIRECTORS

Mike & Margaret Knepple



Hi everyone

Glad to hear that everyone had a nice 4th of July. Maggie and I have been busy too. We're just like everyone else trying to fit in some riding time in between work and family events.

It was nice to see Ron and Joann Gabbard at the meeting and that they are recovering nicely. Maggie and I were sorry to hear about the accident coming home from their vacation. Ron and Joann both had some road rash and bruising. And Joann broke the bone just below her knee. Joann is doing really well now. Best part is they have replaced their bike and will continue to ride.

Frank and Kathy Case told us all about their trip up to Michigan. Sounded like everyone had a fun even though it seemed they dodged some rain on the way up. Maggie and I were sorry to miss out on the ride. Thanks Frank and Kathy for leading this great event.

Several members headed over to South Bend for the Ride for Kids, which benefits Pediatric Brain Tumor Research. Donations at the ride exceeded what they had hoped to raise. Georgia Ford won the drawing for the new bike. Congratulations Georgia.

We heard all about the Honda Homecoming that some of the guys in the Chapter attended. It sounds like they had a great time there. Denny took his granddaughter with him and she had a great time even with the 'old guys'.

Skinner's hosted a pizza night. They meet at Barnaby's for pizza, and then went back to their house for desert. We heard they had great pizza and plenty of deserts. Carol even surprised Brenda with a birthday cake.

Be sure and watch the calendar. It's still very full of fun events coming up. Yes, we are planning on attending the Winter Rendezvous this year. So be ready to step up. We have the men versus the women. The theme is the rolling 50's. So start thinking about the float. We are a very talented Chapter.

Ronald McDonald Ride is just around the corner. Time to round up all your pop tabs. Don't forget to take your cans to Jim or Frank. This is a money raiser for the Chapter.

Until next month, be safe
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, here we are in August already; we are sadly over the hump and on our way to the colder weather and no riding for many months. We have had

some good riding in the last two months with some very good weather. The chapter had a good, but somewhat wet ride to the thumb of Michigan and Frankenmuth. We attended a very good and dry "Ride for Kids" that exceeded the \$60,000.00 goal by over \$40,000.00.

Jim W., Denny H. and his granddaughter, Rod R., and I, attended what was called the last Homecoming in Marysville, Ohio at the Honda plant. All had a great time. There will be a rally of a different kind in the area next year.

The dinner rides, for the most part, have had good weather and were well attended. Along with the riding, we did have one couple that had a mishap while on a ride. They went down and totaled their bike, but they came out with mostly minor injuries and are back riding again with a new bike. Thank God!

When you read this article, we will already have attended the Corn & Sausage roast at Case's. Also coming up is the Region D Rally in Ohio. For those that have not heard the ice cream ride had to be canceled.

Connie and I have set a date, finally, for the Progressive Dinner ride. It will be September 20th @ 3:00 PM, meeting at Wolfgang & Connie's house. A sign up list was passed around at the August meeting and, so far, we have a big group to make the ride. If you have not signed up and would like to attend, please contact us so we have a good idea of how many will attend. Connie & I are also leading a dinner ride on September 6th to a place called BD's Mongolian BBQ, in Portage, MI. No sign up list has been passed but if you want to go just show up by 3:00 PM at our house on that date and enjoy a fun ride & dining experience. (Editors Note: I have been to BD's in Indianapolis on a couple of occasions and it's a blast. Attend this ride if you can.)

The Ronald McDonald Ride is set for September 13th to 14th. We are leaving the parking lot at Meijer's on the corner of US-20 bypass and Indiana 331 at 9:00 am. A sign up list was passed at the August meeting for hotel rooms. Please contact Jim Whetstone if you want a room and have not yet signed up. Also a note to all, this is our chapter's main charity event and all chapter members who possibly can, should attend. So I hope to see all members at the House in Indianapolis.

Well that is all for this month's article. See you all at the next ride event.

Wolfie and Connie

FROM YOUR CHAPTER EDUCATOR

Bob Chute



Hi All

The warm weather is here to stay for a while and school age children are on summer break. This means there will be a noticeable

increase in the number of pedestrians and bicyclists sharing our streets. Please keep the following safety tips in mind while driving this summer:

Pay particular attention at and near intersections. The U.S. Department of Transportation reports that one fourth of pedestrian fatalities occur at intersections.

Motor vehicle and pedestrian collisions are more likely to occur when the vehicle is turning rather than going straight, and the majority of these vehicles are turning left.

A driver can encounter a pedestrian at any time of day or night, but the Department of Transportation says that one half of all pedestrian fatalities happen between 6 p.m. and midnight.

In most situations, Indiana Code gives pedestrians the right of way in a crosswalk. However, many pedestrians mistakenly believe they always have the right of way. Watch for pedestrians when they unexpectedly step into your lane.

Don't assume the pedestrian or bicyclist knows that you have the right of way in a given situation. (Editor note. Some bicyclists even think it's the right thing to do to dart from one side of the road to the other to "get out of the way of oncoming traffic" instead of simply staying in the proper lane.)

As always, be aware of your surroundings and drive defensively.

Bob



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 October are: Jim & Cindy Butler.

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.

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BD's Mongolian BBQ

Wolfie will lead a ride to BD's Mongolian BBQ in Portage, MI on Sept 6. Meet at his house. Departure time will be 3:00 PM. There will not be a signup sheet for this event. Just show up if you want to go.

Progressive Dinner

The progressive dinner has been re-scheduled for Sept 20. A signup sheet was passed around for this event during the August meeting. If you didn't get on the list, contact Wolfie or Connie. Meeting place is Wolfie and Connie's. Starting time for the dinner is 3:00. There will be a short ride and salad will be at Bob and Sue's. Dinner will be at Wolfie and Connie's house, and Desert will be at Mike and Maggie's.

Apple Festival Parade

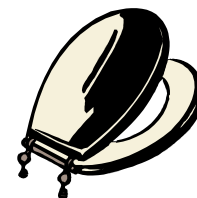


On Sept 27 Niles will be having their annual Apple Festival Parade. Bob asked for a show of hands of those who might be interested in participating. It looks like there might be enough to make it worthwhile. Line up time starts at 8 AM with the parade starting around noon. We would ride in the parade as a chapter. Contact Bob Chute for more information if you wish to participate.

WANTED

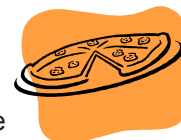
Two old but clean toilet seats w/lids by fall.

Contact: Kathy Case
(*She will not tell you why.*)



Pizza Night

Time for Pizza.....Mark and I would like to thank everyone that attended the pizza night. Not only did we have some great Barnaby's pizza but some wonderful deserts. And we helped our friends at Chapter N raise money for their donation to the Ride for Kids. We started our evening with wonderful pizza. Then headed back to our house for desert.



I surprised Brenda with birthday cake. And of course she received many funny cards too. Thanks Brenda for spending your birthday with us.

We had a fun just sitting around visiting and chatting with each other.

You know in one evening we had so many laughs, and giggles. And we even solved all the words issues.

It was great spending time with everyone. Hope you all enjoyed it as much as Mark and I did.

Murphy's Law is recursive.
Source Unknown



Washing your car/motorcycle to make it rain doesn't work.

Meeting Notes:



Mike opened the meeting and welcomed everyone. After not having a meeting in July there was a lot to discuss.

Frank gave a quick review of the Frankenmuth ride. They had rain on the way up, but had a good time on the ride Saturday. He also read a card from Ben and Mary thanking the chapter and stating that they also had a good time that weekend.

Wolfie gave a rundown on the trip to Marysville for the Honda Homecoming. There were four members from O2 that attended and they all seemed to have a good time. Wolfie stated that the light parades were very impressive. Even the locals got in on the act as there were MANY spectators lining the route.

Rich commented on the Ride For Kids stating that they surpassed their donation goal by a considerable amount.

The Pizza Party was well attended with 6 couples going to the restaurant and several more meeting for the festivities at Skinner's later.

Bob Chute gave a handout on 'Turning' and went over techniques for both slow speed and high speed turns. The methods used for those two types of turns are very different. If you didn't get the handout please contact Bob. Also mentioned was the technique used to go over an obstacle, be it something you have to go up and over or a hole in the road.

Ron talked about their accident and how it was probably caused by taking his eyes off the road for a split second and then realizing the traffic in front was stopped. They went down but attribute the light extent of their injuries to the fact that they were both wearing full protective gear. Joann showed the result of the spill on some of the gear, gloves, shirts, etc. Bottom line is that protective gear really does help.

Brenda read off a list of birthdays and anniversaries for the month of August. She also read a letter from Doris Richmond thanking the chapter for the cards and thoughts.

Denny mentioned that he will have to cancel the currently posted date for the Ice Cream Ride to Jackson on August 23rd as he has had another commitment come up. When another date becomes available he will do a phone tree to let us all know when it will be. So please cross that off your August calendar.

On the Ronald McDonald ride, Denny will be leading the ride to Indy and Jim Whetstone is coordinating the evening dinner, overnight hotel stay and the ride back the next day. Contact Jim if you wish to participate in the overnighter and did not get a chance to put your name on the signup sheet.

Udderly Fantastic was given to Al and Cindy Beachy for all their work in raising Kyle and encouraging and helping him to make Eagle scout.

Dumbo was given to Bob Chute for accepting a tail gunner position on the Frankenmuth ride with no CB. Pretty good trick. Can anyone say "How loud can you yell?"

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.

Thursday Night Dinner Rides

We leave promptly at 6:30

Aug 14 . . Mike & Maggie Knepple
Aug 21 . . Denny Heckaman
Aug 28 . . Jim & Cindy Butler
Sept 11 . . Frank Case
Sept 18 . . Ron Gabbard
Sept 25 . . Tom & Caroline Albin

What's Coming Up

Aug 21-23 . Region D Rally (Tiffin, Ohio)
Sept 4 . . . Monthly Meeting
Sept 6 . . . Ride to BD's Mongolian BBQ (Portage - Wolfie)
Sept 13 . . . Ronald McDonald Ride
Sept 20 . . . Progressive Dinner
Sept 27 . . . Apple Festival Parade (Niles, MI - Chute & Myer)

Birthdays & Anniversaries

Anniversaries:

Sept 24 . . . Frank & Kathy Case

Birthdays:

Sept 2 . . . Jacob Homan
Sept 9 . . . Rebecca Homan
Sept 17 . . . Connie Whalen
Sept 25 . . . Vern Daly



Save those pop tabs for this year's Ronald McDonald Ride September 13th. Let's make the 2008 Ronald McDonald Ride the best one yet!

FRANKLY BEN THERE.....DONE THAT

By Deb Whetstone

The weather was threatening to put our ride on hold...but off we went anyway this set of wingers was really bold
The wind was blowing and the sun was in and out...and after we rode thru the Dust storm we knew what wind was all about
(Oh where Oh where have the other bikes gone)
We rode towards the clouds and it got really dark....So under the canopy we did park
The tornados were blowing just miles down the road, yet we were all safe... just putting our ride on hold
Then Denny came out of the station with a Speed Racer bracelet that had some power
Once Deb W got a hold of it our weather improved by the hour!!!!(GO SPEED RACER GO)
Ben and his crew were waiting patiently at the hotel....And thanks to Frank our fearless leader we all arrived safe and well
Then off to our hotel meeting room we went...To get our info on the next days riding event
Kathy and Deb showed great ride devotion...when Ben promised to show them the ocean
After some snacks and a lot of laughter it was time for bed with visions of the next days ride dancing in our heads
Up and off to breakfast each couple arriving on time ...then off to the parking lot we did go to get our place in line
Away we rode without a care Just wishing our ____ _ could be there!!!
When we stopped along the way for a little bathroom break....Ben and Mary a little surprise out of their trailer they did take
The winner of the game (Brenda) got a bag of candy it was pretty cool...And Ben and
Mary had candy for us all so we didn't have to drool...
Lunch was delicious and another game too....Is there anything this group doesn't think to do?
After we saw the ocean the next attraction was a lighthouse and some people made it all the way to the top...A beautiful
shorelinea great memorial and a very very pleasant stop
Then down the road a little further we did travel. Yes, here was a "scoop" that we loved to unravel
The ice cream was delicious and to eat it was all that we could do....Even the baby cone was not just one scoop...but two
Yes the ice cream cones were big and the stop was a big hit...ice cream for a winger ...just can't get enough of it
Our gas stop was welcomed and turned out just fineSeveral people found their favorite "Boones farm Wine"
The we turned poor Ben's supper plans around.. So some of us could travel to Frankenmuth and check out the town
Some of us headed to town and some towards the hotel....that's when we got the news that Joann and Ron were not doing
too well
But as always they knew they could count on Chapter O-2..And Rod and Judy Clark helped to pull them thru
And now with all of the Chapter's prayers and help, Joann and Ron are doing great...They Thank you and they agree that
Chapero-2 is first rate
And although we were still worried about Ron and Joann....that night we got together as we had originally planned
Don had his jokes as usual that kept us laughing until we cried....We couldn't keep up with that guy even if we tried
Then again the night was ending ...we couldn't ask for a better day.....so off we go to our rooms to finally "hit the hay"
Breakfast was at Frankie's and it was quite a hit...If you didn't share your food you could never eat all of it
After goodbyes we headed home without much trouble along the way...we stopped to fix Toms wheel bearings and a man
with an Iguana stopped to play
Now here we are safely home with memories galore.....Thanks a million Frank and Ben who could ask for anything more!!!!

Schedule for Ronald McDonald Ride

- Leave Meijer parking lot at 331 & 20 Bypass at 9:00 AM
- Take 20 Bypass to US31 South
- Travel south on US31. First Stop Max Pitts Honda on US31 near Peru at approximately 11:00 AM
- Next Stop will be Markland Mall In Kokomo, just south of McDonalds. Arrival time approximately 11:45 AM
- Final Pickup Point is Target Store approximately 1.5 miles South of SR32 on US31. Approximately 12:45 PM
- Advanced Riders will be at each location prior to the group arrival. These riders will answer questions and help the group make a smooth departure from each location.
- The group traveling south from Kokomo will not stop at the Target store due to safety concerns. But the advanced riders will coordinate the departure of the group waiting to join from the Target store.
- These same advanced riders will be at the corner of Michigan St. and US31 (Meridian St.) where the group will be making a right turn to continue to the Ronald McDonald House.
- These directions only apply to those leaving from the northern part of the state.
- Our planned arrival at the Ronald McDonald House is approximately 2:00 PM

A Few Pictures From Recent Events

Ride For Kids:



Pizza Night:



Ronald McDonald House Ride

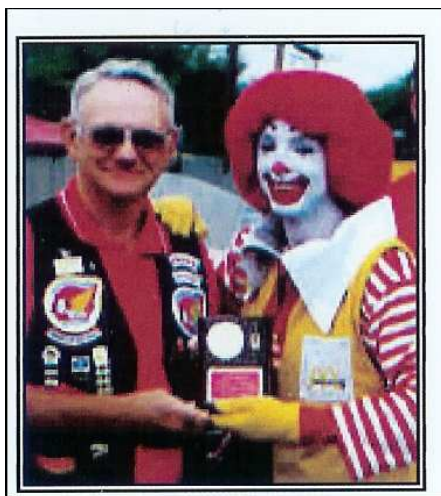
The welcome mat is out to all chapters to join Chapter O-2's 18th annual Ronald McDonald House ride. It is scheduled for Saturday, September 13, 2008 to begin at Meijer parking lot on SR 331 in Mishawaka, IN at 9:00 AM

Stops will be at:

Max Pitts Honda, US 31, Peru, IN, & Markland Mall, US 31, Kokomo, IN

Detailed route to be published in August and September issues of Chapter O-2 Newsletter. Also check our web site. Please join us anywhere along the way to Indy. **SAVE THOSE POP TABS.** Thanks

At right is a list of other items the house is always looking for.



We are wishing for...

For the Pantry

- Fresh fruit
- Individual servings of cereal
- Tuna & cracker snack packs
- Canned meats (chicken, turkey, ham, tuna, salmon)
- Individual servings of pudding & canned fruit
- Individual servings of pretzels & chips
- Snack cakes & cookies
- Eggs and bread
- Crackers
- Flour
- Spices
- Frozen dinners and microwave meals
- Vegetable oil
- Bottled water
- Sugar
- Chunky Soup
- Spaghetti sauce
- Ramen noodles
- Granola bars
- Individual juice boxes
- Drink mixes (Crystal Light, lemonade)
- Cleaning supplies
- Liquid laundry detergent
- Scrubbing Bubbles bathroom cleaner
- Sponge mops

Dryer softener sheets

- Windex
- Lysol wipes
- Toilet bowl cleaner
- All-purpose cleaner
- Murphy's Oil Soap
- Daily shower spray
- Dishwasher soap
- Disposable gloves

For the Kitchens

- Dishware (including drinking glasses)
- Styrofoam cups, bowls and plates
- Dishwasher-safe cooking utensils
- Pots & pans (skillets)
- Aluminum foil
- Sandwich bags
- Disposable and nondisposable forks, knives & spoons
- Muffin tins and cookie sheets

For the Guest Rooms

- Hairspray
- Lotion
- Bath gel
- Liquid hand soap
- Deodorant
- Mouthwash

- Combs & hairbrushes
- Queen thermal blankets (white)
- White pillowcases
- Long distance phone cards (30+ minutes)
- Utensils (forks, knives & spoons)
- Shaving cream
- Disposable razors
- Boxed tissue

Other

- Disposable single-use thermometers
- Large gift items (silent auction)
- Disposable diapers (all sizes)
- Feminine products
- Lactation products for nursing moms
- Light bulbs
- Air fresheners
- Electric can openers
- Alarm clocks

Office Needs

- 8-1/2x11 color & white copy paper
- Manila folders
- Stamps

The House is just like your home, and we can use many of the same items that you use in your house to serve our families. For the health and safety of our guests and volunteers, we ask that items are new. Due to stringent health codes, please check expiration dates. You can view our updated wish lists at www.rmh-indiana.org. Questions? Call the Development Office at 317-269-2247. Thank you!

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