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FROM YOUR CHAPTER DIRECTORS

Wolfgang & Connie Gless



Hello to All;

Another month has past and the riding season is dwindling away. The only significant riding activity for July was the Northern District Picnic and Canoe Trip at Chain'O'Lakes State Park. I believe all that attended had a good time. We met with 3 other chapters and enjoyed a picnic lunch and socializing and then O-2 chapter members rented canoes and went for a paddle on the lake and channels.

Some went for a short paddle and some longer. I believe those that stayed the longest had a little rain on the way home.

The 32nd Wing Ding has come and gone. To my knowledge, no chapter members attended but after talking to members from other chapters, I understand it was well attended and the weather was good. Also, Michigan's District Convention has come and gone. I have no news as to how that fared.

I mentioned in last month's newsletter that Chapter R2 out of Rensselear had lost their CD's to a tragic accident. This month I am pleased to inform you that the Chapter has new directors; they are Mark & Dawn Reed. If you have ever been to a District event, you will have seen Mark & Dawn operating the sound systems. So if you attend an event in the future please be sure to give them a hearty welcome.

Although not a GWRRA event in this area, the Ride for Kids was a great ride. The attendance and funds raised were down a bit but the weather was perfect. The route that we rode was very nice. This was the first time that Connie & I worked the event and we are looking forward to working it again in 2011. Those of you who have not ridden in the event, we hope you will attend next year, as most events of this nature are for a good and needed cause.

One other event that was attended by quite a few chapter members was Robert Chute & Margaret (Sue) Myer's nuptials on the 24th of July. It was a very nice and "long" ceremony and the reception and food were also very nice. Congratulation Mr. & Mrs. Chute.

Connie & I are planning to do at least 2 chapter visits this month. We are planning to attend Warsaw Chapter F on Tuesday the 17th and South Bend Chapter N on Tuesday the 31st. Any and all that would like to accompany us are more that welcome Please let us know if you can attend either or both.

Last 2 items; don't forget the Chapter Yard Sale this coming weekend (12th thru 14th). It is a chapter fund raiser. And, of course, the Ronald McDonald House ride is coming up September 11th. If you haven't signed up please see Judy Clark for details.

That will be all for this month see ya.

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,

Well here it is – good ole hot sticky August!

I hope you have all enjoyed your summer events so far, I

know Deb and I have!

Well let's see what's in store for August.

Aug: 12-13-14 is our Chapter garage sale. Location: 52465 Santa Monica Dr. Granger, (corner of Santa Monica and SR23) one block west of Ginger Valley Nursery on State Rd. 23.

Aug: 15th Al Beachy will be leading a ride, where to? Come find out! It's called an observation ride!

Aug: 21st Once again Al will be leading a ride, this time it will be a day ride to the Indiana State Fair!

Sept 05. MDA ride – Please help support this event, when most people think of the MDA they normally would think of only one group of researcher's when in fact the MDA covers 43 different Muscular Diseases associated with MD one of which is ALS. Your support will be greatly appreciated by many people far and near.

September 11th: It's our 20th year for the Ronald McDonald House ride to Indianapolis.

Come one come all: Everyone welcome as well as all bikes welcome. Help make this 20th year the Biggest ride event ever! No registration required, please just bring your pop tabs.

Location: Meijer parking lot on 331 South side of Mishawaka.

Start time: leave promptly at 9:00am

Sept 16-17 and 18th: Region D Rally in Coldwater Mi.

Sept 26th: ALS walk in Ft Wayne, anyone wanting to attend the walk or help contribute to ALS please see Cathy Rummel. Registration starts at 11:00 and the walk starts at 12:30

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



Be Prepared

For the record, yes, I was a Boy Scout and I've taken their motto to heart. Being particularly important to us riders/co-riders. What do I mean by being prepared

First, is your motorcycle prepared? Tires properly inflated and with sufficient tread? In good working order? How about the lights? Brake lights? Turn signals? All things critical to the safe operation of the motorcycle.

Next, how about you? Are you well rested? Do you have the right frame of mind or is something weighing on you? Are you taking any medications that might make you drowsy? Haven't been drinking, have you? Riding requires your FULL attention so anything that diminishes your ability to pay attention to the task limits your ability to safely operate your bike/trike.

Then there's your emergency skills. When is the last time that you practiced maneuvers? You know, things like swerving to avoid an obstacle in your path of travel. Emergency stopping, practiced that lately? In about 13% of motorcycle crashes the rider made NO attempt to avoid the crash, no swerving, no braking, just rode right into the collision. Unfortunately, most riders NEVER practice emergency maneuvers.

Do you consciously practice your other riding skills? You know, things like looking through turns, covering your controls as you approach congested areas, positioning yourself so you are as visible as possible, etc. While all these things should be "second nature", focusing on them while you're riding reinforces the actions.

Yep! The ol' Boy Scout motto, "Be Prepared".

How Prepared Are You?





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

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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

FREE I have a windshield for a 1500 that I removed from my bike when I got a new F4 windshield. It has a small amount of scratches, as you'd expect from a 9 year old windshield, but otherwise it's in good condition and even has the OEM vent installed. If yours is cracked or otherwise damaged you can have this one for free. 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. Due in September is Rich and Cari Durecki.

River Queen Ride



Come join us on Sunday, September 19 as we take a leisurely ride down the St. Joe River and experience the beginning of the autumnal season.

Boat departs at 2:00 P.M. (loading begins at 1) and returns to the dock at 4:00. Ride cost is \$9.00 per person.

After the relaxing, scenic boat ride, we will head back to Clark's for a "Dress your Dog" evening. (That just means we will grill hot dogs and have the "fixins" for you to add to your hot dog.)

Clark's will have outdoor games for those who wish to play. And for those who do not wish to play games, we can do what we do best...visit and laugh.

Maps and more details will be available at the September meeting.

Ronald McDonald Picnic



For those of us going on the Ronald McDonald Ride, we have decided to have a picnic at a local park after the house visit.

Please bring a sack lunch and don't worry about space. If your bike is full because of paper products for the House plus your luggage, those of us in cars will be available to carry your lunch. Don't worry if there is a bite or two missing from your sandwich, we promise not to eat everything!!

After the picnic, those who are spending the night will head downtown to the Embassy Suites. Appetizers, snacks, and beverages are complimentary at the Embassy Suites as well as hot breakfast on Sunday morning. The evening will be yours to wander around downtown Indy and explore as you wish.



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!

Life is a coin. You can spend it anyway you wish, but you can only spend it once.

Meeting Notes:

By Vern Daly



Wolfie opened the meeting to around 26 chapter members and two guests. First order of business was a review of a few past events. One in particular was the Ride For Kids. The ride was well attended but the count and the donations this year were down some.

Jim spoke about the RMD House ride. Plans are all set for the ride starting at 9AM in the Meijer parking lot in Mishawaka just off the bypass.

Connie talked about the final preparations for the garage sale. It will be 8 to 4 Thursday and Friday, and 8 to noon on Saturday. Location is just off SR23 on the north side of 23 just west of Fir (past Ginger Valley) between Granger and Mishawaka.

Bob Chute mentioned a possible Fall Color Ride later in the season, possibly Oct 15 & 16. It may be either a 1 day or a 2 day ride. He suggested a 2 day with an overnight stay at a place called The Shack near White Cloud, MI. More details and plans later.

Judy Clark addressed final preparations for the after-the-RMD-ride events. It was decided we would have a picnic at a nearby park before departing to the hotel in downtown Indy. She also talked about a possible ride on the River Queen in Elkhart on Sept 19th. The River Queen departs from Martins Landing in Elkhart. Loading starts at 1:00 and the boat departs at 2:00. See the writeup on page three.

Al Beachy talked about his upcoming Observation Ride on August 15th and the ride to the Indiana State Fair on August 21st. Note that the date is changed from what was announced earlier. Meeting place for both events will be the Farmers Market in Elkhart just off SR19, 1PM for the Observation Ride and 7AM for the ride to the Fair.

Wolfie talked about a possible joint dinner ride with U2. There seemed to be some interest, so he will try to finalize up a date with U2. Also he is thinking about rides to F (Warsaw) on Tuesday, Aug 17 and N (Mishawaka) on Tuesday, Aug 31. If you'd be interested in going on either of these contact him.

With Region D Rally being close, Coldwater, MI, we will probably plan a day ride there either Friday or Saturday. Stay tuned for more information. A final decision on this will be made at the September meeting.

Dumbo was presented to Wolfie for leading a ride to a closed restaurant.

Udderly Fantastic was presented to Jim and Carol McPhail for their many years of leading the RMD House ride and for all the work they put into the chapter over the years.

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

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.

Aug 12 . . Tom Whalen
Aug 19 . . Jim Butler
Aug 26 . . Bob Chute
Sept 09 . . Jim Whetstone
Sept 16 . . Frank Case
Sept 23 . . Rich Durecki
Sept 30 . . Open at this time

What's Coming Up

Aug 12 - 14 . . Garage Sale (Gless)
Aug 15 . . Observation Ride (Beachy)
Meet at Farmer's Market off SR19 @ 1PM
Aug 21 . . Day Ride to Indiana State Fair (Beachy)
Meet at Farmers Market (Elkhart) @ 7AM
Note the DATE CHANGE on this event
Prior date of Aug 28 was wrong.
Sept 05 . . MDA ride
Sept 11 . . Ronald McDonald House Ride
9AM . . Meijer, Mishawaka, 933 & Bypass
Sept 16 - 18 . . Region D Rally (Coldwater, MI)
Sept 19 . . River Queen Ride (Elkhart) (Judy Clark)
Sept 26 . . ALS walk in Ft. Wayne (Rummel)
Oct 15 & 16 . . Fall Color Ride (Tentative) (Chute)

Birthdays & Anniversaries

Anniversaries:

Sept 24 . . Frank & Kathy Case

Birthdays:

Sept 17 . . Connie Whalen
Sept 25 . . Vern Daly
Sept 27 . . Glen Rummel

The Corn & Sausage Roast had near perfect weather this year. We didn't find out if the new canopy tarp would leak, but it did keep us all in the shade while we ate. The food and conversation was great as always. Lots of stories and picking on each other.

Frank and Kathy appreciate the loan of tables and chairs and all the help setting up Friday night and tearing down Saturday. It takes so little effort with so many helping. What a great bunch of Goldwingers we have!

CANOE CANOE by Deb Whetstone

A wonderful ride to a wonderful place
And with Chapter O2, plenty of canoeing space
We started out on "Gabbard Time"
But we had plenty of it so we were just fine
The weather cooperated and there was plenty of sun
We knew that we were headed out to a lot of fun
We arrived at the park and the price was right
Yes, we were charged for 4 and there were 6 bikes in sight
We took a small tour of the pavilions by the lake
No one was there...there must be some mistake
However, the ranger at the campground put us in touch
And when we found the other chapters for the district picnic, we liked it sooo much
Everyone was hungry so they let us eat at noon
Little did we know that another chapter would join us soon
We ate and we visited and we asked them to canoe
But no one chose to join us as they all had things to do
So we said our good-byes and thank-yous for a wonderful event
And down the road to the canoes several O2 members went
We laughed and we talked and we had squirt guns too
But the most exciting moment of the day was seeing Rich paddle his canoe
It made our hearts leap with joy
To see Rich get out and canoe...ataboy!!!
Then after a while people had to go and get back to their plan of the day
A few of us got to keep canoeing and we had some extra time to stay
JoAnn and Ron were ready to go and they tried to get Ron's license back
But when the kid told them they couldn't have it they felt like they were on the wrong track
It worked out that they got their things including Ron's license to drive
And when Vern and Whetstones returned their things they didn't have to use their "Five"
A lot of the group had left to go home for one reason or another
But a few of us stayed and went swimming under beautiful sunny cover
Then the beautiful day came to an end with a great trip home
And the memories that we all share until the next time we can roam
Thank You to everyone that joined us and we missed those of you that could not
I know that my favorite - - - - - would have liked it a LOT!!!
Good Food Good Company Good Friends Great Time



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