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Who'da a thunk it?!?!?!?!? Two plus months of no Gatherings, no rallies, and no group riding. Man are we gonna bust out when we get the all clear!
As you can imagine, there's not a lot of GWRRA stuff going on. We're still having District Team Zoom calls and we've seen several Chapters have Zoom, You-Tube, or Skype meetings in place of face-to-face gatherings. It's just good to see and talk to each other.
It's also been fun and time-consuming scrolling through Facebook and seeing all the creative folks out there. We're not that creative. I've been out solo riding while Debbie has been mired in yard work and crafting. We did pick up a used Bunkhouse camper for me to use during some future long trips. I've been piddling with it to get it ready for my first-time camping experience (unless you count the night I spent in it on the patio in the rain looking for leaks!). With all our free time, the yard has been mowed multiple times, we've trimmed branches, burned brush, and got all our outdoor furniture out for the season. We've learned how to shop at Kroger without going in, ordering pet food on-line and getting it at the door, and we've been hitting the local ma-n-pa pizza place under the pretense of helping them through the crisis.
It could be a lot worse. We could live in NYC, Italy, or be a Marine in Afghanistan. We're okay staying home if that means ALL of us can get out sooner and enjoy the summer.
There are still a couple of District events planned. The Southern Ride In is still a go for June 6/7. More info will be coming out on that shortly. The scrabble game is ON so you could be riding/driving to cities creating your boards (more on scrabble later). Most importantly, Wing Ding is still on! We're hoping these are the lights at the end of the tunnel.
Be safe and smart. Until next time.....
Rick and Debbie Warmels
IN District Directors

District SCRABBLE GAME

The Scrabble Game started on 1 April so you're free to go out riding/driving to visit cities to put on your board. We've had a few questions so we thought we'd try to explain what's going on. We googled Indiana Cities and found out Spencerville (our hometown) is not listed! Come to find out Spencerville is an unincorporated township. DOESN'T matter! A Google search of Spencerville, IN results in positive Google results. That is the driving factor. We're not getting caught up in the legal differences between cities, towns, townships, and unincorporated townships. If your "city" passes the Google test, you're Golden!
We started the board with pre-populated letters (GWRRA GOLDWING). You must start your adventure using these letters. We had one member who visited Delong and Gaston. He asked if he could end Delong on a "G" and start Gaston on the same "G". Nope, can't do it. That spells a city called DelonGaston and that's not in Google! He could end Delong on a "G" and start Gaston on another "G". You then start building off those cities to add more. See below for one possibilities.

In the example above, you would not get credit for Corunna because the W from Warsaw and the A from Corunna do not make a city. If there was a 4-letter city starting with letters WA (like WACO), it would be an excellent play! Debbie is building her sheet off-line (currently up to 33 cities) and then we'll have to ride to all of them to get credit!



Until next month.....

Rick and Debbie
Indiana District Directors

As I said in the January Indiana on Wings Newsletter, I was going to talk about the about the Expiring and the Expired Members on the ARL.

The ARL report is a good time to call the Expiring members, just to stay in touch. Even if they do not come to your monthly gathering you still need to call them, stay in touch with them and some members may not know they are assigned to a chapter. You can say "Hi" and to make sure you have their updated contact information for them. (Please, Do Not done them to pay their GWRRA membership dues with this phone call). If their contact information is not current, please let them know to update their information by:

Call National in Phoenix, AZ, (623) 581-2500

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There is a membership Application in the 2019 Gold Book (xi)in the beginning section. This can also be used to make updates.

The only time, we would suggest, contact the expired members is if that member is a regular attending chapter member.

Please complete the fields for the Expiring and Expired Members if you contacted those members and return your ARL report back to us even though you did not have any New or Prospective Members on your report.

All so, contacting a member is to call them. It is not a "Yes" if you did not talk to them personally. A voice message or email is not a contact. If the member returns your call back to you after a voice mail message is left or they call you back after an email, then that is a "Yes" to being contacted. In the "Contact" field put a "Yes" or "No" depending on if you talked to them personally or not. In the "Date" field you put what date you called, emailed, etc. Then in the "Comment" field should make a brief Comment stating what you did. All of these fields are located to the far-right side of the ARL report.

Please return your completed ARL back to us by the 5th of each month.



Carol and Gary Meyerholtz
Indiana District MEC



TOPIC: Let's Get Ready to Ride!

Its finally spring and the weather is warming up. There are three things to consider when getting ready for a new riding season

1. Preparing your bike
2. Preparing your gear
3. Preparing yourself

There are many inspection checklists for your bike. MSF has a good one as does GWRRA. Most are based upon the TCLOCS system. I like the GWRRA N.17 version, but the others are also very good.

Inspecting your riding gear for proper fit and for condition is fairly straight forward. One thing to keep in mind is the idea that "if you ever want to use it later in life, cover it up" saying when speaking of motorcycle safety gear. Do the zippers and snaps work? Is the material in good condition? Does it fit properly? Pay extra close attention to the helmet. Check the made on date. Check the fit. Check the padding for condition.

Finally getting yourself ready after the long winter. Start out slow with some quick practice drills. Slow speed turning, cornering, straight line braking, collision avoidance. Take a few minutes to acclimated in a safe area before heading out on that first long ride.

Chuck and Chris Jacobs
Indiana District Educators
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Most of us have probably turned the calendar to May 1st and had to accept the reality that we don't have our personal or chapter riding schedule planned for 2020. It's possible though that many of us have in fact gotten out on the bikes a little, maybe riding in a group of one or two bikes, stopping to go through a drive thru, and then standing around talking while being careful not to touch the outside tables or get too close to other customers. It's certainly a new reality to those of us who are used to group riding and socializing (eating) in larger groups virtually every week.

I am certainly just as disappointed as many of you when I think about events like Spring Wing Warm Up, Niehaus Appreciation Days, other District events, and the scheduled activities our local chapters would normally be participating in that just aren't happening at this time this year. That disappointment though is not the same as depression. Not spending as much time riding hopefully just means we have time to do other things which maybe have been neglected.

This might be a good time to remind ourselves that riding a motorcycle is actually just a hobby. Hobbies are important because they provide a way for people to 'get away' and just relax. A hobby, at the same time, is one of the extras we can enjoy in life. We do though have to be careful sometimes and remind ourselves that there really are other things more important than riding. (Did Lonny just say that?) Being able to spend time with family, earning a living, worshipping as we choose, maintaining our health, and many other things are very important. Other activities like maintaining the yard, gardening, attending grandkids' activities, and on and on and on are also important. So what is the point? Our expectations for this time of year might have changed, which has been totally out of our control, but it's not the end of the world and we just need to focus on enjoying other things until the present situation changes.

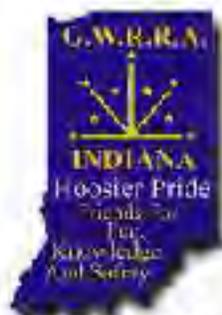
Now is the time to think about what 'can dos' we might have. We CAN still ride our bikes. We CAN still ride with others as long as we're not in a big group and not having the normal closeness that Goldwing riders are famous for. We CAN still take trips as long as drive-thru and restroom stops are planned. We CAN continue to research maps, check out the internet, and listen for travel ideas and info on events that we might be interested in in the future. It's just a good time to remember we are bikers and we can probably find a way to ride if we're willing to accept that it might not be like we would have expected six months ago but it is an opportunity.

Whether particular events will or will not be held this year just means there might be a need for last minute planning. Some of us are more comfortable than others when it comes to participation not being planned way in advance but let's not be afraid of making last minute decisions to attend things later this year once our country is opened again. The Indiana Rally had to be cancelled but that might be a good reason to consider attending another District's Rally scheduled later in the summer or fall. Planning a vacation on the bike as a way to help get over cabin fever might be considered. We can always hope that our plans for the summer are really just delayed, not denied.

We hope to see you out on the road real soon.

Lonny & Karen Hunter
Assistant District Directors
Senior Advisors





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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