



GOLDWING ROAD RIDERS ASSOCIATION

CHAPTER E NEWSLETTER

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WHERE TO MEET: Chapter E meets each Thursday evening at 5:45 PM in the parking lot of Millcreek Civic Center, State Road 32 Chesterfield, IN. Any visitors can call Lonny at 765-425-5213. **Starting November 1st go directly to the restaurant at 6 pm.**

THE SECOND THURSDAY OF EACH MONTH: Chapter E meets one time a month for an information sharing meeting. Members go directly to the location for this event. Members and friends meet about 6:00 PM for dinner and the Information Meeting starts at 7:00PM **Location MAPLE GROVE CHURCH OF GOD IN ANDERSON, IN**

It's been a couple of months since the last letter. You did not miss the December issue, there was not one put out. Chapter E traditionally 'takes a break' during the holiday season, doesn't keep the schedule of Thursday evening dinners, and concentrates on having one Christmas event. The coming of New Year then gets us back in the groove that we are used to.

An attempt is made to celebrate Christmas each year in a way that is different from the previous few years. We have attended plays, had a party, gone to the planetarium, and various other things to try and make it different each year. This season we attended the Holiday Program put on by the music department at Ball State University. Thirty plus members enjoyed the event before many of us then went directly to Johnny Carino's to eat together. The Chapter provided each of the dinner attendees with a \$10 gift card to help offset the cost. We appreciate spending time with our Goldwing friends and we especially remember these special occasions when we do something out of the ordinary.

The Chapter started off the New Year again this year with our get-together on January 1st. We gathered at noon, began eating at 12:30, and then hung out playing games, chatting, and participating in a prize-winning activity. It was after 6:00 before the party broke up and everyone started for home. What an awesome way to begin 2019. The weather was actually warm enough that some of us might have gotten out on our bikes if we had not been gathering at the church. In fact, Rob & Susy Burkhart were out on their Wing and stopped by just to let us know they're still alive, keep up with what's going on in Chapter E, and still try to join us whenever their busy work schedules allow.

We had one couple from the now closed Marion Chapter join us on New Year and we're hoping to see more of their riders join us in the future. We enjoyed seeing and getting better acquainted with Butch & Sandy Briggs and our hope is that they are just two of the multiple people from the Marion area who will be participating with us in the future.

We have since our last Gathering in November had a few Thursday evening dinners. We went to Cracker Barrel and Mill Street Inn in November, Greek's Pizza in December, and Art's Pizza in January. The Chapter did get together on Thursday December 14 at Pizza King in Anderson at the last minute after multiple people realized the week just doesn't seem right without getting together on Thursdays. There were 16 or possibly more at that impromptu get-together. Wow. What a Chapter.

With the winter season being here our upcoming schedule will continue to be our one time each week, Thursday evenings, that we'll continue to meet at the designated restaurant to eat together. The responsibility for making the arrangements for those occasions have now been assigned to:

Jan 17	Ralph & Lorelee
Jan 24	Lon & Betty (going to Lincoln Square)
Jan 31	_____
Feb 7	Bud & Sandy
Feb 21	_____
Feb 28	Brian & Lisa
Mar 7	_____
Mar 21	JR & Dola
Mar 28	Tom & Susie

AND THEN THE OFFICIAL RIDING SEASON BEGINS AGAIN ON APRIL 1st.

The other big event during the winter months will be **WINTER RENDEZVOUS**. This indoor event will be held for the second time at the Farmstead Inn, Shipshewana. It officially begins at noon on Friday, February 22, and events end at the end of the day on Saturday the 23rd. A lot of planning has gone into making this event a very special time for everyone who attends. There are fun and educational activities planned at the motel and attendees are also encouraged to go out into the Amish community and take advantage of the opportunity to

enjoy the culture that is a little different from what most of us experience on a daily basis. Anyone who has any questions about what Winter Rendezvous actually is, what goes on, and why they should go too is asked to talk to Lonny, Karen, or any of the other members who have attended in years past. A real attempt though has been made to make this year's event better than ever.

It's still a couple of months before we will sit down and try to establish the chapter's event schedule for 2019 but everyone is asked to submit ideas about places and events they would like to go to and roads they would like to ride.

As the worst of the cold months come upon us, please be safe. Stay warm and try to stay as healthy as possible.

Lonny



January Birthdays..... Janene Southwick 11th, Larry Alspaugh 15th, Mary Jean Masters 16th,
Kathy Alspaugh, Ginny Floyd & Judy Edwards 24th, Eldon Heater 28th,

No January Anniversaries.



February Birthdays Gary Deavers 12th

Bill Delullo 15th, Joan Patterson 18th, Carolyn Ebert 25th Linda Gatewood 27th, Steve Gatewood 29th



February Anniversaries Tom & Susie Walker 4th, Larry & Kathy Alspaugh 14th, Jeff & Deb Powell 15th

I've often spouted about one of the fantastic GWRRA benefits is the breadth, knowledge, and experience of its members. If you take inventory in your Chapter and add up the miles and years of riding experience you'd be amazed at the resulting treasure trove of wisdom.

The hard part about tapping into this trove of treasure is finding an activity or event which requires each person to dig into their experience/knowledge database and share their nuggets of knowledge with the rest of the Chapter.

Last month a member in Chapter D2, Dan Routt, called me about an idea he had. He asked what if the CD put out to the Chapter at the next gathering each member, rider and co-rider, needed to bring in three essential items off their bikes they will not ride without. What a FANTASTIC idea!

D2 took Dan's idea to heart and at their November gathering went around the room canvassing the attendees about their items. It was a terrific discussion. It was also a lot of fun and caused everyone to participate, even folks from Chapter U who were visiting. As members showed their items, it generated discussion and there were several light-bulbs going off as their minds were inundated with new ideas to make their riding safer and more enjoyable.

It was also a hoot to see the differences between rider and co-rider items. Riders seemed to have much more bike orientated items while the co-riders present seemed more interested in creature comforts, entertainment, and various while-riding snack ideas! All in all, it was a perfect exchange of ideas happening in an atmosphere of fun and camaraderie.

I'm not going to list out the items discussed as I'm hoping y'all will take this idea, make it your own, and do something similar in your Chapters. This doesn't have to be driven by your CD either. I'm sure your CD would appreciate anyone coming forward with an idea to make your gatherings more fun and informative. Give it a try and see what your Chapter comes up with. If you want, you can send me a copy of the items shown and I can publish a combined list in a future article. Send your list-o-stuff to rwarmels@mchsi.com.
Until next time.....

Rick and Debbie Warmels
District Educators