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## FROM YOUR CHAPTER DIRECTORS



### *Bob & Sue Chute*

We are heading into my favorite time of the year....fall. Indian summer in the Midwest is absolutely the best time of year for riding! All the stunning colors that Mother Nature provides are a true testament to the beauty that surrounds

us.

At our September monthly meeting of the GWRRA Hart City Wings there were twenty Chapter members in attendance and one guest, Joyce, who is part of our extended family!

Our Chapter members, Wolfgang and Connie Gless attended the annual Wing Ding in Grapevine, Texas. They reported good weather prevailed and there were a lot of changes coming to GWRRA. We look forward to learning of the changes and how they will affect our Chapter.

It was decided that due to rising costs to rent a place for our annual Pound Auction and the closing of other area chapters, the Pound Auction will not be held this year. Our annual Ronald McDonald ride happened this past Saturday. Eleven members joined us in presenting a check along with various snacks for the house and a tremendous amount of collected pop tabs. A tour of the newly finished facilities was provided by Ellen, a fifteen year volunteer. The new RMD house has 20 bedrooms, an awesome kitchen, pantry, storage and beautiful play areas as well as rooms for anxious "You've come a long way baby!"

There are new Chapter activities in the works including: 9/16 Progressive Dinner Ride; 10/15 Dinner Ride to Heston Bar & Grill and 10/21 Bonfire get together at Whetstones. Please pencil in these events on your calendar.

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.

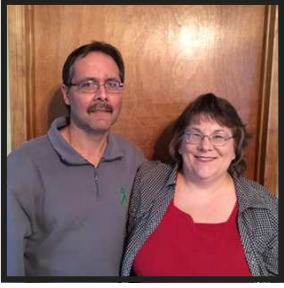
We ask that you continue to keep in prayer all those affected by the numerous wild-fires in the west and hurricanes Harvey and Irma.

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

September is our last month of weekly dinner rides, thank you to all ride leaders this year. Soon we'll be meeting only once a month, other than our monthly gatherings. This past month wasn't our typical August, some of those dinner rides were pretty chilly on the way home. I guess we'll have to get used to it as fall quickly approaches.

By the time this newsletter comes out we'll have just completed the Ronald McDonald ride. The weather started out chilly but it was a beautiful day. For some of us this will be the first time seeing the new house. It's very nice inside, everything is all new. Hopefully next year more chapter members can partake in this event. A big thank you goes to Jim and Deb Whetstone who led a nice ride around to several local hospitals. Jim had a stop planned to tour a granary, and it was quite an interesting experience.

Even though our riding season is winding down there are plenty of activities coming up. The Progressive dinner ride is September 16<sup>th</sup>, kickstands up at 1pm. We'll be led to 4 fellow chapter member's homes with about a ¾ hr ride between stops.

The Northeast/Northwest fall gathering will be held September 23<sup>rd</sup>, in Warsaw's Central Park. Last year's event was well attended. This year there will be a \$3 cost per person to cover the expenses of the main dish. If you wish to bring a dish I'm sure it would be appreciated. There will also be a Scavenger hunt planned that you'll be going around the area to find items. Scavenger start 10:30, lunch will be around 12:30-2:00, bringing your own drinks if you want more than water.

As we all know, a number of our chapter members have made purchases of winter homes down in Florida. I'm sure that they are paying close attention to the Hurricane that's heading in that direction. We can only hope that the devastation is minimal, and your homes make it through okay.

Our thoughts and prayers go out to Bob and Diane Coryn's son's continued recovery from a lengthy hospitalization at Loyola Hospital in Chicago. Bob told the chapter that their son had a brain aneurism that busted, and has had numerous other complications. He has been in the ICU for better than a month. Doctors are optimistic about his recovery but it will be a long and slow recovery process. Hopes are that soon he'll be back closer to home for his physical therapy.

*Until next time, be safe  
Rich and Cari*



## FROM YOUR CHAPTER EDUCATORS Richard & Janet Fox



### Changing Seasons & Changing Riding Safety

How many of you have noticed the changing of the seasons in the last month? I know I have and the signs are as obvious as can be. Perhaps you have noticed some of the following.

1. The green to red color change of the poison ivy on some of the trees.
2. The color changes of the soybeans on our last dinner ride up to Lindy's as they turn to yellow and begin to fall from the bean plants.
3. The walnuts falling on Douglas road near Bittersweet
4. The acorn mast crop coming from the Oaks banging against a metal shed roof
5. The cool mornings and fall rains beginning to pelt the motorcycles as you ride down country roads.
6. Take note of the recent first frost in Wawa Ontario as my buddies and I prepare to leave for our annual fishing trip.
7. And most noticeable the start of the Wal-Mart Layaway Plan for the Christmas shopping season.

All of these signs portend the changing of the seasons in northern Indiana. These signs also mean only one thing, our riding season will soon come to a close. We must be aware of these changes.

As the seasons change so too must our riding style. We must adapt so our safety efforts must increase to accompany the conditions caused by the changing seasons. You must adjust to piles of wet leaves, road hazards, including hitting those walnuts that can cause your front tire to suddenly shift sideways. Soon the farmers will begin to harvest the beans and corn which will make the deer start to move. The very hours of daylight will begin to diminish making dusk and headlights more important for riding conditions.

Bike safety inspections become more important because a motorcycle must work properly to be a safe motorcycle. Both rider and co-rider must participate in the riding process to enhance the safety of all. The importance of the "right gear all of the time" enhances your riding experience as the weather cools and it can make a tremendous difference to the safety of the riders and co-riders.

There is nothing like the changing of the seasons. Your nostrils fill with the smells of leaves and pine trees. The drying of the corn and bean fields and the site of the beautiful fall leaves and bright blue fall sky virtually assault your senses as you travel down country roads.

Pay attention to the changing of the seasons. Ride safe so that you can enjoy all that life has to offer. Make sure you adjust your safety efforts so you can have that cup of coffee or hot cacao or perhaps a large mug of apple cider along with your slice of pumpkin pie.

# Past Events

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## Meeting Notes:

By Vernon Daly



Bob opened the meeting to around 24 chapter members with the pledge of allegiance.

Bob brought up the fact that we need people to step up and take chapter officer positions if we want to keep the chapter going in 2018. He, along with Dureckis will be retiring their positions at the end of December.

Upcoming events for the chapter were discussed including the Ronald McDonald House ride on September 9th. Jim Whetstone will be leading this ride which will start at 10AM at the school and will end at the Ronald McDonald House at 1PM where we will be met by House staff. There will be a stop at a grain elevator on the way with a possible tour.

The progressive dinner will be on September 16th and will start at Chute's house at 1PM.

There are columns on both the RMH ride and the Progressive Dinner on page 5 of this newsletter.

Deb Whetstone talked about the bonfire event at their house on October 21st at 5:30. It will be a carry-in/chili cookoff. Bring something to pass or your favorite chili dish for everyone to enjoy and judge.

Wolfie talked about the upcoming Fall Fest in Warsaw on September 23. It will be held at Center Lake Park and will start at 10AM.

He also talked about Wing Ding, what was good and what was not-so-good.

Richard Fox gave the CE talk which centered on the changes brought about by the change of seasons. He talked about the indicators of the change of seasons and the implications of each on riding.

Richard Wright mentioned that the September 28th Thursday Dinner Ride is still open and asked for someone to take this last ride. No one stepped up to take it so it will remain an open ride for now. Hopefully, on the evening of the ride, someone will volunteer to lead everyone on that last ride.

Dumbo will be staying with Jim Whetstone for another month, and Udderly was not there, so will be staying with Deb Anderson for another month.

With that Bob adjourned the meeting and thanked everyone for attending.

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## Wolfie's Northern Michigan Trip

On August 18<sup>th</sup> to 20<sup>th</sup> 12 members of chapter O2 took a 3 day trip to St. Ignace and from there north to White Fish Point on Lake Superior. We left on an overcast day that could have rained on us but didn't. We traveled back roads up through Michigan and finally crossed Big Mac to our hotel in St. Ignace. On Saturday we mounted our rides and rode up to White Fish Point and visited the Maritime Museum and the White Fish Point Lighthouse. After that we rode back to our hotel. On Sunday we took highways back towards home but decided to take M-66 from Lake City the rest of the way home. The entire trip was great riding and the food and ice cream stops were also very good. Where will we go next year and who will lead, only time will tell.

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## Make A Difference



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

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## Summary

September 7 . . Chapter Meeting, Perkins  
September 9 . . Ronald McDonald House Ride  
September 16 . . Progressive Dinner, 1:00  
September 23 . . Fall Fest, Warsaw, 10:00AM  
October 5 . . Chapter Meeting, Perkins  
October 15 . . Heston Supper Club, 3:00  
October 21 . . Bonfire, Whetstone, 5:30  
November 2 . . Chapter Meeting, Perkins  
November 3 . . Holiday/Birthday Party, Dal-Mar

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## Progressive Dinner

Another Progressive Dinner is scheduled for September 16th, starting at 1:00 **AT CHUTE'S HOUSE**. Courses will be as follows:

Appetizer: Chute

Salad: Skinner @ McLeish's

Main: Whetstone

Desert: Gless

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## Ronald McDonald House Ride

The annual Ronald McDonald House Ride is scheduled for Spetember 9th. The ride will leave the school at 10:00AM and will arrive at the House at around 1:00. There will be one scheduled stop at a grain elevator on 119 somewhere around noon. Jim Whetstone will be leading this ride.

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## Birthdays & Anniversaries

### Anniversaries:

October 7 . . Bruce & Lucy McLeish

October 7 . . Richard & Janet Fox

### Birthdays:

Oct 11 . . Jim Whetstone

Oct 12 . . Janet Fox

Oct 13 . . Jo Ann Gabbard

Oct 17 . . Rhonda Tribble

Oct 21 . . Wolfgang Gless

## Thursday Dinner Rides

Well, Thursday Dinner Rides are winding down, just three left this year. Where did the summer go. We will soon be switching over to the once-a-month Thursday dinners. Just to remind everyone, we leave promptly at 6:30 from the parking lot BEHIND Discovery School.

September 14 . . Gless

September 21 . . Durecki

September 27 . . Open

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## Bonfire

Have a Hot night out with Deb and Jim Whetstone. October 21,2017 we will be hosting a bonfire. Be here at 5:30 and enjoy the food and company. We will be having a chili cook off also. If you have a favorite Chili recipe please make it and bring it along. If you do not want to make chili please bring a side dish or chips. A fun night is planned so please join us. In case of rain or extreme cold please know that we will play games inside. Sign up sheet will be passed around again at October meeting. Hope to see you there.



## Other News

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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**

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### **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.

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## 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 15<sup>th</sup> 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.

A sign-up sheet was sent around at the September meeting. If you want to go and didn't get on the list please contact Carol Skinner.

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## Changes and Corrections

There is ONE change to report this month.

The Progressive Dinner will NOT start at the school, as it has in the past. Instead it will start at Chute's house at 1:00.

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.

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