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## FROM YOUR CHAPTER DIRECTORS



### *Wolfgang & Connie Gless*

HI All O2 Members Near and Far

I think we are on the downhill side of Winter and we will be sliding into Spring, hopefully very shortly.

Things in Florida are the same as they have been and unfortunately in every way, enough said. As I write this article we are just a little more than a month from coming home. I personally am looking forward to being home again. I have said it before, riding in Florida is ok but it is a lot better around home with shady trees, curvy roads, milder temperatures, and all my friends.

Coming up in May is Spring Wing Warm-Up, I would sure like to see a number of O2 members attend. It is near Evansville this year so there are plenty of hotels nearby or as always you could camp at the fairgrounds as Connie and I will be doing. Get on your bike and do what you bought it for, RIDE.

Connie and I will not be home in time for the April gathering but I know you all will do fine. We are very thankful to Don & Cindy for handling the gatherings and also Vern when they are not able to officiate. May is coming up quick and I hope a dinner ride schedule has been started, I will sign up as soon as I get home. You know if every member signs up for one Thursday Night Dinner Ride each member will only need to do one ride as leader.

And last but not least Wing Ding in Knoxville is not far away, think about it.

See you all shortly.

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

Greetings Chapter Members.

We had a nice, cozy group for the March meeting, Looking forward to when the snowbirds come flying back home.

Cindy and I had a good time at the Winter Rendezvous. There was a good size group there in spite of the mini blizzard. The facility was great, also. We met some nice people and learned more bike safety and recruiting tips. Some of our absentee members even won plaques. There was also a challenge to visit all 92 Indiana Counties between April 1<sup>st</sup> and October 1<sup>st</sup>.

Looking forward to dinner at Reggio's in Mishawaka on March 15<sup>th</sup>. Do we need to watch out for the Ides of March on that day also?

Other dates to remember:

May 10<sup>th</sup>- our first dinner ride

May 11-12<sup>th</sup>- Spring Wing Warm Up in Evansville

June 16<sup>th</sup>- Chicken Sales

August 28<sup>th</sup>- September 1<sup>st</sup>- Wing Ding in Knoxville

Looking forward to getting back on the bike!!! Hopefully sooner, than later.

Warm wishes, Don and Cindy



## FROM YOUR CHAPTER EDUCATORS Richard & Janet Fox



### Spring into Safety

Robins have appeared over the last few days with the warmer temperatures and that signals only one thing. The time has come to start cleaning the bike and doing my annual spring safety check in preparation for the start of the spring riding season.

I have also noticed several bikes out on the roads already even with the last of the morning snows and the sometimes wet streets. I wonder how many of those riders have closely checked the many things on a bike that should be checked. As our organization has changed over last year and will change during the coming months there are some tasks that continue or should continue no matter what. I know that a number of programs have been eliminated and that our chapter has been directed to make our rides more fun and somewhat less structured but as the ride coordinator we are reminded to present some short comments to assist in reminding our members about the safety aspects of riding.

There is nothing wrong with a good T-Clocks inspection for our machines prior to riding.

My first impression is that because the inspection is so detailed that many in our group don't take the thing very seriously. They know their bikes and most of us take exceptional pride in how they ride and work at all times.

In the early spring I go over my ride with a fine tooth comb starting at the tires checking wear pattern, air pressure, looking for any cuts or dings. Then I work my way up to the wheels looking for unusual wear or damage to wheels. Then on to the brakes looking for any fluid seepage and measure rotors for issues. I always check front and back forks and any suspension leaks. I also pull the side and front covers checking the engine for any signs of damage, battery leakage and check oil levels. If the bike has been on a long trip I also change oil and filters for replacement if needed. I check all of the lights and dash panel. The electrical system such as radio, horns and gauges. Then I print off a T-Clocks sheet just to make sure I did not miss anything.

My last task is to clean the entire bike, polish the chrome and get every speck of dust, dirt and bugs off. This task is my least favorite prior to riding season.

Why, you might ask, is this my least favorite task? There is a simple explanation. I know that after doing all that work and the time it takes is that I will have to go for a ride and then I have to clean it again.

Ride on brothers.

## Past Events

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### Meeting Notes:

By Vernon Daly



It was another relatively short meeting as Don opened the meeting to just 11 chapter members and no guests.

After the pledge of allegiance, Don talked about some past events and business. These included Winter Rendezvous, which only Don and Cindy attended. They commented that the venue was nice. At Winter Rendezvous an award was presented to the chapter for our newsletter earning "2017 Newsletter of the Quarter" for the second quarter of the year.

Also discussed was the County Destinations Ride Contest. Don handed out a sheet that gives all the counties and the destinations. There is a writeup on page 6 about that contest, and the destination sheet is included as an attachment with this newsletter.

Rich mentioned that he attended the Ice Festival in Niles. Weather was rather warm, so you had to get there early to enjoy the sculptures.

The upcoming Bowling event was discussed and it was determined that, due to lack of interest (partly due to the fact that some of the people that attend this event are in Florida) that event is canceled for March. We might try to re-schedule it a little later, after everyone is back.

Rich had an event scheduled for May 20th, the ride to Gilmore. This has been changed to a ride to Grand Haven for the Kite Festival. The Gilmore ride is tentatively re-scheduled for

June 10th.

Also mentioned was Spring Wing Warmup on May 11 in Evansville and the Chicken Sale on June 16th.

With Udderly and Dumbo both in Florida, neither was presented this month.

With that, Don asked if there was any other business. There being none he adjourned the meeting.

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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

- April 28 . . Welcome Back Breakfast (Time and Location to be determined.)
- May 11—12 . . SWWU, Evansville
- May 20 . . Ride to Grand Haven for the Kite Festival. Leader . . Rich Durecki
- June 2 . . Game Night, McLeish
- June 10 . . Gilmore Museum (Tentative)
- June 16 . . Chapter Chicken Sale
- June 24 . . Ice Cream Ride, Durecki

## 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. .

**Only TWO left, yay!!!**

- March 15.....Regio's, Mishawaka
- April 19.....Beef O' Brady, Granger

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## 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.

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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:

No Anniversaries in April

### Birthdays:

- April 5 . . Bob Chute
- April 14 . . William Dunnuck
- April 27 . . Cari Durecki

# 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

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269-476-2321 or 269-816-4745

## Ride Contest

Hi Everyone!

For those who challenged Mother Nature and attended Winter Rendezvous, we give you a BIG THANKS!

During WR, Lonny Hunter unveiled a new 2018 District Ride Contest. The contest is to go to as many interesting locations as possible, snap a picture (to include you and/or your bike/car), and turn in your sheet for the chance to win \$100. He said the details would be provided shortly and this email has all the scoop needed to potentially let you, or someone in your Chapter, win the BIG PRIZE!

Attached are three files, the first is the 92 Counties Challenge pdf document which explains all the rules. The second two files are excel and PDF files for the actual locations for the contest. Use which ever one you want for tracking your progress.

If you have any questions on the locations or rules, please let Lonny Hunter know. His contact info is on the rules page.

Rick and Debbie Warmels

Indiana District Ride Educator

**Editor's note: I have included the above mentioned files as attachments along with the newsletter.**

## Changes and Corrections

1) Bowling is canceled, maybe to be scheduled later in the year.

2) The Gilmore Museum Ride on May 20 has been changed to a ride to Grand Haven for the Kite Festival. Gilmore is tentatively rescheduled for June 10th.

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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