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Greetings Everyone,

WOW! We are already to November. I can't believe Thanksgiving and Christmas are already around the corner. October just whizzed right by us. We had a good turnout for the Fall Fest which was on October 3. The rides were great and the stew was as good as ever, thanks to the help of Bob and Becky Durbin. We want to thank everyone for coming and having a good time. We also want to thank the Lepold's for donating some of the stew meat, which was a great help. The weather turned out very nice, a little cool for some but bright and sunny. Saturday evening we had a pitch in supper for all those that camped at the Mounds State Park and it was a huge success. Plenty of food for all!!

We are now getting ready for the Officers Fall District Meeting. Please mark your calendars for November 7, from 10am to 3pm eastern standard time at the Marriott East in Indianapolis. Financial reports and chartering fees will be due at this time. We will be discussing what's going on and what's coming up for this next year.

Now on to bigger and better things! Winter Rendezvous is well on its way. We hope everyone is as busy as your District Team. We hope you are getting together your talent acts, couple of the year contestants, table decorations and floats ready for the grand parade. We are already receiving registration forms, so don't forget January 22-24, 2010 Island Paradise Getaway at the Marriott East in Indianapolis.

Your Indiana TEAM is also well on its way to Flower Power Spring Wing. Lots of plans are being made for even a bigger and better one than we had this past year. Keep watching for the latest news and updates.

We hope everyone stays healthy during this time and has a blessed Thanksgiving with your family and friends so until next month... Take care.

Stan & Becky Egli

Your Indiana District TEAM Directors

"Where Every Member Matters"

And "Friends for Fun, Safety and Knowledge"

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.



ASSISTANT DISTRICT DIRECTORS

Hello Indiana

Kay and I are gearing up for the Fall Meeting and wearing our Island Clothes again. I told her that since I am part Scottish, I should wear a grass skirt, but that did not go over well.

We would like to thank all the chapters that attended our first "Officers Retreat" at our home on October 24th. Six of the nine chapters assigned to us attended and everyone had a blast. Besides the good food we all learned what was working and not working at other chapters. We all discussed our favorite rides, fund raisers, Couples of the Year (COY), and events. What I liked the most is that it was just an open forum and everyone participated and shared their views. We will definitely be doing this again next year. Boo from G2 told us about one event which I thought was great. "Joint Chapter Events", G2 and L2 went on an overnighiter down south. The only complaint was there was not enough time to visit with the other chapter. I hope we can participate in one of those trips next year.

Kay and I are also the new Couple of the Year Coordinators and would like to ask all COY to contact us if you haven't already. We would like everyone to know that all COY participants for District COY at Winter Rendezvous will have their Registration fees taken care of. They will still be responsible for their meals (chapters should pick up that tab) and their room, but this helps reduce the costs.

Look forward to seeing everyone on November 7th.

Kay & Lee Tieche
Indiana District Team,
Assistant District Directors,
COY Coordinators

MAD

Hello Members,

September was not a good riding month for me. Instructors tell us many times not to take our eyes off the roadway. The motorcycle travels where your eyes look and in my case this is what happened.

I crashed my Gold Wing going to the Masters Breakfast on Saturday at 6:30 AM at the Region D Rally. I was not familiar with the road and was traveling about 30 to 35 MPH at the time of the mishap. I took my eyes off the road in front of me to look in the mirror at a car behind me and measuring how close it was to me. When my vision return to the roadway in front of me my front tire was along side the curb, in that brief time period I had moved about 25 feet. I tried to move the wing to the left when it threw me to the right. I suffered from road rash on my fore-arms but no other injuries. As always I had my helmet on as well as a jacket that morning which saved me from far worse injuries.

This is a good lesson for this seasoned rider. Our vision changes as we get older and our reaction time slows too. We need to wear all the right safety gear to protect us should we go down at any speed.

We in Motorist Awareness need to use all types of information to pass along to drivers about motorcycles and riders. The more knowledge we put into the hands of drivers, the safer the ride is for all of us.

Stephen Stilwell
Indiana District Team
Assistant District Rider Educator
Motorist Awareness Coordinator

ASSISTANT DISTRICT DIRECTORS

Thanks to All from Turkey and Diana,

As you have heard, there will be some changes in the Chapters that we will be visiting. We will be visiting Chapter A-2, Chapter B-2, Chapter J, Chapter P and Chapter T-2. Just because we won't be visiting your Chapter on a regular basis doesn't mean that we don't care anymore. We just happened to have gotten some more really good help on the District Team in the form of Ralph and Lorelee Ward and Henry and Pat De-kock. Ralph and Lorelee helped us when we were Chapter Directors. They are also responsible for us being on the District Team. They are good people who will help you in every way you need help. We have fallen in love with everyone in Chapter H-2, Chapter K and Chapter L. It was a very hard decision to pass you on to someone else, but it was necessary at this time. We'll be looking forward to seeing all of you at the State Meetings, Training Sessions, Winter Rendezvous, Spring Wing Warm Up and Region Rallies. Be sure you leave us on your newsletter e-mail list and please let us know about any Chapter members who are ill. We care about all of "our family". Keep us posted!

We have several events coming up in the near future. On Saturday, November 7, we will be holding our Fall District Meeting. It will be at the Marriott East in Indianapolis. It will start at 10:00 a.m. and will be over by 3:00 p.m. You need to bring your 2010 "Charter Fee" of \$50.00 and your Financial Report for January 1, 2009 through October 31, 2009. Copies of your bank statements for that time period should also be included. Next year's Financial Report will be from November 1, 2009 through October 31, 2010. On Saturday, November 14, there will be a Leadership Training Session at the Maple Grove Church of God at 2729 E. 38th St. in Anderson, IN. It will begin at 9:00 a.m. and conclude by 4:00 p.m. This is a good opportunity to learn more about leadership or hone up on the skills you already have. Either way, there will be things for the old leader as well

as the new leaders and things for those who may want to be future leaders. What we learn in this training session can be carried over to other organizations as well.

The Year 2010 will bring even more fun for all. On January 22 – 24, we will be holding our Winter Rendezvous at the Marriott East in Indianapolis. The theme this year is "Island Paradise Get-away." So grab your grass skirts, your coconuts, Hawaiian Shirts, Muumuus, sandals, sunglasses and anything else you will need and join us in the fun. Remember, you will register through your Chapter Directors. Also, remember, you can stay at the Marriott or the La Quinta next door. Hope to see you there!

Other dates to add to your calendar...March 20th – Spring District Meeting, March 21st Bowling Tournament in Noblesville, and the Spring Wing Warm Up in Greensburg, IN on May 27 – 29. "Flower Power" is the theme for that one.

As all of you have been blessed this year, so have we. Our youngest son, Chris, and his family will soon be G.W.R.R.A. members, thanks to an old orange 1800. We are now the proud owners of a yellow 1800 (like father...like son). Thanks to our love for Gold Wings, we have been blessed with your friendships. We hope that we will be able to pass that G.W.R.R.A. experience on to our son's family. We hope that they find the same joy and satisfaction that we have found with all of you.

God Bless You this Thanksgiving. You have certainly blessed us.

Turkey Bob and Diana
Indiana District Team
Assistant District Directors

P.S. Now don't you go eating any of my relatives this Thanksgiving. They say HAM makes a very good replacement. Eat well!

ASST. DISTRICT EDUCATORS

ENTERTAINMENT COORDINATORS

It's Not over yet

Late fall & early winter can still be a great time to ride. Don't put the Wing away yet! But take the time now to review your gear. We must be prepared for what the seasons will bring.

Take a minute and think about the conditions you may have to contend with.

Road conditions?

Wet leaves, Dry leaves, Farm equipment, Grain spillage from the farmers, Nuts falling on the road. Etc...

Weather?

Temperature, Rain, Day light, Snow, Weather conditions can change real fast do not be caught off guard. Also, be aware of the hunting season. The animals are on the move and can have some real strange behaviors. Stay alert!!

Ride Safe And The Good Times Will Roll!!!
Bill & Diane Ferneding
Indiana District Team
Assistant Ride Educators

Hi fellow Wing Nuts,

We survived Halloween and are looking forward to Thanksgiving with our families. We are also looking forward to January and Winter Rendezvous 2010. The Indiana District Team is working hard on making this one better than the last. Dawn, the boys and I will be bringing the trikes back again and may have a surprise with some different equipment this year. We will be sending out the talent show, best dressed, and parade rules soon to all the chapters so you can get your acts ready.

Saturday night after dinner we will have the dance again. And we are planning an Island Dance contest. Also we will have Karaoke this year so bring your singing voice and get ready to entertain. If you are in need of anything special for your acts as for music or microphones, etc... feel free to let me know as soon as you can so I can be ready for you.

Hope to see you all soon,
Have a Happy Thanksgiving,
Mark & Dawn Reed
Indiana District Team
Entertainment Coordinators

DISTRICT EDUCATORS

Greetings to all,

Unfortunately the riding season is all but over. Some of you have already stored your bikes for the winter and some will try to ride as the weather allows. The fall is a good time to give the Wing some TLC before putting it into hibernation. A good washing and waxing will protect the finish, but do not forget the battery and tires. I have been using a Battery Tender for years and have had very good results with battery life and it is charged up and ready to go if I get the itch to go riding.

Hopefully your Chapter Educator has been reminding you that riding in cold weather has its own set of safety concerns. Heavier clothing to combat the cold restricts movement, there is the black ice to watch out for, and as always the motorists are a big concern as now they do not expect motorcyclists to be on the road.

Even driving your car in the winter months allows us to continue to practice good riding skills. Things like Target Fixation, looking around curves, watching the road conditions, and utilizing S.E.E. (Scan, Evaluate, and Execute) will make us better motorists as well as better motorcyclists.

This is also the time of year that we start planning for next year. What RE seminars to present, additional training needed, rider courses, etc. I would appreciate any and all suggestions that you may have concerning rider education.

Have a happy Thanksgiving and take a moment to reflect on the many things we, as citizens of the United States, have to be thankful for.

Safety is for Life,
Larry & Linda Eckerley
Indiana District Team
District Educators

DISTRICT TRAINERS

Hello Indiana Wingers!!

What beautiful fall weather we are being blessed with!! I hope everyone is out enjoying as many warm days as possible. It won't be long until that old Indiana winter weather is in full swing.

What better time is there than the cold winter months to get together (indoors) with your GWRRA friends from around the state, than at Winter Rendezvous, Horizons Training or Quickstart? It's a great chance to have fun, eat together, play games and also pick up on some very valuable training.

Be sure to check out the seminar schedule at Winter Rendezvous as soon as you arrive so you can plan your weekend. We will be having plenty of seminars to choose from again. There will be something for EVERYONE!! Wouldn't it be a shame to get home from the rally and realize that you missed out on something you really wanted to be involved in? Don't let that happen to you!! Again, the dates for Winter Rendezvous are Jan. 22 & 23.

We have scheduled Quick Start for Saturday, February 6th, 2010 at Maple Grove Church of God located at 2729 E. 38th St. in Anderson. The time will be 8:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.

Also on the schedule is Horizons which will be at the same location on Saturday, Feb. 27th from 8:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.

There will be more information on both of these training sessions at a later date. Mark your calendars now and don't miss out on these opportunities. Hope to see you ALL at Winter Rendezvous...if not before then.

Karen S. Hunter
Indiana District Team
Sr. District Trainer

ASSISTANT DISTRICT DIRECTORS

From central north/east part of the state:

Hello everyone!

Hope all is going well with all of you and are still able to do a little riding between cool and bad weather. It is really a pretty time of the year but yet depressing thinking the riding season is about over. But if you're like me I never really put the bike up for the winter. It's always ready to get out if we have warm enough days. Just a reminder this is a good time to get some of those maintenance items done on your bike before storing for the winter, especially adding some of that SAFETY CHROME!!!

Were coming into the holidays quickly and I hope everyone has plans to enjoy them with family and are able to relax and not stress over them. By the time you read this the District Officers meeting at Indy will probably be over but I hope several, if not all, chapters can attend this important gathering. A lot of info will be given especially of coming activities like Winter Rendezvous "Island Paradise" this January in Indy at the Marriott. Now if you haven't been to this function you just don't realize what you're missing. All the fellowship with your friends (new and old), the parade, dance, dinner, best dressed and other competitions, vendors etc. etc..... I think you get the picture so make a decision now and plan on attending with us and have a blast. And can you imagine the outfits you're going to see with a theme like "ISLAND PARADISE". I can't wait to see the talent contest!!

Also, in the near future will be Horizons and Quick Start programs offered to enhance our leadership skills and further our knowledge of GWRRA operations and responsibilities. So let's not sit on our duffs this winter and get out there and keep active and have some fun and fellowship. I know many of our chapters have some great things planned for winter activities. I challenge all of you to visit other chapters and attend some of their functions. I guarantee you will have a great time and fellowship.

Hope to see some of you soon and if you are still doing some riding please be extra careful of those very active deer and also leaves on the roadways. Ride safe!!!!

Find a Member...Involve a Member...Keep a Member

>>>>>>Every Member Counts<<<<<<

Terry & Cherie Malcolm
Indiana District Team
Assistant District Directors

MED

Wow, it's hard to believe we are into November. The Fall officers meeting is this weekend and then we're on to the holidays! Still haven't put the Wing up yet but did put the trailers into storage for the winter so Cherie can have some garage space!

As the year comes to a close, it is time for chapters to be submitting your paperwork for the Chapter of the Year competition. We hope to see many competitors. We are sending out the information to all the chapter CD's again (just in case you misplaced it). Diane Wilson is the coordinator for this. Please get with your Assistant District Director or Diane to get your paperwork submitted. The winner for the 2009 Chapter of the Year competition will be announced at Winter Rendezvous.

It is also time for the 2009 Couples of the Year to be preparing your resume for submission. Kay & Lee Tieche are heading up this program. We will again be honoring all Couples of the Year as VIP's at Winter Rendezvous. So if you have already registered, please drop them an e-mail to let them know you will be there.

Also, as you plan for the upcoming year, especially those of you that will be stepping up as a new CD for your chapter, please remember that each chapter should appoint a Membership Enhancement Coordinator. This position is very important for each chapter. What responsibilities does the Membership Enhancement Coordinator have?

- Responsible for the Chapter Membership Records
- Assist in enhancing the GWRRA experience for all members
- Work to involve members in recruiting new members
- Help to create a lively and fun fill atmosphere that will promote renewal/retention of our members.

If you need more information on any of the above or on any questions regarding the Membership Enhancement program please don't hesitate to contact us.

We would like to take this opportunity to wish each and every one of you Happy Holidays and a Blessed New year!

Terry & Cherie Malcolm
Indiana District Team
Membership Enhancement Coordinators

NORTHWEST SECTION

Hi!

Henry and I have been soooo busy, it's just unbelievable. Can't believe what this summer was like. I hope you enjoyed the few weeks of summer we actually had. It's so hard to believe that summer's over and we're looking at a long, dreary winter. NOT. Your District Team has a lot planned to keep you busy.

First, is the District Meeting coming up -- oh, my, it's this weekend! Lots of news and plenty of information. You need to be there!

Then, it's Thanksgiving, Christmas, New Years and, yes, WINTER RENDEZVOUS! Henry and I are really looking forward to it -- especially this year. We had so much fun last year, it's hard to believe that anyone could top that. But, I can tell you your TEAM is working hard to do just that. You really don't want to miss it.

Make sure you check out the District website for all the news as to what's coming up and where you'll want to be.

Hope to see you this weekend!

*Henry and Pat DeKock
Indiana District Team
Assistant District Directors
Northwest Section*

"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!"

25 Reasons I Love My Mother

1. **My mother taught me TO APPRECIATE A JOB WELL DONE.** 'If you're going to kill each other, do it outside. I just finished cleaning.'
2. **My mother taught me RELIGION.** 'You better pray that will come out of the carpet.'
3. **My mother taught me about TIME TRAVEL.** 'If you don't wise up, I'm going to knock you into the middle of next week!'
4. **My mother taught me LOGIC.** 'Because I said so, that's why.'
5. **My mother taught me MORE LOGIC.** 'If you fall out of that swing and break your neck, you're not going shopping with me.'
6. **My mother taught me FORESIGHT.** 'Make sure you wear clean underwear, in case you're in an accident.'
7. **My mother taught me IRONY** 'Keep crying, and I'll give you something to cry about.'
8. **My mother taught me about the science of OSMOSIS.** 'Shut your mouth and eat your dinner.'
9. **My mother taught me about CONTORTIONISM.** 'Will you look at that dirt on the back of your neck!'
10. **My mother taught me about STAMINA.** 'You'll sit there until those vegetables are gone.'
11. **My mother taught me about WEATHER.** 'This room of yours looks as if a tornado went through it.'
12. **My mother taught me about HYPOCRISY** 'If I told you once, I've told you a million times. Don't exaggerate!'
13. **My mother taught me the CIRCLE OF LIFE.** 'I brought you into this world, and I can take you out.'
14. **My mother taught me about BEHAVIOR MODIFICATION.** 'Stop acting like your father!'
15. **My mother taught me about ENVY.** 'There are millions of less fortunate children in this world who don't have wonderful parents like you do.'
16. **My mother taught me about ANTICIPATION.** 'Just wait until your dad gets home.'
17. **My mother taught me about RECEIVING.** 'You are going to get it when you get home!'
18. **My mother taught me MEDICAL SCIENCE.** 'If you don't stop making faces, they are going to stick that way.'
19. **My mother taught me ESP.** 'Put your sweater on; don't you think I know when you are cold?'
20. **My mother taught me HUMOR.** 'When that lawn mower cuts off your toes, don't come running to me.'
21. **My mother taught me HOW TO BECOME AN ADULT.** 'If you don't eat your vegetables, you'll never grow up.'
22. **My mother taught me GENETICS.** 'You're just like your father.'
23. **My mother taught me about my ROOTS.** 'Shut that door behind you. Do you think you were born in a barn?'
24. **My mother taught me WISDOM.** 'When you get to be my age, you'll understand.'
25. And my favorite:.....
My mother taught me about JUSTICE 'One day you'll have kids, and I hope they turn out just like you'

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS FOR 2009 – 2010

DISTRICT FALL MEETING – NOVEMBER 7, 2009, Marriott East, Indianapolis, Indiana

Winter Rendezvous - January 22-24, 2010, “Island Paradise Getaway” Marriott East, Indianapolis, Indiana

Spring District Meeting - March 20, 2010 (Tentative Schedule)

District Bowling - March 21, 2010, at Stardust Bowling Lanes in Noblesville (Tentative Schedule)

SWWU - May 27-29, 2010, “Flower Power” at Greensburg, Indiana

We are also planning on having a Quick Start sometime near the beginning of the year.