

Chapter E scheduled a weekend trip to tour southern Indiana over the weekend of June 21-22. Plans were to leave Perkins in Anderson, travel to the Tieche's home, and then be lead to The Brick in Jonesville for lunch. From there it would be time to 'wander on the Wings'. 17 members showed up on their nine bikes with just the desire to ride some great roads and visit some Indiana highlights.

The roads lead to Brownstown where the group had the opportunity to ride the Skyline Drive. Who knew that those switchbacks are found right here in Indiana? Passing through Lawrence County couldn't be done without dropping down off highway 50 and riding one of the scenic loops down through Fort Ritner. Lawrence County is a great place to find some interesting riding.

Plans had been made for the night's lodging to be a Gasthof Village in Montgomery and scenic, curvy highway 450 was the way to get there. It was when we were pulling into Gasthof though that several Goldwings came into view. And knowing that that's where chapter M meets surely just had to mean that their gathering just might be going on. It was a total surprise though to find out that Chapter M had the District Traveling Plaque and it was there for the taking as long as we had members along with their chapter shirts or chapter vests. A quick survey confirmed that being able to wear those to the gathering would not be a problem. So ten Chapter E members dressed for the occasion, attended a great gathering, and walked away carrying the Traveling Plaque. It's strange how it happened but that's still OK.

The Wings departed Gasthof on Sunday morning to ride roads like 550, 135 south of French Lick to the Ohio River, 66 to the Overlook in Leavenworth, and then up to 58 to head in a northern direction. The group ended up travelling something like 575 miles over the two days. Awesome weather, awesome roads, awesome food, awesome friends, awesome experience.

And did I mention that Chapter E just happened to be in the right location at just the right time to take home the Indiana Traveling Plaque? So it's in Anderson now although we somehow don't believe it will remain there very long. Most likely it will be leaving us on the second Thursday of July but it's nice to have it for a short time anyway.

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