



# GOLD WING ROAD RIDERS ASSOCIATION

Friends for fun, safety and knowledge.



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## GREENWOOD WINGS L-2



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### L2 Monthly Meeting Information:

Chapter L2 of the Indiana District of Region D of the Gold Wing Road Riders Association meets on the 2nd Sunday of each month at MCL, 3630 S. East Street, Indianapolis, IN. Please come to dine at 2:00 p.m. Meeting starts promptly at 3:00 p.m.

#### Hello GWRRA Members

Happy Spring everyone.

I think that the winter and spring are confused, but I just know that it is going to be riding season soon. Remember to think about some rides that you would like to take and let Eddie and Joe know, so they can get it on the ride schedule.

We have now had three game nights and they have all been fun. The Crock's had it at their house in March and they had a great turnout. We had John and Angie and Henry and Penny join us. It was good to see them all. The April Game Night is at the Lawyer's on April 22<sup>nd</sup> starting at 7:00.

Please read the article about an upcoming ride being put on by Craig and Joanie, It sounds like a great one.

#### APRIL RIDE

Hello everyone. We are going to make this ride a 4 day ride. April 27th to 30th. We are going to start at Flapjacks in Lebanon, IN. (475 N. Mt Zion Rd. Lebanon In. 46052). Kick stands up at 9:30am. From there we will head to Washington, In. and on towards Evansville, In. We may run into a train or 2 and might even stop to say hi to Roseanne. Find lunch some place and head to the Ohio River. Make our way towards Memphis TNN. We will find a Motel before we arrive in Memphis. Find some food and off to Bass Pro Pyramid. After we arrive we will get lunch look around then take off to Sikeston, MO. (kick stands up at 1:30). Motel time, the next morning find more food then off again. We will have a stop or 2 and they will be "Supper" then work our way back home.

Now this is a ride for all of us, we can change the route and stops. Anyone that knows of anything that would be interesting to see just tell us we will work it in. We can also meet in route just let us know the place. Thanks, Craig and Joanie  
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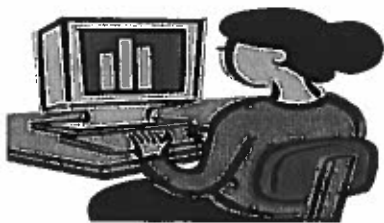
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Thank you.  
Paula

**Rider Ed:****Why Should I Take a Rider Course?**

This question is one that many of us find easy to answer. What we may not understand is why anyone would need to ask it. There are some riders in each of our chapters that choose not to participate in an instructed Rider Course. Let's examine this and try to understand why, and look at what a Rider Course can do for you.

Some may say, "I've been riding for years. I don't need to take a class." Others will boast about the miles they have accumulated on two wheels and ask "what can they teach me?" Have you ever tried to persuade someone with that attitude that a Rider Course might help them be an even better rider? Their position can be so negative and so strongly put that you don't want to talk to them about the benefits of rider training. Sometimes, people hide their self doubt behind a curtain of confidence and bluster. Is it possible to have all the knowledge and skill necessary to avoid any accident? Well, if one chooses not to ride very far or very often, then perhaps it is possible. But I wouldn't want to bet *my* life on it!

Do you remember a single season in your riding career without at least one close call or near miss due to another motorist's driving behavior? How about a single *month*? If you ride around the state or across the country, you expose yourself to many different situations that require anticipation of all the possible actions of other drivers. You have to be prepared to counter with the proper response – *whatever their action* – and do it in a split second! A motorcycle Rider Course helps prepare you mentally and physically to execute the kinds of maneuvers called for by a driver's unexpected actions. We look upon these classes as an opportunity to learn and improve our riding skills in a safe environment.

The instructors are trained to spot the little techniques during range exercises that riders tend to forget to employ on the road. They provide reminders to all students in a positive manner. Their trained eyes and constructive comments are geared to put each of us on the path to being the safest riders we can be. This can help with your attitude and performance on the road. Being reminded of the best techniques to execute different skills does not hurt at all. It is painless. The practice and coaching helps to improve our skills, whether we never knew the technique to use, or just need the occasional reminder. Hey, who doesn't appreciate a reminder from time to time? Especially when it is about something you want to do correctly and safely, but may have just forgotten the best method.

In athletic training we are taught that practice makes perfect. And when you practice something you enjoy doing, it's just a lot of fun! Practicing motorcycle riding maneuvers in a closed parking lot with someone else (the instructors) monitoring the range to protect the riders from outside hazards helps you focus your attention on the task at hand – becoming a better rider!

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On another level, taking a Rider Course will help you qualify for advancement in the Rider Education Levels Program, to Level II or above, or keep you current in your present level. And there is one more thing to remember about *all* GWRRA Rider Course offerings. Nobody fails! Everyone who completes the course receives a course completion card. There are no minimum performance requirements. You are asked to push yourself to improve your abilities. You won't get better at it if you don't try. Sign up for a Rider Course today. You will thank yourself later!

**Ride Smart & Be Safe!**

Bruce & Melissa Thayer  
Former MI Asst. District Rider Educators

Jack Siegfried L2 Riders Ed



Comments from the couple. . .

Hello everyone!

All the trees are in bloom along with all the flowers have popped up but they are just a bit confused. March started off pretty cool but April seem to be looking better, We have seen a lot of bikes out enjoying the weather and we are ready to get out to.

Paula is working on a couple rides for the chapter and one weekend ride. More information will be available soon. Right now we are getting everyone ready for the Cruise to Alaska in June and before the cruise, we are going on a short visit to Baltimore, MD. We had all the cruiser goers over on Saturday, March 18<sup>th</sup> for a meet and greet and to make sure everyone had everything they need to go to Alaska. We have a small group this time (18) but I know we will have a great time! We will share pictures when we get back and you will be so sorry you didn't join us!

We are also working on a schedule to visit some chapter meetings this year as the

*"Chapter Couple of the Year" and as soon we confirm the schedule we will have copies for anyone who wants to join us. You are all welcome to go see how another meeting is run and meet a lot of new, fun members.*

*Well, enough for now, we will see all of you soon.*

*Have a great month.*

*Joe and Paula Swift*

*2017 Chapter L-2 Couple of the Year*



**Happy Easter**

## April 2017

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
						1 April Fool's Day
2	3	4	5 Dinner at Carbonos	6 Ted Oesterrich B/D	7	8
9 Henry Brinegar's B/D	10	11	12 Dinner at Shelby Street Diner	13	14 Good Friday	15
16 Easter Larry Booth's B/D	17	18 Ken Whittington's B/D	19 Dinner at Ice House	20	21	22 Training at the 500 Track 9-11 Game Night at the Lawyer's house 7:00
23 Porter's Anniversary	24	25	26 Dinner at Ci Ci Pizza on US 31 South	27	28	29 Shirley Dake's B/D
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## May 2017

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1	2	3 Dinner at John's Hot Stew	4	5	6
	8	9	10 Dinner at Blueberry Hill	11	12	13
14 MOTHER'S DAY	15	16 West's Annivesary	17 Dinner at Papa John's	18	19	20 Martin's Anniversary
21 Chapter L-2 Meeting at MCL	22 Lou Martin's B/D	23	24 Dinner at Max & Erma's	25	26 Donna Cross B/D	27
28 500 RACE	29 MEMORIAL DAY	30 Duane Straw's B/D	31 Dinner at Gray's Brothers			