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Chapter Meeting Sat June 18 Eat at 5:30 PM, Meet at 6:30 PM

We had some good rides this month with rides to Moonlight Bar B Q and the Dock.



Kathy and Jim, We can't believe we ate the whole thing...

We have some great rides planned for July; check the ride schedule on page 2. We are going to see some covered bridges and a historic fort. Plan to bring your camera. Don't forget... Our chapter picnic is July 23rd. See page 4 for details.

High Mileage Competition for 2005

Signup was at last month's meeting. Looks like Don and Renee Vier are out in front this month. They are currently touring the west and should be back in time to collect the June high mileage. The rest of us are going to have to do some pretty heavy duty riding to catch them.

BGB Raffle Tickets

We have only 6 weeks left to sell Blue Grass Blast Raffle tickets. All tickets must be turned back in with the money Aug 1st.

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.

Chapter Shirts Are Here

I have a small quantity we ordered extra. If you are interested see me or Jo at the meeting or give me a call.

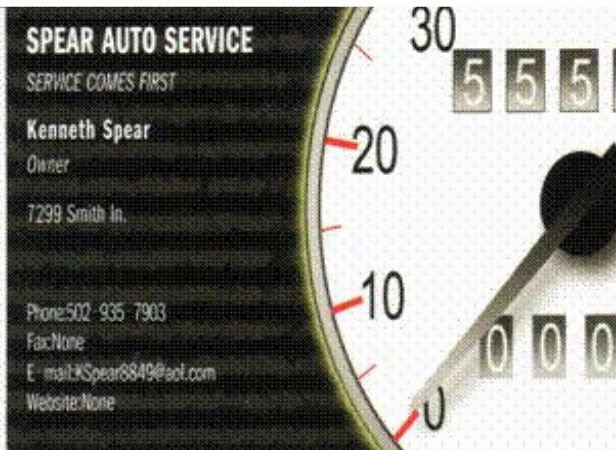
May Meeting Highlights

Kathy Lebre and Bruce Jump walked away with the 50/50 and Kathy Lebre, Ron Stinson, Steve Kratzwald and Dick Koenig were our door prize winners.

We had 20 of our members present in spite of that being the Region N rally weekend and the Indiana District rally weekend.

Scheduled GWRRA Events for 2005

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.



Waller in the Holler, West Virginia District Rally, Cedar lakes Conference Center, August 11 - 13

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

Wings over the Smokies, North Carolina District Rally, Fletcher, NC. September 22 - 24

July Dinner Rides

Thursday Dinner rides begin at the Dairy Queen on Plantside Drive right off Hurstbourne Lane and I-64.

July 14th – Country Kitchen in Shepherdsville, Departure is 6:30 PM.

July 28th – Sportstime Pizza in New Albany, Departure is 6:30 PM

June/July 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.

June 19, Sunday – Madison, IN for lunch, ride back on Kentucky side. Very scenic, nice ride... Departure 1:00 PM


June 25, Saturday – Natural Bridge, KY. One of our favorite rides. This one will take all day. Departure 9:00 AM.

July 09, Saturday – Fort Boonesborough State Park, Departure 9:00 AM, Ride is total about 190 miles mostly back roads, estimated ride time is 4 hours and 30 minutes not counting rest breaks and sightseeing.

July 17 - Sunday, Covered bridge ride. This ride will start at Haymakers Gas Station on Taylorsville road, about a mile past 265, on the right down near the trestle. Leave at 1 PM, this ride is about 140 miles. Estimated ride time is about 3 hours not counting rest stops and sightseeing.



Brian, Professor Gadget, Bennie and Mike getting ready to head back to Louisville from Moonlight. That's after we could walk again...



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Dumping A Bike Is No Sin

By James R. Davis

I have a suspicion that many here think that dumping a bike is to be avoided at all costs. That dumping a bike is extremely dangerous. That experienced riders simply don't do such a thing.

Nonsense! I do not know anybody who has a few years of experience on two-wheels who has failed to dump their bike, or who will not sooner or later do so.

To dump a bike should be an embarrassment, and is the stuff we kid each other about, but it need not be dangerous.

After a very long ride, I have seen very experienced people stop, get off their bikes and start to walk away from them - without having put their side stands down. I have seen people mount a bike that was parked on a right-biased slope and have the bike fall over to the right as a result. I have seen loose gravel cause a foot to slip away and the bike lay down before an eye could blink. But in virtually every case, there was neither damage to the bike nor to the rider.

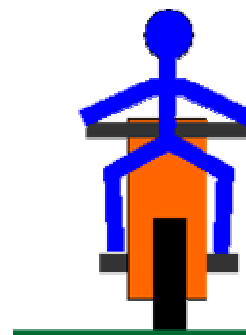
It is no sin to dump a bike, but it is stupid and dangerous to end up under that bike!

The VERY FIRST riding lesson I give a person who is moving up to a larger bike is how to dump it. If they are not, yet, riding a big bike, I even let them learn this lesson using my GoldWing.

I have them take the bike onto a grassy area with relatively firm ground and, with the engine turned off, I have them lean the bike slowly over to the left. I have explained before we do any of this that what I want them to learn is that there comes a point in leaning the bike where the center of gravity of the bike will move past the side of their tank and that most of the weight of the bike will

be on their 'down' leg. That at this point NOBODY can hold up a GoldWing and that to try to do so can result in injury! That they are to decide for themselves when they have reached that point and then to STOP TRYING TO HOLD UP THE BIKE. They are to let go of the lower grip, QUICKLY step on the high peg and step as wide away from the bike as possible with their 'down' leg as the bike lays down.

If they do this correctly they will find that they remain standing, one foot on the ground, the other on the high peg, with the bike between their legs on its side.



It usually takes no more than two tries to get this right - the first try usually finds them landing on their hands. (If they do, I remind them that they might want to let go of the lower grip before it pulls them to the ground <G>.) But by the second time they get the idea that they have to let go of the lower grip, shift their weight VERY FAST to the high peg and step away with the other leg. This 'move' tends not to be forgotten long after it is learned.

With the bike down they then observe, at least for Wings, that it usually does not even leave its wheels because of the engine and saddlebag guards, and that neither is there damage to the bike. This goes a long ways towards increasing confidence.

The next lesson, of course, is [how to pick up](#) a 900 pound bike. <G>

By the way, I extend this lesson into a discussion of when you should keep your feet on the pegs and

when you can safely step away from a bike that is going down: If the bike is moving faster than you can walk, keep your feet on the pegs! If it is going slower than that, stand on the high peg and let the bike fall between your legs and walk (hop) away from it.



Road Kill on the head...

Chapter “A” Picnic is Saturday July 23rd

This year’s picnic will be held at Taylorsville Lake State Park. We have reserved a pavilion and will have plenty of room and shade. Taylorsville Lake State Park is about 35 miles from Louisville and surrounded by scenic roads.

The picnic will last from 2:00 PM to 6:00 PM or whenever... Meat (Bar-B-Q Chicken and burgers), soft drinks and water will be furnished by the chapter. We are asking everyone to bring a dish. Please post what you are bringing on the message board or if you do not have internet access call someone that does and ask them to post. This will help give us a variety of dishes to enjoy.

We are planning rides, games and 50/50, this will be an afternoon of fun you do not want to miss.

Directions to the Park from Louisville:

Follow Taylorsville Road (Hwy 155) out of Louisville. Stay on 155 till you reach the first traffic light in Taylorsville. Turn right onto Hwy 44 (4 lane road heading toward the lake). Stay on the 4 lane until you see the large Taylorsville Lake

State Park sign on the right. The 4 lane road turns from 44 to 248 stay with 248. 248 goes from 4 lanes down to 2 lanes just feet past the entrance to the park. Take a right into the park and follow the main road past the park administration building heading down toward the boat ramp. The pavilions are on the right about 1/8 mile after you pass the entrance to the camp ground.



Look for this pavilion for our picnic.

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