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Greeting Everyone,

We just finished up with Winter Rendezvous and we want to thank everyone who came and participated. We believe it was a huge success this year after hearing many positive responses. Our attendance was up this year and we had 10 vendors, which we were very excited about. We had great seminars and wonderful attendance at each of these, in some cases it was standing room only or sitting on the floor. We offered a little something for everyone including fun things to do for the ladies and men if they wanted to participate. We want to thank everyone who helped in any way for the success of Winter Rendezvous this year.

We would also like to introduce our new Couple of the Year for 2010, Niles and Deb Robinson from chapter A2. We want to welcome them to the District TEAM and are looking forward to working with them this coming year.

We also want to congratulate the Chapter of the Year for 2009, D2 for a job well done under the leadership of Senior Chapter Directors Arnie and Joyce Danner. Way to go Chapter D2. We hope to have many more chapters participate this year in the competition, if your chapter is an active chapter you probably are already doing the things you need to do to compete.

The Indiana TEAM is already gearing up for Spring Wing “Flower Power” and we are looking forward to seeing everyone at this event. We definitely will guarantee you to have lots of things to do and a huge amount of fun. There are plans in the working to close the downtown square off and park our bikes to show them off, a live band for dancing and listening to and much, much more. We are busy working on the schedule of events now and hope to have them out in the next few weeks. We are also putting the registration form and flyer on the web site so make sure you watch for these things to come.

This past weekend the Indiana TEAM along with the Region D, Ohio, and Michi-

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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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gan Teams took part in a new program called the Officer Certification Program (OCP) and want to report that it was a very informative and good program that we believe will help everyone who holds an office in GWRRA. We would like to thank our Region D Leadership Trainers for an excellent job of presenting this material; they made it fun and easy to digest. We have a great bunch of trainers and we want them to know how much we appreciated the job they do. Indiana is working at this time on places to hold this training so we can reach everyone. This is a very important program and we all need to support it for the betterment of our chapters.

Don't forget that our Spring District Officers meeting is coming up on March 20 and our District 9 Pin No Tap Bowling will be the next day. We will again be at the Main Street Church of God in Anderson for the meeting. The address is 4211 Main Street. The youth group is going to provide us with breakfast and lunch at a nominal fee. Bowling will again be at the Stardust Bowl in Noblesville. We hope to see everyone at these events.

Until next month, take care and we will be busy making plans for Indiana GWRRA members to have some fun!!

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## DISTRICT TRAINERS

Hello Gold Wingers!!!

What an absolutely wonderful time we had at Winter Rendezvous!! This may go down in history as the best one yet. I believe the only negative comment I heard about the entire weekend was that there wasn't enough time to participate in everything that was available.

Some of the highlights of Winter Rendezvous this year were the seminars. There were six Leadership Training seminars as well as six Rider Ed seminars. In addition to those, we added 4 seminars for crafts!!! ALL were well attended and we even had the seminar rooms overflowing a couple of times!!

The great thing about this is that some of our new Indiana Leadership instructors were able to teach their first seminars. I'd sincerely like to thank Frank & Cathy Coolidge, Rex & Kathy Harrold, J.D. Dake, Joe Swift, and Steve Stilwell for the excellent jobs they did. Also thanks to Paul Brosher for filling in and teaching one of the seminars at the last minute.

Another thanks to Kay Tieche, Paula Swift, Patsy Gibson, and Lonny Hunter for conducting craft seminars. I think everyone truly enjoyed this addition to Winter Rendezvous and we certainly plan to keep those on the schedule. Some of the ladies made beautiful earrings at one of the seminars and proudly wore them the rest of the weekend. Way to go ladies!!!!

There are some big changes coming up in the near future in GWRRA leadership. When Nationals asked the members what they wanted the most out of the association, do you know what the majority of the members asked for? Their answer was – "better trained, more qualified leadership at the chapter level". The members have asked for it so it will be delivered. This new training is guaranteed to make the CD and ACD's jobs much easier. At this time we are cancelling Quickstart and Horizons so that we can get the new training programs in place. We will probably resume these next year. But for now, let's all get on board, get on the same page and do all we can to be the best leaders we can be.

I am looking forward to seeing you all very soon. And remember, try to learn something new every day.

Karen & Lonny Hunter  
Indiana District Team  
Senior District Trainers

## CENTRAL SECTION

Aloha from the Central Section,

We are now recuperating from the Winter Rendezvous. We enjoyed ourselves and we hope all of you that attended enjoyed it too. Those who didn't attend, missed a good time. Start gathering ideas for next year...we're going to be HILLBILLYS! If you have any "Hillbilly Trivia", please pass it our way...this one is going to be a challenge. Awards went to a couple of our Chapters. Chapter A-2 of Lebanon won "People's Choice" in the Grand Parade and "People's Choice" in the Table Decorations. How did you manage to get those waves on your float? Also, they looked really sharp in their matching "purple" Hawaiian shirts. We would like to welcome aboard our new "District Couple of the Year", Niles and Deb Robinson. This is the second year in a row that the District Couple has hailed from Chapter A-2. Thanks to Marvin and JoAnn Henry for the great year that they spent with us. We are now looking forward to working with Niles and Deb this coming year. Chapter B-2 of Marion tied for 2<sup>nd</sup> place in the Table Decorations. Thanks to Chapter J and B-2 for helping me in Registration. It was nice being with you. My thanks to all the Chapters who helped in Registration. It made this year so much easier. Hope you all enjoyed the weekend. We certainly did. It was so nice to see everyone again.

Learn what GWRRA is all about. On April 24<sup>th</sup>, Region D will be hosting a "Fun Shop" in Fort Wayne. This is a day of fun and information. Check "Indiana on Wings" for the details.

STRIKE...BOWLING AHEAD! We will be having our 9 Pin Bowling Tournament the day after the Spring Meeting. So mark your calendar for March 20<sup>th</sup> for the Spring Meeting and March 21<sup>st</sup> for the Bowling Tournament. Send your reservations to us. A team consists of 2 males and 2 females; everyone else can bowl individually. You can e-mail me the bowling information at [rwilson15@indy.rr.com](mailto:rwilson15@indy.rr.com) or put the reservation form in the mail. If there are any last minute changes please let me know before that Sunday. This will make for less confusion at the bowling alley. Hope to see you there!

"FLOWER POWER" is gaining on us. May 27-29 will be here before we know it. The Indiana Team is planning for another fun event. Hope you plan on attending. We have already signed up about 100 friends at Winter Rendezvous. Let's see if we can set a record for this event this year.

We're looking for a Chapter of the Year for 2010. If your Chapter is interested, contact us and we will see that you get the guidelines. It's time to get started so that you can get in all of the requirements that will give your Chapter "THE ADVANTAGE" when it comes to making that important decision. Hope to be looking at your paperwork at the end of this year. Good Luck and Have Fun!

Remember **"Today is a gift. Tomorrow is a mystery"**,  
Turkey Bob and Diana Wilson  
Indiana District Team  
Asst. District Directors

## **EVENT SETUP & SECURITY**

Hi to our GWRRA friends and family,

We just returned home from Winder Rendezvous 2010 and what a weekend it was. It was an action packed weekend with seminars, Euchre tournament, skill games, trike skills and much more. I think the ladies really enjoyed the craft class that we held this year. The talent contest was judged by three American Idol judges and they should have been an act themselves. They were very entertaining.

We are looking forward to Spring Wing, May 27-29, 2010 in Greensburg, IN. This year theme is "Flower Power". You will **want** to mark your calendars for this weekend. This is going to be bigger and better. The Indiana Team is working very hard to make this the biggest and best Spring Wing so come and participate and enjoy the fun. We are trying to work on getting new and different events so you will have to come to see for yourself. Trust me you won't want to miss this one.

Vickie and I are going to our first District Bowling at Noblesville on March 21<sup>st</sup>. Come and join us in the fun. We have heard this is a fun time for all.

Have FUN and Always be SAFE,  
Rick & Vickie Lewis  
Indiana District Team  
Event Setup and Security

## **ENTERTAINMENT COORDINATORS**

Hi all,

We had the best time at Winter Rendezvous this year. There were over 300 in attendance, and it was great seeing everyone. Dawn, the boys and I were busy with all the events we were in charge of so we didn't get to attend any of the seminars, but we heard that they were great. Our middle son Mathew was having a great time putting people in jail and I think he had just as much fun getting put in jail. Chris and Nicholas also had fun helping and playing the Biker Buck games. It was great to see the venders back this year. We picked up a couple things for the summer riding season. The Indiana District Trike events went over great again this year. I've already got something different in mind to go with the theme for next year.

I want to thank everyone that was in the talent show on Friday night. GWRRA members put their thinking caps on and put on a great show. Also, a GREAT BIG THANKS to our Judges, Brad Garner, Michigan DD, John & Linda Frank, Ohio DD's.

They added an American Idle twist to it and it was great. On Saturday night after a great dinner, it was great to have all the chapters come up during the chapter pride show. It was a good way to see the chapters and learn a little something about them. After that the Grand Parade was the best one I've seen yet. We would like to see a lot more next year to make it the biggest and the best yet. The Island Paradise Dance was a great time too. We did the limbo, the stroll, and we had some great singers come up and sing some of their favorite Karaoke songs.

If you couldn't make it you missed a great weekend, and hopefully you will be able to make it in 2011.

Thanks again to everyone in our GWRRA family. It is great to belong to the best association in the world. Dawn and I feel like we can bring our kids to one of our conventions and not have to worry about them. Thank You.

Hope to see you down the road.  
Until then take care,  
Mark & Dawn Reed  
Indiana District Team  
Entertainment Coordinators

## **DISTRICT EDUCATORS**

## **ASST. DISTRICT EDUCATORS**

Greetings from your District Educator

We just completed another great Winter Rendezvous with many seminars. We had 155 people attending the Rider Education seminars and a lot of fun with Jail & Bail. I want to thank everyone the brought items for the Rider Education Silent Auction and helped at the Rider Ed tables. It is greatly appreciated.

Even though the ground hog saw his shadow today, spring is around the corner. Soon it will be time for Spring-Wing-Warm-up and riding season will be in full swing. I am impatiently waiting on some warmer weather so I get the bike and so some riding as I am sure you are also.

Before we do get the Wings out, we need to make sure the bike, rider, and co-rider are ready to go. Attending Rider Education seminars, CPR & 1<sup>st</sup> Aid training, doing bike maintenance, checking the riding gear to see if it needs replaced, installing safety chrome and other accessories are good ways to stay active in the non-riding season and be prepared when the weather finally breaks and we can ride again. Visiting other chapters is also a good way to stay clear of the Winter Blues and establish or re-new friendships.

The Rider Courses are being scheduled and your Chapter Educator will be notified of the schedule as soon as the dates and locations are confirmed. The schedule will also be on the Indiana web site.

We are planning on many activities for Spring Wing. There will be many Rider Education Seminars; we are planning on doing the Amazing Team Challenge again this year. We are also planning on doing a Certified Parking Lot Practice this year. The Parking Lot Practice is a good way to dust off the cob webs that gather over the Winter and also to prepare for the rider courses.

We want to make the Rider Education program in Indiana the best it can be. To do this we need your input so feel free to send me any suggestions that you may have.

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

Hello Indiana,

I was told I had to let you all know about us so here goes. We're Dave and Cherryl Shull from Syracuse, members of Chapter H of Goshen. Some will remember me as I got started in the fall of 2002 with my late wife Sandy. In 2004 we became ACD for Chapter H and District Couple of the Year for Indiana before I lost her to cancer in 2005.

Cherryl and I met as my son Scott was taking me out to look at trucks. Cherryl was the sales person I saw and all she wanted to do was to talk about motorcycles when she saw my Gold Wing jacket I had on. Didn't buy a truck by the way but I did ask her to go on a ride on Easter weekend with seven other bikes from the chapter and we ended up riding 300 miles that day and I couldn't get rid of her from there on (and he didn't want to get rid of me either) and a year later I asked her to marry me at Winter Rendezvous as I asked Butch and Margaret Micheau if there can be a wedding at Spring Wing Warm Up in Portland that year.

I was the Chapter CD from 2006 through 2008 as I stepped down I became the Chapter Newsletter Editor and have thought about the education side for some time and when Larry asked if I would be an ADE for the district (at a weak moment) I said I would give it a shot, now with the help from the chapter educators in my area I think we all can make a difference and help the chapter members be better riders.

We road the '99 GL1500 I had until last February at Valentine's Day when we went to Lake City Cycle in Warsaw to look for new helmets for the coming riding season. They made us a great deal on a new '08 Metallic Red GL1800 that was to had to turn down, and yes we did get new helmets. We have only managed 13,000 miles this year but I think that will change this coming year for sure. My old Wing ended up only about 5 miles away and we had to meet the new owner and go riding with him. Now Jerry is a new member of GWRRA and Chapter H so when you see my old black 1500 say hi to Jerry and welcome him to the family.

We are looking forward to helping as many members as we can in the coming years as Assistant District Educators of Indiana and we thank you for your support.

Dave & Cherryl Shull  
Indiana District Team  
Asst Ride Educators