



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**

Greetings, Goldwing Friends.

It's trying to decide which season it really is that is affecting us most this time of year because it's a day by day decision whether it's better to take the motorcycle or just bite the bullet and go in four wheels. It's not like this is a new situation because most of us have been in it year after year as motorcyclists. We all might enjoy riding but we're not going to fault anyone for choosing not to, especially when it's cool, rainy, or uncomfortable in any way.

Four of our couples returned safely from the seven day ride to Arkansas that Dale Powell planned and led. It sounds like everyone had a good time and Dale again is getting lot of compliments on his trip planning. Whether it's the roads ridden or the price of the motels where the group stays, Dale always does a lot of research and has things well organized when he invites the group to go along on one of his trips.

Seventeen people showed up to represent IN-E at the Honor the Badge program held at Mounds Mall. This was actually an event to honor police, firemen, and other emergency responders but the organizers had asked our group to show up just to bring some attention to the area. We didn't have as many people looking at our bikes as we would have liked but some looked and talked and there were actually one or two couples who seemed to show a genuine interest in our group. There has actually been some contact with one of these families since that day and they are still indicating they want to come to an event and check us out.

I'm not sure why but I realize I've talked to more people in the last six weeks about our chapter than I had talked to in the past year. No one knows what the future results of that info sharing will be but it's been thrown out there and hopefully we can start seeing new members coming in one by one.

We recently have had two ladies join us and we hope to see them continue to hang around. Katherine and Pam are sisters who ride 750 Shadows. Katherine has lived in Madison County for years while Pam moved here not too long ago from Michigan. These two are reminders that we might be a Goldwing group but we welcome riders regardless of what brand or size of bikes they choose to ride. Any time we see new participants in our group, it's time to show them we are the friendliest and most welcoming chapter in the Indiana District.

And where do the new participants come from in the first place? We need to realize that even most Goldwing riders have NOT heard about GWRRA or if they have in fact heard about it, they still don't really know any details. We have to simply be brave enough to introduce ourselves as motorcyclists and introduce other riders to the idea of coming out to see what our group is like. It's up to each of us individually to do what we can when we have the chance to tell others about who we are.

A small number of us rode to/ met at the Northern Indiana Fall Fest held at Warsaw. Some of those who probably would have attended were just getting home from Arkansas. There was a smaller attendance than last year but it was still very enjoyable to see Goldwing friends from the northern part of the state. The pizza, dessert, and led ride were enjoyed in addition to the ride there and back.

The big event of the past four weeks though would have to be, according to who you ask, Ladies Weekend at Columbus, IN. Eighteen ladies showed up to spend the weekend together. They always say what happens on Ladies Weekend stays on Ladies Weekend and so we might never know specific details. They all always come home though tired, smiling, and saying they had fun and so we just need to leave it at that.

Not to let the ladies have all the fun, there were four guys who departed on Saturday morning and returned Sunday afternoon for a two day tour of some of Indiana's best crooked and hilly roads. Saturday night was spent in Corydon.

One of the group commented how they had just gone to Arkansas to ride roads and twisties that are literally much the same as those available in southern Indiana that we happened to be riding on. It is often just a matter of knowing where to go.

Our recent Thursday evening dinner rides have been to the Rail Epicurean in Westfield, Skyline Chili in Anderson, and Perkins in Anderson. We have had a good attendance at all of these.

It's October and that means this is actually our last month of departing Millcreek at 6:00 to ride to restaurants on Thursday evenings. Oh, we will continue to get together that one day each week but we start going directly to the designated restaurant, being there to eat at 6:00, effective November 1.

Thursday, October 19th, will be our last 2017 Thursday evening 'ride'. Let's hope the weather cooperates to make it a good one to end on.

The chapter has had a Halloween party the past few years on the last Thursday in October but we want to do something different this year. Here is the current plan. We had wanted to have a Harvest Dinner but the details had not been worked out. It turns out the Maple Grove pastor and wife would again like to prepare our meal as a fundraiser for the youth. And it sounds great to think we can enjoy a Harvest Dinner without having to do all the preparation for it.

Our idea of a Harvest Dinner is that it's food basically coming straight off the farm. It's food in its simplest form. It's not the fancy dishes we also like but it's the simple food a lot of us grew up on. So let's dress the part. Get out your bibs, straw hat, aprons, and whatever else might be viewed as part of the farm scene. Let's enjoy a good ole farm dinner while financially supporting the youth from Maple Grove, a church that has opened their arms to our group. We won't worry about riding motorcycles or dressing in chapter wear. We will just meet at 6:00 for a meal to make us aware and thankful for this season.

We will on 10/12 designate responsibility for setting up our restaurants for Thursday evenings for the upcoming months. A lot of our other riding though will be dependent upon weather and other factors. One Call will be utilized to let members know when something is coming up.

Lonny
Sr. Chapter Director



October Birthdays..... Nancy Delullo 6th Joe Smelser 9th, Ed Leach 14th, Jerry Gibson 24th,



October Anniversaries... Patrick & Ramonda Pemberton 23rd

FOR SALE

Karen's 1998 Goldwing with

Lehman trike conversion.

125,000 miles.

\$11,500

phone Karen at [765-425-5212](tel:765-425-5212) for specific details

Lift for putting motorcycle on truck

Used only a few times.

\$1500

phone Lee Tieche at [812-350-6227](tel:812-350-6227)

WE JUST RECENTLY LEARNED OF THE PASSING OF OUR GOOD FRIEND AND GOLDWING RIDER BEVERLY GIBSON. BEVERLY WAS A VERY ACTIVE MEMBER IN OUR GOLDWING CHAPTER. SHE WAS INVOLVED IN LADIES WEEKEND AND WINTER RENDEZVOUS.

BEVERLY WAS KIND AND GENEROUS. SHE OFFERED TO TAKE SUPPLIES IN HER CAR FOR A TRIP WE MADE TO GETTYSBURG.

PLEASE KEEP BEVERLY IN YOUR THOUGHTS AND PRAYERS. SHE WILL BE MISSED.

