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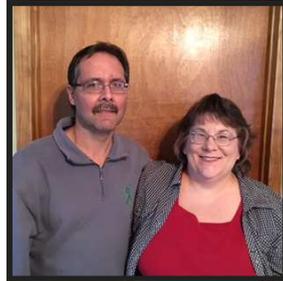
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Vernon Daly

RONALD McDONALD RIDE

FROM YOUR ASSISTANT CHAPTER DIRECTORS

Richard & Cari Durecki



I've heard that in the month of April we gain the most daylight hours of any of the months, roughly just over an hour. If the age old saying April showers brings May flowers, then May is going to be gorgeous. We've had our share of rain lately. We can be thankful that we had a very nice day for our annual fundraiser.

Another successful chicken sale is in the books. As I had mentioned in an e-mail that was sent out the day after our fundraiser; we had done pretty darn well on this year's event. For the first time since we've started the chicken sale fundraiser we came up a bit short of selling out. Cathy Rummel graciously took the left over chicken (about 30) haves and is storing them in her freezer. These are going to be used at the upcoming Chapter Camp-out in June. I can't convey my appreciation enough for all of those who gave up there time and energy to help make this fundraiser the success it was. I'd like to thank Jim Whetstone for handling the pre-sale ticket and for all the extra work in helping getting canopy, tables and generator to the site. Thanks also goes out to Vern for getting everything set up with Nelsons and the extra things needed to be done prior and after the sale.

The First-Aid, CPR class that was scheduled to be April 29th has been canceled. I didn't see a need to have this class with just a few people that signed up.

The game night scheduled for April 22nd has been moved to the 29th. McLeish's are hosting this event and if you didn't sign up at the meeting please let them know that you will be attending so they can plan for anyone that is interested. Time for this is 5:30, main dish will be provided and those who are attending please bring a dish to share.

May is the start of our weekly dinner rides on our bikes; Richard has passed out the sign-up sheet at the last couple of meetings. If you haven't had a chance to take a spot please do so at an upcoming meeting.

May 12-13 is Indiana District Spring Wing Warm-up, held at Tipton County 4H Grounds Tipton, IN. Registrations can be found on the district's website.

*Until next time, be safe
Rich and Cari*

MONTHLY MEETINGS are held the 1st Thursday of each month at the Perkins Restaurant in Elkhart on Cassopolis Road just north of the Toll Road . Dinner at 6:30, meeting at 7:15 PM

DINNER RIDES are every Thursday night May-Sept. (except meeting night). Meet in the parking lot BEHIND Discovery Middle School on Ash Road. Leaving promptly at 6:30 PM



**FROM YOUR CHAPTER EDUCATORS
Richard & Janet Fox**



Preparing for the Riding Season

This morning you all saw the white, fluffy stuff fall from the sky and while you might already be contemplating the weather for this coming weekend and its promise of 60 – 70 degrees with sunshine there are several tasks you need to complete before you hop on your long silenced rides.

At our ages we must realize by now that our local weather soothsayers do get paid to stretch the truth nine ways from Sunday but on occasion they do get one forecast correct about every month or two and so the promise of good riding weather does hold out some promise. Obviously not one of us would expect bad weather for our upcoming chicken sale!

If the expected good weather does appear we can undoubtedly give thanks to the now famous E. Bunny, esquire for both the sunshine from the heavens and the return of our feathered friends from the far reaches of the sunshine state to lend us a helping hand on Saturday. Hopefully all will go well.

All of us need to check out the condition of our rides so that we are prepared for a great first trip on Sunday, perhaps for a great frothy mug of root beer at Simonton Lake drive-in or an afternoon cone or shake at one of the local Dairy Queens.

To practice what we preach as our motto states “Friends for Fun, Safety, and Knowledge” I would encourage all our members to pull out a **T-CLOCKS** copy and go through a detailed inspection of your rides to ensure your safety and that of our co-riders.

The **T-CLOCS** approach has been around for many years. The acronym stands for: **Tires and Wheels, Controls, Lights and Electrical, Oil and fluids, Chassis and Side stand**. Several motorcycle organizations have endorsed the use of these checklists as a part of their approach to motorcycle safety.

For this meeting and future reference I have printed off several copies of the inspection sheets for your use. I encourage all of you to pick up one and use it as soon as you get your bike out of storage to prepare for the riding season. Please note these can be used to meet the needs of two wheel and three wheel riders as well as one for those with a side-car rig. I have also updated the new versions of the Rider Educator and Officer Manuals as needed.

Past Events

Meeting Notes:

By Vernon Daly



Rich opened the meeting to 17 chapter members and one guest.

After the pledge of allegiance and welcoming everyone to the meeting he reviewed past activities. We had the bowling outing, which was well attended, with dinner at Jojo's afterward. Rich and Cari went to chapter D2's chili cook-off. Rich reported that attendance seemed to be down from past years, but that might have been due to moving to a different venue.

Rich then reminded everyone that we would be meeting at Golden Egg at 8AM, before the chicken sale. He got a head count so he could go early and reserve a table.

Upcoming events were then discussed including the upcoming game night at McLeish's. One important note about this event: The date is changed from the previously announced April 22nd to April 29th. A signup sheet was passed around for this event. Rich also talked about the upcoming ride to Saugatuck on June 3rd. We will leave from the school at 9:30. This is NOT a rain or shine event. That means that if the weather is bad the event will be canceled. Also mentioned is the campout weekend at Pla-Mor on the weekend of June 16 and 17.

Spring Wing Warm-up is coming up on May 12 and 13 at Tipton Fairground. The Ride for Kids is Saturday June 14th at Pinhook Park in South Bend.

Richard Fox talked about the importance of going over your motorcycle before heading out in the spring. He suggested using the T-CLOCS check sheet, which he passed out to everyone, for reminding you of everything to check.

Cathy Rummel mentioned that get-well cards were sent to Kathy Case and Rhonda Tribble and that Connie Gless had some deaths in her family including her Grandmother, who passed away at age of 104.

Both Dumbo and Udderly Fantastic will be staying at their respective places of residence for the time being.

With that Rich asked if there were any other pieces of business that anyone wanted to bring up. Nothing being mentioned he adjourned the meeting.

Ronald McDonald House Reminder

We can always use two items at the house that we're always running out of: single serving snack packs (chips, Doritos, etc) and single serving juice boxes (any kind will do). We take these on the coffee cart every morning and this stuff goes fast. Also, a big thank you to all of you who have brought in things for me to take to the House. This is a really great service we provide to the families and all donations are greatly appreciated.

Vern

Chapter Bowling

We had a really nice group at the Chapter Bowling outing on March 18th with dinner at Jojo's afterward. Several O2 members along with quite a few from Goshen were there. Thank you to Rich for setting this up. As usual everyone had a good time.



Save those pop tabs for Next year's Ronald McDonald Ride
Date: TBD

Monthly Item:
Pick anything from the Wish List

What's Coming Up

Summary

April 29 . . Card Party, McLeish, 5:30
April 29 . . CPR, First Aid, CANCELED
May 4 . . Chapter Meeting, Perkins, 6:30
May 11—13 . . [Spring Wing Warm-up, Tipton, IN](#)
June 1 . . Chapter Meeting, Perkins, 6:30
June 3 . . Saugatuck Ride, Durecki, Leave School 9:30
June 16—18 . . McLeish Camping, Pla-Mor, Nappanee
June 15—17 . . [Ohio Buckeye Rally, Canfield, OH](#)
June 24 . . Ride for Kids, Pinhook Park, South Bend

Saugatuck Ride

Rich and Cari will be leading a ride up to Saugatuck again this summer, June 3rd. This is NOT a rain or shine event, which means that if the weather is bad the event will be canceled. We will be leaving from the school at 9:30 in the morning. They lead a ride like this before and everyone seemed to have a good time.

Card Party

McLeishs will be hosting a card party at their house on April 29 at 5:30. This will be the usual Carry-In. Contact Lucy about what to bring. Note that the date is changed. Original date was April 22nd.

Birthdays & Anniversaries

Anniversaries:

May 13 . . Richard & Linda Wright
May 15 . . Carl & Rhonda Tribble
May 20 . . Larry & Donna Johnson
May 26 . . Jim & Deb Whetstone

Birthdays:

May 3 . . Richard Wright May 26 . . Deb Whetstone
May 5 . . Mark Skinner

Thursday Dinner Rides

One to go. Be at the restaurant at 6:30.

April 20 . . Red Lobster, Elkhart

It's now time to start signing up to lead our weekly Thursday Dinner Rides. A signup sheet was passed around at the March meeting. Below is the list as it now stands. Lets try to get these filled up. Be thinking about when you could lead one and get on the list at the April Meeting. Just to remind everyone, we leave promptly at 6:30 from the parking lot BEHIND Discovery School.

May 11 . . Whetstone	August 10 . . Open
May 18 . . Daly	August 17 . . Open
May 25 . . Wright	August 24 . . Norman

June 8 . . Coryn	September 7 . . Open
June 15 . . Open	September 14 . . Open
June 22 . . Open	September 21 . . Open
June 29 . . Open	September 27 . . Open

July 13 . . Whetstone
July 20 . . Fox
July 27 . . Open

CPR/First Aid Class

Due to lack of enough attendees the CPR/First aid class is canceled.

Other News



Got an item that you would like to sell? Advertise it here in the “For Sale” listing of the newsletter. This publication is seen state wide and could help to locate someone that is looking for your item.

Your Chapter Store Representative:

Cindy Norman

Chapter items for sale:

Hats \$13.00

Chapter Flags \$12.00

Gold Wing Clocks \$15.00

Various pins, patches etc. also available. See Cindy for details.

For Sale: 2004 GL 1800

White with Graphic's & Pin Stripping.

109,000 touring miles.

Loaded with chrome aftermarket parts including wheels, valve covers, timing chain cover and many more. Baker Air Wings are also included.

Decorative Lighting is installed from front to back.

Price Reduced—\$9000

269-476-2321 or 269-816-4745

For Sale

1998 Kwik Kamp Motorcycle Camper

Has blue canvas in good condition with reddish brown cover. Has been modified to have electric outlets both inside and outside and does have a clear title. Asking \$1000.00 or best offer. Call 574 215-1810 if interested.

August Trip to St. Ignace

The following is a message from Wolfgang about his planned weekend trip to St. Ignace on August 18, 19 & 20.

We will be leaving on Friday and riding to St. Ignace for 2 nights. We are staying at the Driftwood Motel that has a Restaurant and Bar attached.

I have reserved 6 rooms, 4 with 2 full beds and 2 with 1 Queen bed in each room. With 4 people will be \$109.00 per night and rooms with 2 or 1 persons will be \$92.00 per night. This is Bike week in St. Ignace but the only date I could use.

On Saturday we will be riding to White Fish Point and the Maritime Museum and if time allowed we will be riding to Tahquamenon Falls on the way back to the hotel. Sunday we will be riding home.

ARC & TRC Class Schedules

ARC . . Bloomington 4/1, Ft. Wayne 5/6

TRC . . Bloomington 4/15, Ft Wayne 4/29

Trailer . . Bloomington 4/29

Trike W Trailer . . Bloomington 4/22

ARC Range Only . . Evansville 5/6

TRC Range Only . . Evansville 5/6

Cost for all classes is \$35

Registration forms are on indianaonwings.org

Changes and Corrections

McLeish's Game night has been changed from April 22nd to April 29th. Still 5:30.

The CPR/First Aid Class is canceled due to not enough attendees.

Please note that changes and corrections will not be repeated, so be sure and check last month's newsletter to make sure you didn't miss anything.



Goodbye Winter. Hello Spring!

Spring is like no other season for many reasons.

Good-bye cold,
Good-bye snow,
Good-bye dark mornings,
Good-bye storming winter days,
Good-bye, the flu!

Spring's ahead. Yay!

Good-bye ice,
Good-bye slippery roads,
Good-bye heavy coats,
Good-bye heavy boots,
Good-bye stuffy spaces!

Good-bye winter.
Spring, hello!

Hello baseball,
Hello bright mornings,
Hello open windows,
Hello gardening,
Hello; convertible cars, bicycles and motorcycles!

Good-bye winter. Yay!

Spring's in sight!

Hello high flying birds,
Hello cute bunnies,
Hello brown bears,
Hello bees,
Hello neighbors!

Good-bye winter.
Hello spring!

[Ronald Chapman](#)

Chicken Sale



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It's who I am.

Rider gets it.



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