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

Can we believe it's already April ? That means the snow has melted and it's Spring. We should be getting ready to ride. The lunch group has decided to start going to different restaurants in April. Hope to see many of you there. We are hoping things are opening up in Michigan and we can go back to some sort of normalcy soon.

Just an update-Wing Ding 42 in Springfield, Missouri June 30 – July 3rd has not been canceled! If you plan to attend, please go online and fill out your Registration form. Also, Chapter J2 moved their Blarney Bash to April 10th from 1PM to 6PM at the Clare VFW Hall, 145 Wilcox Parkway, Clare Michigan 48617. If you are attending call Char 989-737-6533 she needs a head count for dinner.

The first campout this year is at St. Louis Church of God Campground on May 14th – 16th. It's the Officer's Meeting, but everyone is invited to camp. You do not have to go to the meeting. It would be so nice to see our family and friends again, so think about attending for a weekend of fun and enjoying the beautiful outdoors! Make your Reservations by calling 989-681-2581.

Last month I said we were going to try and sell Rainbow Connection Tickets at Walmart on May 8th, but at this time we don't feel it is safe enough. Last year we had 2,000 tickets to sell and did it with the help of family and friends. That supports us and I'm sure we can do it again. Please help our chapter by buying or selling as many tickets as you possibly can!

See you all real soon

HAPPY EASTER

DAN AND LORAINÉ”



Theresa Greer
Assistant Chapter Director

April 2021

Hi Everyone,
Gee, I thought that the weather was going to be better.
We had nice days for a while. Then Wow! What a surprise to
look out the window this morning and see SNOW, SNOW!!
I hope soon the weather will be nice to ride in. I have
seen a few bikes on the road when the sun was shining.

We have started our lunches again, hopefully we will have
good attendance.

I hope all Chapter Y friends are enjoying their time in
Florida, we miss them and it's nice when they put rides
and friends on Facebook. Thanks for doing that, I
enjoy seeing them. Please be safe and ride carefully.

I haven't been going out much, I go to Walmart
parking lot and pick up my groceries.

HAPPY EASTER TO EVERYONE!!

Chapter Y

Theresa I

Rider Education



Getting Close to Riding Season in Michigan,

As we know, many drivers are not aware of how to safely share roads with us as motorcyclists. Most crashes happen in intersections. Be sure traffic is clear when you are making the turn, but even more importantly remember that a vehicle turning in front of us is the largest cause of motorcycle fatalities.

Use your full lane when needed for road conditions such as potholes, animal and road debris. When you are driving in a four wheeler with someone and they mention a motorcyclist ahead or behind that is swerving, point out that the motorcyclist has the full lane and from your personal knowledge, often needs it. I believe our sharing our knowledge with the general public, friends, and family does help us all.

We have little personal protection other than helmets and clothes, but we also know that the way vehicles are built, their cage is not the same as it used to be. Share that information with others also, whenever possible. Mention that the motorcyclist you just saw is wearing all their safety gear, or that one may some day have a rough landing in that tank top and tennis shoes.

Rick Andreen, our Rider Course Coordinator, has begun working with our regular venues to schedule classes. Oakland County Complex has June 5th available and are willing to host us so we will be holding an ARC and TRC there. LSSU at Sault Ste Marie has August 7th or August 14th available and are willing to host us so we will be holding an ARC and TRC there. Ionia School District is not allowing anyone on their campus from outside of the school but we are trying to get a Range Only on May 1 or May 8. Grayling High School is a possibility and we have tentatively scheduled them for July 24th, but they are wary of committing so we are waiting to hear from them again.

We would like to hold an ARC-R on Friday morning, August 20, in St. Louis during our Michigan Rally, but we have not yet found a paved 200 ft x 300 ft clear area (no poles, lights, drainage structures, curbs) for the range. Google Earth shows only a small parking lot at the campgrounds, and the St. Louis High School shows on Google Earth a 236 x 232 max parking lot. We do not want to put it on the Rider Course Registration form if we cannot have it, but we also want you to spend time with us practicing our motorcycle safety skills so we are trying to get the registration form finalized with the best knowledge we have at the moment.

We are offering MFA courses and have successfully taught them this year, so please complete the Request form on the Michigan website. We would love to have you keep such valuable information fresh and up to date.

National is working on adjusting to the pandemic. Rider Education is looking at Rider Courses as to range requirements and exercises within those requirements, and have also come out with a new policy regarding Range Only classes until December 31, 2021. See attached.

Can't wait to see you all and your motorcycles,

Dennis and Felicia
MI-DE

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://gwrra.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.

CLASSIFIEDS



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.



April 2021



Sun

Mon

Tue

Wed

Thu

Fri

Sat

				1	2 GOOD FRIDAY	3
4 EASTER SUNDAY	5	6 MJ's Meet at 11:30 Eat at noon	7	8	9	10
11	12	13 Bailey's Place Meet at 11:30 Eat at noon	14	15	16	17
18	19	20 G's Pizzeria Meet at 11:30 Eat at noon	21	22	23	24
25	26	27 Kilkare Inn Meet at 11:30 Eat at noon	28	29	30	



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