



GOLDWING ROAD RIDERS ASSOCIATION

CHAPTER E NEWSLETTER

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WHERE TO MEET: Chapter E meets each Thursday evening at 5:45 PM in the parking lot of Millcreek Civic Center, State Road 32 Chesterfield, IN. Any visitors can call Lonny at 765-425-5213. **Starting November 1st go directly to the restaurant at 6 pm.**

THE SECOND THURSDAY OF EACH MONTH: Chapter E meets one time a month for an information sharing meeting. Members go directly to the location for this event. Members and friends meet about 6:00 PM for dinner and the Information Meeting starts at 7:00PM **Location MAPLE GROVE CHURCH OF GOD IN ANDERSON, IN**

Hello, Chapter Friends.

One of the changes recommended by and for GWRRA is that chapter newsletters should become more basic. Some believe that members simply don't want to spend any more time than necessary scanning newsletter pages seeking information about upcoming events. No one will be smacking hands if a chapter's newsletter is longer than absolutely necessary but the goal is to get back to basics and have newsletters that just have info about events and an article pertaining to rider education.

Chapter E has had a very basic newsletter for the past few years and our members will probably see little change in what we're doing. Some chapters though have had very elaborate newsletters with tons of information that has nothing to do with motorcycles. That is not necessarily bad and the newsletter editors who have put so much work into making chapter newsletters very elaborate have been appreciated.

So, it's with the idea that a member doesn't have to read any more than they desire to get the info they want and need, that we'll break our info into two parts. The first section will be a review of what we've done in the past few weeks and a second completely separate section will be about upcoming events.

THE REVIEW:

Things sure weren't quiet in December and the beginning of January but not much was planned as far as chapter activities. Our Chapter Christmas was celebrated by a trip to the Charles Brown Planetarium on the Ball State campus to enjoy the presentation regarding possible explanations for the Christmas star of Bethlehem. Although no definitive answer was given it was fun to hear the information provided about the bazillion stars overhead every night that most of us know so little about. The next stop was the meal we enjoyed together at Johnny Carino's. The chapter provided each attendee with a \$5 gift certificate to help offset the price of the meal. There was a box of candy and candy canes for each family also.

The chapter again this year met at Maple Grove to eat and hang out to celebrate New Year's Day. The number was down this year for multiple reasons but the 22 or 23 who were there seemed to enjoy the day. There was a little bit of seriousness during the afternoon when the District Educator, Chuck Jacobs, had travelled from Bloomington to publicly present Kevin Ebert with his level 4 patch. He also told what an outstanding chapter educator Kevin has been all the time he's been in the position. Also, a big Thanks to Chuck for reviewing with everyone the importance of the GWRRA Levels Program.

Our only Thursday evening dinner has been the first Thursday in 2018. A good group braved the cold to get together at Perkins. We were particularly pleased to see Dale Powell there since he had been released from Bennett Rehab just prior to going to the restaurant.

UPCOMING EVENTS:

The official riding season does not begin until April 1, and therefore our schedule mainly just consists of continuing to meet on Thursday evenings at 6:00 at the chosen restaurants. Making the arrangements for those Thursday evenings is especially easy during the non-riding months since all that needs to be done is to call a restaurant and make plans for an estimated 20-30 people to be expected to show up and eat at the set time. No route has to be planned for a ride. It's a great time for members who aren't confident about actually leading a ride to be involved with planning where we go.

The big event we all need to now be planning for is WINTER RENDEZVOUS. This event will be held this year at the Farmstead Inn and Conference Center in Shipshewana on 2/9 and 10. Activities will begin at noon on Friday and will be scheduled until late in the evening on Saturday. Just to be clear for those who are not familiar with this event, it is a non-riding event and no one is expected to show up on their Goldwing. This is just an event planned to be a fun get-together for Goldwing friends while the weather has our bikes parked in our garages.

The registration for Winter Rendezvous will be attached to this newsletter. Motel rooms need to be reserved now if the special rate of \$99/ night is desired. Chapter E has always been very supportive of these 'rally' type events and we hope this year will be no exception. The event this year is a little different than in past years because we are planning for members to go out into the community as well as participating in activities scheduled at the Farmstead. There is no reason why Shipshewana in the winter shouldn't be a great place to spend the weekend.

Our chapter members will be notified about other upcoming events via One Call as information becomes available.

Sr Chapter Director
Lonny



January Birthdays Janene Southwick 11th, Larry Alspaugh 15th, Mary Jean Masters 16th, Kathy Alspaugh and Amber Bolin 17th, Ginny Floyd & Judy Edwards 24th, Eldon Heater 28th

No January Anniversaries.



February Birthdays Gary Deavers 12th, Bill Delullo 15th, Joan Patterson 18th, Carolyn Ebert 25th

Roy Meridith 26th Linda Gatewood 27th, Steve Gatewood 29th



February Anniversaries Tom & Susie Walker 4th, Larry & Kathy Alspaugh 14th, Jeff & Deb Powell 15th