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FROM YOUR CHAPTER DIRECTORS



Wolfgang & Connie Gless

Hi All O2 Members Near and Far

Well, well, well February is here and we are in the middle of the Winter season. I have been monitoring the weather at home and I

see it has been up and down temperature wise. Believe it or not it has done the same down here, just not as cold, sorry. As you all know January has brought distressful news as to the health of some of our chapter members in the south. Out of the six couples in Florida four people have experienced some illness of some sort, the worst being Mark Skinner. Thoughts and prayers go with him. Our thoughts and prayers also go with Bernadette who's still recovering from a stroke. We have not heard as to how many couples are going to or have gone to Winter Rendezvous. We hope those that went had a great time and please let me know if you had fun and if there is anything that you feel needs improving.

Connie and I hope that the meetings and dinners were well attended and all had a good time. We also hope that you at home are staying healthy.

Are you all thinking about and looking forward to an early spring, I know we are. We are looking forward to getting back to the roads we know so well, something with curves not just straight-a-ways. OK this is all I have this month, we will see you 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 6:30 PM



FROM YOUR ASSISTANT CHAPTER DIRECTORS Don & Cindy Norman

Welcome to 2018. We are excited, but a little nervous about serving as assistant chapter directors. Glad we have great examples to teach us all the ropes. We have already experienced many kinds of weather with only dreams of riding (unless we are one of the snowbirds).

January meeting was canceled due to weather and February had a small cozy group (25% of attendees were named Richard). We are looking forward to Winter Rendezvous this weekend. It will be a good time to build or renew relationships as well as learn, shop and let loose some. It is an added bonus to be so close to us. Hope to see you all there for some or all of the activities. Next dinner will be February 15th at Cracker Barrel. Udderly Fantastic and Dumbo are snow birds this year.

Just 43 days until spring and 92 days until our first dinner ride. It is not too soon to start making plans for Wing Ding in Knoxville, August 28th to September 1st.

Don and Cindy



FROM YOUR CHAPTER EDUCATORS Richard & Janet Fox



Spring is in the air. Have you hugged your bike lately?

I was outside a few days ago during one of our brief Indiana warm spells taking a walk around our estate, all of a half-acre, when I stumbled across a sure sign that spring would soon appear to take the place of the white stuff that we all love so much here in our state.

There; in the remnants of a few sad, dead, oak leaves that mother nature hadn't launched into the next county using a howling north wind were some old friends. They carried the hope and dreams of a spring soon to be with us again. Only an inch high in two bunches, the green sprouts of my daffodils in the corner flower plot were peeking out to see if the sunshine would provide some warmth to replace their recently departed cold white blankets.

I marveled at the discovery and I looked around longingly for a glimpse of the robins that are a true sign of spring. Such a sight would have made my heart virtually leap for joy but alas none were apparent. After some minutes of reviewing my discovery, reluctantly, I started to return to my garage but I noticed through the open doorway another old friend. This time it was the bright blue of my gold wing, still mostly covered but just as cautiously peeking from under its' cover.

As I came closer I noticed that as I removed the cover my heart did beat somewhat faster and my doldrums did begin to retreat into the back of my mind. I examined the bike carefully for a few minutes noticing the dust from storage, the little remaining shine of the wheel covers, and the smell of the leather from the seats. I could not help myself and climbed onto the bike, gripping the handles. The feel and sensations were pleasant reminders of the past riding season and the anticipation of the new season to come.

I hope that in this new year all of us are able to feel, and enjoy our machines. Let's start checking those bikes for safe operations and getting them ready for a great riding season to come and many memories for our future.

Go out and hug your bike today.

Past Events

Meeting Notes:

By Vernon Daly



Don opened up the meeting to 12 members and no guests, with the pledge of allegiance. He then asked if anyone had any old business then wanted to discuss. There being none, he then moved on to upcoming events.

Winter Rendezvous is happening on February 9th and 10th. Don indicated that they would probably go over there for a day. No one else indicated that they were going.

Vern then gave an update on Mark Skinner's condition, that he has now been moved to a rehab center. So he must be doing somewhat better. Rich Durecki added some additional information.

Chapter bowling will be held at Country Club lanes on March 10th. Rich indicated that it would probably start at 3:00, but said that he needed to check on that and would finalize it by the March meeting.

Don also reminded everyone that the chicken sale is coming up in June.

Richard Fox gave a talk about "Spring is in the Air. Have you hugged your bike lately?" He talked about a couple of "signs of spring" that he has seen lately.

With both Dumbo and Udderly being in Florida with Wolfie and Jim & Deb, I guess we'll have to wait till spring to see them again.

With that, Don asked if there was anything else anyone wanted to discuss. There being nothing he adjourned the meeting.



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

Summary

February 9 & 10 . . Winter Rendezvous
Shipshewana, IN
March 10 . . Chapter Bowling, Elkhart
April 28 . . Welcome Back Breakfast (Time and
Location to be determined.)

Thursday Dinner Rides

That's it for the Thursday dinner "rides". We will now be on our once-a-month Thursday dinner get-togethers. Below is a schedule of these dinners for the rest of the non-riding season. Be at the restaurant at 6:30. .

February 15...Cracker Barrel, Elkhart
March 15.....Regio's, Mishawaka
April 19.....Beef O' Brady, Granger

Welcome Back Breakfast

We are planning on having a "welcome back" breakfast on April 28th, to welcome back all our Florida members. The time and place for this has not been determined yet. As soon as I know I'll post it in the newsletter.

District Event Ideas

The district staff is soliciting input on changes that the membership would like to see at district events, eg. Winter Rendezvous, Spring Wing Warmup, as well as any others. If you would like to make input into district event planning you can always attend one or more district meetings, which are held twice a year, or you can e-mail ideas or suggestions to any district team member. Their respective e-mail addresses can always be found on the district web page at www.indianaonwings.com.

Birthdays & Anniversaries

Anniversaries:

March 9 . . Ron & JoAnn Gabbard
March 20 . . Rex & Bernadette Harwood

Birthdays:

March 12 . . Carl Tribble
March 20 . . Diane Coryn

Other News



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.

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For Sale

1998 Kwik Kamp Motorcycle Camper

Has blue canvas in good condition with reddish brown cover. Has been modified to have electric outlets both inside and outside and does have a clear title. Asking \$1000.00 or best offer.

Call 574 215-1810 if interested.

Ronald McDonald House Reminder

We can always use two items at the house that we're always running out of: single serving snack packs (chips, Doritos, etc) and single serving juice boxes (any kind will do). We take these on the coffee cart every morning and this stuff goes fast.

Thank You from RMHC

I want to thank everyone who responded to the “25 Days of Giving” for the Ronald McDonald House. I had quite a car-full of items to take home after the February meeting. I'll be taking all those donations to RMH the next time I work. Again, thank you all. Vern

Thank You from Bernadette

Dear O2 friends, thank you all for the cards, love and prayer support. It has made a whole lot of difference knowing so many are caring and praying. Hope to be good as new by Spring. Gotta get back on that Honda! Love you all. Bernadette

Changes and Corrections

The only change, and it really isn't a “change”, is that the location for the April Thursday dinner has been determined. Beef O' Brady in Granger.

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.



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