



# INDIANA ON WINGS

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Hello everyone,

We have just returned home after having a wonderful weekend at Winter Rendezvous. We hope everyone that went to Winter Rendezvous had as much fun as your Indiana TEAM had. We want to thank the Hoosier Honey's Trike Team for performing their routine. They did a great job. We had people coming up to us and telling us what an awesome performance they had. We also want to thank all the chapters and members who participated in the events this year. It really made it a fantastic rally. When Stan asked for those members who had participated in an event to stand up, it was amazing to see how many members had participated in the events. Stan and I also want to thank all the vendors who came and supported the WR rally. It was also wonderful to see our Region D team, Ohio and Michigan neighbors come and support our Winter Rendezvous. And last of all a GREAT BIG THANK YOU to the INDIANA TEAM for being there and doing such a fantastic job.

We would like to congratulate our new Indiana District Couple of the Year for

2009 Marvin and Joann Henry from Chapter A-2. They are going to have a very busy year ahead of them and we know they will do a great job.

We would also like to recognize all of the other winners. Best Dressed Chapter was Chapter C-2, Talent Show Comedy winner was Chapter O-2 drill team, Talent Show Performance winner was Karen Hunter, People's Choice Best Decorated Cake was Paul Dettmer from Chapter W soda fountain, 1950's trivia co winners were Shari Closson from C-2 and Andrea Streling from O-2, Table Decoration 1<sup>st</sup> place was Chapter L-2, 2<sup>nd</sup> place was Chapter T-2 and 3<sup>rd</sup> place was Chapter W, People's Choice was Chapter O-2, Grand Parade winners were 1<sup>st</sup> place Chapter O-2, 2<sup>nd</sup> place was B-2, 3<sup>rd</sup> place was G-2 and People's Choice was A-2, 50's Theme Contest winners were 1<sup>st</sup> place C-2, 2<sup>nd</sup> place O-2, and 3<sup>rd</sup> place A-2, Scrapbook winner was Chapter H, Chapter with the most pre-registered was Chapter A-2, Jr. Big Wheel Drags: 1<sup>st</sup> place Tyson Barnett from G-2 and 2<sup>nd</sup> place Nicholas Reed from R-2, Ladies Drags: 1<sup>st</sup> place Sue Purpara from C and 2<sup>nd</sup> place Gina New-

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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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man from T-2, Men's Drags: 1<sup>st</sup> place Tony Durbin from G and 2<sup>nd</sup> place Rod Rance from O-2, Ladies Trikker Pulls: 1<sup>st</sup> place Connie Gless from O-2 and 2<sup>nd</sup> place Kay Tieche from W, Men's Trikker Pulls: 1<sup>st</sup> place Wolfgang Gless from O-2 and 2<sup>nd</sup> Roger Marling from W, and Trike Skills winners were Arnie and Walter of B-2. INDIANA CHAPTER OF THE YEAR is Chapter B-2. Recruiter of the Year is Zelmer Williams of Chapter V. CONGRATULATIONS TO ALL THE WINTER RENDEZVOUS WINNERS.

We asked everyone to circle their choice for next year's Winter Rendezvous theme and return it to registration. Guess which theme was circled most...Return to registration!!!!!! Oh well now for the real winner----- "Island Paradise Getaway". So start planning now for next year.

We want to remind everyone of the upcoming events: Spring District Meeting will be held on March 21 at 10:30 am eastern standard time at Main Street Church of God, 4211 Main Street in Anderson, Indiana. We will be offering lunch for donations and we should be done early afternoon. Then on Sunday March 22 we will be having Nine Pin No Tap Bowling at the Stardust Bowl in Noblesville. The next Saturday March 28 will be Region D Workshop in Toledo, Ohio. And don't forget to make plans to attend Spring Wing on May 28-30 at Decatur County Fairgrounds in Greensburg. It's a great place for our rally and the city of Greensburg and the surrounding areas are doing everything possible to make sure we have plenty to see and do. The Indiana TEAM is very excited about all the activities and events we are working on, so please make plans to attend. Thursday we will have registration open in the afternoon and we will be having movies and popcorn on Thursday evening. Then on Friday and Saturday we will have the main events. We will have a tentative schedule out in the next couple of weeks so watch the website for further details.

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

## CENTRAL SECTION

"Rock 'n Roll" from the Central Section!

We would like to thank all of you from the bottoms of our hearts for the support that you gave to the Winter Rendezvous. The entire team appreciates all of you! The whole event was very nice from the start on Friday to the closing on Sunday. We enjoyed the friendship and fellowship with each and every one of you. It was really nice to make new friends and renew old friendships. This is the essences of the Winter Rendezvous. We all hope that we can afford to bring this event to you again next year. We're already planning for "Return to Registration" next year! Hope we can see you there.

Things have been happening around the Central Section. We would like to take this opportunity to introduce you to the new Chapter Directors and Assistant Chapter Directors for Chapter P of Carmel and Chapter K of Lafayette. The new Chapter Directors for Chapter P are **Denis and Linda Beaudoin** and the new Assistant Chapter Directors are **Frank and Cathy Coolidge**. The new Chapter Directors of Chapter K are **Denny and Kathy Sell** and the new Assistant Chapter Directors are **William Shinn and Linda Feldt**. We are now in the process of getting the paper work done for new Chapter Directors and Assistant Chapter Directors for Chapter A-2 of Lebanon and J of Kokomo. We'll be making that announce in the near future. Thanks to all of you for stepping up so that your Chapters will prosper with friendship and fellowship.

On Saturday, March 21, we will have our **Spring Officer's Meeting** in Anderson. Check "Indiana on Wings" for time and location.

STRIKE! Gosh...I missed the 10 pin. SPARE! Hope this gets you in the mood to come bowling with us. Remember on Sunday, March 22, we will be bowling at **Cooper's Stardust Bowl** in Noblesville. Registration starts at 11:00 and bowling starts at 12:00 noon. It will cost \$12.00 per person (shoes included). Be sure to get your registration to us by March 8<sup>th</sup>. We'll be looking forward to seeing you there.

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On Saturday, March 28<sup>th</sup>, plan on coming to **Region D's FUN SHOP** in Toledo, OH. This is a time to learn about G.W.R.R.A. and have fun doing it. The Region D Team has planned a good time for all, so let's not disappoint them by not showing up. We're planning on going. Hope to see our old friends and new ones there so that we can enjoy this event together.

We would like your destination to be **Greensburg, IN** on May 30 – 31 for **Spring Wing Warm up**. The town and citizens of that community are excited about us coming their way. Let's don't disappoint them. Let's show them what Gold Wings are made of. Also let's show them what our "FAMILY" is like. We're planning a lot of activities and so is the town. Come and enjoy their southern Indiana hospitality. Remember we're going to have "FUN IN THE SUN". Nobody wants to see Stan in his Speedo. You can find the registration form in "Indiana on Wings". Thanks to everyone who preregistered at Winter Rendezvous. We'll be looking forward to seeing you.

Until the next time, remember "Today is a gift. Tomorrow is a mystery." See you later alligator!

*Turkey Bob and Diana  
Indiana District Team  
Asst. Team Directors*

## **NORTHEAST SECTION & DISTRICT TEAM TRAINERS**

Greetings Goldwing Family and Friends

Wow what a weekend. Winter Rendezvous was great, we were able to spend time with lots of friends both new ones and old friends. It was great to spend time with those that have made an impression on your past and those that make an impression on your future. The Couple of the Year selection went great and we had the opportunity to talk with our couples prior to the selection process and wish to congratulate Marvin and Joann Henry from Chapter A-2 on being Indiana District Couple of the Year for 2009. Best Dressed went to Chapter C-2 of Fort Wayne and Talent comedy went to Chapter O-2 what a great performance by their Drill Team and talent performance went to Karen Hunter Chapter

E. We wish to say Thank you to all that participated in the Euchre, Best Dressed, Talent Show, Parade, Theme contest, Seminars, Silent Auction, biker bucks games, Trike pulls, and any of the many other activities that were planned for the weekend. We don't know about you but there were so many that we didn't have a chance to do all of them. A HUGE THANK YOU goes to all our members that pitched in and helped were ever help was needed. That is what makes for a great TEAM and that is what we have A GREAT TEAM in our District. Susan wants to say thanks to all those that attended a Seminar and thanks for your ideas it is greatly appreciated. We will be having seminars at SWWU and a short one at the spring meeting. Mike wants to thank all those that helped and participated in the Euchre game. We had a great turn out for those that played euchre this year. Congratulations to all those that were winners at Winter Rendezvous this year most importantly in our opinion everyone was a winner for participating in 2009 Winter Rendezvous, if you were not able to attend check with someone that was there to find out the details.

We are excited about Spring Wing Warm Up, May 29<sup>th</sup> - 30<sup>th</sup>, and looking forward to spending time in Greensburg, IN with everyone, you don't want to miss this. We have three events coming up this month to keep everyone busy. Spring District meeting in Anderson on March 21<sup>st</sup>, Nine Pin not tap at Noblesville on March 22<sup>nd</sup>, and Region D workshop on March 28<sup>th</sup> in Toledo Ohio. As Ron Miller put it the more people we get at the workshop, we as a region will be able to bring our region back to being number 1 in Leadership Training. This is our goal, to be number 1 in Training so plan on attending Region D Workshop on the 28<sup>th</sup> in Toledo, Ohio at the Hilton. If anyone would like more information on the Workshop and the schedule check out the Region D website. If you would like for Susan to visit your chapter during a meeting to present a short session during the meeting let Susan know and she will be glad to prepare and present it to your chapter. You can contact Susan at 260-356-6103 or [smjennings3573@sbcglobal.net](mailto:smjennings3573@sbcglobal.net) any time.

I was reading February's Leadership Training newsletter and the article on Resolving Conflict is worth sharing this month, especially since we just went through this with a chapter. I will be doing a follow up next article.

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## Resolving Conflict by Ed and Ann Nahl, Assistant LTD Directors

Fires will eventually go out unless you continue to stoke them, poke them, and continue to provide fuel. Conflicts can be stirred and continue to smolder or burst into flame in many ways. Being too critical can be interpreted as a put down. Trying to be a pacifist can be seen as weak, giving the other person the upper hand. Rationalizing the situation and applying logic will be seen as cold and emotionless when the other person is heavily and emotionally involved. Withdrawing, or running away verbally or physically, does nothing but prolong the conflict.

So, how do you put out the fire? Just like firefighters do every day, you must confront the problem face to face. There is no doubt it is difficult to accomplish, but it can be very rewarding. When you and the other person agree to discuss the issues face to face the act brings several benefits to the table. You are respecting the other person's opinion, you are being honest, you are agreeing to be equal in the discussion, you are exposing your vulnerabilities, and last but not least it is difficult. However, with time and practice you will be able to face conflicts and with time the other person will see that your intentions are to find the best possible solution and come to respect you for your efforts.

Another problem that arises in conflict resolution is the way people approach the conversation. When one party in conflict establishes a position, they are basically saying that they are issuing an ultimatum. They will be happy if they get their way. Usually there are underlying issues at work and if you can determine what their interests are, you can find the real cause of the conflict and begin to work on it. An effective tool is a series of questions to ensure you really understand their point. To accomplish this you will have to be an active listener, absorbing what they are saying, and restating it to be sure you understand even the smallest nuances of their words. Once they see that you are genuinely interested in a solution, both of you can use problem solving to reach a solution.

Can selfishness be a part of conflict? Of course it can.

With children it exhibits itself in one word - MINE. With adults it is a sense of entitlement - they owe me. In either case at its most obvious there is no doubt that the person is being selfish. However, selfishness can vary in degree and intensity and as such can be very subtle and manipulative. When you are working to resolve a conflict beware of the selfishness trap and work to achieve a win-win solution instead of a win-lose solution. When both parties win they can walk away with their head held high that is a good outcome. If one party wins and the other loses then someone feels good and someone feels defeated.

One course that has never been offered in school is Common Sense yet we are constantly being encouraged to use it. Do we resort to common sense when we are in conflict? Probably not. If we are not using common sense what do we use? We have all heard the quote, "The mind is a terrible thing to waste." We think that in conflict situations it is more like, "The mind is a terrible thing..." You can fill in the blank if you think back to the last time you were involved in a conflict. Most people tend to think through a situation before facing it, and that is where the trouble begins.

When given time to think about a situation we tend to think the worst instead of the best. Thinking the worst can affect our behavior. We can start to panic (avoidance), we can get upset (bullying), our emotions may be in turmoil (passive-aggressive), and we can become stressed (avoidance or giving in).

In any given situation you always want to strive for the win - win solution, it won't be easy but it will be worth it.

Mike and Susan Jennings  
Indiana District Team  
Assistant Team Directors  
Sr. Team Trainers



## **MEMBERSHIP ENHANCEMENT**

## **ASST. DISTRICT EDUCATORS**

From your Membership Enhancement Coordinators...

After all the planning and preparation it's hard to believe that Winter Rendezvous is just a memory! Congratulations go out to our new Couple of the Year, Marvin and JoAnn Henry from Chapter A2! We know they will do a great job representing Indiana as the Indiana District Couple of the Year for 2009.

If you weren't able to attend Winter Rendezvous this year, you missed a great time. Activities abounded for all and many of our chapters that participated in the various contests. The trike skills, pulls and drags showed the athletic abilities of our members. The table decorations and cake decorations as well as Show and Glow displayed the creative talents of our members. The parade was great with all the different floats. And then there was the talent show! We had 17 entries in the talent show and they were all great!

We also announced the Chapter of the Year which went to B-2 from Marion, Richard & Kim Monroe are the Chapter Directors. Congratulations on a great year and good luck at the Region level! We had five chapters participate this year and hope many more do for 2009. Please don't hesitate to contact Diane Wilson, the Chapter of the Year Coordinator or us for any questions regarding the Chapter of the Year program.

The 2008 Recruiter of the Year went to Zelmer Williams from Chapter V in Gary. Zelmer is a repeat winner and does a great job leading his chapter up in the Northwest corner of the state. Congratulations Zelmer!

As we turn our focus to Spring Wing Warm-Up we want to encourage everyone to plan to attend this year's event...you won't want to miss the fun! There will be lots of activities, both old and new. One of the returning events for this year that we will be heading up is the Transformer contest. So gather up your old parts and use that creativity to create a work of art! Paul will be posting the rules online soon. If you have any questions you can call Terry!

A final note to Chapter Directors and Chapter Membership Enhancement Coordinators...you should be receiving the monthly Area Report updates. Please contact those listed with dues expiring and expired and return your report to Ken Moffitt and copy us. We do appreciate all you do for your chapter members.

Terry & Cherie Malcolm  
Indiana District Team  
Membership Enhancement Coordinators

## **Closer Than You Think**

I hope everyone made it home safely from Winter Rendezvous. If you were not able to make Winter Rendezvous you missed a great rally. You will probably hear that there were not many vendors. But in these economic times you cannot expect a business to support our rally's if they cannot make profit. I am watching what I spend money on but please support the vendors that support us, and when the word gets out that we DO support our vendors more will want to come.

I would like to thank everyone who attended WR because without you there would not be a winter rally, and a THANK YOU goes out to everyone who helped out the team when we needed it. Special THANKS from RIDER Ed to everyone who helped with Jail & Bail, it was a great success. THANK YOU!

Closer than you think, Yes the ridding season will be here before you know it so get prepared. You know the drill, so do a thorough T-CLOCK inspection NOW so you will not be surprised when you do your pre ride T-CLOCK.

I am really looking forward to Spring Wing Warm Up in Greensburg. Your Rider Ed Team has been working with the surrounding county Tourist Departments and they are excited to have us. We are planning self guided rides to many scenic locations on some very interesting roads so sharpen up your skills for the roads in Southern Indiana. Your Rider Ed Team is working on having a Teem Challenge Course set up so you and your chapter can show your stuff. Check out page 44 of January issue Wing World or go to the GWRRA web sight to check the course out. What better way to hone your skills for this challenge than to take an Experience Rider Course or an Advanced Rider Course. If you were not able to sign up for the courses at Winter Rendezvous ask your Chapter Educator or go to Indiana on Wings web page for the dates and location.

RIDE SAFE AND THE GOOD TIMES WILL ROLL!!  
Bill & Diane Ferneding  
Indiana District Team  
Asst. District Educators

## **SCHEDULE OF EVENTS FOR 2009**

SPRING MEETING – MARCH 21

9 PIN BOWLING – MARCH 22 @ STARDUST BOWL

REGION D WORKSHOP – MARCH 28 @ TOLEDO, OHIO

SPRING WING – MAY 28-30 @ GREENSBURG, IN DECATUR CO.  
FAIRGROUNDS

OHIO DISTRICT RALLY – JUNE 11-13

WING DING – JULY 2-5 @ TULSA, OK

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

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

DISTRICT FALL FEST – OCTOBER 3

DISTRICT FALL MEETING – NOVEMBER 7