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FROM YOUR CHAPTER DIRECTORS

Mike & Margaret Knepple



Hi everyone.

While summer is almost gone, and Fall is right around the corner, the leaves are starting to change, so there is time left to ride. We hope everyone has had a great summer.

Our prayers and thoughts go out to Ron Gabbard and the family for the loss of his brother.

The Chapter Drill Team is getting fired up for Region D Rally. They have been practicing hard.

If everyone can make it, it would be great to cheer them on. They will be performing Friday night at 7-7:30 in Celina Ohio.

While not a lot more to say, just be careful out there riding . And enjoy life.

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



Hey all, Connie and I have returned from our August trip to Pigeon Forge and The Natchez Trace Parkway. What a great ride, a little hot in Natchez and some rain on the trip but over all a good time. If you haven't ridden the Trace, you need to, 455 miles of national parkway very well maintained.

September is here and we have some last of summer activities to look forward to. First up will be the Ronald McDonald Ride scheduled for September 12th. It will be a one day ride to Indianapolis and back with a stop for dinner on the way home. Get your pop tabs together and come along for the ride and a visit to our chapter charity. I believe this will be our 20th trip. It was a little wet last year so all pray for clear weather this year. There is a schedule for the trip in the Newsletter; we will see you on the 12th.

The weekend after the Ronald McDonald Ride, we will be traveling to Celina Ohio for the Region D Rally. As you all know by now, our chapter has a Lawn Chair Drill Team, the same team that performed at Winter Rendezvous, and the team will be competing against teams from Michigan and Ohio on Friday night. We have been practicing and the routine is coming together very well. Those going down are meeting at Jim Whetstone's house at noon on Friday to ride down together so if you are going, join us for the ride. One last thing to say about the drill team is thanks to all who participated and an extra thank you to Rod Rance for the use of his work shop and parking lot for the practice area.

September brings us the last of our scheduled dinner rides. In October we will still be going to dinner on Thursdays but we will meet at selected restaurants at 6:30 pm. You can ride or drive.

Coming up on October 24th will be a Halloween Party and Hay Ride at Mike & Maggie's. Costumes are optional. Come join the fun. The Pound Auction has been rescheduled for March due to almost half of the chapter being gone. The Chapter Birthday party is scheduled for November 14th. Contact Kathy Case to sign up. Also coming up in November is the District Fall meeting in Anderson, IN. on the 7th.

Last thing, we need to start thinking about Winter Rendezvous 2010, it is scheduled for January 22nd to 23rd. Are we going to do a new talent, a float, it was fun last year. Start thinking about it and what we will be doing.

See you at the next get-together.
Wolfgang & Connie, ACD

FROM YOUR CHAPTER EDUCATORS

Bob Chute & Sue Myer



STREET STRATEGIES AT WORK

This month we continue with our article on Staying Safe On A Motorcycle. Last month we discussed the fact that most crashes occur within the first 15 minutes of a ride, at intersections or driveways, and at speed under 40 MPH. We also began our discussion by looking at ONE of the various dangerous drivers, THE SHARK. This month we look at a few more:

THE CREEPER: You're following a slow moving car down a suburban street. You would like to pass, but the driver keeps speeding up and slowing down, causing you to delay that action. After following this car for several blocks, you become frustrated and decide to accelerate by. As soon as you pull out to pass this car, the driver makes a sudden left turn into a driveway, leaving you no room to stop or swerve. Evaluating the situation, you should have predicted that the driver was searching for something and he or she might turn or stop suddenly. Your best strategy in a situation like this is to separate yourself from the hazard. You could drop back for a few seconds or if you choose to pass, do so only after clearly establishing contact with the driver. Never pass at an intersection or other traffic situation where the car could turn in front of you.

OFF-RAMP DRIVER: You're riding along the freeway, in the far right lane. Just as you approach an off-ramp, a car in the lane to your left dives in front of you, braking hard to make the off-ramp at the last possible moment. You have very little room to brake or swerve, and a crash may be imminent. The strategy involved here is to always be aware of your surroundings. When you see the off-ramp ahead, glance around and evaluate the situation. Off-ramps (and on-ramps) are prime locations for vehicular conflicts. When approaching a ramp, it is often a good idea to move out of the exit/entrance lane. Take steps to avoid riding in the blind spots of cars traveling around you.

THE LANE CHANGER: While riding in the right lane of a three-lane highway, you decide to pass a slower-moving car by changing lanes to your left. Just as you begin to move left, a car in the far left lane also decides to pass by moving to the right, and suddenly the two of you are fighting for the same lane. When it's car -versus-bike, you already know the outcome. Your strategy is to separate yourself from the potential hazard by either waiting a few moments to pass or slow down to drop back a car length. It is also wise to signal several seconds before making a move and turning your head occasionally to check your blind spot to better observe surrounding traffic. In crowded traffic, you should continuously search around you for potential hazards and vehicles changing lanes.

Make A Difference

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 October are Jim & Cindy Butler.

Group Ride to Celina

A group ride to Celina for Region D Rally is being planned. Current plans are to leave from Whetstone's house at 12:00 noon on Friday, Sept 18. Anyone wishing to participate in this group ride should plan on being at Jim and Deb's house no later than 12 noon.

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

Chapter items for sale:

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Chapter Flags \$12.00
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CHAPTER 02 BIRTHDAY PARTY

Saturday, November 14, 2009

6:00 PM Social Time

6:30 PM Dinner

Games (*you won't want to miss*) after dinner

Roast Beef & Poppy Seed Chicken

\$15.00 per person

At DAL-MAR

159 E. Lincoln, Nappanee, IN

Sign up and pay by the November meeting
You **MUST** call Kathy Case (875-9135) to:
make & cancel reservations by November 6th

Here we are at the 21st century, but where's the world of the future we were always told about? Where are the flying cars? Where are the robots doing our housework? Where are the people zipping around in jetpacks? I'm sorry, but clapping my lights on and off doesn't cut it.

Meeting Notes:

By Vern Daly



Mike welcomed around 23 chapter members and three guests to the meeting on Sept 3. He thanked everyone for all the hard work they have done for the chapter over the months. He also announced a name change to the restaurant where the chapter meetings are held. Bennigan's will be changing to "Snafu" in the very near future. Watch for this change.

Cathy Rummel thanked everyone who showed up for the "ramp build" at their house. There were around ten chapter members who showed up to install a ramp for Glen. She commented that it has proven to be a real blessing for him as he can now go out in the yard virtually any time he wishes. Just shows how chapter O2 pulls together.

Chapter Educator Bob Chute talked about "The Invisible Motorcyclist". Basically it boils down to motorists don't see motorcyclists because they're simply not looking for them. He suggested some things you can do to make yourself more visible:

- Choose your lane position for better visibility
- Wear brightly colored clothing
- Wear a brightly colored helmet
- Practice collision avoidance maneuvers
- And lastly, Dress for the slide not the ride

Bobby Newman was there to relate how successful this year's Ride For Kids was. He also presented a certificate of appreciation to the chapter for everything our members did to help out on the ride.

Wolfie talked about upcoming events, which, of course, include the RMD ride on Sept 12 (see page 5 for additional info) and the Region D rally over the weekend of the 19th. A group will be riding to Celina on Friday the 18th. See page 3 for more info. The drill team will be performing Friday around 7PM.

Due to many chapter members being gone, the Pound Auction is changing from Oct 1 to the regular meeting day in March. Further information will be posted in the newsletter as the date nears.

We also have a Halloween party coming up on Oct 24 at Knepple's. Costumes are optional. Festivities will start at 5PM. A signup sheet was passed around during the meeting. If you didn't get on the list and wish to attend please contact Maggie.

Udderly fantastic went to Wolfie for all the work he has done in pulling together the Lawn Chair Drill Team.

Dumbo went to Rich Durecki for taking the Thursday dinner ride down a dirt road. His comment was "But it was hard packed."

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

Sept 10 . . Bruce McLeish

Sept 17 . . Don & Cindy Norman

Sept 24 . . Mark & Carol Skinner

Thursday Dinners

Note that in October the Thursday Dinner Rides change over to dinners at 6:30. The restaurants for October will be as follows:

Oct 08 . . Culvers (Elkhart, CR6 in front of Wal-Mart)

Oct 15 . . Between The Buns (Elkhart, Cassopolis Road)

Oct 22 . . Texas Roadhouse (Elkhart, Cassopolis Road)

Oct 29 . . Hacienda (Elkhart)

What's Coming Up

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

Oct 03 . . District Fall Fest

Oct 24 . . Halloween Party and Hayride, Mike & Maggie's 5PM

Birthdays & Anniversaries

Anniversaries:

Oct 07 . . Bruce & Lucy McLeish

Oct 10 . . Eric & Joy Homan

Birthdays:

Oct 01 . . Mary Graybill

Oct 11 . . Jim Whetstone

Oct 13 . . Jo Ann Gabbard

Oct 14 . . Jim Butler

Oct 15 . . Mike Knepple

Oct 21 . . Wolfgang Gless



Save those pop tabs for next year's Ronald McDonald Ride. Let's make the 2009 Ronald McDonald Ride the best one yet!

Summertime Blues

By Deb Whetstone

Summers come and summers go
And we used to think they would go too slow
But as we got older and there is so much to do
Summer goes way too fast for me and you
There are corn and sausage roasts and plenty of rides
And it is much too beautiful to stay inside
The sun is shining and the bike beckons you to come
And the ice cream at the parlor says "You need to eat some"
Sometimes a rainy day will take you to a show
But you'd really rather be riding...yes you'd really rather go
Vacations play a big part of the summer on the bike
And it's always great to go out and see something that you might like
The grass needs to be mowed and the shrubs need to be trimmed so nice and neat
But the best feeling of accomplishment is when you get your riding boots on your feet
The fall is always a welcome season
But summer is the best for many a reason
Having hamburgers and hot dogs with a friend is a part of a summer day
And we think that summer will be here a long time when it's only the month of May
So having the blues is not very fun
You see it means summer is almost done
Fall is on its way and winter will be right around the bend
And then it will be time for spring again
But the season that we all hold dear, deep down in our heart
Is the season that most reminds us of our favorite --- ----
Enjoy each day as they come and go
Don't let them go to fast...take them nice and slow
And remember that as we go out each day
That we always need a little time to play

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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