



Michigan District

"Friends for Fun Safety and Knowledge"



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Hello Everyone,
It has been great to see some of you at dinner rides and at the March 10th Gathering. Patti and I did a live stream last Saturday night in place of Wingless Weekend. If you missed it and want to watch it you will find that it's on the District Facebook page and website. It included a memorial tribute to some members that we have lost that were submitted by chapters. And our 2021 District Couple of the Year selection which was done on Zoom. Our District Couple for 2021 is Earl & Bobbi Girard from Chapter J2 in Clare. They are also our District Vendor Coordinators so Congratulations to them! Our Michigan Individual of the Year will again be Dale Duncan from Chapter J. We also held the drawing for the 2020 Road Safari from everyone who completed the Road Safari. The \$100 prize went to Mandell Crawford. There was also some fun stuff that had to do with our Hawaiian Luau theme which we will keep for the next Wingless Weekend.

Great news for chapter W – Kent Naugle will be installed as Chapter Director for W at the April Gathering. If you want to be there in person we would be glad to see you! They have taken out half of the tables but there is

still room for about 24 people. If you are not there in person we will have a zoom meeting that you can watch starting at 7pm. Watch for an email inviting you to the Zoom meeting. The 2021 Michigan Road Safari has started and there is an order form on the district website as well as in this newsletter. If you are interested in a Road Safari book please let your CD know and we invite you to order enough for your chapter with a chapter check. The cost is \$10 per book that covers the rider and co-rider. Our Spring Officer Meeting and Michigan Rally (Pirates) will both be at the Church of God Campground in St. Louis, MI. The Officer Meeting is on May 15th starting at 10am and the Michigan Rally is August 19-21. Also Wing Ding in Springfield, Missouri will be June 28th thru July 3rd. Michigan is manning the Pre-Registration booth on Friday July 2nd so if you are going to be there please let us know if you can help out for a couple of hours that day!

We are hoping for a great upcoming riding season and hope to see many of you that we haven't seen in a long long time! We miss you all!

Ken & Patti Kintner,
Michigan District Directors

Michigan District 2020 \$10,000 Raffle Winner



1st place ticket #17964 winner Rob Lamson sold by Fred Alexander Chapter F2 in Davison

Pictured left to right is Michigan District Treasure Eddie McDougle, Rob's wife, Rob Lamson, and Charlene McDougle

Pictured left to right is Michigan District Director Ken Kintner, Rob's wife, Rob Lamson, and Michigan District Director Patti Kintner

Michigan District 2020 \$2,500 Raffle Winner

Michigan District \$1,000 Raffle Winner



2nd place ticket #17293 \$2,500 won by Elaine Stachlewitz of Belleville sold by Chapter C!
Congratulations to Elaine Stachlewitz

3rd place ticket #29211 \$1,000 won by Jeff Rajewski from Gagetown, MI. Jeff is a member of Chapter Q2 and he sold the ticket to himself!



District Educators



Dennis & Felicia Schulte

Winter doldrums,

As Carly Simon sang to us—Anticipation is making me wait—for more activity, excitement, and Medic First Aid classes! But not any longer--Michigan has begun holding MFA classes and we are thrilled that Gary Williams is feeling soooo much better and that he and Cheryl Wiggins are able to teach. Please complete the Request for Medic First Aid form found on the GWRRA Michigan website and submit it to us.

During a recent GroupWorks communication we found out that University Instructors who are not current can still present all seminars and modules EXCEPT for the seven associated with the 100 series of Rider Education seminars.

We were notified by Philips HeartStart, the company who sells AEDS and accessories, that the HeartStart FR2 that we carry to district events, rallies, and rider courses will no longer be supported. Accessories, including batteries, will not be available. Again, we have such great appreciation for all of you who support Rider Education and most of all, Ron and Jan Smith, because we can afford to purchase a new one with Michigan Rider Education savings and have placed the order.

The existing grace period for all members whose levels expired on or after January 1, 2020 in the Levels Program has now been extended through December 31, 2021. We have not yet begun contacting colleges, schools, and government complexes regarding Rider Courses until Michigan's governor provides some more consistency towards opening Michigan. But we have not forgotten and we certainly want to provide these courses. Perhaps February 1st will be the day she releases us to go on about our lives. With the assistance of Rick Andreen, our Rider Course Coordinator, we will then re-engage with all our contacts.

We do want to thank Tyrone Scott who has been an active GWRRA Rider Course Instructor since 2016 along with being a Master Tour Rider for his years of assistance to us. Personal commitments have resulted in him informing us that he can no longer be active with teaching and we will greatly miss his participation.

Stay safe and think spring!

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Snow and wind,

We were very saddened to hear of the cancellation of Michigan's Wingless Weekend. We were so looking forward to seeing you even if it's not time to hug yet. Hoping that we hear more news from the governor soon as to loosening up Michigan's small businesses that so desperately need to be able to operate. We all need to make our own choices when it comes to our own personal safety and we certainly believe in that.

I read a very interesting article from AP Sports Writers Jenna Fryer, Dan Gelston, and Mark Long last week that gave me some food for thought and am wondering if you will feel the same way. It was an article entitled "Lasting legacy: Earnhardt's death saved lives, forced change". My new perspective was not because of the subject, but the five paragraphs under the heading Safety Improvements, within the article. NASCAR fans have read thousands of articles and watched countless television shows and movies about Dale Earnhardt Sr.'s career that ended tragically on February 18, 2001, in the final turn at the Daytona 500 in Daytona Beach, Florida.

What sparked my interest into reading this particular article thoroughly, and hearing one more time how the way he died changed NASCAR racing forever, was the sentences "Earnhardt was the fourth national series driver killed in nine months. NASCAR never stopped after the deaths of Adam Petty, Kenny Irwin Jr., and Tony Roper, but losing Earnhardt forced the racing series to confront safety issues it had been slow to acknowledge." From past history that I had read, safety changes had been discussed for years, including modernizing race cars to include head and neck restraints. But nothing was done.

Why did it take the tragedy of a beloved seven-time national sports champion to make the racing world safer? Lives have been saved by changes made such as the SAFER Barriers at race tracks, the mandated use of Hans Devices (head and neck restraint), and constant attention to developing new cars that keep up with the latest safety technology.

From what I've read, most drivers prior to 2001 refused to use head and neck restraints because they were heavy, hot, and restrictive. Does this remind you of the opinions of helmets and protective gear? I would guess that the HANS devices have changed a great deal in 20 years, just as helmets and protective gear are constantly changing to be less cumbersome while improving safety.

On the subject of safety, please remember MFA courses have been held in Michigan and have worked out well. Sign up by using the form found online at GWRRA Michigan under Rider Education. The eight inches of snow we received yesterday may make it seem unbelievable, but spring is less than two months away.

Keeping your brain thinking and thus warmer!

Dennis and Felicia
MI-DE



District Motorist Awareness Program Coordinators

Medic First Aid Coordinators

Couple of the Year Coordinator



Gary & Carol Williams

Hello to all of our awesome GWRRA members! Hello to all of our 2021 Chapter Couples and Individuals of the Year! Happy almost Spring! Happy almost riding season (although I know a few of you have been out already)!

Happy days to our new 2021 Michigan District Couple of the Year, Earl and Bobbi Gerard, from Chapter J2 in Clare!!

Happy days to our new (returning), 2021 Michigan District Individual of the Year, Dale Duncan, from Chapter J in Jackson!

I hope you were able to watch the livestream to see Earl and Bobbi congratulated and then the baton passed on to them by our 2020 Couple, Dave and Carolyn. The entire process this year was done through zoom and was fun trying to coordinate times! Everyone was so great in doing all they could to make this happen. If you somehow missed watching, Ken, our awesome webmaster, has put it on the District website. Take a few minutes to watch and enjoy!

And speaking of Dave and Carolyn, they are going through their own

zoom selection process to represent Michigan in the Northeast Territory for International Couple of the Year! We want to wish them well as they go through this process. The couple selected will be announced at Wing Ding.

So when you have your chance to see Earl and Bobbi and Dale, be sure to congratulate them for being our ambassadors representing Michigan for 2021. They are awesome as they share our motto of Friends for Fun, Safety and Knowledge with those they come in contact with.

Be Safe in this very difficult season we are all in.

Blessings,
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District Member Enhancement



Dennis & Gayle Jisa

Gayle's Glimpse for March

Spring is almost here and with the snow almost gone, the little crocus and tulips are peaking out of the ground. Some of you have been out riding and others getting their bikes ready to ride. Please go over the tires, fluids etc and make sure all is well for that first safe ride!

Safari Books are available again this year. They are \$10 and if anyone is interested please let me know by Thursday March 18th, so that I can arrange to get them for us! They contain 16 great places to ride to in Michigan, that you may never have heard of or been to before. Be sure to read Marla's great article this month. She highlighted some of the rides the Staff has put together for you this riding season. Be sure to share any ideas you have as we haven't gotten the whole riding season planned as yet. We have a couple of ideas from members that we are looking into and greatly appreciate your input!

We are sorry to share that we lost our dear Sandi McAllister this month. She and Ray have been such an asset to our chapter over many years. Sandi didn't ride but she was so welcoming, always smiling, and sharing their home with us. Over the years they shared their talents of being professional clowns as well as being Santa and Mrs. Claus. They both touched many lives as they went along. Please keep Ray in your thoughts and prayers as he moves forward.

We also lost a longtime member, Arnie Irelan, this month. Arnie and Nancy rode a green 1500 and were such a good asset to our chapter. They went on many rides and events with us over the years. Please keep Nancy in your thoughts and prayers during this difficult time.

It won't be long and we will be seeing our snow birds returning to join us in our rides and events. Our FUN RUN is planned for June 5th and the Men's Ride leaves on June 6th for Hazard Kentucky. This will be a very busy time for the chapter so please step up and help where you can. We are trying to confirm the park but so far we have not been able to make contact. If

you have any ideas for a theme or how to handle things this year, PLEASE let the staff know. We want everyone to come and feel safe and have FUN!!

Take Care

Stay Safe and Ride Safe

SEE YOU THURSDAY AT NINO'S

Gayle & Dennis





GOLD WING ROAD RIDERS ASSOCIATION

Michigan District

Road Safari 2021

We thank our Former District Directors Bob & Kim Scott for coming up with the idea of the Road Safari back in 2017. We hope with your participation, it will continue for many years to come. We have had greater participation each year and hope this trend continues.

The main purpose of the Michigan Road Safari is to promote motorcycling to places you may never otherwise visit right here in Michigan. We want you to have fun with this. If you are unable to make the trip on your bike, make it by car. I'm sure we will all see places that are new to us, or that we haven't been to in a long time. Grab some friends, have them sign up, then let's go ride! The registration fee is only \$10.00. You'll get a booklet with the location log that covers the driver and one passenger. The driver and passenger are both eligible for the 2021 Road Safari T-Shirt - Provided they both visit 12 of the 16 locations. If they both visit all 16 locations, they are both entered in a drawing for \$100.00 that will take place at next year's (2022) Wingless Weekend.(Need Not be present to win!) You can ride to the locations in the order of your choice. When you reach a location, write the date and time in your book. And feel free to post a photo or two on the GWRRA Michigan Face Book page to help promote the Safari. If you make 12 stops, you can pick up your T-Shirt & Booklet at our winter event Wingless Weekend 2022. If you can't make it to Wingless Weekend - just send \$10.00 with your booklet to cover shipping of shirts and Safari book return.

The Michigan Road Safari is open to all Motorcyclists! There are GWRRA chapters planning group rides to these locations. So get connected and join in the FUN! Once you see how much FUN we have, we welcome you to consider GWRRA membership, and we don't care what you ride! Our motto is "FRIENDS for FUN, SAFETY and KNOWLEDGE! The 2021 Michigan Road Safari runs from now thru October 31, 2021. Just remember we want you to have FUN and RIDE SAFE! Please tell others about the Safari and how they can get their own 2021 Michigan Road Safari Booklet.

Ken & Patti Kintner 517-902-9893
GWRRA, Michigan District Directors

Ride Safe & Share the FUN!

Make it to 12
of the locations
and get a 2021
Road Safari
T-Shirt!





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Michigan District

Road Safari 2021

Booklet Order Form

Please fill out this form and return it with payment for the number of books you are ordering. (Booklets cost \$10.00 each)

Please make checks payable to **GWRRA DISTRICT-MI.**

1 Booklet per bike covers driver and passenger

Send order form along with your chapter check to:

David & Carolyn Frazer
393 Ott Rd.
Bay City, Michigan 48706

Chapter: _____

Number of Booklets: _____

Total Enclosed: _____

Your shipping address

Name: _____

Street: _____

City, State, Zip Code _____

Chapters may also coordinate with your ADD to get your Safari Books.

Chapters and members or Non-Members can purchase booklets by sending in this order form.

The Road Safari is open to all motorcyclist not just GWRRA members. Spread the word and use the Road Safari as a recruitment tool!

Share the FUN!

District 2021 Couple of the Year



Earl & Bobbi Gerard

Hello all,

Hope everyone is doing well and staying healthy. Bobbi and I would like to thank everyone that was involved with the COY selection process. It is a honor and privilege to serve as your Dist. couple of the year. We had a fun filled evening with Carolyn and Dave Fraazer in the passing of the baton. We would like to thank Chapter J-2 for nominating us.

Thank you to everyone for your support,

Hope to see everyone soon



**FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE TO DISTRICT EDUCATORS,
DISTRICT DIRECTORS AND MEMBERS**

March 15, 2021

The GWRRA Rider Education Program Team continues to explore different ways we can better serve the Membership during our collective recovery from the unexpected challenges caused by Covid 19.

GWRRA Rider Education Program policy for any GWRRA Member in the Levels Program who's *last on-bike course was "Range Only"* requires their *next on-bike course* to be a "Full" course (with both a classroom and a range portion) to be eligible for level course fulfillment.

*Due to the continued lack of classroom space available to accommodate Federal, State and Local distancing guidelines, **temporarily**, any Member with a rider course expiration **on or after January 1, 2020** may renew their Level by participating in another Range Only class **until December 31st, 2021**.*

Because many of us may be starting to ride again after a year or more, this decision was made to make it possible for more Members to participate in the valuable on-bike skill practice necessary to ride safely and proficiently.

We do encourage those Members able to attend a Full Rider Course when offered to do so in support of your District's Rider Education Program and the Instructors who teach them. These courses are proven to be beneficial for all riders regardless of individual riding experience.

The RE Team posts all GWRRA Rider Education events submitted by Districts including rider courses and MEDIC FIRST AID (MFA) on the Association's event page: <http://gwrro.org/events/> where you can perform a search to learn what is available in your area.

We also suggest Members contact their District Educator for more information about what will be available throughout the year. Please take advantage of any courses and classes available to you.



TRADE SHOW ♦♦♦ BIKE SHOW

LIVE MUSIC

WING DING 42 RETURNS

BACK TO SPRINGFIELD

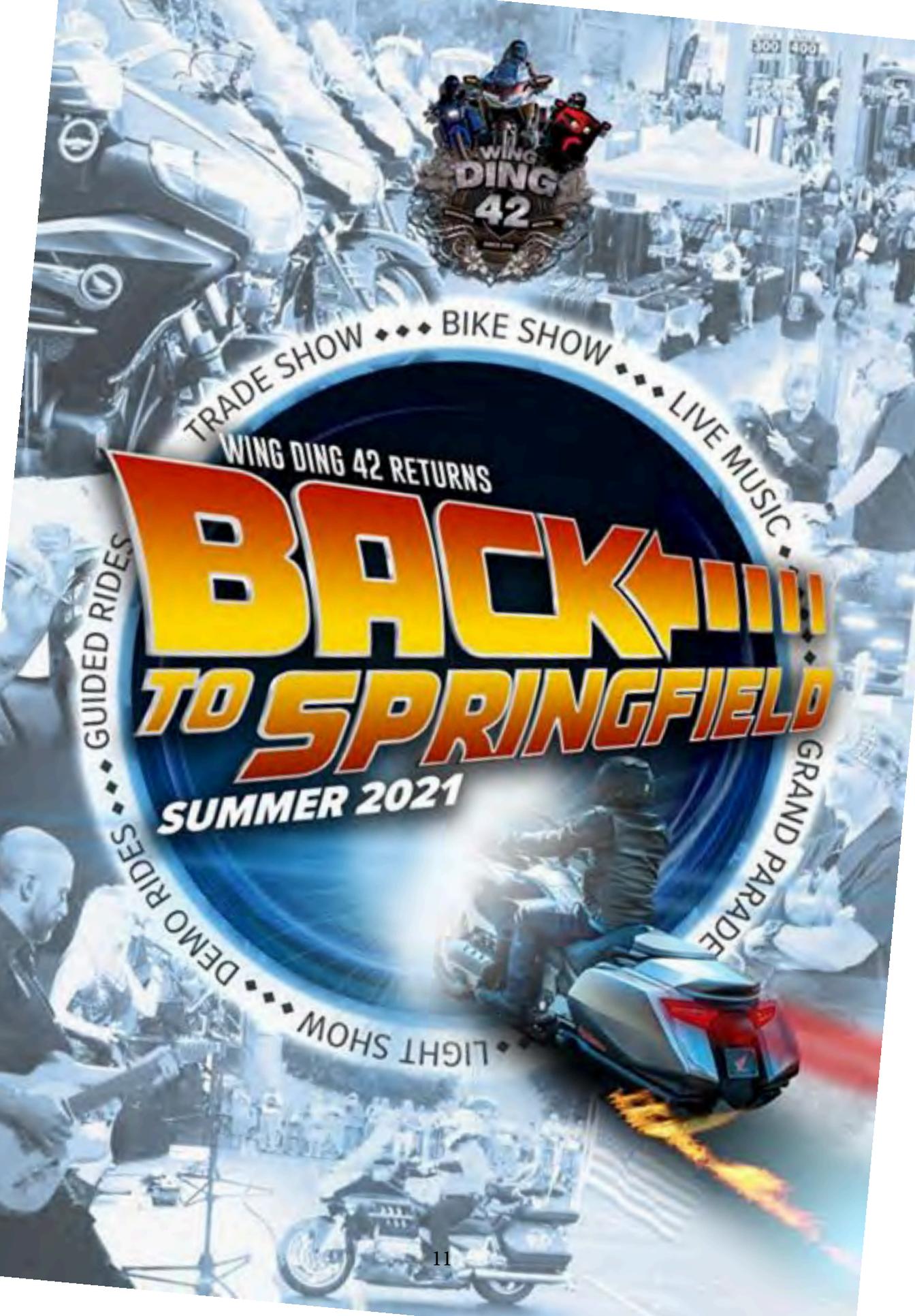
SUMMER 2021

GUIDED RIDES

DEMO RIDES

LIGHT SHOW

GRAND PARADE





GWRRRA

Chapter J2

Presents the

Blarney Bash

April 10, 2021

Join us for a Wee Bit of Shenanigans!



When and Where

1:00 pm- 6:00 pm

Clare VFW Hall
145 Wilcox Parkway
Clare, MI 48617

Location subject to change

Presentation of Chapter
Couple of the Year
Individual of the Year

DRAWINGS & CONTESTS

Rider Education dolls and clock
Irish Auction

Irish Dessert Contest (open to all)

Coloring Contest

Costume Contest

Games Galore

NEW! – Centerpiece contest – if you'd like to create an Irish centerpiece for your chapter's table, they will be judged. Must contain chapter designation and be size appropriate.



FOOD - Dinner at 4:00 pm

Afternoon Snacks

Dinner – Shenanigan Surprise

Salads

Beverages

Desserts from the Dessert Contest

COST:

\$10.00 per person

Funds to support:

Recruiting to GWRRRA
Motorist Awareness

Through

Parade participation
Area Co-op Educational Events
Motorist Awareness programs

Who will be the next Leprechaun King and Queen?

Please RSVP by April 1:

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Spring Wing Ride-In Nashville, IN



4-Wheelers
Welcome!

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- See Following Two Pages for Friday and Saturday Scheduled Rides
- There Is No Host Hotel or Venue. Many Folks Camping at Friends 'O Mine in Nashville. Hotels available in Nashville, Columbus, and Bloomington
- All Rides Depart at Scheduled Times from Parkview Church of the Nazarene, 1750 State Road 46 East, Nashville, IN (There are NO facilities (bathroom, water, etc.) available at Parkview)
- If You're in Nashville Thursday Night and Want to Join Us for a 6:30 Dinner at Big Woods at Hard Truth Hills (418 Old State Rd 46, Nashville, IN), please RSVP to in.dd.gwrra@gmail.com to reserve a spot. Group is limited to first 48 persons RSVP'ing
- Saturday Activities At Friends 'O Mine Campground (4557 State Rd 46, Nashville, IN) Include No License Req'd Fishing Tournament (10 To 5), Scavenger Hunt And Yard Games From Noon Till Dark, And A Chili Dump Starting At 6:00 P.M. And Goes Till Chili Is Gone (Bring Some Chili To Add To The Pot!). Water Provided And Desserts Welcome!

Spring Wing Ride-In Ride Schedule

Thursday 5/20

6:30	8:30	2	Dinner at Big Woods at Hard Truth Hills for those who RSVP'd
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Friday 5/21

Departing Time	Approx Finish Time	Approximate Length (Hours)	Description
9:00	2:00	5	Riding winding & hilly 135 stopping at Story to see the old store. Then thru Nashville and Brownstown on to Corydon for lunch.
10:00	2:00	4	Bloomfield, Tulip Trestle, Lunch at Yoho General Store, Sculpture Trail Outdoor
11:00	2:00	3	Local scenic ride including stop at Zaharakos Ice Cream Shop (newsletter sponsor!)
11:30	2:30	3	Back roads to Crowbar Inn, Trafalgar for lunch. Coming back through Morgantown
3:00	5:30	2.5	Ride around Princes Lake with shopping and ice cream in Gatesville
3:00	5:30	2.5	Meandering ride around the beautiful Nashville country side.
9:00 PM	10:00 PM	1	Night ride to show off all our bike lights, ending at Friends "O Mine campground for coffee and treats



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Spring Wing Ride-In Ride Schedule



Saturday 5/22

Departing Time	Approx Finish Time	Approximate Length (Hours)	Description
9:00	5:00	8	Ride to Buzzards Roost, Lunch at Dock restaurant, and shoe tree
9:00	11:30	2.5	Meandering ride around the beautiful Nashville country side.
10:00	2:00	4	Ride to Brownstown, Skyline Drive, Medora Covered Bridge/Brick Ovens and lunch
10:00	2:00	4	Ladies Ride! Martinsville Fairground Craft Bazaar/Community Yard Sale, lunch at Indy's Family Restaurant, Martinsville Candy Store
11:00	2:00	3	Local ride including stop at Zaharakos Ice Cream Shop (newsletter sponsor!)
1:00	3:30	2.5	Ride around Princes Lake with shopping and ice cream in Gatesville
3:00	6:00	3	Ride to Story then Ice cream in Brownstown with great ride back to Nashville

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Got a Question About a Ride or the Whole Event? Send Emails to in.dd.gwrra@gmail.com or call 260.740.2321

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