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Kim & Sandy Bargeron
District Directors

Hello Everyone

The Michigan Convention/Rally is just around the corner. We have a couple new things planned this year. The staff has been working extra hard to provide you with opportunities to learn ways to be safe and better riders. Sharing their knowledge with others and having some fun while doing it. The rest is up to you and Mother Nature. This picture was taken at Chapter Q2's monthly gathering. How cool to see that many bikes at one gathering.



at one gathering. I know a couple Chapters got together and rode over to the gathering then they went on a ride to the museum in Frankenmuth. The more we see this, the more convinced I am that going to other Chapter's events is part of the formula for success as an organization. We are glad to see several Chapters using the state calendar to post there events. It is a great way to let everyone know what you have going. It is also a great way to see other Chapter's events so you might be able to just go to one of their rides instead of planning so many rides for events you may have planned.

Hope to see everyone at the Michigan Convention/Rally August 1st – 3rd. Also, mark your calendars for the Region D Convention/Rally September 13th – 14th.

Until next time ride often, ride safe and smile :-)

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CALLING ALL
COPS AND
ROBBERS
COME TO THE
MIDLAND
FAIRGROUNDS
AUGUST 1-4

For
The Michigan District Rally
August 1-4



Ben & Mary Gawrylowicz
Enhancement
District Coordinators

Membership Enhancement

Hi all,

We're in the process of getting ready for the upcoming Michigan District Convention which will be held once again this year at the Midland Fairgrounds, August 1-3. If you haven't thought about going yet, you seriously need to because we think you're going to have a blast! And we don't want you to miss out on all the fun we have planned!

As we watch all of the final details fall into place, we're amazed at how well everyone works towards one goal ... making sure you all have FUN! That's what we are hoping for! If you know of someone who has never been to a rally or someone who hasn't been there in a long time, encourage them to come on out to the fairgrounds and mingle with us. We have lots planned and there should be something there for everyone to enjoy. Our hope for this year - that all who participate will have a good time. Looking forward to seeing all of you there.

All of the fun starts on Thursday, August 1st with the opening ceremony on Friday, and closing on Saturday, with lots to do in between, like the block party on Thursday night, the ice cream social on Friday night and stunt riders on Saturday afternoon, just to mention a few activities planned.

On a different note, all you MEC's we want to thank you for all you do to help keep the membership going. We truly appreciate all your help. We'll see you all (we hope) at the rally and will have lots of hugs ready!

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Ron & Micki Linn
MICHIGAN
DISTRICT
TREASURER

District Treasurers

Ramblings From Ron (and Micki)

Hi everyone. Well, Wing Ding is over now and the Michigan District Convention is near. I had to attend Wing Ding by myself as Micki had to work. It was a good thing for her that she stayed behind as it rained every day, since the day I left until I returned home. But those of us that were there still had a great time. We, Kim and Sandy and I, saw many people from Michigan there, although not everyone was

ride their bike to Wing Ding. I would like to especially thank those of you that helped with registration on Friday. I mean I would REALLY like to thank all of you. It is simply amazing to see that good friends and fellow members who are willing to give up some of their rally time to help make Wing Ding a success. And as I said, the Michigan District Convention is coming up fast!! Micki and I are still receiving several registrations every day. The pre-registration period is coming to a close. I have to receive your registrations by July 18th, NOT postmarked by the 18th, but in my hands by the 18th. Any registrations after that will be handled at the registration building at the Michigan District Convention.

The on-site registration price will increase to \$35.00 per member. So get those registrations in ASAP! In case you did not know, the Convention / Rally shirts this year will be Safety Green in color and will have the GWRRA 10" Griffin patch on the back. So if you have already sent in your registration and did not order any shirts, but would like to now, send me a new registration for the shirts so I can have them ordered for you. But PLEASE!! Do it right away. I also need those chapters who have not sent me their Rainbow Tickets back to do it by Thursday, the 18th of July so that I can get them recorded on my sheets for the Michigan Gaming Commission Log Sheet.

And finally, if you have some free time at the Convention / Rally, the District Staff would very much like to encourage you to help out with some of the tasks that need to be completed. Most areas need people to work in 2 to 4 hour shifts. We can always use people for Top Gun and Amazing Team Challenge assistance, registration assistance, 50/50 and Rainbow Ticket sales, crowd control for the Stunt Riders shows, and more. So if you would like to help, just ask one of the Michigan Team members where you could be of assistance.

See ya at the Rally

Ron and Micki
District Treasurers

**PLAN ON HAVING FUN
WITH THE COPS AND ROBBERS IN MIDLAND**



Doug & Rowena McAfee
Asst. District Directors
Northern Section
Special Projects

Assistant District Directors Northern Section

Wow! Here it is time for another issue of the District Newsletter. Before I go further I would like to say Thank You, each and everyone who made our last newsletter so great. Your individual stories were so interesting that we couldn't wait for the next story to come in. It made our last newsletter an outstanding one and we hope to hear more from all of you and your chapters.

Our topic for this issue is "Wing Ding Rides" being a lot of members have or are just returning from "Wing Ding" and might have a few stories to tell other than how much rain they had.....

I can remember our first "Wing Ding" in Ft. Wayne, Indiana. One rainy summer day, a group of Chapter Y members all left for Ft. Wayne. We had expectations of good weather, and a great time. We had no further got to Mt. Pleasant, when passing cars kept honking and telling us we had a flat tire on our 1998 SE Gold Wing trike. The ride was so smooth we hadn't noticed and had just checked the tire pressure prior to leaving Houghton Lake that morning. Soon after the third car passing us and telling about our so called flat tire we pulled off and still didn't notice anything unusual. Back on the road again we asked Ted & Rose Sergent, who were traveling with us, to check our tires as we passed. Sure enough our back tire on the trike was going flat. We eventually limped our bike to the nearest gas station in Mt. Pleasant and looked for the leak. We didn't find any puncture holes or possible leakage but we did fill the tires up, then back on the road again, periodically checking the tires on our way down to Ft. Wayne.

We never had any further trouble but kept wondering just what the problem was. Upon arriving in Ft. Wayne, we got settled in and met with our group. Doug was still puzzled about the so called leakage. Neil Pifer, was the former owner of "Plum Crazy" and Neil just happened to be there. Doug asked him if he had any problems before with the trike and then Neil began to laugh.

Neil informed us that he had placed colored valve stems on the tires to coordinate with the bike and one of the stem caps was not placed on straight which eventually caused a slow leak in the valve. After rechecking all the stems all went well and never had any more problems. It just goes to show you even the little things can cause problems.

While down in Ft. Wayne, we met with our group and took a short ride to a Honda Dealership, then on to the DeBrand Chocolate Factory. That in itself was a treat. We got to go through the factory and sample all the chocolates they made. It was very interesting to learn the wide variety of chocolates available and to sample each one. They also made the real black raspberry ice cream

After our personal tour of the DeBrand Chocolate Factory we returned to Wing Ding at the Coliseum and ventured into the Vendor's area. I was overwhelmed by so many vendors. There was everything you could ask for and then some. Most of our group bought white sweatshirt jackets with a patriotic insert, which we still have and wear during our summer rides.

Time had come for all of us to line up for the parade of lights. Doug and I were a little new at this and signed up for carrying a state flag. Needless to say we had to back out due to not having a flag holder on our bike. We ended up back with our group and off we went through town. It was a great feeling to see all the people line the streets to see us go by with our lights of many colors, flags flowing in the breeze, and the honking of our horns. We were very well received by the townspeople and enjoyed our new experience.

After the parade was the light show in front of the Coliseum. Doug and our group walked across the roadway to see things up close while I sat on the trike. While sitting there, this intimidating, tall large gentleman came up to me and stated "I want your Bike" I was dumbfounded, We had just bought our bike in Nov of 2004 and hadn't ridden it much. This gentleman repeated himself, that he wanted our bike. I guess I stammered a little and replied it wasn't for sale. He then offered anything we wanted for the bike. I replied he would have to wait and talk to Doug who was just approaching. Again this gentleman repeated himself and stated to Doug I want your bike. They began talking and I then realized he was a collector and just loved purple bikes and wanted ours for his collection. My only regret now is we never got this gentleman's name but he did make an impression on this new bike rider.

We are looking forward to our next Wing Ding and hope all of you have had at least one experience of attending a Wing Ding and enjoying all the fun, camaraderie, and good times one can experience that will last a life time. In the meantime, don't forget the upcoming State Convention in Midland August 1-4, 2013. We have worked hard to make this Rally a great one for all of you, so take a little bit advise and plan on attending, you won't be sorry you did.

In the meantime let's not forget the Great Northern Section Campout that is being held at the Countryside Campgrounds in Harrison, Michigan. This great campout is being held by Chapter's Y, J-2, Z, Q, and Chapter H Ontario Canada. We have always had a great time and delicious food. This year they plan on having a campfire both Friday and Saturday nights with a beautiful fun run during the day through the greater Northern area. Plan on coming and having a relaxing week end with everyone.

Don't forget to make your reservations for the Knights of the Hatchet that is coming up in September. There is a group ride planned that will be going to the Blueberry Campgrounds in Sault Ste Marie Ontario Canada that will be making several stops to pick up various Chapters along the way. Make sure you plan for Sept 6-8 and get your passports ready to help support our sister Canadian chapter. It will be a time you won't forget for a long time, especially when you become a Knight of the Hatchet.

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East Central Section—Vendors

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The East Central Section Campout

Brought to you by: CH A, D2, E, F, F2, L, Q2, U, V, and V2

August 22-24th is the GREAT East Central Section Campout this year. Make your

reservations so you do not miss out! Location is the **Lake Huron Campground** in **Port Sanilac**. This location is where the first campout was held. Address is: 2353 N Lakeshore Rd Port Sanilac Mi 48419.

Be sure to mention GWRRA when you call to get the rates that have been arranged. Water/electric sites are #189-196 and are \$36.90 per night. Full hook up sites are #121-135 and #188-173 and are \$42.30 per night. They have cabins with some being pet friendly and others not so be sure to specify if you are interested. Thurs night is \$49 per night and Fri & Sat are \$71.10. The cabins have A/C and Heat and you need to bring all of your bedding.

There will be a Chinese Auction, Bike Show and Light Parade, Supper market Ride at \$5 per bike, Goody Bags for the first 100 Bikes. Friday night is a Soup Supper at site # 181-182 along with campfire stories to share Fri & Sat nights.

Schedule: Fri night 6 p.m. Soup/Sandwich Supper-each chapter bring 2 pots of different soups.

Sat 11 a.m.-3 p.m. Supermarket ride on your own

Sat 4 p.m. \$5 per bike with a Kogel's hot dog dinner

Sat Chinese Auction

Sat 9 p.m. Light Parade through the camp ground

Events and times subject to change and weather permitting.

Contact Job Badour (989) 205-1775 or Ron Linn (810) 223-4403 or 4404 for additional info.

COME AND JOIN IN THE FUN!!!

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Fun in the Sun

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Well, summer is in full swing with sunny days and warm nights. It's true that some of us have had our fair share of rain, but for the most part it has left everyone with some riding time. I understand that Wing Ding was a wet one this

I think everyone that wanted to have a good time, still managed to do so.

We have a couple of events coming up here in the southeast. One might be history by the time this newsletter is published. But it's worth mentioning, Chapter J is having their 2nd annual Burn Camp Challenge. They have teamed up with a local Wendy's Restaurant to have lunch and an obstacle course for some fun. I know that Nancy and I will be attending to see how we do on the obstacle course. The event benefits the Great Lakes Burn Camp.

The second event is Chapter S2's Picnic Feast on August 10 at Lower Huron Metro park. Nancy and I have attended this event many times and always had a great time and a full belly. Tickets are \$20 each and you need to contact Lorenzo at 734-777-3207 / LVII@aol.com to get your tickets.

Are you ready for the Michigan Rally? I hope to see many of you attend as the staff has many events planned for your fun. Remember, to have a good time you have to participate! Nancy and I will be heading up the Bike Show this year and with the changes we made, we hope that more people will enter their bikes. We have given everyone an alternative to spending hours cleaning their bikes. Wash your bike at the given time in front of the show officials and you will be given 17 of 25 points for cleanliness. If you have further questions, contact us. Hope to see you at the rally!

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Terri & Farmer Rodgers
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Central Section
Goodies

Assistant District Directors Central Section

Wing Ding 2012

Helping others to keep it FUN

This year was my turn to stay and man the fort for the weekend of Wing Ding 2013. With a multi-night music concert in town and the "Electric Forest" in Rothbury, we were in for a real ride. We also had the pleasure of our daughter and two grand daughters from Phoenix with an extended

jealous, but glad that many of you got to go.

So, I'll go back to Wind Ding in Fort Wayne. The housing bureau had most of us at the downtown Hilton. As we checked in, we met more and more of the Michigan staff and several other members from Michigan. Our little group included Ken and Kathleen Heibel, Bruce Thayer (new staff member) and Tim Hanson. We had gone out to the Memorial Stadium and fulfilled our staff duties at registration. Outside was miserable and HOT but the vendors, the riders and the Rider Education staff sweated through it all. My hat is off to all of those that had an "outside job" that year. It was ungodly hot but Mother Nature was about to change all that.

One of the afternoons we were treated to a huge windstorm. We were walking down the street when suddenly we were struck from behind with a wall of dust and debris. We ducked around a corner and shot into the first place we could to get out of the storm.

After the storm, the calls and rumors started. Vendors and campers sustained damage. Some bikes were coverless and soaked. But true to "Wingers", everyone started pitching in to help the others around them. Vendors offered help and parts for repairs. Before long a sense of calm was back and the FUN started right back where it had left off.

This just goes to show that even in the face of disaster, working together can make it all FUN again. This unique "family" can pull together like no other. Your level of involvement can be from as little as you want to jumping in the officer training program, rider education or the First Aid/CPR/AED training. This is all available to you at a minimal expense as a member or associate member.

Maybe you would like to consider becoming an officer in your local chapter. Becoming involved with your chapter and working with the core group of that chapter would be an easy step, not too much commitment there. From that, you could "grow" into whatever level of involvement you are capable of and comfortable with. Don't forget, this is a family-based organization. You would be hard-pressed to find a more dedicated bunch in any other organization that is based in FUN while improving our safe rider training and our public image. My hat is off to all of those that can, all of those that do and to those that really make things happen. Without this tremendous amount of "volunteer" involvement, we would be much less than we could be. Get "involved" and it may take your life in an entirely new direction. Every step just opens doors to more friendly faces that just make the FUN happen. Terri and I can attest to that. We have met so many "friends" over the

places we would not have dreamed of going to before. It has been a real ride with no end in sight. Use your membership to the greatest extent that you can. It may open doors that you could not even dream of before.

Stay Safe, Ride Safe. We will see you out there somewhere on the road.

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Members of "Chapter N, The FUN starts here."

MEN IN BLUE ARE COMING AFTER YOU!



BAD BOYS !
BAD BOYS !
BAD BOYS !



Bruce & Mellisa Thayer
District Educators

RIDER EDUCATION

NEAR MISS

When was the last time you were involved in a near miss? You know, that kind of situation where you had to brake quickly, maybe the rear tire fishtailed a bit, and you came to a stop with no damage to you or the motorcycle due to your superior skill and technique? Or maybe it was more of a swerve maneuver to avoid contact with a car changing lanes – *right into you!* Afterward you gathered your wits, thought about what happened, and

just said to yourself, “that was close!” Or something along those lines while remaining cool, calm and collected. After all, we know those other drivers don’t *mean* to do it. It just happens...out of their carelessness. These are the kinds of stories we end up telling to our friends and fellow riders while sitting around the campfire or over a meal at a dinner run. They are always good for a “wow” or two. And your buddies chime in with their stories of the close calls they experienced. Each story teller trying to outdo all the others with a scarier, even closer call.

Does it seem that one of these guys has more stories than anyone else? Did you ever think about what that means? Does it mean that rider has the most miles under the saddle? Or does it mean that he rides closer to the limit than you do, and more often? Or could it be that he is just not paying as much attention to his surroundings as he should? Perhaps this rider just blends in to his surroundings more than everyone else. Drivers look past this rider more often than other riders. If the “best” story teller of the group happens to be you, perhaps you should step back and ask yourself “why me?” There is usually an explanation for every close call scenario, whether it is something the rider did or didn’t do, or something the other driver did or didn’t do. In every case it comes down to being the responsibility of the motorcyclist to protect him or herself. Why? Because we are at the greatest risk for injury, that is why. Vulnerability has its price.

So how does one avoid such close calls? Can we completely eliminate them from our riding experience? We probably cannot eliminate all of them, but there are things we can do to greatly reduce the frequency of those shorts-staining events. We can definitely make them less scary, too. There are the obvious things like increasing one’s conspicuity (making yourself hard to overlook) by wearing brightly colored riding gear (think *day-glo green!*). Consciously move to a position in your lane that allows more drivers ahead of you to see that you are there – and traveling on a motorcycle! Increase the following distance between the vehicle ahead of you and your bike. This will give you more of a space cushion to react to various hazards and threats as well as make you more conspicuous. Those who have taken a GWRRA rider course lately remember that we advocate a riding strategy with the acronym SAA (as in “say”). This is an additional way to reduce the risk on the road. The letters stand for Seek, Anticipate, Act. Let’s start with the first step, SEEK. Riders and Co-riders should both be seeking *aggressively* during every ride to identify potential hazards

to pose a threat. By raising your gaze to the visible horizon while riding, you can identify potential hazards when they are further away giving you time to assess the risk each object represents. The highest risk items will be monitored more closely as we approach. The point of emphasizing the longer view is that it gives us the most time to prepare accordingly for hazards ahead. We also keep tabs on those objects as we approach, constantly updating their threat level with every new glance. And we can see things between our horizon and the front of the bike by simply changing focus as we scan *aggressively* all around us.

The second step is ANTICIPATE. Think about what you are seeing – interpret what you see and translate it into the appropriate level of threat it poses and how it might change for the worse. Thinking this way can be referred to as playing the “what if...?” game. For example, you might think to yourself, “What if that car backs out into the road in front of me?” What would you do? Where would you go? By thinking about these possibilities and your best choice of action for each scenario, you will help save time when you have to ACT (the third part of SAA) on what you see.

There are three basic ACTions one can take while riding a motorcycle.

We can *change speed* – use either the brakes or the throttle.

We can *change direction* – turn left, turn right, or swerve. Check the space you will enter to insure you are clear by doing both a mirror check *AND* a head check. (turn your head!)

Or we can *communicate* – by using the horn, the headlights, brake lights, turn signals, or we can use hand signals.

Different threats will dictate which ACT we should take. And of course, we have already decided which ACT to take when we ANTICIPATED the possible threat as we approached it. So next time you find yourself telling a story about the near miss you had on the way to church, or the store, or to work, why not also include the bit about how you managed to avoid the accident through use of highly conspicuous gear, use of the SAA strategy, or whatever strategy helped to keep you out of harm’s way. You just might help another rider become more aware and safer in the process.

The Importance of Motorist Awareness

By Tammy Burmeister (CA-1F)

I was sitting at my desk this week when a co-worker walked in and asked me, “Have you heard about Chappie?” I hadn’t and she proceeded to tell me how Chappie was riding his motorcycle on Sunday in Alpine and a teen driver turned and hit him and his motorcycle. She assured me he was alive, but then told me his left leg had to be amputated below the knee. He had to be life flighted and was in the hospital with multiple injuries. Once I finished my prayer of gratitude that he was alive, I began to think about Chappie and his family and how they would be impacted by this.

Chappie is Detective James Hunter of the San Diego Police Department. I know him because of his work in the Sex Crimes Unit as he has worked closely with social workers here in San Diego to address the issue of commercial sexual exploitation of children as part of the Human Traffick-

make sure to wear all the gear all the time, and watch for road hazards and other drivers, but you have no way of ensuring that you can avoid accidents all the time. One moment in time can change your life, and the lives of others, forever. Members of CA1F can tell you that from personal experience. It is important to reach out to the public and make them think twice about sharing the road with motorcycles. Every time we convince one driver to pay more attention to motorcycles and educate them about what they as motorists can do to prevent crashes, we make the roads safer for each of us. As a group we are aware of our 'rules of the road' and the methods we use to increase safety. But if you have never ridden a motorcycle, you may not have any idea of what to do when a group rides up next to you or is merging into your lane. If we go out and share our 'rules of the road' and provide engaging presentations on safety, we can have a positive influence on the drivers sharing 'our' roads.

As an association, GWRRA has increased its focus on the Motorist Awareness Division and has asked each chapter to designate a Motorist Awareness Coordinator. CA1F has the good fortune of having Dave Gardner step up into that position. He has already obtained the safety materials provided by the central office in Phoenix and begun handing them out to educate the public. He brought the materials to the Dad's Club ride after our last breakfast meeting, and he also provided them to the public at Motorcycle Mania in El Cajon.

But handing out flyers and brochures is not the only thing Dave, and our chapter, will be doing. We are going to work on speaking at community groups and schools, and showing our bikes in public areas to draw people in and educate them about sharing the road. If you have an interest in being part of our 'speakers bureau' let Dave know and we will work with you on presentations. If you have a community group, church group, school, or event that you would like us to participate in, let us know. The more motorists that we reach, the safer our roads will be!

A simple conversation with someone who asks you about your bike is an opportunity to educate and engage that person in increasing their (and our) safety. Not to mention it's a great time to invite them to check out chapter CA1F and join us for breakfast. Even if they don't ride, it gives them a chance to see our group in action and hear more about rider safety from our amazing chapter educators.

In case you were still wondering about Chappie, he is still in the hospital as of the writing of this article. He has told his young son that he is getting a bionic leg which his son thinks is cool. Chappie remains the positive, amazing guy he has always been and is determined to walk again and return to work so he can put more bad guys behind bars

If you are interested in helping Chappie and his wife and son, the [San Diego Police Officers Association](#) (SDPOA) has set up a fund to help them. Checks should be made payable to SDPOA with "Detective Chappie Hunter" in the memo line. They can be sent to:

San Diego Police Officers Association
Widows and Orphans Fund
8388 Vickers Street
San Diego, CA 92111
You can also contact the SDPOA office at 858-573-1199.

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Rider Education Seminars at the Michigan Rally

Are you planning to go to the 2013 Michigan Rally August 2nd & 3rd? You might like to know that there will be two seminars that can help you reach new heights in the Rider Education Levels Program. Co-Riders will find the Co-Rider Seminar scheduled on Friday at 4:00p.m. This meets the training requirement needed for Co-Riders to move up to Level II, or to remain current in Level II, III or IV. We always recommend that Riders also take this seminar with their Co-Rider as it involves aspects of communication between the two.

Attendance at a Motorist Awareness seminar is now required for *a//*Riders and Co-Riders alike who wish to move up to Level III or to Level IV, or receive Senior Master, Grand Master, or Life Grand Master Tour Rider recognitions. This seminar will be presented on Saturday at 1:00p.m.

For those wishing to become a Road Captain, or refresh their training, this seminar will begin on Friday at 1:00p.m. This includes a classroom portion followed by a road ride where each student participates in a Team Ride to get practice as the Lead and Drag during the ride. The group is monitored by a seasoned Road Captain. At the end of the ride, students hear from the monitor what they did well and how they might have done better. Think of it as On the Job Training.

We have scheduled one additional seminar. It is called "Riding with New or Inexperienced Riders". It has elements that relate to both new riders and experienced riders. This seminar has not been presented often, but offers some good insight and discussion when bringing a newer rider into your riding team. There are many aspects to Team Riding, so how do you bring a 'newbie' into the fold – safely? It speaks to both the newer Rider as well as the rest of the Team, in particular, Road Captains – those responsible for the safety of the entire Team. This seminar will be presented on Saturday at noon.

Now, anyone for a Rider Education seminar?





WEBMASTER & COY COORDINATORS

Ken & Patti Kintner
Web Master
COY Coordinator

Webmaster:

Isn't that District Google Calendar GREAT! What? You mean you haven't looked at it? Come on Michigan – just click the link on the District Website. You can see what the other chapters who are using it have on their schedules. If you like having fun with other chapters why wait till the next rally? Click the calendar and see what others are doing, then, JOIN THEM! As I'm writing this, it is the day of the All Star Game which means baseball sea-

half over and our riding season is half over! It also means we still have half a riding season left so let's ride! If your chapter is not posting events & rides to the District Calendar – please contact me so I can help you get started!

Ride Safe! Ken Kintner
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Couple of the Year Coordinator

Greetings

How is your summer going? Are you doing a lot of riding now that we have some good weather? Sometimes our jobs and family get in the way of our riding season, and that is what has happened to me this year. I did not get down to Wing Ding and I sure missed helping out at registration.

Don't miss out on the Couple of the Year Workshop at the Convention/Rally. There is also a COY get together for all current and past couples / individuals. The get together is Friday from 5-6pm and the Workshop / Mini Camp is Saturday from 10 till Noon! The first hour there will be a presentation for COYs, CDs and ACDs. We would love it if all could attend! We will be having FUN. All are invited, the more the merrier. Then at Closing Ceremony all the Chapter Couples will walk in and be introduced! Make sure YOUR chapter couple is there and YOU be there to support them!

Has your Chapter checked out the Chapter of the Year requirements for 2013? Every Chapter has a chance to be the next Chapter of the Year so look them over and any questions please contact me or District MEC - Ben G!

Hope to see you all at the Convention/Rally.

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Bill & Linda Diffin
2013—Michigan

Couple of the Year

The Michigan Couple of the Year have been very busy this spring; we've been to Indiana twice, Ohio once and to several Chapter meetings in Michigan. We've learned how to judge campsites (both day & night), had lots of practice getting up & speaking at gatherings, and enjoyed some delicious food as well. It has been fun and interesting making new friends, visiting the old ones, and getting better acquainted with GWRRA members everywhere.

Our first out-of-state visit was to the Indiana "Spring Wing Warm Up" in Lebanon whose theme was "South of the Border". There were fiesta games, dancing, Mexican food and lots of rain. The staff presided in the kitchen with help from Jan Smith and had some mouth watering burritos & tacos. There was even a burro named Jack who really loved our Region Director, Roger Hurley. Our Michigan director, Sandy Bargeran won "Best In Class" in the trike category in both the bike judging and the light judging. The music and dancing Saturday night was loads of fun. Despite the rain, the Indiana "Spring Wing Warm Up" was a good time.

Our next trip was for "Couple of the Year Day Camp" at Debbie & Niles Robinson's beautiful home in Whitestown, Indiana. These people are great! There were a total of eleven couples attending; but Michigan had the most "Couples of the Year" attending-counting us, there were 5 from Michigan; Indiana had 3 couples besides their presenters and Ohio had their District Couple. Even the Illinois "Couple of the Year" were there, along with our Regional Couple of the Year. It was an interesting and educational day. The best way to get used to "Speaking in Public" is to practice and we each did some of that. There were films and discussions and ladder ball in the front yard before dinner. We all drew numbers after the games and Niles did not tell us their purpose. When we lined up for buffet style dinner there were 2 of each number so whomever had our matching number was our "date" for dinner. We sat with that person and at a different table than our spouse. Then after dinner we each stood up and told what we had learned about our "date". It was interesting and a little nerve wracking but good for us & helpful. We had a "campfire" in the evening and just sat around and talked. Bill & I enjoyed ourselves so much we hated to leave.

In June we went to the "Buckeye Rally & Convention" in lovely Xenia, Ohio. This being their 30th Anniversary, there were pictures and memorabilia very everywhere. There were T-shirts from many of the previous conventions strung up behind the registration table. Friday afternoon there was a pinewood derby with each chapter and district having it's own car. In the races between the Districts our own Director Kim Bargeran, built and raced the car that won! Friday evening we were entertained by the music, magic, and jokes of "Brothers & Co" variety show. They were a hoot!! Afterward, Ohio Chapter H2 put on a chicken & fish fry for a fund raiser which was very good. After that there was a "Fire-Eater" performance that was amazing; everybody stood around eating ice cream and watching. As anyone who was there will tell you, I really enjoyed the silent auction, Saturday (there will be a cookbook from Ohio at F2's Anniversary party in October). We enjoyed the Buckeye Rally & convention. These four months as your Couple of the Year have been a marvelous adventure for us.

We've enjoyed being at your meetings & chatting with you. Going to other states conventions and meeting other Couples of the Year have been great fun and interesting experiences. We look forward to attending our first regional convention in September and attending many other chapter's meetings. Let's see--I think we're going to another country this week-end and Sault St. Marie's chapter Q. Hope to see you there!!

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Submitted by
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**SUPPORT YOUR OWN CHAPTER'S
"COUPLE OF THE YEAR"
BY ATTENDING THE
OPENING AND CLOSING
CEREMONIES**



A GWRRA Legacy of Jim Tessmer, Former Michigan State Director

I left a voice mail for Sharon Stanley, Wing World Editor, late Friday, so please just know that I am trying to give Jim Tessmer, my husband, the acknowledgement he deserves while he can use it to bolster his thoughts. I hope others will use this time to thank Jim for what he has done for them over the years while he served GWRRA and as "Wing Dr", the specialized Gold Wing mechanic to whom even dealers & motorcycle shops would call for advice.

Jim was diagnosed just a couple of weeks ago with a cancerous, inoperable brain tumor. He has chosen to have no treatment due to his current physical conditions.

You have more access to Jim's Official affiliations with GWRRA than I do, but I do know he is a past Michigan State Director, and served Chapter N, Arizona in various capacities and has been awarded a Life Time Membership. He was also a long-time member of the Arizona Motorcycle Drill Team and also served as officers for them. He was awarded the 1,000,000 miles on Gold Wings, with additional hundreds of thousands of miles on Harleys prior to that.

Jim has an amazing amount of knowledge about motorcycles and, specifically, Gold Wings. They are his love and his passion. It has been a long-standing joke between us and friends that Jim first loves his bike, then my bike, then the bikes of others, and then me! He has received calls from other countries, including Australia, asking for advice, information, and whatever other knowledge Jim had that would help them enjoy their Gold Wing adventures. His "magic" has awed hundreds of motorcyclist owners of various makes & models. He has "saved" stranded motorcyclists by asking them a few questions when they call him and then giving them the solution they need to get on the road again. Others, as have many GWRRA members, he has picked up with his bike hauler. He has even been a contributor to Wing World about his alternator swap-out.

Jim's memorial should be now while it can do HIM some good. Please ask members to send him greetings, thanks, DVD's of groups saying, "Hi", or whatever they are moved to say to or do for this wonderful man.

Am I biased? Yes! Many of you know what trauma he has seen me through. It has been my turn to help him for the last five years and I'm praying for God's miracle for more. A week ago today, he quit breathing and stayed near death for half the day. He came back to me to help us both be at peace with his condition. I believe we are accomplishing this, but I feel that the "missing link" is communications from the motorcycling community who are unable to call on him in person. I pray that you will help me find that link.

With deep appreciation,

Judy Keefer (Mrs. James E. Tessmer)
2122 North Idaho Road
Apache Junction, Arizona 85119-1707





Michigan Chapter-G, Grand Rapids

The Midnight Riders

Greetings once again from MI-G located in the great town of Grand Rapids. Our Chapter suffered a loss of a dear member of the "Midnight Riders". Joanie Klein, loving wife of Scott, passed away on March 27, 2013. Per Scott's request, Chapter MI-G rode our bikes to the Memorial Service in honor of Joanie.

Please keep Scott in your prayers, Joanie may not be on the back of his bike, but she is just above his shoulder when he rides, watching over him and keeping him safe.

We had our "Getting Ready to Ride" day in mid-April, but the weatherman didn't cooperate, so instead of riding, we ate. Good food, friendship and at least our bikes are ready for the road. We also updated our first aid kits thanks to Marcia Emmert for her help.

It was rumored that Chapter MI-G picture would make it into the May issue of THUNDER ROADS MAGAZINE. True, Lori of Cheshire Grill (where we hold our monthly gatherings) asked us to ride our bikes and come for a special photo session after our monthly May gathering. We met Dave and Pam Schultz from the magazine. Both great people and they want to expand their audience to all bikers, regardless of what they ride. To see our mug shots, look on page three (3) of the magazine. I think you can spot members of GWRRA-MI-G.

With warmer weather finally arriving, we rode to Vermontville's Maple Syrup festival on April 27, then on to Mooville for you guessed it, ice cream. April 28th we rode to the Lakeshore Blessing of the Bikes in Holland. Boy! Just about any kind of motorcycle, model and some I wasn't sure what they were greeted us. Of course, we did have ice cream on the way back home.

May 4, we attended the ARC Rider's course in Ionia. What a great learning experience for us new trike riders! My wife Jane and I sure learned a lot and now feel more at ease riding with our fellow Chapter members. Thanks to the staff for putting this one on for us, especially Bruce Thayer and Lynne Snyder. They are the ones that really keep us safe, educated and knowledgeable about the proper way to dress, ride and yes, have fun.

On Saturday, May 25th we ventured out for lunch at Clifford Lake Inn. What a great place to ride to and dine while looking out at the lake. It was a nice warm day to spend with friends and enjoy some riding time.

After our June 9th Sunday gathering, we headed over to the Gilmore Car Museum to view the annual antique motorcycle show being held. What a great time had by our group walking, viewing, and talking about motorcycles. With our paid admission, we also were able to tour all of the exhibits that included toy pedal cars, 1930's Service Station, special exhibits, Packards, Duesenbergs, Fords, Chevys, and just too many more to list here.

In closing I wish to thank our Chapter Officers, all of them, for all the work they put into making our Chapter what it is and adding to the fun. They are the behind the scenes heroes who make everything we do happen. When you see the smiles on our faces, you know you've done a GREAT job.

Sincerely,

Bob Ungrey
MI-G District Newsletter Editor
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CHAPTER J

Jackson, Michigan

"The Chapter J team from Jackson Michigan will be running a motorcycle obstacle course on July 20th. Our goals are to create a fun event for all motorcyclist and raise money for the Michigan Burn Camp for Kids. The course will be open from 11:00 to 3:30. This is going to be a fun event that will include Level I and II obstacle

courses where everyone will be able to compete. The event was held in a large city parking lot @ 515 Water Street in Jackson, adjacent to Wendy's where lunch was provided along with a free frosty for the first 100 participants. All Chapters were invited, for a ride to Jackson, a good lunch, and some fun for a good cause. Registration is \$10.00 per person." Everyone enjoyed the day and are looking forward to attending next year.

Tom & Darlene Taylor CD's
MI Chapter J
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Note from the Editor: We do apologize to Chapter J for not being able to get their information out to the GWRRA membership in a more timely manner, but due to circumstances beyond our control we were not able to do so at this time. We did however emailed our Michigan Chapters announcing their event and all the fun activities that they had so diligently planned. Thank You for submitting your article and do look forward to another article in the next issue.



**DRESS UP IN YOUR BEST COPS & ROBBERS
GET-UP AND ENJOY ALL THE FUN THAT IS
BEING PLANNED**



Hello Everyone,

What a half year it's been. I became a first time C.D. It started in Jan., long distance from Yuma Az. I left Mich. as an A.C.D., I got a call, that the C.D. wouldn't be able to do it. After a few phone calls from Merlin, I finally said yes. It sure was great to have a very helpful team in Michigan, to remind me of functions, and things that would occur. They kept me informed. I also am new at computers, so this is a real challenge. So far it's been enjoyable experience. I hope to have many

Our December Holiday Party was at Cracker Barrel, in Okemos. Thirty members were in attendance.

Our January dinner was at Coral Gables, good food and fun. We donated money to Lansing Food Bank. Mascot "SADIE" has been retired. We are searching for a new one. We began our ticket sales at R.V. show.

In February We said good bye to the retiring leaders and welcomed the new team, Helen Bowers--C.D, John Insel--Tres., Tommy Clay--Mec., Jan Smith--Sec., Staff continuing were Janet Simons as Sunshine Person., Sandy Hopkins--Newsletter person. Our dinner ride was at Jimmy's Pub in Lansing, was well attended and lots of fun.

March dinner ride was at The Vista, at Shaw Hall, on M.S.U. Campus. and Norm and Diane Harrod will oversee the mileage contest. Starting May 1st. with thirteen members participating. The results each month, sometimes, surprises us.

Yaaaaaa April___ Ice Cream rides begin ___ every Tuesday 5:30 sharp, at Groves, in Mason. Also our Monthly ride on a Thursday starts. A lot of times it's a mystery. Our Medic/First Aid Course was well attended at the Christ United Church in DeWitt. The class was very helpful, [we never know when we might need it] Our dinner ride was in Owosso at Eddie O'Flynn, was a good turn out, good food and great friends.

May was a busy month, there was Tech/Pizza day. when members can work or help each others on their bikes, changing or adding etc., then have pizza. Picnic In The Park was a success, met a lot of members from different Chapters. Food was good and plentiful, weather was just right. And all the money was returned to the guests. Our Thursday ride was to Holland Tulip Festival. Oh, so many different tulips and so little time to see them all!

June was a sad month, we lost a good friend, Ellis Wygant from Williamston. The First Aid Class proved helpful. A Motorcycle Hearse and parades of motorcycles escorted to cemetery. Janet Simons turned Sunshine person over to Mickie Insel. A few members went to the ERC & ARC classes in Stockbridge. Saturday was a ride was to G 2 Spud Run in Greenville.

July, we added another volunteer caller to our phone tree, so we now have four persons to call our Chapter members. Thursday Ride was to Old Mill Brew Pub and Grill in Plainswell, Were getting ready for the Michigan District Rally/Convention in Midland. Planning on having a good time there.

Any day on a motorcycle is a good day.

V. Helen Bowers
C.haoter Director
Chapter L Lansing



Hello Wingers

Just a note from up here in the Upper Peninsula on riding conditions in the Wilderness of the Eastern Upper Peninsula... Those of you that have experienced the riding up here will know what I am talking about, now to those that have not had the opportunity to visit some of the best riding anywhere; here is just a few things you can look forward to.

Do you like Water Falls, Light Houses, Ship Wrecked Museums, Winding Roads, Boat Tours, Dinner Cruises, Soo Locks Canals and Sandy Beaches? How about great home made Cooking like, Soups, Pasties, Special Brewed Beers, Fresh Fish and some of the best BBQ with out a doubt. Maybe you like Slot Machines, Black Jack, Craps or just a game of Poker, Camping, Fishing, Arts and Crafts, there is so much to do up here.

We find ourselves with so much happening each week that's its hard when you want to do a little bit of everything, but there is just not enough time in a day or week. So many folks visit for a weekend or a week and take a mix of all the things available and create a great week or weekend for there families as it turns out to be.

I would like to say to everyone out there reading this, Please, Come visit and see for yourself what we have here in the Eastern Upper Peninsula and spend a week or weekend and take in first hand all the splendor that is the beauty of the Wilderness we have here. Need a place to stay, Comfort Inn is Awesome and if just a room is enough, Seaway Motel will fit the bill...

See you soon... Need a guide; I'm in the Gold Book. Michigan-Sault Sainte Marie, Michigan

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Greetings from Chapter J-2,
the Shamrock Wings, Clare, Mi.

Our year has been a true Michigan winter, spring, and summer so far this year. If you don't like the weather, stick around a while, it's going to change. Winter seemed to hang around and wear out it's welcome only to follow up with a very cool and wet spring. Now it's mid July and we're at 95 and high humidity and spring didn't seem so bad! I'm sure you know what irony is, it's when your dress shirt is washed but it needs some irony to get it

Or it could describe our chapter rides this summer. A case or two in point.

We had a Sunday ride leaving the park and ride early in the season going to Manton to view a known eagle hang out and a chapter member who lived close to the area we would travel, was to lead us. We soon turned north on a road I was not familiar with. Soon it turned to dirt! So we back tracked and then took a very scenic route that had us arrive in Lake, Mi to meet others and go on well, just a little late. When we arrived at the eagle Mecca, they were on a break and not to be seen!

We planned a trip to see chapter Z in Cheboygan, Mi and followed a great route up there and back only to find out the time listed on the District web site wasn't current and we were only about two hours late!

We planned a trip to the Gilmore Car Museum and vintage motorcycle show. On the way, a deer decided it was time to attack the 4th bike inline and knocked it self out hitting Phil and Char's 1500 Gold Wing. They never went down but it took us about a half hour to get it all together and get going. About twenty minutes after the impact the guys went back to the impact area to recover bits and pieces. Then what we presumed was a dead deer, got up and ran in the woods! We continued the ride but Phil had to stop his bike and open the trunk when he wanted to check his right side mirror from then on. We made it to Gilmore's as the bike show was leaving but this is a fantastic place to visit and you probably can't do it justice in one day any way.

We went to Wing Ding in a town they should call Monsoon, South Carolina. We had 14 inches of rain in the five days we were there. There were flood warnings near us and I'm sure they are shoveling up a lot of North Carolina and taking it back where it belongs. We rode in rain (cancel that, it was a down pour) for about 350 miles our first day coming home.

Now back to the irony. This seems like a lot of bad luck or what ever. Would I or any of us change it? Nope. We enjoyed every bit of it and I for one wouldn't give it back if I could. I would not wish Phil and Char the misfortune of the deer dance but we all are thankful of the minimal injuries and that they could continue their day and their lives. Do you want to know what my best time on a motorcycle is? It's going down a road I've never seen before. I hope your best time on a motorcycle also.

Bob Scott
Chapter Director J-2
The Shamrock Wings
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Chapter On-H Knight Wings

We the members of Chapter H Ontario would like to take this opportunity to invite you to attend our 18th annual camp-out held the weekend after Labour Day September 7th. Come and join The Knight of the Hatchet only a member knows all of the secrets and are sworn by an oath never to tell.

If our hospitality does not get you here maybe the mystery of the Knights will. So please come, we would like to show off some of our Canadian country side, we love to have you. I have taken the liberty to include a list of all available motels within a 15 mile radius for those who would like to motel it instead of camping, see page # 26 for a complete listing. Either way we would love to have to attend and enjoy our Canadian countryside and camaraderie.

Ken & Kathy Frechette
Chapter Directors
Chapter H, Sault Ste. Marie, Ontario, Canada
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**FOR A SUMMER OF FUN,
GOOD FRIENDS
AND EXCELLENT RIDES,
CHECK THE DISTRICT CALENDAR
ON THE GWRRRA WEBSITE
FOR CHAPTER EVENTS THROUGHOUT
MICHIGAN AND CANADA**



VISITORS ARE ALWAYS WELCOME

Motels

Glenview Cottages and Campground 2611 Great Northern Rd 1-705-759-3436

Glenviewcottage.com

Ambassador Motel 1275 Great Northern Rd 1-705-759-6199

Ambassadormotel.com

Comfort Inns 333 Great Northern Rd 1-705-759-8000

[Comfort Inns Sault Ste. Marie.com](http://ComfortInnsSaultSte.Marie.com)

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Super 8 Motel 184 Great Northern Rd 1-705-254-6441

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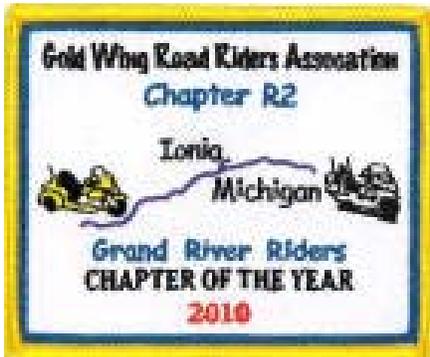
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All Motels are within 15 minutes of Blueberry campground the site of Chapter H Camp-out.



R-2 MEMORIAL WEEKEND RIDE

A big HELLO Hug from R-2

On May 23, 2013 seven "Grand River Riders" members met in Lowell area for our annual Memorial Weekend Ride. As we left the skies were threatening and drizzling so we had our rain gear on. Headed thru the drizzle to Bryan, Ohio for the first night's stay. The next morning it was quite cool so we layered on our gear and we headed to our destination of Parkersburg, West Virginia.

On the way thru Ohio we had a side trip to the Longaberger Homestead in Frazeytsburg, OH. and spent some time there at the company's Visitors Center. We were able to travel on some very interesting roads thru southeastern Ohio. The first morning in Parkersburg the temperature had dropped to 37 degrees. Some of our members wanted to travel farther south to find some warmer weather, so our human GPS found us some curvy back roads south to the New River Gorge Bridge just north of Beckley W.V. We admired the new bridge that spans across the New River Gorge carrying Highway 19 traffic. Then because we had spent most of the day getting to the bridge we had to travel the main highways back to the hotel.

We were able to spend the next day which was a little warmer traveling on some very motorcycling friendly roads in Southeastern Ohio in the hills and along the Ohio River. That afternoon we stopped in Fly, Ohio along the Ohio River for lunch and watched the ferry run cars and motorcycles across the Ohio River. Even so the weather was rain, cold and warm we had FUN.

We left Parkersburg once again in the rain and travelled west hoping to ride out of it, but didn't until we turned and headed north. By lunch time we had reached Utica, OH. and enjoyed lunch at the "Ye Old Mill" and walked around and that is where they make "Velvet Ice Cream" too.

We managed to return home only in another down pour as we got closer to Hastings, MI for dinner on Tuesday evening. We were meeting the chapter members there and they were all happy that we returned safe but wet. In all we travelled over 1600 miles for the five and a half days and yes we still had lots of FUN!

Before I close, I would like to invite everyone to our Chili Cook-off that is being held on September 15th in Lake Odessa. Be sure you read our flyer on the next page and plan to enjoy a great day of fun filled activities and not to mention the great chili that is being prepared.

Al n Merriann Lawson
GWRRA - MI R2
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GWARRA-MICHIGAN EVENT CALANDER 2013

DATE	EVENT	WHERE
JULY		
11	Chapter A Gathering	Mt. Clemens, Mi.
20–21	ARC Class	Sault Ste. Marie, Mi.
20	Chapter J Burn Camp Challenge	Jackson, Mi.
26–28	North Section Campout Y, J-2, Z, Q, and H-Ontario	Harrison, Mi.
AUGUST		
1-3	Michigan District Rally	Midland, Mi.
10	Chapter N Pizza in the Park	Muskegon, Mi.
10	Chapter S-2 Picnic Feast	Detroit, Mi.
16-17	Chapter G Midnight Ride	Grand Rapids
22-24	East Central Section Campout Chapters A,D2,E,F,F-2,L,Q-2, U,V & V-2	Port Sanilac, Mi.
31	Chapter C-2 Freedom Run	Ludington, Mi.
SEPTEMBER		
7-8	Chapter H–Ontario Knights of the Hatchet	Blueberry Hill Camp Campout Sault Ste. Marie Canada
8th	Chapter K-2 Anniversary	Big Rapids, Mi.
8th	Chapter W–29th Annual Toy Run	Adrian, Mi
15	Chapter R-2 Chili Cook off	Ionia, Mi.



Gold Wing Road Riders Association
Michigan District Rally/Convention
August 1st - 4th, 2013
Midland County Fairgrounds
6905 Eastman Avenue, Midland, Mi.
Theme: "Cops and Robbers"



Please Type or Print CLEARLY **Advance Registration Form**

Riders Name: _____ GWRRR #: _____ Exp Date: _____
 Co-Riders Name: _____ GWRRR #: _____ Exp Date: _____
 Address: _____
 City: _____ State/Prov.: _____ Zip Code: _____
 Telephone #: _____ E-mail: _____ Chapter: _____

EARLY BIRD REGISTRATION: MUST BE POSTMARKED BY JUNE 1ST, 2013 TO WIN. MUST BE PRESENT TO WIN. **PRIZE: A RAGGEDY ANN & ANDY PLUS A CLOCK.**

GWRRR MEMBER **BEFORE** JUNE 1ST: _____ X \$20.00 NON-GWRRR MEMBER **BEFORE** JUNE 1ST: _____ X \$25.00 **Total: \$ _____**

REGISTRATION: POSTMARKED BETWEEN JUNE 2ND AND JULY 15TH, 2013 (ALL REGISTRATIONS **MUST** BE POSTMARKED BY JULY 15TH, 2013)

GWRRR MEMBER **BY** JULY 15TH: _____ X \$25.00 NON-GWRRR MEMBER **BY** JULY 15TH: _____ X \$30.00 **Total: \$ _____**

ON-SITE REGISTRATION ONLY AFTER JULY 15TH, 2013: MEMBER: \$35.00 . NON-MEMBER: \$40.00. CHILDREN 15 YEARS AND UNDER GET IN FREE.
DAY PASS MEMBER: \$13.00 NON-MEMBER: \$15.00. SO GET REGISTERED EARLY !!

MASTER'S BREAKFAST (PRE-PAID ONLY): _____ X \$6.00 (BREAKFAST LIMITED TO 80 PEOPLE) Total: \$ _____
 Shirlene's Cuisine Breakfast Buffet, 1720 W. Wackerly Rd. Just Off Eastman Rd. 7:30 A.M. *All You Can Eat*

Camping Fees: (Thursday, Friday, and Saturday Only) August 1st - 4th, 2013
 Motorcycle Towed Units and Tents: \$ 8.00 Per Night X _____ Nights **Total: \$ _____**
 RV and Car Towed Pop-Up Units: \$15.00 Per Night X _____ Nights **Total: \$ _____**
 Fees Cover Rally Nights ONLY. Campers Will Be Permitted On Grounds Early. *Additional Nights Stay MUST Be Paid Directly To The Fairgrounds Office!*
GWRRR of Michigan Reserve The Right To Remove Any Marking, Roping, or Barricading Of The Camp Sites Deemed Excessive Or Inappropriate To The Best Interest Of All

RALLY SHIRTS MUST BE ORDERED BEFORE JULY 1ST, 2013. NO ON-SITE SALES!

Short Sleeve T-Shirt with Logo: **\$ 8.75** each | **\$ 9.75** for 2XL or 3XL
 Small: _____ Medium: _____ Large: _____ XL: _____ | 2XL: _____ 3XL: _____ **Total: \$ _____**

Short Sleeve Golf Shirt with Logo: **\$ 16.50** each | **\$ 17.50** for 2XL or 3XL
 Small: _____ Medium: _____ Large: _____ XL: _____ | 2XL: _____ 3XL: _____ **Total: \$ _____**

Grand Total Enclosed: \$ _____

Make Check Payable To: GWRRR of Michigan
Mail Payment To: Ronald Linn, GWRRR of Michigan, District Treasurer, 1345 Peachwood Dr., Flint, MI. 48507
 Any Questions, Please Call Ron At 810-239-5334 (Home) or 810-223-4404 (Cell)

Payment Method: Credit Card (Circle One) : Master Card Visa Discover Card Cash Check (Number) : _____

Card #: _____ Expiration Date: _____ Security Number: _____

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I/We Do Agree To Conform And Comply With The Ideals Governing This Rally, And I/We Further Agree To Hold Harmless GWRRR, Co-Sponsoring Organizations, And / Or Any Property Owner (s) For Any Loss Or Injury To Self Or Property In Which I/We May Become Involved By Reason Of Participating In This Rally. I/We Also Agree To Assume Responsibility For Any Property Which I/We Knowingly Damage. I/We Have Read This Entire Form. I/We Also Agree To The Credit Card Charges, If Applicable.

Riders Signature: _____ Date: _____

Riders Signature: _____ Date: _____

Refunds After July 15th By District Director's Authorization Only. Please Do Not Reduce Or Alter This Form



2013 Michigan Convention/Rally Schedule Midland, Michigan



Thursday - August 1, 2013

Breakfast Ride	8:00 AM	Fairgrounds Main Ent
Registration - Shirt Pick-up - Goodies	Noon - 4:30 PM	Fair Center
Vendors	Noon - 7 PM	Fair buildings
50/50 Sales	2 PM - 8 PM	Fair Center/Grounds
Cruise-in/Main Street Block Party	5 PM - 8 PM	Downtown Midland
50/50 Drawing	9:00 PM	Fair Center

Friday - August 2, 2013

Breakfast Ride	7:00 AM	Fairgrounds Main Ent
Registration - Shirt Pick-up - Goodies	9 AM - 6 PM	Fair Center
First Aid	8 AM - 8 PM	Fairgrounds
50/50 Sales	9 AM - 8 PM	Fair Center/Grounds
Vendors	9 AM - 7 PM	Fair buildings
Fun Runs	9 AM - 7 PM	Fair buildings
Opening Ceremony	10:00 AM - 11:00 AM	Fair Center
Bike & Light Classification	11 AM - 12:30 PM	Behind Fair Center
Ladies Ride - Eagles Landing Casino	11:30 AM - 2:00 PM	In Front of Fair Center
LTP Seminar - How Can I Participate in GWRRA	11:30 AM - 12:30 PM	4H Building
Door Prize Drop Off	Noon - 3 PM	Fair Center
Rider Ed - Road Captain Seminar & Road Ride	1:00 PM - 3:00 PM	4H Building
Craft Project - Cost \$5.	2:30 PM - 3:30 PM	Fair Center
Daytime Campsite Judging	2:30 PM - 3:30 PM	Campground
LTP Seminar - Newsletters	3 PM - 4 PM	4H Building
Door Prize Pick Up	3:30 PM - 5 PM	Fair Center
Rider Ed - Co-Rider Seminar	4 PM to 5 PM	4H Building
Couple/Individual of the Year Get Together	5 PM to 6 PM	4H Building
Game Night & Music	7:00 PM	Fair Center
Ice Cream Float Social	7 PM Until Gone	Fair Center
Best Dressed Judging	8:00 PM	Fair Center
Line Dancing Lessons	8:30 PM	Fair Center
50/50 Drawing	9:00 PM	Fair Center
Nighttime Campsite Judging	9:30 PM	Campground

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2013 Michigan Convention/Rally Schedule Midland, Michigan



Saturday - August 3, 2013

Master's Breakfast	7:30 AM	Shirlene's
Registration - Shirt Pick-up - Goodies	8 AM - 2 PM	Fair Center
First Aid	8 AM - 8 PM	Fairgrounds
Door Prize Drop Off	9 AM - 1 PM	Fair Center
50/50 Sales	9 AM - 4 PM	Fair Center/Grounds
Vendors	8 AM - 6 PM	Fair buildings
Bike & Light Classification	8:30 AM - 10 AM	Behind Fair Center
Kids Games	9 AM - ?	Pavilion
Fun Runs Turn-In	9 AM - 2 PM	Fair Center
LTP Seminar - Time Management	9 AM - 10 AM	4H Building
Top Gun	10:00 AM - Noon	Behind the Grandstand
Craft Project - Cost \$5.	10 AM - 11 AM	Fair Center
Couple/Individual of the Year Mini Camp	10 AM - Noon	4H Building
Light Show Staging	10:30 AM	Bldg #37
Light show Judging	11:00 AM	Bldg #37
Rider Ed - Riding with new and/or Inexperienced		
Riders Seminar	Noon - 1 PM	4H Building
Michigan Blood Mobile	Noon - 4 PM	By Fair Center
Bike Show Staging	12:30 PM	Behind the Grandstand
Bike Show Judging	1:00 PM	Behind the Grandstand
Hug Token Turn-In	1:00 PM	Fair Center
Mascot Contest	12:30 PM - 1:30 PM	Fair Center
Rider Ed - Motorist Awareness Seminar	1:00 PM - 2:00 PM	4H Building
Beaver Breeding	1:00 PM - 2:00 PM	Bldg #37
Door Prize Pick Up	1:30 PM - 3:00 PM	Fair Center
Fun Run Check-In	1:30 PM - 3:00 PM	Fair Center
Stunt Riders - Grand Rapids Finest	2 PM - 2:20 PM	Grand Stands
Stunt Riders - Grand Rapids Finest	3 PM - 3:20 PM	Grand Stands
Chapter Sales	3:30 PM - 5:30 PM	Fair Center
Chinese Auction	3:30 PM - 6:00 PM	Fair Center
LTP Seminar - Planning a Chapter Event	4 PM - 5 PM	4H Building
Parade Line Up	5:30 PM	Fair Main Entrance
Couple/Individual of the Year Line Up	6:30 PM	Fair Center
Closing Ceremony	7:00 PM	Fair Center
Light Parade	9:30 PM	Leaves Fairgrounds
Light Show	After Parade	Wal-Mart Parking Lot

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Gold Wing Road Riders Association
Great Lakes Region D Rally/Convention

TRIBUTE TO THE ARMED FORCES

September 12, 13, & 14, 2013
Mercer County Fairgrounds
1001 West Market St. – Celina, Ohio 45822



Rider _____ GWRRA# _____ Exp.Date _____
 Co-Rider _____ GWRRA# _____ Exp.Date _____
 Address _____ Number of Children _____
 City _____ State _____ Zip _____
 Phone _____ Email _____ Chapter _____

Pre-Registration before Sept. 07, 2013

All moneys are in U.S. Dollars

GWRRA Member Quantity: _____ x \$20 per person \$ _____
Note: Pre-Registration Chapter Directors, Life and Gold Members are half price.

Non-GWRRA Member Quantity: _____ x \$25 per person \$ _____

Full Registration – Entitles patron to full participation in ALL actives and events in the Rally.

Region D Rally Pins will be given with the first 500 full registrations.

Registration after September 07, 2013

GWRRA Members \$25, Non-members \$30, Children 15 and under free

Day Passes on site: GWRRA Members \$15, Non-members \$18



Masters Breakfast & Region D Merit Award Ceremony – On Site

For Level IV Master Tour Riders, Co-Riders & Guests only. _____ x \$6.00 per person \$ _____

Camping Fees (Thursday thru Saturday only, for additional days see note below)

Tents and tent campers: \$15 for weekend Units _____ x \$15. = \$ _____

All RV's: \$18.00 per day Days _____ x \$18. = \$ _____

Note: Campers arriving prior to Thursday or staying after Saturday are responsible for contacting the Fairgrounds office to make arrangements.

Short Sleeve T-Shirts

Small _____ Medium _____ Large _____ X-Large _____ \$16 each \$ _____

2X-Large _____ 3X-Large _____ \$18 each \$ _____

Polo Shirts

Small _____ Medium _____ Large _____ X-Large _____ \$20 each \$ _____

2X-Large _____ 3X-Large _____ \$22 each \$ _____

Note: Shirts available with Pre-Registration and on site.

TOTAL ENCLOSED \$ _____



Mail Registration & Check or Money Order to: **GWRRA Region D to:**

Roger & Penny Hurley
201 South View Lane
West Milton, OH 45383



I/we do agree to confirm and comply with the ideals governing this rally, and I/we further agree to hold harmless G.W.R.R.A., co-sponsoring organizations or any property owner(s) for any loss or injury to self in which I/we may become involved by reason or participation in this Rally. I/we also agree to assume responsibility for any property which I/we for any property which I/we knowingly damage. I/we have read this entire form.

Rider's Signature _____ Date _____

Co-Rider's Signature _____ Date _____



August 22-24, 2013

East Central Section Campout



Lake Huron Campground

lakehuroncamp.com-810-622-0110

2353 N Lakeshore Rd. Port Sanilac, MI 48419

Mention GWRRA

Water/Electric sites 189-196 \$36.90

Full Hookup sites 121-135 & 188-173 \$42.30

10 Cabins-5 Pet Friendly-5 Not

Thurs-\$49.00-Fri/Sat-\$71.10

50/50-Chinese Auction-Bike Show-Light Parade

Supermarket Ride \$5 per bike-goody bag/1st 100 Bikes

Friday night soup supper-site 181-182

Fri/Sat bring your jokes/stories to campfire-site 181-182



Contact: Jon Badour 989-205-1775

Ron Linn 810-223-4403/810-223-4404

More info. on back



Fri 6pm Soup/Sandwich Supper-each chapter bring 2 pots of different soups

Sat 11am-3pm Supermarket ride on your own

Sat 4pm \$5 per bike Kogel hot dog dinner-leftover soup

Sat-Chinese Auction

Sat 9:00pm light parade

Fri/Sat pm bring jokes/stories for campfire



Events/Times subject to change weather permitting



G.W.R.A. MI Ch - Y

Wings Of The North
Northern Section

Fun Run & Camp Out July 26th - 27th



Countryside Campground
805 Byfield Drive

Harrison, Michigan 48625

Camping Friday & Saturday

Clean modern Restrooms—Hot showers
Bonfire provided both nights at designated site.
Grassy, Wooded, Level Sites



Fun Run-Ride thru Michigan's beautiful Northland

Ride Begins Saturday 10:00 AM

Single \$ 6:00 Couple \$ 10.00

Ice Cream Run Friday & Saturday

Meals \$25.00 per person includes: Dinner: Friday & Saturday
Breakfast Saturday A.M.

All meals must be paid in advance (Form on Back)



Games, Door Prizes, Raffle

Motel list upon request

MORE INFORMATION CALL

Duane Prince 989-873-4053 dnlprince@core.com

Ron Tidball 989-345-1875 ront8428@aol.com



WINGS OF THE NORTH INITIATION

At the
Countryside Campground
805 Byfield Drive
Harrison, Michigan 48625
Phone: 989-539-5468

Call for your camping registration (with GWRRA)
Web: www.countrysidecampgroundandcabins.com
info@countrysidecampgroundandcabins.com

Directions: M-61 West out of Harrison about 1/2 mile
To Byfield Drive go North to campground.

Rates: \$30.00 per night if single unit on site
\$15.00 a night each if double unit on site
(bike campers)
\$55.00 per night Camping Cabins (Sleeps 4)
\$30.00 per night for RV's (water&electric)
\$33.00 per night for RV's (water,electric&sewage)

Clean Restrooms & Showers
Electricity and Water Available
Horseshoes & WiFi

Cut and return this portion with payment

All Meals-\$25.00 per person: _____

Single meal advance prices:

Fri.-Hamb/Hot dog dinner \$8.00pp: _____

Sat.-Pancake/Saus.Breakfast \$8.00pp: _____

Sat.-Ham/Chicken dinner \$10.00pp: _____

Make checks payable to: GWRRA Chapter Y

Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____

Phone: _____

RSVP to Karen Alexander
8834 South St.
St. Helen, MI 48656

RSVP By 7-19-13

29th Annual - TOY RUN

**GOLD WING
ROAD RIDERS
ASSOCIATION**



Michigan Chapter W Maple City Wings



Sunday - September 8th 2013

RAIN or SHINE!



Sign in starts 10:30am
Last bike out 12:30pm
Last bike in by 3:00pm

A New Toy or CASH
Donation of
\$10.00 per rider or
\$15.00 w/co-rider

Bring the TOYS and
come on out for FUN,
FOOD, PRIZES, 50/50
Drawings & MORE!

Dexter's Honda Yamaha
3804 S. Main (M-52)
Adrian, Michigan

(ONE MILE SOUTH OF THE ADRIAN MALL)

MARINE CORPS RESERVE



This event is open to all motorcyclists so bring your friends!

For more information contact:

Ken & Patti Kintner Chapter Directors
(517) 902-9893
ken@vplenawee.com

Tanya & Craig White ACD & Educator
(517) 263-3510
twowhitewings28@yahoo.com

A note for all our Veterans -Who was Kilroy?



He is engraved in stone in the National War Memorial in Washington, DC - back in a small alcove where very few people have seen it. For the WWII generation, this will bring back memories. For you younger folks, it's a bit of trivia that is a part of our American history. Anyone born in 1913 to about 1950, is familiar with Kilroy. No one knew why he was so well known- but everybody got

into it, I even remember seeing him around public places in the late sixties.

So who the heck was Kilroy?

In 1946 the American Transit Association, through its radio program, "Speak to America", sponsored a nationwide contest to find the real Kilroy, offering a prize of a real trolley car to the person who could prove himself to be the genuine article. Almost 40 men stepped forward to make that claim, but only James Kilroy from Halifax, Massachusetts, had evidence of his identity. Kilroy was a 46-year old shipyard worker during the war who worked as a checker at the Fore River Shipyard in Quincy. His job was to go around and check on the number of rivets completed. Riveters were on piecework and got paid by the rivet. He would count a block of rivets and put a check mark in semi-waxed lumber chalk, so the rivets wouldn't be counted twice. When Kilroy went off duty, the riveters would erase the mark. Later on, an off-shift inspector would come through and count the rivets a second time, resulting in double pay for the riveters.



One day Kilroy's boss called him into his office. The foreman was upset about all the *wages* being paid to riveters, and asked him to investigate, it was then he realized what was going on.



Now the tight spaces he had to crawl in to check the rivets didn't lend themselves to lugging around a paint can and brush, so he decided to stick with the waxy chalk, continuing to put

his check mark on each job inspected but added 'KILROY WAS HERE' in king-sized letters next to the check, and eventually added the sketch of the

chap with the long nose peering over the fence and that became part of the Kilroy message.

Once he did that, riveters stopped trying to wipe away his marks. Ordinarily rivets and chalk marks would have been covered up with paint but with the war on ships were leaving the Quincy Yard so fast that there wasn't time to paint them. The result Kilroy's inspection "trademark" was seen by thousands of servicemen boarding the troopships the yard produced. His message rang a bell with servicemen because they picked it up and spread it all over Europe and the South Pacific.





Before war's end, "Kilroy" had been here, there, and everywhere, on the long hauls to Berlin and Tokyo. To the troops outbound in those ships, however, he was a complete mystery; all they knew for sure was that someone named Kilroy had "been there first." As a joke, U.S. servicemen began placing the graffiti wherever they landed, claiming it was already there when they arrived. Kilroy became the U.S. super-GI who had always "already been" wherever GI's went. It became a challenge to place the logo in the most unlikely places imaginable, it is said to be atop Mt. Everest, the Statue of Liberty, the underside of the Arc de Triomphe and even scrawled in the dust on the moon.

As the war went on, the legend grew. Underwater demolition teams routinely sneaked ashore on Japanese-held islands in the Pacific to map the terrain for coming invasions, on one occasion landing GI's reported seeing enemy troops painting over the Kilroy logo!

In 1945 an outhouse was built for the exclusive use of Roosevelt, Stalin and Churchill at the Potsdam conference. Its' first occupant was Stalin, who emerged and asked his aide, "Who is Kilroy?"

To help prove his authenticity in 1946, James Kilroy brought along officials from the shipyard and some of the riveters. He won the trolley car, which he gave to his nine children as a Christmas gift and set it up as a playhouse in the Kilroy yard in Halifax, Massachusetts

Today that tradition continues.

And now you know the rest of the story.

God Bless America, our Veterans and our Young men and women who are serving our country now.

