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## FROM YOUR CHAPTER DIRECTORS

*Mike & Margaret Knepple*



Hi Everyone

For those that don't know Mike is out of town, so I'll be stepping in this month.

We would like to thank Frank & Kathy for hosting our annual Corn & Sausage Roast this year. They have a wonderful yard for us all to relax in. We appreciate you both for stepping up.

Also thanks to all the Chapter members that attended and bought all the wonderful dishes to share. I think we all gained 5 pounds.

Wolfie & Connie led a ride to Mongolian BBQ. We heard it was really good food. We have to see if Wolfie & Connie plan a ride there again.

There are still a lot of events on our calendar. Be sure to check it out so you didn't miss any of the fun. There are Chapter Events, District Events and Region Events. If you have any questions about any events, just give us a call & well be glad to help in any way.

I know it may seem like a long way off. But Winter Rendezvous will be here before we know it. It will be Feb 20-22 at the Marriott East, Indianapolis, IN. We are trying to get the same Hospitality Room as the year before. We have a lot of thing planed. Wolfie has a skit planed for the guys & Kathy has a one planed for us girls. Also, the Chapter will be doing a float. So that means we need a lot of help. If you plan on going and haven't made it to the meetings please let me know.

Cathy Rummel needs pictures for the Chapter Scrapbook. If you have any from recent events, please get them to her.

Until next month, be safe  
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

## FROM YOUR ASST. CHAPTER DIRECTORS

### Wolfgang and Connie Gless



Hello to All;

September is here and the weather is changing rapidly. First of all, let me go back to August and say that the Corn & Sausage Roast at Case's went off without any real problems

other than a little rain. The good thing is, we were under the canopy and the rain did not last long. Great job Kathy & Frank, we look forward to next year. Other than that, August was a quite month for chapter events. Now back to September. As of this date, the month has brought a few activities.

The B&D Mongolian BBQ ride was a great success; the weather was great with lots of sunshine and mild temperatures. Five couples attended and had a wonderful ride through the countryside and a very good dinner. For those who missed it I am willing to do it again next year. Chapter O-2's main charity event was not as lucky with the weather. On the planned day, we were receiving a record amount of rain. The ride itself was canceled, but 6 couples + 1 attended the event by automobiles. We left in a downpour but about 20 miles south of Elkhart the rain stopped and when we got to the Ronald McDonald House the sun started to shine and it got hot and muggy. I believe I counted about 7 to 8 other chapters at the event. Thanks to all who attended and brought donations. The ride home was dry until we got just south of Goshen and again it rained. Next year I know it will be dry and clear again.

The Progressive Dinner Ride is coming up on Saturday the 20<sup>th</sup> and we have 25 people signed up. We will be leaving Wolfgang & Connie's house at 3:00 pm and riding to Bob & Sue's house for salads, then back to Wolfgang & Connie's house for the main course. After that, we will ride to Rod & Cheryl's house for desert. See you all on Saturday.

Coming up in October is the Fall Fest in Brookville IN on the 4<sup>th</sup> and the chapter events are as follows; the Corn Maze by the Gabbards on the 11<sup>th</sup>, the Color Ride by the Beachey's on the 18<sup>th</sup> and the Halloween Party at the McLeish's on the 25<sup>th</sup>. All should be a fun time.

The last item I want to mention is the skit I, or I should say we, have planned for Winter Rendezvous. We will start practicing in October and we need an area large enough to move around in comfortably with out causing any damage. Any ideas please let me know by the October Meeting. One other item: We need 6 or 8 lawn chairs, the old lightweight aluminum webbed style. Anyone have any? Well that is it for this month. See ya.

Wolfgang & Connie

## FROM YOUR CHAPTER EDUCATOR

### Bob Chute



Riding on the street calls for pro-actively making yourself visible, gathering visual information, positioning your motorcycle within the traffic flow, reading and evaluating traffic patterns, and making predictions as to how potential hazards will affect you and other motorists. You need to remain in full control of your motorcycle at all times, and remain constantly aware of your immediate riding environment.

Roadways can be chaotic places, with more stressed out, distracted, inattentive and fatigued drivers. According to a study released in 2003 by The Road Information Program (TRIP), travel on the nation's 45,000 miles of interstate highway has increased 37 percent between 1991 and 2001. TRIP predicts that these numbers are only going to get worse. The group suggests that traffic on interstates will increase 42 percent over the next two decades, while truck traffic will grow 54 percent. Sensory overload (and the resulting confusion and lack of focus) is always a danger.

There are effective steps that you can take to combat this confusion. There are many techniques you can use to remain aware of your riding environment and anticipate what is going to happen on the road ahead. Start by improving your riding skills to the point where they become second nature, leaving your mind free to concentrate on monitoring your surroundings.

Making yourself visible, gathering visual information, positioning your motorcycle within the traffic flow, reading and evaluating traffic patterns and making predictions--these are your street strategies, the mental touchstones that you will rely on to make the right decisions when riding on the street.

Research continues to suggest that being visible to others is an important component of any safe-riding strategy. "I never saw the motorcycle." is an often heard refrain in the moments following a car-bike collision. Because motorcycles are smaller than automobiles, they can be more difficult to see and it can be more difficult to judge their speed. Don't underestimate the fact that many motorists simply aren't looking for motorcycles.

Source of Information is the MSF Guide to Motorcycling Excellence 2nd Edition.

Bob Chute, Chapter 02 Educator

Editor's note: This is the first part of a multi part article. Subsequent installments will be published in future editions of the Chapter 02 newsletter.

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## 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 November are: Imants Kalass

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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**

*Chapter items for sale:*



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## 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 Rance's.

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## Apple Festival Parade



On Sept 27 Niles will be having their annual Apple Festival Parade. A signup sheet was sent around to get an idea of who would be interested in attending. Meeting will be at 11:00 at the old Eastgate Shopping Center near 17th and Oak Streets. Contact Bob Chute for more information if you wish to participate.

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## WANTED

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

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



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## Corn & Sausage Roast

**By Deb Whetstone**

The day was here but it looked rather grey  
but don't even think that could keep Chapter 0-2 away  
Kathy and Frank had worked very hard  
Making arrangements and getting the canopy up in the yard  
As usual there was way too much food  
And every bit of it was very very Good  
We were all busy talking it seemed everyone had something to say  
And out in the yard games were set up to play  
Rain came and the rain went  
but nothing was going to stop our event  
Our favorite - - - - - was there but he was feeling a little sore  
however it didn't keep him from telling us a story and a little more  
The garden was blossoming and we went for a garden tour  
Kathy and Frank have a perfect setting that is for sure  
Then it came time for the canopy to come down  
And as usual the group gathered all around  
The timing was perfect because it wasn't dark yet  
And we packed up our things so that we would not forget  
The Butler's were leaving as quick as a breeze  
However they couldn't leave  
Alas they were staying because they could not find their keys  
Everyone looked thru the grass and all thru the ground  
We even looked thru the lawn chairs but no keys were found  
And just when we thought that they were out of "luck"  
The keys showed up RIGHT IN THE TRUCK!!!!  
So we gathered our things and we all said Good Bye  
It was a perfect day and we left with a sigh  
So thanks Frank and Kathy you were a great hostess and host  
and we mean it when to you we "toast"  
Cheers!!!! You guys are great!!!!



Thanks again Chapter 0-2

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"A vacuum is a hell of a lot better than some of the stuff that nature replaces it with."

(Tennessee Williams)

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## Meeting Notes:



Maggie opened the meeting by welcoming all in attendance. There were around 32 members and no guests.

Thanks were extended to Frank and Kathy Case for hosting the Corn and Sausage Roast. Even though we had a little rain, everyone seemed to have a great time. Kathy offered to host the event again next year unless someone else would like to have it.

Ron Gabbard talked about the Region D rally. He stated that there were around 1000 people in attendance. The date and time for next year's rally will be changed.

Bob Chute, Chapter Educator, talked about "Street Strategies". Items like not being seen by 4-wheelers, doing everything you can to make yourself more visible and choosing the best lane position for the situation were mentioned. Also discussed were the increase in interstate highway traffic, and making sure you constantly look all around to help you be aware of everything that is going on. He mentioned a good book called "Motorcycling Excellence".

Wolfie talked about the upcoming Winter Rendezvous which will be Feb 20—22. He asked for a show of hands as to who might be attending. Skits and ideas for the float were discussed.

Wolfie also reminded everyone to meet at his house at 3:00 for both the BD's ride and the Progressive Dinner.

Cathy Rummel reminded everyone that the first organizational meeting for O2 was held on Sept 5, 1991.

Udderly Fantastic will be residing at the Case household for the next month. They received the award for their wonderful job of hosting the Corn and Sausage Roast.

Although there were a couple of deserving recipients, Dumbo will be staying with Bob and Sue for another month.

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.



Save those pop tabs for next year's Ronald McDonald Ride. Let's make the 2009 Ronald McDonald Ride the best one yet!

## Thursday Night Dinner Rides

We leave promptly at 6:30

Sept 18 . . Ron Gabbard

Sept 25 . . Tom & Caroline Albin

Rides End . . . Dinner's Start—**Meet at the restaurant at 6:30**

Oct 9 . . Don Pablo's, Day Road, Mishawaka

Oct 16 . . Jojo's Pizza, SR19, Elkhart

Oct 23 . . Beef O'Brady's, CR17, Elkhart

Oct 30 . . Olive Garden, SR19, Elkhart

## What's Coming Up

Sept 20 . . . Progressive Dinner

Sept 27 . . . Apple Festival Parade (Niles, MI - Chute & Myer)

Oct 02 . . . Monthly Meeting

Oct 04 . . . District Fall Fest (Brookville, IN)

Oct 11 . . . Corn Maze (Gabbard's)

Oct 18 . . . Color Ride (Beachy's)

Oct 25 . . . Halloween Party (McLeish's)

## Birthdays & Anniversaries

### Anniversaries:

Oct 7 . . Bruce & Lucy McLeish

Oct 10 . Eric & Joy Homan

### Birthdays:

Oct 1 . . Mary Graybill

Oct 11 . . Jim Whetstone

Oct 13 . Jo Ann Gabbard

Oct 14 . . Jim Butler

Oct 20 . Mike Knepple

Oct 21 . . Wolfgang Gless

## MDA Ride

ONCE AGAIN JIM AND DEB DID THE MDA RIDE AND THANKS TO ALL OF YOUR SUPPORT WE RODE WITH A GREAT SENSE OF PRIDE WE COLLECTED A TOTAL OF \$576.00 DOLLARS TO HELP MUSCULAR DYSTROPHY AND WE HOPE THAT IT WILL HELP SOMEONE WITH SOMETHING THAT THEY MIGHT NEED WE WANT TO SAY THANK YOU FOR SUPPORTING US THAT WAY AND ALSO FOR HELPING US MAKE IT A GREAT DAY LUCY AND BRUCE WERE THERE TOO DOING SOME WORK AND ENJOYING THEMSELVES TOO SO THANKS CHAPTER 0-2 FOR ALL THAT YOU DO!!! WE APPRECIATE YOU ALL AND JUST WANT TO SAY THANK YOU!!!

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