

# GoldWing Road Riders Association

## Chapter Z

### Straits Area Road Riders

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**Chapter Happenings** — The restaurants are closed again so we will not be eating out for a while. We hope everyone had a Happy Thanksgiving and are staying healthy.

For those of you who have a Mackinac Bridge card, it will not be taken after December 31. If you have an account, you can go online and get the sticker for the windshield. This will allow you to go through any line. Even if you are pulling a trailer, the sensor will count the number of axles and deduct from your account the appropriate amount. One account is used for all of your vehicles; each vehicle has its own MacPass sticker. If you are in a two-axle vehicle, the first time across \$4 is deducted from your account. If you return within 36 hours, there is no cost.

Whether you already have an account or not, go to <https://macpass.mackinacbridge.org>.

If you have an account click on Activate Web Access, Enter your account number (from your card – first 5 digits), enter your email, check your email for verification email and opportunity to set up your user name and password.

If you don't have an account, click on "Don't have a MacPass account? [Sign Up](#)" and follow the directions. If you have questions call (906) 643-7600.

The only birthday I know of is Bernie's on December 4. Hope it's a good one.

Denny Jessick had some excitement during the last hour on the last day of Firearm Deer Hunting Season. Congratulations Denny on your first 10 point. The head will be mounted soon.



# Important Dates 2021

Feb 11-13 Ohio Cabin Fever – Salt Fork Lodge – “Game Shows” Cambridge, Ohio

Feb 19-20 Indiana Winter Rendezvous – **CANCELED**

March 5-6 Michigan Wingless Weekend in Chelsea, Michigan

March 13 Chapter J2 Blarney Bash

April 17 Chapter G Anniversary Party

April 22-25 Chapter J Mall Show

May 15 Spring Officer Meeting TBD

May 21-22 Indiana Spring Warm-up - Nashville, Indiana

June 4-6 Chapter Z Campout

June 11-13 Chapter V Biker Bash

June 17-19 Ohio Buckeye Rally – “Celebrate Your Freedom” - Wooster, Ohio

June 30 – July 3 Wing Ding – Springfield, Missouri!

July 23-25 North Section Campout in Curtis

August 1 Raffle Tickets DUE to ADDs!!!

August 7 District Team Rally Prep TBD

August 19-21 Michigan District Rally – St. Louis, MI

September 16-18 Chapter V – Vacation Station Campout in Ludington

September 25 Chapter Y Anniversary Party

October 9 Chapter V Anniversary Party

December 4 Chapter C Christmas Party

# Rider Ed -

Members,

It is that time to winterize the motorcycle; we were lucky in Michigan this year to have some beautiful days to ride in November.

By the time we can ride that motorcycle again in April, so many things can happen if our precious beast of burden is not winterized. Batteries can become dead or frozen and tires can crack or become flat. The cooling system, oil system, and the fuel system may all have developed deposits. An ounce of prevention is the best way to go.

Top off the tank with fresh gas, and put fuel stabilizer in. Start the motorcycle and let the stabilizer cycle through. Check the air pressure in the tires. Check the air filter and clean or replace it. Changing the oil and oil filter now or first thing in the spring each have advantages, so we'll leave the choice up to you. Just don't be in such a hurry when the weather does warm up and neglect to do it at all.

Washing and waxing will definitely protect it from moisture and you will be able to start off a new riding season with what looks like a brand new bike in the sunshine! Leather protectant certainly doesn't hurt. If you know that your storage area is prone to critter visits, close off any openings, and cover it up tightly. The battery is another personal choice; a battery tender may be used but removing the battery and keeping it in a cool, dry space is preferred by some.

While looking at some websites regarding motorcycle safety this month, we found some Michigan motorcyclist crash data from an organization called SMARTER (Skilled Motorcyclist Association Responsible, Trained & Educated Riders). They compiled some data that show that the weakening of the motorcycle helmet law in Michigan in 2012 did not result in an increase in motorcycle registrations. It did show an increase of 18.18% in the average number of fatalities per year in these past eight and a half years compared to the nine years prior to the change in law. There has been a reduction in crashes, but that reduction has not resulted in a reduction in fatalities. Actually, there has been a steady increase in fatalities for nearly three decades.

Helmet use is 80% or higher when an all-rider motorcycle helmet law is in effect, and when the law is repealed or weakened, the use drops to 50% or lower. The data they compiled show that the main factors correlated with fatal crashes include higher speed, striking a solid object or a vehicle, and not wearing a helmet. As a matter of fact, un-helmeted riders who crash die at a rate approximately double that of riders who are wearing a helmet. Ask Santa for a new helmet is what we gathered for this research, and promise to wear it every time!

Stay safe,  
Dennis and Felicia  
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# CHAPTER SKILL ENHANCEMENT ADVISOR



## Job Summary

The role of Chapter Skill Enhancement Advisor (CSEA) is to proactively support Member/Participant by providing them with information they can consider on ways to become skilled, prepared and safer riders and co-riders.

## Encouraged Responsibilities

- Serve as an example by being actively engaged in the Levels Program.
- Monthly, or as often as possible and weather permitting based on Members interest, put on an on-bike skills day with skill practice, bike games for riders and co-riders.
- Team with the Chapter Ride Coordinator to promote the importance of best riding practices at chapter gatherings, rides and events.
- Utilize the quarterly Chapter Levels Report provided by the District Educator to support the Members and assist them in achieving milestones and earning recognition.
- Communicate directly with the District Educator to advocate for classes and courses to serve any chapter participant with an interest in progressing in the levels program, becoming a more proficient rider and being better prepared to respond to emergency situations.

## Qualifications and Skills

The Chapter Skill Enhancement Advisor:

- is not an officer; and the position is not mandatory.
- has a basic knowledge of the GWRRA Rider Education Program
- is appointed by the Chapter Director
- is interviewed by the District Educator
- completes a Confidentiality Agreement
- is a current Level II Rider or Co-Rider
- receives guidance and support from the District Educator
- communicates with the District Educator directly, keeping the Chapter Director in the loop to assure the needs of the chapter participants are met. Remember, the Chapter Skill Enhancement Advisor is an active participant on the Chapter staff and primary direction comes from the Chapter Director
- does not have access to the RE database and relies on the District Educator for the information.

**Goal:** To provide the membership with the basic support needed to participate meaningfully and successfully in the GWRRA Rider Education Program at the Chapter level.

Let your motorcycle friends know about the Trial Membership.



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# TRIAL MEMBERSHIP

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## 4 *Free Months*

**You will receive:**

- Rescue Motorcycle Towing of 35 miles
- 4 months subscription to *Wing World* magazine
- Opportunity to participate in Chapter Life

**Yes! I would like a 4 month free trial membership to GWRRA**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Corider: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
(Street Address)

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip Code \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: ( \_\_\_\_\_ ) - \_\_\_\_\_  
(Area Code)

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Referred By: \_\_\_\_\_ Member Number: \_\_\_\_\_

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