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## FROM YOUR CHAPTER DIRECTORS

### *Wolfgang & Connie Gless*



Hello to All;

And now it's November, the riding season is all but done, maybe there will be a few days that we can get out and ride before the snow falls and even worse the sprinkling of the dreaded salt. When that starts the bike will definability be put up for the winter. Oh well all good things must come to an end, and there is always next year to look forward to.

I am sitting here writing this article and am realizing that Connie & I have almost completed one year as directors and it's been great. We are looking forward to 2011 and hope all things will just improve. By the way, we know it could not have been a good year without the help we received from all of you. Keep up the good work.

I mentioned at the November meeting that I would like to see the chapter grow because I believe that we need new members to remain a chapter well into the future. This does not mean we should only be looking for Gold Wing riders. Riders of other brand of bikes are welcome to join GWRRA and us as long as they want to ride and have fun and live with the GWRRA motto.

On a sad note, our condolences go out to Jim & Deb Whetstone for the loss of Jim's Father and to Tom & Connie Whalen for the loss of Connie's Mother.

Also hoping for a quick recovery to Carol Skinner and Lucy McLeish after their surgeries.

You both should be walking and kicking butt by the start of the riding season.

Along with that, it was good to hear that Rich did not show any rejection on his last check up,

As Bob reported at the meeting, the Color Ride went well; yes, there was a little rain but not enough to dampen the spirits of those who went. We rode up to Stevensville, MI, and stopped at a Cracker Barrel for breakfast and then continued on up to Holland, MI. The ride along the shore was more colorful then it was inland. When we got home, we all met at Bob & Sue's church for a spaghetti dinner that was very good. Looking forward to next year's Color Ride, I hear it will be a little earlier in the month.

Next subject we have is the Winter Rendezvous coming up (January 21 to 23) and as of today, not many have signed up to go. What's with that! If you want to go in January, please get with me and give me your info so I can get the hotel reservations sheet and registrations sent in. It looks like we will not have a float this year, so sad, but may have a skit for the talent show; if we do, we need to start practice very soon. For this skit to work we will need 3 brave souls.

One more thing to keep in mind, March is not that far away and that means Pound Auction & Chicken sales.

I do believe that is all for this month, ride safe and for this time of year drive safe.

Happy Thanksgiving  
Wolfgang & Connie, CD

**MONTHLY MEETINGS** are held the 1st Thursday of each month at the Elk's Lodge on Bristol St. just west of Cassopolis St. Dinner @ 6:30, meeting @ 7:15 PM

**DINNER RIDES** are every Thursday night May-Sept. (except meeting night). Meet in the parking lot BEHIND Discovery Middle School on Ash Road. Leaving promptly at 6:30 PM

## FROM YOUR ASST. CHAPTER DIRECTORS

Jim & Deb Whetstone



### Greetings Fellow Chapter 02 Members,

By now most of you know that my father passed away last Thursday. I just wanted to say thank you to some very special people

(members of chapter 02) that showed their support in several ways- the phone calls, cards, food, flowers, and showing up at the viewing. It all meant a great deal to me and the Whetstone family. THANKS SO MUCH FOR ALL OF YOUR SUPPORT!

I also want to extend our deepest sympathy to the Whalen family for the loss of Connie's mom.

Something someone at Ivy Tech shared with me:

Death leaves a heart

No one can heal

Love leaves a memory

No one can steal

Let us move on to more pleasant thoughts.

I know it's hard to believe, it's November already – before you know it we will be eating turkey and pumpkin pie and all those yummy things that fall brings us. Can you tell I like to eat!

The other thing that is coming is the end of the riding season for most of us in the North. I love the fall and the changing colors but I really hate to see the bike just sit there all winter wanting to be ridden but not being able to.

Well let's see what we have in store for November. November 13<sup>th</sup> will be 19 great years for Chapter 02. Please do come and help us celebrate our Chapter's Birthday at Millers in Middlebury. Great food, Great Fun, and of course Great friends.

November 13<sup>th</sup> is also the State Fall District Meeting in Anderson, IN.

With the Holiday season upon us there really is not a lot planned with the Chapter so please enjoy your time with Family and friends and have a safe Holiday Season!

**That's about it for now!  
Happy trails to you until we meet again,  
Your ACD's Jim & Deb**



## FROM YOUR CHAPTER EDUCATORS

Bob & Sue Chute



### YOU AND YOUR LEGAL RESPONSIBILITIES

Don't forget, driving is a privilege, not a right. You have to prove competence before your license is issued. If you ignore the laws of your state, your license may be taken from you.

Laws are intended to protect you, not to harass you. You may be the best and safest rider in the country, but these laws are to keep incompetent, dangerous drivers off the streets. Just think of the chaos if we didn't have these laws. Respect them.

### LICENSING REQUIREMENTS

These vary from state to state. Most states require a separate license in order to operate a motorcycle. Go and get one. Drop by your local department of motor vehicles and ask for licensing information. You put yourself, your wallet, and your insurance at risk if you choose to violate the law. If your state requests it, take the written test and the riding test. Get your motorcycle operator's license. Become a full-fledged member of the motorcycling fraternity.

### INSURANCE

The registration is easy; pay the money, and you get a license plate to bolt on the back of the bike.

Insurance is harder, but most states require liability insurance. Check your state's laws. Shop around for it. Some companies give a discount if you've taken GWRRA Rider Course.

You can also get other coverage on you and your bike; comprehensive, collision, medical payments, uninsured driver (the other guy), et cetera. Ask your insurance agent what each type of coverage can do for you, how much it will cost. The better your driving record, the less costly the insurance. It pays to be safe.

### DRUGS, DRINKING & RIDING

We kid you not. Mixing alcohol and drugs and motorcycles is like putting nitro with glycerin: there's a dangerous reaction.

Alcohol is a depressant. The thing to go is your judgment – and good judgment is essential. Bad judgment get you into trouble. Drinking riders tend to run off the road more often, have a high percentage of rider error, and use excessive speed for conditions around them. Those are the statistics – and that spells trouble.

It takes a long time for the effects of alcohol to be cleared from your body, roughly one hour for each bottle of beer, glass of wine, or shot of liquor.

Nothing but time will shed that alcohol- not showers, coffee, or so-called remedies.

Have a couple of beers if you wish, but have them at home. Then you don't have to go anywhere afterward. If you are going to drink, don't even think about riding.

Alcohol is not the only drug that affects your ability to ride safely. Whether it is an over-the-counter, prescription, or illegal drug, it may have side-effects that increase the risks of riding. Even common cold medicines could make you drowsy – too drowsy to ride- and mixing alcohol and drugs is even more dangerous than using either alone.



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:

Hats . . . . . \$13.00

Chapter Flags . . . . . \$12.00

Gold Wing Clocks . . . . \$15.00

Various pins, patches etc. also available. See Cindy for details.

**FOR SALE:** An Eclipse heated vest. Size Large. Perfect for extending that riding season or just adding some extra comfort when riding early or late in the day. Asking \$75.00 OBO. Call 574 273-3001

**FOR SALE:**

- 1 - Teal Goldwing jacket, quilt lined, size small \$20.00
  - 1 - GWRRA 3-In-One jacket, size small \$40.00
  - 1pr - Cruiserworks waterproof lace type boots  
Womens size 7, like new \$20.00
- 269-641-7562

**FOR SALE:**

I have an extra large GWRRA 3-in-one just like the one listed above that I bought from Max but it's too large for me. I will sell it for \$30. This combo jacket is really warm and very versatile. You can wear the two pieces together or just the "liner" or just the outer shell. Both pieces have GWRRA logos and lettering. It originally sold for around \$150 from GWRRA and it is in like new condition.  
574-259-3508

## What is a friend?

By Deb Whetstone

A friend is someone you can confide in whether you are happy or sad... A real friend can be honest if they think what you are doing is bad.  
Friends are patient with friends when they know that they are under stress... And a true friend can tell you (girls) if they really don't like your dress.  
Kindness is a trait that a genuine friend will need...They will understand what you are saying and try to fill your need.  
Friendship can be trying... you need to listen well... A friend in need is a friend indeed and they may have soooo much to tell.  
Usually in your lifetime you may find one person that can fit this mold... and if you are lucky that person you trust will be a friend until your both very old.  
This last weekend we had the chance to experience friendship first hand... We were mourning the loss of a loved one and thru our grief we were trying to stand.  
We have each other to turn to and try to get thru the day... But the friends that we made at Chapter 0-2 really helped us make it thru our difficult day.  
Each of us has our own lives to deal with and so many things to do... And we certainly are thankful that you took time out and let us share with you.  
Each of you in your own special way... made us have a more special day.  
Thru your sharing and caring and having conversation with us... Thru donations, food, preparation, prayers, flowers, and cards... yes we appreciate the fuss.  
Not just one of you... but a large group of you shared...And we appreciate everyone and how much you cared.  
We love that you rallied around us in our time of need... And we know that each of you is a special friend that will help us indeed.  
So **THANK YOU** to each and everyone that helped us make it thru... Our lives would never be the same without great people like **YOU!!!**  
Once again the Chapter 0-2 story continues and our friendships become closer with each day... We are so thankful that you are all here and that God sent us headed your way.  
An important part of Chapter 0-2 and a great support from the start ... Yes we appreciate the friendship of our favorite old \_\_\_\_\_!

## 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 December are Eric & Joy Homan, Rod & Cheryl Rance, Tom & Connie Whalen

"Doing nothing is very hard to do...you never know when you're finished."

-- Leslie Nielson

## Meeting Notes: By Vern Daly



Wolfie opened up the meeting to around 20 chapter members and no guests.

Bob gave a report on the Color Ride which took place on October 23rd. There were 4 bikes in the ride and two couples in cages. We rode up along the lake to just south of Holland where we turned inland and came back to Niles. There was rain on and off during most of the ride but it was enjoyable regardless. After the ride we attended a Spaghetti dinner at Chute's church which was very yummy.

Judy gave a report on the upcoming Chapter Birthday Party which will be held at Miller's in Middlebury. Since it is somewhat hard to find if you've never been there, we will meet at the old abandoned Shult plant on the south side of US 20 about a half mile east of Essenhaus restaurant (next to the concrete plant) at 6PM and caravan to Miller's from there. Obviously, if you know where Miller's is you can go directly there. Party starts at 6:30.

Wolfie talked about Winter Rendezvous and asked for a show-of-hands for who would be interested in attending. It seems that attendance by the chapter is going to be down this year. If you want to attend please contact Wolfie so he can do motel arrangements.

Wolfie also talked about chapter visitations, to promote the Pound Auction, of which there are several possibilities in the month of November. If you're interested in accompanying Wolfie and Connie on any of these contact him for dates.

Bob talked about this being the end of riding season and some tips on winterizing your bike. Some actions to take in winterizing are:

- Wash
- Wax
- Change Oil
- Check Fluids
- Use Sta-Bil or equivalent
- Put up on Center Stand

Wolfie asked for suggestions on how we might increase our membership. Some of the suggestions included printing up flyers to have local dealers put in the trunk of Wings they sell. And having a booth next spring when riding season starts at North End Cycle, similar to what we used to do at the mall show. Both good suggestions.

The March Chicken Sale was discussed and whether or not we should also sell potatoes. Wolfie will check into cost and a decision will be made next month.

Udderly fantastic was given to Durecki's as a good guy award for sticking together thru Rich's problems.

Be sure to save crushed cans for the chapter and get those pictures to Cathy Rummel for the scrapbook.

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## Chapter Birthday Party

Be sure and join us at the Chapter Birthday Party on November 13th, 6:30, at Miller's in Middlebury.

For those who do not know where Millers is located, we will meet at 6PM and caravan from the old Shult plant on the south side of US 20 just east of Essenhaus restaurant.

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## Thursday Restaurants

Below is the list of restaurants for October and November. Be there at 6:30.

Nov 11 . . Jojo's Pizza (Elkhart)  
Nov 18 . . River Inn (Bristol)  
Dec 09 . . Corner Café (Wakarusa on SR19)  
Dec 16 . . Inn Between (North of Cass on M62)  
Dec 23 and 30 . . No dinners due to holidays

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## What's Coming Up

Nov 06 . . Western Ho-Down (Goshen, IN)  
Nov 13 . . Chapter Birthday Party (Miller's in Middlebury)  
Jan 08 . . Chapter Holiday Party (Dal Mar in Nappanee)

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## Birthdays & Anniversaries

### Anniversaries:

None

### Birthdays:

Dec 01 . . Kathy Case                      Dec 02 . . Rich Durecki  
Dec 04 . . Max Elliott                      Dec 24 . . Frank Case  
Dec 27 . . Lucy McLeish



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