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FROM YOUR CHAPTER DIRECTORS

Mike & Margaret Knepple



Can you believe the leaves are already starting to turn? It seem like the seasons are passing quicker each year. We hate to even think about what is coming. We aren't ready to mention the "S" word yet. So we hope you're getting those last rides in.

Maggie & I send our condolences to Jim & Deb Whetstone. We're so sorry to hear that Jim's mother has passed away

From what we heard, we missed out a great ride and dinner that Wolfie & Connie set up. It seems the Progressive Dinner Ride was a success, wonderful ride & great food. Thanks Wolfie & Connie for taking the time to head this up. Thanks to Bob, Sue, Rod, & Cheryl for doing their part of the dinner. Maybe next time we'll be able to make it.

The Ronald McDonald Ride was not quite the same since we had to go in cars. But once we got a bit south, the weather let up and it was a nice day. While I was unable to attend, Maggie filled me in. Maggie filled the back of the car with tabs and Jim McPhail filled his with grocery goods. Thanks to everyone for contributing again this year. We appreciate all the support from all the other Chapters give for our charity. We couldn't make it a happen without all your help. Thank you so very much from Chapter 02.

A couple of events have changed, so be sure to check out the calendar for the changes. If you missed the meeting and signup sheets just call who ever is leading it up for details. Or you can call Maggie or me anytime with any question you might have. Corn Maze date has changed to Oct. 18th contact Ron/Joann Gabbards. Color Ride has been canceled.

With Winter Rendezvous right around the corner, we are getting everything going with the talent and float. Several things were discussed at the meeting about what we will be doing. If you are planning on attending, please contact Maggie so she can get an idea how many rooms we will need.

Please give your crashed cans to Frank Or Jim M. please give Cathy R. any pictures you may have for the scrapbook. She needs real pictures. Please don't email them to her. Thank you.

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;

Guess what! It is October, the leaves are changing, Football is in full swing, (even if my teams are loosing) the temperature is cooling down but we will still have activities that are fun with

or without riding.

Over the 3rd to 5th of October, Connie and I took a ride down to Nashville Indiana and I have to say we had a very good weekend. It was a little wet to start but dry and comfortable the other 2 days. I believe at least one couple went to Fall Fest in Brookville, IN. I hope they had as good and dry a time as we had.

Coming up will be the Corn Maze hosted by Gabbards on October 18th @ 5:00 pm, meet at their house. Any questions please contact Gabbards. The Color Ride has been cancelled.

Also, coming up is the Halloween Party at McLeish's on the 25th of October @ 6:00 pm. Wear your costume; we know it will be fun as always.

On to November and our moneymaker for Ronald McDonald House, The Pound Auction. Bring an item or two to be auctioned off. The money goes to a very good cause and it is our main charity. All members please try to attend; also, you may want to bring a friend. The more bidders the better.

Next, we have a slight logistic dilemma. The State Fall Meeting and the Chapter Birthday Party are on the same day. At this time, we are not changing our plans for either one. Those going to the meeting will also attend the party. We will leave at an appropriate time from Indianapolis to get to the party. It should work out OK. The party will again be at Del-Mar and we will just stop there on the way back. Just a note to add, at the State Fall Meeting the director of the R.M.H. will be speaking to the membership to encourage more chapter participation in the Ronald McDonald Ride.

Last but not least, we are planning to start skit practice on 10-16-08 at Rance's. I know this is Thursday dinner night, but we will be ordering out pizza and not going to JoJo's. All other practices will be on days other than Thursday.

Well that is all we have for this month, ride safe and ride dry.

Wolfgang & Connie

FROM YOUR CHAPTER EDUCATOR

Bob Chute



Continuation of article from last month.

Being seen means not only making yourself and your motorcycle visible (with bright clothing and reflective surfaces, for example) but also riding your motorcycle in a manner

that clearly communicates your presence and intentions. Dress in a way that makes you conspicuous. Choose bright-colored clothing and a light-colored helmet so you stand out to other drivers. Consider also using reflective material on your clothing, helmet, and even on your motorcycle to make yourself even more conspicuous, especially in low-light situations.

Even if it's not required by law, you should always ride with your bike's headlight switched on--this is one of the easiest, and most effective, ways to stand out in the eyes of oncoming traffic. For enhanced visibility during daytime hours consider adding a headlight modulator that pulses your headlight beam.

Although we might not typically think of it this way, being visible is one of the key ways that motorcyclists communicate with other roadway users--communication that becomes especially important when you are moving through traffic. Enhance this communication with other drivers by using a good communication lane position and always signaling your intentions. Don't forget to cancel your signal when you've completed your maneuver---a false signal is misleading and can be as dangerous as no signal at all.

Signaling is not enough---double check with a glance. Pair your mirror checks with a glance over your shoulder at your blind spot area before changing lanes.

Turn signals are effective because a flashing light attracts more attention than a steady one. Remember this rule and use it during stopping maneuvers to make yourself more visible from behind. Flash your brake light before braking, except in emergency braking situations, to make yourself more conspicuous to traffic following you. Your horn can be a useful tool, especially in potentially dangerous situations.

Even if you're dressed in a high-visibility-yellow, reflector-pasted riding suit and signal your intentions religiously, you still shouldn't assume that others see you or will respond to your actions. Your best protection is still to ride defensively, to study the traffic and anticipate potentially dangerous outcomes, and prepare to take measures to avoid these.

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

Bob Chute, Chapter 02 Educator

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 December are: Eric and Joy Homan, Tom and Connie Whalen

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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POUND AUCTION

The annual Pound Auction will be held on Thursday, November 6 (the regular monthly meeting night) at Bennigan's. Starting time is the same as the regular meeting. Bring an item to be auctioned off, and come prepared to bid.



As in the past, Bennigan's will prepare a buffet, rather than everyone ordering individually. Cost of the buffet will be \$10.00 per person.



CHAPTER 02 BIRTHDAY PARTY

DEL-MAR
1054 W. Market
Nappanee, IN
Saturday, November 15, 2008
6:30 pm cocktails
7:00 pm dinner
\$14.40 per person

Must sign up and pay
by October 2nd or November 6th meeting



A journey of a thousand miles begins with a cash advance.
(Source Unknown)

Meeting Notes:



Mike welcomed everyone to the meeting. There were about 27 chapter members in attendance and no guests.

Mike thanked everyone who participated in the Ronald McDonald ride. Jim gave a summary of the event and mentioned some totals:

There were 8 chapters involved in the ride with a total of 55 people attending. In all \$2,411.00 was directly donated to the house with an additional \$200.00 spent on shirts, hats and other items. 2,500 pounds of pull tabs were donated, which amounts to some 3.5 million tabs.

Bob Chute talked about the safety seminar he attended held by the City of Elkhart. The materials the Chapter has are dated and need to be replaced so we can have a better presentation at future events like this one. He will look into this.

Sue Myer did the birthdays and anniversaries as Brenda was not present at the meeting.

Signup sheets were passed around for the Corn Maze, the Halloween Party and the Chapter Birthday Party. If you were not present at the meeting and wish to attend any of these events you can contact the person hosting the event directly and get your name put on the list. Again, as usual, if you signed up and cannot attend the event, please call the host as soon as possible so they will have an accurate count.

There have been some date changes to upcoming events. Please see the notice in the newsletter for these changes.

Frank and Kathy were not at the meeting to give out the Udderly Fantastic Award. So Judy Clark handled the honors for them. The award went to Wolfie and Connie for their two recent events, the Mongolian BBQ ride and the Progressive Dinner.

Dumbo is now an undercover cop. He will be staying with Bob and Sue, but will be watching.

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 Dinners

Meet at the restaurant at 6:30

- Oct 9 . . Don Pablo's, Day Road, Mishawaka
- Oct 16 . . Pizza at Rance's Barn (bring your own drinks) ***
- Oct 23 . . Beef O'Brady's, CR17, Elkhart
- Oct 30 . . Olive Garden, SR19, Elkhart
- Nov 13 . . Texas Roadhouse (Elkhart)
- Nov 20 . . Ryan's (Elkhart)

What's Coming Up

- Oct 11 . . . Corn Maze (Gabbard's)
- Oct 18 . . . Color Ride (Beachy's)
- Oct 25 . . . Halloween Party (McLeish's)
- Nov 06 . . . Annual Pound Auction
- Nov 15 . . . Chapter Birthday Party (Del Mar)
- Nov 15 . . . Fall District Meeting (Indy)

Birthdays & Anniversaries

Anniversaries:

- Nov 7 . . Al & Cindy Beachy Nov 7 . . Brent & Mary Graybill
- Nov 20 . Mark & Carol Skinner
- Nov 20 . Mike & Margaret Knepple

Birthdays:

- Nov 1 . . . Susan Pearson Nov 22 . . . Larry Johnson
- Nov 5 . . . Jim McPhail

*** Important Notice *** *** Of Some Changes ***

- **The Color Ride, originally scheduled for October 18 has been CANCELED.**
- **The Corn Maze Event, originally scheduled for October 11, has been re-scheduled for October 18.**
- **The Thursday night dinner scheduled for October 16 at Jojo's Pizza has been changed. Everyone should meet at Rance's barn instead of going to Jojo's. Pizza will be ordered and we will eat there. Bring your own drinks. If you have a special request for a certain type of pizza contact Maggie.**

Ghosts and Goblins, Spiders and more
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The night will be full of fright...
On O2 Halloween Party Night

Wear your costumes either funny or scary
This will make our ghostly and grizzly night a little bit merry

Think long and hard before you decline
You could miss out on some great food when we dine.



JOIN US FOR SOME SPOOKTACULAR FUN!

Date: Saturday, October 25, 2008

Time: 6:00 PM

Place: Bruce & Lucy McLeish
51820 Sharon Ct.
Granger, IN 46530

Call: 277-7060 if you need directions, have not signed up or need to cancel

Bring: Beverage of your choice & whatever you signed up for

Wear: Halloween Costumes

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