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FROM YOUR CHAPTER DIRECTORS



Bob & Sue Chute

Yikes, it's August already! With the cooler temperatures lately, it feels like fall now.

At our August monthly meeting of the GWRRA Hart City Wings there were fourteen Chapter members in attendance and two guests whom have attended enough, they feel like part of our family.

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There was a great mystery ride, led by Assistant Directors Rich and Cari Durecki. It was reported that they wound up at an interesting Japanese restaurant where entertainment was served with the meal! Several members recounted enjoying great food and company together. There was much animated discussion on upcoming events including our annual Pound Auction scheduled November 2nd and the Ronald McDonald ride scheduled September 9th. It was decided due to the recent closure of Chapters in our area and as such a decline in outside attendance and participation, the Pound Auction will be canceled for this year. Further discussion will incur on various other fund raising activities available to the Chapter. We will continue our tradition of our annual Ronald McDonald House ride where we present a check to the local RMD, on behalf of our Chapter. Please plan on attending this ride. Further specific details on the RMD ride will follow.

Wolfgang Gless, the Assistant District Director, spoke of the many changes occurring in the restructuring of the Gold Wing Road Riders Association (GWRRA).

Looking forward to the Chapter Corn and Sausage Roast this afternoon at members Tom and Connie Whalen's home. It is always a great time socializing and eating abundantly good food! Hope to see you there!

Director Bob Chute gave a presentation, prepared by Chapter Educator Richard Fox, on "Riding in Inclement Weather". Richard's article was exceptionally relevant to riding safely on your motorcycle. Thank you Richard for always giving us timely Chapter Educator information even when you aren't able to make the meeting!

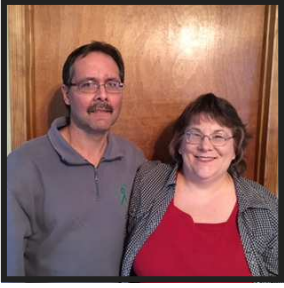
Our Dinner Rides are every Thursday, except meeting night. They continue thru September and have, been well attended. We meet in the parking lot behind Discovery Middle School on Ash Road. Kickstands up promptly at 6:30 p.m. We encourage you to join us on future rides There are numerous events to do with our Chapter friends, if you want to be involved.

That's all for this month. Remember, life is short.....pay it forward.

Bob & Sue

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 ASSISTANT CHAPTER DIRECTORS Richard & Cari Durecki

August has quickly arrived or as some people call the “Dog Days of Summer”, with any luck it won’t be too hot for very long. So far this summer, we have been fortunate with some very nice and comfortable rides this year. Speaking of rides, Richard told me that there are still 2 more openings to lead dinner rides. One is the 17th of this month. What was decided is whoever shows up that night for the ride and wishes to take the group somewhere, than that’s where we’ll go.

There were 16 chapter members that participated on the Mystery Ride on July 29th. It was a great day for a ride perfect temps and no one knew where we were going but Cari and I. We ended up in Ft. Wayne at a Japanese Steakhouse. A few were a bit leery about the food choice but were good enough to give it a try. Thanks to everyone who came on the ride, we enjoyed your company.

The chapter’s annual corn and sausage roast was on August 5th. With the weather being a bit cool, no one was brave enough to venture into pool. A few games of cornhole were played. It was nice to have Deb Whetstone's Mom, Betty join us. Thank you, Tom and Connie for hosting this event.

Mark on your calendar that the progressive dinner is September 16th. Host home will be Chute’s, Whetstone (at McLeish house), Gless and Whalen. Ride leaves the school at 1pm.

I’m sure by now that all of you have received an email from National GWRRA about all the changes that coming after the first of the year. There will no longer be district boundaries, and the rider education program is completely changing. How this directly affects the chapter level is going to be a work in progress.

*Until next time, be safe
Rich and Cari*



FROM YOUR CHAPTER EDUCATORS Richard & Janet Fox



Riding in Inclement Weather

We've all been there done that, but just where do we draw the line? What do you call over the top? How do you make the decision on when to act? How safe is safe? If it isn't safe for a group would it still be safe for you personally? How about for you and your co-rider?

Just what are the criteria?

You and your co-rider are on a trip to any exciting destination, close or far. The trip has been planned for weeks. The bags are packed, the bike is running perfectly, purring along in a steady, pulsing rhythm. The senses of smell and hearing pick out the many details of trees and flowers, the sounds of other vehicles, the sights of female turkeys with young ones crossing the road. You smile because this is why you ride.

On the open road you travel past towns and villages strung out along that all important ribbon of blacktop as you anxiously find your way to the adventures imagined in days past as you longed to be in the saddle again. You become aware of a cooling breeze and see clouds looming and steadily darkening on a yet far horizon. Your co-rider makes a comment about the change in your headset and wonders if you noticed? A passing highway sign lets you know about a rest area some 10 miles distant and you study the changes to the sky. You make a thousand observations about the breeze, the color of the sky, your speed, and the current location of your rain gear.

Initially you decide to press on. Maybe we'll get through before the rain arrives? No headlights or wipers so far. I hope there is no hail. I wonder about the wind? In the headset you ask your co-rider to do a weather check. Maybe you have a weather app on an electronic device. You seek information for future decisions. Now only 6 miles from the rest area. The wind becomes stronger, the sky darkens more than before. No headlights yet. No wipers either. Your co-rider returns to the headset and advises that a storm warning for the area has been received. No severe weather advisories or warnings yet. A line of thunderstorms is near. Do you stop for the rain suits? Take cover under an overpass? Traffic is steady but they are all in cars and trucks. Some headlights now but no wipers. Can we make the rest area? Now only 4 miles ahead. Breeze picks up some. You notice trees at the edge of the road swaying in the increasing breeze. You increase speed a little.

In the distance a sudden lightening flash catches your attention. More headlights now. An occasional raindrop begins to appear on the windshield. Should we have gotten to the rain suits? The next sign for the rest area says 2 miles. We may make it yet. More rain drops begin to appear. The headlights on the oncoming lane are numerous now. More lightening with the occasional boom of thunder. Suddenly the sign says rest area next right. You pull in and shut down quickly. Cover the bike and run inside as the storm really breaks. You think to yourself should we have gone on? Certainly it can't be that bad.

Past Events

Meeting Notes:

By Vernon Daly



Bob opened the August meeting to 14 members and 2 guests.

After the pledge of allegiance he mentioned that he would be doing an aluminum run and asked everyone to bring in their crushed cans and pull tabs to the September meeting. He also reminded everyone that the date for the 2018 chicken sale is now June 16th.

Upcoming events were then discussed including the annual Corn and Sausage Roast at Whalen's house, Saturday, August 5th at 4PM. Also mentioned was the combined Region D Rally/Michigan Rally. Wolfie mentioned that with the upcoming changes to the structure of GWRRA this will be the last Regional Rally as Regions are being discontinued.

Bob mentioned that the Ronald McDonald House ride will be coming up in September, but that no plans have been put in place yet.

In Richard Fox's place, Bob did the CE talk which was about riding in inclement weather. The text of this presentation is on the CE page of this newsletter.

Wolfgang then gave a talk about the upcoming changes to the structure of GWRRA. One of the main changes has to do with discontinuing Regions. The Districts will now report directly to National. There are also other changes at the chapter level including what officers duties will be and what is required. There are videos on the GWRRA web site you can view to get a better idea of what the new structure will be.

Wolfie also reminded everyone that departure time for the upper Michigan ride will be 8:00, Friday, August 18th, at his house.

The Progressive Dinner was discussed and everyone was reminded that it will be September 16th, leaving the School at 1:00. See page 5 for details.

Other items discussed were the Pound Auction and the Planning Meeting. With losing our auctioneer, it has been decided to do away with the Pound Auction. Another contributing factor was the loss of chapters that normally attended the Pound Auction. In it's place it has been suggested that we simply take up donations for Ronald McDonald house. It was pointed out that the Pound Auction has become everyone buying something, contributing it and then buying everyone else's stuff. We might be better off to just donate the money we would spend on items directly to Ronald McDonald House.

The date for the planning meeting was discussed. It will be either November 12th or November 5. Final decision on the date will be made a little later.

Dumbo was not there but Carol Skinner gave Udderly Fantastic to Deb Anderson for bringing a lot of extra stuff to the Lube-a-thon bike show. Thanks Deb for thinking of everyone.

With that, Bob asked if there was any other business. There being none he adjourned the meeting.

Corn and Sausage Roast

Our annual Corn and Sausage Roast was held at Whalen's again this year. We had 17 chapter members in attendance along with one guest. Deb Whetstone brought her Mom. While the weather cooperated, no one went swimming this year as it never got out of the 70's. But we had a lot of good food and fellowship along with some Corn Hole games. Thank you to Tom and Connie for once again hosting this great event.

Mystery Ride

The previously scheduled "Botanical Garden" ride was canceled and a "Mystery Ride" scheduled in it's place. Rich has offered to lead this ride and is not saying exactly what it will be except that it will be more like a "Dinner Ride". Turns out they went to Fort Wayne to a Japanese restaurant. I was not able to attend this function, but I understand the weather cooperated and 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

August 5 . . Corn and Sausage Roast, Whalen's, 4:00
August 5 . . Chapter U Hog Roast (Angola)
Aug 10—12 . . Region D/Michigan Rally, Evart, MI
August 18—20 . . Northern Michigan Ride, Gless
Aug 29—Sept 2 . . Wing Ding
September 7 . . Chapter Meeting, Perkins
September 9 . . Ronald McDonald House Ride
September 16 . . Progressive Dinner, 1:00

Progressive Dinner

Another Progressive Dinner is scheduled for September 16th, starting at 1:00 at the school. Courses will be as follows:

Appetizer: Chute
Salad: Skinner @ McLeish's
Main: Whetstone
Desert: Gless

Ronald McDonald House Ride

The annual Ronald McDonald House Ride is scheduled for Spetember 9th. No details have been worked out yet for this event, but keep the date open so we can have a good attendance. Watch your newsletter for details as they become available.

Birthdays & Anniversaries

Anniversaries:

None this month

Birthdays:

Sept 17 . . Connie Whalen
Sept 25 . . Vern Daly

Thursday Dinner Rides

It's now time to sign 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. Just to remind everyone, we leave promptly at 6:30 from the parking lot BEHIND Discovery School.

August 10 . . Coryn
August 17 . . Open
August 24 . . Norman
August 31 . . Wright

September 14 . . Gless
September 21 . . Durecki
September 27 . . Open

August Trip to St. Ignace

August 18, 19 & 20.

We will be leaving on Friday, 8:00, from Wolfgang's house, 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.

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.

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For Sale

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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.

Lube-A-Thon

Chapter 02 was invited to attend this fund raiser for Hospice Foundation. We put our bikes on display. We had information about our Chapter and GWRRA and bike safety information. The Chapter also made a donation. Tom's donated all monies made from oil changes. They had just under 100 oil changes totaling \$3,800. Thank you everyone participating in this event. Thank you for the donation for Hospice Foundation. We had 9 bikes turn out many with trailers. We spent a wonderful afternoon visiting. Again Thanks Everyone.
Carol Skinner

Heston Supper Club

Several people were discussing having a dinner out. Seems several members have anniversaries in October. So it was suggested dinner at Heston Supper Club. The plan for now is have dinner Sunday October 15th at 3:00 pm. There is a time difference so we plan to get there when they open at 3:00 (that is 4:00 our time). You can go to their web site <http://www.hestonsupperclub.com> You can join their e club not sure what you might receive. More details and sign up to follow but mark your calendars now to "Save the Date".
Carol Skinner

Changes and Corrections

No changes or corrections this month.

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.

TWO FOR THE PRICE OF ONE! TWICE AS MUCH FUN!

Make your summer riding season much fuller, more enjoyable, and less costly by putting the ***Combined Region-D and Michigan District Rally, August 10-12, 2017 in Ewart, Michigan*** on your calendar.

As the title above says, you get two rallies for the price of one and everything about this rally guarantees twice as much fun.

Vendors have called us to ask to come. We have 18 registered and expect the number to grow to over 20. Our food vendors have stepped up to feature really outstanding menu items including ice cream.

The fairground has outstanding restroom/shower facilities compared to any other fairground where we've camped. There are lots of camping spaces. All the event buildings are close to each other so you won't be walking so much. Osceola Fairground is in the small town of Ewart but this fairground is booked all summer by events, some much larger than ours. They have had a dulcimer festival every year for over 20 years and once hosted an average of 20,000 people from all over the world. They average around 5,000 now for this event.

There are guided rides including a mystery dinner ride and a lighthouse ride and a women's ride. The lighthouse ride is a pre-rally ride on Wednesday and takes you to the western shores of Michigan. Some of Chapter Y did this last summer. It is a beautiful area to ride.

Soon the schedule of events will be available and you will see all of the scheduled events so you can plot your weekend. Early bird registration must be postmarked by **June 24, 2017**, to get even more savings. If you need a registration form, let us know or go to the Region D website: <http://www.gwrra-regiond.org/Region%20Rally.htm> and click on "registration" in the right column, mid-page. Also check out the vendor list (includes food menus) and the sponsors list for the rest of the story. The schedule of events will be there as soon as it is finalized.

Your support of this first-time combined event will help make the decision in the future to continue combining district/region rallies. Our members are our most important asset and we do what we do for you. Hope to see you there!

George & Jeanie Fowler
Rob & Pam Robinson
Vendor Coordinators



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