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FROM YOUR CHAPTER DIRECTORS

Wolfgang & Connie Gless



Hello to All;

December is here and we have already seen some snowflakes flying. The weather man says that temperatures will be changing throughout the winter season going from mild or warm to downright cold, should be a sloppy season if he is right. Connie & I are looking forward to our next year as your directors and we hope to plan a few more activities for the upcoming year. We will need all of your help with any suggestions so think hard and bring them to the planning meeting we will hold in January. (Editor's Note: Jan 9, 2PM @ Wolfie & Connie's house)

Some members from our chapter attended the Western Ho-Down held by Chapter H on November 6th and reported they had a good time. It was good to have Chapter O2 represented.

We had our annual Chapter Birthday Party on the 6th of November at Millers outside of Middlebury and the food was suburb as always, and this year there was plenty of it. Judy did a very good job organizing the event as always and chapter members participated in a few games after dinner, all had fun. For those that couldn't attend, we sure did miss you.

Thanksgiving has come and gone; hopefully all had a joyous holiday and ate too much. I know Connie & I did. Thank God this only happens once a year.

We have 2 very important chapter events coming up in March, the Pound Auction and our annual Chicken Sales. Last year for the Pound Auction all chapter members brought in 2 items to be auctioned and some of us collected many more donated items which lead to a very large amount of items to be auctioned and made the night very long. Because of that, this time all members need only bring one item and those that got donations last year I hope will do the same this year. As for the Chicken Sales, we need to decide how many half's we intend to sell and if we should add the Pit Potatoes. Connie & I will also be planning some Chapter visits to promote these events and would welcome any members to accompany us.

Also, don't forget Winter Rendezvous is coming up quick. Those that plan to attend need to get with me ASAP. It looks like we will not have a talent or float entry this year. Please get with me if you have any good ideas.

Looks like that's all for this month and also this year, drive safely.
Merry Christmas & A Happy New Year
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,

Well here it is, December already! With all of the goodies being made during

the Holidays I'm not sure I can handle it. I barely made it thru Thanksgiving-with all that food I still feel like a stuffed turkey!

Well let's see what is in store for the winter. First off, there will only be two Thursday night dinners in December.

Dec. 9th is at the Corner Café in Wakarusa.

Dec. 16 will be at the Inn Between restaurant between Cassopolis and Dowagiac. No Chapter dinners on the 23rd or the 30th due to the Christmas and New Year holidays.

Jan 8th will be our Chapter Holiday party at Dal-Mar, in Nappanee. If you've been there before you know you don't want to miss this because we always have a great time.

Jan 9th will be the Chapter planning meeting for the upcoming year. Where: Wolfies at 2:00pm (Bring your ideas!!!)

Jan 14, 15, 16th is the Hunter Ice Festival in Niles. The Chapter talked about heading up on the 15th to observe. We will discuss further at the January meeting.

Jan 21, 22, 23 is Winter Rendezvous. If you are planning on going please let Wolfie know as soon as possible.

That's about it for now!

**Happy trails to you until we meet again,
Your ACD's Jim & Deb**

Make A Difference

FROM YOUR CHAPTER EDUCATORS

Bob & Sue Chute



GOOD VISION IN A DOWNPOUR

How to achieve good vision while driving during a heavy downpour.

We are not sure why it is so effective; just try this method when it rains heavily. This method was told by a Police friend who had experienced and confirmed it. It is useful...even driving at night.

Most of the motorists would turn on HIGH or FASTEST SPEED of the wipers during heavy downpour, yet the visibility in front of the windshield is still bad.....

In the event you face such a situation, just try your SUN GLASSES (any model will do), and miracle! All of a sudden, your visibility in front of your windshield is perfectly clear, as if there is no rain.

Make sure you always have a pair of SUN GLASSES in your car, as you are not only helping yourself to drive safely with good vision, but also might save your friend's life by giving him this idea..

Try it yourself and share it with your friends! Amazing, you still see the drops on the windshield, but not the sheet of rain falling.

You can see where the rain bounces off the road. It works to eliminate the "blindness" from passing semi's spraying you too.

Or the "kick up" if you are following a semi or car in the rain. They ought to teach that little tip in driver's training. It really does work.

This warning is a good one! I wonder how many people know about this~

A 36 year old female had an accident several weeks ago and totaled her car. A resident of Kilgore, Texas she was traveling between Gladewater & Kilgore. It was raining, though not excessively, when her car suddenly began to hydro-plane and literally flew through the air. She was not seriously injured but very stunned at the sudden occurrence!

When she explained to the highway patrolman what had happened he told her something that every driver should know - NEVER DRIVE IN THE RAIN WITH YOUR CRUISE CONTROL ON. She thought she was being cautious by setting the cruise control and maintaining a safe consistent speed in the rain. But the highway patrolman told her that if the cruise control is on when your car begins to hydro-plane and your tires lose contact with the pavement, your car will accelerate to a higher rate of speed making you take off like an airplane. She told the patrolman that was exactly what had occurred.

The patrolman said this warning should be listed, on the driver's seat sun-visor - NEVER USE THE CRUISE CONTROL WHEN THE PAVEMENT IS WET OR ICY, along with the airbag warning. We tell our teenagers to set the cruise control and drive a safe speed - but we don't tell them to use the cruise control only when the pavement is dry.

The only person the accident victim found who knew this (besides the patrolman), was a man who had a similar accident, totaled his car and sustained severe injuries.

NOTE: Some vehicles (like the Toyota Sienna Limited XLE) will not allow you to set the cruise control when the windshield wipers are on. If you send this to 15 people and only one of them doesn't know about this, then it was all worth it. You might have saved a life.



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

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. No one is due in January.

Chapter O2 Holiday Party

The 2010 Holiday Party will again be held at Dal-Mar Banquet Hall in Nappanee. Date is January 8, 2011.

6:00 P.M. to 6:30 P.M. - Happy Hour
6:30 P.M. – Prime Rib dinner



Following dinner, Wolfie and Connie will recognize officers and present us with other necessary information. We will then have "story time", gift exchange, and individual member recognition (something you will not want to miss.) Highlight of the evening, as always, will be Deb Whetstone's poem.

Price per person - \$10.00 payable to Judy Clark.

If you wish to participate in the gift exchange, girls are to bring a \$10 female gift and guys are to bring a \$10.00 guy gift.

A signup sheet was passed around for this event at the December Chapter Meeting. If you weren't there and want to attend the Holiday Party please contact Judy as soon as possible to get your name on the list.

Niles Ice Festival

The Niles Ice Festival is coming up again on January 14, 15 & 16, 2011. Several O2 members have talked about attending.



Here is the plan: We will meet in downtown Niles at the corner of 3rd and Main St. Meet around 3PM on Saturday the 15th and walk around town and look at the Ice carvings and watch them being made. We would then go someplace and get something to eat, either downtown or near by. If you are interested, please contact Cathy Case, Cari Durecki or Bob Chute. We will make final plans at the January meeting.

Chapter Planning Meeting

The annual Chapter Planning Meeting will be held at Wolfie and Connie's house at 2 PM on January 9th. ALL CHAPTER MEMBERS are invited to attend this meeting and bring ideas about what events you would like to see in the coming year.



Please Plan To Attend

"We can't all be heroes, because somebody has to sit on the curb and clap as they go by." -- Will Rogers

Meeting Notes: By Vern Daly



Wolfie opened up the meeting to 28 chapter members and no guests.

Rich Durecki gave a report on Chapter H's Western Ho-Down. There were a few O2 members that attended this event and all had a good time.

Judy Clark reported on the Chapter Birthday Party. It was a huge success with plenty of good food and games.

Wolfie reported on the District Meeting in Anderson. A few things have changed including the Region Directors (Roger & Penny Hurley, Ohio). Also the MEC and Treasurer will now be considered as officers.

Spring Wing Warm-up has been scheduled for May 19 - 21, again in Greensburg.

Bob Chute, Chapter Educator talked about GWRRA Safety levels. He reviewed the requirements for each of the four levels and encouraged everyone in the chapter to at least be level one or two. Requirements for these levels are very low, the first of which is to just sign a form that you intend to follow the GWRRA safety guidelines. Contact Bob if you want to get started on this program or if you want to upgrade and he will help you get started.

The chapter planning meeting will be held on January 9th at 2PM at Wolfie and Connie's house. Everyone is invited to attend and bring ideas for 2011 chapter events.

Again, as usual, Wolfie and Connie will be attending other chapter meetings to promote the Pound Auction in March. Several dates are available and they would like to invite any chapter members to accompany them on these visits. Please contact Wolfie if you want to attend. Some dates are Dec 6, 8, 19, 21 and 27.

Dumbo will be staying with Tom for another month. But he warned everyone that Dumbo will be on the lookout at the Holiday party.

Udderly Fantastic was given to your newsletter editor by Rich and Cari. Thank you to them for that honor. I really enjoy doing the newsletter and I feel it is a good way for me to contribute to the chapter. I plan on continuing in that role unless someone else really wants to take it over.

Starting in January we will again be collecting items for Ronald McDonald house. Each month will be a different item and that item will be listed in the Ronald McDonald Ride box. (It's on the lower right of this page in this month's newsletter) January's item will be any type of liquid detergents like laundry or dishwashing detergent. Watch the RMD Ride box each month to see what item we'll be collecting.

For those who are interested, here's Rance's new address in New Mexico:
1930 Tapestry Circle
Las Cruces, NM 88005

Be sure to save crushed cans for the chapter. Jim McPhail or Frank Case will take those. And don't forget to get pictures to Cathy Rummel for the scrapbook.

Thursday Restaurants

Below is the list of restaurants for December and January. Be there at 6:30.

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
Jan 20 . . Elkhart Hacienda



What's Coming Up

Jan 08 . . Chapter Holiday Party (Dal Mar in Nappanee)
Jan 09 . . Chapter Planning Meeting - 2PM @ Wolfie's
Jan 15 . . Niles Ice Festival (See page 3)
Jan 21 - 23 . . Winter Rendezvous - Indy

Birthdays & Anniversaries

Anniversaries:

None

Birthdays:

Jan 01 . . Rod Clark	Jan 02 . . Al Beachy
Jan 21 . . Cathy Rummel	Jan 22 . . Bruce McLeish
Jan 30 . . Cindy Norman	Jan 31 . . Cindy Butler



Save those pop tabs for next year's Ronald McDonald Ride. Let's make the 2011 Ronald McDonald Ride the best one yet!
January - Various Liquid Detergents - Laundry, Dish, etc.

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