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FROM YOUR CHAPTER DIRECTORS



Wolfgang & Connie Gless

Hello All IN-O2 Members

June is here. Riding season is in full swing. May had 4 Thursdays with dinner rides and not one was rained out. Now, on the 30th some did not ride because of the threat of rain and I know that it did rain for some south of the meeting place, but the 5 that did show up had a very dry ride. Those that missed it, missed a nice ride.

Connie and I attended Spring Wing Warm-Up and had a good time. Attendance was down but the weather was up. We arrived Thursday and went on the Dinner Ride that evening. It was suppose to be dry, but, as nature is very fickle, it did rain briefly, just enough to get you wet, but that is part of riding a motorcycle. Each day had 3 rides scheduled, 2 short rides about 2 hours long and 1 long ride about 5-6 hours long. Many took advantage of these rides and all seemed to have a good time. Next year it looks like SWWU will again be in the southern part of the state, so plan now. More info to follow.

On the 2nd McLeish's hosted a game night that was well attended. The meal was good and so was the socializing and Card and Dominoes followed.

Connie and I are looking forward to the next 4 months and all activities that are planned. Last but not least, Connie and I and the rest of the chapter would like to welcome the guests that attended the June meeting and hope they become members of GWRRA and chapter O2.

Ride often and ride safe

Wolfgang & Connie Gless
CD Chapter IN-02

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

It was heartwarming to see a full meeting again with most of our chapter members again and a few visitors. Congratulations to Rhonda for earning her motorcycle endorsement!

There are many upcoming opportunities to get more riding time and fellowship in. As always, there will be Thursday night dinner rides (except for meeting night). Meet at Discovery School on Ash Rd; kickstands up at 6:30.

June 16th- annual chicken sale fundraiser O'Reilly auto store on Cassopolis St, near Bristol St. Optional breakfast at 8am at Callahan's. First chicken comes off about 9:30 until last sold early afternoon. Come to help for all or half the time.

June 30th- ice cream ride led by Skinners 2pm

July 28th- carry in/game night at Chutes 5pm

August 4th- corn and sausage roast at Whalen's 4pm

August 12 & 13th- tentative ride to Clarksville to capture the traveling trophy

August 28 to September 1st- Wing Ding in Knoxville, Tennessee

September 8th- Ronald McDonald ride

Thanks, Sue for the cuddly pink blanket to use during chemo and Carol for the chicken noodle soup. It was perfect that evening.

On a personal note, I'm looking forward to answers to my numbness in my (Don) hands and weak knees. I meet with the people of OSMC Tuesday, hoping the professionals have the answers!! Anxious to feel safe riding the bike.

Fond greetings, Don and Cindy



FROM YOUR CHAPTER EDUCATORS Richard & Janet Fox



Unexpected Road Hazards along the Way

On our recent western road trip lasting 3 weeks instead of the expected 6 we encountered numerous unexpected road hazards. We felt that the group might benefit from a discussion of these hazards.

The general route went south to IN 25 over to IL and Interstate 55. South to Niehouse to see the new Goldwing trikes, no luck (not available until Americade). Then to Hannigan (same story). Oh well, into each life a little rain must fall.

We diverted to TN and down the Natchez Trace to encounter (the birds). It seems Turkeys are very prolific in this part of the country and you have to be watchful.

We went to Troup, TX to visit Motor Trike factory located in the middle of nowhere. Did not have any new models but they do have a warehouse full of Stallion Motorcycle parts if anybody is interested. They plan to destroy the parts once a 5 year limit is reached for the last one sold.

Our route took us up through the panhandle to the Great Sand Dunes N.P. Dunes run for 50 miles the tallest of which is 750'. Next was Moab, UT to visit areas of Canyon Lands (notice the Open Range signs and the meandering residents). At Arches National Park we encountered this Toyota Pickup along the road. This carries motor homes to a whole new level.

We went Southwest to Capital Reef N.P. Came across a small delay getting there, hard to see from a distance. You don't usually see sheep blocking the road. On a short side trip in the park we saw this sign near the bat cave. Danger, radioactive exposure hazard. Limit time to one day. A second trip included seeing this polka dot rabbit as we munched a supersize cinnamon roll sold by the park store.

In the park was a Petroglyph drawn some 1000 years ago by a local inhabitant. I don't know what he was trying to say exactly but just down the trail this Bighorn sheep may have been the object of his narrative.

Our stay at Capital Reef was in a Roadway Inn. No city limit signs, nearest place to eat 19 miles away. Cows mooing across road, Coyote pups in den just next door howling. More turkeys.

Travelled northwest to Dinosaur N.P. It is not often that you come across a road hazard this size. Our next stop was the Grand Teton N. P. Three days of beautiful scenery and wildlife. In the town of Jackson Hole the Boy Scouts collect Elk antlers from the Refuge just outside the town to make these arches. They have excellent fudge and were having a Chili cook off on the square. At the park the mountain picture shows what happens when you get distracted while driving. After a short 50' fall off the road you don't know whether you are coming or going. At one other area wife wanted to look at scenery. She had a partially eaten apple in her hand. About 30 seconds later this fellow showed up about 15' away. Looking for a hand or hand out no doubt.

Past Events

Meeting Notes:

By Vernon Daly



Wolfie opened the meeting to around 21 chapter members and four guests with the Pledge of Allegiance.

He then reviewed past events, which included Spring Wing Warmup, the Game Night at McLeish's and Americade.

Next up was a review and discussion of upcoming events. These are all included on page 5 of this newsletter. In addition, he mentioned wanting to put together an overnight ride, probably some time in August, to southern Indiana to get the District Traveling Trophy. Obviously, the date and location will be dependent on where the trophy is at the time. It is currently at Chapter B, which is New Albany. If no one claims it in the mean time, that's where the ride would be going. If it stays at New Albany then the ride would be August 12 & 13, which is a Sunday and Monday.

Richard Fox, our CE gave a talk on the trip that he and Janet took recently out west. He discussed the various "road hazards" they encountered on their way.

Rich passed around the dinner ride signup sheet. There was one more ride taken, but there are still lots of open dates.

Tom Whalen passed around a signup sheet for the upcoming Corn and Sausage roast to be held at their house on August 4th.

Dumbo will be staying with Wolfie and Udderly will be staying with McLeishs.

Game Night

The game night at McLeishs was a huge success. A large number of chapter members were there and one guest, a friend of Coryns. We had lots of good food, two tables of dominoes and one table of euchre. Good time was had by all.

Kite Festival Ride

Per Rich Durecki:

Ride was cancelled due to weather not cooperating. Cari and I still went in car and frozen our butts off. It was a little rainy and cold. It only got to 55 degrees. We stuck around for about two hours.



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

June 16 . . Chapter Chicken Sale
June 30 . . Ice Cream Ride, Skinner, 2:00
July 28 . . Game Night at Chute's, 5:00
August 4 . . Corn and Sausage Roast
 4 PM...Whalen's
August 25 . . Lunch Ride, School at 10:00
September 8 . . RMH Ride
September 15 . . Progressive Dinner

Thursday Dinner Rides

Below is listed the Thursday Dinner Ride leaders. If you haven't signed up for one, please look at the list and pick out a date you'd like to lead a ride. Remember, we meet BEHIND Discovery School. Kickstands up at 6:30.

May 10 . . Daly	July 12 . . Norman
May 17 . . Gless	July 19 . . OPEN
May 24 . . Coryn	July 26 . . OPEN
May 31 . . Wright	

June 14 . . Harwood	All of August and September is still open.
June 21 . . Durecki	
June 28 . . Fox	

Ice Cream Ride

Skinner will be leading an ice cream ride on June 30. They will lead in their car, but everyone else is invited to ride if the weather cooperates. Details: Meet at the school at 2:00.

Game Night at Chutes

Chutes will be hosting a game night at their house on July 28. It will be the usual carry-in dinner with cards and other games after.

Starting time: 5:00

Birthdays & Anniversaries

Anniversaries:

July 7 . . Jim & Carol McPhail
July 14 . . Danny & Sandy Yarbrough
July 24 . . Bob & Sue Chute

Birthdays:

July 5 . . Carol Skinner
July 14 . . Tom Whalen
July 16 . . Sue Chute
July 17 . . Sandy Yarbrough
July 19 . . Connie Gless

Chicken Sale

June 16th is our annual Chapter Chicken Sale. It will again be at the O'Reilly car parts store parking lot. There will be a before-the-sale breakfast at 8:00 at Callahan's and then we will go to the site around 9:00. PLEASE reserve the date, June 16th, so that we can have an adequate crew.

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.

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

For Sale: 1998 GL1500SE

120,000 miles

New Timing Belt and Water Pump

Tulsa Windshield

Extra lights

Belly Pan

Super Brace

Highway Boards

\$3500.00

Contact William Dunnuck

269-684-6145

Ronald McDonald House Donations

As you are all aware, we did not have our usual Pound Auction last November to raise money for our annual donation to Ronald McDonald House in South Bend.

As was discussed at the meeting where we decided to no longer have the Pound Auction, we are asking everyone to make a contribution to a fund for that RMH donation in an amount somewhat equal to whatever they figure they probably would have spent at the Pound Auction. This money will be taken to the House during our Ronald McDonald House Ride in September.

You can make this contribution any time at one of the meetings, but we will need to make our final collection no later than the September meeting.

So, please, in the mean time, be thinking about the amount you'd like to donate to this collection.

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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