



GOLDWING ROAD RIDERS ASSOCIATION

CHAPTER E NEWSLETTER

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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**

It really wasn't until last evening when I rode to Lafayette to their monthly gathering that I realized how much the Goldwing has not been a part of my life for the past five weeks. It hit me even harder when I sat down to write the article for this month's newsletter. I often point out that riding a motorcycle is our hobby and there are several things which are seriously more important. That doesn't mean our time on the seat cruising the highways is not really important but we are reminded sometimes it's just one of multiple important things.

Another thing to consider is that sometimes life just gets in the way. And that is exactly what has happened in the past five weeks. The surgery done on the side of my nose was left exposed and was treated with medication that was ready to grab every speck of dirt it could find. A lot of caution was therefore necessary so that it didn't get dirty. Riding was on hold for a couple of weeks before it was great to again get to go on a Saturday day ride and Motorcycle Sunday at Main Street Church. The recovery though was immediately followed by an ear infection that then developed into bronchitis. The cough for the next two and half weeks was so bad there was a doctor visit, ER visit, and an episode of passing out after coughing so continuously I could not breathe. And while the condition was supposedly not contagious, it was passed on to Karen. Two full weeks of work was lost due to the condition.

So, it was when looking back at the four to five weeks of life situation at our house that I realized we have a problem. It's not really a problem but it is the situation. When we normally sit down in the spring and work on our riding schedule for the new year, we usually put the big events on the calendar but only deal with the closer shorter rides for the first half the season. We have then normally met sometime, maybe in early July, to round out the schedule for the last few months of riding. It wasn't until I began to write about things coming up that I realize life has gotten in the way and we therefore don't have a detailed schedule to present about our rides for the next couple months.

So, with that in mind, we do have seven couples who have reservations to enjoy the Madam Carrol Dinner Cruise on Lake Freeman on Friday evening, 7/13. We know the Central Indiana Ride In is scheduled for 8/18 at Eagle Creek on the west side of Indy. We know WING DING is being held in Knoxville, TN the last week of August. After that, we don't have details at this moment to share regarding other planned chapter activities. Getting that done will become a priority though and hopefully the situation can be different within the next week or so.

We are aware there have been other members who have been experiencing health issues in the past few weeks. The rain and high heat have not always made riding a motorcycle appealing as far as everyone is concerned. Have I told you recently that sometimes life just gets in the way? But we will keep moving forward and hopefully things can get back to normal, whatever that means.

Thanks for your understanding about the future we can't give too much info about. But keep in mind the chapter has stayed active since the last gathering.

One of the things we enjoyed again was the Biker Breakfast that Main Street Church of God hosts once each month. It is not really a church function or to promote any specific bike group. All bikers are invited to go, eat, and socialize. I will be putting out Chapter E promotional material at some of these in the future to make everyone aware of who we are. Several of our members are recognized by the other bikers due to our attendance at motorcycle Sunday over the years and the interaction is enjoyable.

The chapter provided about ten volunteers to help work at the safety fair held in Anderson on 6/20. This is a major event in the community and Children's Bureau was thankful for the response they go when asking for help.

Three bikes went on the Casino Ride. The weather forecast was not good for that Saturday but we ended up riding to Rising Sun, stopping at six of the 92 Counties sites, and having an enjoyable day since the weather turned out to be great. Anyone who let the weather forecast scare them away missed a nice ride.

Main Street Church of God again held their Motorcycle Sunday with a Blessing of the Bikes after the morning service, ride, and dinner served. We appreciate Pastor Don's commitment to working with bikers and we enjoy the activities he continues to schedule.

Our Thursday Evening Dinner Rides since the June Gathering have gone to Lincoln Square, Cinco de Mayo, and Mill Street Inn. Only one of the three was on an evening when the weather was appropriate for riding.

So, it's now time to look towards the future, make more plans, and hopefully be able to enjoy many more miles of riding before the 2018 riding season ends.

Lonny



July Birthdays...Tom Walker 1st, John Fulhart 2nd, Bob Whited 3rd, Dale Powell 8th, Deb Powell 11th, Greg Bowlin 21st, Tony Idewine 23rd, Loralee Ward 26th



July Anniversaries...Tony & Elisa Idewine 11th



August Birthdays... Sandy Stitt, Kathy Deavers, & Linda Klingensmith 15th



August Anniversaries...Lon & Betty Clayton 3rd, Roy & Teressa Meridith 4th, Lonny & Karen Hunter 10th, Dick & Joan Patterson 23rd Kevin & Carolyn Ebert 28th

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