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FROM YOUR CHAPTER DIRECTORS



Wolfgang & Connie Gless

Hello All IN-O2 Members

And here we are well into the month of October; the weather is getting colder day by day. The leaves are starting to fall; the corn is turning brown and will be harvested shortly. The days are getting shorter and

shorter and we have come to the end of weekly chapter Dinner Rides. I'm not ready yet but as we all know it could even, and I hate to say it, snow anytime. Please remember that if you decide to ride one day when the weather is warm and bright leaves on the road may be slippery and that ever present deer may be looking to cross the road, be vigilant.

If you were not able to attend the October meeting you missed being introduced to the newest members of Chapter IN-O2, Stan Hoff & Laura Ramello of South Bend. They came looking for a chapter to be part of and we are it. When you meet them give them a hearty hello and welcome to our chapter. I do believe they will fit well into this chapter.

We were visited by Chapter D2 from Ft. Wayne and of course they came for the visitation plaque. Six members of that chapter came up (Rick & Deb Warmel, Amy & Joyce Danner and Dan & Janice Routt) to claim the plaque and it was great to have them. Not only did they attend our meeting, we were also visited by Chris & Winona Drake the new ACD's of Chapter F Warsaw. They stopped by just to say Hi. It was great to have so many visitors at a meeting.

We had a rather large turnout for the October meeting and that, as your CD, made me very happy.

Last but not least Carol Skinner had info for the following; on the 27th of this month there will be a Poker Run held by the Army Riders. Monies raised from this event will go to help military Vet's in the area. It will start in Edwardsburg, MI from the American Legion Post. Please see the attached flyer for further details and try to attend. Let's ride and be safe out there.

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 6:15 PM



FROM YOUR ASSISTANT CHAPTER DIRECTORS Don & Cindy Norman

Warm greetings to all,

Sorry we missed the meeting but had Grandkid duty in Pennsylvania (Ask Don about Eric Clapton). Glad we took the car as we ran into a lot of rain and cooler weather. We did see some beautiful colors starting in the mountains. Hope to bike out there next summer!!

Upcoming events:

October 20th - District Officers Meeting in Wanamakers Lions Club. Don and Cindy will attend.

October 20th @ 5:30. Bonfire at Rod and Judy Clark's. Their address is 26830 Field Farm Trail in Elkhart. Home phone is (574)262-3948. Judy's cell is (574)370-0721. Call them with questions or changes in your status.

November 3rd – Chapter Birthday/Holiday Party at Delmar in Nappanee. 6:00 meet and greet; 6:30 dinner. Bring your \$10/person to October meeting.

November 4th – Yearly planning meeting. 2pm At Wolfgang and Connie's. Bring a snack to share.

Wing Ding 41 – in Nashville, TN. August 27th to 31st.

Exciting news for Cindy as she gets to park her boot today; also starts radiation.

Fond wishes to all, see you at the bonfire! Don and Cindy





FROM YOUR CHAPTER EDUCATORS Richard & Janet Fox



The Importance of Professional Rider Education Or Basement Rats have ALL the Luck

Several years ago my granddaughter began going with a young man who seemed somewhat lacking in enthusiasm concerning his future. He is part of a garage band that preferred music in the “screaming genre” and they play at various gigs around town. They participate in things like “mash pits”, whatever the heck that involves. I do not pretend to know or understand. His primary employment, so far, has been intermediate jobs in manufacturing or assembly plants and his current interest is retail so as to not be overly stressed.

As a couple they are getting more serious with their discussions of getting an apartment together although he has not been able to keep ample employment let alone being able to live from one paycheck to another on a consistent basis. Neither can my granddaughter, by the way. Over the last few weeks he has been staying at my daughter’s house because he finally moved out of his house where he lived with his mother. I think he is trying to learn how to be an adult.

He has shown a past interest in my Goldwing from time to time and I have tried to encourage him in learning some of the more basic techniques especially concerning the safety aspects and the costs of ownership. He has said he might like to buy a motorcycle someday but I personally don’t know about his coordination or ability to handle even a small bike, let alone a Goldwing. He does not seem to have any mechanical aptitude.

Now perhaps you may have seen a recent contest announcement put out by the Indian Motorcycle franchise here in Elkhart. They had a promotion for a nationwide contest with a first prize of a \$12,000.00 Indian Scout, a \$200.00 gift card for Indian merchandise, or several other lesser prizes.

Collin, true to his nature, entered on-line numerous times over the past several weeks and was selected to win the \$200.00 gift certificate. The dealership contacted him and asked that he come pick up his prize.

For several years I had considered buying an Indian, my heart’s desire would be a classic in light green with cream accents and tan leather saddle bags. Never quite able to afford it but just another dream for old guys.

When Collin got to the dealership they presented his “prize” and asked why he liked Indian as a brand, then asked which model he preferred. They even had a scout and asked if he would like to sit on one. He said sure. A number of people from the dealership were present and many had their cameras out. He just does not get it. How can one basement rat be so lucky!

When he told me he won the Scout my first words were now you know where to spend the \$200.00!

Past Events

Meeting Notes:

By Vernon Daly



We had a really good turnout for the meeting this month. I didn't get an exact count but I'd say there was probably around 20 or more chapter members. We also had two from Chapter F in Warsaw, and two guests who will be joining the chapter, and six from Chapter D2 in Ft Wayne. The Ft Wayne folks came to claim the district traveling plaque.

Wolfie then talked about old business, of which there was only one event, the Ronald McDonald House ride on September 8 which was led by Jim Whetstone. Jim gave a report on said event explaining that the group visited "The House" and then went for a ride up to St Joe to go to Silver Beach Pizza. Wolfie also mentioned that the Progressive Dinner is canceled for this year. We'll try to revive it next year.

In Don's absence Wolfie also spoke about upcoming events which include the District Officers Meeting, the Holiday/Birthday Party, the Planning Meeting and the Bonfire. Details for all of these events are listed on page 5 of this newsletter.

Richard Fox then gave a talk entitled "The importance of professional rider ed" A printout of that talk can be found on page 3.

The Thursday dinner on October 18th was discussed. It will be at Fat Caps in Roseland at 6:30.

Deb Anderson read off the relatively long list of birthdays and anniversaries.

Dumbo will be staying with Richard Wright for the time being

Udderly Fantastic was given to Vern for hosting everyone at Ronald McDonald House for the chapter ride. Vern thanked everyone who made a personal donation to the house and mentioned how much good these donations do toward keeping the house running.

Carol Skinner talked about the upcoming "veteran's ride". Details on this ride can be found in the flyer on page 8 of this newsletter.

With that, Wolfie adjourned the meeting.

RMHC Ride

We had the Ronald McDonald House ride on Saturday September 8th. We made our donation and had a short tour of the facility by our very own Vern Daly who volunteers there. Jim Whetstone led us on a ride through the country side to Silver Beach Pizza in St. Joseph, MI. on the lake. The pizza was excellent and the place had a great atmosphere, worth the trip.

McLeish Lunch Ride

Bruce's lunch ride was canceled due to the weather.



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

October 20 . . Bonfire at Clark's, 5:30
October 20 . . District Officers Meeting
November 4 . . Planning Meeting, 2PM, Gless'
November 9 . . Holiday/Birthday Party, Dal Mar
6:00 socializing, 6:30 dinner
February 22-23 . . Winter Rendezvous

Holiday/Birthday Party

November 9th, will be the annual Holiday/Birthday party at Dal Mar in Nappanee. 6:00, socializing, 6:30, dinner. Cost will be \$10.00 each with the chapter picking up the balance. A signup sheet will be started at the October meeting. If you haven't paid, you need to be prepared to pay your cost at the November meeting.

Planning Meeting

There will be a planning meeting at Gless' on November 4th at 2PM. Bring your ideas for events for next year.

Birthdays & Anniversaries

Anniversaries:

November 20 . . Mark & Carol Skinner

Birthdays:

November 5 . . Jim McPhail
November 14 . . Shani Zinn
November 15 . . Richard fox

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.

October 18 . . . Fat Caps in Roseland
November 15 . . . Bravo Café in Osceola
January 17 . . . Flat Top Grill in UP Mall

Bonfire

October 20, Rod and Judy Clark will be hosting a bonfire at their house starting at 5:30. They will provide hot dogs to roast on the fire along with buns and condiments. Everyone is asked to bring snack type items to share with the group. A signup sheet was passed around at the September meeting. If you were not there and want to attend, call Clarks at 574-262-3948. Also, if you signed up and it turns out you cannot attend, please call and let them know. In case you haven't ever been to Clark's, their address is 26830 Field Farm Trail, Elkhart.

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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Decorative Lighting is installed from front to back.

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269-476-2321 or 269-816-4745

Ronald McDonald House Donations

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.

Winter Rendezvous

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

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

“Oh No” you say. Not another fall riding safety reminder. It seems like we get these every dang year!

Well you'd be right. We've spent the last several months enjoying long, mainly sunny days of summer riding and there's some safe riding techniques and strategies we need to adjust now that fall is upon us. It's a lot better to spend a few minutes read'n and think'n about fall riding than to be zipping around a corner and see a bunch of corn spillage on the road and panic. This is not earth-shaking stuff but below is a compilation of some tips and suggestions to keep in mind while enjoying the best time to ride (in my humble opinion). This would also be a GREAT topic to discuss at your next Chapter gathering!

Leaves – While they're beautiful to look at as they change colors, when they get on the road, wet or dry, they take up a lot of our bike's traction. Whether wet or dry, driving through stacks of leaves can reduce traction, making it difficult to stop. A simple reduction of speed and awareness can make all the difference.

Deer Season - As crops are harvested, the area deer can forage is reduced and deer are being pushed into other areas and, in many cases, closer to the road. The best defense is to stay aware, particularly while in rural areas. Scan the roadway and just off of the shoulders and watch for deer crossings. Typically deer movement peaks at dusk and dawn. Areas where crops or timber are relatively close to the road present the greatest challenge. These are ideal places for deer to cross and, unfortunately, provide us the shortest reaction time.

Frost - Fall brings variable weather conditions. Often midday temperatures may be warm and comfortable for motorcycle riding, while overnight temperatures may be near freezing. It becomes necessary to be cognizant of frost on the roadway in the early morning hours during the fall. Be sure to pay particular attention for frost on bridge decks or other elevated surfaces, railroad crossings, and in shady areas where the morning sun might not have melted the frost yet. Frost is ICE!

Riding Gear - Don't get left in the cold. In the fall, temperatures can run the spectrum from warm to below freezing. In most cases, regardless of midday temperatures, the temperature will significantly drop once the sun starts to set. It's always a good idea to keep cold weather gear with you just in case you get detained or ride longer than you anticipated. Riding while extremely cold is a distraction reducing your ability to control the motorcycle safely, not to mention just being uncomfortable. Treat your eye protection with some form of anti-fogging agent before riding in cold temperatures.

Lights Check - Now that the days are shorter, you will probably go riding in the dark so check your headlights, brake lights and turn lights are in great working condition.

Check the Weather - Personally speaking, I don't always do a good job of looking at the advance weather and thus I've been caught up in not so desirable weather. A little advance planning might cause a re-route for you, keeping you out of the wicked stuff. And no matter how hard you research, you may still get caught by surprise, so be ready.

Lowered Visibilities - One thing I've noticed in fall riding is that with the sun at a lower angle in the sky, shadows become longer, darker and occur earlier in the day in much more of the riding area than during mid-summer. That not only contributes to cooler air along the way, but can cause poor visibility of road surfaces and hazards. This is particularly true if you wear dark sunglasses during the ride. Wearing only lightly tinted shades or a helmet with retractable sun shade or even photochromatic shield can help improve vision into those dark shadows.

So, perhaps the best ideas of all: ride safe, slow down, enjoy the views and the splendor of autumn. And remember, the colors don't last long, so plan that fall color ride!

Until next time.....
Rick and Debbie Warmels
Indiana Educators

**2nd Annual Mission 118-Poker Run
October 27th, 2018**

**Start and finish: American Legion
Post 365, 25751 US-12
Edwardsburg, MI 49112**



**Registration: 1115 AM
kickstands up: 12 PM
Rally back: 4P M**

**Registration: \$20.00 Per Bike
\$5.00 for passenger**

**VFW post 88-Elkhart
VFW post 360-Mishawaka
AM-Vets -Niles
VFW post 1855 - Dowagiac
American Legion post 365-
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