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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**

Hello, Chapter E Friends.

Our May Gathering was a week earlier than normal due to the first activity of Spring Wing Warm Up being scheduled on the second Thursday of May. It has therefore been over a month since our last newsletter went out.

SINCE OUR LAST GATHERING:

As Chapter Director I was very pleased when Joe & Lisa agreed to organize our Ride to Richmond/ Wayne County on May 5. They had talked the last couple of years about going to Little Sheba's in Richmond to eat but it had just never worked out with our schedule. I was even more pleased when Lisa sent me a text saying we could take advantage of the travel that day to visit six locations on the 92 Counties Challenge. She planned the route, led us to multiple destinations, and did an outstanding job of planning a great day ride.

The ride to Richmond/ Wayne County did not go entirely as planned but that was OK. Bill & Nancy Delullo had a bike problem in Richmond and the group would not leave them even after the tow truck had been called. We sat and waited, along with eating some ice cream, for two or three hours but no one complained. It was after all just another relaxing day. We did not make it to all six county destinations as originally planned but we did make it to five of them. Thank you Joe & Lisa, for stepping up and taking charge of that day ride.

Spring Wing Warm Up was held in Evansville during the second weekend of May. The Thursday evening dinner ride was to a great restaurant even though there was some rain along the route getting there. Chapter O planned led rides for Friday and Saturday. 127 members attended the rally.

Joe & Lisa made the arrangements for our Thursday Dinner Ride on 5/17 even though they knew they would not be able to attend. We met at Millcreek to ride as normal. Six leaders were chosen and assigned a number from 1 to 6. Leader 1 then led wherever he wanted to lead for 10 minutes before then letting number 2 take over. The goal was that the leader for the 6th ten minutes portion would get us to the restaurant at 7:00 and we pretty much arrived within a couple minutes of when we were supposed to be there.

The Idlewines and Hunters were the only ones to ride the War Memorials Ride to Indy on 5/20. The memorials are well worth visiting and studying. They were very spread out though and it was about a two hour and 45 minute walk to visit them. A person has to be in fairly good shape to try and enjoy them all.

Brian & Lisa led us on a ride that ended in Noblesville at the Bru Burger Bar on 5/24. It was a good ride and there was good food at the destination. We also appreciate seeing them bring along a couple of their riding friends to join us for the ride.

Lonny & Karen led the ride on 5/31 to try out the 100 degree pizza place in Mount Summit. It turned out that the hour of riding to get there was actually on very good roads. Curves, hills, and smooth roads makes for a good riding experience.

Tom & Susie led the ride on 6/7 and we ended up at The Bank in Pendleton to eat.

Three of our couples and one single friend took off on Friday, June 8 for a three day weekend ride. The original plan was for the trip to be to West Virginia with a stop at Hillbilly Hotdogs. The prediction of 92 degree weather led to a change of plans and the group instead headed north. Lonny was not able to lead the weekend ride due to some face surgery on June 7 and we appreciate how Tony was willing to take charge, plan, and lead the weekend.

One of the things I hear frequently is how other chapters have trouble getting members to step up, plan, lead, or take any other responsibility for the rides the chapter has scheduled. So, whether it's an hour long ride to the restaurant on a Thursday evening or planning a day ride or leading the group for a weekend, please remember that our chapter is very thankful to have the members we have who are willing to do more than just follow along.

PLANNED EVENTS IN THE FUTURE:

We will continue to have our Thursday Evening Dinner Rides. They are all planned with the idea that we'll depart Millcreek at 6:00, ride an hour, and then arrive at the planned destination to eat at 7:00.

The upcoming Thursday evenings are the responsibility of the following.

6/21 Lon & Betty

6/28 Brian & Lisa

7/5 Bud & Sandy

Our chapter has plans for a Casino Ride on Saturday, 6/23. We will plan to depart Anderson at 9:00 after meeting for breakfast at 8:00. This will be a day ride and we'll be heading towards one of the casinos down towards Cincinnati. The plan is to visit some of the 92 Counties Challenge locations between here and there. For the gamblers, we will plan on allowing them at least ninety minutes at a casino to invest or lose their money, depending upon how lucky they are.

6/24 will be Motorcycle Sunday at Main Street Church of God in Anderson. Pastor Don Billey has been hosting this event for several years. The plan is to attend the church service at 10:15, if desired. There afterwards is a Blessing of the Bikes that takes place before the group is led on about a one hour ride. The ride ends back at the church where dinner is provided. This is an enjoyable activity where we all have the opportunity to socialize with other bikers in the community.

The next E Gathering will be on 7/12 at Maple Grove. Food will be served about 6:00 and info will be shared about 7:00. We try to get non-chapter members to join us at our gatherings and the logic is that it's an opportunity to sit, talk, and just get acquainted. What we are really about though is the opportunity to ride motorcycles and it's the riding events that we need to be inviting other riders to join us at. Remember, all riders are welcome to join us and we don't care what brand of bike they ride.

One of the things we need to start planning for now is our Friday evening at Monticello on 7/13. We plan to ride up and enjoy the Madam Carroll Dinner Cruise. The tickets are \$37.50 per person for the cruise, meal, and The Tone Bones playing Acoustic Classic Rock. Tickets must be purchased in advance and can be reserved by calling 574-583-3545. The cruise docks back on shore about 10:00-10:30PM and therefore spending the night in the area may be what most members will choose to do.

For those who spend the night in Monticello, the plan for the following day will be to ride northwest Indiana and visit multiple sites on the 92 Counties Challenge.

Other major GWRRA events coming up include the Michigan District Rally 7/19-7/21, the Illinois District Rally 8/2-8/4, and WING DING 8/28 to 9/1.

Lonny

In last month's Rider Ed article, I promised to give YOU the tools to manage your own Levels journey. Below are instructions to get you started.

The Rider Ed Database contains info on your Levels status, Membership expiration date, completed Rider Ed classes, and other info (phone numbers, email, and address). Only you know if this stuff is up to day and accurate. It's up to you, with support from Debbie and I, to maintain up-to-date info in the database and to keep your Membership and Levels current.

To access your database info, go to www.gwrro.org. Once there, hover your cursor over "Programs" where a gray drop down area appears. Move your cursor to "Rider Education" and click. The Rider Ed page opens. Click on "My R.E. Information" tab on the left side of the page.

You are now ready to sign in. If this is your first time, you might be clueless on logging in. No problem, we've got ya covered. Click on "I need help logging in". Instruction appear to walk you through the process. You need your Membership Number and expiration date to sign in. Once you've read the instructions, click on "Return to login".

POOF! You're back on the login page. Enter your "User Name" (Member #) and "Password" (home address Numbers and Member expiration date) and click "Submit". This takes you to a page listing all Members associated with your Membership (co-rider, children, etc.). Click "view" to the right of the name you want to look at.

WA LA! You're now looking at your personal Rider Ed record; pretty impressive, huh? Look it over and make sure your basic info (name, address, phone, email, District, and Chapter) is correct. To change any of this stuff you need to contact Home Office (800.843.9460). District Educators cannot change this type of data.

Scroll down to "Rider History". If you are enrolled in the Levels Program, your Level is listed. This section also shows your "safe" and "high" miles. If this info is incorrect, fill out an N.10 Form (Levels Update Form) and send it to us for a database update. (All forms can be found by going to the GWRRA home page, selecting "Officers", then selecting "Officer Resources". Rider Ed forms are at the bottom of the page.)

Scrolling down just a little further brings you to "Training Courses" and History. Levels required training is displayed with the type of training and expiration date. Yellow highlighting means it's close to expiring and red means it's expired. Contact us if you are close to expiring so you can try to find a class to renew your certification. Hover your cursor over the word "History" and a box appears showing all training courses you've taken. The list only display when you're hovered over "History". For a closer look at your training, click on the "All History" tab. This opens a list of all of the training ever entered into the database.

Congratulations! You are now empowered to take charge of your Rider Ed data. There is a lot of good info there, so please periodically access this info to ensure you're getting credit for all of your Rider Ed training.

Until next time.....

Rick and Debbie Warmels
Indiana District Educators



June Birthdays... Jim Edwards 2nd, Brian Sommers & Elisa Idlewine 7th. Dola Morris 22nd

Gail Bowlin 30th



June Anniversaries... Brian & Lisa Sommers 1st, Bud & Sandy Stitt 13th,

Greg & Gail Bowlin 15th Gary & Kathy Deavers , Sam & Barb Baker, and Steve & Linda Gatewood 20th,

Ed & Mary Leach 23rd, Butch & Ginny Floyd 30th



July Birthdays...Tom Walker 1st, Bob Whited 3rd, Linda Murdock 5th Dale Powell 8th Deb Powell 11th, Greg Bowlin 21st,

Tony Idewine 23rd, Lorelee Ward 26th



July Anniversaries...Tony & Elisa Idlewine 11th, Dale & Patty Turbe 20th Dan & Linda Murdock 22nd