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FROM YOUR CHAPTER DIRECTORS



Bob & Sue Chute

All the beautiful colors of fall are fading fast, replaced by cold blustery winds and frigid temperatures! I imagine most have safely and lovingly tucked their motorcycles away for this riding season. We did have such an enjoyable gathering, albeit on four wheels, for dinner and socializing at Heston's Supper Club. Thank-you Carol Skinner for organizing that delicious event!

While I'm thinking of it, I want to acknowledge our Chapter Educator, Richard Fox. His presentation at our November meeting, "Resistance to Change and its Effect on Safety", was not only entertaining and interesting, it was downright funny! I know each one of us could see a little of us in the similar comments and situations he presented. Thanks Richard for always doing such a "bang-up" job. So glad to hear you will continue in that position.

Our combined Birthday/ Holiday party was held Friday, November 3rd, at Del Mars in Nappanee. We had so much fun eating, socializing and playing the exciting "gift wrap game". Once again, thanks to member Deb Whetstone for the cute table decorations, the timely poem and the planning that went into making our party such a success! She is a "treasure" beyond words.

We will have our annual planning meeting on Sunday, November 12th, at Bruce and Lucy McLeish's house. Once again everyone bring their favorite snack to munch on while we work out the details of our calendar of events for the coming year.

As we go south, we leave the leadership of our Chapter, IN-02 Hart City Wings, in the skilled hands of the new, but not so new to us, Chapter Directors, Wolfgang and Connie Gless. We are certain they will pilot our Chapter in their usual proficient and talented manner. A big gracious thank you goes out to our Co-Chapter Directors, Rich and Cari Durecki the past two years. It's obvious we couldn't have done it without their invaluable support, resources and knowledge!

As our time of Chapter Directors concludes, we wish to thank not only our other Chapter Officers, but each and everyone one of our Chapter members. Since we have sold out Goldwing, we won't be going "two-up, kickstands up" anymore, but still plan on attending as many activities and keeping in touch as much as we can. We can truly say we have such giving, talented and all around magnificent members in our Chapter, we're proud to be a part of Hart City Wings!!

Thanks for the memories folks and continue to make "random act of kindness" part of your agenda today!

Bob & Sue Chute

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

Well as the saying goes; all good things have to come to an end. The riding season and the 70+ degree days and Notre Dame's winning streak have or soon will be a distant memory. One can't complain though we've had some very nice weather this year for most of the dinner rides and also planned riding events. Very soon we'll be saying so long to our snowbirds, perhaps some of us tough northern birds will go for a visit.

One of our recent events was the bonfire/chili cook-off at Jim and Deb's home. We had around 6+ chilies to choose from so the competition was fierce. Vern ended up being the victor. It was an awesome night for a bonfire and everyone kept their eyebrows. Thanks Jim and Deb for the warm welcome and for being such gracious hosts. The only downside was that Notre Dame won their game and Michigan lost theirs.

We just concluded our Chapter's Birthday/Holiday party and Deb Whetstone did another wonderful job as usual, I'm sure Jim helped as well. We had a very good dinner and it was nice to just relax and enjoy everyone's company. A big thank you goes out to Bob and Sue for the gifts of personalized aprons and a very nice quilt, I was very surprised and grateful.

Don't forget your input on what activities you wish to do in 2018 is needed at the Chapter's planning meeting coming up Sunday, November 12th, 2pm at McLeish's home. Bring a snack to share and bring your ideas.

Once again I'd like to thank Bob and Sue for stepping up to be our Chapter Directors for the past couple of years. I'd also like to give a big thank you to all who volunteered to be staff members during their time as CD's. I'm looking forward to the new administration that's coming in and all the fun that's coming our way.

Finally Cari and I would like to wish everyone a very happy and safe upcoming holiday season. For those travelers; may the road be kind to you as you make your way to your destinations wherever you go.

Take care,

Rich and Cari



FROM YOUR CHAPTER EDUCATORS Richard & Janet Fox



Resistance to Change and the Effect on Safety

Humans on this planet seem to have an inborn resistance to change. It doesn't make any scientific sense. Scientists can't find a single gene or a chromosome or strand of DNA that explains how it occurs but it is there none the less. You see it every day in all types of situations and the resistance manifests itself in humans of all ages and races.

Some examples include:

Children who hate the taste of green beans or most other vegetables having never tasted them before. Teenagers who resist, at all costs, doing anything that doesn't involve typing cell phone messages so often that you would think their fingers might actually fall off their hands. Adults who absolutely refuse to accept any government leaders other than those of their own political persuasion. Adults who refuse to accept new technological advances even when those changes might improve both their safety and pleasure when riding motorcycles. You can look in any Wing World, or many other magazines for motorcyclists, and find literally hundreds of new innovations that can help improve the safety of your ride.

If you have a cell phone, how long has it been since you last bought one. Look at mine. My old one was around for 6 years before I ended up replacing it. Why, because I was reluctant to have to learn the new technology. When I first went through collage I could not imagine using a computer without punch cards. Now after much resistance I use a technological miracle to produce these discussions as well as look up things day after day to increase my knowledge of a wide variety of topics. Until a few years ago I was perfectly willing to accept the presence of a wall hung rotary dial phone for the rest of my days on earth.

As you all know, our chapter, and in fact all of GWRRA, is in the throes of change. A new organizational structure is being implemented. Many of the chapters and many people in those chapters are resisting the changes. You must ask yourself why? Will the changes be difficult? Perhaps they will be different from what has been in the past. Some you may like and some may not like the changes that occur.

One thing is certain about the changes and the organization. GWRRA has always been focused on rider safety, education, and fun. We like getting together for a good day of riding and the enjoyment of friends. Make sure you don't let the resistance to change spoil the experience. You will be assimilated – resistance is futile

The Borg.



Past Events

Meeting Notes:

By Vernon Daly



Bob opened the meeting to around 20 chapter members and one guest, Duane Ewell from the District team.

After the pledge of allegiance, Bob discussed the two upcoming events, which were the combined Holiday/Birthday party, which was to be held the next day, Nov 3rd, and the annual Chapter Planning Meeting, to be held on November 12th at McLeish's house at 2PM.

Wolfie wanted to remind everyone that Winter Rendezvous will be held on Feb 9&10 in Shipshewana. The cost will be \$25 but will NOT include a dinner, as it has in the past. But there are several restaurants nearby.

Wolfie then talked about changes to chapter officer positions. As we are all aware, Bob and Sue's tenure as CD will be coming to an end at the end of this year. Glesses will be taking over as Chapter CDs with Normans as ACDs. Some of the other chapter positions, officers or not, will also be changing. (Editor's note: I'll not enumerate those at this time, but you will see the changes reflected in the list on page 1 of this newsletter starting with the January edition when the changes will have taken place.)

Dumbo will be staying with Wolfie for the time being, but he gave Udderly Fantastic to Jim and Deb Whetstone for hosting the bonfire/chili cookoff.

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

Holiday/Birthday Party

The combined Holiday/Birthday party was held on November 3rd, once again at Dal-Mar in Nappanee. As usual the camaraderie and the food were great. We had a couple of interesting games, and just, overall, a good time. Thank you Deb for setting this up.

Bonfire

Wow, what a fantastic night for the bonfire/chili cookoff. We really lucked out on the weather, as one more night and it would have been raining. We had the chili cookoff, with 6 entries. All the chili was really good. I know everyone had a hard time making a decision on which one to vote for. In the end it was Vern's entry that won, but I think it was a pretty close race. After the dinner everyone went out to Whetstone's back yard where the bonfire was held, and it was a really pleasant night. I think everyone had a hard time dragging themselves away. I know I didn't get home until 10:00. Anyway, thank you to Jim and Deb for hosting this event. It was a really good time. And thanks also to everyone who brought food to share, whether it was a chili entry or something else. Everything was really good. I know I ate way too much. But that's what these events are all about, right?

Heston Supper Club

Several Chapter members discussed going to Heston's for dinner at the Chapter Campout. Then when everyone said they wanted to join Mark and I. We set a date and time, and I presented to the Chapter.

We had hoped to make it a bike ride. Mark laid out a nice ride over to Heston's. Mother Nature had other ideas about letting us ride. As the day neared the weather turned rainy and cold.

So we just went in cars for dinner. We had 16 Chapter Members on October 15th go to Heston's Dinner Club. They did a great job getting us seated, and serving us. It was great evening with wonderful friends and wonderful food.

Thanks Everyone for joining Mark & I
Carol Skinner



Save those pop tabs for Ronald McDonald House

Monthly Item:
Pick anything from the Wish List
Individual Snacks and drink boxes are always needed.

What's Coming Up

Summary

November 12 . . Planning meeting, 2:00 at McLeish's

As you can see, we have very little in upcoming events for the months of November and December. I know it's a busy time of the year, but if anyone would like to host a game night, I think there would probably be some interest in an event like that. If you have any ideas, or would like to host something, to give the chapter something to do please give your CDs a call. If they have already left for Florida you can give me (Vern) a call and I'll get the word out.

Planning Meeting

Our annual planning meeting will be held on November 12th at McLeish's house at 2PM. All chapter members are invited to attend this meeting and bring their ideas of events they would like to see in 2018.

Birthdays & Anniversaries

Anniversaries:

No anniversaries in December

Birthdays:

December 2 . . Rich Durecki

December 27 . . Lucy McLeish

December 29 . . Bernadette Harwood

Thursday Dinner Rides

That's it for the Thursday dinner "rides". We will now be on our once-a-month Thursday dinner get-togethers. Below is a schedule of these dinners for the rest of the non-riding season. Be at the restaurant at 6:30. .

November 16..George's Gyros, Bristol St. Elkhart

December.....No dinner this month

January 18..Fiesta Tapatia, McKinley Ave, Mishawaka

February 15...Cracker Barrel, Elkhart

March 15.....Regio's, Mishawaka

April 19.....TBD

District Event Ideas

The district staff is soliciting input on changes that the membership would like to see at district events, eg. Winter Rendezvous, Spring Wing Warmup, as well as any others. If you would like to make input into district event planning you can always attend one or more district meetings, which are held twice a year, or you can e-mail ideas or suggestions to any district team member. Their respective e-mail addresses can always be found on the district web page at www.indianaonwings.com.

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

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

For Sale: 2004 GL 1800

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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.

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.

THANKS

I want to thank everyone who has brought in donations of foodstuffs for the house recently. I have a LOT of items piling up in my family room to take in the next time I work. I, as well as the rest of the volunteers and staff at RMH, appreciate the donations. My pleas for snack and drink items has sure hit a cord with everyone because the donations have really been great. Again, thank you very much from RMHC.

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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.

Holiday/Birthday Party





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