

GOLD WING ROAD RIDERS ASSOCIATION



CHAPTER T-2 FREEDOM WINGS HUNTINGTON, INDIANA INDIANA DISTRICT REGION D

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All Bikers Welcome!

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MEETING LOCATION FOR MEETINGS

*Pizza Hut
101 Frontage Road*

6:00 Dinner and 7:00 Meeting

Upcoming Meetings

February 5, 2016

March 1, 2016



Friends for Fun, Safety, and Knowledge

*Winter Rendezvous
February 12-13
Columbus, Indiana*

*Happy
New Year!*



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Chapter Meetings

First Tuesday each month. Dinner at 6 p.m.; meeting at 7 p.m.

Breakfast Rides (meet at the restaurant October through March)

Breakfast rides are the first & third Saturdays of each month at 8:30 a.m.

Dinner Rides (meet at the restaurant October through March)

Dinner rides are the third Tuesday of each month at 6:30 p.m.

Questions? Contact your Chapter Director at 260-224-3914. If no answer, leave a message and your call will be returned.



THOUGHTS FROM THE CHAPTER DIRECTORS



Greetings!

January 1 has come and gone . . . along with our New Year's Day Ride. Some of our members were out of town, but six of us were able to participate. Lee and I braved the 27 degrees and rode our Wing. It was an invigorating ride! The others might have ridden, but one had a bad battery and the other had been sick so a "cool" ride wasn't a good idea. As always, we rode to the local Dairy Queen for . . . you guessed it . . . ice cream! (See page 4 for pictures.)

Ivanhoe's on the 3rd meant more ice cream. And no, we didn't ride the Wing that time. Kevin and Sandy have participated in the New Year's Day Ride, breakfast ride, Ivanhoe's ride, and will be at our meeting on the 5th. So to begin the New Year, we have been together four of the first five days. We have had fun, been safe, and learned a few things from each other. (I had to get our motto in—Friends for Fun, Safety, and Knowledge—as a practical application!)

Coming up is Winter Rendezvous on February 12 and 13 in Columbus, Indiana. We are looking forward to having a good time and meeting up with friends we haven't seen for a while. I encourage all of you to attend if you can. And if you can make it for only Saturday, that's okay. If you haven't attended for a while, go and see what has changed over the years. And if you have never attended a Winter Rendezvous, take advantage of the \$10 discount for all first-time event attendees.

Be thinking about rides you would like on our Ride Schedule and things you would like to see our Chapter do. Your input is important. There will be an opportunity to submit your ideas at our meeting.

We are looking forward to the New Year. Let's make it a good one for our Chapter!!

And, as always, remember to . . . Soar like an eagle on your Wing!

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Rider Ed “Gimme 5”

It’s All About the Traction

We turned the calendar to January and, suddenly, winter was here! The signs of winter were everywhere: the cold temperatures, snow flurries, freezing rain, and ice on puddles. In winter we see the most driving problems (accidents and spinouts) when conditions include freezing rain and black ice. It does not matter that we are driving our four-wheeled vehicles. When the road surface is icy, traction is greatly reduced. So when there is ice on the road, the best thing to do is stay home. If you have to drive in icy conditions, go slowly and smoothly. No, check that. Go VERY slowly and VERY smoothly!

As we know from our motorcycle training, when we lose traction, we lose braking and steering control of our vehicle. The same applies to a car. Even with four tires on the ground, it is easy to lose control of a vehicle on ice. To increase traction in icy conditions, look for surfaces with more texture. This can be the unpaved shoulder of the road where gravel can provide more resistance to sliding and skidding tires. Crusty snow gives more traction, too. This can sometimes be present in the center of the lane (the middle track) where tires seldom crush and pack it down. Almost any surface provides better traction than ice! If you have the choice to drive on ice or another surface, try to move your vehicle *smoothly* onto the other surface.

Keep in mind that accelerating, braking, and steering inputs should all be made smoothly to maintain traction and control of your vehicle. Use a light touch on the accelerator. You will not be able to accelerate rapidly on ice anyway, so just plan to keep speeds down. With the limited traction available on ice, stepping on the gas will just cause tire spin. Give yourself plenty of time, slow down before entering curves, and maintain a steady speed through the turn.

Increase your following distance behind other cars to allow more time to stop. You will need it when ice on the ground limits your traction. The additional space will also give you a cushion if the vehicle in front of you loses control and goes into a spin. That space can give you room to maneuver and time to react so you can avoid a collision.

Consider using your emergency flashers for added conspicuity and to warn others of the problem. They might not be as aware of the conditions as you are. As always, it is important to scan aggressively all around you for hazards and other drivers who might lose control. Think constantly about your best escape route or your reaction to various situations that might arise. Keep alert to your safest options.

Learn how your vehicle handles on ice in an empty icy parking lot. It is important to see and feel how it reacts when you are traveling at low speed and step on the brake or turn the wheel. It will be different than driving on dry pavement. By learning how it behaves, you are better prepared to take the right action in a surprise situation on the road. Just like a motorcycle training class, you want to practice in a safe space. And remember, it’s all about the traction!

Zane & Wendy
Chapter Educators

Article by Bruce & Melissa Thayer
Former MI Asst. District Rider Educators





ON THE ROAD AGAIN CONSIGNMENT SHOP

Once again we'll be having the On the Road Again Consignment Shop at Winter Rendezvous 2016. If you're not familiar with it, here's what it is. Many times we find motorcycle related items in our closet that 'no longer fit' or maybe we just 'upgraded to a newer one.' But for whatever reason, it's taking up unnecessary room in our closets. Here's one solution to this problem:

Bring those things to Winter Rendezvous 2016. We'll have a designated area for you to drop your items off. You'll need to decide what price you want on each item. If the item is sold during the weekend, you'll receive 80% of the selling price and the district will keep 20% of the price. This is just a way to get rid of those things while helping another motorcycle rider, making a little money for yourself, plus helping out the district.

We will not be selling motorcycle parts or things that compete with our vendors. So if you have gently used motorcycle clothing, boots, shoes, gloves, jackets, etc., feel free to bring them and see what happens. If your items do not sell, you may pick them up after the close of the shop.

Hope to see you ALL at Winter Rendezvous 2016.

NEW YEAR'S DAY RIDE

Thanks to all who participated in our New Year's Day Ride.



Banana Split



A "Cool" Ride



Good Food



With Friends



At Dairy Queen

Upcoming Training Opportunities

Co-Rider and MAD (Motorist Awareness Division) Courses

Offered by Chapter U
 January 16, 2:00 p.m.
 Old Red Cross Building
 704 E. Maumee Street
 Angola, Indiana
 (Will last about two hours)

Following these courses, there will be a dinner ride to Coldwater, Michigan, at Dickey's BBQ. Will leave parking lot at 4:00 p.m.

OCP Update Seminar

Coming in March
 Coldwater, Michigan



"The rest of us would appreciate it if you would leave the thermostat alone."

National/Region D/District

Link to Region D Newsletter

www.gwrra-regiond.org/newsletter/latest.pdf

Winter Rendezvous

February 12-13, 2016
Clarion Motel—MASH 4077
Columbus, Indiana

Spring Wing Warmup

May 19-21, 2016
A Little Bit of Country
Rockville, Indiana

Reno Rendezvous

July 7-9, 2016
Grand Sierra Resort, Nevada

Region D Rally

July 28-30, 2016
USA Proud
Branch County Fairgrounds
Coldwater, Michigan

Wing Ding 38

August 31-September 3, 2016
Billings, Montana



Now Available!

Rider Education DVDs

For a fee of only \$1 each, you can check out one of our DVDs. Take advantage of this opportunity. DVDs will be available at our monthly gatherings. They may be returned at the next gathering or at a breakfast or dinner ride.

NOTE—Earn 10 Biker Bucks for each DVD checked out. Earn an additional 10 Biker Bucks after checking out all four.

I resolve
to
exercise
more in
2016



New Year's Resolutions . . . Humorous

(A New Year's Resolution is what goes in one year and out the other.)

I will catch up on my resolutions from 2012, 2013, 2014, and 2015.

I will go to the gym once this year.

I will do less laundry and use more deodorant.

I will not sit in my living room all day in my pj's. Instead, I will move my computer into the bedroom.

I will work with neglected children . . . my own!

I will read the manual . . . just as soon as I find it.

I will stop procrastinating . . . as soon as I find the time.

I will eat more nice things like candy, Big Macs, popcorn, and ice cream and eat less junk food like fresh fruit, vegetables, and soy nuts.



WEB SITE ADDRESSES

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To remove your name from our Chapter T-2 mailing list or to receive your newsletter electronically, e-mail Sharon at t2safetyfirst@yahoo.com or call 260-224-3914.

CURRENT AWARD WINNERS



Good Spirit Award
Lee & Sharon



Goofy Award
Retained by Sharon



Bib Award
Retained by Susie

Ronald McDonald House—Bring pop tabs and/or items from the Wish List for the Ronald McDonald House to our meetings. We will collect them on a monthly basis.

Deadline
January 29



Sharon

Membership Enhancement



FRIENDS FOR FUN, SAFETY, AND KNOWLEDGE

Check your renewal dates to be sure you stay current with your GWRRRA membership. It is a good idea to renew the month prior to your renewal date.

If you know someone who is not active in a chapter, please take the time to talk with them and invite them to join us at a meeting or on a ride. We are here to promote friendship, fun, safety, and knowledge. Each of you in Chapter T-2 can reach out to other riders. If you need a **membership packet**, call me at 260-224-3914 or email me at t2safetyfirst@yahoo.com. **I will have packets at each meeting.**

CHAPTER T2 MEMBERS BIRTHDAYS/ANNIVERSARIES

Birthdays

Jan. 19 Andrea Huff
Jan. 21 Paul Brosher
Jan. 26 Mike Stetzel



Anniversaries:

Jan. 21 Bob/Earline
Bechtel



*Friends of the Chapter




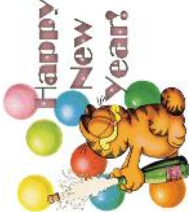

Share news about our Chapter with other riders and invite them to join. Don't forget that you can take T-2 home with you after you recruit a GWRRRA member.

T-2 now lives with Ralph and Rose.

Please submit items for consideration in future newsletters to your newsletter editor. Include special events that should be noted.

January 2016

Chapter T-2 Freedom Wings Huntington, Indiana

<u>Sun</u>	<u>Mon</u>	<u>Tue</u>	<u>Wed</u>	<u>Thu</u>	<u>Fri</u>	<u>Sat</u>
	Birthstone Garnet Flower Carnation		National Fritters Day			2 8:30 Breakfast Ride Country Post National Cream Puff Day National Science Fiction Day
3 National Chocolate Covered Cherry Day	4 National Cheese Fondue Day Trivia Day	5 6:00 Dinner 7:00 Gathering Ponderosa National Whipped Cream Day	6 Sherlock Holmes' Birthday	7 Old Rock Day	8 Bubble Bath Day	9 National Cassoulet Day National Static Electricity Day
10 Peculiar People Day	11	12 Museum Day	13 Make Your Dream Come True Day	14 	15	16 8:30 Breakfast Ride Richards/Huntington Appreciate a Dragon Day
17 Benjamin Franklin's Birthday	18 Thesaurus Day Pooh Day	19 6:30 Dinner Ride Vinatellis/Markle	20 Cheese Day Camcorder Day	21 National Hugging Day	22 National Hot Sauce Day	23 National Pie Day National Handwriting Day
24/31 Clashing Clothes Day (24) Backwards Day (31)	25	26	27 National Chocolate Cake Day	28 National Kazoo Day	29 Thomas Paine Day National Puzzle Day	30 Draw a Dinosaur Day

Mission Statement

As volunteer leaders, we recognize that service to members is our first priority. Our mission is to provide an environment in which the ideals of GWRRA, "Friends for Fun, Safety, and Knowledge," can flourish and grow.



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