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FROM YOUR CHAPTER DIRECTORS

Mike & Margaret Knepple



Where did the Summer go!! It doesn't seem like that long ago that we were all wishing for Spring so we could ride. Now our riding season seems to be winding down. Keep in mind we still have events on the calendar. And of course everyone is welcome to put together any event. We still have time.

Wolfie & Connie did a great job coordinating the Progressive Dinner Ride. As always there was plenty of good food, riding and company. Thanks Wolfie & Connie and everyone that help them. All your hard work is greatly appreciated.

Frank & Kathy hosted the corn & sausage roast. I know you had several people pitch in and help. So thanks to you guys and everyone that helped. We were sorry that we missed it.

Region D is right around the corner. Wolfie and the guys are getting ready for the Lawn Chair Drill Team. More than anything we have fun. Even if you aren't in the drill team we hope you can attend Region D Rally. Just let Maggie know if you need hotel info.

We were sorry to hear that Silver passed away. Per our information he passed away in TX, and was buried in Arlington Cemetery. Also our thought and hearts go out to the family and friends and Chapter B for the passing of Gary Craft. They both will be missed.

Until next month, Ride Safe

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;

Hi everybody, where have the days of summer gone. The last article I wrote was in June and here it is August already. Before we know it...perish the thought. I guess we just need

to enjoy the warm weather that is left and ride while we can.

We had the Progressive Dinner ride in June hosted by yours truly and it went over very well. We had 22 members in attendance and I believe all had a good ride and the food was also good. We rode from our house to Bob & Sue's house for salads, than back to my house for the main course and then over to Rod & Cheryl's for desert. I would like to see us have the Progressive Dinner again next year but maybe someone else could host it and give Connie a break.

Frank & Kathy Case hosted the Corn & Sausage Roast again this year, great job guys. The weather cooperated somewhat and all had a good time and great food.

I believe no one from our chapter went to Wing Ding this year. I understand it was rather hot, weather wise, in Tulsa. Other than that, I have not heard how the event played out. Next year Wing Ding will be in Des Moines, Iowa which is about one days ride from us, something to think about.

Coming up is the Ronald McDonald ride to the house of the same name, in Indianapolis that is scheduled for September 12. This year we will only be doing a one day ride instead of overnight. We will be leaving from our same starting point at Meijer's Parking lot on State Road 331 @ 09:00 hrs and returning that evening with a stop for dinner at a place to be announced. If you know of any bikes that would like to go on this ride, please invite them to come along. The number of riders has decreased in the past few years and I would like to see it regain its numbers in the coming years.

We are attending the Regional Rally in Celina, OH this year and competing in the Lawn Chair Drill Team competition. Who would have believed our skit for Winter Rendezvous would lead to a Lawn Chair Drill Team competition. We will have practice this coming Tuesday @ 18:00 hrs at Rance's and we will need to work out a practice schedule for the next six weeks, that's right only six weeks until the Rally, it's crunch time. Rooms (8 rooms) have been reserved under Mike and Maggie's name. This should be plenty of rooms as some couples are doubling up. If you need the hotel name & phone number please call Maggie.

That is all I have for this Month. See you at the rides.

Wolfgang & Connie, ACD

FROM YOUR CHAPTER EDUCATORS

Bob Chute & Sue Myer



STREET STRATEGIES AT WORK

Staying Safe On a Motorcycle Boils Down To Avoiding Trouble By Having Time And Space For Yourself.

You might expect that interstate highways, twisty back roads, or anyplace else where you might ride at a higher rate of speed are the most dangerous environments for motorcyclists. Statistics show that intersections are the most dangerous place for a motorcycle.

Actually, studies indicate that most crashes occur within the first 15 minutes of a ride, at intersections or driveways, and at speeds under 40 mph.

We've all got our own special nicknames we use to refer to dangerous drivers--most of which are not suitable to print on the pages of this book. We will describe some situations where you are most likely to encounter those sort of drivers and ways you can use safe-riding skills to stay out of trouble when interacting with careless drivers. The idea is not to call people names or play the blame game, but to maintain a safer riding environment for everyone. Following are strategies for staying safe.

THE SHARK: When you have a tailgater who also changes lanes with you, what are your best strategies for avoiding (or evading) this situation? As soon as you notice a tailgater approaching your mirrors, take steps to get out of the way. Activate your turn signals and make an obvious, decisive lane change to the right or left. If the car is already upon you before you notice its presence, take care to avoid a "pursuit" situation. When avoiding pursuit, signal early and pause for just an instant (to make sure that the tailing driver isn't also planning to change into the same lane) before making a definite and decisive move into the other lane. Your actions should clearly communicate your intentions to the other driver so he is fully aware of what moves you intend to make.

Next month we will look at a few more dangerous drivers: The Creeper, The Off-Ramp Driver and The Lane Changer and discuss some various defensive strategies for each

Until then, ride safe

Bob and Sue

Make A Difference

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

Special note on the Mystery Ride

The ride may be canceled this year due to lack of participation. Many people have conflicts on that particular weekend. If you were planning to go, please contact Kathy Case or Mike Knepple to find out the current status of the ride.

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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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. None are due in September.



Corn & Sausage Roast

Our annual Corn & Sausage Roast was held Saturday, August 1st in the backyard of Frank and Kathy Case. There was lots of food, fun and laughter. When the rain came everyone pitched in to quickly rearrange chairs and tables. It didn't last long, but we all agreed that a little rain never stopped a Goldwinger from enjoying an event.

Thanks to all who prepared and carried in a wonderful assortment of dishes for our buffet. And to those who helped. Vern Daly and Rod Clark helped set up the canopy on Friday. Rod Clark, Jim and Deb Whetstone helped take it down on Sunday. Clarks and Heckaman's loaned their chairs and tables. Everyone contributed to make the day a great success. Thanks again.

Frank & Kathy

Is fuel efficiency really what we need most desperately? I say that what we really need is a car that can be shot when it breaks down. [Russell Baker](#)

Meeting Notes: By Vern Daly



Mike opened the meeting to about 29 members and 3 guests.

Mike and Maggie thanked Connie and Wolfie for setting up and leading the Progressive Dinner ride as well as everyone who hosted each course of the dinner. Many chapter members attended this event and everyone seemed to have a good time. They also thanked Frank and Kathy Case for hosting the annual Corn and Sausage Roast. Even though we had a little rain during the event, it was a lot of fun and a lot of good food.

Bob Chute, chapter educator, talked about having the right attitude when out on your motorcycle. There are a lot of things going on in everyone's life that can add to the distraction when riding. Take some time, before you start out, to try to put these distractions aside and get your mind completely into the task at hand, riding safely and being alert.

Maggie covered the birthdays and anniversaries for Brenda. There were many in August. See your June newsletter for the list.

Wolfie talked about upcoming events, most of which are listed in the "What's Coming Up" section of the newsletter. Two additional events to be thinking about are the Pound Auction, which will be on Oct 1, and a Halloween party and Hay Ride at Knepple's on Oct 24. Wolfie also discussed the upcoming Region D Rally and whether the Drill Team is going to perform/compete. The decision was made that we WILL participate in this event and that we need to get practices started. The first one will be on Tuesday, Aug 11 at 6PM at Rance's barn.

The old Udderly Fantastic has been replaced. Maggie found a new one, mainly because the 'moover' wore out in the old one. Although the new Udderly was not given out, the old one went, permanently, to Carol McPhail for her many contributions to the chapter over the years.

Dumbo will be staying with Wolfie, for now.

There will be a work detail on Wednesday, August 12, at 6PM, to help Rummels put in a ramp for Glen. A few people will be needed for this task, probably at least four. If you can spare a little time, please show up to help. The ramp is already made. It just needs to be installed.

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

Aug 13 . . Ron Gabbard
Aug 20 . . Mike Knepple
Aug 27 . . Jim Butler
Sept 10 . . Bruce McLeish
Sept 17 . . Don & Cindy Norman
Sept 24 . . Mark & Carol Skinner

What's Coming Up

Aug 14 & 15 . . Mystery Ride with Ben (see page 3)
Aug 22 . . Wing Fling District Fun Run (Evansville)
Sept 12 . . Ronald McDonald House Ride (9AM @ Meijer's)
Sept 12 . . Chapter IN-D Fun-D-Run
Sept 17 - 19 . . Region D Rally, Celina, OH

Birthdays & Anniversaries

Anniversaries:

Sept 24 . . Frank & Kathy Case

Birthdays:

Sept 02 . . Jacob Homan Sept 09 . . Rebecca Homan
Sept 17 . . Connie Whalen Sept 25 . . Vern Daly
Sept 27 . . Glen Rummel



Corn and Sausage Roast By Deb Whetstone

The weather was dark and it looked like rain
Yes...it was time for Frank and Kathy's corn and sausage roast again
Their phone was ringing off the hook to make sure our engagement was on
Of course...was their reply...we need to get together and have some fun
The tarp decided it was time to leak. So we rearranged the tables and chairs
We were all just hoping the rain would let up. And God did answer our prayers
It turned a little cool with a chill in the air
But Brenda kept walking without a care
Soon she got her sweater out
She was cold, there wasn't a doubt
The rain lightened up and we got to go out in the yard
We had soo much fun...with this group that's not very hard
As usual the food was so very good
And Ron G and Jim W (along with others) probably ate more than they should
Frank cooked the sausage on the grill
And the corn was great. Jim W stated it was truly a thrill
The tent was buzzing with great conversation
And when Connie got her 'mirror' she was filled with elation
(Really it was because she retired from her job)
The Bolo games were about to begin and the teams were ready to play
But the rain started up again and really got in their way
A walk thru the grape arbor took us into another land
The garden, the flowers, the path thru the yard, made our visit grand
We entered back into the real world with a great 'TADAHHH' to you
It was fun. We enjoyed it a lot, What a wonderful thing to do
It was almost time to get ready to go
Yes the party was great, as we all know
Thank you again to Kathy and Frank for showing us such a wonderful time
Even with the rainy weather your party was sublime
We're getting the corn and sausage roast down to an art
Yes, we've all learned a lot from our favorite "_____"
So thank you to everyone for your contribution to the day
We are all so glad that we got to come and play

Thank you Kathy and Frank

Schedule for Ronald McDonald Ride

- Leave Meijer parking lot at 331 & 20 Bypass at 9:00 AM
- Take 20 Bypass to US31 South
- Travel south on US31. First Stop Max Pitts Honda on US31 near Peru at approximately 11:00 AM
- Next Stop will be Markland Mall In Kokomo, just south of McDonalds. Arrival time approximately 11:45 AM
- Final Pickup Point is Target Store approximately 1.5 miles South of SR32 on US31. Approximately 12:45 PM
- Advanced Riders will be at each location prior to the group arrival. These riders will answer questions and help the group make a smooth departure from each location.
- The group traveling south from Kokomo will not stop at the Target store due to safety concerns. But the advanced riders will coordinate the departure of the group waiting to join from the Target store.
- These same advanced riders will be at the corner of Michigan St. and US31 (Meridian St.) where the group will be making a right turn to continue to the Ronald McDonald House.
- These directions only apply to those leaving from the northern part of the state.
- Our planned arrival at the Ronald McDonald House is approximately 2:00 PM

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