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Hello Indiana,

The summer is passing very quickly, it seems like it was just the beginning of spring and here we are in August. We have enjoyed going to the rallies this summer and are looking forward to what is coming up.

At the end of this month, Saturday August 22, the Indiana District Team will be helping West Side Honda of Evansville, IN with a Fun Run. We would love to see all of you there. We will have the triketor pulls, ice cream, lunch, rides, bike show, on bike games and the Honda shop will be giving prizes away throughout the day. All the proceeds from this Fun Run will go to the Indiana District to help them with the state functions. Come support your state and have fun doing it. You can come and make a weekend of it because on Sunday the hydroplane boats will be racing “Thunder on the Ohio”. It will definitely be a fun weekend so plan to

join us down here in our neck of the state.

Next up on the agenda will be the Region D Rally in Celina, Ohio on September 17-19. The theme of this year's rally is Region D Circus Carnival and is looking to be a fun time. Put on your carnival attire and join the fun.

On October 3, we will again be back at Brookville Overlook for our annual Fall Fest. Last year there were several chapters that camped at the campground there and we all had a great time around the campfire. Be sure to mark this date on your calendars and come enjoy the soup and a fun time with your GWRRA friends.

In November we will again be having our annual Fall District Meeting. It will be held on Saturday, November 7 in Anderson, IN at the Main Street Church of God located at

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MISSION STATEMENT:

As volunteer leaders, we recognize that service to members is our first priority. Our mission is to provide an environment in which the ideals of GWRRA, “Friends for Fun, Safety and Knowledge”, can flourish and grow.



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4211 Main Street.

The Indiana District TEAM has already been planning and working on Winter Rendezvous 2010 and Spring Wing Warm Up 2010, we have some great things in the planning. Make sure you mark your calendars for January 22-24 for Winter Rendezvous in Indy and May 27-29 for Spring Wing Warm Up at Greensburg. We will have more details coming soon.

For now, get out and enjoy this weather, which has been great for riding. Make the most of what we have left of this riding season and hope to see you at the Fun Run in Evansville.

Stan & Becky Egli
Your Indiana District TEAM Directors
"Where Every Member Matters"
And "Friends for Fun, Safety and Knowledge"

CENTRAL SECTION

Hello Indiana,

Where has the summer gone? It only seems like yesterday that we were in the planning stages for the riding season. Besides, it's been the coolest and wettest it's been in a long time. Again...where has our summer gone?

We were able to make it to the Indiana, Ohio and Michigan Rallies this summer. That is the first time we've been able to do this in a long time. All three rallies were great. Our rally had a new venue this year. From the comments, most everyone who went, liked it. We had a lot of members from Ohio and Michigan attend. The Ohio Rally was really nice. Their hospital room was a big hit. They really put on the spread. We were pleased to see so many Indiana members in attendance. We finally were able to put our bike in their "Bike Show". We came away with a 2nd place plaque. Not bad for the first try. We had some others from Indiana win in the "Bike Show" and "Light Show" over there. Congratulations to everyone who gave it a try. Michigan has a wonderful setting for their rally.

The camping was extraordinary for a Fairground. One highlight for us, we saw a lot of wild turkeys as we rode around up there. We had beautiful weather until Saturday afternoon. They had to cancel the parade because of weather. We were disappointed in the number of Indiana members who did not come to the rally. Put next year's Michigan Rally on your calendar. It is well worth attending. We were sorry that we could not make it to Wing Ding this year in Tulsa, OK. We've talked to some members who attended. They had a good time, but boy did they say it was hot! Next year it will be in Des Moines, IA...right on I-80. Hopefully it's a lot cooler and a lot of us will attend.

We have several events that we will need your help and support...the District is helping with a Fun Run sponsored by West Side Honda in Evansville on August 22nd, the Region D Rally will be September 17-20 in Celina, OH., the District is having a Fall Fest on October 3 at Brookville Lake, Chapter B-2 in Marion is having a Medic First Aid Class on October 10, the District Meeting will be on November 11 at a place TBA, and Winter Rendezvous will take place at the Marriott East in Indianapolis on January 22-23, 2010. This is only the District's list and does not include all the activities that your Chapters have planned. We've read in your newsletters about some of the fall rides, campouts, cookouts and fall parties which your chapters are planning. They sound like everyone will have a great time.

Well until next time, everyone ride safe, remember what was learned in ARCs and TRCs taken this summer, enjoy this last full "warm" month and plan on attending what the District Team and your Chapter have to offer. Unfortunately, it won't be too long before we're getting our bikes ready for winter. Just a thought about the ARCs and TRCs offered this summer. There were several sessions added to accommodate more riders...sadly some sessions had to be cancelled because of lack of participation. If we want to keep them available for us, we need to take advantage of them: otherwise, they may disappear and you won't have the opportunity. So next year when they are offered, please take advantage of them.

Remember "**TODAY IS A GIFT. TOMORROW IS A MYSTERY.**"

Turkey Bob and Diana Wilson
Indiana District Team
Assistant District Directors

COY

Hello everyone,

Where is the summer going! Marvin and I have traveled a lot on our Gold Wing, we began our summer with a very, very rainy trip to Coolsprings, Pa. and had a wonderful time with our friends trying to outsmart the rain, which we finally did. Marvin's cell phone went flying down the interstate, my new helmet tried to come apart, but all in all we had a very safe trip.

Then came Wing Ding. This was my first, and wow-wee did I have fun!! The friends and fellowship was simply outstanding, our organization is so great, the selection of the International COY reflected a very special group of people and I'm glad I didn't have to choose, because I would have picked them all!

We just got back from the Michigan Rally in West Branch. Fine people live in Michigan and they put on a very good rally. Weather was very nice until a rain decided to cancel the light parade (just to show us who is the boss). Hope everyone had a safe ride home. We are now looking forward to the Region D Rally in Celina, OH, Sept 17-18-19. I think the theme is fun and I know we'll all have a good time!

*See ya there,
Marvin & JoAnn
Indiana District Team COY*

"Life is not a journey to the grave with the intention of arriving safely in a pretty and well preserved body, but rather to skid in broadside, thoroughly used up, totally worn out and loudly proclaiming -- WOW--
What a Ride!"

DISTRICT EDUCATORS

GREETINGS:

WOW! IT IS AUGUST ALREADY. THE KIDS ARE GETTING READY TO START SCHOOL. WHERE HAS THE SUMMER GONE?

WE HAVE JUST EXPERIENCED THE COOLEST JULY IN HISTORY IN THE MIDDLE OF GLOBAL WARMING???????????

WE ATTENDED THE MICHIGAN RALLY THIS PAST WEEKEND AND I THINK THE ATTENDANCE MIGHT HAVE BEEN DOWN A LITTLE JUST LIKE THE OTHER RALLIES. THE PEOPLE THERE SURE HAD FUN EVEN THOUGH IT RAINED SATURDAY EVENING AND NIGHT. SUNDAY WAS CLEAR AND SUNNY FOR THE TRIP HOME, SO EVERYTHING WORKED OUT.

THIS HAS BEEN A VERY DISAPPOINTING YEAR FOR RIDER COURSE REGISTRATIONS. YOU ASKED FOR MORE RIDER COURSES AND THEY WERE PROVIDED. ONLY THE VERY FIRST ARC WAS FULL. ALL OF THE OTHER ARC, ERC, AND TRC COURSES HAD LESS THAN DESIRABLE ATTENDANCE. WE MAY HAVE TO MAKE SOME ADJUSTMENTS FOR NEXT YEAR.

A LOT OF GOOD THINGS ARE HAPPENING IN RIDER EDUCATION. WE HAVE THREE NEW ADVANCED RIDER COURSE INSTRUCTORS, BUT WE CAN STILL USE SOME MORE RIDER COURSE INSTRUCTORS. CONTACT ME IF YOU HAVE THE DESIRE TO BECOME ONE. IT IS AN INTENSIVE 40 HOUR COURSE BUT IS WELL WORTH IT. WE DID PARKING LOT PRACTICE FACILITATOR TRAINING AT BASIC TRAINING THIS SPRING, MEDIC FIRST AID TRAINING WILL CONTINUE, AS WELL AS THE OTHER SEMINARS AND RIDER/CO-RIDER TRAINING. WE ALSO DID THE AMAZING TEAM CHALLENGE AT SPRING WING. WE HAD A FEW NEW PEOPLE PARTICIPATE AND HAD LOTS OF FUN. IF YOU HAVE NOT TRIED THE AMAZING TEAM CHALLENGE, YOU HAVE BEEN MISSING OUT ON A GREAT ACTIVITY. BOTH BIKES AND TRIKES PARTICIPATE. YOU RIDE A COURSE AGAINST THE CLOCK AND THE RIDER WITH THE LOWEST SCORE WINS, REALLY SIMPLE. INDIANA WILL BE SETTING UP AND CONDUCTING THE AMAZING TEAM CHALLENGE

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AT THE REGION D RALLY IN CELINA, OH THIS SEPTEMBER AND WILL BE EXPECTING A LOT OF YOU TO COME BY AND PARTICIPATE OR WATCH THE ACTIVITIES. IT IS ALSO A GREAT SPECTATOR ACTIVITY AS EACH RUN THROUGH THE COURSE TAKES ABOUT 40 SECONDS.

IN ORDER FOR THE EDUCATORS TO MEET THE NEEDS OF THE INDIANA MEMBERSHIP AND TO PROVIDE THE TRAINING THAT YOU WOULD LIKE TO HAVE, WE WANT AND NEED YOUR INPUT. WHAT SEMINARS WOULD YOU LIKE TO HAVE PRESENTED, WHERE, AND WHEN? WHAT RIDER COURSES? WOULD YOU BE WILLING TO HELP IF NEEDED? WHAT OTHER TRAINING CAN WE PROVIDE YOU? HOW CAN WE MAKE RIDER EDUCATION MORE FUN? HOW CAN WE INCREASE THE ATTENDANCE AT TRAINING SESSIONS AND RALLIES? I THINK YOU GET THE IDEA. THERE IS A VAST AMOUNT OF KNOWLEDGE AND EXPERIENCE IN OUR INDIANA MEMBERSHIP AND WE WANT YOUR INPUT ON HOW TO IMPROVE RIDER ED AND ALSO ANY CONSTRUCTIVE CRITICISMS. TALK TO YOUR CHAPTER MEMBERS AND FRIENDS AND FORWARD YOURS AND THEIR COMMENTS TO ME.

WE HAVE AN ASSISTANT RIDER EDUCATOR POSITION OPENING FOR THE NORTHWEST SECTION OF INDIANA. PLEASE CONTACT ME IF YOU ARE INTERESTED. WE REALLY NEED A RIDER EDUCATION IN THIS SECTION OF THE STATE.

WE HOPE YOU ARE ENJOYING YOUR SUMMER AND HOPE TO SEE ALL OF YOU AT THE REGION D RALLY OR BEFORE.

SAFETY IS FOR LIFE,

**LARRY & LINDA ECKERLEY
INDIANA DISTRICT TEAM
DISTRICT EDUCATORS
SENIOR MASTERS**

SOUTHERN SECTION

Greetings from the South Area,

It sure does not seem that September is around the corner, but after looking at the Chapter Web Sites everyone has full ride calendars and the summer is flying by.

Kay and I went to Tulsa except for one hot afternoon on a side trip to Oklahoma City, everything was great. Worst thing was I only spent \$18.00 on safety chrome.

Chapter IN-W went to Arkansas prior to Wind Ding for a 5 day cruise. On the trip we had 3 flat tires, but everyone enjoyed themselves. Chapter IN-Z went to Maine last month, I have not heard about the trip yet, but their Ice Cream social was Saturday the 8th at the Cascades Park in Bloomington, I hope to hear about it soon. Chapter IN-G2 just had a Scavenger Hunt on their bikes while Chapter IN-B is hard to find as they have been camping a lot this summer. Do to our busy schedules we have not made full rounds to all the chapters but hope to have that fixed by the September meetings. Below are some upcoming dates for our area.

- Chapter IN-Z: August 8th - Ice Cream Social - Cascades Park, Bloomington
- Chapter IN-G2: August 30th - Annual Picnic - See Website
- Chapter IN-N2: August 15th - Bike Show -Clarksville Rehab

Plus a lot of rides going on at each chapter; check the web sites for more information.

Almost forgot, Kay and I got our Dragon Sticker this last weekend. It rained hard all day but only 3 bikes on the entire road. Everyone was parked at Deals Gap waiting for the rain to stop. Nice wet ride. Will have to do it again when we can see more than 10 feet in front of the bike.

Lee & Kay Tieche
Indiana District Team
Assistant District Directors

Hello Everyone ;

The following is copied from the National Site it is well worth your time to read as it explains what we are doing in this division. All Chapter Educators this is part of your tasks if your chapter does not have a MAD person. Please include some part in your talks to your chapter.

Welcome to GWRRA Rider Education ...



Educating the Motorist Community...



Directors - Motorist Awareness
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Our Motto...
"Share the Road!"

Our Mission...
"To Facilitate A Reduction In Motorcycle Crashes With Other Motor Vehicles."

Motorist Awareness Seminar Section

The Motorist Awareness Division and Rider Education Program, through a Team effort, are committed to a goal of establishing the safest motorcycling environment possible. While Rider Education trains and educates motorcycle riders, the Motorist Awareness Division (MAD) will focus on educating the motorist community. Our primary goal in motorist awareness will be to reduce the number of motorcycle crashes with other highway users, a reduction in the loss of life, and a reduction in injuries.

A New Era in Motorist Awareness - A Simple Plan...

The Motorist Awareness Division of GWRRA, through a "Share the Road" campaign will pursue three aspects of motorist awareness. Each of these three are supportive of each other:

- **Awareness Education** - Providing motorists with First Class, professional

education through our certified seminar presentations. Our presentations will be developed for a multitude of audiences, educating them to a better understanding of motorcyclists, the risks involved, a heightened awareness of motorcycle presence and what they as motorists can do in the prevention of crashes.

"Drive Aware!"

- **Awareness Advertisement** - Serves as a reminder to motorists that they share the road with motorcycles. Reinforced reminder to the education aspect.
 - **Public Relations** - Interaction with the motoring public has the ability to reflect highly on GWRRA and to mold public opinion on how they view motorcyclists.

Our goal in this area is to build a rapport with motorists and leave them with a feeling that motorcyclists are real people who could be their friend, neighbor, or even a relative.

The Motorist Awareness Division has already begun working with the Motorcycle Safety Foundation (MSF) and other organizations within the motorcycling community. Communications and the sharing of information between us and these organizations helps build our programs, sets the stage for success and benefits the entire motorcycling community.

M.A.D. - Saving Lives Through Awareness Education

Stephen L. Stilwell
Indiana Asst. District Educator
Motorist Awareness Coordinator



NORTHWESTERN SECTION

WHEW! July has been a REALLY busy month,

We started out at Wing Ding in Tulsa, Oklahoma. Although it was HOT (which, I guess we expected), we had a great time. Got there early enough to help out with pre-registration and had a lot of fun. We were actually able to help out off and on during the week and really enjoyed it. If you get a chance, ask Dawn Reed about her phone call from Tulsa. I have no idea how they got her phone number, but I'm sure she'll fill you in!

Henry actually spoiled me and bought me lots of things for the bike -- and, oh, he also found a few things he wanted too! If you hadn't already heard, Turkey Bob "convinced" Henry to put the Traxxion suspension on our bike. WOW -- what a difference. We saw those people at Wing Ding and I told them I thought they should give me a shirt, so I could sell for them. I am definitely impressed!

Anyway, the week after Wing Ding was the Ride for Kids. Henry and I are on the Task Force for that ride, so we were off to South Bend to help out there. It was a great day, with over 200 bikes. The Ride brought in over \$91,000 for the Pediatric Brain Tumor Foundation, which is a charity very near and dear to our hearts, so we were very happy with the results.

We then had little bit of time to prepare for our trip to Canada. Henry and I left on July 18th and were back home on August 1st -- 4,811 miles later. The very first day, we left DeMotte at 5:00 AM and I FINALLY got to get off for the night at 6:30 that night -- 790 miles! Anyway, the trip was good and we saw a lot of country. Went to Bar Harbor, Maine, across the CAT to Yarmouth, Nova Scotia, to the Cabot Trail, then to Prince Edward Island, New Brunswick, and back into the United States. Pretty much visited our way across the country from there, back into Ontario at Buffalo, New York, and out at Port Huron, Michigan. Stayed overnight in Port Huron and the next day went to West Branch, Michigan for Michigan's summer rally. After we'd been at the motel in West Branch for a little while, the phone rang and the front desk told me Turkey was there -- much to our surprise, we were at the same motel they were staying. So, we spent the evening with them, went out for dinner, and even saw turkeys!!!!!!! The next day was spent at the rally and then

on to see my sister just south of Lansing, Michigan, and from there, we were finally on our way home. It was a great trip, with only three half-days of rain -- hard to believe, I know, but true!

We got home on Saturday, August 1st at about 4:45 p.m. and were in Rensselaer for our home chapters' meeting by about 5:40 p.m.

The next day was Chapter R-2's nursing home ride at Oak Grove Retirement Village in DeMotte, Indiana. We were able to participate there and the smiles on those people's faces was all the thanks we could ask for. Chapter R-2 has been doing these rides for several years in DeMotte, Delphi, and Monticello, showing off the bikes and giving rides. The guys are great sports, as sometimes it requires them to lift some pretty heavy people onto the bikes.

Then, on August 8th we had our picnic for the Northwest Section. Henry said he thought there were about 50 people in attendance. I didn't have time to count! But, it was such a nice day. We just sat around, after we filled our stomachs, and chatted. Everyone there had a good time, as far as I could tell. We are planning on doing the same thing again next year, thanks to the generosity Art and Virginia Bierma, who opened their hearts and allowed us to use their property for the picnic. As a side note, there's a reason they call Henry da cook! (get it?) The meat was cooked by him and was REALLY good.

Well, as you can see, our July was VERY busy. Now, we're on to August. If you haven't already heard, the District Fun Run is coming up on August 22nd and is looking like it will be a great time. Stan and Becky and the local Honda Dealership in Evansville have worked very hard to put this together, and there will be TONS of giveaways, a lunch, ice cream, bike shows, trike pulls, and on-bike games -- kinda like a mini-rally! If you would like to come out and show your support for the District, contact one of us and we'll give you all the details.

And don't forget the Region Rally coming up in September. From what we've heard so far, sounds like Ron and Diana and the Region Team have a lot of FUN planned for us.

See you all soon,
Henry and Pat DeKock
Indiana District Team
Assistant District Directors
Northwest Section

ENTERTAINMENT COORDINATORS

NORTHEASTERN SECTION

Hi all,

August is here and so is the heat. At least in the Northwest section of the state. But that hasn't slowed us down. As Chapter Directors of our local Chapter we are busy with that and the two benefit rides we are a part of, (The Ride for Kids & The A.N.N.A. Rally). For those of you that got a chance to attend, thank you and you that couldn't we hope to see you next year.

Saturday August 22nd is the Wing Fling & St Thing at West Side Honda & Kawasaki in Evansville, IN. Dawn, the boys and I will be there with the Trikes and the pulling sled for some Triktor pulling competition. We will be also setting up a Tike skills challenge to see if you can beat the clock. We are looking to introduce our events to everyone. Hope to see you there. Let's show West Side Honda & the surrounding area what a great time we have at our rallies.

Region D Rally is the next BIG SHOW coming down the road, and Ron & Dianna and the Region D Staff have asked us back with the Tractor Pulls. They have put together a lot of great things to do and be involved in. DO NOT MISS THIS ONE!!!!!!

Dawn & I have been looking down the road to the up coming events and putting some ideas on the table for some great ideas for entertainment. Fall Fest, Winter Rendezvous, & Spring Wing is coming our way faster than you think. This is looking like a great fall and winter for things to do, so start your planning now. We know things are tuff out there, believe me we know. But we also need to get away from it even if it's just for a little while.

Hope to see everyone soon,
Ride and Be Safe out there
Mark & Dawn Reed
Indiana District Staff
Entertainment Coordinators

Hello everyone from the Northeast!!!

Hope all are enjoying this weather and able to get some good riding in. We have been traveling some and camping in our motorcycle camper. The weather sure has been different this year with the up and down temperatures and rain periods. Now it looks like we're going to be in some dry hot stuff!! I guess we should expect this when you live in Indiana.

Cherie and I want to encourage all Chapter Couple of the Year to begin thinking about competing for the District Couple of the Year. You will be amazed how much fun it is and how many friends you will meet. It is an experience that you will never forget whether you win or not because we always say that there are no losers when you get involved in this. We definitely had a blast when we competed and met some wonderful people. Then when we were District Couple it just multiplied!! The friends we met are still a large part of our life with GWRRA. You just can't go wrong stepping up to compete and having the time of your life!! So couples let's have a great showing at Winter Rendezvous this year.

Speaking of District Couple of the Year let's support our couple Marvin & JoAnn Henry at Region D this September and cheer them on at the Region Couple of the Year competition. They have been very active and have done a great job for Indiana this year!! We think they would make a great Region Couple and would serve the position well. They have already had a blast and have met a lot of people and made some new acquaintances and friends. Let's help them do even more and fire up some support for them from Indiana people!!!!!! They're already winners in our book and we would love to see them continue on. Good luck Marvin & JoAnn!!!

Cherie and I were saddened that Mike & Susan stepped down as ADD's but wish them well in their endeavors and hope to see them on some rides. We will miss them on our team. For the time being Cherie and I are filling in for them as ADD's for their section. We look forward to working with these other chapters and attending some of their functions and meeting new friends.

Well I've been long winded enough. There are a lot of things we would like to get accomplished but summer is sure going by us quickly!!! Hope to see some of you on rides or at functions yet this summer. Ride Safe and have FUN!!!

***Find a Member...Involve a Member...Keep a Member
>>>>>>Every Member Counts<<<<<<<***

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