



GOLDWING ROAD RIDERS ASSOCIATION

CHAPTER E NEWSLETTER

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WHERE TO MEET: Chapter E meets each Thursday evening at 5:45 PM in the parking lot of Millcreek Civic Center, State Road 32 Chesterfield, IN. Any visitors can call Lonny at 765-425-5213.

THE SECOND THURSDAY OF EACH MONTH: Chapter E meets one time a month for an information sharing meeting. Members go directly to the location for this event. Members and friends meet about 6:00 PM for dinner and the Information Meeting starts at 7:00PM **Location MAPLE GROVE CHURCH OF GOD IN ANDERSON, IN**

Hello, Chapter E.

April 1st finally came around and now we can say the official riding season has begun. The weather didn't cooperate with the ride planned for April 1st and it didn't cooperate for our first Thursday Evening Dinner Ride on April 6. But that's the way things go here where we live and we are relatively used to it.

It was a whole different situation on Sunday, the 9th, when the weather was absolutely perfect. Twenty-three members on thirteen bikes certainly got the riding season started just the way it's supposed to be on that day. The planned ride was to enjoy the Garfield Cats Trail in Grant County. A lot of us had seen the cat statues here and there during our travels but we hadn't previously realized they are all connected in some way. There are actually about twelve of them spread throughout Grant County, since Jim Davis was from Fairmount, and the Visitor Bureau has a nice little route mapped out so that people can take the grand tour and see them all. The fact that one of the last cats can easily be the one at Ivanhoe's is just the icing on the cake for the day. It was great weather and a great ride with great friends.

The Thursday Evening Dinner Rides have been well attended since last month's Gathering. Our locations have included Pizza King in Muncie, MCL in Muncie, Bob Evans in Anderson, and Logan's in Noblesville. It's awesome to see so many members continue to get together on Thursday evenings even when motorcycles are not part of the event.

The District Rider Ed program presented training on CPR, First Aid, and Universal Precautions this month and seven members of our chapter completed the training and are now certified for the next two years. The attendees included Ralph & Loralee, Bob W., Kevin, Doug King, and Karen & Lonny. I'm the first to admit I hope not a single one of these people will need to use the training but I also admit it's nice to know they have it if it does become very important at some point. It's easy to think we will probably never need something like this but who knows. It dawned on me there have been two occasions over the past several years when I was the first to arrive on the scene of a car accident. There was the occasion in 2008 when I was the victim in a motorcycle accident. So our hope will always be that someone will be handy, confident, and trained if and when they are needed in a medical emergency. Again, thanks to those who chose to take the training provided by Rider Ed.

There were six members of our chapter who attended the Chili Cook-Off in Fort Wayne which IN D-2 puts on annually. It turned out D-2 was in possession of the District Traveling Plaque that day and E had the number of members present needed to bring it back to Anderson. We have had it now since 3/25 but rumor is we will have visitors at the April Gathering to take it away to its next temporary home.

There were ten people who met at the end of March to start making specific plans for the 2017 riding schedule. We had already collected ideas for rides but we then had to take on the challenge of trying to put them on the calendar. The proposed schedule, with the major events, is now available although everyone is reminded that our chapter events are not written in stone and changes can certainly be made if 'something more interesting' comes along. That's good to know even though the same can't be said about the District/Region events or those organized by other chapters.

E has been invited to go along with Craig & Joanie from A-2 on a four day ride to visit the Bass Pro Pyramid in Memphis, TN. This trip will leave on Thursday morning, 4/27, and the plan is to be back on Sunday evening. Check out the Pyramid on the Internet and you'll find it looks quite interesting. For those of you who like the longer rides, this will be a good opportunity to both ride and enjoy friends from other chapters. There will, of course, also be the regular Thursday Dinner Ride going on locally that Thursday for those who don't choose to go to Memphis.

The next Sunday Dinner Ride will be on 4/23 and we have no idea what restaurant we will end up at. We'll just plan to meet and depart Millcreek at 2:00 that day and a decision can be made closer to the time about where exactly we'll end up and how we'll get there.

Check out the calendar and you'll see we have a day ride planned to Ohio on Saturday 5/6. A Friday-Saturday overnight ride is scheduled for May 19-20 to take in Niehaus Appreciation Days in Litchfield, IL. Main Street Church of God is to have their annual Motorcycle Sunday on 5/21. These special rides, in addition to the regular Thursday Dinner Rides, should give our members a variety of rides to choose from to meet the riding desires of pretty much all the members.

The big event in May though will be Spring Wing Warm Up. It will take place this year at the Tipton County Fairgrounds from 5/11 thru 5/14. This certainly makes it close enough that no one really needs to worry about where to stay. Going back and forth will basically be convenient for all our members. So do plan to attend, whether for one day or for the entire event. The District Team hopes to have several rides leaving from the site and headed to other areas of interest.

Due to the fact that Spring Wing Warm Up kicks off with a Thursday Evening Ride to Dinner and this happens to fall on the second Thursday of the month, our May Gathering at Maple Grove is being moved to the first Thursday in May.

Our ride season is here. Our basic schedule is out. So please plan to join us whenever you can.

And please ride safely.

Lonny & Karen Hunter
Senior Chapter Directors



April Birthdays Lisa Smelser 9th, Connie Gibson 18th, Barb Baker 30th.



April Anniversaries, Eldon & Alice Heater 9th