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## FROM YOUR CHAPTER DIRECTORS



### *Wolfgang & Connie Gless*

HI All O2 Members

Happy New Year to all chapter O2 members. Connie and I hope all had a very good Christmas and a very good New Year. Yes, we are

in Florida and enjoying all the warm weather, and many of you are still at home with all the cold weather we have seen on the news (and this is the last time I will bring that up) but Connie and I did feel that Christmas just wasn't the same down here. As for riding in Florida the one thing we noticed is that most of the roads down here are very straight, which can get boring.

Although we won't be around home, and not much is planned for January, we hope that those at home have a good time with what is planned. We will miss being with you.

We had some visitors over the holiday week. Rich & Cari came down and stayed with the McLeish's. We spent some time with them and they seemed to have a good time.

There are many chapters down here all within 100 miles of Sebring. Hopefully we can make a visit to some chapters just to say hi. Their gathering times vary, some in the morning and some at night. That means we will either leave in the dark or come home in the dark. At home we would have to watch for deer in the road but down here we also need to watch for alligator's, ya-ho.

All right all, keep warm, and if you do have to go out be careful. We will see you in the Spring.

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 CHAPTER EDUCATORS Richard & Janet Fox



### Weather Awareness and Safety when helping others

As we age many older Americans find that they need special assistance during the winter months. This help is often provided by members of our chapter trying to do the right thing. Be warned however that performing task assistance can lead to dangerous situations for our own safety so you have to follow some basic rules to make sure you do not become a victim especially in extreme weather conditions. I would like to provide some examples to illustrate my point.

In my neighborhood there are several older people that regularly need assistance clearing snow from their driveways. One couple is in their 80's with medical issues ranging from COPD to one that recently suffered a stroke and has heart issues. No one could expect that these neighbors could shovel or blow snow. The physical stress would probably result in catastrophic issues. Their families are working full time jobs. The neighbors do need help.

In recent days the temperatures plunged to -20 or -30 with wind and multiple snow storms piling up 8" to 10" of snow. As their neighbor I do feel obligated to help. So recognizing the hazards of this type of weather is important for my own safety as well as for them. It is just as important for you when helping others in our group or when helping your neighbors.

What to do? Pay attention to the weather forecasts. Long underwear, heavy socks, insulated boots, good gloves, warm clothing layers without over doing it. Getting sweaty with a wind chill of -20 can be deadly. Don't stay out too long at one time. Go inside and get out of your outer layers and warm up on some regular basis. Drink some hot tea or coffee. I recommend 1 hour outside and 1 hour inside, then repeat as needed. Know the signs of frostbite and hypothermia and pay attention to those signs. You can survive many exposures to cold without becoming a victim.

Maybe you remember an old short silent movie from the early days of television. I have seen it years ago. You don't have to be Nanook of the North to survive the rigors of cold climates and to help your aging neighbors.

Hmmm! Maybe the neighbors aren't the only ones getting old.

## Past Events

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### Meeting Notes:

By Vernon Daly



Due to the weather, the January Chapter meeting was canceled.

Please review the various columns in this newsletter for information on upcoming events.

As you can see, this month's newsletter is pretty sparse due to not much going on at this time. Now that we're in the new year, spring is only a few months away.

Hopefully the weather will clear a little and we'll be able to do the Thursday dinner on Jan 18th at Fiesta Tapatia in Mishawaka.

Vern



# What's Coming Up

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## Summary

January 20 . . Hunter Ice Festival  
February 9 & 10 . . Winter Rendezvous  
                            Shipshewana, IN  
March 10 . . Chapter Bowling, Elkhart

## 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. .

January 18..Fiesta Tapatia, McKinley Ave, Mishawaka  
February 15...Cracker Barrel, Elkhart  
March 15.....Regio's, Mishawaka  
April 19.....TBD

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## 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](http://www.indianaonwings.com).

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## Birthdays & Anniversaries

### Anniversaries:

Feb 20 . . Tom & Connie Whalen

### Birthdays:

No Birthdays in February

## 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**

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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.

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## **Changes and Corrections**

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.



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