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FROM YOUR CHAPTER DIRECTORS

Mike & Margaret Knepple



Happy Valentine's Day to everyone.

Well we finally got a little break from our winter weather. I did see a few bikes out and about during those few warmer days. But with all the salt still on the roads, it's just not worth getting out the wings yet.

Maggie and I would like to thank everyone that took the time to attend our planning meeting. A lot was discussed and the Chapter's calendar is filled in. Of course we still have lots of open dates, so if there is something you would like to do, just let us know and it can be added to the calendar. We'll have a calendar/list of events printed up by March 1st.

We'd like to say Thank You to the Rance family for allowing the Chapter to use their Barn for all of our Winter Rendezvous preparations. Maggie worked hard designing our float. Kathy Case and Wolfie have worked hard getting our skirts worked out. All I can say is the guys will be a sight to behold. And the gals are having a lot of fun reminiscing. Most of the costumes are done and we seem ready for Winter Rendezvous.

The Biggest Thank You goes out to the Members for your participation with all of this. You make our job easy and lots of fun. We couldn't do it with out you. Remember it's all about having a good laugh and fun with all of our Chapter family.

Well I'm proud to say we have the Traveling Plaque. We had 12 members travel to Greenwood, IN to Chapter L2 to get the Traveling Plaque. We all had a great time visiting with their Chapter. Thanks to all those that went with us.

We are planning to go and visit B2 to get the Region Plaque Next. We'll do a phone tree to set this up.

Until next month be safe and happy. It will riding time before we know it.

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;

February, and we are a month closer to riding season. I don't know about you but I am ready to ride. In the past month, we had our planning meeting and our riding season activities

planned out and some non riding activities. If anyone who was not able to attend has some ideas, please call Mike & Maggie.

As of this date, we will have made a trip to Greenwood Indiana, to capture the traveling trophy and with the group we had going and the distance we should have it for Winter Rendezvous.

Speaking of Winter Rendezvous, it's coming up very soon. We have a large group going. We also have two talent competition entries for Friday night, the men with their drill team and the girls with their revival of the 1950's era. It should be two good shows. We also have a float for the float competition, thank you Maggie and the rest that helped put it together.

In March, we have the Nelson's Chicken sales coming up (March 7th). All pre-sale tickets have been distributed so all who have them get out and sell sell sell. Let's hope for good weather on that day, but remember we will be there good or bad. We will be selling 520 halves that should help fill our charity coffers.

Also in March we will again have C.P.R. classes, it will be on the 14th. The class will be held at Bennigan's in Elkhart, the same place as our meetings. Starting time is 09:00 am. It will run about 5 hours. If you have never learned C.P.R. before, come out and learn. You never know when you may have to use it. The backup date is April 4th.

We have the spring District Meeting on the 21st of March. At the meeting we will be discussing up-coming district events and district business. Anyone who wants to attend is welcome.

A note from me:

At this time, I would like to thank all who are and have participated in the drill team skit for Winter Rendezvous. All have worked very hard and I know we have a real good shot at coming in first. (The girls may disagree) Also a special thank you to Rod Rance for the use of his barn.

Well until next month that is all I have.

Wolfgang & Connie

FROM YOUR CHAPTER EDUCATOR

Bob Chute



Continuation of last month's article entitled:

Riding Tips - Go Hi-Viz

Listed below are 20 ways to draw attention to yourself, listed in order of "the most bang for the buck". Each of the tips is assigned a point value. The more points a tip has, the more effective it will be at increasing your conspicuity. Your goal is to use the tips and add up points to be a perfect "10". If you're using, or if you adopt, enough tips from this list to reach 10 points, consider yourself a "high-viz" rider.

1. Fluorescent/Reflective Safety Vest (4 Points)
2. White Helmet (3 Points)
3. Brightly Colored Jacket (2 Points)
4. Strategic Lane Positioning (2 Points)
5. Headlight Modulation (1 Point)
6. Flash Your Taillight (1 Point)
7. Reflective Materials (1 Point)
8. Movement (1 Point)
9. Auxiliary Driving Lights (1 Point)
10. Hand Signals (1 Point)
11. Avoid Riding at Night (1/2 Point)
12. Avoid Riding at Dawn/Dusk (1/2 Point)
13. Aftermarket Horn (1/2 Point)
14. Position/Marker Lights (1/2 Point)
15. Avoid Riding in Poor Weather (1/2 Point)
16. Avoid Riding during Low-Sun Angle or Seasonal Times (1/2 Point)
17. Bike Profile (1/2 Point)
18. Bike Color (1/2 Point)
19. High Beam in Daytime (1/4 Point)
- Unusual Effects (1/4 Point)

You can find more information on these and other high-viz tips at:

www.dps.state.mn.us/mmsc/latest/mmsc_pfhome.asp?mid=279 including an interesting "Be a Perfect 10" interactive quiz.

Information is from the Minnesota Motorcycle Safety Center www.motorcyclesafety.state.mn.us/latest/MMSHome.asp?cid=1

Bob



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 March of 2009 is Tom and Caroline Albin

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.

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Cindy Norman

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Traveling Trophy

Sunday February 8th, 12 members traveled to Greenwood Indiana to Chapter L2 to pick up the Indiana Traveling Plaque.

We started out our road trip meeting at Skinner's house to car pool south. First stop was for Breakfast at Bravo's in Osceola. After we all had a hardy breakfast we were ready to hit the road.

With Frank and Kathy Case leading us we headed south. First stop of course was a potty break. Carol Skinner was the first that needed that stop. But Maggie was the first to be out of a car into McDonald's headed to the bathroom. So once again we were back on the road with everyone taking their break and getting a soda.

Next stop was just a leg stretch. Of course, several used the potty again, and bought snacks. Maggie wasn't about to share her ice cream sundae. But Carol almost had Connie Gless talked into sharing her Twinkies. That was until Connie learned all Carol wanted was the creamy center. Then the deal was off. Cathy Rummel offered us some Twinkie facts. The first Twinkie's had a banana filling. But during World War II, they couldn't get bananas so they used the white cream filling. Everyone liked it so well they never went back to the banana filling.

So once again we were back on the road headed to Greenwood. We arrived at Jonathan Byrd's Cafeteria, Chapter L2's meeting place. Of course we were early so we just hung out in the parking lot and chatted for a bit. We had to be outside and enjoy their wonderful warm southern climate. Yes, it was very warm there. There were even a few bikes that showed up. Of course our members were wishing we lived there as the riding year would be longer.

Time to go in, check out the food and meet L2. We were greeted by their Rider Ed staff. And yes, we were early. So we just visited with everyone. B2 from Marion Indiana also showed up to claim the plaque. But we won out as having traveled further. They had really wanted the District Plaque as they had just gone and gotten the Region Plaque. We had a great meal. The food there was wonderful. Chapter L2 had a lively, fun meeting. They took the time to explain some of their events for us. We had a great time.

We discussed traveling to Marion Indiana to visit B2 and capture the Region Plaque next.

Thanks to Knepple's, Gless's, Beachy's, Rummel's, Case's, and us, Skinner's, for going to get the plaque. It was great getting back on the road with the Chapter even if we had to go in the cars. Made us all want to be on the bikes again.

Submitted by Carol Skinner



There are 10 kinds of people. Those who understand BINARY and those who don't. (Source unknown)

Meeting Notes:



Mike opened the meeting welcoming 32 members.

The Planning meeting was well attended, and Mike thanked those that were there. He also stated several events were discussed for the up coming year and reminded everyone that if there is a ride or event they think the Chapter would like let them know so it can be added to the calendar. A calendar of events will available soon.

Winter Rendezvous updates...

The float is completed. Wolfie is working with the guys on their skit. Kathy is working with the gals on their skit. So with just a couple practices to go it's all coming together.

Thursday night dinner February 19th is pizza night at the Rance Barn. Everyone is invited to come and see your Chapter perform. Please bring a dish to share, and your own drink. Usual time of 6:30.

Bob Chute informed us the Chapter now has a TV DVD player. He has also purchased new Rider Ed DVD's. He plans to so show them at meetings so everyone can get updated on all the info.

He has set up the CPR and First Aid Training for March 14th at Bennigans. Start time is 9am. Cost is \$20 per person. Lunch will be at Bennigans. Also, we will order off the menu. If you want to attend this, call Bob ASAP to get added to the sign up list. You will need to have paid by the March Meeting.

He also stated Wing World Magazine had a good article regarding black ice, and checking your bike over before you ride. Checking tire pressure only takes a few minutes. Be sure to check out the entire article in your Wing World.

Joann reminded us if our membership is due to turn it in to her.

Wolfie gave us a quick update on Winter Rendezvous. There was a sign up sheet for snacks for our Hospitality Room. Bring your own drink and be ready to have lots of fun. It was discussed where to meet for driving down to Indy. We will meet at 6 and 31 at the Burger King at 9am.

March 7 is our annual Chicken Sale. It will be the same place as last year, corner of Cassopolis and Bristol streets. Chicken will be \$5.00 per half. If you would like to attend breakfast it will be at Callahan's at 8 am. Start time for chicken sales will be 10 am. Presale tickets for the chicken were handed out at the meeting. All tickets and money will need to be turned in at the March meeting.

Wingless Weekend will be Feb 6-7 at Bay City Michigan. Cabin Fever will be Feb 13-14 in Ohio. Winter Rendezvous will be Feb 20-22.

Kathy Case had Utterly Fantastic and she had several candidates to give this to. We have a very helpful Chapter...Brenda donated animals at Christmas. Lucy, Cathy for working on ladies sweatshirts, Judy for helping with the skit, Wolfie for all his hard work on his skit. But Utterly Fantastic went to The Rance Family for allowing us to use their Barn for all of our practices, building the float, and all the goodies and coffee Cheryl had ready for us.

Thursday Night Dinners

Meet at the restaurant at 6:30

- Feb 19 . . Rance's (See meeting notes for details)
- Feb 26 . . Legends (Edwardsburg)
- Mar 12 . . Jade Garden (Elkhart)
- Mar 19 . . Doc Pierces (Mishawaka)
- Mar 26 . . Mad Anthony's (Elkhart)

What's Coming Up

- Feb 20-22 . Winter Rendezvous (Marriott-Indianapolis)
- Mar 7 . . . Chicken Sale (Bristol and Cass)
- Mar 13 & 14 . . Cabin Fever
- Mar 14 . . First Aid/CPR Class at Bennigan's 9:00 AM
- Mar 21 . . Spring Officer's Meeting
- Mar 28 . . Region D Workshop

Birthdays & Anniversaries

Anniversaries:

March 9 . . Ron & Jo Ann Gabbard

Birthdays:

March 1 . . . Greg Swanson

March 4 . . . Joy Homan, Kyle Beachy

March 31 . . Tammy Van Laecke

Dumbo went to Maggie for listing the month for the all the Birthdays.

Cathy Rummel updated on Kathy Easterly. She is still in reemission, and doing well.

Our Annual Pound Auction will be at the October Meeting. Don Farr our auctioneer will be able to be there.

The Rance Ladies will be hosting a Baby Shower for Alysha April 4th. Ladies be sure to mark your calendars. Invitations will be sent out soon.

Submitted by Carol Skinner

Editor Note: Thank you Carol for covering for me while I was in Yuma.

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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