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Hello GWRRA Indiana,

Well we are now counting down the days, instead of the weeks, for Winter Rendezvous. We hope to see many of you there as we have heard that last year was a great event.



Melinda and I have traveled a little to visit in our district and to Illinois. We invited everyone in Illinois to come on over. Many were already planning to attend our little event. This will be great as their event was full of things to do and we enjoyed our time there. We also wish to remind you that Ohio and Michigan are holding their winter events in February also. Ohio is the 5th, 6th and Michigan is the 26th, 27th. So please attend either of these events, if possible I always meet new friends and reunite with some old ones.

I want to remind everyone about a few items we have for you to participate in at WR. The "On the road again" consignment please bring your rider gear to sell. Please save your bike parts till Spring Wing where we will have a place for those items. Chapter sales time is for advertising your fundraising events selling crafts baked goods or goofy stuff. This is also a good time to display your chapter meeting times and location to encourage visitors. The silent auction please bring one motorcycle and one non – motorcycle item for this fundraiser. This is a great time to get rid of those Christmas presents you found in the closet 2 weeks after Christmas.

We will have games and food and seminars and photo booths and you will need a week to recover from the excitement. Better check with your doctor to see if your healthy enough for this much fun ! Looking forward to seeing all of you there in Columbus, In.

Thanks Again

Ray and Melinda Faber



Hello from the Southwest Section of Indiana!

All we can say is – it is cold, very cold. Hope you all stay warm and safe.

Winter Rendezvous is just around the corner. Are you all ready for a great time? Wonder how many Klingers and Hot Lips Hulahan we will see.

So if you have never been, or if you have not been recently, it might be something you want to give a try. Maybe there is someone new in your chapter that doesn't even know what Winter Rendezvous is, or doesn't want to go alone. Take the time to invite them. Having fun is the main focus of Winter Rendezvous.

Hope to see you all in a few weeks.

Pat and Gerda McKee

IN-SW ADD's



Pat & Gerda
McKee

Assistant
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Hello once again and welcome to WINTER!

I, for one, am not thrilled about winter weather unless we have lots of snow. If I can't ride my Goldwing I want to be out driving the 4x4 pushing and playing in the snow. But apparently we got the cold and the South and Eastern portions of the U.S. got my snow. Oh well, at least we can look forward to Winter Rendezvous which will be in about 2 weeks or less, depending on when you're reading this. It will be in Columbus, IN at the Clarion Hotel and Conference Center. I can't tell you a whole lot about it because we (Jessie and I) have been sworn to secrecy, but I will tell you if you plan on going with your significant other be sure you sign up for the "Saturday Night Challenge." It is open to couples only and you may have the chance to compete to have your chapters charter dues paid for a whole year! It promises to be a lot of fun for those competing as well as those who are watching! And don't forget the theme is "M-A-S-H 4077."

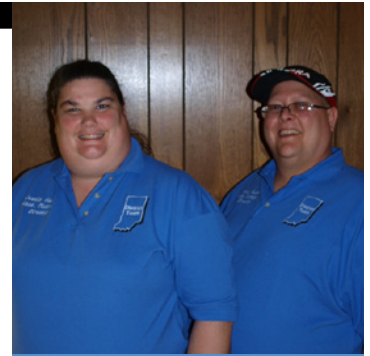
When registering, you should call the hotel front desk directly during normal business hours and specify you are registering for "GWRRA 2016 Winter Rendezvous".

Also, let's not forget both Michigan and Ohio districts have their winter gatherings planned for this month as well. Ohio Cabin Fever is February 5-6, at Deer Creek Lodge, Mt. Sterling, OH, and the theme is "NASCAR." Michigan Wingless Weekend is February 26-27, at Bay Valley Resort, Bay City, MI, and their theme is "Mardi Gras."

You can contact me if you need any more information on any of these events.

I hope to see everyone and Winter Rendezvous!

Kenny and Jessie Hunter



Kenny & Jessie
Hunter

**Assistant
District
Directors**



MASH 4077

Winter Rendezvous

2016



February 12-13 Clarion Conference Center, Columbus, In.
No draft, No basic training, No bullets or hand to hand combat, Just Friends, fun, and some relaxation. ☐ No better way to spend time with friends, wives, husbands, boyfriends, girlfriends, than playing Army in the middle of winter☐.

Full registration includes all the activities plus Saturday night's dinner.

Hotel reservations from \$79.95 per night + tax include

Full breakfast buffet at no extra charge

When making reservations please mention you are attending Winter Rendezvous with Indiana GWRRA. This will ensure you are connected to our reserved rooms for this weekend. The best time to do this, of course, is during daytime business hours. You may also ask if the person on the phone is a hotel desk employee. This will ensure you will receive excellent service and great information on the hotel. If you do this online or late in the evening, be sure to mention GWRRA for our discount.

Day passes will be available at the registration desk -
\$20.00 for Members and \$25.00 for Nonmembers
Day passes do not include Saturday night dinner

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Even though it's the dead of winter and a lot of our fellow chapter members are wintering over in warm exotic places, do not let yourself think GWRRA things aren't hip-hop happening! Several Northeast Chapters put on their big boy/girl pants and participated in some cold New Year polar rides. I'm glad to say Debbie and I rode in the Fort Wayne ride and had a GREAT time! There were over 150 bikes of all makes and models and it was nice talking to similar minded riders out for a good, if chilly time. Next year how 'bout pushing yourself and give riding in a polar ride some thought. Who knows, you might find a new tradition!

This month was also a big month for the NE Chapters to flex some plaque stealing muscle! As of this writing, Chapter D2 in Fort Wayne is the new home of BOTH the Region D and Indiana District Traveling Plaques! The Region D plaque was obtained from Detroit Chapter S2 and the District plaque was stolen from Indiana A2. While D2 didn't get to ride for the steals, it was a fantastic way to get together as a Chapter and have some fun. The stated purpose having Traveling Plaques is to foster Chapter spirit and encourage interaction between Chapters. I can say D2 was warmly welcomed at each Chapter and was able to continue to build on and create relationships which will last for a long time.

Lastly, there was some Chapter leadership changes this month. Chapter G in New Haven said thank you to retiring CD Nelson Eckelbarger and welcomed new CD Jay Sprunger and ACD Rose Jones. Nelson set the bar pretty high but I believe Jay and Rose are up to the task! When you see Nelson, Jay, and/or Rose congratulate them on their service and thank them for accepting the responsibility for the care and feeding of Chapter G.

Until next month!

Rick and Debbie Warmels

NE ADD



Rick and Debbie Warmels

Assistant District Directors

Hello & Happy New Year,

Well, February is here and it has a very cold hold on a majority of the Midwest. Connie & I are wintering in Florida and have not had the pleasure of the very cold weather the north is having but it has been unseasonably cold for down here, or at least that is what the locals tell me. For the most part Connie & I walk around in shorts and short sleeves and locals are all bundled up in coats and sweaters. I guess their blood is thinner than ours. We have been riding but I am looking forward to coming home and riding because the roads are more motorcycle friendly at home, they are boring down here.

Winter Rendezvous is here and if you haven't registered yet, what are you waiting for? This is a very fun event with a lot to do. Remember this event is held for you, the District members, get your registration in and make your hotel reservations. Go and join your fellow GWRRA members for a fun weekend with lots of fun and educational things to do.

The chapters in my area have all had their 2016 planning meetings and it looks like Chapter U2 is continuing with meeting and Dinner Drives throughout the winter season and they are planning rides this spring & summer to Grissom Air Force Base, Saugatuck, MI and the Circus City Festival in Peru. Chapter H has plans for a Super Bowl Party, Winter Rendezvous, a Daytona Race Party and a Game Night. They are also having a Bowling Party along with chapter O2 in March. Speaking of chapter O2 they are planning 2 Game Nights, attending the Hunter Ice Festival and going to the chapter D2 Chili Cook Off along with their Meetings and Dinner Drives and attending the Bowling Party with chapter H. Chapter Q2 is in transition of newsletter editors and other than Meetings and Dinner Drives, their schedule of events is unknown. Chapter F is having Meetings and Dinner Drives throughout the winter months.

Last but not least, it is February and May is a long way off, but not that long so it is time to start thinking of Spring Wing Warm-Up. Think about where it will be this year, Parke County and Rockville. Covered Bridges all over the place and great riding roads, fun events and of course seminaries. There are plenty of hotels and for those that like camping, the fairgrounds and other camp grounds are available. Plan now and we hope to see you all there.

Till next time ride often and ride safe.

Wolfgang & Connie
Northwest ADD



Wolf & Connie
Gless

**Assistant
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Directors**

No one believes that winter in Indiana has shown us its worst by this time of year but just getting to February often allows us to start thinking about the riding season only being a few more weeks away. I don't think anyone can really gripe about the random opportunities to ride that I know several Goldwing friends have taken advantage of this winter but warmer weather is something we all want.

I can't complain because I actually had the opportunity to be in Florida for a week during January. One of our trikes was there too and being able to ride across southern Florida and out to Key West was something long overdue for Karen and I. Florida was actually the last of the 48 original states for us to ride our Goldwing in and reaching that milestone was something we certainly had looked forward to. The many miles we have ridden have allowed us to develop our own way of travel that we particularly enjoy. We don't ride tank to tank. We don't normally ride with a set plan about how far we're going, when we'll get there, and where we'll be staying. We are willing to stop anywhere along the road that might look interesting to either one of us.

So it's now that time of year when many chapters are making plans for their rides for 2016. That leads me to again wonder about whether we are meeting the riding needs and styles of our members or whether we are just planning things and non-verbally telling people they just need to adapt. Are all our ride leaders paying attention and picking up clues about how others can really get the maximum enjoyment out of our group rides? This is not directed at any individual or any chapter but it's just something I ponder each year when Chapter E starts thinking about establishing their plans for the year.

There's really no reason why GWRRA should not be growing in their number of members even though many have a tendency to point at things like the age of Goldwing riders, their health, the cost of this particular model of bike, the number of years and potential boredom due to being in the same group so many years, and probably other reasons. But it seems to me that there are more motorcycle riders now than there has probably ever been in history. So every one of us needs to be out there telling them about how much enjoyment they might get from joining us and participating in the things we do. Our goal should be to make our own chapter as appealing and exciting as possible and then to get out there and tell as many motorcyclists as possible about the fun we're having.

Part of the fun will always be those activities that we're involved in while our Goldwings sit at home in the garage. Riding might be the common denominator for our group but it's important to keep things going even when riding isn't possible. Indiana's own Winter Rendezvous is one of those times. We are looking forward to seeing as many of you as possible at this upcoming event. We encourage you to go, participate, and have fun.

Lonny & Karen



Lonny & Karen
Hunter

Assistant
District
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Officer's Certification Program
(OCP)

New Revised Material

Full Day Program

Reserve Your Spot Today!!!

New Officer's, Upcoming Officer's, those who would like an update, or if you've taken the on-line version!

March 6, 2016

Branch County Fairground,
Coldwater, MI

(Site of the 2016, Region D rally)

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Happenings

Date	Sponsor	Event	Location
February 5 & 6	Ohio District	Cabin Fever "Nascar"	Deer Creek Lodge Mt Sterling, Ohio
February 12 & 13	Indiana District	Winter Rendezvous "MASH 4077"	Clarion Motel Columbus, Indiana
February 26 & 27	Michigan District	Wingless Weekend "Mardi Gras"	Bay Valley Resort Bay City, Michigan
February 27	Indiana Chapter A2	Medic-First Aid Class	Lebanon, IN
March 5	Indiana Chapter W	Medic-First Aid Class	Columbus, IN
March 20	Indiana Chapter D2	Chili Cookoff	Garrett, IN
April 2	Indiana Chapter L	Medic-First Aid Class	Indianapolis, IN
April 16	Indiana District	District Spring Officers Meeting	Main St. Church of God, 9-4 Anderson, Indiana
April 23	Indiana Chapter H	Chocolate Extravanza	Goshen, IN
April 24	Rider Ed	TRC Course	Columbus, IN
May 15	Rider Ed	ARC Course	Columbus, IN
May 19 – 21	Indiana District	Spring Wing Warmup "A Little Bit of Country"	Parke County Fairgrounds Rockville, Indiana
June 16 – 18	Ohio District	Buckeye Rally "Hobo Junction"	Mahoning County Fairgrounds Canfield, Ohio
July 7 - 9	National	Reno Rendezvous	Grand Sierra Resort Reno, Nevada
July 28 – 30	Region D	Region D Rally "USA Proud"	Branch County Fairgrounds Coldwater, Michigan
August 5 & 6	Michigan District	Michigan Rally TBD	Osceola County Fairgrounds Ewart, Michigan
August 13	Indiana Chapter U	Hog Roast	Angola, IN
August 31 – September 3	National	Wing Ding 38	Billings, Montana
November 12	Indiana District	District Fall Officers Meetings	Main St. Church of God, 9-4 Anderson, Indiana

**TBD= To Be Determined*

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