



GOLD WING ROAD RIDERS ASSOCIATION Hart City Wings Communicator



INDIANA CHAPTER O2



ELKHART, IN.

March 2011

Edition Two Hundred Twenty Five

REGION D DIRECTOR

Roger & Penny Hurley
937-698-4443

DISTRICT DIRECTOR

Lee & Kay Tieche
812-579-6500

ASST. DIST. DIRECTOR

Lee & Kay Tieche
812-579-6500

CHAPTER DIRECTOR

Wolfgang & Connie Gless
269-476-2321

ASSISTANT DIRECTOR

Jim & Deb Whetstone

CHAPTER EDUCATOR

Bob & Sue Chute

CHAPTER TREASURER

Cindy Butler

RECRUITER/RETENTION

Joann Gabbard

RIDE COORDINATOR

Bruce McLeish

COUPLE OF THE YEAR

Glenn & Cathy Rummel

CARDS & FLOWERS

Brenda Heckaman

SPECIAL ACTIVITIES

Judy & Rod Clark

PHONE TREE

Brenda Heckaman

CHAPTER SCRAPBOOK

Cathy Rummel

WEBMASTER

Cari Durecki

NEWSLETTER EDITOR

Vern Daly

RONALD McDONALD RIDE

Jim & Carol McPhail

CHAPTER POET

Deb Whetstone

FROM YOUR CHAPTER DIRECTORS

Wolfgang & Connie Gless



Hello to All;

Oh My God! It is March already, we are getting closer and closer to warmer weather and riding season, but the most important thing about March was the Pound Auction, which we had on the 3rd. We had a good turnout with 10 guests present; the chapter was able to raise about \$900.00 for our

charity the Ronald McDonald House of Indiana. This money will be presented to them on our annual ride to the house in September. With the Pound Auction out of the way the next event was the Annual Nelson's Chicken Sales on the 5th. Although the weather threatened all day we sold all half's. This will help keep us afloat and add to our charity donations. Great job to all staff that attended this event, your help was greatly appreciated.

Connie & I were sorry we could not attend the Chicken Sales but since the District Meeting was on the same day, we felt we were obligated to attend. At the meeting, discussion was held on Winter Rendezvous 2012. The venue has changed; in 2012 we will be at the Wyndham West Hotel in Indianapolis. This change is due to costs and also the date has change to February 17th to 19th. The hotel price has dropped to \$82.00 per room but registration has gone up by \$5.00. Overall, the price will be lower for the weekend. The later date is due to the Super Bowl being in town. Other discussions concerned OCP, the change in officers to include Treasure and Membership Enhancement Coordinator, the schedule of District events and a new program called MAD or Motorist Awareness Division.

In the past month, the chapter members attended 1 dinner drive at Jo Jo's that was well attended. I believe 13 chapter members attended the Card Party hosted by Bruce & Lucy McLeish at their house. The dinner was great and all had a good time playing cards. The next card party will be at Wolfgang & Connie's house on April 2nd. Hope to see you there.

Connie and I were able to attend a few neighboring Chapter meetings in the past two month and also other chapter members. Rich & Cari Durecki and Kathy Case helped out by attending some neighboring Chapter meetings. These visits were for the main part to promote the Pound Auction, but we also had a good time learning what the other Chapters are planning for the year. Thank you very much for the help.

As you all know our next big event will be the Annual Ronald McDonald House Ride in September. We will be doing some more Chapter visits, on bikes this time, so if you would like to attend by going for an evening ride your company would be greatly appreciated, just let me know. The more the merrier.

I do believe that takes care of this article, Drive Safe & shortly 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,

I want to start off by thanking everyone that participated in the success of another year for our Annual Pound Auction

and our Annual Chicken Sales. Great job everyone! I have to say- I really felt guilty about leaving town at such a busy time with our Chapter but I was assured by several members that "we will be fine". Fine was an understatement. That is one of the "best" reasons that I am proud to say that I am a member of Chapter 02. When our members really need to come together, they do so and with confidence.

I must say - Deb and I really had a great time getting away and spending time with family and friends in Florida. We were actually able to surprise my in-laws for an 80th Birthday celebration with all of their children in attendance. What a great time everyone had along with the 80 degree weather – what more could one ask for! Is it spring yet? Oh, that's right- I was in Florida and bike week was just getting started!!! J Surely it won't be long now.

Now let's see what's going on with Chapter 02...

March 17th. Dinner at Sports Time Family Pub & Grill- near Cr 17 & Cr 14 - Looks like good food and locally owned!

March 19th Bowling Party @ 2:00 PM Country Club Lanes, Elk. Dinner after @ Jo Jo's - Be there or be square! This is always a fun event.

March 27th. Sunday-leaving from NEC @ 11:00 am and arriving Meijer Gardens around 1:00pm to tour the indoor gardens and the butterfly exhibit. Price will be \$12 per person but if we have a group of 10 or more it's \$7. After touring the gardens, we'll be going to get a bite to eat before heading back home. Contact Rich Durecki for any questions or concerns.

March 31st. Dinner at the Hob Nob near Main St & Second St. downtown Niles, Mi.

April 2nd Card Party @ the Gless house (5:00 PM)

**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



QUICK TIPS: The Importance of Riding Unimpaired by Alcohol or Other Drugs

Theory: Alcohol And Motorcycles Are Incompatible

- At a BAC* of 0.01 to 0.04%, judgment begins to lessen, the drinker is less critical of their own actions, reaction time is slowed, and indications of mental relaxation may appear.
- At a BAC of 0.05 to 0.07%, judgment is not sound, thinking and reasoning powers are not clear, and the ability to perform complex skills is lessened.
- At a BAC of 0.08% or above, judgment and reasoning powers are severely hampered, and the individual cannot complete common simple tasks without error.

Proof: Statistics From Recent Studies (by NHTSA, Florida, Kentucky, and Australia)

- Having any alcohol in one's body increases the chance of crashing by five times.
- Having a BAC greater than 0.05% increases the risk of crashing about forty-fold.
- 46 percent of all motorcyclists killed in crashes were using alcohol.
- One fourth of all fatal alcohol-related motorcycle crashes involve motorcyclists running off the road, overturning, or falling from the motorcycle rather than striking another object.

Explanation: Alcohol Affects Your Ability To "SEE"

SEESm is the acronym for MSF's strategy to help motorcycle riders maintain a safety margin as well as remain ready and able to respond properly to traffic situations. SEE stands for:

- **Search** for hazards that might lead to trouble.
 - **Evaluate** how the hazards might interact to create risk; prioritize multiple hazards to deal with one at a time.
 - **Execute** an action to maintain a margin of safety.
- Alcohol affects these three human elements of safe motorcycle operation by impairing your vision (**Search**), judgment/decision-making ability (**Evaluate**), and coordination/reaction time (**Execute**).

Recommendation: Plan Ahead

- Riders should never mix alcohol with riding. Even low, legal limits of BAC increase your risk while riding a motorcycle.
- Riders who are away from home and decide to drink should either (1) wait until their BAC has returned to zero before riding, even if it means staying overnight, or (2) leave the motorcycle in a secure location and find alternate transportation home.

*BAC = Blood Alcohol Concentration



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

Time Share For Rent

For rent: Two weeks of time shares located in Crossville, TN. Available on the 15th and 16th weeks, which end up being in April. The timeshare is located on a PGA golf course, for all of you golf enthusiasts. There are great roads to ride, and is only two hours from Pigeon Forge and Gatlinburg. The time share is pretty much between Knoxville and Nashville. We are not going to be able to use our weeks this year, and are renting them out for the cost of the maintenance fees only, which comes to \$375.00 per week. It has a full kitchen, 2 bedroom, 2 bath. Lots of amenities. For more information please call Ron Gabbard at 269-641-2329.

Bowling Party

Again this year we will be having a bowling party on March 19, 2PM at Country Club Lanes on Cassopolis Street. Be prepared for some unusual ways of bowling...this year's event will be kicked up a notch. After bowling, we will enjoy pizza at JoJo's, where awards will also be given.

We had a good turnout last year, but could use even more bowlers. If you missed it last year you really missed a fun event. Try to make it this year.

Meijer's Gardens

The Chapter will be making a trip to Meijer's Gardens on March 27th. We will meet at NEC at 11AM and probably arrive at the Gardens at around 1:00. After a tour of the Garden we will be going out for dinner at a restaurant in Grand Rapids. Entry cost for the garden is \$12 unless we have at least 10 attendees which reduces the cost to \$7. Rich already has 5 lined up so there's a good possibility we WILL have the required 10. Contact Rich if you have any questions.

Card/Game Night

There will be another Card/Game party at Gless' on April 2nd at 5PM. This will be similar to the one at McLeish's last month and will be a carry-in. Contact Connie or Wolfie for more information or to find out what she'd like you to bring.

Service Repair Note By Wolfgang Gless

We have had a few members that own 1500 Wings that have had to replace their alternators. Some take the bike to the repair shop while others do the job themselves. I had replaced the brushes in the alternator on my previous Wing, a 1500, and know it is not too hard to remove the alternator and could actually be done alongside the road. But for those of us that own 1800 Wings, the roadside repair, I do believe, is out of the question. One of the 3 bolts that attach the alternator is in a position that requires you to remove the gas tank, which means you need to remove the upper body housing and the seat, a lengthy job. If you haven't already, and would like to hear the whole story, contact me and I will enlighten you. One note, I was informed that it could be done without removing the tank but for the life of me I can't see it.

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. Those due in May are Case and Elliott,

"The brain is a wonderful organ, it starts working the moment you get up in the morning and does not stop until you get into the office." -- Robert Frost

Meeting Notes: By Vern Daly



This month's meeting was our Pound Auction

Wolfie opened up the meeting to a total of around 30 attendees. Probably somewhere around 8 to 10 of these were guests from other chapters. Thank you to all who attended, both members and guests, for making this year's Pound Auction a success.

Wolfie discussed past and upcoming events, which are listed in the What's Coming Up section of the newsletter. Please pay particular attention to the two notices of changes to previously scheduled events.

Of note was the card/game party at McLeish's on Feb 19. There were around 15 members in attendance at this event. I think everyone had a good time. There was plenty of good food and everyone participated in a rousing game of "Sixty-five".

Also Wolfie mentioned that he will be making visits to surrounding chapters to promote the Ronald McDonald Ride in September. If you want to accompany Wolfie and Connie to any of these visits contact him for exact schedule.

Bob talked about everyone updating their CPR/First Aid certification and their ERC. Many chapter members are due for recertification on both of these classes. The chapter will be sponsoring the CPR/First Aid class probably in late April or early May. Schedule for ERC classes has not been firmed up yet but there probably will be one in Akron in July.

Bruce McLeish talked about the Thursday dinners and the fact that rides start in May. He will be starting the ride leader list at the April meeting so be thinking about when you could lead a ride. With so many members no longer riding it has been a chore to fill the spots for the entire season. So everyone please step up and help fill the list.

Lucy McLeish gave Dumbo to Kathy Case for getting in the wrong car after leaving last month's meeting.

Rod Clark gave Udderly Fantastic to Rich Durecki for all he has gone through with his lung transplant. BTW, March marks the one-year anniversary of this transplant. Congratulations to you, Rich, on this occasion. We all can see such a difference and are happy for you.

With that, the Pound Auction commenced. It was a fun time and a profitable one for Ronald McDonald House which receives the proceeds from the auction. And a big thank you to all who donated items to the auction or got donations from merchants. It wouldn't work without your generosity or work in contacting the merchants.

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 March and April. Be there at 6:30. **Rides start in May.**

Mar 17 . . Sports Time Grill (CR17 - Formerly Beef-O-Brady)
Mar 31 . . Hob Nob (Niles)
Apr 21 . . Bravo Café (Osceola)

What's Coming Up

Mar 19 . . Bowling (2pm Country Club Lanes, Elkhart)
Mar 27 . . Meijer Gardens (Meet at NEC @ 11:00am)
Apr 02 . . Card Party @ Gless' 5 PM
Apr 23 . . Bake Sale & Bike Display @ NEC
Apr 30 . . Parking Lot Practice 11 AM (Rain Date May 7)
May 19 - 21 . . Spring Wing Warm Up (Greensburg, IN)
June 4 . . Bike Show @ Hayden Honda
June 6 - 11 . . Americade
July 6 - 9 . . Wing Ding 33 (Knoxville, TN)
July 10 . . Ride For Kids (Pinhook Park, South Bend)

Note that the CPR class, originally scheduled for March 12 has been postponed and will be rescheduled probably in late April or early May. Also, the bus trip originally scheduled for April 16 has been postponed and will be rescheduled for some time in the fall.

Birthdays & Anniversaries

Anniversaries:

None in April

Birthdays:

April 05 . . Bob Chute April 27 . . Cari Durecki
April 30 . . Jim VanLaecke



***We covered her
grandfather
and her father.
We can't wait to
cover her.***



Rider Insurance – Celebrating 40 Years

- *Better Rates* • *Excellent Coverage* • *Hassle Free Service*
- *Claims Adjusters with Motorcycle Specific Expertise*
- *The Best Built-in Accessory Coverage in the Industry*

For a Quick Quote, Go Online or Call 1-800-595-6393.



www.RIDER.com

Available in Indiana, Maryland, New Jersey, Ohio, Pennsylvania & West Virginia

FIND YOURSELF.

GOLD WING
 Hundreds of Gold Wing Accessories
IN-STOCK!
 Gold Wing Tire Specialists
WING TIRES ALWAYS ON SALE!
 Great selection of Pre-owned
TOURING BIKES
 Factory Trained Techs with
GOLD WING EXPERIENCE

Lake City

3426 US 30 East, Warsaw, IN 46580
 574-269-4199 • www.lakecityhonda.com

IT'S A HONDA

Gold Wing Specials!

\$359⁹⁵ 15% Off GL Parts & Accessories **GL 1800 Service Special**

Front & Rear New Tires with Installation and Balancing.

On GL 1800s everyday!

Offers valid only with this GWRRA ad.

Only \$459!*

- Safety inspection
- Replace spark plugs
- Change oil & filter
- Replace final drive fluid
- Replace brake pads
- Replace air cleaner
- Inspect & replace coolant
- Replace brake and clutch fluid
- Service crankcase breather
- Inspect & adjust steering head bearings
- Inspect evaporative emission control system

HONDA
PERFORMANCE FIRST

North End Cycle
 2426 Cassopolis Street
 Elkhart, IN 46514 • 574.264.0618
 www.northendcycle.com

Vern Daly
Newsletter Editor Chapter IN-02
54661 Bethany Drive
Mishawaka, IN 46545-2218

HART CITY WINGS CHAPTER 02 ELKHART, IN

