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Chapter Meeting Sat April 16 Eat at 5:30 PM, Meet at 6:30 PM

It's time to ride again. We have spent the last 4 weeks getting ready with the Group Riding Seminar in March and Maintenance Day April 2nd.

We have reviewed all the things that make group riding more fun and safer, we have gone over our bikes and got them ready. The weather is getting better by the day. Friends, I think we are ready.

April starts our ride season and the first one is a big one. Spring Fling is a five or six hour ride from here and many of us will be riding down as part of a group. Remember what you learned in the group riding seminar and have fun. We have a lot of fun planned down in Pidgeon Forge. We have our KOA Kabin reserved and the group should be all down by the river. We will be cooking hot dogs and marshmallows over the campfire on Friday night so come join us.

We are leaving on Friday morning from the Cracker Barrel on Bardstown Road around 8:00 AM. We will be there around 7:00 AM for breakfast. Come early and join us.

Some of you will be going down on Thursday and some later on Friday. If you want some company you can post your departure times and a meeting place on our message board.

We have tentatively scheduled a Bike Show for Saturday June 11th. The location for the bike show looks like Mike Linnigs on Cane Run Road. Kenny has talked to them and they are receptive to

hosting the show in their parking lot. We will need a bike show committee put together this Saturday. I will be asking for volunteers, especially any of you have any experience with

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planning or putting on a show. Ok, if you don't have experience, those of you who have been to a bike show...

BGB Raffle Tickets

Do not forget about the Blue Grass Blast Raffle tickets. We passed out several hundred tickets last chapter meeting. If you did not get tickets at that time please pick up some at the next meeting. You only need to find 10 people with \$5 each to sell 60 tickets. Remember most of the money comes back to the chapter to fund chapter events. This is the chapter's primary source of income for the year. We need your help to sell the tickets. Just think of the cookies, nuts, candy bars, and other things you have purchase from co-workers over the past year. We have until Aug 1st to sell as many tickets as we can.

We selected July 23 as this year's chapter picnic. Location has not yet been decided, some of us will riding to several parks to check out the picnic facilities. Just keep July 23 open on your calendar for the picnic.

Make sure I have your email address. Best way to get the address to me is to send me an email message at jim.rippy@insightbb.com . I can then reply to confirm I have your address.

Scheduled GWRRA Events for 2005

Spring Fling, Pigeon Forge, TN, April 22 – 25, this is a great rally, the first one of the season for many of us. We plan on reserving cabins at the KOA in Pigeon Forge as we did last year.

Region N Rally, Maggie Valley, NC, May 19 – 22, usually a small rally, we do expect a large turnout due to the new location in Maggie Valley. Mix beautiful scenery, great riding in the area, very large motorcycle museum (special rates for rally pre-registration) and Goldwingers from across the region and you have a formula for fun. The host hotel is already sold out... Pre-register form is available on Region Web site. I will try to print up some for the holiday party.

Wing Ding, Fort Wayne, IN, July 4 – 7, what can I say? This is the big one and Fort Wayne certainly turns out to support the rally. For us it's

really not very far. Not many times Wing Ding will be this close.

Blue Grass Blast, Paducah, KY, August 26 – 27, the district staff is working to make this of the better rallies.

Chapter Shirts Are Ordered

Chapter shirts are on order. We should have them this week or next. If they come in this week I will have them at the meeting on Saturday. If they are not ready by then I will have them at my house and you can come by and pick them up.

March Meeting Highlights

We had visitors from our friends at IN-N2, Diana and Ron Severns the Chapter Directors and Assistant CD Travis Gladish. They gave us an update on when they meet and invited us up for a return visit. They updated us on the Indiana District Rally that takes place on May 20 and 21st in Bloomington, Indiana.

The 50/50's were won by Violet Winstead and Dale Chisenhall. Door Prizes were won by Joett Rippy, Terry Rogers and Violet Winstead.

April/May Dinner Rides

Thursday Dinner rides begin at the Dairy Queen on Plantside Drive right off Hurstbourne Lane and I-64. Departure is 6:30 PM.

April 28 – Kingfish By The River in Jeffersonville, IN

May 12 – Cracker Barrel in Brooks, KY

May 26 – Mike Linnings on Cane Run Road

Weekend Rides

Weekend rides begin at the Dairy Queen on Plantside Drive right off Hurstbourne Lane and I-64. Departure depends on the ride, please be there a 10 or 15 minutes before the ride departure time so we can have a quick meeting about the ride with the Road Captains.

May 1, Sunday – Doe Run Inn in Brandenburg, Departure time is 12:30 PM

May 14, Saturday – Breakfast Ride to A Nice Resturant in New Albany on Blackston Mill Road and after breakfast a tour to Hubers then to Bordon and back to Louisville. Departure time is 7:30 AM

May 28, Saturday – Moonlight Bar B Q in Owensboro, KY – Departure 10:30 AM. This ride will take most of the day. Come hungry...

Preparing to ride again!

By Chapter Educator, Don Willi

Are we ready to go riding? Let's do a check!

Jim just held a Group Riding Seminar a couple weeks ago. We also just had our yearly maintenance day at Kenny Spears. We have checked and changed things like fluid, tires, brakes, plugs etc. Our CB radio has been checked out with our buddies and everything is a-ok with it. We have checked all of our safety gear for the bike like, our first aid kit, jumper cables, tire gauge, tools, flashlight, etc.

Hopefully we are also checking our riding gear, like boots, gloves, jackets, long t-shirts, sun-glasses and other riding gear to make sure it fits and isn't worn out.

Did we get the right coverage with our insurance? Is our gas tank filled up?

If we have done all of that, now it is time to prepare ourselves for the ride.

Do we feel up to the ride? What about a long ride, do you feel up to it and does your passenger?

What about ride planning, like making stops every hour or sooner to relax? Do we plan certain routes when traveling to avoid heavy traffic areas? Have we discuss

the ride with our buddies to make sure everyone knows and understands the ride and has had and opportunities to have some say about the ride and stops?

Do you have some water and maybe a snack packed?

Did we put our medical information, doctor and family contact information in our left front fairing pocket? Do we have our GWRRA Gold Book with us. Do we have Tow Busters? Do we take a cell phone with us? Do we our little phone number booklet of family and friends. Do you have your hotel set up if staying overnight? Have you told someone where you will be and when you will return?

Seems like I'm asking a lot of question doesn't it. Hopefully I have make you think of things which will prepare you this year as it has made me prepare myself by writing this.

Spring Fling, here we come!!!!



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Free Chapter A Patch

If you do not have a chapter patch I still have some left. While they last we are giving each chapter participant one for their vest or jacket. I will have them with me at the meeting.

Words of Wisdom

Never let your motorcycle take you where your brain didn't go 5 seconds earlier...

Keep looking around there is always something you have missed...

No one has ever hit something too slow...