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## FROM YOUR CHAPTER DIRECTORS



### *Bob & Sue Chute*

School's out, vacation season is upon us, and we can visit the local farmer's market and smell fresh-cut grass daily.

Our July monthly meeting of the GWRRA Hart City Wings chapter was well attended with a lot of interesting thoughts and suggestions on upcoming events. Due to so many couples becoming "snow birds", it was decided to move our Port-A-Pit chicken sales from April to June next year. That way the snow birds will have returned and be able to pitch in with the other Chapter members.

On June 25<sup>th</sup> several chapter members participated in and won prizes at the annual "Ride For Kids, a fundraiser for the Pediatric Brain Tumor Foundation, held at Pin Hook Park in South Bend. Everyone had a good time contributing to a great cause. A big thank you to Chapter member Carol Skinner for activating the Phone Tree and initiating an impromptu ice cream ride to the Hayloft in Dowagiac, MI. There were some 14 eager attendees joining in the ride. Member Wolfgang Gless readily reported that even he couldn't finish the small banana split!

Our Dinner Rides every Thursday, except meeting night, have been well attended too. There have been several interesting rides although Mother Nature put a damper on some with rain showers. We encourage you to join us on future rides. We meet in the parking lot behind Discovery Middle School on Ash Road. Kickstands up promptly at 6:30 p.m.

There are lots of other activities being planned by our Chapter, including a Mystery Ride on July 29<sup>th</sup>, led by Assistant Directors Rich and Cari Duricki, a trip to the U.P led by Wolfgang and Connie Gless and our annual Corn and Sausage Roast hosted by Tom and Connie Whalen. 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

I hope everyone had a safe and fun filled 4<sup>th</sup> of July holiday weekend. I'm not sure what weather was like around here, but where Cari and I went it was very hot and very muggy. We had a long weekend and Cari decided that going to Cancun was a good idea in July. Despite the hot weather we had a good time, but it was nice to get back to the Sates for a more comfortable conditions. I was glad to get out of Chicago before dark too; sometimes I wasn't sure if it was fire-works going off or something else.

On June 17<sup>th</sup> many of us came out to Pla-Mor for the chapter's annual campout. It was great just to visit with all our GW friends; and it was great to see Frank and Kathy Case. Thanks everyone bringing something to share for the evening's dinner. Everyone pitched in where needed, and a big thanks to McLeish's in setting everything up.

The ride to the Botanical Gardens on July 29<sup>th</sup> has been replaced by a Mystery ride. More details are in this newsletter.

Coming up on August 5<sup>th</sup>, is the corn and sausage roast at Whalen's house. Please bring a dish to pass and any yard games that you may want to play. If you weren't at July's meeting or you just didn't sign up and are planning on coming please let them know. Same goes for you've signed up and can't make it please let them know as well. More details on time are in this newsletter. Don't forget the pool is open so bring your swimsuits.

Safe travels to Glesses and Vern on their upcoming rafting trip in Arizona, we look forward to hearing all about your experiences when you return. Enjoy yourselves and watch out for all those critters.

*Until next time, be safe  
Rich and Cari*



## FROM YOUR CHAPTER EDUCATORS Richard & Janet Fox



### School Days, School Days, Good Old Golden Rule Days

How many of you actually liked your 12 or more years served in those institutions of higher learning before your eventual parole back into actual society?

Remember the rigors of science classes, Math, and Physics or more useful classes like Gym, Home Economics, typing or worst of all Latin.

Call to mind that old rhyme, “Latin is a language as dead as it can be, first it killed the Romans and now it’s killing me!”

Well, put down your forks and phones ladies and gentlemen for once again it’s time to return to those days of yesteryear to discuss that most important subject of motor cycle riders everywhere! “The coefficient of friction!”

This definition is provided by Wikipedia but I have an additional 10 – 20 pages in one of my old text books at home if you are interested? The thought makes my brain hurt just thinking about it! While the value of the coefficient is dimensionless it can have only three choices, 0, 1, and more than 1.

It doesn’t matter if you ride, walk, unicycle, bicycle, motorcycle, use a 4 wheel drive P/U or an 18 wheeler the coefficient of friction applies to all of these endeavors. Basically the physical law allows your ability to corner at higher speeds when other forces, such as traction, road conditions such as sand, ice, snow, rain or other elements affect you and your bike and your line of travel. I am sure that you may have seen Super Bike races where the riders are going extremely fast and have their bikes laid over almost horizontally to the track so they can make the corners. This is an example of the coefficient of friction in practice.

One miscalculation about speed, tire tread, wind, or other road conditions can result in road rash city if not for the protective gear used by these professional riders. Luckily for us the manufacturers of tires, engine controls, brakes, gear ratios, have studied these physical laws over many years and for the most part they have managed to keep us out of trouble.

How many of you are planning to go to Florida for the winter. You lucky ducks! One word of warning, watch out for that Florida sand on those roads. Your coefficient of friction can and may even approach ours when we ride on ice or snow!

# Past Events

## Meeting Notes:

By Vernon Daly



Bob opened the meeting with the pledge of allegiance, to 20 chapter members and 2 guests.

Bob talked about upcoming events, which include the Mystery Ride on July 29th and the annual Corn and Sausage Roast on August 5th. Note that the Mystery Ride is a replacement for the previously scheduled Botanical Garden Ride. See page 5 for details on both of these events.

Also mentioned was the upcoming combination Region D Rally/Michigan Rally. Details for this event can be found on page 7 of this newsletter.

Carol Skinner spoke about the Ice Cream Ride that was held on June 25, the day after the Ride For Kids. She mentioned that there was a good attendance for this event. She also reminded everyone of the "Lube-A-Thon" that is being held on Friday July 28th. She asked that some members, who would be free on Friday, attend this event from 11AM to 1PM. Bring your bikes, and trailers if you have one, just to show them off and maybe promote GWRRA. Probably be there a little before 11:00 to set up. The event will be held at Tom's Car Care Center at 3201 Sugar Maple Lane in South Bend.

Richard Fox, chapter educator, talked about coefficient of friction and how it relates to motorcycles. This is what keeps your motorcycle stuck to the pavement. He also talked about factors that can reduce your coefficient of friction.

Richard Wright passed around the dinner ride signup sheet. At this point there are two open slots, Aug 17 and September 28.

Bob talked about the future of the chapter and reminded everyone that we don't have anyone signed up to take over ANY of the officer positions for 2018. He invited everyone to consider taking an officer position so the chapter can continue.

Vern talked about the Chicken Sale, currently scheduled for April 14th. He had called Nelsons to see what dates are available in June. (May is totally booked.) The chapter decided on June 16th as the preferred date. He will call Nelsons and set this up.

Vern gave Dumbo to Jim Whetstone for leaving his "Barn Door" open when we left for the Saugatuck ride. Yes it was actually his storage barn by his house.

He gave Udderly Fantastic to Carol Skinner for organizing the Ice Cream Run. He mentioned that we need more of this kind of impromptu rides. That's what the phone tree is for.

With that, Bob asked if there was any other business to discuss. None being mentioned he adjourned the meeting.

## Ice Cream Ride

On June 25th there was an Ice Cream ride up to Hayloft in Michigan. There were 14 chapter members who attended on 7 bikes. Thank you to Carol Skinner for setting up this outing. We need to do more of these kind of impromptu rides.

## McLeish Camping

We had a really good weekend for our annual camping event. There were quite a few chapter members there, both day visitors and those who camped there both Friday and Saturday nights. Lots of good food and fellowship. We were able to use up the chicken we had left over from April's chicken sale, along with lots of good stuff that everyone brought to pass. Thank you to Bruce and Lucy for organizing this event. I think everyone who attended 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

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## Summary

July 29 . . Mystery Ride, Durecki, 2:30  
August 3 . . Chapter meeting, Perkins  
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

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## Mystery Ride

The previously scheduled "Botanical Garden" ride has been canceled and a "Mystery Ride" scheduled in its 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". He is planning on leaving the school at 2:30 and arriving at the undisclosed destination around 5:00, where we will have dinner. Meals at the selected establishment range in price from \$20 to \$35. Return time is planned to be around 8:00. He needs a final head count by Sunday, July 23rd.

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## Corn and Sausage Roast

Our annual Corn and Sausage Roast will again be held at Whalen's. The event will start at 4:00. Corn and Sausage will be provided by the chapter and everyone is asked to bring a dish of some kind to pass.

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## Birthdays & Anniversaries

### Anniversaries:

August 22 . . Wolfgang & Connie Gless  
August 24 . . Rich & Cari Durecki  
August 25 . . Don & Cindy Norman

### Birthdays:

August 2 . . Ron Gabbard & Don Norman  
August 7 . . Rex Harwood  
August 21 . . Danny Yarbrough & Robert Coryn

## 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.

July 13 . . Whetstone	August 10 . . Coryn
July 20 . . Fox	August 17 . . Open
July 27 . . Daly	August 24 . . Norman
	August 31 . . Wright

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

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## August Trip to St. Ignace

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.

## 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.

### For Sale: 2014 Can Am Spyder

Cognac (orange) 2014 Can Am Spyder RT-S

Excellent condition

19000 miles

1330 cc fuel injected engine

SE6 paddle shift transmission

Cruise control, antilock brakes, traction control, stability control, lots of storage

Aftermarket "Ultimate Seats" seat

Factory CB and intercom with J&M cords

Butler Cup and mount

Storage Cover

\$19,000

Contact Vern at 574-259-3508

Or 574-596-1172

### For Sale: 2006 Goldwing 1800

Titanium w/specialty graphics

Upgraded Seating

Deluxe accessories includes:

CB and Intercom

Color matched 2008 cargo trailer

39,400 Miles

\$11,500 Bob Chute 574-250-0193

Also for sale

2 heated motorcycle jackets (LG and XLG) complete with pads and zip out liners

Chaps, Newer helmets

## Changes and Corrections

The only change this month is that the Botanical Garden ride has been changed to a Mystery Ride. See page 5 for details.

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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