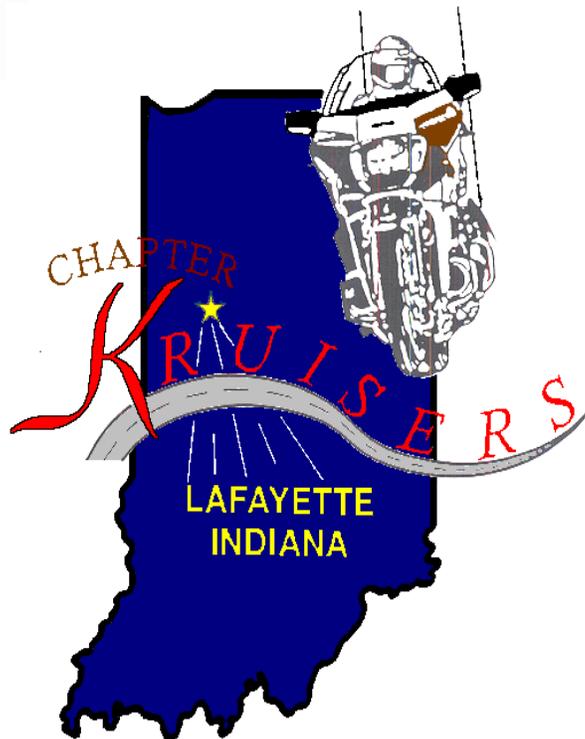




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#### Monthly Meeting:

Chapter "K" meets every 2nd Wednesday of the month at the Christo's Restaurant on Teal Road in Lafayette, IN.

Eat at 6:00pm and meeting at 7:00pm.

#### Wednesday Night Dinner Rides:

Our summer schedule is on.

Meet at the BMV in Market Square

at 6:30 p.m.



**Ed & Linda Feldt**

# Directors Notes

**Hey there everyone, We held a gathering at Christo's on Wednesday the 12th. We had 18 in attendance including 2 guests. Larry York brought 2 guests Kenny Watson and Jim Fawcett. Many of you may know them.**

**Wing Ding will be in Nashville, Tn. next year so begin making plans if you want to go.**

**Judy sent us a Thank you note for attending the funeral and showing your love and support. Big Ed will be missed by all of us.**

**We have a few more rides and events plan-**

**ned for the rest of our riding season. There will be a ARC course in Crawfordsville on the 13th of October. The 14th we will be hosting our Hobo Stew at the Feldt's. Meet at the Feldt's at 11am bring 2 cans of veggies for the stew. Bring a White Elephant gift for an auction during the gathering.**

**The Fall officer's meeting is on the 20th in Wannamaker, In. it starts at 10am and should end around 2pm. All members are welcome to attend.**

**We will be hosting a leaf ride overnight trip on the 20-21st of October. The rain date will be the next weekend. These are Googles dates for the best leaf watching this fall. Meet at Downtowners at 9am for breakfast and starting point.**

**December 1st is the tentative date for our annual Christmas Party. Rhonda is arranging the date for us at the church. If the 1st does not work out we will try for the 8th. We will have a solid date for everyone at the Hobo Stew.**

**The new International Couple of the Year is non other than our District Ride educator and his wife, Rick & Debbie Warmels. They will be the last International couple as the selection process will change next year. We are Happy for them and proud that they are from Indiana. When you see them give them your congratulations.**

**Ed & Linda Feldt Chapter K CD's**

# Rider Education

“Oh No” you say. Not another fall riding safety reminder. It seems like we get these, every dang year!

Well you'd be right. We've spent the last several months enjoying long, mainly sunny days of summer riding and there's some safe riding techniques and strategies we need to adjust now that fall is upon us. It's a lot better to spend a few minutes read'n and think'n about fall riding than to be zipping around a corner and see a bunch of corn spillage on the road and panic. This is not earth-shaking stuff but below is a compilation of some tips and suggestions to keep in mind while enjoying the best time to ride (in my humble opinion). This would also be a GREAT topic to discuss at your next Chapter gathering!

Leaves – While they're beautiful to look at as they change colors, when they get on the road, wet or dry, they take up a lot of our bike's traction. Whether wet or dry, driving through stacks of leaves can reduce traction, making it difficult to stop. A simple reduction of speed and awareness can make all the difference.

Deer Season - As crops are harvested, the area deer can forage is reduced and deer are being pushed into other areas and, in many cases, closer to the road. The best defense is to stay aware, particularly while in rural areas. Scan the roadway and just off of the shoulders and watch for deer crossings. Typically deer movement peaks at dusk and dawn. Areas where crops or timber are relatively close to the road present the greatest challenge. These are ideal places for deer to cross and, unfortunately, provide us the shortest reaction time.

Frost - Fall brings variable weather conditions. Often midday temperatures may be warm and comfortable for motorcycle riding, while overnight temperatures may be near freezing. It becomes necessary to be cognizant of frost on the roadway in the early morning hours during the fall. Be sure to pay particular attention for frost on bridge decks or other elevated surfaces, railroad crossings, and in shady areas where the morning sun might not have melted the frost yet. Frost is ICE!

Riding Gear - Don't get left in the cold. In the fall, temperatures can run the spectrum from warm to below freezing. In most cases, regardless of midday temperatures, the temperature will significantly drop once the sun starts to set. It's always a good idea to keep cold weather gear with you just in case you get detained or ride longer than you anticipated. Riding while extremely cold is a distraction reducing your ability to control the motorcycle safely, not to mention just being uncomfortable. Treat your eye protection with some form of anti-fogging agent before riding in cold temperatures.

Lights Check - Now that the days are shorter, you will probably go riding in the dark so check your headlights, brake lights and turn lights are in great working condition.

Check the Weather - Personally speaking, I don't always do a good job of looking at the advance weather and thus I've been caught up in not so desirable weather. A little advance planning might cause a re-route for you, keeping you out of the wicked stuff. And no matter how hard you research, you may still get caught by surprise, so be ready.

Lowered Visibilities - One thing I've noticed in fall riding is that with the sun at a lower angle in the sky, shadows become longer, darker and occur earlier in the day in much more of the riding area than during mid-summer. That not only contributes to cooler air along the way, but can cause poor visibility of road surfaces and hazards. This is particularly true if you wear dark sunglasses during the ride. Wearing only lightly tinted shades or a helmet with retractable sun shade or even photochromatic shield can help improve vision into those dark shadows.

So, perhaps the best ideas of all: ride safe, slow down, enjoy the views and the splendor of autumn. And remember, the colors don't last long, so plan that fall color ride!

Until next time.....

Rick and Debbie Warmels

Indiana Educators

# Ride to Eat



**1st Tuesday of the  
month 5-8pm  
Culver's 10% to  
Honor flight**



**19th Creekside Faber's  
26th Feldt's TBA  
3rd Top Notch Sell's  
10th Mystery ride**

## September Birthdays

**2 Bob Gallenbeck  
9 Howard Koehl  
13 Carol Beams**

**17 Joann Watson  
20 Mary Smith  
26 John Foster**

**HAPPY  
ANNIVERSARY**

# September Anniversaries

**None this month Wow**



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**2016**  
**National Events**  
**Wing Ding**  
**Knoxville, Tn.**

**District Events**  
**South west/east**  
**Ride-in**

September 29  
10:00 am

Johnson County Park Campground  
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Nineveh, IN

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