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## FROM YOUR CHAPTER DIRECTORS

*Mike & Margaret Knepple*



Hello all

Hard to believe another month is gone. As far as the weather goes, fall has been pretty nice. I know our riding days are numbered so if you get can get out and ride the time is now. I'm not ready to talk about that 4 letter word as I'm sure all of you aren't ready for it yet!!

Our condolences go out to the Gabbard Family. Ron we were so sorry to hear about the loss of your Mother.

Also condolences to the Beachy Family. Al we are sorry about the loss of your Farther.

Our prayers go out to you and your families.

The Rance Family is getting ready to head south. Rod enjoy your retirement. I know you all are going to enjoy being closer to Aylsha and her family. Enjoy your warm winter.

If you haven't heard there is an issue with our meeting place once again. Wolfie is checking into other locations. We will use phone tree to let everyone know when we know anymore.

So until next month be safe out there whether its on 2 wheels or 4.

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 Discovery Middle School parking lot on Ash Road. Leaving promptly at 6:30 PM

## FROM YOUR ASST. CHAPTER DIRECTORS

### Wolfgang and Connie Gless



Hello to All;

It's November. Thanksgiving is just around the corner and that means Christmas will follow soon. October was busy for some of us and, as we know, the Pound Auction was

not held due to many members being out of town. It has been moved to March 2010 and that means we will have 2 fund raisers in the same month. As we discussed at the November meeting, our checking account is quite low so we need to work on some ideas to bring it back up. We will be looking at having a second Chicken Sale, maybe in late April or early May.

That brings us to the next problem. It looks like we have lost our meeting place at the Ramada Inn. We will be meeting in December at Ryan's on CR-6 but this may not be big enough for some of the meetings/activities we have, so we will need to find some place that can accommodate us at a reasonable rate, preferably free as long as we order meals. Again, if anyone knows of a place located in or around Elkhart please let us know.

Winter Rendezvous is coming up faster than you know. Frank Case is chairing the float and he has a meeting planned on November 15<sup>th</sup> @ 2:00 pm at his home. The theme is Island in Paradise Getaway so we need to come up with a good idea for the float. Maybe if someone also has an idea for a skit we could work on that too. The date for Winter Rendezvous is January 22, 23 and 24, 2010. I have secured a hospitality suite for us again and the deadline for getting registration in is December 19<sup>th</sup> 2010. We hope to have a large group from O-2 attend. You can download a registration form from the GWRRA Indiana website. Please try to turn them in to Mike & Maggie by the December meeting. The Marriott Rooms are \$91.00 + Tax per night but you could stay at the La Quinta Inn next door at \$69.00 + Tax per night.

On a personal note, Connie and I are looking forward to being your Chapter CD's. I believe all positions are filled for the next year except The Phone Tree Coordinator. Cindy Beachy is looking to retire and I am looking for someone to step up and take it. Please let me know if you are interested.

On another note, at the meeting, I again acquired Dumbo, a slight slip of the tongue and the rest is history. I now have both Dumbo and Udderly Fantastic. Who will get which one or maybe both?

The Chapter Birthday Party is next weekend, the 14<sup>th</sup> see you there.

Wolfgang & Connie, ACD

## FROM YOUR CHAPTER EDUCATORS

### Bob Chute & Sue Myer



Continuing our discussion on the various types strategies for staying safe while riding your motorcycle.

#### THE BASIC LEFT-TURNER

A common type of motorcycle crash (for sober riders) occurs during daylight hours, at low speeds (around

30 mph) when an oncoming vehicle turns left into your path. When approaching an intersection with a vehicle waiting in the left-turn lane, your best bet is to assume the worst: that a car will pull out in front of you. Reduce your speed as you approach the intersection either downshifting or lightly applying the front brake. Adjust your position in the lane to be seen better. Slowing will increase your safety cushion. Slowing just 10 mph reduces your stopping distance significantly, and covering your brake greatly reduces reaction time. After you've slowed, continue to visually monitor the car in case it moves and forces you to change position or stop quickly.

#### THE HIDDEN LEFT-TURNER

You're riding in heavy traffic, in position behind an eighteen wheeler. The eighteen wheeler travels through an intersection. You follow behind, when suddenly a car from the opposite direction appears in front of you, attempting a quick turn to go behind the semi. With virtually no time to react, you hit the car just ahead of its front wheel and go sailing over the hood, giving your helmet its first road test.

**Strategy:** This is a variation of the "Basic Left-Turner", only instead of the offending vehicle failing to distinguish you in the larger traffic pattern. In this scenario you and your motorcycle are obscured by another, usually larger, vehicle. For this reason it is never a good idea to follow too closely behind a larger vehicle. Foreseeing this situation, you should have slowed and increased your following distance, moving back to where you could better see and be seen.

A similar situation can occur when vehicles are waiting on both sides of an intersection to make left turns. Occasionally, if you are passing to the right of a vehicle that is waiting to turn left, especially if that vehicle is a truck or other large vehicle, you and your motorcycle can be obscured from the sight of the oncoming vehicle waiting to turn, causing that person to turn out into your path. Remain aware of this possibility, and prepare accordingly when passing vehicles that are waiting to turn left.

Bob & Sue



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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Please call after 1:00 PM-----574-354-1156 Bill Bickel

## RECRUITER & RETENTION

**Joann Gabbard**

Please send your renewals to Joann and she will forward them to GWRRA. We want to keep everyone current and enjoying the many benefits of membership in this great association. Due in December are Joy and Eric Homan, Tom and Connie Whalen.

## WINTER RENDEZVOUS FLOAT

Planning meeting for Chapter O2's WR float will be in Frank Case's "lower level", Sunday, November 15 at 2 PM. Bring your ideas. Goofy ones are welcome. We aren't known for being ordinary. Building will take place in the Heckaman's barn.

## CHAPTER 02 BIRTHDAY PARTY

Saturday, November 14, 2009

6:00 PM Social Time

6:30 PM Dinner

Games (*you won't want to miss*) after dinner

Roast Beef & Poppy Seed Chicken

\$15.00 per person

At DAL-MAR

159 E. Lincoln, Nappanee, IN

Sign up and pay by the November meeting  
You **MUST** call Kathy Case (875-9135) to:  
make & cancel reservations by November 6<sup>th</sup>



The theme this year is

### TOOL TIME

Everyone should dress appropriately and bring whatever tools, etc. you feel you might need during the games. Being prepared is important this evening.

Hint: Chain saws will not be needed.

Light travels faster than sound... which is why most people appear brilliant until you hear them.

## Meeting Notes: By Vern Daly



In Mike and Maggie's absence, Wolfie opened up the meeting welcoming everyone in attendance. He said that Mike and Maggie would like to thank everyone that contributed to and attended the Halloween party last month at their house.

Due to the problems with Snafu restaurant, next month's meeting place is changed to Ryan's on CR 6 next to Lowe's, across from Wal-Mart. Additionally, the staff will be looking into a permanent change of location. We'd like to have a location similar to the setup we had with Ramada and Bennigan's, that is, a meeting room with a restaurant to serve dinner. If anyone knows of such a place please make the location known to the staff for their consideration. Watch your newsletter for further information.

Bob Chute, chapter educator talked about a subject he called "It's All In Your Head". The point of the subject was that when you're riding a motorcycle it is very important to look where you intend to go. Look through the curve at the exit because where you look is where you'll go. He also pointed out that if you happen to go into a curve too fast, don't hit the brakes, push harder on the handlebar in the direction you want to go. Trust your tires to get you through the curve. Also mentioned were some points about winterizing your bike. Change the oil. Check fluids. And bring your battery inside and put it on a battery maintainer, or at least charge it once a month.

Deb Whetstone read a poem in honor of Jim McPhail's birthday, which was on the same day as the meeting. It is reprinted here on page five.

Wolfie talked about some upcoming events. The chapter birthday party is on Nov 14 at Dal-Mar starting at 6PM. You needed to be signed up and paid by the November meeting. Jan 9 will be the chapter Holiday party. See additional information on this page. And Jan 22 thru 24 will be Winter Rendezvous. The chapter will be doing an activity for this event, probably a float. There will be an initial planning meeting on Sunday, Nov 15 at Case's at 2PM for this event. (See the notice on page 3). If you plan on going to WR you probably will want to be at the planning meeting.

Udderly Fantastic will be staying with Wolfie for another month.

Dumbo, initially was going to stay with Rich for another month, then, due to a slight slipup on Wolfie's part during the meeting, he was hastily presented to Wolfie by Rich.

Be sure and watch your newsletter for more information on what is going to happen with the meeting place.

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.

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## Thursday Dinners

The Thursday Dinner Rides have now changed over to dinners at 6:30. The restaurants for November and December will be as follows:

Nov 12 . . Doc Pierce's (Mishawaka)

Nov 19 . . Jojo's Pizza (Cassopolis St. Elkhart)

Nov 26 . . Thanksgiving (No dinner meeting)

Dec 10 . . Stacy's (Eagle Lake)

Dec 17 . . Bravo (Lincolnway in Osceola)

Note that the one on Nov 12 is changed from what's on your November calendar due to the fire at Legends.

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## CHAPTER 02 HOLIDAY PARTY

Saturday, January 9, 2010

6:00 pm social time - 6:30 pm dinner

Prime Rib & Cordon Bleu Chicken

\$17.25 per person

at

**DAL-MAR**

159 E Lincoln, Nappanee, IN

Sign up at the December 4<sup>th</sup> meeting.

*OR* call Kathy to make a reservation by December 27<sup>th</sup>.

Each person is to bring a wrapped gift worth about \$10 for the gift exchange.

Males bring something for a man. Females bring something for a girl.

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## What's Coming Up

Nov 14 . . Chapter Birthday Party (See page 3 for details)

Jan 09 . . Chapter Holiday Party

Jan 22 - 24 . . Winter Rendezvous

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## Birthdays & Anniversaries

### Anniversaries:

No Anniversaries in December

### Birthdays:

Dec 01 . . Kathy Case

Dec 02 . . Rich Durecki

Dec 04 . . Max Elliott

Dec 13 . . Jeff McCord

Dec 24 . . Frank Case

Dec 27 . . Lucy McLeish

Dec 29 . . Barry Nelson



Save those pop tabs for next year's Ronald McDonald Ride. Let's make the September 11, 2010 Ronald McDonald Ride the best one yet!

# My Favorite Old Fart

By Deb Whetstone

He was born on a cool day in November  
So Many Many days ago it could be hard to remember  
Yes our "81" year old was born on November fifth, but we won't disclose the year  
We just know that for us and his family it was a day of cheer  
We heard he was a rascal in his younger days in Illinois  
But we kind of expected that...yes, he is all boy  
With two brothers and a sister, he learned to fend for himself it's true  
And now he is a very important part of the group for me and you  
Yes there are a lot of things he did to fill up all of his days  
And he won his wife Carol over with his winning ways  
Having two sons with Carol made our birthday boy a very proud dad  
It was a wonderful family and a wonderful life that they had  
But just like in the movies, the kids grow up and go  
So our birthday boy decided it was on the Goldwing he would go and go and go  
Our birthday boy spent many years at Uniroyal working hard  
And now he spends a lot of time working out in his yard  
There have been many occasions in his life that he took the time to celebrate  
But the celebration today that we're enjoying is one that cannot wait  
There's Christmas and New Years and even Halloween  
But this is the biggest event of the year that this group has seen  
We hope that today you wore your proper birthday attire  
Yes, that would be your Frog Togs...for when the candles arrive and we put out the fire  
Riding his Goldwing has always been fun for our birthday boy  
Yes it has been a great source of his joy  
We are excited to hear the stories when our birthday boy reminisces back  
He was the fearless leader...yes the "Leader of the Pack"  
He has taught us many things about riding and about life  
He even taught us how to handle our bikes with a little less strife  
My husband Jim couldn't keep up with our birthday boy on a trip out west  
Our birthday boy showed him what a bike could do...yes he is the very best  
Our birthday boy has established the Ronald McDonald trip that we do every year  
So for the last 19 years he has picked up the tab and given a lot of people great cheer  
Helping us with our bikes and keeping the float at his house for years  
And listening with an open mind when we had aspirations and also through some fears  
Yes, all of these things that he has done has made him so dear to our heart  
There could never be another person that could live up to the title of  
Our "Favorite Old Fart!!!"

Happy Birthday Jim, from your O2 family

# A Few Pictures From The Halloween 2009 Party At Knepple's



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