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## FROM YOUR CHAPTER DIRECTORS



### *Wolfgang & Connie Gless*

Hello all O2 Members

December is here and as always it is cold. It was good to see all members that were able to attend the December meeting. We hope that some members will be able to attend Winter Rendezvous in February, the District is trying to do as much as possible to make it a fun time for all, so go and enjoy yourself.

While Connie and I are in Florida I will be working on the plans for the "Around the Lake Ride" and should have a decisive date for the ride. We have decided to do the trip around Lake Michigan for two reasons, 1, it will only be 3 days and 2, we will not have to go into Canada which would mean passports are not needed.

I had mentioned at the meeting that if anyone had any idea for a ride of some type please bring it up at a meeting and we will try to make it happen. It should be noted that even a one-day ride or a few hours ride would be good.

Well that is all I have for this month, keep warm, drive safely and we will see you all in April.

Wolf & Connie

**MONTHLY MEETINGS** are held the 1st Thursday of each month at the Perkins Restaurant in Elkhart on Cassopolis Road just north of the Toll Road . Dinner at 6:30, meeting at 7:15 PM

**DINNER RIDES** are every Thursday night May-Sept. (except meeting night). Meet in the parking lot BEHIND Discovery Middle School on Ash Road. Leaving promptly at 6:15 PM



**FROM YOUR ASSISTANT CHAPTER DIRECTORS  
Don & Cindy Norman**

Warm greetings to all,

This was a scheduled trip to celebrate our 45th anniversary and end of treatments. We were enjoying two weeks in the Caribbean. Early snowbirds! We will be enjoying snowy Indiana the rest of the winter.

Upcoming events:

January 17th Hunter Ice Festival in Niles. Further details to be shared at January meeting.

February 23-24 Winter Rendezvous in Shipshewana. Be sure to get your reservation in for a fun filled weekend.

Keep March 19th open for a movie afternoon at Wonderland Cinema.

Wing Ding 41 – in Nashville, TN. August 27<sup>th</sup> to 31<sup>st</sup>.

We ARE planning to be at the January meeting. See you all then.

Fond wishes to all, Don and Cindy





## FROM YOUR CHAPTER EDUCATORS Richard & Janet Fox



### HO! HO! HO!

Looking through my den window this afternoon, my Goldwing safely tucked away for the winter, my thoughts turn to the 2019 riding season and how we can continue providing relevant safety information for our members.

The snow and cold weather reminds us all sooner, rather than later, of those glorious days to come when engines will again roar back to life. The ever present smell of leather and of spring will appear. Flowers and blooming trees will invade our senses. The wind rushing past our helmets. The sounds of new life all around will once again quicken our hearts and lead us in planning our next trip to unknown points of the compass.

We must remember, however, that safe behaviors, even in the dead of winter always should be utmost in our approach to every task that we try to complete. Otherwise the news headlines could prove disastrous for many. Can you imagine any of the following front page items?

#### **Santa killed by inadvertent fall from two story duplex!**

It was reported that one Kris Kringle perished last night. A slip and fall from the roof seemed to be the cause when the old gentleman tripped over a soil stack trying to get to the chimney. This brought about the demise of the jolly elf. Now children everywhere will be heart-broken as they wait impatiently for stockings to be stuffed. More details to follow after the NTRB completes their investigation. National Transportation Reindeer Board promises thorough details.

#### **Rudolph arrested by local police after death of man killed by falling reindeer feces!**

Local reporter states that the loaded sleigh was stopped by an Indiana State Police helicopter unit over Elkhart, IN. Local police hobble the leader of the pack because it appeared that he wasn't wearing the proper Depends garment. Santa was seen crying after his leader was taken to a police paddy wagon so that he could be questioned at headquarters in Indianapolis thus delaying presents for thousands of deserving young people.

#### **Thousands of houses destroyed in California and other cities through use of candles on Christmas Trees!**

This reporter got the details off the wire services teletype. Many residents of the state reported that their houses had been destroyed after the recent steady rains. People thought they actually had enough water in their trees so they could return to the old practice of using candles for Christmas tree decorations rather than continuing to utilize the small light-bulb with the rotating green, red, and blue colored cellophane plastic.

Make sure you evaluate the area before performing tasks during the winter season. Snow, cold and unexpected circumstances might put you into the headlines. Merry Christmas to all and to all a good night!

# Past Events

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## Meeting Notes:

By Vernon Daly



There were a total of 16 members present at the December meeting and no guests.

Wolfie opened the meeting with the pledge of allegiance and then discussed past events, which included the planning meeting, which was held at his house on November 4th, and the Chapter Combined Holiday and Birthday party on November 9th at Dal-Mar in Nappanee.

He then mentioned that upcoming events include the Hunter Ice Festival in Niles, MI on January 19th, Winter Rendezvous in Shipshewana on February 23 and 24, and the possible "Movie Afternoon" at Wonderland Cinema on March 9th. He also reminded everyone that Wing Ding 41 will be in Nashville in 2019.

Richard Fox gave a talk about looking forward to spring and the adventures we will have next riding season. He also had some amusing "Winter Headlines" which reminded everyone to take extra care during the coming winter.

Wolfie reminded everyone of the upcoming Thursday Non-Riding dinner get-togethers for next year and mentioned that December is skipped due to the holidays.

Deb Anderson read off the list of Anniversaries and Birthdays for December.

After the meeting was over, Wolfie had an interesting "Christmas Trivia Quiz". There were

several movie related trivia questions, and they were tough. Vern was the winner with 6 out of 15 answered correctly. Vern commented that some of them were just lucky guesses.

With that Wolfie adjourned the meeting.

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## Holiday/Birthday Party

November 9th, was the annual Holiday/Birthday party at Dal Mar in Nappanee. 6:00, socializing, 6:30, dinner. We had a good group and a lot of fun and good food. Deb and Jim hosted a group of "Minute To Win It" games which everyone seemed to enjoy. A little competitive fun for everyone. A big thank you goes out to Deb and Jim for all the work they put into this event.



Save those pop tabs for Ronald McDonald House

Monthly Item:  
Pick anything from the Wish List  
Individual Snacks and drink boxes are always needed.

# What's Coming Up

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## Summary

January 19 . . Hunter Ice Festival, Niles  
February 22-23 . . Winter Rendezvous  
                    Shipshewana  
March 9 . . Possible movie afternoon/evening  
                    See below for details

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## MOVIE NIGHT

A movie/dinner afternoon or evening is being planned, possibly for March 9 or thereabouts. Watch this space for updates as the date and time are not actually finalized as of this writing. It will be at Wonderland in Niles and will partly depend on what's playing.

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## Birthdays & Anniversaries

### Anniversaries:

Jan 8 . . Robert & Diane Coryn

### Birthdays:

Jan 21 . . Cathy Rummel  
Jan 22 . . Bruce McLeish  
Jan 30 . . Cindy Norman  
Jan 30 . . Joyce Casselman

## Thursday Dinner Rides

Now that riding season is over, we will be doing the once-a-month dinner get-togethers on the third Thursday of the month. Below is a list of the first three for the upcoming season. Note that December is deliberately left out due to the holidays. Meet at the restaurant at 6:30.

No Thursday Dinner in December  
January 17 . . . Flat Top Grill in UP Mall  
February 21 . . Jade Garden, Elkhart  
March 21 . . Fiesta Tapatia, Mishawaka  
April 18 . . Fat Cap's, Roseland

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## Hunter Ice Festival

The weekend of January 19th is the weekend for the Hunter Ice Festival in Niles. Some chapter members have gone to this in the past and it's a fun event to attend.

## Other News

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Got an item that you would like to sell? Advertise it here in the “For Sale” listing of the newsletter. This publication is seen state wide and could help to locate someone that is looking for your item.

*Your Chapter Store Representative:*

**Cindy Norman**

*Chapter items for sale:*

**Hats** ..... \$13.00

**Chapter Flags** ..... \$12.00

**Gold Wing Clocks** .... \$15.00

Various pins, patches etc. also available. See Cindy for details.

### **For Sale: 2004 GL 1800**

White with Graphic's & Pin Stripping.

109,000 touring miles.

Loaded with chrome aftermarket parts including wheels, valve covers, timing chain cover and many more. Baker Air Wings are also included.

Decorative Lighting is installed from front to back.

Price Reduced—\$9000

269-476-2321 or 269-816-4745

## Ronald McDonald House Donations

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Thank you to everyone who made a personal donation to Ronald McDonald House. This will be added to the amount that the chapter will donate from the Chicken Sale.

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## Winter Rendezvous

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If you are planning to attend Winter Rendezvous in Shipshewana in February 2019 please let your CD know. The District would like a preliminary head count.

## Changes and Corrections

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**No Changes or Corrections this month.**

Please note that changes and corrections will not be repeated, so be sure and check last month's newsletter to make sure you didn't miss anything.

# District Educator Article

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I've often spouted about one of the fantastic GWRRA benefits is the breadth, knowledge, and experience of its members. If you take inventory in your Chapter and add up the miles and years of riding experience you'd be amazed at the resulting treasure trove of wisdom.

The hard part about tapping into this trove of treasure is finding an activity or event which requires each person to dig into their experience/knowledge database and share their nuggets of knowledge with the rest of the Chapter.

Last month a member in Chapter D2, Dan Routt, called me about an idea he had. He asked what if the CD put out to the Chapter at the next gathering each member, rider and co-rider, needed to bring in three essential items off their bikes they will not ride without. What a FANTASTIC idea!

D2 took Dan's idea to heart and at their November gathering went around the room canvassing the attendees about their items. It was a terrific discussion. It was also a lot of fun and caused everyone to participate, even folks from Chapter U who were visiting. As members showed their items, it generated discussion and there were several light-bulbs going off as their minds were inundated with new ideas to make their riding safer and more enjoyable.

It was also a hoot to see the differences between rider and co-rider items. Riders seemed to have much more bike orientated items while the co-riders present seemed more interested in creature comforts, entertainment, and various while-riding snack ideas! All in all it was a perfect exchange of ideas happening in an atmosphere of fun and camaraderie.

I'm not going to list out the items discussed as I'm hoping y'all will take this idea, make it your own, and do something similar in your Chapters. This doesn't have to be driven by your CD either. I'm sure your CD would appreciate anyone coming forward with an idea to make your gatherings more fun and informative. Give it a try and see what your Chapter comes up with. If you want, you can send me a copy of the items shown and I can publish a combined list in a future article. Send your list-o-stuff to [rwarmels@mchsi.com](mailto:rwarmels@mchsi.com).

Until next time.....

Rick and Debbie Warmels  
District Educators



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