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Greetings Everyone,

We are traveling back to the south today after having a fantastic weekend in Greensburg with our extended GWRRA family. We hope everyone who attended Spring Wing had as much fun as your Indiana District TEAM.

On Thursday evening we started the rally off with a seminar and then with popcorn and movies, which we had a great turn out for both events. Then on Friday we had all kinds of activities going on, you just had to pick what you wanted to do. There were seminars, bike and light show classification, the kid's magic show, Masters Luncheon, chapter market place, scavenger hunt rides, silent auction, self-guided rides, vendors, triketor events, welcoming ceremonies, pizza party and entertainment. We want to thank Chapter IN-O2 and their lawn chair drill team for performing. They will be representing Indiana at the Region D Rally and we all need to plan to attend and cheer them on to victory. We also want to thank Dan Miller from Chapter IN-C2 for provid-

ing the entertainment on Friday night. He brought us a young entertainer by the name of Adam Calvert which provided us with an excellent music show. We were also honored to have our own Eula Mae pop in and do a song with Adam. It was priceless! I don't know about you but we really enjoyed that Pizza King pizza. It was um um good! Then on Saturday we had more rides, the ladies trike drill teams, on bike games (what a blast they were), bike and light show, seminars, amazing team challenge, chapter market place, vendors, awards ceremonies and ended the evening with the ride through town ending up at a huge parking lot and having the bikes circle with their lights on. There were over 115 bikes in the ride and it was an awesome sight.

We have so many people to thank for making our first Spring Wing such a huge success. We want to thank the host Chapters IN-W and IN-G2 for all their hard work, the Region D Team, Ohio and Michigan Teams, Chapter IN-C2 for presenting the flags, Chapter IN-O2 for their lawn chair drill team pres-

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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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entation, the Hoosier Honey's and Purple Peddlers ladies trike drill teams, all the vendors and a special thank you to Chapter IN-L2 for allowing the Indiana District TEAM to participate in their booth at the Indianapolis Motor Speedway from which they presented us with a check to help the finances of the Indiana District TEAM. We especially want to thank you the members for your participation in the Spring Wing Rally because without you there would be no rally. We also want to thank the Indiana District TEAM for all they do. They are just awesome!

We are now looking forward to the upcoming events and are already planning for next year's Spring Wing Warm Up. We will be looking forward to seeing ya'll at Wing Ding in Tulsa next month. Ride safe and we hope to see you on the road.

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

FROM LONNY & KAREN HUNTER

Greetings to all GWRRA friends,

Last month I described Spring Wing as Indiana's biggest District event and asked every member to seriously consider attending. The only reason to have such an event is so that GWRRA members can get together and have a good time. So members were encouraged to give it a try and to have fun, regardless of whether they attend every year or they're new to it or whether they would be returning after a long absence.

What we know now is that about 650 people took advantage of the opportunity to attend and most everyone says that they had a really good time, in spite of the little glitches that were there just like in any other big event. It was a new location for us and several members of the staff were new to planning such an occasion. But things seemed to go great at all levels and those who attended really did seem to enjoy being there.

One thing that was mentioned over and over was the atmosphere during the rally. It was people just enjoying their friendships, their motorcycles, the activities, the roads they biked on, and on and on and on. The short rain that came in late Saturday evening after the last planned activity had ended anyway might have dampened the ground, tents, and some clothes but it never dampened anyone's spirits. People seemed to be at this event just to have fun and everyone seemed to have made up their mind that nothing was going to spoil that.

Atmosphere, in the dictionary, is defined as the 'social environment'. Hearing so many people talk about the great atmosphere at the rally means that they found themselves in a very pleasurable social environment and

one that they could feel comfortable in and enjoy. The dream is that that's exactly the situation everyone coming to a GWRRA event finds themselves in even though we know it is often not the case at all.

GW is a group that too many people have described as being too cliquish to be enjoyed. That's a natural phenomenon since people who have been so close over so many years and who have done so many things together naturally gravitate towards each other wherever they meet. Those without the common history though may feel left out whether it's intentional or not

Spring Wing Warm Up was an awesome reminder that different people with their different personalities can actually bring their different interests and different backgrounds and come together and everyone can enjoy the diversity of the group. There seemed to be good interaction among people from different chapters and that truly added to the enjoyment of everyone.

So let's be reminded that the atmosphere we create with our Goldwing family really has to welcome all others regardless of whether we're meeting as a small group or at a large event. It's one thing for us to think that we're making others feel welcome to join us but the most important thing is that anyone coming in from outside our immediate group knows by the atmosphere they enter that we truly do want them to join right in and be a part of the greatest motorcycle group in the world.

Lonny & Karen Hunter
Indiana District Team
Assistant District Directors

FROM HENRY & PAT DEKOCK

Hi y'all!

Henry and I have now made it home from Spring Wing and are pleasantly exhausted. What a weekend! Thanks to all who were able to attend and participate. We had a great time.

Henry and Richard were in charge of the bike games and they seemed to be really enjoyed by those who participated. At first glance, you would think the trikes would have had a real edge on the two-wheelers -- not so. There seemed to be no advantage either way. The only comments we heard was that the rider has it easier than the co-rider. Myself, I'm not sure that was true either! Tell us what you think, so the TEAM can start thinking about games for next year. And yes, next year, you DO need to participate. Contrary to belief, the games are not hard (although they ARE challenging) and are a LOT of fun.

The Chapter Marketplace is something that we need to work on. We had only a few chapters participate and I think the ones who did had some really great ideas. Although the general idea was to sell used items, we had all kinds of ideas and great fundraisers for the chapters. Thanks to those who participated. With everyone's help, maybe we can do a little more promoting and get this thing back on the road. Think FUNdraiser!

Please let us know what you thought -- why you did not attend (if you didn't) and what you liked and didn't like (if you did attend).

We are now getting reading for Wing Ding in Tulsa, Oklahoma. Henry and I will be leaving on June 30th and be in Tulsa sometime on July 1st. We'd love to have company riding down, so if you're interested, e-mail us so we can make arrangements.

That's all for now,
Henry and Pat DeKock
Northwest Section
Your Indiana TEAM

FROM RICHARD & VICKIE LEWIS

Hi all,

We would like to let everyone know that Chapter W had a great time as the hosting chapter for the first SWWU at Greensburg. This was Chapter W's first time at this and we had a blast despite the hard work. I hope we proved to be helpful to everyone.

Vickie and I would like to thank Stan, Becky, and the Indiana District Staff (TEAM) for the invitation to join the Indiana District Staff (TEAM) and help with planning and coordinating rallies. We are happy to join the TEAM and to help make Indiana District the best District in GWRRA. We will be glad to help the team in any way we can, so please feel free to contact us any time.

Rick & Vickie Lewis
Indiana District Team
Event Setup & Security Coordinators

"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!"

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FROM TERRY & CHERIE MALCOLM

Hello Indiana,

If you didn't attend SWWU this year at the Decatur Co. Fairgrounds in Greensburg then you really missed a grand time this past weekend!!!! What a beautiful place for this to be held. Everything was located in close proximity and lots of room in buildings for functions to be held. From the opening ceremonies Friday night it was never ending entertainment and fun things to do. Kudos to Pizza King for a great pizza night!!! They did a fabulous job of keeping the pizzas coming.

Lots of good seminars, rides, scavenger hunts, on and off bike games, amazing team challenge, vendors, food, fellowship, entertainment, well you get the idea!! What a treat the young gentleman Adam was that entertained us on Sat. night. What a talented young man!!

We helped Bob & Dianne Wilson, Mike & Susan Jennings and others do the classifications for the light and bike show contestants on Friday and Saturday. There were over 30 bikes that competed and the competition was tough for the judges. Thanks to all those that helped judge these events, without you this could not be done. Congratulations to all those that won events in all the activities that were going on. And what a fun time was had at the Couple of the year get together!!! Thanks to all that attended.

What a great turnout of bikes for the parade through town after closing ceremonies Saturday night. It looked great!!! So if you were bored this weekend it's because you weren't there!!!! Thanks to all that attended and we look forward to seeing you again. Thanks to the rest of the *Indiana District Team* and especially Stan & Becky for all the work put into this successful weekend!!! We love ya all!

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

Terry & Cherie Malcolm
Indiana District Team
Assistant District Directors

MAD

Greetings from MAD,

We had 12 members for the Motorist Awareness Seminar Saturday (Think Motorcycles) as this is a brand new Power Point Presentation which can be used by the chapters to show motorists how and what to watch for around motorcyclists. I am pleased to say we had a great time.

Stephen Stilwell
Indiana District
Motorist Awareness Coordinator



ENTERTAINMENT COORDINATORS

Hello Indiana,

Spring Wing Warm Up 2009 is behind us and what a great time we had. The weather was great and Dawn and I fell in love with the fairgrounds. The fair-ground was laid out so everything was close so we could get to all of the events with out a lot of walking or riding. We camped and really like the camping location, it was right in the middle of everything. Dawn and I were in charge of the sound system and the entertainment for Friday night. Chapter O2 wowed us with their precision lawn chair drill team. Thanks guys, and with the help of Dan Miller from Chapter IN-C2 of Fort Wayne we had a great singer performing all of everybody's favorites. If you were not there you missed a great time. Oh yes, Eula May made an appearance and sang a duet with Adam. It was great.

We were also in charge of the trike games. This was the first time at SWWU and we had a good time with that. Dawn helped Henry & Pat DeKock and Richard & Kim Monroe with the on bike games and they looked like a huge success.

We filled in any where needed but there was some down time to sit and visit with all the members in attendance. We didn't have our bike with us so we stayed behind and counted how many bikes that rode in the drive through to town and there were 127. I believe that the town of Greensburg was impressed. We want to thank everyone for attending and for all input about what we were doing right or wrong.

We only had two of our boys with us this weekend but they also had a great time helping and riding their bikes around the fairground. They love seeing all of our friends and Dawn & I know that everyone

will help us keep an eye on them. I keep remembering the day we saw our 1984 GL1200 sitting along the road with a for sale sign on it and I'm so glad that I turned around to go back and look at it because we wouldn't have joined GWRRA and become part of the biggest and best family in the world.

Thanks again for all that attended and feel free to let us know of ANY THING we can do to help make it better.

God Bless

Mark, Dawn, Chris, Mat & Nic Reed
Indiana District Team
Entertainment Coordinators

SR. DISTRICT TRAINERS

Greetings!!!

I'd like to start by saying that this is a new position for me and I will give it my best shot to accomplish as much as possible. I certainly don't claim to have all of the answers but we can work as a TEAM and hopefully be able to learn together.

I think all of you who attended Spring Wing Warm Up came away from there saying that "a good time was had by all". I still stand by my philosophy that if you don't have fun at a rally, it's no one's fault but your own. There seemed to be something for EVERYONE at this rally!!

We were very fortunate to have the assistance of Paul Brosher, Region D Leadership Trainer, and Brian Richards, OH LTD Instructor, to assist with seminars. With their help we were able to present 9 seminars at the rally. The numbers show that we had 131 attendees at those seminars for which I am very appreciative.

Folks, this is just the tip of the iceberg. There is such a variety of seminars that fall under the Leadership Training Division. It's important to know that these

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FROM BOB & DIANA WILSON

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are valuable in many aspects of our lives, not just in GWRRA. Also the name LTD may sound a bit misleading to some of us. You may say, "I don't want to be in a leadership position". That's perfectly fine. But the LTD has something for everyone, from How to Have Fun at a Rally to How to Show / Judge a Bike. So it's not just for members playing a leadership role.

The goal is to take the Leadership Training seminars to members throughout the state. That can only be accomplished if we develop a TEAM of Instructors so that every area will be adequately covered. There are so many GWRRA members in Indiana that have the ability to be instructors. If this is something you think you may be interested in, please, by all means contact me. There were 3 people at Spring Wing who stated they are definitely interested in attending an Instructor's workshop/training. We will plan on conducting this training in the fall or winter, but a date has not been set yet.

Until we meet down the road...be safe and learn something new every day.

Karen Hunter
Indiana District Team
Sr. District Trainer

Hi all,

It was a pleasure to help with this year's Spring Wing Warm Up in Greensburg. The Fair Grounds were very nice with plenty of clean, well kept buildings.

Everyone on the Team was happy to see so many of you participate in so many of the seminars and all of the other activities.

Diana's responsibilities for the Spring Wing included being in charge of registration. She enjoyed seeing everyone come in SMILING and looking forward to the enjoyment of the Rally. She liked visiting with all of our old friends from around the state and making new friends as well. She is already looking forward to the next time we can all have fun together. Chapters W and G-2 made her work a lot easier this year. They all pitched in to help in any way that they could. She never had to worry about people just sitting around and doing nothing. They were "Johnny on the Spot" whenever anything needed to be done. Not only did they keep registration running smoothly, but they kept the hospitality tables well supplied with food and drinks. Her NEW friends just don't know how much everything meant to her. Thank you from the bottom of her heart.

As for Ole Turkey Bob, I had my hands full with the Bike Show and Light Show Classifications and Shows along with Terry Malcolm and Mike Jennings. It was nice to have the opportunity to let so many members enjoy the beauty and hard work put into all of the bikes in both Shows. But, I can tell you from experience that being in charge is really a demanding job. We ended up with many beautiful bikes in both shows. We made our share of mistakes, but we kept working together until it was all worked out for the best for everyone concerned. Thanks to all of you for your patience with our rocky parts. Now that we have this one under our belts, we can learn from our mistakes and do a better job with both shows next year.

We both appreciate the opportunity to serve as the Central Section as your ADD. We have made so many new friends over the years in this position. It is a pleasure to have all of you in OUR GWRRA Family.

Turkey Bob and Diana
Indiana District Team
Assistant District Directors



FROM LEE & KAY TIECHE

Hello Indiana,

Kay and I were just reflecting on SWWU after a nice long nap on Sunday. We were tired from all the food, visiting and events. We had a great time and are ready for the next years already. Had a lot of compliments about the new venue especially the way camping was near everything.

We (district) met on Saturday night and discussed positive and a few negatives. Next year is even going to be better than this one (yes we will try to have Ice Machines) and I will not apologize because there was too much to do.

The four trips Chapter W put together were great, next year they are going to plan on between 1 – 1½ hours for the self guided tours. The Light Parade (Ride Through) was excellent with over 125 bikes riding through Greensburg honking and waving. We both want to see the pictures taken from the top of the K Mart (do not know how we had wings up there).

The vendors were all very pleased with the business they took in along with the local businesses reaping in their share of customers. The best part was going around and visiting, the South Area had every Chapter represented, WOW!!

For those that could not make it, we missed you and hope we can have even a better turnout next year (2009 had 650+ registrants) so that we can share the fun with our extended families.

Two additional comments, 1) The place was in immaculate shape after it was all over and 2) Chapter W did a fantastic job and even stayed and helped clean up: GREAT JOB!!

Lee & Kay Tieche
Indiana District Team
Assistant District Directors

FROM MIKE & SUSAN JENNINGS

Hello from the Jennings,

What a great Spring Wing Warm Up 2009. We would like to say thank you for participating in this year's SWWU. There was so much to do and not enough time to participate in every event planned by your District Team. The weather was great, the time spent with friends was the best, and watching all those bikes getting spiffed up for the bike show was a sight. Congratulations to all those that won this weekend. In our book all the members are winners. Watch the District newsletter for a list of those winners as my memory is getting short (O.L.D. disease is setting in).

At this time we would like to say a HUGE THANK YOU to all our friends old and new whom we have had the pleasure of getting to know over the last several years as this was our last District event to participate in as part of the district team. We are stepping back and letting others take over. It has been a pleasure to work with you the members. Your friendships are appreciated and are a great addition to our memory book. As for our chapters we have worked closely with we want to say thanks from the bottom of our hearts, you opened your doors to us and made us feel welcomed and with this it made our job so much easier. Your friendships are valued and appreciated and won't be forgotten. Don't be surprised when we show up for your meetings only this time it will be as visitors and time for fun.

Please continue supporting your District TEAM in all they do and remember "TEAM" is TOGETHER EVERY-ONE ACOMPLISHES MORE. It is so easy to forget this and go it on our own. We are just as guilty of this as anyone. Please forgive us for forgetting that aspect. Your District TEAM works hard for you the members as every MEMBER Counts.

Our door is always open as is the phone line and e-mail. Will look forward to seeing or hearing from you in the future. May God Bless you, ride safe with the sunny-side up, we love all of you.

Mike and Susan Jennings

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS FOR 2009

OHIO DISTRICT RALLY – JUNE 11-13

WING DING – JULY 2-5 @ TULSA, OK

MICHIGAN DISTRICT RALLY – JULY 30, 31- AUGUST 1 @ WEST
BRANCH, MI

DISTRICT FUN RUN – AUGUST 22ND, EVANVILLE, IN

REGION D RALLY – SEPTEMBER 17-19 @ CELINA, OHIO

DISTRICT FALL FEST – OCTOBER 3

DISTRICT FALL MEETING – NOVEMBER 7