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Hello again from Henryville

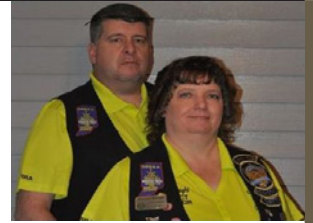
As I am writing this, our beloved Hoosiers have once again lost the March Madness. I look at it as a terrific opportunity for you to walk away from your TV, and get into the garage and wipe off; warm up and get that bike ready for upcoming beautiful weather; some of you might have even stretched out those legs on a ride or two "Good for you". The schedule for our spring wing warmup is about final and should be out to your Chapter Directors soon or check the indianaonwings.org website. The registration is already posted so get signed up and help us "take a trip back to Woodstock".

I could write all about the activities and events we will be doing but I'm sure others on my team will, and your Chapter Directors will be getting all the 411 at the District Spring officers meeting." you do know this meeting is open to all members? So ask your CD if he or she would like you to come along, we discuss up and coming concerns, bounce Ideas off one another and yes, discuss in detail the upcoming Spring Wing Warm Up Rally.

It seems the sun is coming up in more than just the season's, according to the stats, Membership in Indiana is up, and I can see some strong Chapter Director's moving up to the plate and chapter's growing and participating and mostly HAVING FUN. And isn't that what it's all about. That's why Theresa and I joined GWRRA to ride our beloved Goldwing and meet others with the same love for riding and spend some quality time away from WORK and feel good again. "Wow those new mushrooms I ate for dinner have started to really kick in", Anyways as in anything you do, whatever hobby or passion you have it takes a little time and work to make the enjoyment period ever that much greater, So if you CD asks you for some help, Do it, lead a ride, participate at your gathering, register for a rally. The rewards you will receive are well worth the little effort required.

Have any of you seen the comic "where's Waldo" well equally so I ask have you asked lately "where's my District team whether it's a Rider Ed, or Membership

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enhancement , a trainer , or your Asst. District Director have they been by your local gathering's lately or attended one of your events . I certainly hope so, I know sometimes it's tough to get to visit the chapter's, but I know of each of your District team give a lot of their time and efforts to you the member's. But if you feel you've missed seeing one of us for quite some time now go to the www.indianaonwings website find there number on the tab marked District Team ,and give them a call, or what the heck give me a call , emails work but haven't we missed the art of communication in today's world.

Until we meet again , laugh loud ,ride safe and eat lots of ice cream

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Photos courtesy of Joanie Isenhower

INDIANA SWWU 2015

WOODSTOCK

GREENSBURG IN



May 7th - 9th Decatur County Fairgrounds Greensburg Indiana

Activities include : Thurs nite Dinner ride

We will be going on a 75 mile leisurely fun & relaxing ride with your GWRRA friends enjoying the beautiful countryside thru southern Indiana before stopping to eat. The meal will be your choice from just ordering off the menu.

***Dinner ride requires advance notice to John / Shirley Lee @leesgoldwing@att.net
or call at 765-569-5263**

***Block Party and Music Friday Night in the Downtown Square**

***10 guided rides, Fri and Sat to all local attractions and Countryside**

***Tour of the Honda plant welcome Center**

***Movies and Popcorn Thursday nite after dinner ride,**

**Movie will be "Hoosiers" with ride to the actual High school on Friday
were the movie originated**

*** Vendors with everything you would possibly need/ want for your ride**

*** First Ever Chapter sales Flea Market "bring your chapter made
goodies or items and sell them at the flea market**

*** Participation tickets good towards all kinds of items for you and your bike .**

*** Chapter Campsite Decorating "Back to Woodstock theme"**

*** Rain or Shine Activities with lots of indoor buildings available , including
day inside parking for your motorcycle**

*** Guided night ride Friday thru Greensburg area ,**

*** Rider Ed Amazing Team challenge exhibition, and test your riding skills
at our parking lot practice area, as well a seminars on Co Rider, Motorcycle
awareness , and Road Captain .**

*** Excellent camping facility for motorcycle pull behinds or RV campers**

**Come and Play , Ride , laugh and stay for the weekend or just for the
day, As we travel back through time to 1969 and enjoy Peace , Love
and Harmony and "oh Yeah gold wings and of course Ice Cream"**



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INDIANA SPRING WING WARM UP

JOHN & SHIRLEY'S THURSDAY EVENING SUPPER RIDE

For the past 4 years we have enjoyed putting together a supper ride for all the members attending Spring Wing and have another ride planned for Thursday evening May 7th in Greensburg, Indiana.

We will be going on a 75 mile leisurely fun & relaxing ride with your GWRRA friends enjoying the beautiful countryside thru southern Indiana before stopping to eat. The meal will be your choice from just ordering off the menu.

After the meal we would like for everyone to ride back together as a group with the same leader you rode down with.

In case of rain or bad weather we will have a pizza party at the fairgrounds so be sure to check in at registration to get your money paid for the pizza so we will know how many pizzas to order.

Have your BIKES LINED UP and ready for a riders meeting at 4:00 and we will leave on the ride at 4:15 SHARP. Have your BIKES FUELED AND BLADDERS EMPTY as we WILL NOT BE STOPPING before arriving at the restaurant.

If you would like to join us on the supper ride please contact us so we can get your name on the ride list as we have to let the restaurant know how many people to prepare food for.

John & Shirley Lee leesgoldwing@att.net 765-569-5263

Hi Hoosier Wingers,

How about this weather? It's 65 degrees one day and 2 days later we have 2 inches of snow on our driveways. Fear not everyone, this weather can't hang on much longer and then we can complain about the heat and humidity. What can we expect? This is Indiana, but I'll take the heat and humidity over ice and snow any day .

Since the last edition of the District Newsletter, we have had some events to attend. March 20th & 21st was the dates for Michigan Wingless Weekend. Kathy and I had sent in our registrations and made reservations at the Bay City Resort several months ago. However, an unplanned meeting with some nasty kidney stones kept us from going. In case you have never had kidney stones before, let me tell you that you don't want them. From the looks of the pictures that I have seen on the internet of all the cavorting that was going on, it looks like we missed a great time.

March 22nd was Chapter D2's Annual Chili Cookoff. I managed to attend even though I still wasn't up to 100%. What a great time this event is. If you or your Chapter have never attended, you should make plans to come next year. You are missing out on a good time and a chance to taste some excellent chili.

This brings to mind something else that sort of annoys me. Why do Chapters not attend neighboring Chapter Events? These events are usually fund raisers for a good cause, you meet lots of friends, get to take a ride and have some great food (maybe even some ice cream). Why don't we turn this trend around and start going to other Chapter Events? You never know, you might find that you actually have some fun.

Remember, to get the most out of your membership, you need to

PARTICIPATE, PARTICIPATE, PARTICIPATE !

Drive safe and be careful.

"Th-Th-Th-Th-Th-... That's all, folks"!

Happy Trails

Duane & Kathy



Duane Ewell &
Kathy Bontrager

**Assistant
District
Directors**

Fellow Riders,

I am currently experiencing mental block while trying to write an article for this newsletter, so I am going to use a good article by Eric & Jan Franson (Rider Educators for Chapter C).

“Gray-haired riders don’t get that way from pure luck.” Apparently safety is a high priority to them. All of you are committed to the “Fun” part of our slogan.

But are you committed to the “Safety” part of our slogan? As well as the “Knowledge” part? Do you ride safely? How do you know? Is it because you haven’t had an accident? Or is it due to something else?

My question to you is... Have you had a close call? Running off the road, maybe going a little too fast or too wide in a turn? Or maybe you weren’t paying attention? Maybe a Rider Course would help.

Commitment comes in many forms. One way is thru education, Seminars is a way of updating your knowledge about riding safely. Another is taking a Riding course.

How do we demonstrate commitment? Well we do that in many ways within our lives, such as Wedding vows. We can also demonstrate our commitment to safety by proudly being a part of the Rider Education “Levels Program”. GWRRA developed this program so that we can show our “Achievement and Commitment”. It also gives us reminders to periodically renew our skills and knowledge. You can check your Levels status yourself thru the GWRRA Rider Education website. Go to www.gwrroa.org/regional/ridered/ Select My R.E. Information, then type in your username and password. You can click on “I Need Help Logging In” for help.

As a reminder, here are the Steps in the Levels Program.

Level I: Safety by Commitment - The first big step to success.

Level II: Safety by Education.

Level III: Safety by Preparedness.

Level IV: Safety By Enhanced Commitment and Preparedness.

I could not have said it better!!

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Mike & Penny
Kadinger

Indiana District
Ride Educators

Here are the upcoming Rider Courses:

May 2nd & 3rd - Columbus Airport, TRC & ARC both days.

May 31st - Portland High School, ARC & TRC on Sat 31.

June 6th ARC & 7th TRC -Huntingburg High School

We work hard to put on a rider course, or Parking Lot practice, even the Seminars at Rallies, and who do we do it for, believe you it not for us, we receive no pay, not even a gold star beside our name in a book someplace. We do it for the Members of GWRRA, our Friends (Family) so you have a better chance of being a safe rider. Its makes us very happy when the classes are full and members are having Fun and learning. So Please join us in a rider class, or a PLP or attend a Seminar, Remember We do it for You!!!!

This SWWU, there is going to be something for everyone, Lots of good riding with 10 guided riders, a Dinner ride on Thursday night, some Seminars, a Road Captains Course, A Block party down town, Movie with popcorn, Vendors, A Chapter Flea Market, prizes giving away for attending events, Amazing Team Challenge with an open PLP the day before, Camping and more.

REMEMBER BACK TO WOOD STOCK MAY 7th & 8th DECATUR COUNTY FAIRGROUNDS GREENSBURG

Mike & Penny Kadinger
Indiana District Ride Educators

Greetings from the Southeast;

Finally spring has arrived! Now if the warm weather will also hang around, we can do some riding.

Plans are being finalized for Spring Wing Warm Up. Please plan on attending. It is shaping up to be a very full weekend. Greensburg is opening their arms to welcome us for the whole weekend. There are plenty of places to camp under cover or out in the open. Or you can camp in the nearest hotel.

Everyone is asked to bring something for the hospitality room. We think everyone had a great time visiting the hospitality room at Winter Rendezvous and we want to continue the comradery. Chapter N2 is the host chapter for the hospitality room so make sure and visit with them.

Ruthie and Jerry
Southeast ADDs



Jerry & Ruthie
Brown

Assistant District
Directors

It appears that April has finally gotten here and for many chapters that is the beginning of the official riding season. For some motorcyclists, just owning a bike meets their need whether they ride it very much or not. For most Goldwing owners, the thrill is truly about getting out on the open roads and enjoying the miles and miles of scenery that is last seen as it fades away in the rear view mirrors. This statement is not to judge anyone who owns a bike and chooses to not ride as much as many other people. There are long distance riders though that ride every brand out there but it's no secret that many Goldwing owners certainly qualify as riders who choose to go out and do the long distances.

With the new riding season comes the responsibility that our leaders have to provide every GWRRA the types of riding experiences that they want. Variety on the schedule is what it's all about. There needs to be short rides just as much as there needs to be longer rides. Some members may only want to be out there for a couple of hours while other members want to measure their riding time in days. It's different strokes for different folks and that should be totally OK with everyone.

Spring Wing Warm Up is now just a little over a month away. That's a rally that our members attend for many different reasons. Some just go to see friends from around the District or even further away. Some just enjoy the planned activities they find on the schedule once they get there. Many people view this event as a camping weekend. I personally like it for all those reasons but it's also important to me that a rally really be about the motorcycles and the opportunities to ride.

The District Team met recently and assigned responsibilities to make Spring Wing Warm Up a huge success. My hand went up almost every time they were looking for someone to lead a ride in a particular time slot. Isn't this an example of how leadership should be in GWRRA? It's not about responsibilities being a job but it's often that the responsibilities are what we view as doing something fun any way.

Ride ideas for trips out of Greensburg are still bouncing around in my head. Some roads in the area I already know. Others I will have ridden before the rally gets here. So if you are one of those people who think that it's the riding that can really make any outdoor rally special, check out the scheduled rides when you get to Spring Wing Warm Up and be ready to cruise some of the roads surrounding the rally location.

In the meantime, check out your bikes and get them ready to roll. Even more important, take time to reevaluate yourself and figure out what has changed with you physically or mentally that might make riding different, and possibly more dangerous, than when you parked the bikes last fall. What a person was capable of doing in the past might not be the same today. Things change. Just be aware so that our bikes and our members can have a fun, safe riding season in 2015.



Lonny & Karen
Hunter
Assistant District
Directors

Region D "Fun at Sea"



Please join the **Region D Team** as we host **5** days of **FUN** on a Western Caribbean Cruise in October 2015!

Date: October 24, 2015 – October 29, 2015 ~ Ft. Lauderdale, Florida
Ports of Call ~ Grand Cayman Islands & Cozumel Mexico

Inside Cabins	449.00 + tax & port fees	double occupancy
Porthole view Cabins	499.00 + tax & port fees	double occupancy
Balcony Cabins	699.00 + tax & port fees	double occupancy
Mini Suites	849.00 + tax & port fees	double occupancy

Group Name: Gold Wing Road Riders
Group Number: TPD
Voyage Code: E541
Ship: Emerald

Call to book: Rachel Sevilla 1-800-901-1172 x 41723

rsevilla@princesscruises.com

Monday-Friday 8am – 4:45 PST

Must pay **final balance** before **August 25, 2015**

Hello Hoosiers

Well we took our first real ride of the season. After cleaning the Wing, changing the oil, checking the tires, changing the clutch and brake fluids and giving her all the attention we could, we struck out for Kissimmee, FL for their (Winter?) District rally. With temps in the 80 and 90 degree range it didn't seem to wintery to me. We had a great time though. We rode just under 2000 miles and even got to ride in the rain coming back. How does it get any better than that?

Have you ever noticed that life is all about changes? At the first of the year the Chapter Director for Chapter O, Rick and Becky Cassitty, out of Evansville stepped down as CD and the position was filled by Mike Schreiner. we have no doubt that Mike will do a fantastic job for not only his Chapter but also for GWRRA.

Now Skip and Liz Sluder has informed us they are retiring to Florida and will be stepping down from their Chapter Directors position in April and April 11th will be their last gathering with Chapter Z. we will miss not only the leadership that Skip had to offer Chapter Z but we will miss Skip and Liz.

On the bright side though, for the ones that are closest to them, maybe they will offer us their hospitality should we ever find our way to their neighborhood in sunny Florida. Once again someone has stepped up to the plate to fill the CD position for Chapter Z, Pat and Gerda McKee will be taking the reins of Chapter Z.

Along with new leadership comes new ideas and new ways of doing things. We hope for the New CD's that they make their changes slowly enough that the members still feel comfortable with the direction that their Chapters are going. And for the Members, it is our hope that you will keep an open mind, all change is not bad. Just because we may go at things in a different way doesn't mean that the end result won't be the same, after all isn't the whole idea to have fun with those people that we call our friends?

We also hope that when Mike and Pat ask for help filling the Officers Positions and duties in their Chapter the Members are as willing to step to the plate and do what they can to make the Chapter as good as it can be. The more people that share the load the less we all have to carry.

ADD's for SW Indiana

Gary & Carol Meyerholtz



Gary & Carol
Meyerholtz

Assistant
District
Directors

Hello Indiana Wingers,

April is here and they say April showers bring May flowers. Connie & I just hope that we don't have too many April showers as we are ready to get the bike out and ride. It's been a long and cold winter with not much to do so we are looking forward to riding season.

Do you realize that Spring Wing Warm-Up is just about 4 weeks away. This event is defiantly one to look forward to as a lot of fun events are planned. First off you should know the theme is Back to Woodstock and I know there are still a lot of young at heart hippies out there. If you arrive on Thursday we again will have a dinner ride. This ride is about 70 to 80 miles long ending at a nice restaurant, last year's restaurant was at a cafeteria so there was not a long wait to be served, and the food was great. Friday starts all the activities and we are planning a lot of rides. There will be a Road Captains course, a Amazing Team Challenge, Parking Lot Practice, Down Town BBQ, a late night ride, a show with popcorn, the Vendors, Food booths and the camaraderie of fellow Wingers to socialize with. We are also planning a "Jail" that you can swear out a warrant for and have your "friends" locked up in, and with a little bond they can get out. We will have Tie-Die shirts that you can buy for the weekend to match the theme. So with all this going on you as members need to fire up your chapter members and plan to attend SWWU in Greensburg, In. on May 8, 9 & 10 at the Decatur Co. Fairgrounds. Camping will be available at the Fairgrounds and there are hotels in and around the area. So let's make the SWWU one of the greatest ever.

The Chapters in the Northwest section are starting to gear up for the riding season. Chapter U-2 will soon start their weekly dinner rides. Chapter O-2 just got done with a very successful Nelson's Port-A-Pit chicken sales and had a joint Bowling Outing with Chapter H. They are also gearing up for their weekly dinner rides starting in May and are also planning a Medic-First-Aid course this spring along with chapter H. In July they are doing a Coast to Coast ride in Michigan. Chapter H is getting ready for their riding season to start and will have their Chocolate Extravaganza on April 25th @ the Blessing House in Goshen. Chapter Q-2 dinner rides will start soon and Chapter S-2 will start their dinner rides as soon as all the snow-birds get back home.

NOTE; AS I MENTIONED EARLIER, SPRING WING WARM-UP IS JUST AROUND THE CORNER, PLAN TO ATTEND, IT WILL BE A GREAT TIME

And that concludes this month's article

Ride safe and ride often

Wolfgang & Connie.
Northwest ADD



Wolf & Connie
Gless

**Assistant
District
Directors**

Well spring has sprung.....or so the calendar says. It's hard to believe with last week's snow, the brown grass and no flowers. But hopefully that comes soon. Our Northeast chapters are busy putting together ride schedules for the 2015 season. So far Chapter L has set up rides to the Chocolate Moose on 4/18 and Young's Dairy on 4/26. Chapter G has a Blessing of the Bikes on May 17, and they are going to J.A.M.A. Railroad in Lebanon on May 26, as well as Father John's Winery in Bryan, OH on May 30. Now all we need is the warm weather to get these all accomplished.

Your District Staff had a meeting recently to put the final touches on the Spring Wing Schedule. Most of us remember Woodstock and having a "Back to Woodstock" as our theme should be a lot of fun. As usual, there will be plenty to do with vendors, seminars, rides and the bike/light show. Annnnd.....there will be food vendors so we don't "starve".

Speaking of eating, John and Shirley Lee have again agreed to lead the Thursday night dinner ride. For those of you who have not attended, they always have an awesome ride set up for us with a nice restaurant ready and waiting on us at the end of the trip. For those who have enjoyed this in the past, please encourage your fellow Chapter members to join in. Please contact John and Shirley so your name can be put on the list.....or they usually have a table set up at registration for last minute sign-ins. Of note, you must sign up ahead of time.

Please take a few minutes to pull up the registration form either in your chapter newsletter or on the district website and mail it in, this is something you do not want to miss.

The Region D rally will be in our backyard this year.....Portland, IN. Please read the Region D newsletter for all the info. Your Chapter Director has this and should be passing it on. We will have more on this later. The region is also sponsoring a cruise in October on Norwegian cruise line. What a great way to spend a week on vacation with all your GW friends. Again, info for this is on the website.

We want to take a moment to thank all of our Chapter Directors for the hard work they put in. We know there many things behind the scenes that you all do and we sure appreciate that. We also don't want to forget all the team members for their assistance to the CD in running the chapter.

If you haven't heard by now, we have sold our trike. This was a hard decision to make, but Bob felt it was time. Not to worry, though, we will continue to be active in GWRRA and will just have to "tag along" in four wheels with the top down.

Well here's to some sunshine and warm weather which is just around the corner.

Bob & Deb



Bob & Deb
Caldwell

Assistant
District
Directors

Greetings from your Indiana Couple of the Year

Well I'm still waiting for the weather to stay nice before getting the bike out of the garage. I don't think I'll have to wait to much longer as it slowly is getting nicer days.

The District Team is making plans for Spring Wing Warm UP at Greensburg. It sounds as if will be a great time with lots of rides and things to do. I know that most of us remember "Woodstock" even though probably very few if any of us were there. It will be fun to see what people come up with for this event in dress and decorations.

We will be judging Campsite decorations during the event so be sure to plan on camping with us and decorate your area. There will be plenty of room for you to set up weather in a bunkhouse or a camper.

We invite all past and present "Couples" to join in the fun (and it will be Fun). There will also be a class on how to fill out your COY resume as sometimes it may seem overwhelming. It really isn't. So please join us for a Return to Woodstock.

See you there

Bill & Jane Remley
District Couple of the Year



Bill & Jane
Remley

Couple of
the Year
2015

Happenings

Date	Sponsor	Event	Location
April 18, 2015	Indiana District	Spring Meeting	Anderson, IN
May 7-9, 2015	Indiana District	Spring Wing Warm Up	Greensburg, IN
June 18-20, 2015	National	Reno Rendezvous	Reno, NV
July 24-25, 2015	Region D	Region D Rally	Portland, IN
September 3-6, 2015	National	Wing Ding 37	Huntsville, AL
September 26, 2015	Indiana District	Fall Fest	Greensburg, IN
October 10, 2015	Indiana District	Fall Meeting	Anderson, IN
October 24-29, 2015	Region D	Fun at Sea	Leave from Ft. Lauderdale, FL

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