FROM YOUR CHAPTER DIRECTORS

Wolfgang & Connie Gless

Welcome Summer:

Summer has arrived and so has the warm weather, well at least the time of year is right but the real warmth has yet to follow. We have had 4 planned dinner rides and the first and third were wash-out due to rain or predicted rain. The 2nd and 4th rides were a very good success with just about perfect riding weather. Tom Whalen and Richard Wright lead us through the Indiana and Michigan country side and we ended up at Pizza Transit in Niles and Zeke’s in Dowagiac respectably. We had routes that for the most part included some great roads and a few not so good but all were paved. I believe we had 10 bikes on the last ride, now that was super to see and I hope this trend continues.

I’ve seen the Thursday Dinner Ride sign up roster and many dates are still open, why? Pick a date and put your name on it. As I have said before, if all sign up you only need to lead one ride. It does not matter what type or style of restaurant you pick, if you like it, we will follow you.

Membership, Membership, Membership, we need to increase the chapter membership. We have gained a few new members and that is great but more are needed. If you know someone who owns a Gold Wing or any other type of bike ask them if they might want to join our happy go lucky group, we always have room for new members.

Ok I’ve said enough, so get out there and ride, but be safe

Wolf & Connie CD
Greetings to all,

Enjoyed seeing everyone at our meeting, along with the lovely June weather. Loved being able to enjoy some dinner rides and other riding as well. Thanks Rich and Cari for the heads up on Grand Haven’s kite festival. It was amazing! Hopefully next year has nicer weather for it and we can make it into a club ride. Cathy Rummel is home from the hospital and would enjoy visitors. Max and Darlene moved into Elkhart and would also enjoy visitors. Their phone numbers are the same; give them a call. Continue saving pop tabs and bringing snacks for Ronald McDonald House. Vern is also looking for people to give guided tours to and maybe start volunteering themselves.

Upcoming events:

Dinner rides on June 13, 20 and 27. Kickstands up at 6:15 from Discovery School.

Progressive dinner ride on June 29th. Kickstands up at 12 noon from Discovery School. Sign up sheet went around at the meeting. Call Gless’ if you want your name added so the right amount of food can be prepared.

Chapter U Hog Roast on August 3rd, a nice ride to Angola before our Corn and Sausage roast at Whalen’s, which starts at 4pm.

Lake Superior ride leaves from Gless’ August 4th to 8th.

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

Keep September 8th open on your calendar for the Ronald McDonald ride. Details coming soon!!

Happy trails to all,
Don and Cindy
Just this morning another motorcycle rider died during what appeared to be a head on collision with a vehicle on Bittersweet just south of CR 6. It was reported that the dense fog in the area might have had some effect on the collision. The auto vehicle was traveling south and crossed the double yellow line in the fog according to the reports hitting the motorcycle.

Riding in any type of inclement weather should automatically put you on very high alert to these types of accidents as we discussed during our last meeting. Cars, trucks, tractors, even horse and buggy vehicles all become deadly obstacles to motorcycles at any time of the day or night.

Typically the person driving the vehicle is rarely injured unless they are trying to take evasive action to avoid a collision. Anytime a vehicle hits a motorcycle or the motorcycle hits the vehicle nothing good can come of the experience. The mass and speed of the vehicle just overwhelms the mass of the motorcycle. The energy released in such an encounter is enormous. Steel, aluminum, and other metals bend, break and collapse. Plastic fairings and other parts shatter and as they come into contact with skin, tissue and bones they cut and tear.

As your helmet comes into contact with the vehicle it often shatters or cracks leaving your head, neck, and bones to take the brunt of all the forces of velocity. Your body may continue over the front or side of your bike often being pinned between the motorcycle and the vehicle being crushed by either as your fall headlong to the pavement.

Even if you are so fortunate as to escape all of these horrifying effects and miss both the motorcycle and vehicle you face, hands, arms, and legs may slide for many, many yards across a macadam or concrete surface. This can be an event that literally peels your very skin off your body even though you might be wearing the proper gear and protective apparel.

Your one saving remedy to all of these horrific affects is that with the first impact of the accident a sudden incredible blow relieves you of consciousness or life and you drift off forever. Your only other choice is to avoid the accident and even that may cause tremendous injury and life altering consequences.

Ride safe and live.
Meeting Notes:  By Vern Daly

We had 23 chapter members and one guest, Jay Franzler, CD from chapter U, present at the June meeting.

Wolfie talked about old business including the Chicken Sale, see column to the right, and Spring Wing Warmup. No one from our chapter attended SWWU as it conflicted with the Chicken Sale.

He also mentioned upcoming events which include the Progressive Dinner, the Corn & Sausage Roast and the ride around lake Superior.

Richard Fox, Chapter Ed, gave a talk about the recent fatal motorcycle accident on Bittersweet Road just south of the roundabout. Apparently the dense fog was a contributing factor in this accident.

Wolfie announced that the MEC position is now open due to Lucy vacating the position. Robert Coryn agreed to take on this position. Thanks Robert.

In Deb Anderson’s absence Connie Gless read the birthday and anniversary list.

Both Dumbo and Udderly will be staying with their current guardians for the time being.

With that, Wolfie asked if there was anything else for the group. Being nothing he adjourned the meeting.

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Chicken Sale

Again, the chicken sale was a success as we sold all of the chicken and potatoes we had contracted. I understand there were some slight hiccups, but the weather cooperated. Thank you to everyone who pitched in and helped again this year.

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

June 21&22 . . Wisconsin District Rally
June 29 . . Progressive Dinner, 12 PM, School
July 11 . . Monthly Chapter meeting
Aug 1-3 . . Illinois District Rally
Aug 8-10 . . Michigan District Rally, Evert, MI
Aug 3 . . Corn & Sausage Roast, Whalen’s, 4PM
Aug 3 . . Chapter U Hog Roast, Angola, 10AM
August 4-9 . . Wolfie’s ride around Lake Superior

Thursday Dinner Rides

Well, riding season is finally upon us. As a reminder to everyone, we meet in the back of Discovery Middle School off of Ash Road, just north of the toll road. Departure time is 6:15 prompt

Here is a list of the currently taken weeks:

June 13 . . Wright
June 20 . . Durecki
June 27 . . Gless
July 11 . . MEETING
July 18 . . Whalen
July 25 . . Harwood
August 8 . . Coryn
August 15 . . Hoff
August 22 .
August 29 .

Progressive Dinner

The progressive dinner is coming up on June 29th. As of right now here is the schedule:
Whetstone . . Salad
Gless . . Main
Whalen . . Desert

Meet at the school at 12 PM.

Birthdays & Anniversaries

Anniversaries:
July 7 . . Carol & Jim McPhail
July 24 . . Bob & sue Chute

Birthdays:
July 5 . . Carol Skinner
July 14 . . Tom Whalen
July 16 . . Sue Chute & Stan Hoff
July 19 . . Connie Gless

Corn & Sausage Roast

This year’s Corn & Sausage Roast will again be held at Whalen’s on August 3rd. Starting time is 4 PM. A signup sheet was sent around at the June meeting. If you were not there and wish to be on the list, give Tom or Connie a call. To all the new people, this is a great chapter event, not to be missed. Great fellowship and food, along with swimming in their pool if the weather cooperates. You don’t want to miss this one.
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.

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**Ronald McDonald House**

I know I probably sometimes sound like a broken record, but I want to remind everyone that we continue to use a LOT of the various single-serve type items on the coffee cart every day. So PLEASE, when you go to the store, be on the lookout for sales on any kind of single serve items like the chip variety packs, drink boxes or pouches, cookies, pretzels, pudding, fruit cups, etc.

I also want to invite anyone who would like to accompany me on my rounds taking the coffee cart around to the various children’s hospital units to contact me and I’ll set it up. I think if you could see how appreciative everyone is to see the cart come around you’d have a much greater appreciation of the work we do and you’d better understand the need for these items. I work every other Wednesday from 9:00 to 12:00 and I’d be glad to take any of you with me on my rounds. Who knows, you might even like it enough that you’d decide to volunteer. It’s NOT hard work and it’s only one three-hour shift every other week.

Vern

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**Changes and Corrections**

Just a notice to everyone, Since July 4th is on the first Thursday of July, the monthly meeting will be held on July 11.

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.
We just got home from a terrific time at the PA rally.

On the way home, the day started out perfectly and we saw several bikes out enjoying the great, dry weather. We noticed the predominant riding gear was short sleeve shirts and no helmets. It’s no secret Debbie and I are both strong advocates for ATGATT (All The Gear All The Time). Despite all our gear, I got a nasty bee string and had multiple points of evidence of critters kamakasing into our helmets, gloves, and boots.

We got to talking about what those folks riding in short sleeves and no helmet must endure while riding. It’s gotta take a lot of the fun out of tooling around on your bike when your face, arms, and legs are getting pelted with various genres of the insect kingdom.

After discussing this topic of world importance, the weather decided to change from sunny to windy, stormy, and violent. We then wondered if those riders we saw getting bombarded by insects are any more prepared for fast approaching storms. As the storms came upon us, Debbie and I were as prepared as possible in our rain suits (over our riding jackets). While I fought the fierce crosswinds to keep us upright and in our lane, Debbie was taking note of the cross roads in case we needed to let someone know where we were. Thanks to our proper gear and training, we were both as prepared as we could be to deal with the changing elements. Thankfully, a Speedway gas stations appeared and we waited out the worst of the storm in the relative comfort of the gas pump awning.

We all make choices on what gear we wear. If you remember from GWRRA rider courses, it’s about risk management and what we as riders can do to minimize the risks associated with riding our bikes. Debbie and I just hope everyone can live with our choices should an emergency arise.

Until next time……

Rick and Debbie Warmels
District Educators
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Rider gets it.

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