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**Dan & Loraine Sparks
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Wings of the North**

Hello Gold Wingers,

Well it's March. Some people are staying at home due to the snow. Others are standing in line waiting for their Covid shot, what ever you are doing-be safe. Sorry to say Wingless Weekend for March has been canceled. Things will get better, so we need to take advantage of things outside.

There are a few campouts planned for this year. Let's all plan to attend them, a few of us have already signed up for the Northern Section Campout in Curtis July 23-25. It was brought to my attention that the Blarney Bash scheduled for March 13 has been postponed until further notice. One nice thing, it has not been canceled.

For those of you who are planning to attend Wing Ding 42 in Springfield, Missouri, it's just 4 months away. You need to go online and register, also book your rooms. Wing Ding 42 is June 30- July 3rd.

We are hoping to do our gatherings and lunch rides starting in May. We need to stay together, can't let our chapter fall apart!! If you have any ideas please feel free to call Dan or Loraine with your input, we would love it.

Again this year we have 2,000 tickets to sell for the Rainbow Connection, please step up and take some to sell or buy for yourselves. We have asked Theresa to book May 8th at Walmart in Houghton Lake to sell tickets, but it's questionable.

A few of us have been enjoying a few rides in Florida. We have ridden to restaurants and ate outside. Thank-you Ron for leading, because some of us get lost going around the corner! We also rode with Wesley Chapel group and had a brown bag lunch in a park. So we are trying to enjoy our winter and be safe.

This year there are many things planned by all chapters, let's hope they will be able to happen.

HAPPY SAINT PATTY'S DAY
Dan and Loraine



Theresa Greer
Assistant Chapter Director

March 2021

Hi Everyone,
Hope all had a wonderful Christmas and a Happy New Year.
I hope 2021 will be a lot better than 2020.
I have had a lot of friends who have had the Corona Virus.
My family and I are doing good, hopeful it will stay that way.
My daughter and grandchildren were here for Christmas and New Year's.
We had a wonderful Christmas and quiet New Year. My grandchildren are still with me.
I hope all my friends in Florida are being careful and still having a good time, miss them.
I feel sorry for them they are missing all this snow that we are having, every day it snows, but that is ok, all of us are in the house enjoying watching the snow.
Everyone please keep safe.
For everyone biking in warm weather please be careful and be safe.
Friends, Fun, Safety, Knowledge
A/CD
Theresa I
Chapter Y!!!!!!

Rider Education



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

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That piece of metal lying around in the garage taking up space could be sold. Just contact Ron and give him the details. Can't beat the cost of the ad, so start rummaging around and put your ad in our newsletter. Contact Ron 810-397-7318

SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

If you have a restaurant you want to try, let us know and we will try to schedule it ASAP. We need your input in order to make our dinners enjoyable for all. If you have a suggestion please let Dan know at 989-329-7528

Just a reminder-We have our gathering at Fred's Restaurant in Roscommon, from May thru September. It is on the second Tuesday of the month. We meet at 10:30am and have lunch after. Hope to see you all there.



MARCH 2021

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1	2	3	4	5	6
7	8	9	10	11	12	13
14 <i>Daylight Saving Time Begins</i>	15	16	17 <i>St Patrick's Day</i>	18	19	20 <i>First Day of Spring</i>
21	22	23	24	25	26	27
28 <i>Palm Sunday</i>	29	30	31			



NO PLANNED LUNCHES



1– Sheila Bailiff
6–Ginny Millspaugh
15–Ron Tidball
26–Barb Farkas
27–Dan Sparks
28–Char Smock

17–Mike and Cheryl Allumi

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