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FROM YOUR CHAPTER DIRECTORS



Wolfgang & Connie Gless

A Cold Hello All 02 Members;
Well January has come and gone, are you sticking to your resolution? I didn't make any resolutions this year because I never stick to them anyway.

Connie and I hope all have kept warm in January for we have seen some very cold weather in the north this year, spring can't come fast enough.

In case anyone is wondering about the bank shooting in Sebring, none of the 6 couples here were affected. We all live about 1 mile from that bank and drive past it almost every day. Some of us were out of town when it occurred. Sebring is what I would call a small city, maybe the same size as Elkhart, and this incident has hit the community fairly hard, but all are trying to dealing with this tragedy.

OK this will be the last time I will bring up this topic, Winter Rendezvous is coming up fast, (February 22,23 2019). It is being held in Shipshewana, IN., close to home. This is a good time to attend as it is close. Have you signed up, you still have time. Go and enjoy a day or a weekend.

Next thing on the agenda is Spring Wing Warmup. It will be at the Randolph County Fairgrounds in Winchester IN. this year. The date is May 10-11, there is a hotel in town with 47 rooms and camping will be available at the fairgrounds. The District staff are busy planning some fun events and are looking forward to seeing all for a fun time. This could also be a day trip ride for those that don't want to spend the weekend, it is about 135 miles from Elkhart so you may want to consider that option.

Now for the reminder, we have our annual Chicken Sales on the 11th of May we need all the help we can get, Connie & I will be there.

Till next month, Ride often and ride safe.
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 6:15 PM



FROM YOUR ASSISTANT CHAPTER DIRECTORS Don & Cindy Norman

Appreciated seeing the 13 brave souls who came out on this cold and snowy evening.

Heard from our Florida friends and their 80 degree weather. Rich and Cari also told us of their warm adventure in the Caribbean. Vern is coming back from Arizona, I'm sure he was glad to miss the polar vortex!! Our visitor for the evening, Bella, did a great job leading us in the Pledge of Allegiance.

There are many upcoming opportunities to stay connected with the group:

February 21st- Dinner at Jade Garden

February 23rd-24th- Winter Rendezvous at the Farmstead Inn in Shipshewana. Price goes up February 1st. Don't miss this opportunity to be involved with the larger group of Wingers. We have an extra queen size bed in our room!

March 9th- Movie and dinner afternoon. Final details at the March meeting.

May 11th- Save the date for our annual Chicken Sale.

August 27th-31st- Wing Ding in Nashville, Tennessee.

Waiting for more info on ride this summer of ride led by Wolfie.

Not sure where Dumbo and Udderly ended up, but would love to see them at the March meeting.

Quote from a plaque that our daughter gave us, "You never see a motorcycle parked outside of a psychiatrist's office." Here is to visions of happy riding come spring.

Fond greetings, Don and Cindy



FROM YOUR CHAPTER EDUCATORS Richard & Janet Fox



The Dangers of Slips, Trips and Falls

Everybody slips, trips and falls during their lifetime. Babies just learning to walk, young people on skateboards and bicycles, teenagers on their ice skates and adults on their jobs and during leisure activities. The problem for many is that as we get older we just don't bounce well as in our younger days. Thus we pay a heavy price for these accidents.

Let's talk about some of the facts about our lives as humans and the dangers of slipping, tripping, and falling to illustrate the issues.

Many of us ride motorcycles and we all understand what can happen if we get into a crash and fall off the motorcycle. The results can be disastrous! In some cases the event can be fatal. Wearing all the gear all the time can provide some protection but even the best gear can't absolutely guarantee our safety.

Babies, on the other hand seldom get hurt seriously as they toddle learning to walk. They usually flop down on their butts and then they are off again trying to explore their world or reaching out for their next toy or something to eat like cheerios or dog kibbles. Even babies are not totally immune to danger from falling down stairs without protection from baby gates or watchful parents.

As young people grow they get a lot more adventurous as my granddaughter found out when she crashed a battery powered scooter into a tree before she could come to a stop. The crash didn't do the scooter much good either!

My youngest daughter, trying to copy a more experienced in line skater discovered that trying to stop quickly on a paved street learned the hard way that objects in motion, stay in motion until a solid object intervenes. There is that darn physics law quoted by Newton again.

Adults on the job or off are not immune to the dangers of falls. In fact they suffer the most from these mishaps. Approximately 98% of falls from a height of 20 feet or less result in the death of the individual. Stairs, working on structures such as houses, falls off step ladders and extension ladders, porches, etcetera all can be harmful. One example occurred several months ago with my wife. Walking back from a shoe shopping trip she stepped off a curb. Some loose asphalt caused her to fall to the street. She had one hand in her coat pocket. Landing on her elbow and side she tore the Rotator Cuff and after trying to get it to heal on its own she had to have surgery. The healing process will take a minimum of several weeks to months before complete recovery.

As older people we just don't bounce as well anymore!

Past Events

Meeting Notes:

By Cari Durecki



Vern was in Arizona so Cari Durecki took the meeting notes.

We had about 20 members at the meeting and our guest was Norman's granddaughter Bella. Bella led us in the pledge of allegiance to the American flag.

Rich and Cari attended the Hunter Ice Festival and said it was good this year. It was cold enough to not melt the ice but not so bitter cold to be uncomfortable to walk around.

Vern asked if we could donate single serving size snacks for the snack cart at Ronald McDonald House. You can drop them off with Vern and he will deliver them.

Normans said it looks like we all survived The Polar Event, and Vern and Dureckis both left town at a good time to avoid the cold!

Feb 21 we will have dinner at Jade Garden and February 22 & 23 will be Winter Rendezvous in Shippshewana. Normans said they planned to attend and a few people said they would try to attend on Saturday.

On March 9th we have dinner and a movie scheduled. Rich Durecki was not able to find a movie schedule yet so he will announce details at the March meeting.

Don reminded us that May 11th is the chicken sale and we will need all hands on deck.

Wolfgang asked for input from anyone interested in doing a ride to Lake Michigan or Lake Superior in late July or Early August.

Don mentioned the hotels are filling up fast if anyone plans to go to Wing Ding in Nashville TN Aug 27-31, 2019.

Richard Fox gave a talk about the dangers of slips, trips, and falls. He said Janet was recovering from rotator cuff surgery due to a fall she had recently.

Bernadette said she was seeing well after her cataract surgery.

Deb Anderson announced the birthdays and anniversaries for February.

Dumbo and Udderly are off somewhere on vacation.

The Past Event page is pretty sparse this month as there hasn't been much in the way of events this winter.

My hopes for a mild winter were pretty well dashed with that brutal Polar Vortex we had in late January. Fortunately, I was in Arizona during that time, with 70 degree highs most days, although it got down in the 30's at night. Came back to not quite so frigid conditions. Maybe that'll hold now till spring. We can hope, right? As I sit here writing this we're having freezing rain. Welcome to Northern Indiana.

Vern



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

- February 22-23 . . Winter Rendezvous
Shipshewana
- March 9 . . Possible movie afternoon/evening
See below for details
- April 27 . . Ride to Clementine's in South Haven
1:00, Meet at the school
- May 11 . . Chicken Sale (see below)
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MOVIE NIGHT

A movie/dinner afternoon or evening is being planned, possibly for March 9 or thereabouts. Watch this space for updates as the date and time are not actually finalized as of this writing. It will be at Wonderland in Niles and will partly depend on what's playing.

Birthdays & Anniversaries

Anniversaries:

- March 9 . . Ron & Jo Ann Gabbard
March 20 . . Rex & Bernadette Harwood

Birthdays:

- March 12 . . Carl Tribble
March 20 . . Diane Coryn
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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 for the remainder of the season. Attendance at these get-togethers has been good. Lets keep it up for the rest of the non-riding season.

Meet at the restaurant at 6:30.

- February 21 . . Jade Garden, Elkhart
March 21 . . Fiesta Tapatia, Mishawaka
April 18 . . Fat Cap's, Roseland
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Chicken Sale

Our annual Chicken Sale is coming up on May 11. Location and times are the same as they have been the last few years. O'Reilly Auto Parts parking lot. I visited them recently to make sure the date was secured. Breakfast will be at Callahan's at 8:00 for those so inclined. We will probably start selling at around 9:00 or 9:30, whenever first chicken and potatoes come off the cooker.

For the first time since I joined the group I will not be able to work the sale this year. I have a conflict with my Grandson graduating from college, which I am planning on attending. Since this year's sale is after most will be back from Florida, I think there will be enough people to work.

Vern

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

As we start a new year at Ronald McDonald House I want to encourage everyone to be on the lookout for sales on all the various items that we can use at the house, especially any kind of “single serve” items like chips, crackers, drinks, etc. We go through a lot of these items on the coffee cart every day. A special thank you to everyone who donated items in 2018.

Vern

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

-15 Frick'n degrees! Are you kidding me?!?!?!?!? I try to ride all year but that's just too darn cold! So I get to walk by my bike on the way to the car to go to work. Not the way I like to start my day. Talk about depressing! sigh Well there are things we can do as we impatiently wait for the thaw. One of the things is to check out our gear. The last thing we want is to get a nice day only to find out our gear shrunk over the winter! Let's start from the top and work down.

Helmet – Check it for visible signs of damage. It doesn't take much of a hit to compromise the integrity of the impact absorbing material. Check the manufacture date. Manufacturer's recommend replacing their helmets every 5 or so years because the impact foam starts to break down. Do a clarity check on your visor and clean/replace as necessary. Give your helmet liner a good sniff test and give it a wash if your eyes start to water!

Jacket – Make sure it still fits! Check the armor for signs of breakdown. Make sure all the zippers, snaps, and Velcro are in good shape. Give it a wash to make sure the reflective materials can be seen. Make sure it's not ripped or torn.

Gloves – Make sure your fingers aren't popping through and are completely covered. Make sure they're tight enough to stay on during a get off. Check them for cracking and getting thin. Make sure they're still comfortable and you can work all the controls.

Pants – Make sure your riding pants can still be buttoned and zipped up! If you have riding pants, make sure the armor is still good. Check them for cracking and getting thin. Make sure they're still comfortable and you can work all the foot controls.

Boots – Check the soles for wear and cracking. Same for the uppers. It's a good time to re-apply water proofing and put a coat of polish on them for protection. Make sure they still fit so you can ride all day in comfort.

Rain Gear – Now's a good time to pull it out to get some air. You can also check for rips/tears and make sure it still fits. Better to find out now before you need it!

If you get your gear all cleaned up, checked out, or replaced you'll be all set for that first warm day (at least double digit temps!) to get our bikes out and hit the road!

Until next time.....

Rick and Debbie Warmels
Indiana District Educators

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