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FROM YOUR CHAPTER DIRECTORS

Mike & Margaret Knepple



Riding Season is here. Hope you are all ready for some riding. Our calendar is getting full and more is being announced each week. With all our events planned and our neighboring Chapters, it will be a busy Riding Season.

We had a great time meeting up with B2 for their ride. Glad Beachys and Skinners were able to join us for that. Thanks guys for taking the time to ride with us.

Spring Wing Warm Up is over. I know Maggie and I had a great time. Seems everyone enjoyed our Drill Team once again. Thanks to all the guys that stepped up and participated in this. It's always fun getting together with the other Chapters for the weekend.

We are planning on participating with Ohio and Michigan's drill team at Region D. So guys, be ready for the practices to start again. Not sure just what Wolfie has planned for us, but I know we will be changing the routine.

Thanks Frank for filling in for Bob at the meeting. We appreciate the way everyone steps up and helps out.

Mark and Carol have Barnaby's Pizza coupons for sale. These are CHAPTER N FUND RAISER. Mark will lead the ride July 16 to Barnaby's so everyone can use their coupon. Carol said they will hold coupons until that night, so anyone that needs one would still be able to get one. The coupons are good till August 31st. Just give Mark or Carol a call if you are interested in purchasing a coupon.

There will be no July Meeting due to the Holiday weekend. Be sure to check the calendar for upcoming events. If you need info about an event, just call the person heading it up. Or give us a call anytime.

We hope everyone has a safe and Happy 4th of July. See you all at the August meeting. Until then be safe out there.

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;

We are in the month of June and the weather is looking much better. The first week, the temperatures were comfortable and somewhat dry.

To start with, I have a few words of personal information, our small group of six chapter O-2 travelers plus 2 non-member friends went and returned from the most fantastic trip to the legendary Americade. The weather was absolutely perfect, temperatures were in the 70's the whole week and not one drop of rain. The Americade itself was, as always, a very good time. There was a small OPP's but nothing serious, I will elaborate more in person the next time we get together.

The chapter went to Spring Wing Warm-up and performed the Lawn Chair Drill Team skit and I have been informed that there were some hiccups. Oh well, I am sure that the next time we meet I will be briefed as to the outcome, and I assume we are still going to the Regional Rally to compete?

Being at the Americade I was not able to attend the meeting on June 4th but I am sure all went well. If there was anything new please let me know what that is.

After coming home from vacation I was catching up on the past local news and I happened to read an article in the paper about a motorcycle accident involving 2 persons, one from South Bend Indiana and one from Cassopolis Michigan. The one from Indiana was not wearing a helmet, the one from Michigan was, one died the other was treated and released from the hospital, can you guess which one died? Wear your helmet at all times!

Connie and I are still planning the Progressive Dinner ride for June 28th we have the salad and main course covered but need someone to do the dessert portion, please contact us ASAP if you can help so I can plan the route.

That is all I have at this time. See you on the road.

Wolfgang & Connie, ACD



FROM YOUR CHAPTER EDUCATORS

Bob Chute & Sue Myer



EDGE TRAPS

One of the most dangerous and unforgiving things a motorcyclist encounters is what I like to call an edge trap. This can be defined as any abrupt raised pavement edge.

What can often appear to be just a bump or crack in the pavement suddenly upsets the bike and the hapless rider can't maintain balance.

There are many places where one may encounter edge traps. But the most likely is in construction sites. How often have we been cruising along only to observe that the pavement ahead has a somewhat different texture. And when the front tire bounces down on the road surface we realize that the pavement has been ground away in preparation for repaving. A novice rider might be unnerved by the tires wiggling around in the grooves. But we, as experienced riders, know that the bike will find its way through a little uneven pavement.

But beware. Somewhere that surface will return to the original level. If we're lucky it will be at a right angle to our direction of travel and won't cause any serious problems. If we're not lucky look out. EDGE TRAP.

The basic problem is that two-wheelers are particularly vulnerable to raised pavement edges and grooves. Too many riders don't understand how hazardous an edge trap or even a small groove can be. And road maintenance departments don't seem to understand enough about two-wheelers to understand why so many motorcycle accidents occur in construction zones, or what to do about it.

Countersteering explains why edge traps are so hazardous to two-wheelers while only a jarring, wheel-bending inconvenience to other vehicles. A car can slide sideways without losing balance, but if a two-wheeler loses traction on the front wheel for more than a couple of seconds, it becomes difficult to maintain balance. Easing up to a curb, you can maintain balance right up to the point where the front wheel contacts the edge. After that, with the tire scrubbing along the edge of the curb, you can't countersteer to maintain balance.

When you find yourself in a lane where the pavement has been gouged away, the feeling of the rough surface prompts you to start looking for a smoother place to ride. There's that smooth shoulder beckoning you to ease on over, or that nice new pavement on the other lane. But if you try to ease over the edge, your front tire is likely to get trapped, and you'll lose balance.

Studies by the Motorcycle Safety Foundation show that a spill is much more likely when the rider enters raised pavement at anything less than a 45 degree angle. Obviously 90 degrees is best. Edge traps come in a variety of disguises. You'll have to spot them for yourself because you're probably never going to get a warning sign that says "edge traps ahead". But they're there waiting to reach out and grab your front tire.

(Article submitted by newsletter editor. Information from Proficient Motorcycling by David L. Hough)

MYSTERY RIDE WITH BEN

Leave: Friday, August 14 @ Noon (location TBA)
2 nights in Cadillac, MI motel
Ride all day Saturday with Ben
Leave: Sunday morning for home
Call or email Kathy Case to reserve a room

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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Congratulations SWWU Winners

Several chapter members attended Spring Wing Warm Up over May 30th weekend. I think everyone had a good time. I know I did. Some of the members entered various competitions; these were the winners:
Cheryl Rance, 1st place, Trailer Class Custom with 3 wheel Goldwing
Mike Knepple, 3rd place, Bike Show 1800 Custom
Vern Daly, 4th place, Men's Triketor Pulls

When George Washington threw the dollar across the Rappahannock River, he didn't realize he was establishing a precedent for government spending. [Harold Coffin](#)

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 July are Bruce and Lucy McLeish, Don and Cindy Norman. Due in August are Wolfgang and Connie Gless, Al and Cindy Beachy.



We had a couple of events at the June meeting. First, on the left, is Carol McPhail's birthday cake which we all shared after the meeting.

Second, on the right, is Cheryl showing off her first place plaque from Spring Wing Warm Up.



CORN & SAUSAGE ROAST

@

Frank & Kathy Case Home

Saturday, August 1, 2009

4:30 PM

Bring: Drink & Dish to share

Please call Kathy if you did not sign up at the June meeting if you plan to attend so we know how many to plan for.

Park in the Jehovah's Witness Church parking lot on CR 22 and walk into the backyard OR in the drive if you need closer access.



Meeting Notes:



Mike opened the meeting to around 28 chapter members and two guests, Knepple's grandchildren.

Mike talked about SWWU and the Drill Team performance. He said everyone seemed to have a good time and the performance was well received. He thanked all who were involved in the drill team. Ohio and Michigan will be putting together performances for the region D rally September 17, 18 and 19, and O2 will be performing there also. Practices for the new routine will be starting soon.

Carol Skinner brought in a brown teddy bear that may belong to a chapter member. If it's yours please contact Carol.

Frank Case stood in for Bob Chute for the Chapter Educator presentation. He talked about the dangers of distracted drivers. Cell phones and texting have become more of a problem now adding to the other problems such as reading the paper, putting on makeup, etc. Always be alert to unexpected moves by these distracted drivers.

Kathy case talked about the upcoming Corn & Sausage Roast which, again, will be held at their house on August 1. See the article on page 3 for details.

A representative from the New York Central Museum in Elkhart was there to talk about the "Rail Ride Rally" which will be held on June 20. Fliers were passed out giving the details of this rally. For more information you can contact the NYC RR Museum at 574-294-3001.

Several chapter members are attending an ARC in Akron, IN on July 11. Meeting place for the ride there will be at Case's at 7:30AM.

Udderly Fantastic went to Maggie for making all the reservations for SWWU. Thanks Maggie.

Dumbo will be staying with Wolfie for another month as he was not present at the meeting this month.

Since there won't be a July meeting there also won't be a July newsletter. As much August information as I currently have is included in this issue.

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

June 11 . . Frank Case	Aug 13 . . Ron Gabbard
June 18 . . Rich Durecki	Aug 20 . . Open
June 25 . . Wolfgang Gless	Aug 27 . . Jim Butler
July 2 Open	
July 9 Vern Daly	
July 16 . . Mark Skinner (Pizza Night @ Barnaby's)	
July 23 . . Bob Chute	
July 30 . . Open	

These Dinner Ride Dates are Still Open

July 2 July 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

June 11 - 13 . . Ohio District Rally (Wooster, OH)
June 28 . . Progressive Dinner
July 2 - 5 . . Wing Ding
July 12 . . Ride for Kids
Aug 1 Corn & Sausage Roast (see page 3)
Aug 14 . . Mystery Ride with Ben (see page 3)

Birthdays & Anniversaries

Anniversaries:

July 7 . Jim & Carol McPhail
July 15 . Max & Darlene Elliott
July 17 . Jim & Tammy Van Laecke
Aug 3 . Rod & Judy Clark
Aug 10 . Jim & Cindy Butler
Aug 19 . Glen & Cathy Rummel
Aug 22 . Wolfgang & Connie Gless
Aug 24 . Rich & Cari Durecki
Aug 25 . Don & Cindy Norman

Birthdays:

June 5 . . Carol Skinner	Aug 2 . . Judy Clark
June 6 . . Rod Rance	Aug 2 . . Ron Gabbard
June 8 . . Karen Pearson	Aug 2 . . Don Norman
June 7 . . William Dahmen Jr.	Aug 3 . . Terrie McCord
June 12 . Brenda Heckaman	Aug 13 . Brent Graybill
June 13 . Graham Pearson	Aug 18 . Karen Dahmen
June 14 . Tom Whalen	
June 16 . Sue Myer	
June 19 . Connie Gless	



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