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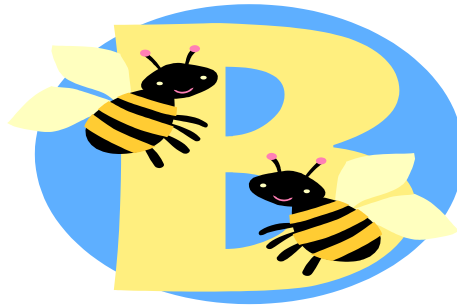
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Friends For Fun, Safety & Knowledge



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Chapter B-2

MEETINGS

Meetings are held the
4th

Wednesday of every
Month at

Sirloin Stockade

In front of Wal-Mart.

Eat at 6:00 PM

With the meeting

At 7:00 PM

Wednesday

Night Dinner

Summer Riding

Schedule

Meet at

16th and the By-pass
South of McClure's gas
station

Kickstands up at

6:00 pm TO RIDE THE
WEEKLY SUPPER
LOCIATION

A Note from the Chapter Director

Hello Fellow Wingers

Where has the time gone?

It seems like summer just started and now it is over. We are looking forward to some fun fall rides but we sure aren't ready for the winter temperatures and white stuff.

We have a few things coming up that we need to bring to your attention.

Our last long Chapter ride will be September 9th to Honey Bee Farm in Martinsville, IN. We will be leaving from the meeting location at 8 AM and hope to see you then.

We will be having our Fall Chapter party on the 21st of October at First Christian Church. There will be a list going around at the September gathering for the special food that you would like to bring to the party. There will also be a Silent Auction again this year so be thinking of some special times to donate for this. Please come and enjoy some soup, friendship and fun with the Chapter members.

Again this year the Chapter will be doing Gilead Ministry Cancer Christmas bags. We will do just 10 bags this year because of the Chapter size. See Sandi Briggs for a list of needed items

Well, that is about all for now so Ride Safe and enjoy the cool temperatures of fall.

Greg and Gina

Rider Education

From John's Safety Corner

Can You Make the Grade?

by Robert Vaughan

Can you judge how long it will take a train to get to the grade crossing? Will the gates come down on time, or do they give you time to ride around them and still make it safely?

Cars often have trouble judging a motorcycle's distance and speed because we are smaller than cars. A train's distance and speed are hard to judge for the opposite reason—trains are so large. Large objects appear to be moving slower than they are. When a jet is coming in for a landing, it appears to be moving very slowly, though it is really doing about 150 miles an hour.

Viewing the train almost head-on gives it little apparent motion and makes it seem even slower. The parallel lines of the tracks going toward the train make it look further away than it really is. The combined effect of the train's looking both slower and farther away than it really is give us a false sense of security. Most trains take about two minutes to clear a crossing. It only seems longer. Yet, many people gamble two minutes against a lifetime, a real sucker's bet.

Don't the crossing gates have a safety margin built in so we actually have plenty of time after they first come down? The answer is sometimes, but not always. The gates are timed for a fast train and activate when the train is a quarter mile from the crossing. If all trains were fast, the train would always be at the crossing within 25 seconds. Even slow trains make the crossing within a minute. Unfortunately, the slow trains also make us think that we always have extra time. If everyone took this extra time for granted we would be fine for all the slow trains. However, the first fast train coming down the track would make mincemeat of all the drivers who didn't make it.

Railroads are now experimenting with new types of crossing signs and new ways to paint engines. Operation Lifesaver has helped to reduce crossroad fatalities. The highway department has even put a radio-equipped officer in the locomotive who looks for motorists who drove around the crossing arms. He has street patrols ticket the driver. Unfortunately, railroads and highway departments can't help the driver who sees the train but decides he can beat it across the crossing. In case of a tie, the train always wins.

As motorcyclists, this reinforces something we learned long ago—the biggest vehicle has the right of way. It's easier to fight city hall than Southern Pacific.

Location and Dates of the Wednesday supper rides

Month of September

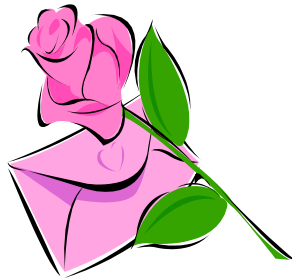
6th Jefferson Street Grill– Converse

13th Harvey Hinklemeyers Pizza-Wabash

20th Chuck Wagon Pizza-Swayzze

27th Meeting

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY



**Anniversaries for the Month of
September, 2017**

No Anniversaries for this month

Happy Birthday



**Birthdays for the Month of
September, 2017**

**6th Alice Heater
22nd Sandie Briggs**

Events

National

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Region D

No Region D Activities

Indiana

Northern IN. GWRRA Fall Fest

Center Lake Park Warsaw IN. September 23rd

10:00 AM– 2:00 PM

All information may be found on the Indiana web site under EVENTS

[http--www.indianaonwings.org-](http://www.indianaonwings.org)

Chapter B-2 2017 Ride Schedule

September 9th Hunter's Honey Bee Farm 6501 W. Honey Ln.
in Martinsville, IN
all day ride.

Leaving Old New Market at 8:00 AM

October 21st Chapter B-2 Fall Party
6:00 PM at First Christian Church
State Road 15 North

Northern IN GWRRA Fall FEST!!!

Where: Central Park at Center Lake, Warsaw

When: September 23, 2017, 10:00 - 2:00

For: All Northern Indiana Chapters and Any Other Members Who Want to Attend

Eats: \$3 Per Person Includes Lunch and Prizes, Bring Non-Perishable Dessert to Share (If You Want), Chair, and Drink (Water Provided)



<u>AGENDA</u>	
10:00 – 10:30	Welcome
10:30 – 12:30	<u>Scavenger Hunt</u>
12:30 – 2:00	Lunch and Activities
2:00	Led Ride by Howard Pletcher

