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## FROM YOUR CHAPTER DIRECTORS

### *Wolfgang & Connie Gless*



Hello to All;

February is here, the first month of 2010 is done and we are getting closer to riding season. It may not feel like it but we are. January, let's see, we had our planning meeting which went well and we have the year planned. If you did not get a schedule see Connie or me and we will get you one. We also have a new Phone Tree with a new Phone Tree Coordinator; again if you need a new list see Connie or me.

We had the Chapter Holiday Party on January 9<sup>th</sup> and I believe all who attended had a good time. I know I did. All new officers were sworn in by our ADD Terry & Cherie Malcolm, so now we are official. Our past CD's could not attend so Connie and I passed out appreciation certificates on behalf of Mike & Maggie.

Winter Rendezvous, what can I say other than we had a blast. Twenty chapter members were in attendance and 8 members from Michigan chapter V-2 joined our group. We would have had 24 but due to unfortunate circumstances Mark & Carol could not attend due to Carol's mother having surgery and Ron & Joann could not attend due to Joann's father falling that resulted in a broken hip and surgery. Wishes for a speedy recovery for both.

At WR we did well again for the most part, Connie and the Girls performed their version of the O-2 drill team and low and behold took first place. You go Girls! After their performance a lot of comments were made that they may have been better than the men's team of last year, now me personally I don't think so, but then we weren't in the audience last year. Maybe we should do a combined team next year, what do you think? Next was the Euchre tournament, O-2 cleaned up, Connie won on Friday and Jim Butler won on Saturday and to finish off Connie won overall. After that, Connie & I entered the Triktor pulls again and yes, you guessed it, we both finished first with full pulls. The good thing is we only had to pull once, it seems to be getting tougher or we are getting older. The chapter entered a float in the Grand Parade but this year we did not do so good, you would think that along with the float and 3 men dressed in grass skirts and coconut bra's we would be a shoe in. Oh well there is always next year.

The chapter also did a Chapter visitation to Chapter S-2; it was a last minute decision so if you did not get called please except my apology. Six members were present at S-2's meeting which was at the Grand Empire in Mishawaka. This was a new place for them, as they have had to move twice in the last year due to closings, sounds familiar. We would like to do at least 3 visitations before the Pound Auction, so if you are available and would like to participate let us know. The Chapters that are close are N, H, V, U-2 and F and just to let you know F is where the traveling trophy is so let's try and go get it again. Connie & I attended U-2's meeting on Wednesday the 3<sup>rd</sup> and invited them to the Pound Auction and the Ronald McDonald ride.

Now concerning the Chicken Sale, there are pre-sale tickets available (500 total) that need to be sold. If we sell all 500 and sell 500 halves or more on the day of the sale, it will help our cause greatly. See Judy Clark for tickets if you haven't got any yet or if you need more. All members need to help out with the ticket sales, please.

Last thing, I believe we all know our favorite old \_\_\_\_ Jim McPhail is recovering from heart surgery, he is home now so let's all try to visit or at least call to wish him a quick recovery OK, I believe that is it for this month, looking forward for the warmer weather.

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 Discovery Middle School parking lot on Ash Road. Leaving promptly at 6:30 PM

## FROM YOUR ASST. CHAPTER DIRECTORS

Jim & Deb Whetstone



Greetings fellow riders, It's hard to believe this is already the second month of the New Year. It's February and you know what that means; yes Guys and Gals you need to get that someone in your life something

special for Valentine's Day, don't forget it's February 14<sup>th</sup>.

Also since its February that just means the days are getting longer which means it's getting closer to our riding season and your favorite ice cream stops!!! I can hardly wait!!!

Upcoming events are as follows: First off - Game Night at the Whetstones, be there or be square. Start time 5:15 If you have a favorite game please bring it, we may not play it but you can surly bring it. J

Don't forget we go to Mad Anthony's on the 18<sup>th</sup> which is downtown Elkhart at the old State Theatre at 526 S. Main St.

Next off we have our Pound Auction on Thursday the 4<sup>th</sup> of March at the Elks Lodge at 116 West Bristol St. which is also our Chapter's new meeting location. This event is our Annual fund raiser for the Ronald McDonald House in Indianapolis where all proceeds from the pound Auction go directly to the RMH. Please come have fun and help support the RMH.

Next up we have our annual chicken BBQ sale on Saturday the 6<sup>th</sup> of March at the northwest corner of Bristol and Cassopolis St. **Remember to sell, sell, sell your presale tickets – this event benefits the whole Chapter, so please do whatever you can to make this fundraiser a great big success, plus a great big thanks for those of you who have already sold all there tickets and asked for more. Keep up the great work!**

Next up we will have dinner at Red Lobster in Elkhart on the 18<sup>th</sup> of March.

This may be a little far off but we need to start thinking and planning for the bake sale coming up April the 3<sup>rd</sup>. at North End Cycle, and also the Chapter garage sale May 13<sup>th</sup>, 14<sup>th</sup> and 15<sup>th</sup> – remember to start getting things ready and make sure you have all items priced before the sale.

**Well until we meet again Happy trails to you!**

Your ACD's Jim & Deb

## FROM YOUR CHAPTER EDUCATORS

Bob Chute & Sue Myer



Hello from your Chapter Co-Educators , Bob & Sue. Following is an article which provides information on the minimum basic items you need to ride your motorcycle safely.

### PROTECTIVE CLOTHING AND EQUIPMENT:

Studies show that the head, arms and legs are most often injured in a crash. Protective clothing and equipment serve a three-fold purpose for motorcyclists: comfort and protection from the elements; some measure of injury protection; and through use of color or reflective material, a means for other motorists to see the motorcyclist.

#### Helmet:

This is the most important piece of equipment. Safety helmets save lives by reducing the extent of head injuries in the event of a crash. Many good helmets are available. Make sure it fits comfortably and snugly, and is fastened for the ride. In choosing a helmet, look for the DOT label on the helmet. The DOT label on helmets constitutes the manufacturer's certification that the helmet conforms to the federal standard. In many states, use of a helmet is required by law. Passengers should also wear a helmet.

**Eye Protection:** Since many motorcycles don't have windshields, riders must protect their eyes against insects, dirt, rocks or other airborne matter. Even the wind can cause the eyes to tear and blur vision, and good vision is imperative when riding. Choose good quality goggles, glasses with plastic or safety lenses, or a helmet equipped with a face shield. Goggles, glasses, and face shields should be scratch free, shatter proof, and well ventilated to prevent fog buildup. Only clear shields should be used at night since tinted shields reduce contrast and make it more difficult to see. Even if your motorcycle has a windshield, eye protection is recommended.

**Jackets and Trousers:** Clothing worn when riding a motorcycle should provide some measure of protection from abrasion in the event of a spill. These should be of durable material (e.g., special synthetic material or leather). Jackets should have long sleeves. Trousers (not shorts) should not be baggy or flared at the bottom to prevent entanglement with the chain, kick starter, foot- pegs, or other protrusions on the sides of a motorcycle.

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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**

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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. Due in March 2010 is Vern Daly, Ron & JoAnn Gabbard and Bob Chute.

## Thank You from Mark and Carol

Mark and I would like to Thank Everyone for their calls concerning my Mom and his Dad.

Marks dad has had to start dialysis once again. He has had some issues with this and has had to have several blood transfusions. But over all he doing good. It has been a slow recovery for him.

My mom came thru her surgery fine. No cancer in the lymph nodes which was a major concern. She is healing well from that surgery. She is to start Radiation soon. They are thinking she will only have to have 5-6 weeks of radiation. And I have to say my visit went really well. She was relived I came to stay with her.

Again Thank you all so much for your concern.

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### Gloves:

Durable gloves are recommended. They should be of the non-slip type to permit a firm grip on the controls. Leather gloves are excellent, as are special fabric gloves with leather palms and grip strips on the fingers. Gauntlet-type gloves keep air out of the rider's sleeves. Appropriate gloves are available for all types of weather.

### Footwear:

Proper footwear affords protection for the feet, ankles, and lower parts of the legs. Leather boots are best. Durable athletic shoes that cover the ankles are a good second choice. Sandals, sneakers, and similar footwear should not be used since they provide little protection from abrasion or a crushing impact. Avoid dangling laces that can get in the way.

**Note:** Upper body clothing should be brightly colored. Some riders wear lightweight reflective orange or yellow vests over their jackets. Retro-reflective material used on clothing, helmet, and the motorcycle helps to make the rider visible to other motorists, especially at night. A high percentage of car-vehicle crashes occur because the driver of the other vehicle "failed to see the rider in time to avoid the crash."

It should go without saying that riding your motorcycle wearing nothing more than a tank top, shorts and sandals is inviting trouble. And yet we continue to observe such folks on the streets. Experiencing "road rash" is not a pleasant memory. Let's all do our part in making motorcycle riding a safe activity.

My dog is worried about the economy because Alpo is up to \$3.00 a can. That's almost \$21.00 in dog money. *Joe Weinstein (Courtesy Sue Myer)*

## Meeting Notes:

By Vern Daly



Chapter Director, Wolfgang Gless opened the meeting, welcoming our members and guest, Bobby Newman, with Ride for Kids program.

Wolfie thanked everyone who brought food and helped in the hospitality suite at Winter Rendezvous. He announced the awards Chapter O2 had won and displayed nearby. Wolfie won the Men's Trike Pull; Connie Gless won the Ladies Trike Pull, Friday Euchre and Overall Euchre; Jim Butler took 1<sup>st</sup> in Euchre on Saturday; and the Girls Drill Team won Talent Comedy portion. Connie, the drill team's D.I., thanked all the girls for their effort and practice, especially Cari Durecki for securing a stage for the group to practice on and uploading the drill team's video to the internet for the chapter to see. Thanks went to Lucy McLeish for her work on the table decorations, the "belly bling" and sewing for some of the drill team. Appreciation was given to Cathy Rummel on the scrapbook and everyone who planned and worked on the float. A lot of time and effort were spent on them and they all showed our chapter pride. The 2011 theme is *Hillbilly Hootenanny*.

Wolfie thanked those who brought paper goods for Ronald McDonald House last month and canned goods this month. Please bring personal hygiene items in March. (shampoo, hairspray, lotion, deodorant, mouthwash, razors, tooth brushes, liquid hand soap)

Several O2 members visited Chapter S2's and U2's meetings and D2's Chili Cook-Off. O2 members are planning to visit Goshen Chapter H (2/10/10), Chapter F (2/16/10), Chapter V (2/21/10) and Chapter V (2/23/10) meetings. Call Wolfie for time and place if you would like to go.

Bobby Newman gave a presentation for the Ride for Kids that will be on Sunday, July 11, 2010 at Pinhook Park in South Bend. This year's ride is dedicated to the memory of Mike Traynor, co-founder of the ride. The theme for 2010 is *Stay on the Throttle*. He thanked all those who have worked, ridden and supported the ride in the past.

Thursday Dinners will be February 18 at Mad Anthony's and March 18 at Red Lobster in Elkhart. A sign up sheet for the up coming ride season was passed around. Please call Bruce McLeish if you can lead a ride.

Cathy Rummel said thank you to those who submitted photos to last year's scrapbook and requested photos via email, disk or hard copies be labeled to help her this year. Rummel's grandchildren gave every-one sweet little hearts filled with candy for Valentines.

Bob Chute, Chapter Educator, reminded us to get ready now to ride. Take a class, check out your bike to be sure it is ride ready, and practice in a parking lot when weather permits.

Wolfie told about a new training program offered by GWRRA called the Officer Certification Program (OCP) details will be coming.

Our favorite Old F\_\_\_, Jim McPhail, is home and doing well, just a little cabin fever has set in.

Carol Skinner sent thanks for calls regarding her mother's surgery. She will be having radiation for several weeks, but is doing well.

Deb Whetstone asked everyone to write down words that begin with the letter "O" to describe Chapter O2. Some were good, some bad, and some funny. Cindy Butler counted and won the closest count on how many O words were in Deb's *Letter O* poem.

Remember those crushed cans. Bring 'em in to Frank.

Editor's note: Thanks to Kathy Case for doing the meeting notes for me while I was in Yuma, AZ enjoying the warm weather for a couple of weeks. I really appreciate it.

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## Thursday Dinners

The Thursday Dinner Rides have now changed over to dinners at 6:30. The restaurants for January & February will be as follows:

Feb 18 . . Mad Anthony's (Main St. Downtown Elkhart)

Mar 18 . . Red Lobster (Elkhart, Cassopolis St near Toll Road)

Note that we have reduced the number of Thursday dinners to every other week, or thereabouts Watch your newsletter and calendar to see what weeks we will be meeting for dinner.

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## What's Coming Up

Feb 12 . . Michigan Wingless Weekend

Feb 12 . . Buckeye Cabin Fever

Feb 13 . . Valentine's Day Carry-In Dinner and Game Night  
5:15 PM, Whetstone's - - Bring Games

Feb 27 . . Horizons Training (Anderson, IN)

Mar 04 . . Monthly Meeting & Pound Auction (Elks Lodge,  
Elkhart) RMD Donation Item - -

Mar 06 . . Chicken Sale (Cassopolis and Bristol St.)

Mar 20 . . District Spring Meeting

Mar 21 . . District Bowling

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## Birthdays & Anniversaries

### Anniversaries:

Mar 09 . . Ron & JoAnn Gabbard

### Birthdays:

Mar 04 . . Kyle Beachy

Mar 31 . . Tammy VanLaecke

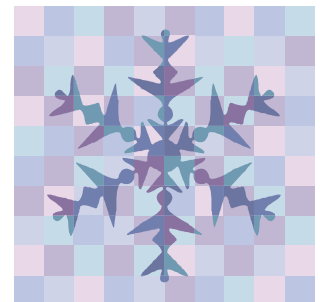


Save those pop tabs for next year's Ronald McDonald Ride. Let's make the September 11, 2010 Ronald McDonald Ride the best one yet!  
March Item - Personal Hygiene

# Winter Rendezvous

By Deb Whetstone

Our bags were packed and ready to go  
We were ready for the midwinter show  
We were headed out to a weekend of fun  
Even though we knew we would RUN RUN RUN  
The float was prepared and the skit was too  
And there would be all kinds of fun things to do  
We arrived early and got signed in  
Gathered ourselves together and figured out a plan  
People were arriving everywhere  
It was great to see O-2 had sooo many people there  
The Michigan team was ready to roll  
And with them around there is never a lull (buttershot Ben is Ben's new name)  
Our group did great at the talent show  
We took first place...yes Connie kept us on tow  
The audience laughed and they made us feel great  
Yes girls we did a great job ...we were first rate  
Gathering in the hospitality room Friday night was such fun  
Yes Chapter O-2 you are number one!!!!  
Up early and out to see what was going on for the day  
There were seminars, Euchre tournaments and tractor pulls along the way  
That evening there was dinner and our centerpieces especially made by Lucy were sublime  
What a great idea and she outdid herself and spent soooo much valuable time  
The parade and the float were next and what fun we had  
The flip flop cookies that Brenda made and brought still couldn't sway the judges to go "BAD"  
We saw the moon in the courtyard below  
And seeing it really made us glow  
The awards we took filled us with pleasure  
Yes it was just like finding buried treasure  
Connie and Wolfie are still the champs of the tractor pull  
And Jim Butler won at Euchre along with Connie you know  
Yes the weekend was fun and laughter was in the air  
It would be just a little better if our favorite \_\_\_\_\_ could have been there  
Now we are looking forward to another year ahead  
So get some rest and think about the new float ideas in your head  
The years are passing quickly and the year will go too fast  
And just like this one the next one will not last  
So take a deep breath and get ready to go  
You just don't want to miss it you know!!!!!!  
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