



“Wings Of The North”
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Houghton Lake, Michigan



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

Hello Goldwingers,

Well, I cannot believe August is over, and it was a HOT one! It was a busy one also. We had some great riding this month with a few lunch rides. At the State Rally we had 16 members of our chapter join us. We had dinners together and had some great riding. Bob McConkie led some great rides, he is a native of St. Louis. They said there were about 195 people that attended the State Rally. I remember the Rallies in Midland when there were a few thousand. Those days are gone, so sad.

We had our Amish Dinner on the 28th, which is always good. A few J2 Members joined us and that's always a good time. Now we are getting ready for September. There should be some great days to ride this month and, hopefully, a lot cooler.

We won't be able to have our monthly gathering at Fred's this month, they are all booked up. So bring a CHAIR and come to our home on Sept. 13th at 10am. We need to talk about our Chapter Anniversary Party, which is Sept 25th at 4pm. We are having it catered and will NEED a head count.

SO PLEASE-IF YOU ARE COMING-CALL DAN OR LORAINE.

We want to have enough food. Call 989-329-7533 PLEASE no later than

Sept. 13th.

If you have nothing to do on Labor Day weekend a few chapters are going to St. Louis Church of God campgrounds. feel free to join, us it's always a good time with friends.

Don't forget Chapter V's campout in Ludington Sept. 17-19, so make your reservations now.

Enjoy your Labor Day and Be Safe

Dan and Loraine

Rider Education



And our riding season begins soon!

Completion of 2021 Michigan Rider Courses just happened on a beautiful weekend in Sault Ste Marie. We got home to unpack, just in time to repack for the Michigan Rally. Hope to see you all there. After the rally is complete, we hope to be able to enjoy some riding time. Wing Ding is great fun, and we take the week off to travel and be there but it's time for us to enjoy some of this beautiful weather. It was so wonderful to be able to hold rider courses and to have almost 30 of you attend and share the fun and learning with our three instructors, Ken Kintner, Brent Blackburn, and myself.

Please join us at the Rider Education table at the rally and play a few games to support Michigan Rider Education. We also have a candidate who has signed up to become a Rider Course instructor for ARC, so there will be a jar at the table for any donations to the Send Your Instructor to Camp fund. We haven't had anyone in five years, so we have not actively sought donations since that time when the Camp Fund subsidized half the hotel room cost for four members from Michigan to attend, including myself.

This program is an intensive program consisting of one full day in the classroom to develop presentation skills and then, often in a separate session a few weeks later, actual teaching in the classroom and on the range during four full days. We just received word today, August 18, that the location will be Athens, Alabama for the ARC. We would like to be able to support the volunteer with enough to pay the hotel room cost and mileage, along with the \$100 application fee. All of the five days require after hour assignments and study, and there is a pass/fail riding skills test on the first day of the range portion. The specific schedule, also just announced today, is the initial one-day class will be held on Saturday, October 9 with the RCICP to be held on Wednesday, November 17th through Saturday, November 20th. If the student is successful, they will teach their first two classes with an experienced instructor. Then they will become fully certified.

Now for some chat about necessary motorcycle skills, starting with the basic clutch skill. This is the friction zone, ensuring smooth starts and also allowing low speed maneuvers. Being able to maneuver from the clutch being disengaged to being engaged is a basic beginner skill to be practiced. Next, keep the throttle hand in the wrist down position. This will ensure the ability to close the throttle completely when reaching for the front brake lever. These basics were learned long ago and are instinctual to you. The "expert" throttle skills are smoothness while accelerating, while moving through a turn, and while downshifting.

Braking skills come next, because not using the front brake but locking up the rear brake is an accident waiting to happen. Or grabbing the entire front brake and locking that up. ABS has, of course, changed those possibilities, but all motorcyclists need to understand what is involved in braking. You need to understand your bike's center of gravity and how braking presses the front tire down and makes more braking power. The difference between types of bikes, with our touring bikes carrying more weight on the rear of the motorcycle to allow more rear traction when braking, is also an adjustment to be made.

Countersteering, which is contrary to our nature, consists of turning the handlebar opposite of the way in which you want to turn. Looking through the apex of the curve keeps you on track to then countersteer back toward the direction you were going before the curve/turn. This, of course, is for two wheel motorcycles. Trikes use the push/pull method.

You've got the throttle and the clutch figured out in separate situations, now how to smoothly downshift comes into the picture. This is going to take lots of practice learning how to clutch release at the exact speed needed by the gear you are dropping to.

Looking for a smoother ride for you and a co-rider? Practice, practice, practice. And for those of you who know all these skills, practicing is only going to enhance your abilities and keep that ride as smooth as silk.

Ride safe,
Dennis and Felicia
Michigan Senior District Educators

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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 Monday of the month. We meet at 10:00am and have lunch after. Hope to see you all there.



September 2021

Sun Mon Tue Wed Thu Fri Sat

			1	2	3 Labor Day Camping in St Louis MI	4 Labor Day Camping in St Louis MI
5 Labor Day Camping in St Louis MI	6 Labor Day Camping in St Louis MI	7 Lunch at Randy's Eat at noon	8	9	10	11
12	13 Gathering at Sparks 10am Bring Chair	14	15	16 Chapter V cam- pout Ludington	17 Chapter V cam- pout Ludington	18 Chapter V cam- pout Ludington
19 Chapter V cam- pout Ludington	20	21 Bob leads from Sparks to Purtells In Pinconning 10am	22	23	24	25 Chapter Y Anni- versary Party RSVP by Sept.13 To Loraine
26	27	28 Ron leads from Sparks to Lost Creek Sky Ranch 10am	29	30		



2-Linda Sergent
 4-Neil Pifer
 16-Karen Becker
 18-Mike Allumi
 23-Rose Sergent

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Chapter Y's 36th annual Anniversary Party

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September 25, 2021

Ogemaw Township Hall
1990 Gray Rd
West Branch, Michigan 48661

4pm to 9pm 5pm Dinner
All Funds Given to Houghton Lake Animal Shelter
Chapter to provide the Dinner
Admission: \$5 per person

Pay at the Door

NO ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES

Bike Races
50/50 Drawing
Goodies Raffle, lots of Fun

Contact-Dan Sparks-989-329-7528
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Chapter Y's 36th Annual Anniversary Party

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Take I-75 to the 215 Exit (M-55). Then, if coming from the South- turn right towards Downtown West Branch (if coming from the North turn left). Go under overpass and continue approx. 1 mile to the first cross Road. This will be Gray Rd. Turn left, first building to the left is the hall. Across the street is a Methodist Church. If you get to either car dealership, or a strip mall, you have gone 1 block too far. The hall is located west of Downtown West Branch and East of Exit 215.



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