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Greetings Indiana,

Gee, the months seem like they are flying by each one a little quicker than the last. Here we are in September already.

We had a wonderful time at the Northwest Section Picnic which Henry and Pat DeKock planned for their area. Art and Virginia Bierma were kind enough to open their home for the picnic. It was a beautiful setting along with a beautiful day.

The Indiana District TEAM helped the Westside Honda Shop in Evansville put on their annual Wing Fling on August 22. The Westside Honda Shop was kind enough to donate all proceeds to the Indiana District TEAM. We really appreciate all of those of you who came and supported the event for the district. Everyone had a great time with the triketor pulls, on bike games, ice cream sundaes, food, rides, vendors and the in store spe-

cial.

Coming up this month on September 17-19 is Region D Rally in Celina, Ohio. Your Indiana TEAM members will be participating in the Freak Sideshow so be sure to come and check us out. Swine Floozy will be one of the main attractions. We also need everyone to come and support our Indiana District Couple of the Year, Marvin and Joann Henry. We would like everyone to be at the competition and root our couple on. Be there with your whistles and noisemakers. Let the other two states know who Indiana is!!!

The annual District Fall Fest will be on October 3. It will again be held at Brookville Overlook in Brookville. We ask each of you to bring 2 cans goods, one will be used in the soup and the other will be donated to the local food bank. The soup will be served at noon, but you may want to come early to join in the activities. There will be fun, games,

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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.



short rides and more so please plan on attending. It will be a great time to visit with your GWRRA friends from around the state and enjoy a good bowl of soup.

The fall District Meeting will be held on November 7 this year. We are again going back to the Indianapolis Marriott East. There will be more details to follow so make sure you check out the District Web site.

Until next month, have fun and enjoy your rides. Be safe!

Stan & Becky Egli

*Your Indiana District **TEAM** Directors*

"Where Every Member Matters"

And "Friends for Fun, Safety and Knowledge"

DISTRICT TRAINERS

Hello Indiana!!!

Hope you're all riding safely and enjoying the remainder of our summer. We've certainly had lots of great riding weather this year.

While at Wing Ding in Tulsa, Lonny and I attended some Leadership Training seminars and found them to be very informative as well as interesting. I feel that we came away from those seminars with some helpful hints for presenting future seminars and also some things "not to do" while presenting. We can all learn something new at each seminar we attend, whether we are an officer or not. Seminars are for everyone!!!!!! So don't be afraid to take advantage of upcoming trainings and / or seminars that are available for you.

Region D will be a great time to attend some or all of the four Leadership Training Seminars which are "Time Management", "Managing Change", "You're An Officer, Now What?", and "What is the Rider Education Program?" Some of these contain a great amount of information you

can use in your personal or business life, not just in GWRRA situations. These will be presented by representatives from Ohio, Michigan and Indiana.

So regardless of your position in GWRRA, you are an important person to the organization. That is one of reasons these seminars are being presented. As soon as you get to Region D, check your schedule so you won't miss out on the seminars that appeal to you or interest you.

Hope to be sitting in a seminar next to **you** at Region D.

Remember, try to learn something new every day.

Karen Hunter
Indiana District Team
Sr. District Trainer

MAD

Hello Fellow MAD Coordinators;

Fall is coming very soon as the leaves will be changing color and falling off the trees as well. Please remember that in the early morning hours the fallen leaves on the roadway may be damp with dew and slick so please be careful when you ride.

We have all heard the saying about taking a look at ourselves. When was the last time that you looked at yourself?

What color is the jacket or coat that you wear on your wing or what color is your helmet that you wear?

Take a moment to think about what a car driver may see or not see in the sunlight or at dusk how hard is it to see you. Do you blend in to the shadows or backgrounds or other traffic on the highways?

Now is the time to update your CPR and First AID Completion cards.

You can check on the web site Indianaonwings.org. To see when classes are to be given.

Larry and Linda work very hard to kept these sites updated.

Please feel free to contract me at any time if you have any questions or concerns?

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KEEP YOUR FORK

There was a young woman who had been diagnosed with a terminal illness and had been given three months to live. So as she was getting her things 'in order,' she contacted her Pastor and had him come to her house to discuss certain aspects of her final wishes.

She told him which songs she wanted sung at the service, what scriptures she would like read, and what outfit she wanted to be buried in.

Everything was in order and the Pastor was preparing to leave when the young woman suddenly remembered something very important to her. 'There's one more thing,' she said excitedly.

'What's that?' came the Pastor's reply.

'This is very important,' the young woman continued. 'I want to be buried with a fork in my right hand.'

The Pastor stood looking at the young woman, not knowing quite what to say.

That surprises you, doesn't it?' the young woman asked.

'Well, to be honest, I'm puzzled by the request,' said the Pastor.

The young woman explained. 'My grandmother once told me this story, and from that time on I have always tried to pass along its message to those I love and those who are in need of encouragement. In all my years of attending socials and dinners, I always remember that when the dishes of the main course were being cleared,

someone would inevitably lean over and say, 'Keep your fork.' It was my favorite part because I knew that something better was coming...like velvety chocolate cake or deep-dish apple pie. Something wonderful, and with substance!'

So, I just want people to see me there in that casket with a fork in my hand and I want them to wonder 'What's with the fork?' Then I want you to tell them: 'Keep your fork, the best is yet to come.'

The Pastor's eyes welled up with tears of joy as he hugged the young woman good-bye. He knew this would be one of the last times he would see her before her death. But he also knew that the young woman had a better grasp of heaven than he did. She had a better grasp of what heaven would be like than many people twice her age, with twice as much experience and knowledge. She KNEW that something better was coming.

At the funeral people were walking by the young woman's casket and they saw the cloak she was wearing and the fork placed in her right hand. Over and over, the Pastor heard the question, 'What's with the fork?' And over and over he smiled.

During his message, the Pastor told the people of the conversation he had with the young woman shortly before she died. He also told them about the fork and about what it symbolized to her. He told the people how he could not stop thinking about the fork and told them that they probably would not be able to stop thinking about it either.

He was right. So the next time you reach down for your fork let it remind you, ever so gently, that the best is yet to come. Great Friends are a very rare jewel, indeed, They make you smile and encourage you to succeed. They lend an ear, they share a word of praise, and they always want to open their hearts to us.

Show your friends how much you care. Remember to always be there for them, even when you need them more. For you never know when it may be their time to 'Keep your fork.'

Cherish the time you have, and the memories you share.

Being friends with someone is not an opportunity but a sweet responsibility.

And keep your fork.