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## FROM YOUR CHAPTER DIRECTORS

### *Wolfgang & Connie Gless*



Hello to All;

And now we are in the month of July and the weather is getting very hot. Where has it gone, 6 months of 2010 has come and gone already.

Folks, you all know it's coming, cold weather and winter and that means Winter Rendezvous. I know it's early but we need to start thinking of a float and something for the talent show, that is, if we plan to do these activities this coming year. Enough of that, we still have a lot of riding season ahead of us so let's enjoy the good weather.

I don't have much to report as for activities in the month of June. We had a scavenger hunt planned but that was canceled due to lack of interest, or maybe members had something other planned for that date, maybe next year.

Jim McPheil had back surgery and is recovering at home and from what I understand he is doing very well. We all hope he will be in good enough shape to attend the Ronald McDonald House of Indiana Ride in September. Hang in there Jim.

Connie, I and Tom & Connie Whalen had a very good 2 week trip out to Nova Scotia this past month. The weather was very cooperative. What little rain we had was easy to deal with and other than the first and last day on the road, it was comfortably cool. If any of you get the chance, you need to make this trip. The country side was beautiful to ride in. We also went over to Prince Edward Island for 2 days and that was just as pretty. If you ever plan to make this trip I have some travel tips for you, see me.

We have a few members due for GWRRA membership renewal this month. Don't forget to renew, as you would be greatly missed.

On a sad note, most of you have heard that the Directors (Steve & Joyce Lane) of Rensselaer, Chapter R2, were killed in an accident last month. Our condolences go out to the family and chapter members. They will be missed.

Don't forget the **Ride for Kids** on the 11<sup>th</sup> of July. Connie and I are working the registration desk this year and I know that Gabbard's and Durecki's have worked it in the past and I believe they will be there again. I hope more members plan to attend the ride. It is well worth it.

Well as Porky Pig would say That's, bda-bda-bda all folks. Ride safe.

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 Chapter 02 Members,

By now the fireworks are over and the air is cleared- well almost! We hope you are enjoying your summer. As we all know, summers are way too short. We have several events coming up and you will want to be there!!!

We have the Northern District picnic on **July 17<sup>th</sup>**. We will combine my canoe trip ride with the picnic at Chain-O-Lakes State Park since they are both the same day! This should be a fun event and maybe even give us a chance to help promote our Ronald McDonald Ride in September. We will meet in Lucchese's parking lot at our **old** ride start location near the intersection of Middlebury St. and C.R. 17. Kickstands up at **9:45am**. We will **not** be stopping for breakfast. Don't forget to bring your lunch, some snacks and something to drink.

**July 11<sup>th</sup>** Be there to help support: The Ride For Kids- at Pinhook Park in South Bend: Registration is from 8:00 to 9:45

**July 17<sup>th</sup> Canoe ride and District picnic.**

**July 29<sup>th</sup>** is the Michigan District Rally in West Branch Mi.

### August Events:

**Aug: 8<sup>th</sup>** is our annual corn & sausage roast, you really don't want to miss this event! Good food- Fun- and good friends, what more could you ask for.

**Aug: 15<sup>th</sup>** Al Beachy will be leading a ride, where to? Come find out!

**Aug: 28<sup>th</sup>** Once again Al will be leading a ride, this time it is to the Indiana State Fair!

**That's about it for now!**

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

## FROM YOUR CHAPTER EDUCATORS

Bob Chute & Sue Myer



### TAILGATING TROUBLE

You're riding on the highway on your way home after a long day at work. You are traveling in the right hand lane as you come up behind a large delivery truck. There are cars approaching in the left lane from behind that prevent you from passing the truck, so you stay in the right-handed lane until the cars pass. You know that riding behind large vehicles inhibits visibility, but you stay close behind the truck in anticipation of the pass.

Suddenly the truck swerves to the left. You have less than a second to comprehend why the truck driver w swerving before a five-foot piece of steel appears from between the truck's rear wheels. You react as quickly as you can, but there isn't time enough to swerve around the object.

Knowing that impact is imminent, you rise off the seat just before your front wheel whacks the steel and bounces over. The rear tire hits and causes the back of the motorcycle to jump into the air. On landing, your bike becomes unstable as the handlebars slap from one steering lock to the other, but miraculously, you find yourself, still upright with the bike running straight.

After a brief moment of relief you recognize a strange feeling in your bike's handling. You carefully direct the bike to the breakdown lane to discover that you have a flat front tire.

You were right to be wary of the truck's effect on visibility. But you didn't heed the potential for danger while you were waiting to pass. You would've been better off hanging back from the truck so you could see potential roadway hazards, as well as cars ahead that may be stopping quickly. With ample following distance, you would have likely had time to swerve around the metal obstacle.

You were smart to rise off the set before hitting the hazard and your ability to regain control was impressive, if not just lucky. But, the result of running over the object caused a flat tire, which is another serious hazard. Lesson learned.

(Article by Ken Condon--Motorcycle Consumer News)



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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!

## 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 August is Al & Cindy Beachy, Wolfie & Connie Gless, Larry Johnson.

## CORN & SAUSAGE ROAST

Saturday, August 7, 2010

4:30 PM @

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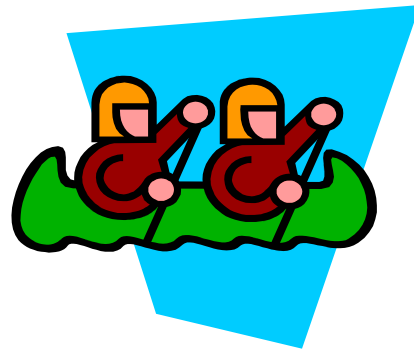
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Bring a dish to share. Ice tea will be provided.

You may want to bring a soda and a bag chair.

Call Frank & Kathy at 875-9135 if you plan to attend and did not sign up at the meeting.

Please call if you signed up and need to cancel.



## July 17: Ride and Canoe Outing

Bring a sack lunch, snacks and something to drink

9:45

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Meet at the old Dinner ride location in Elkhart (parking lot on Northwest corner of CR17 and Middlebury st). **Leave Elkhart at 9:45am**, arrive at the park approximately 11:30. Sack lunch will follow at the picnic area. Bring enough snacks and or liquids to accommodate the canoe trip.

**Note that the departure time has changed since last month.**

Fees: Entrance fee is \$5.00 in-state resident, \$7.00 out-of-state resident- Canoe rental is \$5.00 per hour or \$20.00 all day.



Nobody makes a greater mistake than he who did nothing because he could only do a little. --Edmund Burke

## Meeting Notes:

By Vern Daly



Wolfie opened the meeting to about 17 chapter members and no guests.

First announcement was that, as most already knew, the Scavenger Hunt was canceled due to lack of participation. Also mentioned was the passing of Steve and Joyce Lane, R2 Directors. They were involved in a motorcycle accident recently.

Jim talked about upcoming events including the Canoe Trip, the Corn and Sausage Roast and the Garage Sale, which will be re-scheduled probably for Aug 12 - 14. Details for these events can be found in the newsletter, or you may call any chapter officer for details.

Bob passed around emergency information sheets and encouraged everyone to fill one out and carry it on their Wing. A good place would be with your registration and insurance information. Anyplace where emergency personnel would be likely to find it in case of an accident or other incident. He also spoke about recent ERCs being canceled due to lack of participation.

Also mentioned was a reminder to drive defensively at all times. Two thirds of motorcycle accidents are caused by inattentive drivers. Cell phones, and in particular texting, continues to be a problem for cyclists as motorists "just don't see us". Some tips to keep in mind are:

- Slow down at intersections
- Watch for turning vehicles
- Stay out of blind spots
- Signal well in advance
- Don't assume the driver sees you
- Use horn when necessary

Wolfie is still planning on making chapter visits. Some upcoming ones are:

July 7 - U2, July 14 - H, July 18 - S2, July 20 - F and July 27 - N. For July 7 the meeting place will be Whetstone's at 6PM. For all others contact Wolfie for meeting and time details.

Don't forget the ALS walk on Sept 26 in Ft. Wayne. If you want to attend contact Cathy Rummel for details.

Note on the RMD ride in September. If anyone wants to stay overnight in downtown Indy after the ride please contact Judy Clark for more information. Cutoff date for room reservations is August 1.

Cathy Rummel gave Udderly Fantastic to Clarks for all the behind-the-scenes extras they do for the chapter and the members. Thanks.

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

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## Thursday Dinner Rides

Meet behind Discovery School just off Ash Road north of the Toll Road before 6:30. We leave promptly at 6:30.

July 08 . . Ron Gabbard  
July 15 . . Frank Case  
July 22 . . Wolfie  
July 29 . . Rich  
Aug 12 . . Tom Whalen  
Aug 19 . . Jim Butler  
Aug 26 . . Bob Chute  
Sept 16 . . Rich

Sept 9, 23 and 30 are still open. Contact Bruce to sign up to lead a ride.

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## What's Coming Up

July 11 . . Ride for Kids  
July 17 . . Canoe Trip (Albion, Chain O' Lakes SP)  
July 17 . . Northern District Picnic (Chain O' Lakes SP)  
July 30 - 31 . . Michigan District Convention (West Branch)  
Aug 07 . . Corn & Sausage Roast (Case's @ 4:30)  
Aug 12 - 14 . . Garage Sale (Tentative)  
Aug 15 . . Observation Ride (Beachy's @ 1PM)  
Aug 28 . . Day Ride to Indiana State Fair (Beachy)  
Meet at Farmers Market (Elkhart) @ 7AM  
Sept 05 . . MDA ride  
Sept 11 . . Ronald McDonald House Ride  
Sept 16 - 18 . . Region D Rally (Coldwater, MI)

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## Birthdays & Anniversaries

### Anniversaries:

Aug 03 . . Rod & Judy Clark  
Aug 10 . . Jim & Cindy Butler  
Aug 19 . . Glen & Cathy Rummel  
Aug 22 . . Wolfgang & Connie Gless  
Aug 24 . . Rich & Cari Durecki  
Aug 24 . . Don & Cindy Norman

### Birthdays:

Aug 02 . . Judy Clark, Ron Gabbard, Don Norman  
Aug 18 . . Karen Dahmen

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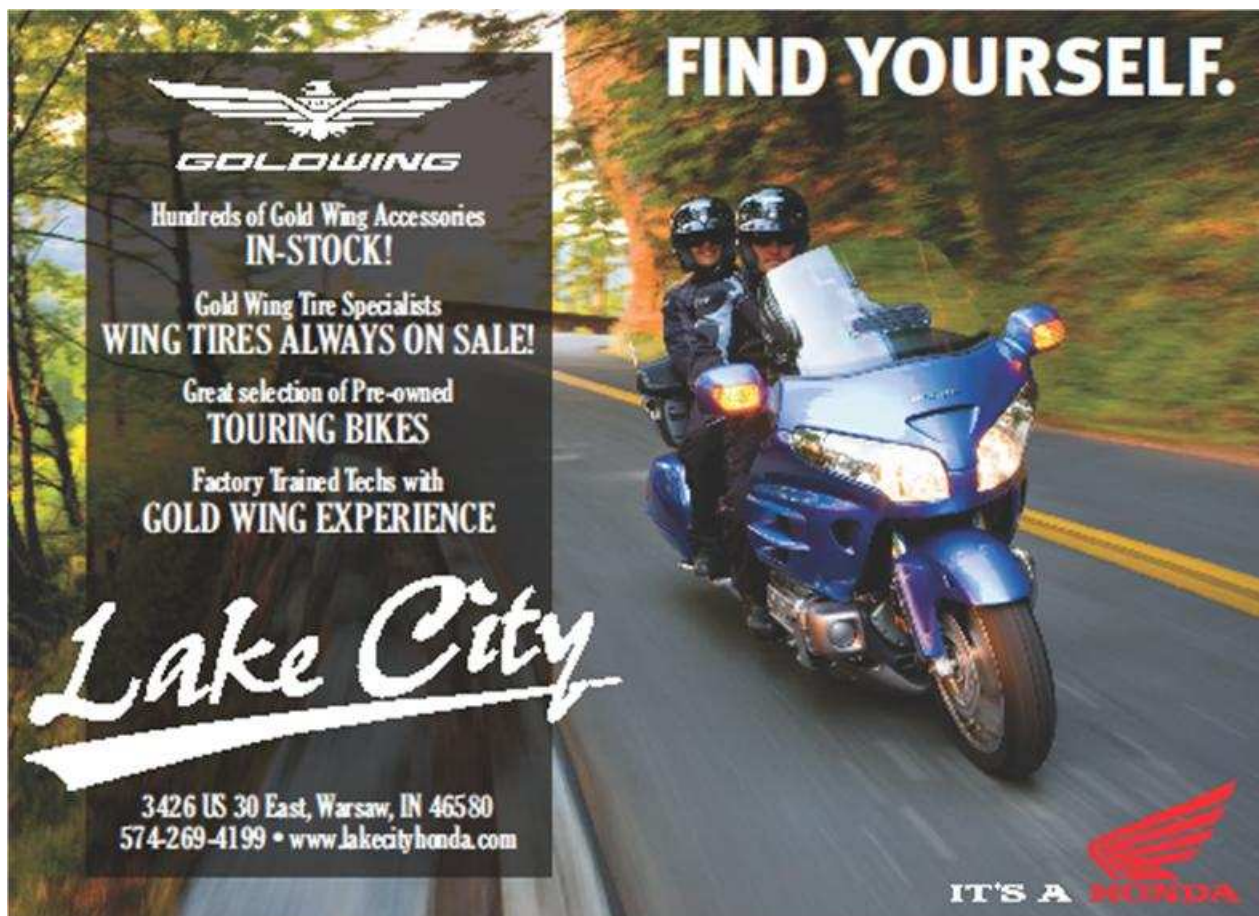
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