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FROM YOUR CHAPTER DIRECTORS

Mike & Margaret Knepple



Maggie & I would like to wish all our Chapter Mothers a Happy Mother's Day. We hope you had an enjoyable day with your family.

We would like to congratulate Rod & Cheryl Rance on their new grandson Tayden Glick .

Our Drill Team has been practicing hard for their performance. Thanks goes out to all involved. While it's fun, it still takes time for all the practices. A Special thanks to Rod Clark for stepping up to lead the team for this event.

Don't forget our weekly dinner rides are starting May 14th. If you weren't at the meeting and would like to lead a dinner ride, please give Jim Whetstone a call so he can put you on the list. Our leaving place has changed due the work on six span bridge. We are now meeting at Discovery Middle School on Ash Road and CR10.

We're planning on meeting B2 at Bonneyville Mill Saturday May 16th at 10:30. Details in newsletter.

Please remember to get Cathy Rummel your pictures for the scrapbook.

Until next month, be safe & happy

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;

May, would you believe it, are we ever going to have more than one warm day in a row. This is starting to look like it is going to be a cool summer, I hope not.

Spring Wing is just around the corner and the drill team is heavy into practice. Although I am not going to be able to attend the festivities in Greenville, I have been attending the practice's to help out and critique the performers and mainly the substitute Drill Master. The Team is looking good and should put on a good show.

The Blessing of the Bikes came and went but bad weather prevented members of the chapter from attending. I don't believe many attended, but if they did, they are tougher than I am.

We had parking lot practice on the 9th and it was well attended especially with the weather we had. It was over-cast, cold, and sprinkled most of the time. We ran through five exercises and did passable jobs. After that, we went over to Rance's house and had Drill Team practice. When we left, the sky had cleared up but it was still cold on the ride home.

Our first Dinner Ride is the 14th; we will be meeting at Discovery School on Day Rd. just north of the Toll Road.

This is a new start location so give yourself plenty of time if you are not sure where it is. Jim Whetstone will be leading the first ride, hope to see you there.

The Drill Team is on the schedule for the Regional Rally in Celina Ohio. It looks like the Team will be attending to perform and compete. The date of the rally is September 17th to 19th and it should be a fun time. I believe we can outperform them all, and we have been adding some more stunts to up the performance. More information will follow.

Coming up next weekend will be the ride with Chapter B-2 at Bonneville Mill Park we will be meeting at the Toll Road entrance on CR17 and then riding over to Bonneville Mill Park. After we meet Chapter B-2, we will ride for a while and end up at The Essenhaus for dinner. If you can attend, please contact Mike and let him know.

Well, I believe that will be all except that we all need to pray for warmer weather in the months to follow.

Wolfgang & Connie

FROM YOUR CHAPTER EDUCATORS

Bob Chute & Sue Myer



This month we continue our discussion of **SEE** by looking at **EXECUTE**

A skilled rider is a decisive rider. Once you've adequately evaluated a situation and decided on a course of action, "Execute" it. Act decisively and immediately to maximize your response time and keep your safety

cushion as large as possible. Decisions are executed in three ways:

Communication: Communication between roadway users is usually initiated through the use of lights or horns as well as eye contact or other body language. Communication is the most passive of all possible actions you can take.

Adjust Speed : Accelerate or slow to avoid a hazard, or, if conditions allow, come to a complete stop.

Adjust Position: Change your lane position or change direction. The degree to which you are able to adjust your lane position or speed depends on how critical the hazard is and on how much time and space you have to make these adjustments. Also remember the importance of remaining visible when approaching intersections.

Executing your decision typically involves changing your speed, your position, or both. Remember to communicate your intentions to other road users whenever possible.

Learn to **SEE** better. Commit the **SEE** acronym to memory, and make this strategy second nature for you so that you unconsciously go through the process every time you ride. Gather good information, process that information properly, and make the best decision to ensure your own safety--whether it involves oncoming traffic or not. Take steps to actively manage your situation--don't put yourself at the mercy of other roadway users. Understand completely the importance of timing, positioning, and the use of space. Ride defensively. Assume that you are completely invisible to other vehicle operators, and respond accordingly. Control your ride--don't let the ride control you.

MOTORCYCLING EXCELLENCE MEANS:

- Your mind is active and attentive on every ride.
- You make choices to be as visible (conspicuous) as possible in traffic.
- You are constantly looking for factors that could affect you, especially in intersections.
- You improve your street strategies by learning more about safe riding practices.
- You are constantly searching for clues that could affect your choice of speed, lane position, or path of travel.
- You understand the best line of defense in avoiding trouble in traffic is to be skilled in the use of your eyes and mind; you search for clues that could affect you, evaluate the interaction of factors, and execute controlled responses with precision.

* SWWU Notice*

For those who will be riding to SWWU in the group leaving Friday morning, we will be meeting at Case's at 9:00 AM. We will not be stopping for breakfast on the way but will probably stop for lunch.

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

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* DINNER RIDE NOTICE *

The meeting place for the Thursday evening dinner rides, which will be starting in May, has been changed due to work on Six-Span Bridge. The meeting place is now Discovery Middle School parking lot which is located on the west side of Ash Road (County Line Road) just north of the Toll Road. Departure time remains the same, 6:30.

A banker is a fellow who lends you his umbrella when the sun is shining, but wants it back the minute it begins to rain. Mark Twain

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 June 2009 are Jim & Tammy VanLaecke.

VACATION OPPORTUNITY

Here is a great opportunity to enjoy 7 nights at a great little Condo in Pigeon Forge, Tennessee in October, one of the best times of the year to be in the Great Smoky Mountains. There are two heated pools and hot tubs one of each indoors and outdoors, laundry facilities in each building, an activities room, shuffle board, outdoor gas grills, complete kitchens, dining room living room combo, one bedroom queen size bed, and couch makes up as bed. Unit sleeps maximum four people, sorry no pets allowed and all rooms are non smoking. For those of us that love to ride in the Mountains this is pristine time as the leaves are changing in the higher altitudes and the weather couldn't be better. You are within walking distance of the Trolley that will take you throughout Pigeon Forge and Gatlinburg. You can enjoy the days riding in the mountains than take in a large variety of shows in the evening with a huge selection of dining experiences to choose from.

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Check in is Sunday October 4th and check out is October 11. For more information contact Jim or Deb Whetstone at 574-273-3001 / cell 574-274-9700

A Tribute to Moms by Deb Whetstone

A Mom is special, she is like no other
She was handpicked by God to be your mother
Some Moms are short and some Moms are tall
But the Mom you were given is the best Mom of all
Yes Moms are great at many things
And if you look closely you can see "Angel Wings"
When you were young they would dress you
And feed you and sometimes tell you "NO"
And they gave you advice throughout your life that truly helped you "GROW"
As an adult your Mom truly turns into your friend
And you know she is that someone on whom you can depend
Even when we switch our roles and become our Mom's caregiver
We know that there are memories that only a Mom can trigger
There are Moms that have gone to heaven and look down on us from above
And we know that as they watch our daily lives they send us beams of love
So as we look forward to this special day
That we celebrate in the month of May
Remember your Mother and all that she's done
And talk about your joy and your fun
Tell her you love her, it's the greatest gift you can give
And the joy that it will bring to her face will be with you as long as you live
And we all know that our chapter "Mom" is very dear to our heart
So have a wonderful Mother's Day with your kids and our favorite --- ----.

Meeting Notes:



Mike opened the meeting to around 34 chapter members.

First item was to remind everyone that SWWU is coming up soon and that the Drill Team needs to get in as many practices as possible. The next one is this Saturday, May 9, at Rance's, right after the Parking Lot Practice. Future dates will be set at that time.

The Bonneyville Mill ride with B2 is coming up on May 16th. We will meet B2 at the Mill at around 10:30 to 11:00. Some of the group will meet at the Toll Road entrance on CR17 at 10:00. You can either go directly to Bonneyville Mill at the appropriate time or meet the group at the Toll Road. Your choice.

As is noted elsewhere in this newsletter, our meeting place for the dinner rides is now Discovery School which is on County Line Road (Ash Road) just north of the Toll Road. We will meet in the parking lot near the back of the school off Brummitt Road which is the road just north of the school.

Bob Chute, Chapter Educator, talked about Street Strategies. Included were subjects like "The Shark" and "The Creeper". Also discussed were hints on making lane changes and to watch out for people pulling out of driveways because they often aren't paying as much attention to oncoming traffic as they should, and left turners, probably one of the most dangerous situations a biker can confront.

Wolfie talked about upcoming events, the main one of which is the parking lot practice coming up on May 9 at 11:00AM. He also asked if there was any interest in another rafting trip to the New River. There wasn't, so there will not be a trip scheduled.

Mike talked about upcoming State and District events. Of course the main one currently is SWWU. There are notes about this event and the group ride there on Friday elsewhere in this newsletter. If you're planning on riding with the group, be sure and check out the SWWU note on page 3. Other events include the Ohio District Rally on June 11 thru 13 at the Wayne County Fairgrounds in Wooster, Ohio and the Region D Rally September 17 thru 20 in Celina, Ohio. Quite a few O2 members will be attending the Region D Rally and the Drill team will be performing (competing). Should be a fun time.

We still have several Dinner Ride dates open. May and June are filled but dates are open after that. So if you're interested in signing up for one contact Jim Whetstone.

Both Udderly Fantastic and Dumbo will be staying with their current guardians for the next 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.

Thursday Dinner Rides

Leave from Discovery Middle School at 6:30

May 14 . . Jim Whetstone	Please see the notice
May 21 . . Wolfgang Gless	about the dinner rides
May 28 . . Mike Knepple	on page 3.
June 11 . . Frank Case	
June 18 . . Rich Durecki	
June 25 . . Wolfgang Gless	

These Dinner Ride Dates are Still Open

July 16 & 30

Aug 20

Sept 24

If you have not signed up to lead a ride and would like to do so, please contact Jim Whetstone

What's Coming Up

May 16 . . Bonneyville Mill / Essenhaus with B2	10:30
May 19 . . Drill Team Practice	6:30 (Rance's)
May 26 . . Drill Team Practice	6:30 (Rance's)
May 28 . . Drill Team Practice	(Part of Dinner Ride)
May 28 - 30 . . Spring Wing Warm Up	(Greensburg, IN)
June 1 - 6 . . Americade	
June 11 - 13 . . Ohio District Rally	(Wooster, OH)
June 28 . . Progressive Dinner	

Birthdays & Anniversaries

Anniversaries:

June 24 . . Paul & Karen Pearson
June 25 . . Rod & Cheryl Rance

Birthdays:

June 4 . . Carol McPhail
June 8 . . Karen Pearson
June 11 . . Denny Heckaman



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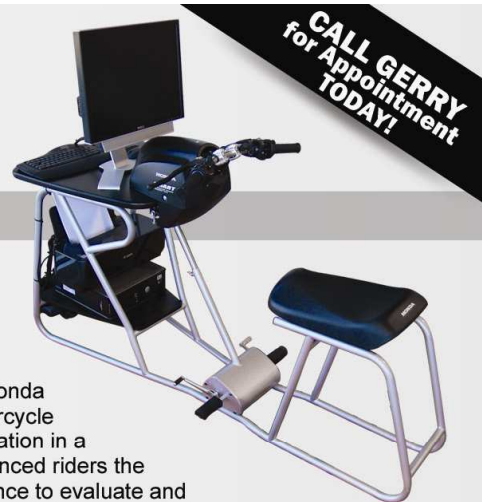


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