

Gold Wing Road Riders Association Indiana On Wings

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SPRING HAS SPRUNG!!!!!! Spring officially arrived on Thursday, 19 March at 11:50 pm! While I may have been sound asleep, I noted the fact in my dream of taking a long ride through the rolling Indiana countryside. Since then I've had the opportunity to take the bike out and ride around several Northern Indiana/Southern Michigan lakes and see the folks out cleaning up and getting ready for lake season.

Bad news folks. YOUR Team met 3/31 and with the current status of the pandemic we feel it's in the best interest of the members to cancel SWWU 2020. We looked at potential options for holding the rally later in the year but it wasn't possible for us to plan and present a rally worthy of the members.

We've personally contacted registered members but please put the word out that anyone reserving a hotel room for SWWU needs to personally call their hotel or campground and cancel their room/campsite. The Seasons Lodge assured us they would refund the deposit money for cancellations.

We're disappointed we had to cancel and we promise next year's Spring Wing Warm Up will be worth the wait.

We are also cancelling all our spring rider courses. We're hoping we can get them rescheduled for the fall. Chuck Jacobs will be reaching out to those who've registered.

Lastly, the ITCP instructor training course has been postponed to a TBD later date.

The two planned District Rides and Scrabble Riding game are still a GO! So not all is lost.

On other GOOD Spring news, planning is well underway for the Southern District Ride. Mr. Ride Coordinator (Ed Feldt) has already run the planned route and everything is set. Make sure you ask Ed about his toasty feet!

While we're all stuck home, it's a great time to get your bikes out and take advantage of the breaking weather. The traffic is A LOT lighter. You can also use this time to work on your SCRABBLE contest strategy! It's going to be a lot more intense than you think!

From the TV show Hill Street Blues "Lets Be Careful Out There"! You can keep in touch with your GWRRA family by skype, Zoom, text, email, face time, FaceBook, and you can even use your phone to call and talk to them!

Until next month.....

Rick and Debbie
Indiana District Directors



Hello everyone,

Jay and I hope that you are all weathering this virus storm in good shape. It is certainly a challenging time but we will all get through it.

We really enjoyed Winter Rendezvous and all it had to offer. It was great to see such a good turn-out and it sure looked like members were really enjoying themselves. A special "thank you" to all those who attended and to those who helped plan and set up the areas.

The University and Riders Ed classes were very well attended which makes the presenters very happy. Thank you for sitting in and I hope you learned some new things.

Since most chapter events and activities are on hold for awhile, the University has set up some on-line classrooms for your enjoyment. There is a memo attached that explains how to sign on and what classes are offered. Please take advantage of this offering--you will learn things that can be applied to your chapter life.

And don't forget Wing Ding and all the classes offered there. So much to do and learn.

Take care! Riding season is upon us very soon!

Harriet and Jay
District University Coordinators



Preparing for the Ride

With the news being dominated by the virus scare and all the safety precautions being suggested or enforced, it's hard to imagine what the days ahead will be like for riding. I know that when we ride we prefer a destination whether it's for ice-cream or just a ride through a state park. For us a lot depends on our work schedules and the weather as to whether we ride that day and how far. With the closures surrounding the virus, this removes a fair number of our options. However, we like to keep our possibilities open and have all our resources handy for when we are able to ride.

In planning for the ride we like to use the Indiana website called "visitindiana.com". You can select your interest under the "Things To Do" tab and view all the wonderful events, festivals, and outdoor activities available in our state. You can also research Lodging, Food/Drink, and Trip Ideas. From the main page you can click on Brochures and view all 37 that they have to offer and order them for free. We ordered a couple of our favorites... Indiana Escapes, Visit Fort Wayne, and the 2020 Indiana Festival Guide.

The Indiana Festival Guide can also be found online at indianafestivals.org

where you can also download the guide for your PC or tablet. Their website makes it easy to search for festivals using your location or by date using their interactive calendar. You can also click on a county within the state map to see what festivals are currently scheduled for that area. Did you know that there are over 600 festivals and events scheduled in our state every year? This website is our favorite and we keep a copy of their guide handy for quick reference.



We don't know what they days ahead will bring but you can be sure that we are ready and prepared for the ride. As always, be safe and we'll see you down the road.

Chris & Winona Drake
Assistant District Directors





Making sure that your motorcycle is fit for the road is just as important as practicing safe riding. Should something be wrong with your motorcycle, it will be in your best interest to find out prior to hitting the road. To make sure that your motorcycle is in good working order, check the following:

Tires — check for any cracks or bulges, or signs of wear in the treads. Low tire pressure or any defects could cause a blowout.

Under the motorcycle — Look for signs of oil or gas leaks

Headlight, taillight and signals — Test for high and low beams. Make sure that all lights are functioning

Hydraulic and Coolant fluids — Level should be checked regularly

Clutch and throttle — Make sure they are working smoothly. Throttle should snap back when released.

Mirrors — Clean and adjust all mirrors to ensure sharpest viewing

Brakes — Test front and rear brakes. Each brake should feel firm and hold the motorcycle still when fully applied

Horn — Test the horn



Chuck and Chris Jacobs
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Indiana 2020 District Rides



Southern Ride - June 6 & 7

Ride **GREAT** Southern Indiana By-Ways!
Leave Bedford June 6, Saturday Night in
Corydon, More Curvy Roads Sunday!

Northern Ride - August 8-9

A First! Progressive Chapter Ride Featuring All
Our Northern Chapters! Start in Lebanon,
Saturday Night in Angola, Finish'm Up Sunday

Details Coming! Join and ride at any point on
the route.



Contact Ed Feldt, IN Ride Coordinator, at 765.412.4162 or elf46@comcast.net



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National Events:

Wing Ding 442
Springfield, MO
June 30-July 4, 2020

Indiana District Events:

