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FROM YOUR CHAPTER DIRECTORS



Wolfgang & Connie Gless

Hello All IN-O2 Members

It is now official, Shani Zinn is a member of chapter IN-O2 and Connie & I would like to give her a warm welcome to our chapter and I know that all the other members of chapter IN-O2 also welcome her aboard.

Those members that attended Wing Ding in Knoxville I know had a great time. Bill and J.K. went a little further south and rode the Tail of The Dragon and then returned to enjoy the vendors for a day and then headed home. Normans had other places to visit in Tennessee and also enjoyed a day at Wing Ding. Connie and I attended the entire 5 days and had a great time visiting the vendors several times. I had to buy a new tire (the 5th one on a trip somewhere) and I also upgraded to an F-4 Custom windshield. They had 2 dinner events one with a hypnotist and the other with a Star Wars/Disco party. Please note that the last Regional COY couple of the year to become International COY couple were from Region D. They are Rick & Debra Warmels from chapter IN-D2 Fort Wayne, IN. When you see them around give them a warm welcome and congratulations. The weather was for the most part great except for the heat but that was better than rain every day. Next year Nashville is the location so mark your calendar for August 27th to 31st, 2019.

We had the Ronald McDonald House ride on Saturday September 8th with Whalen's, Whetstone's McLeish's, Coryn's, Rex Harwood & Grandson, Jim Kania, Bill Dunnick, Shani Zinn, Don Norman and Connie & I attending the House and the ride. 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. Special thanks to Vern and Jim.

Last but not least September is here with October on the horizon and also colder weather and falling leaves, be diligent to their presents and also deer will be moving more often for the next few months, keep an eye out.

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,

It was great to see a full house of happy bikers again. A special welcome to our newest member, Shani Zinn. It was wonderful to get to know her at JoJo's. It has been fun to finally get some miles under our belts, after a slow start this season.

We enjoyed our week in Tennessee. It was mostly filled with family, however we were able to enjoy one day at Wing Ding. It was exciting to see hundreds of beautiful bikes and bikers. Don also got a couple of add-ons to the bike we had been thinking about.

We will finish up our dinner rides this month. Remember the 6:15 start up time!

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.

Fond wishes to all, Don and Cindy





**FROM YOUR CHAPTER EDUCATORS
Richard & Janet Fox**



**The Difference Between
Doing a Job and Knowing How to do a Job**

It never fails to amaze me when I observe people from all walks of life as they try to do different jobs. The younger the person, usually, the more I am amazed that they survive the experience at all. The type of job, the circumstances, the outside influences, none of these seem to matter very much. What makes the greatest difference seems to be the age of the person but even that can be negated by their learned experience while still on this earth. One might hope that over many years people would recognize that thinking about their safety and the safety of others, before doing the job might influence **how they go about the job.**

The following examples describe two situations:

At a Habitat house on CR 11 I was installing 2 porch lights and went in to obtain light bulbs. Any regular bulbs would do the job and in the process another volunteer asked if I could help him with an over the sink LED fixture. I said sure and he proceeded to wire the 115V fixture connecting the wires using wire nuts. When we turned off the power I was surprised to learn the wires were still active. We finally had to disconnect the main before proceeding. After he connected the wires he folded and pushed them up behind the fixture leaving them exposed to contact by others after the fact. He said this would be O.K. (I think not) I will be there tomorrow to correct that issue.

You have to know how to do the job as well as just doing the job.

People every week go about their routine to mow the grass. A task that is the bane of my existence because every time it happens my granddaughter and sometimes her friends that I don't even know, want a king's ransom to do the job. They then proceed to make the riding mower into some idiotic "GO CART" or "Death Race 2000" vehicle that tries to chase down any errant squirrel or other life form that happens into the yard.

They also seldom, if ever, remove the grass clippings from the middle of the street leaving this task to any fool that may come along. This creates problems. One is "what the hell do I pay them for! Second anyone riding a motorcycle that hits green grass laying in the street may as well try riding his bike on the Winter Olympics Ice Hockey building. That stuff is slick.

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Past Events

Meeting Notes:

By Vernon Daly



.Wolfie opened the meeting with the pledge of allegiance. He then reviewed past events which consisted of the annual Corn and Sausage Roast, the Overnight Ride to Clarksville and Wing Ding 40 in Knoxville.

Next, Don talked about upcoming events. The Ronald McDonald House ride will occur on September 8th. Jim Whetstone talked about how this will work. The group will meet at the House at 9:45 and the ride will be after the event at the House. Vern passed around an information sheet explaining where to park under different conditions and how to get to the Ronald McDonald house after entering the hospital. He informed everyone that he will be working at the house that day and will let everyone in the rear door to the building if it is not raining and everyone rides. If it's raining they may want to park in a parking garage.

The Progressive Dinner Ride was discussed and it was decided to cancel this event for this year. We may re-institute this next year.

The upcoming Holiday/Birthday party was discussed as well as the Bonfire event at Clark's. Details for these events can be found on page 5.

Wolfie then informed everyone that next year's Wing Ding will be held in Nashville, TN on August 27 thru 31

Richard Fox then gave a talk about "doing the job right". This can be found on page 3.

Rich Duricki talked about upcoming rides and non-riding-season dinners. Details are on page 5.

Dumbo will be staying with Richard Wright. Udderly was given to Tom & Connie Whalen for again hosting the Corn & Sausage Roast at their house.

With that Wolfie asked if there was anything else for the chapter. There being nothing he 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.

Clarksville Ride

Nine people and six bikes attended the overnight trip to Clarksville to get the District Traveling Trophy. The weather was hot but completely rain free. Chapter B was very welcoming and we all had a good time.

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
(Date and Time needs to be confirmed)

Holiday/Birthday Party

November 9th (probably the correct date but needs to be confirmed) will be the annual Holiday/Birthday party at Dal Mar in Nappanee. Also the times are yet to be confirmed with Dal Mar. Cost will be \$10.00 each with the chapter picking up the balance. A signup sheet will be started at the October meeting. Please be ready to sign up and pay your cost.

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:

October 7 . . Bruce & Lucy McLeish
October 7 . . Richard & Janet fox

Birthdays:

October 11 . . Jim Whetstone
October 12 . . Janet Fox
October 13 . . Jo Ann Gabbard
October 17 . . Rhonda Tribble
October 21 . . Wolfgang Gless
October 23 . . Vickie Dunnuck

Thursday Dinner Rides

Below is listed the remaining Thursday Dinner Ride leaders. Remember, we meet BEHIND Discovery School. Kickstands up at 6:15.

September 13 . . Norman
September 20 . . Harwood
September 27 . . Whetstone

Now that riding season is coming to an end, we will be starting up 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

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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.

ARC Course

The District is having an ARC Course on October 13th from 10AM to 2PM in Crawfordsville, IN.

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

The Progressive Dinner is canceled for this year. May resume next year.

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

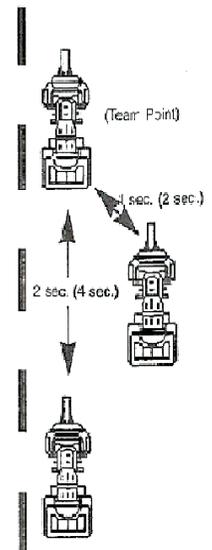
This article is a first for me! For the first time in my newsletter article writing life I actually had a request for a newsletter article! I feel like I have arrived! Thanks for Bianca Prater, Chapter F in Warsaw for her request. Bianca requested an article about GWRRA Team Riding. She pointed out the Team Riding Manual has not been updated since **1995!** While that's true, the Team Riding roles and responsibilities have not changed much over time. GWRRA Team riding is not like every other aspect of our lives that seem to change constantly.

To start with you must understand Team Riding is just that, a **TEAM**. Everyone who is participating in the ride is part of the team and has responsibilities to the group. We're not out on a group ride where everyone does their own thing, we're riding as a team, all looking out for ourselves and for our riding mates. I can't get into all the details here so I'll get a Team Riding training module set up for Winter Rendezvous this February. If you'd like a module taught just for your chapter or area, let me know and we'll make it happen

For this article, I'm not going to get into the responsibilities of the Road Captain in regards to planning the ride. This is covered in the Road Captain course. I'm going to start with the actual day of the ride.

Each team has a Lead and a Drag. These positions should be equipped with C.B.'s. Their responsibility is to communicate, coordinate, and maneuver the team safely through traffic, as a unit. The Drag and the Lead have joint responsibility for the safety of the team and safe conduct of the ride. Again, the Road Captain Course goes into detail.

To start, the Lead should hold a rider's meeting before heading out. In this meeting they discuss communications (CB Channel, hand signals), route, breaks, assign Drag, and how the group is to be arranged (i.e., trikes in the rear, non-CB'rs spread throughout the formation, etc.), and go over the staggered riding technique. Staggered Riding Technique You ask??? This is the key to how safe Team Riding happens. The team travels in a staggered formation within a car lane. The Lead's at the front in the left track. The next team member is in the right track, one second behind the Lead, the next team member is in the left track 2 seconds behind the Lead and 1 second behind the #2 bike in the right track, etc., etc., until all bikes have been positioned.



A GOOD TEAM MEMBER:

- Assumes responsibility to ride with and work with the other team members for the safety and protection of the whole team while on the road, and especially, while in traffic.

- Maintains steady speed and spacing. Yo-Yoing or straggling behind disrupts the rhythm and efforts of the other team members, and reduces the benefits of riding as a team.

- Stays alert and announces any obstacle, condition or potential situation which could become hazardous to the team or a team member.

- Is aware of other team members and maintain staggered formation and safe spacing between team members.

- Spacing is determined by the road, weather conditions, and visibility. "HOLES" left in the formation invites aggressive motorists to cut into the formation, which may result in them tailgating our teammate ahead of us. This creates a very dangerous situation. Each team member must protect the other by maintaining appropriate spacing.

- During darkness or inclement weather, a 2-second stagger and a 4-second following distance should be maintained to provide an extra margin of safety.

This article just brushes the surface of TEAM riding. The actual Team Riding training module discusses obstacles, parked cars, parking lots, entering traffic, passing, lane changes, stopping, turning, hills, curves, speed changes, and communicating. It is WELL worth taking or taking again if you've already had it.

Until next time.....

Rick and Debbie Warmels
Indiana Educators

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