



MAY 2016
Chapter L
Capitol City Wings

"Friends for Fun, Safety, and Knowledge"



GWRRA
GREAT LAKES
REGION



**Chapter L meets on the
1st Tuesday of the month at
Flap Jack Restaurant
6927 South Cedar St.
Lansing, MI 48940
Exit 104 on I-96
5:30 pm. For Dinner
6:30 pm. For Gathering**

Hello from the Directors Chair

Well, warm weather is finally here. But not on our Tuesday Ice cream rides! We haven't had very much luck with the weatherman (right Gordon). I hope last year's weather doesn't repeat itself.

We plan to meet at Meijer Gas station, 7157 E. Saginaw, East Lansing for The Ice Cream Rides. Rides start at 2:00 p.m. May 10th / May 17th / May 24th / May 31st.

We had our April Dinner at The Red Robin Restaurant (near the Lansing Mall). Fourteen members attended, Soderberg, Smith, Simons, Insels, Bowers, Haeck, & Walker. WOW, I didn't realize that you could fix hamburger a hundreds + plus, different ways!! (And still taste good). It was a short but sweet dinner. Thank You Randy & Kathy for choosing the Red Robin Restaurant.

We had a few visitors from the chapter D-2 from Howell (The chapter with the Duck for a mascot). No one was watching "PAWS" so he disappeared under their yellow feathers. Dale & Candace Dressler, Julian & Mary Jo Meade, & Harold Taylor(former member) You all were a lot of fun thanks for visiting us.

When to stop riding?

We must sustain our skills and our physical health to keep riding..

So when do we choose to stop riding.

It should be about the risk we accept and the risk we present to others.

Bye till April/May?

Helen c.d.

Rider Education

RIDING IN BLIND SPOTS

One of the most dangerous mistakes a motorcyclists make is to linger in other driver's blind spots. Motorcycles easily disappear in the invisible area between typical car and truck mirror coverage. Few drivers seem to practice head turns to determine if a lane change is safe. A motorcyclist is riding along, and all of a sudden a vehicle is coming into their lane. A rule of the thumb is to ride quickly through blind spots. Also, avoid changing lanes into a driver's blind a spot and position your motorcycle within your lane to ensure optimum visibility in traffic.

TRYING TO KEEP UP

Group rides can be a lot of fun. But too many times group rides turn sour as inexperienced or less skilled riders crash trying to keep up with the group. This often happens if a rider is afraid of losing touch with the group, or appears less capable than others. It's important for the group leaders to have a plan that keeps the group together and to assure slower riders that they won't be left behind. It's also important for individual to recognize when they are being influenced by the need to stay with the group. Ride Leaders should always respect your willingness to ride with in your limits. But, you must inform your group leader of your concerns.

ACCELERATING THROUGH AN INTERSECTION

It is tempting to twist the throttle through an intersection to to try and beat a red light. It's a reflex many of us have, and even the smartest rider have been know to do it. The problem is that intersections are number one location where crashes occur. It's important to remember that motorcycles have small visual impact and can be lost in surrounding traffic. The small frontal profile not only makes us harder to see, it can also make it more difficult for others to judge our distance and approach speed. Keeping this in mind you can see why drivers often pull out in front of motorcycles, thinking it is safe to proceed. The lesson here is that increasing your speed through intersections is a "bad idea".

Member Discounts

In the Wing World Magazine, there is an article about Office Depot/OfficeMax Discount for GWRRA Members. On the GWRRA website at www.gwrra.org under the top toolbar tab named "Members" select the benefit section. Scroll down to the Office Depot/OfficeMax information. Here you will find a link to the benefits page where you can shop online or print a discount card. To get a discount card you will need your membership number (example 576987) for the username, and the numbers in your address (76580) and your four-digit expiration date (example 0817) for the password (example 765800817) Your discount card will come up on the screen. Print it, and bring it to the local Office Depot/OfficeMax. Your discount can be used for personal items or for your chapter supplies.

Joke

Tired of President, She changes her name. Minneapolis (UPI)

June Louise Nixon said she got tired of having people ask her if she was a relative of President Nixon. Besides, she didn't care for the President politically. So she went to Hennepin County District Court, Wednesday and asked Judge Dana Nicholson to change her name. The Judge said he was a bit offended because he and Nixon were personal friends. They bunked side by side in the Navy. But he granted her request. She now is Jean France Kirkpatrick. The last name was her great-grandmother's maiden name. Miss Kirkpatrick said she wanted a name with no political associations. Her new initials are JFK.

CHAPTER DINNER/RIDES

MAY 28th Activity will be hosted by; David & Jan Smith (time & place TBA)
JUNE will be hosted by Merlin Hopkins
JULY Open
August Open
SEPT. Open
OCT. will be hosted by Helen Bowers
NOV. Open
DEC. Open

ICE CREAM Rides --- TUESDAY -- MAY 10th / May 17th / May 24th / May 31

ATTENTION: THURSDAY Ride --- May 5th --- 11:00 am--- Meijer gas station---7157 E. Saginaw---
E. Lansing

DATES TO REMEMBER:

MAY 2, Kick-OFF Motorcycle Safety Month. -- 10:30 am – Julie Pierce – (MDOS)
pierceJ1@michigan.gov Starts at ABC Harley- Davison dealership. 30 Minute
ride to Oakland Community Collage- Auburn Hills
MAY 14, Chapter “V” Parking lot Practice & Team Riding Seminar. Bay City Cycle Sales,
3600 S. Huron Rd., Bay City Mi.
MAY 19-21 Indiana Rally
JUNE 7-11 Americade americade.com 518-798-7888
JUNE 12th Free PICNIC IN THE PARK Chapter “ L” 1:00pm Motz Park, 4630 North
Dewitt Road, St. Johns, Mi.
JUNE 16-18 Ohio Rally
JULY 7-9 Reno Rendezvous Rally Register online renorendezvous.com
JULY 28-30 Region D Rally Coldwater Mi.

JULY 29-31 Hogs for Hospice (3 day motorcycle Rally) www.hogsforhospice.com
AUGUST 5-6 Michigan Rally Ewart Mi. "GUNSMOKE"

Birthdays: Steve Simons, May 15^{and} and John Lance, May 28th.

Anniversaries in May: None

APRIL; 50/50 winners: \$25 --- Julian Meade \$15 --- Candace Dressler
Membership: Larry Haeck --- \$10 Raffle: Paul Goulet --- 55 tickets

TEAM (staff) MEETING is on JUNE 3rd at 4:00pm, BEFORE Gathering.
(PLEASE JOIN US)
Chapter "L" Gathering is JUNE 3rd Dinner at 5:30pm, Gathering 6:30
Flap Jack Restaurant, 6927 S. Cedar, Lansing, Mi.

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