



## **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.

**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 quite some time since our last chapter newsletter was sent out. It hasn't seemed practical though to keep putting one out each month when nothing has been going on and nothing could realistically be planned in the near future. One Call has been used to pick up the slack and keep members informed about what little was going on at any particular time.

Our chapter is currently meeting to eat each Thursday evening so that those who choose are able to still go out and socialize a little. We are not notifying restaurants ahead of time and not expecting them to make arrangements for us to sit together as a group. We are instead continuing to show up at the chosen restaurant and go in in smaller groups of 4 or so. We hope we can keep ourselves safe by wearing masks into and when leaving the restaurant and by spacing ourselves while eating. These are not the normal Thursday evening dinner arrangements that we have grown used to over so many past years, but this is the way it has to be right now.

COVID obviously has not gone away. But based on the belief that masks and social distancing ARE helping to stop the spread AND knowing many of us have now been vaccinated, we feel it's now safer to begin thinking about trying to get things back to what we would consider to be more normal.

We plan to continue choosing a different restaurant and meeting there at 6:00 each Thursday evening at least through March. April 1<sup>st</sup> is the beginning of the chapter's official riding season and that means we will be trying to meet and depart from Millcreek at 6:00 to ride to our eating destinations.

We plan to start in April having our Monthly Gatherings on the second Thursday of each month. The April Gathering will be at Perkins at 6:00, April 8<sup>th</sup>. Maple Grove has not completely reopened their church facilities as of yet and we have therefore moved our get-together to the restaurant at least for the one month.

We are all hoping the warm weather that now periodically has begun to show itself will arrive about the same time we all start feeling safe again being around other people. We are therefore working on a riding schedule that we can participate in regardless of the need to social distance or not social distance.

One event to start looking forward to is Spring Wing Ride In 2021. This will take place in Nashville, IN May 20<sup>th</sup>-23<sup>rd</sup>, a Thursday through Sunday. The event this year is a riding event and not the typical rally. There is no pre-registration or cost for this weekend. There is no host motel. There will not be seminars or other planned activities, except for a few things that will be available at a nearby campground. What will be there is the opportunity to visit with Goldwing friends and opportunities to go on led rides. There will be short, longer, and all-day rides to choose from on Friday and Saturday. They will all depart from the parking lot of the Nazarene Church located on SR 46. There, of course, are also shopping and eating opportunities to enjoy in the town of Nashville.

Another event to look forward to is a ride scheduled from June 3<sup>rd</sup> to 6<sup>th</sup> that is being called the Kentucky Ferry Ride. And what in the world is that? There are reportedly about ten ferries in Kentucky and Ed Feldt has planned a motorcycle route that will include crossing about eight of those. The plan is to depart Columbus, IN on Thursday morning and ride the route on Thursday, Friday, and Saturday. Saturday evening should have the group arriving back in Corydon, IN where riders can spend the night or break away to ride home. Sunday will be everyone's free day to travel home at their own pace. This is a ride that members may want to ride all or just part of. The towns where we plan to stay are already known and riders are welcome to join in or drop off as they desire.

WING DING 2021 is a GO as of this time. It is planned at Springfield, MO from June 29th to July 3<sup>rd</sup>. There is beautiful riding in the area in addition to things planned at the event itself.

For those who are interested in traveling a little further, there will be a weekend of riding on August 27<sup>th</sup> & 28<sup>th</sup>. This weekend is a get-together for the Illinois, Iowa, Minnesota, & Wisconsin Districts and will be based in Dubuque, IA. More details will be provided closer to the event, but you might want to consider saving the date.

Indiana District is currently planning a 'camping weekend' which may be later in the season, but specific details still are not known. It is planned as an opportunity for those who camp to do so while the non-campers have motels available close by to stay at. This again would be an opportunity for members to just get together to socialize, take some rides, and be free to participate as much or as little as they might desire.

The great thing about GWRRA is that chapters hopefully are giving its members opportunities to ride according to their particular desire and comfort level. Our chapter wants to schedule those shorter rides of three or four hours. We want to plan some rides where we are gone all day. We definitely want some overnight rides on our schedule and be able to get a little further away from home. And we want to know there are bigger multiple day events that might interest us.

Most members are more than willing to participate in rides and events that have been planned but few really seem willing to contribute ideas. Why is that? I personally don't know. We have all been places or attended things and then thought later "I bet so-and-so would really have enjoyed that". Those are exactly the ride ideas that we're looking for. No idea is stupid, and every suggestion is taken seriously. Why? We are not a club where one person 'rules' but we are instead an association where everyone needs to feel like they are just as important as any other member. We are all in this together.

I plan to lead the first ride in April, weather permitting, and plan to end up at Pizza King in Yorktown. We then need members to step up and be willing to make plans for upcoming Thursday evening dinner rides. If you have a restaurant you would like us to go to, but you don't feel comfortable leading the ride part, that is OK too. Just let us know and we'll assign someone to determine a route and lead the ride. We do though want to make sure the restaurants we are riding to are those the members want to eat at.

There will be other sheets attached to this newsletter that you really need to pay attention to. Remember that every ride and every event, whether it's planned by a local chapter, Indiana District, or National, is being planned to help you enjoy being a motorcyclist. Remember that events are being planned by volunteers who care about YOU and who are willing to spend their time, effort, and money to try and make YOUR life a little more enjoyable.



March Birthdays Ralph Ward 1<sup>st</sup> Bud Stitt 21<sup>st</sup> Kevin Ebert 25<sup>th</sup>

March Anniversaries Ralph & Lorelee March 11



April Birthdays Lisa Smelser 9th, Barb Baker 30th.

April Anniversaries, John & Stacey Guenther 7th