

GoldWing Road Riders Association

Chapter Z

Straits Area Road Riders

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Chapter Happenings –

The District Rally was a lot of fun. The winner of the annual raffle was won by a member in the audience. The rides on scenic back roads were very enjoyable and the members of Chapter H-Ontario were very entertaining with their MASH outfits.



Congratulations to Mike for earning Level-4 Master Rider in the Rider Ed Program.

Mike and Carol enjoyed their trip to Drumheller, in Alberta, Canada and are happy to be back safely. They returned in time for the Chapter H-Ontario campout. They each celebrate birthdays and their anniversary this month. It is difficult to forget three events in a month. Carol's birthday is September 8, their anniversary is September 18, and Mike's birthday is September 28.



Speaking of anniversaries, who could this be? No, it is not George and Martha nor Sonny and Cher. It is Jerry and Karen Kovacs celebrating their 50th wedding anniversary.

2019 Upcoming Events – (details will follow as they become available)

Sept 6-7 – Chapter H Ontario campout (see flyer below)

Sept 28 – Chapter Y Anniversary Party

Oct 5 – Chapter F2 Anniversary Party

Oct 12 – Chapter V Anniversary Party

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Sault Ste Marie Ontario

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Annual Campout

Sept 6 - 7 2019

Blueberry Hill Motel and Campground
Hwy 17 N, Goulais River Ont.
705-649-5631 or 1-800-811-4411 or www.blueberryhill.com

Friday	Saturday
BBQ Salads & desserts (\$-TBA)	Pancake Breakfast (\$-TBA)
50/50 Draws	Choice of guided tour or
Campfire Fun	Self-guided Scavenger Hunt
	Brown Bag Lunch (\$-TBA)
Sunday	Chinese Auction
Coffee & Muffins	50/50 Draws
Hugs & Good Byes	Catered Dinner with dessert (\$-TBA)

Event fee includes with full meal package. Event only fee (no meals) \$5.00

Saturday night campfire with Knights of The Hatchet ceremony (if you dare!)
RSVP by July 30th to David Hey dhey@knights.org to qualify for early bird draws!

Additional or alternate rooms with special rates have been arranged at the
Ambassador Motel 1275 Great Northern Rd, Sault Ste Marie On 705-759-6199

Due to the fluctuating exchange rate between Canadian and US dollars we respectfully ask that you bring Canadian money to the campout.

Fair exchange rates are available at our Tourist Information Center or Michigan casinos.

Wing Ding!

We'll be leaving a few days before Wing Ding to enjoy some time in Pigeon Forge, Gatlinburg, and on the Tail of the Dragon before traveling to Nashville. Wing Ding is our one vacation each year, as our other vacation days from work are spent holding Rider Courses and working at Michigan's Wingless Weekend and the District Rally. This year for the first time we are adding in a few days just for us. Hope you are taking the time to combine riding a motorcycle with vacation plans!

Congratulations to **Mike Rainey**, our newest master in Michigan at No. 10674. We have two more coming in the mail from the National Office any day, Neil Feikema and Edmund McDougale. Please wish them well in spreading the word about Riding W/AGAT.

The Levels Program is something we plan on bringing up at the Rider Education forum with the National Rider Education staff. Without Chapter Educators, the interest in levels has dropped to the lowest levels we've seen. The active Chapter Directors use the report we send them each year to generate interest, and we do have a few that are helping members by having forms available and assisting in completion. We deeply appreciate that, certainly until we can convince the National Office that there has got to be a better way. Again, you can get the patches from us later (except for the Masters which comes from National Office) if money is an issue. Being in the Levels Program costs nothing.

Remember, Level I is just a commitment to safety with no cost to sign up. If you want the Safe Miles patch, Rider or Co-Rider Rocker, and a mileage pin, it is \$6 made payable to GWRRA Michigan and the N.7 is to be completed and signed by the member.

Level II is safety through education with a rider course and the co-rider either riding during the course or taking the Co-Rider Course given at the Michigan Rally, Michigan's Wingless Weekend, Wing Ding, and in many other states throughout the year, along with 5,000 safe miles. There is no cost to sign up, but for \$5 you will receive a triangle patch signifying Level II attainment as either a Rider or a Co-Rider (made payable to GWRRA Michigan) and the N.10 is to be completed and signed by the member.

Level III is safety through preparedness, which means you are certified to help save my life by having completed a First Aid or CPR training, along with being current in Level II. For \$4 you will receive a Certified Tour Rider bar or Certified Co-Rider bar (made payable to GWRRA Michigan) and the N.10 is to be completed and signed by the member.

Level IV is safety by enhanced commitment and preparedness. You must have been current in Level III for one year, have 25,000 safe miles, and commit to wearing Proper Riding Gear at all times. There is no cost for sign up, but the triangle patch for Level IV with your very own Master Rider number comes from National Office after we sign as approving and enter the information into the database. This costs \$35, or if you wish the black and gold patch, \$43. That payment must come through us but must be made payable to GWRRA Masters Program along with the N.9 form being completed and signed by the member.

Howard Stob emailed us with an interesting topic to bring up at any chapter event. He noted a conversation on the GL1800 Riders Forum. We looked it up, printed it out, and spent some time researching US Department of Transportation reports on various patching composites and procedures for repairing asphalt. The DOT regulations seem to focus on short preparation, short cure time, adhesiveness, resistance to softening and flow, flexibility, resistance to aging and weathering, and resistance to abrasion. We would guess that the budget and the asphalt company bids would also influence what composite is used and the method that is used.

Not only does the type of composite used to repair make a big difference in how motorcycle tires handle them, but whether that tar snake is short or long or contains depressions in the middle or on the edges. Your tires will be more liking to slide in a turn and to try to follow the snake instead of pop back out of that area. Silica sand placed over sealed surfaces does assist in eliminating the slip and slide, but it is only a temporary measure. The use of recycled materials as an additive has expanded greatly in recent years.

What can we do? Pay attention and slow down when you do see them. Remember, each state may use a different composite and some or no abrasive over it. Southern and western states have more experience in the heat when they patch, but northern and eastern states have to patch for the heat and the below zero temperatures in the winters. Depending upon how they are patched and in what configuration, avoiding them may be possible with constant vigilance, but do not swerve when other vehicles present.

Feel free to check it out for yourselves. Thanks to Howard for caring about all of our safety by sharing important information!

Dennis and Felicia
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2018/19 Ride Schedule

Date	Place	Location	Phone
Sept 3	211 Bar and Grill	Black Lake	989-733-4104
Sept 10	Scallywags	Mackinaw City	231-436-7777
Sept 17	Hoppies Landing	Pellston Airport	231-539-8900
Sept 24	JAX	Charleboix	231-437-6400
Oct 1	Southwoods	Petoskey	231-487-1710
Oct 8	Woodwinds	Onaway	989-733-2212
Oct 15	Great Lakes Grill	Cheboygan	231-627-8161
Oct 22	Thirsty Sturgeon	Wolverine	231-525-9151
Oct 29	Barrel Back	Walloon	231-535-6000
Nov 5	Depot	Alanson	231-548-1296
Nov 12	Northwoods	Oden	231-347-3894
Nov 19	Wilson's Rivers Edge	Indian River	231-238-8111
Nov 26	Flap Jack Shack	Charlevoix	231-547-6466
Dec 3	Pizza Hut	Cheboygan	231-627-6641
Dec 10	China King	Petoskey	231-439-5988
Dec 17	Bear Tracks	Afton	231-238-0484