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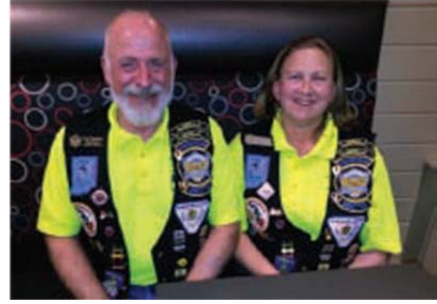
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FRIENDS FOR FUN, SAFETY & KNOWLEDGE

Chapter Directors

I want to start by saying welcome back to Alan and Pat Cummings. They were members of Chapter U a while ago, and life got in the way for them to be a part of Chapter U. Things have changed so that they can now join us. They were at the last Gathering and are going to send in their application for membership. We are so glad to have them back.



The Good Deed award was given to Rod Wilcox for helping me get my bike home. I guess that after 29 years, and 113,000 miles things can just wear out or break, so I fix it and ride on. Emphasis on, ride on.

Who can believe that it is September all ready? Seems like the summer just started this year. I can say for sure that I have not done enough riding this year. We have not taken any trips this year on the bike. I don't think I will have over two thousand miles on the bike this year. I guess I know what I need to do next year, and I am starting to get some ideas of where I want to ride next year.

We are not done with this year riding yet this year, so let's see what there is to do for the next couple of months. The first thing coming up is the dinner ride to be led by Marc and Robbie, taking us to the In-Between restaurant between Sturgis and White Pigeon MI. Then on September 23rd is the Fall Fest at Warsaw. We will be leaving Meijer at 8:30 for anyone going.

On October 1st will be the breakfast ride led by John and JoAnn Taylor, going to Coopers in St Joe. Teena is leading us on the dinner ride for October. The Region Plaque has been retired.

But we still have the District plaque that can be gone after. It is currently in New Albany, their Gathering is on the 2nd Sunday of the month, they eat at 5:30 and have their Gathering at 6:30. It takes at least 5 Chapter members to go to a Gathering and take the plaque. If anyone is interested let me know and we will try to put the ride together.

An important thing to remember is, to get the most out of Chapter life you need to PARTICIPATE, PARTICAPATE, PARTICAPATE.

Till I see you the next time ride safe and ride as much as you can.

Jay and Harriet



**2017 Chapter U Couple of the Year
Mike & Jinger Kaufman**

**2017 Chapter U Individual of the Year
Tom Hampshire**

FRIENDS FOR FUN, SAFETY & KNOWLEDGE

Heelloooo out there Chapter U!

Well, another month has passed and with it the warmer weather. But don't let that stop you from riding. Soon the trees will be changing some colors and the best way to look at them is when you are riding down those back roads to your favorite restaurant and you could call some friends and make it a group event.



Past Events:

We had our Dinner Ride that was led by Mike and Jinger. They led a group of 17 people to Archbold, Ohio, to Mom's Diner. It's a great 50's style diner. A few stopped in Edon, Ohio, on the way home for some ice cream.

The Breakfast Ride was led by Bill and Joyce. Bill led us to Goshen IN to Joanna's Restaurant. Joyce was there to greet and welcome everyone. They had 12 members ride. We even had some drive their 4-wheeler. So, if you can't ride your bike don't let that stop you from coming along. Remember it's Friends for Fun and Fellowship! And we always try to be Safe!

Region D and Michigan Rally were combined this year, first and last time since the Region level of GWRRA is being removed. Chapter U had three members, Jay, Harriett and Marv, who attended. All reported it was a nice event.

A couple things from the Gathering. Barry and Missy brought a candy jar back filled with CHOCOLATE, yum, Robbie was the winner with a guess of 42 and the actual was 44! Way to go Robbie. And our Sunshine Harriet brought a Labor Day Quiz for us and our winner was Missy who won with a score of 5 out of 10. Whoo, hoo Missy! We would also like to share how nice it was to have Troy and Mary with us, since they work 2nd shift it's hard for them to make the Gatherings. And finally we would like to also share how great it is to have past members, Allen and Pat Cummings, join us again after all these years.

Once again, keep safe and see you soon!
Your ACD's Mike and Jinger

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"Group Leaders" and "Back Doors" Responsibilities

Group Leaders: Leadership of the group while in transit

- Be firm and decisive
- Explain routes to predetermined destinations (see Ride Organizers)
- If distance dictates, select some rest stops and stick to the plan
- Explain the formations to be used during transit; staggered formation should be used for nearly all the group rides.
 - Try to find out the riding skill level of the group members you are leading, so that you do not attempt to lead beyond their ability.
 - Explain the two-second rule and the necessity to keep closed up.
 - Explain the lane numbers (lane #1 is the fastest or left lane)
 - The Group Leaders should select their own Back Doors.
 - Maintain the integrity of the group
 - If the Back Door advises that one of the group is having a problem and is leaving the group, the Group Leader should bring the group to a safe place to pull off and wait for the Back Door to report.
 - Recognize and obey all vehicle code rules and regulations. (Watch speed limits).
 - Slow down if necessary, when the Back Door tells you part of the group didn't make the light, etc.
 - Lane Changes (2 lane - 2 way traffic): If it looks like it is going to be a long drawn out process to get all of the bikes in your group around a vehicle, consider slowing down instead and keep your group intact.

Lane Changes (highway with at least 2 lanes for your direction): The Group Leader will inform the Rear Bike of the need to move into another lane and the number of the lane to move into. At the first opportunity, the Rear Bike moves into the new lane, preventing any traffic from trying to pass the team in that lane. The Rear Bike informs the Group Leader when the lane is "secure" and the Group Leader will then announce over the CB to all bikes in his group "Let's all move to the # __ lane, NOW!" The Group Leader hesitates before saying NOW, allowing each bike a few moments to look for themselves, that it is safe to move over. Then all the bikes will signal and follow the bike in front of them into the new lane. This method is used, as not all bikes are equipped with CBs and wouldn't otherwise know that the group is moving to a different lane. This is a better method than a simple free for all and certainly looks better.

- Keep in mind that the Group Leader's job is not to be a tourist, but to maintain the group in a safe manner. If you want to just enjoy the ride, don't volunteer to be the leader!

- If there is more than one (1) group, use group # when using the CB
- You and/or your co-rider should point at any hazards you may see on the road for the bikes behind you, even if you have already said something about it on the CB

Back Door (Tail End Charlie) –

Probably the most misunderstood and underrated job in the group rides. The Lead Bike leads the group, but the Rear Bike controls the group.

Responsibility –

- Again, the safety of the group and to maintain the integrity of the group.
- Be the "eyes" of the leader and the "voice" when necessary. (Example: "Rider #3, close it up please"; vehicle passing on right; etc.)
- Advise the Group Leader, if part of the group gets stuck by a light, another vehicle cuts into the group, etc., then also let him know when the group is back together again.
- Assist in most, if not all lane changes. Note: Never attempt to hold back other traffic to enable the group to change lanes...it's unsafe, not wise and illegal.
- To assist in lane changes at the discretion of the leader.
- Watch for any hazards or problems with any of the group's motorcycles.
- Assist any rider in the group that needs to pull over. Advise the Group Leader and pull over with the other rider.
- If a member of the group goes down, transmit "BIKE DOWN! BIKE DOWN!" on the CB and stop ASAP to help and/or direct traffic away from the accident.
- If any member indicates by voice or action/attitude that they don't wish to or are unable to follow the rules of the group, the Group Leader/Back Door, has the responsibility and duty to remind that member of group safety.
- The bottom line is "Safety First" and we should all assume the responsibility for the safety of fellow group members.

Intersections

- When approaching a vehicle facing toward you that is attempting to turn left, assume that driver does not see you and will turn directly into your path.
- When first in line at a signal controlled intersection without a left turn arrow, don't wait at the white line. Move forward on the green signal to the approximate center of the intersection and halt with your left turn signal activated and wait until the left turn movement can safely be completed. This will allow many of the (if not the whole) group to complete a turn at the same time and is not illegal.
- When stopping at a traffic light or stop sign, catch up to the unit to your front and wait side-by-side. Bike on left is always first to commence moving.
- When entering a through street, or highway, or turning at an intersection, the Group Leader should accelerate slowly until informed, by the Rear Door, that the group is together.



LEVELS PROGRAM

NAME	LEVEL	NOTE	NAME	LEVEL	NOTE
BROWER, MIKE	1		KEESECKER, JERRY	3	NEED ARC/CRS
FANSLER, HARRIET	4		KLINE, BRIAN	2	
FANSLER, JAY	4		KLINE, PATTI	2	
GAEL, JUDY	1		KNOTEK, GEORGE	1	NEED ERC
GAEL, MARVIN	1		NELSON, MARC	4	
GILBERT, BILL	2		NELSON, ROBERTA	4	
GILBERT, JOYCE	2		PATTON, ALLISON	1	NEED 2 UP
HAMPSHIRE, TEENA	1		PATTON, LARRY	1	
HAMPSHIRE, THOMAS	1		WILCOX, BARRY	2	
KAUFMAN, JINGER	3		WILCOX, PARRIS	1	
KAUFMAN, MIKE	3		WILCOX, RODNEY	1	

FRIENDS FOR FUN, SAFETY & KNOWLEDGE

Chapter Gathering Minutes

Chapter U Minutes

September 4, 2017

Opened with the Pledge of Allegiance

Introduction of a couple guests – Allen & Pat Cummings. also, Troy & Mary Pavka were able to join us this month

Past Events by Mike Kaufman:

August 10-12 – Michigan District & Region D Rally – it was the 1st and last combined District and region rally. Jay, Harriet, Marc and Robbie went.

August 19 – Dinner ride was led by Mike & Jinger– Mom’s Diner in Archbold OH – – 17 people attended, had a nice ride and a good time. Went to Edon for ice cream on the way back.

September 2 – Breakfast ride was led by Bill & Joyce Gilbert – Went to Goshen to JoAnna’s Restaurant. It was a beautiful ride. 12 people made it.

August 29-September 2 – National Wing Ding 39 at Grapevine TX – No one from our Chapter attended

Upcoming Events:

Sept 8-10th -Marc & Robbie - Ark trip. 3 couples are scheduled to go. There is a possible 4th couple

September 16 – Dinner ride will be led by Marc & Robbie – Going to “In-Between”. It is between Sturgis & White Pigeon.

September 23 - Northwest/East gathering will be in Center Lake Park Warsaw IN. It is 1 ½ hour trip. Will be leaving from Meijer’s at 8:30 am. Bring a dessert to share

October 7 – Breakfast ride-John & JoAnn will be leading, heading to Cooper’s Café in St. Joe, IN

Chapter Information:

The Region Plaque has been retired! The District plaque is at Chapter B in New Albany. They meet at 5:30 on the 2nd Sunday

There is an increase in dues. There is no longer an associate membership. Everyone will pay the same price.

Reports:

Chapter Educator-Ride Coordinator: Tom Hampshire – Handed out a list of responsibilities for the “Group Leaders” and “Back Doors”. He touched on several key points for a safe ride!

Membership Enhancement (MEC): Marv Gael – Have several new members he needs to notify.

Sunshine Gal - Harriet - we celebrated *Birthdays for September*: 18th – James Crager. *Anniversaries for September*: 1st – Jim & Judy Swift celebrating their 50th ; 28th Al & Pat Cummings.

Game: Harriet – Labor Day trivia game – Missy won!

Candy Jar: – Robbie won the candy bars

Joke: - told by Steve

Good Deed Award – Given to Rod Wilcox for helping Jay get his bike home.

Benefit of the Chapter: Nothing this month.

Jay adjourned the gathering.

- Please, don't forget to tip the waitress & waiter
- Don't forget the best way to have the most fun is to participate, participate, participate.

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Chapter Store



Shirts –

- Long-Sleeve Black Polo – XL - \$20 – 1 available
- Short-Sleeve Black Polo – XL - \$18 – 2 available
- Long-Sleeve Black T-Shirt – M - \$7.50 – 1 available
- Short-Sleeve Black T-Shirt – XL - \$15 – 1 available
- Long-Sleeve Yellow T-Shirt – M - \$15 – 1 available
- Short-Sleeve Yellow T-Shirt – M - \$15 – 2 available
- Yellow Cool-Dri T-Shirt (SS) – S & XXL - \$14 – 1 ea. available
- Orange Cool-Dri T-Shirt (SS) – M, L, XXL - \$14 – 1 ea. Available

Patches, Etc. --

- Black Chapter U Ball Cap - \$10 – 1 available
- Chapter U Patch -- \$2 – 5 available
- GWRRA Indiana Hoosier Pride Patch w/ State of IN Pin -- \$5 – 10 sets avail.
- Lg. Black/Gold GWRRA Round Patch - \$13 – 0 available
- Sm. Black/Gold GWRRA Round Patch -- \$5 – 2 available
- Visitation Bars – Chapter U -- \$1 – 69 available
- Red Scarf/Necktie -- \$2 – 2 available

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September

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
27	28	29	30	31	01 Jim & Judy Swift - Anniversary - 50 Years! Wing Dinner 39	02 Breakfast Ride - 9 am -- Wing Ding finishes
03	04 Gathering - 7 pm - - LABOR DAY	05	06	07	08 Ark Encounter Trip - Marc & Robbie Nelson organized	09 Ark Encounter Trip - Marc & Robbie Nelson organized
10 Ark Encounter Trip - Marc & Robbie Nelson organized	11	12	13	14	15	16 Dinner Ride - 4 pm
17	18 James Crager - Birthday	19	20	21	22	23 NW/NE Gathering - Center Lake Park - Warsaw
24	25	26	27	28	29	30
01	02	Notes: Chapter Gathering: 1st Monday of each month. Eat at 6 pm and meeting at 7 pm. Pizza Hut on North Wayne St., Angola, IN -- North of the circle & over the railroad tracks - west side of road. Group Meeting Place for Rides - Meijer Parking Lot, southwest side behind the gas station. Chapter Breakfast Ride - 1st Saturday of each month, leaves 9 am; Dinner Ride - 3rd Saturday, leaves 4 pm				

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October

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
01 Tom & Teena Hampshire - Anniversary	02 Gathering - 7 pm	03	04 Larry & Allison Patton - Anniversary	05	06	07 Breakfast Ride - 9 am
08	09 Ron & Terese Knight - Anniversary	10	11 Nick Seibert - Birthday	12	13 Bill Gilbert - Birthday	14
15	16	17	18	19	20	21 Dinner Ride - 4 pm
22	23	24	25 Jerry & Geneva Kessecker - Anniversary	26	27	28 Patti Kline - Birthday
29	30	31 HALLOWEEN	01	02	03	04
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November

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29	30	31	01	02	03	04 Breakfast Ride - 9 am
05	06 Gathering - 7 pm	07	08 Mike Kaufman - Birthday	09	10	11
12	13	14	15	16	17	18 Dinner Ride - 4 pm
19	20	21	22	23 Ian & Darlene Mountfield - Anniversary - THANKSGIVING	24 Jay Fansler - Birthday	25
26	27	28	29	30	01	02
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