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Hello Everyone,

Well the riding season is finally here and so are the spring rains, but maybe it will be all rained out by the time Spring Wing is here.

Everyone is busy getting the final details in place; Chapter W and Chapter G2 are the host chapters for this year's Spring Wing. Chapter G2 has obtained a dunking booth and has asked that Stan and I help them out with it (bet you can't guess what they want us to do!) Chapter W has been busy planning some of the rides in the area and test riding them, oh darn what luck!!!

We have planned many seminars and we hope you will check some of them out. We have also heard about some of the chapters planning to participate in the Chapter Marketplace Sales and are anxious to see what everyone has to offer. We are all very excited about this year's Spring Wing and we hope you will join us for some "Fun in the Sun". You can check out the schedule of events on the Indiana on Wings website. We have two fun filled days packed full of fun and activities.

We will be looking forward to seeing you at Spring Wing at the end of this month.

Stan & Becky Egli
Indiana District Team
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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.



DISTRICT EDUCATORS

Greetings from your District Educators,

Spring has finally arrived. The grass is getting green, the robins are back, and the bikes are returning to the roads. We are all anxious to jump on the Wings to go for a quick ride. Whoa!! Backup, we really would not do this would we? Of course not, we learned from our Rider Ed training that we first do a T-Clock Inspection. You remember, check the tires and wheels, controls, lights, oil, chassis, and kickstand. While we are checking things how about our riding gear – helmets, gloves, boots, jackets, sturdy riding pants, and the all important rain suit. Now the most important thing of all; are you current in CPR and 1st AID so you will be able to assist someone if needed or how much have your riding skills decreased over the non-riding months? This is the time to hone the riding skills by taking an ERC class, or getting involved in a Parking Lot Practice session, or just going to a parking lot and practice slow riding, cornering, weaving, stopping, head turns. We mostly follow the path to where we are looking. A little time spent on preparing for a ride will go a long way toward having a more enjoyable ride and that is what it's all about. Going for a ride on the Wing with your favorite co-rider and maybe a group and returning safely is about as good as it gets.

As of today, April 29, we have 52 openings for Motorcycles and 50 openings for Trikes in the currently scheduled rider courses. Get with your Chapter Educator or any member of the Rider Education Team and get signed up for a rider course and improve those riding skills so you can ride more confidently and have more fun while riding. The Rider Course Registration Form can also be downloaded from the "indianaonwings" website.

Spring Wing will be here real soon. Rider Ed will be

offering seminars on Team Riding, Co-Rider, and Motorist Awareness. We will also have the Amazing Team Challenge this year (weather permitting). If you have not seen or participated in it, now is your chance. I got hooked last year at the Michigan rally. You will be able to participate as a four person team or as an individual. Two-wheelers and trikes all compete together. All that is needed is basic riding skills and a desire to have fun. There is a lot of good riding in the Greensburg, Indiana area and rides have been planned so all can have a safe and enjoyable ride. You do not want to miss this Spring Wing!!

Safety is for Life

Larry & Linda Eckerley
Indiana District Educators
Senior Masters

2009 Chapter Educator of the Year



Dave and Char Williams
Indiana Chapter D2

FROM THE WILSON'S

Spring Greetings from the Central Section!

Spring is really getting into full swing in the Central Section. Chapter B-2 of Marion had their Mall Show the last weekend in April. Of course it was the nicest weekend so far and where were their bikes...INSIDE...including ours. Oh what we sacrifice to inform others of our chapters and making motorist aware of us for our safety.

We just installed the new Chapter Directors and Assistant Chapter Directors for Chapter A-2 in Lebanon and Chapter J in Kokomo. We would like to welcome aboard **Bill and Jane Remley** as CD and **Ron and Terri Remley** as ACD of Chapter A-2 and **Gwen and Gale McMMain** as CD and **Durenda and Mark Mackey** as ACD of Chapter J. These are very active chapters and we are glad someone stepped up to lead the way. We want to thank Bill, Jane, Ron, Terri, Gwen, Gale, Durenda and Mark. Welcome to the TEAM. We know you'll have a lot of fun leading these groups of wonderful people.

Don't forget the ARC's and TRC's that will be taking place around the state in the next couple of months. Check the Indiana on Wings website calendar to find out where, when and if there are any openings left in the classes. Rider Ed is offering a lot of sessions this year so you should not have any trouble finding one to suit your schedule. It is a good way to hone your riding skills and make sure you are ready to face that unexpected handling emergency. It wouldn't hurt to do it 2-up if you have already taken an ARC 1-up. Most of us ride with a co-rider, so you need to know how these maneuvers feel with two on the bike. Remember you both need to wear long pants, a long sleeved shirt or jacket, gloves, over the ankle boots, and of course a helmet. Happy riding...enjoy refreshing your riding skills.

Spring Wing Warm Up is just around the corner...

May 28, 29 and 30 in Greensburg, IN. Please plan on attending. The Indiana Team and the city of Greensburg have been working hard to bring you a top notch event. Registration will open at 1:00 on Thursday for those who arrive early. We have a seminar scheduled for that afternoon, plus movies and popcorn in the evening. Friday and Saturday will be jam packed with activities such as the Chapter Market Place, seminars, a Scavenger Hunt Ride, Self-Guided Rides, Trike Drags, Bike and Light Shows, On Bike Games, Amazing Team Challenge plus many more activities too numerous to mention. So please make plans to attend. We're counting on you to help us make this event successful.

Several chapters are helping with Charity Rides this summer. Chapter P of Carmel will be helping with the "Ride for Kids" in Indianapolis on June 14th. Chapter K of Lafayette will be holding their "Mercy Ride" on June 20th in West Lafayette. Chapter R-2 of Rensselaer is helping with the "Rally for A.N.N.A. on June 27th in Rensselaer. Chapter O-2 of Elkhart will be helping with the South Bend "Ride for Kids" on July 12th. You might put all of these events on your calendar. We know they could all use your support.

Several Central Section members will be riding to the Niehaus Appreciation Days May 15 – 17th in Litchfield, IL. Niehaus is located north on old Route 66. Those who have been to this event really enjoy it.

Well it's time to end the chatter. Everyone is anticipating being able to ride a lot this month. We hope all have a good month of riding safely and a lot of fun and fellowship. Remember **"Today is a gift. Tomorrow is a mystery."**

Turkey Bob and Diana Wilson
Indiana District Team
Assistant District Directors

FROM THE TIECHE'S

Hello Indiana,

Kay and I would like to introduce ourselves, we live and work in the Columbus area and are proud owners of a 06 Dark Red 1800. We are also the new Assistant District Directors for the South. I was asked to write an article for the newsletter and Kay said "I will do Chapter W's, you can do the District. So here it goes.

Let me ask everyone if they have ever found a lost puppy? Bear with me on this as it is relevant to GWRRA.

See, there is this cute puppy and for whatever reason he has been left alone on the side of the road. Kay and I come around the corner and almost hit him. Stopping and making sure the puppy was OK, we brought it home and called around. No one was claiming to have lost a pup so we found it a great home. So in the end, the puppy was being taken care of and the new owners were elated in bringing in a new family member.

How does this relate to GWRRA? There are a lot of us who see that big shiny Gold Wing sitting at a Honda Dealer just begging to be brought home. You swear it was telling you it would be good for the family. You take the test drive and find out that you love it. The deal goes thru and now you are on the street. Heck, what do I do now? After almost getting into an accident a GWRRA member stops by and hands out a pamphlet telling you about the programs and Rider Education with the added benefit of the Chapter.

You call the local Chapter Director and attend a meeting; you learn about the ERC courses and sign up. Your wife is happy that you both can enjoy something together, you learn how to ride safe and best of all you have a new family that is willing to work, play and help you and your family. So how is this different than a puppy being taken home, well nothing. If we extend our kindness to other Gold Wingers in showing them how GWRRA can benefit them we are finding them a new home. Once there the Chapter takes over and teaches new members safety while having fun and making new friends.

Whether it is an old dog like the great GL1000 or a new pup like the 1800, all these new riders and co-riders will benefit by someone helping them find a new home.

Lee & Kat Tieche
Indiana District Team
Assistant District Directors

MAD

Hi all,

May is Motorist Awareness month!

Please use this month to pass along the message to look out for motorcycles on our road ways. We know that we are harder to see these days with most vehicles having their headlights on at all times.

I want to remind you that we have NEW POWER POINT PRESENTATIONS which you can download and use to show at your Chapter Meetings on Motorist Awareness. These are titled as follows:

Think Motorcycles
Blind Spots

These programs are available at the national web site and you do not need to be a Seminar Presenter to show these programs.

Chapters that are planning on doing car washes or car shows please try to set up a MAD table. National has pass outs and bumper stickers plus tri folds. You can also call Indiana Department of Education for bumper stickers as well.

Please forward a copy of the Quarterly Report for MAD to me so that I can have a record and forward it on to Region D. This shows what we are doing in the District of Indiana for Motorist Awareness.

Stephen Stilwell
Indiana District Team
Motorist Awareness Division

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS FOR 2009

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

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

Excellent lesson:

A young couple moved into a new neighborhood. The next morning while they are eating breakfast, the young woman sees her neighbor hanging the wash outside.

"That laundry is not very clean", she said.

"She doesn't know how to wash correctly. Perhaps she needs better laundry soap"

Her husband looked on, but remained silent.

Every time her neighbor would hang her wash to dry, the young woman would make the same comments.

About one month later, the woman was surprised to see a nice clean wash on the line and said to her husband:

"Look, she has learned how to wash correctly. I wonder who taught her this?"

The husband said, "I got up early this morning and cleaned our windows."

And so it is with life. What we see when watching others depends on the purity of the window through which we look.

