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## FROM YOUR CHAPTER DIRECTORS

### *Mike & Margaret Knepple*



Maggie & I would like to wish Everyone a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. We hope the New Year is prosperous for everyone.

As we step down as your Chapter Directors, we'd like to tell our staff thank you for your hard work and support during the past 2 years. We couldn't have done it without you doing your jobs. Thanks to Everyone. It's been fun.

We welcome Wolfie and Connie in as the new Chapter Directors. We know it won't be official until they are sworn in, but they seem to be ready to step up. Please be sure to welcome them in their new position, as well as their staff. Good luck guys hope you have as much fun as we did.

Work on the float and skit for Winter Rendezvous is ongoing. All details of the time and place are in the newsletter or you can call Wolfie & Connie.

As always there are several events on the Calendar. Contact Kathy Case if you are planning on going to The Holiday Party. She will need a total count and also paid by December 27<sup>th</sup>.

Wolfie has a planning meeting scheduled for JAN. 3<sup>RD</sup>. If you can't attend, be sure to get your ideas to him beforehand.

In closing we would like to announce our new meeting place, the Elks Lodge at 116 West Bristol Street. Thanks Judy for finding our new meeting place.

Merry Christmas To All And To All A Good Night.

Mike & Maggie

**MONTHLY MEETINGS** are held the 1st Thursday of each month at the Elk's Lodge on Bristol St. just west of Cassopolis St. 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;

What happened to 2009? It has passed so fast that it is hard to even remember that the year occurred. Oh well, I guess that happens as we get older. On to happier days, this is my last article as your ACD. As of January 1, you

may refer to Connie & Me as BOSS. (Ha)

Winter Rendezvous is coming up fast. The float is almost finished. A team of highly skilled professional builders has put together a work of art that should thrill the audience, and the girls have put together a skit in the tradition of O-2 that will rival last years. At this time, we have 30 members attending, wow. We have a hospitality suite, so those going think about what snacks you can bring. All should have a good time.

Good news, we have secured a new meeting place. We will now be meeting at the Elk's Lodge on Bristol St. (Christiana Creek Country Club). Judy Clark found & secured the facility. I had a chance to look it over, and it should suit us fine. After talking to the manager, we may even be able to have some special activities there. The meeting dates and times will remain the same.

We will be having our annual Chapter Planning Meeting on the 3<sup>rd</sup> of January 2010. I know this is on a holiday weekend and before our January meeting, but Connie and I would like to get this taken care of and be ready for the year. The meeting will be held at our house @ 2:00 PM. Please try to attend and bring some ideas of what we would like to do in 2010.

New things or old things all should be fun.

The Holiday Party is also fast approaching. If you haven't RSVP'd with Kathy Case yet please do so. The price this year will be \$17.25 per person and again be held at Del-Mar in Nappanee. At this time, the officers will be sworn in at the Holiday party by ADD Terry & Cherie Malcolm who will be attending the party as our guests. My understanding is we will also have some MI V-2 members in attendance, welcome. See you all there.

March will be here before you know it and we have 2 fund raisers scheduled, The Pound Auction and Nelson's Chicken. Help will be needed at both but we need a lot of attendance at the pound Auction to make it successful. If you know other chapters or clubs that would like to attend, invite them; just let me know about how many will attend. Also, if any one has any good ideas for fund raisers bring them to the planning meeting to discuss.

We had our little party for the Rances and it was somewhat of a success although when you try to make it a surprise party it is hard to get those that need to be in attendance to be there without giving the surprise away. But I do believe all who attended had a good time.

To all members Connie and I had a good time being you ACD's and are looking forward to our role as you CD's See you all on the first page.

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 REAR-ENDER

Every motorcyclist's nightmare is sitting astride your bike at an intersection, patiently waiting for the light to change to green, when you hear the screech of tires. Next you're flying through the air into the intersection. You've been rear ended by an inattentive driver who was too busy dialing his cell phone to notice you were stopped at the red light.

**Strategy:** Remember to frequently check your mirrors to monitor traffic approaching from the rear; keeping an eye out for the fast moving traffic approaching from behind. Flash your brake lights if you do notice a car speeding toward you, move to one side or another to get out of its way. Don't shift into neutral when stopped at an intersection. Keep your bike in gear, so you can quickly escape if a dangerous situation arises.

#### THE SLEEPY COMMUTER

Riding your motorcycle to work during the early morning hours, traveling down a typical suburban street line with car filled driveways. As you approach one of the driveways a car begins to move and backs out directly into your path. You brake hard and come to a stop just inches away from its rear bumper.

**Strategy:** Given the hour of day and the type of neighborhood, expect to encounter a few drivers backing out of driveways headed off to work. Other clues include drivers getting into their car as you approach, or a tell-tale puff of exhaust warning you that the car has been started and is preparing to leave. Watch for brake lights and backup lights, too. Slow your pace and prepare to stop, if necessary. Keep your eyes up and cover the front brake lever and rear brake pedal. Stabilize your speed so that if the car does begin to move out in to your path, you have sufficient space to stop. If there isn't room or time to stop, scan for an escape route to swerve into. If there is no oncoming traffic, serve to the left. If this route isn't available, consider swerving to the right.

#### THE BASIC LEFT-TURNER

Approaching a busy four-way intersection there are a lot of elements to monitor: cross traffic, pedestrians or an oncoming car waiting to turn left swings into your path. You break hard and swerve at the last second, barely avoiding a broadside collision.

**Strategy:** This scenario is a frequent hazard for motorcyclists. 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, 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, reduce your speed and adjust your position in the lane to be seen better. After you've slowed, continue to visually monitor the car in case it moves and forces you to change position or stop quickly.

Next month: The Hidden Left Turner, Cars Waiting to Pull Out and The One Way Street

Bob & Sue



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## 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 January 2010 is Sue Myer.



## HOLIDAYS



By Deb Whetstone

MOST HOLIDAYS ARE BUSY AND THEY SHOULD BE FULL OF FUN BUT SOMETIMES WE FEEL SO TIRED WHEN ONE OF THESE DAYS IS DONE  
SHOPPING AND SHOVELING SNOW CAN MAKE YOU PRETTY WEARY AND IT DOESN'T HELP YOU'RE SPIRIT MUCH WHEN THE WEATHER OUTSIDE IS DREARY  
HOWEVER THE HOLIDAYS ARE HERE AND THEY HAVE A SPECIAL PLACE IN YOUR HEART  
"WHY IS THIS?" YOU ASK WHEN YOU ARE STRESSED AND DON'T KNOW WHERE TO START  
IT IS TO GATHER YOUR FAMILY AROUND YOU AND PRAY  
IT IS TO BE THANKFUL FOR ANOTHER GLORIOUS HOLIDAY  
IT IS TO BE IN THE COMPANY OF REALLY GREAT FRIENDS  
IT IS TO BE THANKFUL FOR OUR FAMILY AS IT EXTENDS  
IT IS TO BE BLESSED BY THE SUNNY DAYS THAT MAKE OUR SPIRITS BRIGHT  
AND EVEN FOR THE DINNER THAT MAY KEEP US UP ALL NIGHT  
YES EACH HOLIDAY IS SPECIAL EVEN THOUGH IT MAKES US FRET SO GET READY FOR THE BIGGEST AND BRIGHTEST HOLIDAY YET AND I WOULD ALSO LIKE TO SAY FROM THE BOTTOM OF MY HEART THAT WE SHOULD ALSO BE SO VERY THANKFUL FOR OUR FAVORITE " \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ !!!!"

**HAPPY HOLIDAYS TO ALL AND ENJOY THE NEW YEAR**



## Chapter O2 Birthday Party

Eating, visiting, and playing silly games. That just about wraps it up. The food and company were wonderful. The competition was funny and controversial as always.

I want to thank the Glen, Max and Jim for their just and impartial judging. It was a tough job, but they did it well. Difficult decisions had to be made with threats and bribes ignored. Everyone wanted to win a "fabulous trophy" to place on their mantle with pride (*Thanks to that little old trophy maker, Frank.*), and only a few would succeed. I laugh every time I remember Brenda standing there with arms folded "explaining" that she had the most tools and Jim yelling at everyone to "get back". Yes, it was just the usual Chapter O2 Birthday Party.

Submitted by Kathy Case

The Democracy will cease to exist when you take away from those who are willing to work and give to those who would not. [Thomas Jefferson](#)

## Meeting Notes: By Vern Daly



Maggie welcomed everyone to the meeting, temporarily being held at Ryan's on CR6. She thanked Frank and Kathy for doing an excellent job at the Chapter Birthday Party.

Bob Chute, chapter educator, talked about the "Power of the Wave" A friendly wave can go a long way in several regards. First, it's like a friendly extension of the hand, a simple way of saying "Hello". Second, it may help you to be seen. We all need to be seen more when we're riding, and this may help. And third, it just might make someone's day, especially a child. "Look, that person on the motorcycle waved at me". It might become contagious. Pass it on.

Wolfie talked about upcoming events. We have the Holiday Party on Jan 9 at Dal-Mar in Nappanee. Festivities start at 6:00 with dinner at 6:30. If you haven't signed up you need to contact Kathy Case by Dec 27. See the notice on this page for more information. Second is Winter Rendezvous. Plans are coming along well for this event. As Frank reported, the float is coming along. They will probably need one more work detail to finish it up. Connie reported that the women's skit is also coming along. They will be having a practice on Dec 11 and 18.

As you are all aware, we have had a problem with our old meeting place. A new place has been secured. We will be having the monthly meeting at the Elk's Lodge on Bristol St. just west of Cassopolis St. Time and day of the month remain the same.

Wolfie wants to have a planning meeting as soon as possible after the new year. One is scheduled for Sunday, Jan 3, 2PM, at their house. Everyone is welcome to attend this meeting and bring your ideas. If you can't attend and you wish to have some kind of event considered, contact Wolfie or Connie and let them know what you have in mind.

A couple of other items of interest which are out a little further: The Pound Auction will be March 4th and the Chicken Sale will be the following weekend, March 6th. Also of note is that next year's Chapter Birthday Party will be at Miller's near Middlebury.

Wolfie gave Udderly Fantastic to Judy Clark for finding the new meeting place (Elks Lodge) and arranging to have the meetings there. I know this was a major concern to all the members and we certainly do appreciate her efforts. Way to go Judy.

We will be having a monthly collection for RMD House. Each month will be a different type of item. For January it is paper products. Bring whatever you feel comfortable with to the meeting.

One final note before I close. I know many members take their digital cameras to various chapter events. Please send me, your newsletter editor, these pictures, via e-mail, so I can keep them all in one place and burn them to a CD at the end of the year. Also, because most of us no longer use film cameras, actual prints of pictures are becoming more and more scarce. If you have what you think is a particularly good picture(s) that would be good to put in the scrapbook, please print them or get them printed out to give to Cathy Rummel for the scrapbook. She would really appreciate the help.

Remember to bring your CRUSHED cans to Frank or Jim.

## Thursday Dinners

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

Dec 10 . . Stacy's (Eagle Lake)

Dec 17 . . Bravo (Lincolnway in Osceola)

Dec 24 . . None - - Christmas Eve

Dec 31 . . None - - New Year's Eve

Jan 14 . . Jade Garden (Nappanee St. by the river)

Note that we have reduced the number of Thursday dinners to every other week, or thereabouts. Watch your newsletter and calendar to see what weeks we will be meeting for dinner.

## CHAPTER 02 HOLIDAY PARTY

Saturday, January 9, 2010

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

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at

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

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

## What's Coming Up

Jan 07 . . Monthly Meeting (Elk's Lodge, Bristol St.)

Jan 09 . . Chapter Holiday Party

Jan 22 - 24 . . Winter Rendezvous

## Birthdays & Anniversaries

### Anniversaries:

Jan 13 . . Jeff & Terrie McCord

### Birthdays:

Jan 01 . . Rod Clark

Jan 02 . . Al Beachy

Jan 21 . . Cathy Rummel

Jan 26 . . Margaret Knepple

Jan 31 . . Cindy Butler

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Jan 30 . . Cindy Norman



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