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FROM YOUR CHAPTER DIRECTORS

Wolfgang & Connie Gless



Hello to All;

September, the month that I believe is our most important month of the year for Chapter IN-O2. Why, well that should be obvious to all O2 members because this is the month we have our Ronald McDonald House of Indiana Ride. As we all know the Ride has been a Chapter event for the last 19 years and this being the 20th year it should be noted that we have reached a milestone. First and most important it is a very worthy event to help out a needed facility. As

we know it is located near Riley's Children's Hospital and provides families of very ill children a place to stay near their child for little or no cost. Along with that it is so good to know that other chapters help out by attending the Ride and bring their donations and of course Pop Tabs, as many as can be collected. So, let me just say thank you to all those that have and will attend this event and of course a big thanks to Jim & Carol McPhail for starting and running this event.

The other item that should be noted is that since this is the 20th year for the Ronald McDonald House Ride we need to look at next year's Chapter Birthday Party. The Ronald McDonald House Ride was started a year before Chapter IN-O2 was chartered, so that means we will be celebrating our 20th anniversary next year in November, let's look forward to a special celebration.

This past month we had our annual Corn & Sausage Roast at Frank & Kathy Case's house. It was well attended, the weather was great and of course the food was very good with plenty of it. Thank you Frank & Kathy for hosting this event.

Also in August we tried a second Chapter Yard Sale to raise operating funds for the Chapter and I believe it was a successful event. In total we raised more than \$600.00 to keep our chapter in the black for at least the next year. I may be a little biased here but I believe Connie did a great job organizing & running the sale. Also Connie would like to thank all who donated and helped run the event and a special thank you to Jim & Deb for providing a great location (with a pool) to stage the event.

I was sad to hear that the Observation & State Fair ride did not happen. Both events sounded like they would have been a good time, maybe next year.

I would like to say thank you again to those who were able to attend the visitation ride to Warsaw Chapter F. The ride was warm and on a nice night although we did have to contend with some traffic tie-ups in Warsaw. By the way the food was good to.

Don't forget to check the rest of the newsletter for up-coming events especially if you were not able to attend the September 2nd gathering. We have some fun events coming up and you will need to contact the chairperson to add you name to the list. The events coming up are a boat ride on the St Joseph River, a ride to the Regional Convention, a Color Ride to Jugville, MI. (The Shack), The District Fall-fest and of course the Ronald McDonald House Ride.

I believe that covers this month's article, see-ya and 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 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 we are in September already, it's hard to believe that summer is slipping away and fall will be upon us before we know it.

FROM YOUR CHAPTER EDUCATORS

Bob & Sue Chute



Dress For The Slide Not For The Ride

You see them a lot during these warmer months. They're on cruisers, sport bikes and, yes, even Goldwings. You might even be one of them. Who am I talking about? I'm talking about

all those riders out there in their short sleeved shirts (sometimes tank tops), and fingerless gloves (or no gloves at all). Sometimes they wear jeans, but I've seen them in shorts with sneakers on their feet (I've seen them in sandals too). Sometimes they wear helmets; sometimes not. Most of the Goldwing riders do wear helmets; maybe because we can hear the radio and intercom better.

I'm sure you know the excuses too. There's the ever popular "It's too hot to wear all that stuff." I hear that one a lot. Then there's "All that stuff is too restrictive." That one is pretty common. I've even heard "I'm a good rider, I'm not going to crash." Say whaaat?

I know that being an All The Gear All The Time (ATGATT) rider can be kind of a pain. Yes riding jackets and pants can be pretty warm, particularly if you're in a lot of traffic. However, the new mesh gear allows substantial air flow and it provides more abrasion protection than jeans and WAY more than you get from a short sleeved shirt or tank top.

I know that full-fingered gloves can be restrictive. But they aren't as bad as having your hands wrapped in gauze. Try buttoning up your shirt with your index and middle fingers wrapped in about 6 layers of gauze if you want to see what restrictive feels like. Yeah, boots can be hot. But a stone kicked up by the car in front of you can break your toe. Casts are really hot, itchy too.

Lastly, I seriously doubt that crashing their motorcycle is on anyone's "Things to do today" list. Lets see: "Go to the Post Office, Drop off the dry cleaning, Crash the bike." Somehow I don't think so. While you may not plan to crash, someone out there probably didn't get that memo.

Now, don't get me wrong, I still ride in my tee shirts and shorts. Of course they're UNDER my riding suit. That gives me the benefit of sun/wind/abrasion protection and, when I get where I'm going, I can stroll about in my tee shirt/shorts, swap my boots for a pair of sandals and I'm good to go. For what it's worth, I've worn this kind of gear in temperatures into the upper 90's for all day rides (coming across the Great Plains) and with the airflow through the suits that are available I was (reasonably) comfortable except when stopped in traffic.

Remember, asphalt is unforgiving. It doesn't care that the weather is hot, or how well you can ride. You should always DRESS FOR THE SLIDE, NOT FOR THE RIDE.

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

September 5th. The annual Labor Day MDA ride at the St. Joe. Co. fairgrounds

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

September 16th thru 18th. Is the Region D Rally in Coldwater, MI. We have a group heading up on Saturday – meeting at Wolfie's house at 8:00am for donuts & coffee before we leave. Let Wolfie know if you're planning on attending so he has a count for the donuts.

September 19th. will be the River Queen boat ride starting in Elkhart. For more information see page three.

September 26th is the walk for ALS in fort Wayne, IN. anyone wanting to attend the walk or help contribute to ALS please see Cathy Rummel.

October 2nd. Will be Fall Fest at the Johnson County Park Amphitheater. Near Edinburg, IN. 11:00 to 2:00

October 23rd and 24th will be the color ride up to White Cloud, Michigan to a destination called The Shack! If you would like to attend please let Bob Chute know right away. This should prove to be a very fun trip!

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

Make A Difference



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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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 October are Jim & Cindy Butler.

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.)

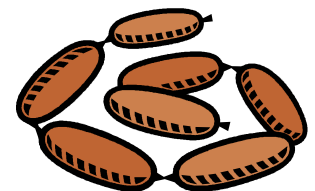
Clark's will have outdoor games for those who wish to play. And for those who do not wish to play games, we can do what we do best...visit and laugh.

Corn and Sausage

By Deb Whetstone

Corn and sausage what a treat
Our O-2 group really likes to eat
From wonderful main dishes to deserts that are sublime
and what a great way to spend our time
Gathering together and having sooo much fun
it seems that when we gather the fun is never done
and what a special treat we had with our special little guest
yes having Serenity with us was the very best
Now we know that each year it is a lot of work to get ready for
this event
and we know that Frank and Kathy consider it to be time well
spent
we love the yard and we love the company
so thanks Kathy and Frank for being all you can be!!!!!!
We really really don't like to boast
but our corn and sausage roast has some really great hosts!
The bolo game was calling and the competition seemed strong
but since Jim W lost he says the score must be wrong (Ha Ha)
there was great conversation.....and even fresh pears to eat
Yes once again our corn and sausage roast was one that can't
be beat!!!!

Hope you all enjoyed it and that a great time. Thanks again
Kathy & Frank



There are moments which mark your life. Moments when you realize nothing will be the same. And time is divided into two parts, before this and after this.

Meeting Notes: By Vern Daly



Wolfie opened the meeting to around 32 chapter members and one guest.

Kathy Case talked about the Corn and Sausage Roast. As we all know, the weather was absolutely wonderful, no rain and the temperature was even not too bad. Everyone really seemed to enjoy the great food and company.

Connie thanked everyone who helped with the Garage Sale and she gave a report on the final earnings. All items that did not sell were taken to "Helping Hands" in Cassopolis.

Wolfie talked about the joint dinner ride with U2. There are still no firm plans at this point but Wolfie is working with U2 to get something finalized.

There is a ride planned for the Region D Rally. A few chapter members will be going up to Coldwater on Saturday the 18th to attend the rally. We will meet at Wolfie's at 8AM. Wolfie and Connie are planning on having Coffee and Donuts, so they need to know how many to plan on. Please let them know if you plan to attend.

Judy sent around a sign-up sheet for the River Queen Ride (see the notice on page 3) on Sept 19th. Plan to go on the ride in Elkhart and then head over to Clark's after for dogs.

Judy also mentioned that the planned picnic after the visit at Ronald McDonald house has to be canceled. Apparently there are no park facilities available for that size group without advanced reservations, and everything on that date is already reserved.

Bob talked about the Color Ride to The Shack near White Cloud on October 23 and 24. Contact Bob if you think you'd like to go or for more information.

Bob also talked about some sobering statistics concerning motorcycle crashes and deaths. Crash rates and death rates continue to increase and, to a large part, this is attributable to the decrease in helmet use. Helmet use has dropped from 71% usage in 2000 to 58% usage in 2007 while injuries continue to climb.

As we all are well aware, riding season is coming to an end. Chapter Dinner Rides will continue thru the end of September, at which time we will change over to simply meeting at the restaurant on Thursday evenings. See the Thursday Dinner Rides section for a list of October restaurants.

Rich talked about a possible Hot Air Balloon ride some time yet this year. He and Connie Whalen are interested in hosting this event. If you think you might be interested please contact Rich. He needs to know how many would be interested as he needs to make all the arrangements with the balloon company.

Dumbo was given to Tom Whalen for trying to meet up to lead a dinner ride in FRONT of Discovery School (we meet in back).

Udderly Fantastic will be staying with Jim and Carol for now.

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.

Sept 09 . . Jim Whetstone
Sept 16 . . Frank Case
Sept 23 . . Rich Durecki
Sept 30 . . Bob Chute

In October we change over from dinner rides to meeting at the restaurant. 6:30 Below is the list of restaurants for October.

Oct 14 . . Camino Real (CR6 near Cassopolis Street, Elkhart)
Oct 21 . . Jade Garden (Nappanee Street, Elkhart)
Oct 28 . . Mad Anthony's (Downtown Elkhart)

What's Coming Up

Sept 11 . . Ronald McDonald House Ride
9AM . . Meijer, Mishawaka, 933 & Bypass
Sept 16 - 18 . . Region D Rally (Coldwater, MI)
(Chapter members going on Saturday - contact Wolfie)
Sept 19 . . River Queen Ride (Elkhart) (Judy Clark)
Sept 26 . . ALS walk in Ft. Wayne (Rummel)
Oct 02 . . Fall Fest
Oct 23 & 24 . . Fall Color Ride (Chute)

Birthdays & Anniversaries

Anniversaries:

Oct 7 . . Bruce & Luch McLeish

Birthdays:

Oct 11 . . Jim Whetstone Oct 13 . . JoAnn Gabbard
Oct 14 . . Jim Butler Oct 21 . . Wolfgang Gless

Ronald McDonald Picnic

The picnic has been canceled due to lack of availability of a park location near Indy.



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