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...from your District Directors



Greetings Everyone,

We attended the Ohio Buckeye Rally/Convention in June and had a great time as always. There were several of us from Indiana that had the pleasure of staying in the reserved Hotel Indiana Barn. Ohio again had the duck races and our little duck started off with a bang. He led the way for the first half of the race but had some obstacles and ended in fourth place. Indiana did bring a plaque home for the largest district in attendance. We all had a great weekend of fun.

At the end of June we headed for Des Moines, Iowa and another Wing Ding. Indiana worked at the pre registration tables on Wednesday, June 30. We enjoyed seeing many of you there.

We would like to invite everyone to come visit us on Saturday, August 21 in Evansville at the Westside Honda Shop. They will be having their Wing Fling and the Indiana District Team will be helping them by providing ice cream and fun things to do. Come join us and have some fun.

I'm sure everyone is out riding and enjoying this weather with their chapters. Please remember to ride safe and watch out for the other guy. Until next month be safe!

Stan & Becky Egli

Indiana District TEAM Directors

Friends for Fun, Safety and Knowledge Thank you!

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2010 District Couple of the Year



Hi,

June is the month where I think most of us would agree, we were able to do a little riding without the worry of moss growing on us. It finally dried out a little. The skeeters are still active though! We got to do our three Chapter ride and almost made it home without getting wet. We started out at Chapter K in Lafayette and had a wonderful time, great food and great people, thanks for sharing Chapter K. We left there with 12 crazy people going to Greenwood to visit Chapter L2. Got there just in time to eat. Again we had a great time and met some old friends and some new ones. Thanks L2 for letting us be part of your gathering. And then on to Clarksville for Chapter B. We left Greenwood with a few less people, but no less enthusiasm. They even sent an escort for us, afraid we might get lost, we booked down I-65 and made it just in time to (can you guess) you bet, to eat. We also enjoyed the time we had there, a great bunch of people. We had a lot of fun going to the three Chapters, and it's always interesting to us how all the Chapters have their own flavor to them. Yet always some things in common and that are Friends for Fun, Safety, and Knowledge. We see this at every Chapter we go to, there is a bond among the members, what a great organization. We left Clarksville with seven people and made it to Seymour before we decided to put some rain gear on. Didn't have to wait long before it was needed, rode almost back to Greenwood before it quit. On the north side of Indianapolis, we all parted and went our own way home. All made it home safe and had 400 miles plus on the bikes, what a day.

We didn't get to catch our breath for long. We loaded up the camper and headed to Wooster, OH. I didn't want to mention this, but I'm just not sure them Buckeye people are right, they do some really different stuff. Just kidding!!! Wink wink!! We did have a ball, it was a great convention. Kirby and Sandy, Ohio's COY, recruited us along with Tim and Pam, Michigan's COY, to do some judging. We had a blast, we can't say enough about these couples, and we just have such a great time when we get together with them. Oh and did I say we did some judging, campsites, there where some great ones there for sure. We even got to see Tarzan and Jane, Tarzan looked like he had swung into to many trees though. The best part of doing the judging is seeing how the Chapters work together getting this put together. Once again seeing the bond of members working as a team.

We weren't able to make Wind Ding. We're real sure it was great. Our home Chapter had 29 people there, so we got reports about everything. We have been doing a lot of riding and are getting ready to leave for South Dakota, in the morning. Deb has a high school girlfriend going to meet us there from California. And then some of our local gang is coming out, so it will be a wonderful time we're sure. Been planning this for a year and its finally here. I can't wait.

See ya soon,

Niles & Deb

Indiana District Rider Education



Stephen Stillwell
Indiana District Rider Educator



Hello Everyone;

It is my honor to serve as your District Educator and try to follow in Larry's footsteps.

We have heard many times in Rider Education that the membership wanted more rider training dates and places. John and Larry have set these up for the membership over the years and did a great job in making these available to us for our training.

But, I have had to **cancel** the last three trainings because of lack of interest on the part of the membership to take part in the training. It requires many hours of work to be done to setup the sites as well as man hour to prep the layout of the range. We are going to review the past years membership usage of the training and may be making changes as to how many trainings will be offered next year.

To All Chapter Educators please review the requirements for the Monthly Reports. You need to report the number of members at your monthly meeting; if you gave a safety talk there, if you had a news letter article and how many NEWS LETTERS were sent out to the membership. All of these are required you can easily fill out on the form on line under Rider Ed on the district web site.

Chapter Directors if your Chapter Educator is not there or you do not have one; you need to forward this information to me within two weeks of you meeting as I need this for my report to the Region D Educator by the 5th of the following month.

Motto "Safety is for Life"

Stephen Stilwell
Indiana District Educator
Motorist Awareness Division



...from the Central Area

We are having a lot of problems writing this message to all of you, our FRIENDS of GWRRRA. As most of you know Diana has been fighting the c__ _ e r word for a long time, but as of a week ago the FIGHT took us to another step that neither of us was ready for. She has been very tired and sleepy since the first of JULY and returned to her doctor on July 6th. During her appointment she explained to the doctor about her sleeping and being very tired and the doctor asked her if she would be able to take a CAT scan. She did and that didn't come back with enough information, so the next day she had an MRI and that came back with information that has our world turned upside down.

She has two tumors in her head, one in the Right Front and the other one is behind the Right Ear

She started radiation treatments on July 12. She will be taking 10. She will then need to wait for 3 months and then re-do the test again. Only one person knows the outcome of this challenge and we have many FRIENDS talking with him.

As most of you know, Diana has not been able to ride the Wing for the past year because of her physical problems, but with that we are still trying to make as many events as possible, she isn't able to walk around much, but she is happy to see and to talk to everyone. The Gold Wings are just the things that get us together and then the FRIENDSHIP and FELLOWSHIP follows.

If your Chapter needs to get out and do some riding, there are many places to ride.

The Indiana Traveling Plaque is located in Evansville. The information for their meeting is on the "Indiana on Wings" web site.

On Aug. 7th Chapter IN U has a hog roast in Pleasant Lake, IN.

On Aug. 14th Chapter T-2 has an Ice Cream Crank-Off at Heir's Park in Huntington, IN.

On Sept. 4th, the Marion Band will be having a Fly/In, Cruise/In at the Marion Airport. It will run from 7:00 a.m. until noon. This would be a great opportunity to get our bikes and Motorcycle Awareness out to the public.

Then on Sept. 11th Chapter Q in South Bend will be making the trip to Indianapolis for the Ronald McDonald House Ride. Information is on the "Indiana on Wings" web site.

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...from your Indiana District



Membership Enhancement Coordinators

Hi Everyone!

We can't believe that we are nearing the end of July. This summer has gone so fast!

We have had other happenings going on and haven't had a chance to ride much this year.

We did enjoy a weekend at the Ohio Rally...though the Indiana duck lost we had a great time with our hosts and the other Indiana team members that were there!

The semi-annual membership report has been released and chapter directors should be receiving their chapter's roster from your ADD's soon.

We continue to encourage each of you to be ambassadors for GWRRA and to invite others to join us. There is no other organization like this that brings members together in such a strong bond. We are truly a GWRRA family.

And having said this, I want to remember the CD's that we lost

recently. Wally Waldrip, CD of Chapter Z lost a battle with illness and Chapter R lost their CD's Steve and Joyce Lane in a tragic accident on their way to a dinner ride.

We so appreciate this GWRRA family and want to take this opportunity to thank each of you for being our friends.

Ride safe this summer!

Terry & Cherie Malcolm
IN District MEC

Indiana Traveling Plaque...where is it?



Chapter 0, Evansville captured the traveling plaque on July 12th from Chapter D-2 in Fort Wayne.

O meets the 2nd Sunday of the month at the Carousel Restaurant at 5pm and meet at 6pm.

Please contact Dennis and Debbie Junker, CD's if you are planning to attempt to capture the District plaque.

...Motorist Awareness Division



Hello to Everyone;

I want to start off saying a big thank you to Chapter U for setting up a Motorist Awareness Table at Hayden Honda at their Classic Bike Ride-in.

They grilled Hot dogs and handed out Motorist Awareness information 250 visitors there that day.

We need to have more Chapters get involved in community activities such as this. It is easy to set up a table and hand out information to promote Motorist Awareness.

You can call or E-Mail national office and ask them to send you Motorist Awareness Material to your home for such an activity.

The Life you save may be your own or someone you know by doing this type of activity.

Safety is for LIFE

Stephen Stilwell
Indiana Motorist Awareness
Indiana District Educator

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On the next day, Sept. 12 the "Ride for Kids" will be at the Indianapolis Motor Speedway. This will be a chance for you to ride your bike around the motor speedway and help kids at the same time. Registration will be 8:00 – 9:45 a.m. You get a lot of free stuff for the \$35.00 registration fee.

All of these special rides can be found either on the "Indiana on Wings" web site or on the "Ride for Kids" web site.

Till next time, ride SAFE and remember **"Today is a GIFT and tomorrow is a MYSTERY."**

Turkey Bob and Diane Wilson

Assistant District Directors



GWRRRA is pleased to announce it will be participating in the "No Phone Zone" Program as seen on the popular Oprah program. One of GWRRRA's Chapter Rider Educators from Chapter D-2 in Indiana, Dave Williams, suggested we try to get as many GWRRRA Members, as well as non-Members, to sign the "No Phone Zone" pledge.

The pledge merely states that you will not drive a vehicle while texting, or use a cell phone and that you will encourage others to not talk on a cell phone or text while driving. Or, you will use a handsfree device while driving. It also states that if you must use a cell phone while driving you will safely pull over to the side of the road. Please remember to sign a pledge form only once!

This Program will be run under GWRRRA's Rider Education Program, specifically the Motorist Awareness Division. Charles Mallett, MAD Director, will oversee the Program and coordinate it through all our Rider Educators, as well as all the other divisions.

GWRRRA's goal is to get 100,000 pledges signed. This Program has already kicked off and will have a table at Wing Ding 32 in Des Moines, Iowa. Please contact Charles at rideaware@yahoo.com to sign up to help get pledges at your events. The more events that have the pledges for our Members and guests to sign, the faster we can reach our goal and maybe be on Oprah representing GWRRRA!

Thank you Dave and Charles and the folks who are going to support this lifesaving program!

[Click Here to download a copy of the No Phone Zone Pledge Form](#)

...from the GWRRA Director



A New Communication Tool...

One of the most difficult things to accomplish, in an Association of our size, is having effective communications (keeping everyone on the same page and informed). For years we have had "Divisional" Newsletters. They were full of valuable information, which very few actually read or could even find. I can't tell you how many times I wrote educational articles that contained important information addressing current issues. I had limited success in getting the information out. I knew this was due to the amount of questions I continued to receive on the topic I addressed with my article. I'm sure the same holds true for the other program administrators.

Now that I'm Director of GWRRA, I have an opportunity to improve our communications. The International TEAM has come up with this new GWRRA Newsletter called the "Insight". It will combine informational articles from all three programs into one Newsletter. Additionally, the link to this Newsletter will reside on the Home Page of the GWRRA website, as well as a link from each Program's website. Also, we will send out email blasts to all of the Officers with a link to download it directly. Our goal is to get this information to the people that need it the most, our Chapter Officers. I would like to thank Rick and Madalena Buck, from Region A, for accepting the responsibility of being the editors of the "Insight".

While we're on the subject of communication, we have made another change to the Home Page of the GWRRA website. We have added a quick link button at the bottom of the page to reach our GWRRA Officer Connection webpage. This page contains valuable information that all Officers need to refer to. I'm amazed when I co-instruct an OCP, how many Officers have never visited or know where to find this very important information. It appears to be one of the best kept secrets of GWRRA. This new link on the main page will make it much easier to access the site.

Communication is a major key to our success. If anyone has additional ideas on how we can improve our efforts, please let us know. Communication is also a two-way street. I would love to see Directors, Educators, Trainers, and Mem-

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bership Enhancement Coordinators send us information on your successes so we can share it with others. By sharing the wealth, we can improve Chapter Life for everyone. So send us your success stories.

This is a step in the right direction toward improving our Association and building on our success. Be a leader, and help us make this a communication resource that all can benefit from.

Thanks,

Mike Stiger

Director of GWRRA

Register NOW!!

REGION D CONVENTION

PIRATES OF THE GREAT LAKES

Sept. 16-18, 2010

Branch County Fairgrounds

Coldwater, MI

[Flyer & Registration](#)



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