



GWRRRA - Michigan District Newsletter



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Kim & Sandy Bargeron
District Directors

Greetings Everyone

First off, we would like to thank everyone who attended the District Rally/Convention this year. The feedback has been very positive. A special thank to everyone and every Chapter who helped to make this event a success. As the old saying goes, many hands make light work. We couldn't do it without you the members and all your help.

One thing that we all think was FUN, Chapter V had their Tuesday night ice cream ride and there were 22 bikes and a total of 30 people, many of which came from the fairgrounds. It seems like people more and more are arriving earlier every year even though the event doesn't start until Thursday, there were over a dozen campers arriving as early as Monday.

Wow! We have spoke with the fairgrounds and it looks like we will be going back there next year. One of the big reasons is that we received so much coverage from the Midland Daily News, several other businesses have asked to participate next year. The businesses seen how many people it brought into the community and we all know with people comes revenue.

We have explored other possibilities but none have been able to offer us the what we have here; a nice fairgrounds with nearby hotels, restaurants. However, we are still looking and have visited several locations that have not met expectations. We will probably have to go to several more before we find the right one.

As many of you know, the theme for next year is Red Green how can that not be fun. We are planning some new things, some things from old and it seems like we are getting back to the idea of just having fun, relaxing and doing some riding with our friends. Don't forget we are always open to new ideas.

We are looking forward to the Fall Officers meeting scheduled for Saturday November 9th at the Lexington of Lansing. There we will discuss things we would like to do and the things we would like to change. Remember, this is your organization we are just here to organize things and provide you with a place and opportunity to have fun. You have to provide the fun.

The input from Chapter articles for our quarterly newsletter has been awesome. Remember one of the best things you can do as a Chapter Director is to keep your people informed. As to what is going on and in this day and age it seems like email is the way. I know there are a few members who do not have email and in those cases just print one out for them.

We recently attended the Region D Rally where they introduced the new Region D Directors Lee and Kay Teiche, who are currently the Indiana Directors and will be stepping up at the end of the year. They are a great couple and a lot of fun.

We hope to see many of you at the Fall Officers meeting in November. Don't forget to get your logos ready for Wingless Weekend. We will be selecting a logo at the Fall Officer meeting.

Until then ride safe and smile it makes people wonder what you're up to.

Have a great Day :-)

Kim & Sandy Barger
Michigan District Directors

*******A Note from the Editor*******

I would like to personally like to thank each and everyone of our GWRRA members who have submitted an article or two, a little note, a joke, or opinion for our newsletter. We would like to encourage each and everyone to keep on doing so, and invite others to participate in the near future.

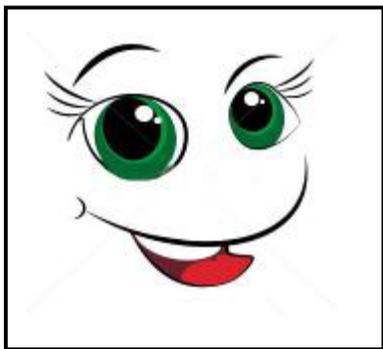


Keeping in mind, this is YOUR newsletter, this is why we want to hear from you. Our next newsletter will be coming out in January so start thinking about what you want to say. For those who say "I'm not a writer" Well you don't have to be one. We can help put it together if requested. The topic for the January issue, would be Tips and Maintenance, so guys and gals get your thinking caps on and jot down your thoughts as you check your bike over getting for your first ride of 2014. Your article doesn't have to be pages long or difficult. Just a paragraph or two is all we are asking.

I am anxiously looking forward to hearing from you in the near future with an article or two. Each issue that has come out so far. has had more and more member participation, Wawhooo! which is great. Mind you. the Chapter Director or their Assistants aren't the only ones who can submit an article, each and every member is cordially invited to submit an article as well. Even if the Chapter Directors or their Assistants have already submitted their article. The more who participate the better the newsletter will be.

We will however, not accept any negativity nor political opinions, the Editor and State Staff reserve the right not to publish such articles, after all, we want fun in our lives, not soap box rhetoric.

Thank you Again for your participation
Rowena McAfee
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District Newsletter Editor



Kathleen Heibal
Master LTP Trainer Emeritus

What is Leadership Training?

And

What can it do for you?

When I talk to members about the Leadership Training Program, I tell them that it is for all members. Not just for members wishing to become leaders in our Association. The Leadership Training Program is one of the benefits that comes with your membership, and like I say, it is one the best free benefits of your membership.

There are many programs (curriculums) available to you. Yes, we want trained, knowledgeable leaders. That is why we offer the **Officer Certification Program**. In this curriculum, you will learn about the GWRRA structure but more importantly the “Why” we do what we do. The OCP will help you understand why GWRRA is different from other organizations. Members taking the OCP will gain a better understanding of the role of an Officer and how every member can have a vital part in the success of their chapter. When we know better, we do better.

The Horizon’s Program is offered to give a great over-view of our Association, and provide information to potential leaders and all members. It provides many skills that will benefit your experience as a GWRRA Member, as well as your every day life. Who couldn’t improve on communication skills? “Horizon’s” will help you become a better team member.

The Leadership Training Modules are short (20-45 minute) lessons on many topics. The modules are designed to be presented at gatherings at the Chapter, District or Region level. They are divided into series of modules called “Programs”. The **Chapter Life** Program helps all members to understand the role of the CD and how chapters are organized, explain the Rider Education program and many things that you may need to help a Chapter function better.

The **Member Orientation** program offers information on member benefits, and the structure and history of GWRRA. This section provides the member with information to help them understand the Association they have chosen to be a part of and how to make the most of their membership.

The **Life Skills** Section helps everyone with skills needed to better their every day life. These include: Time and Stress Management, Listening and Communicating, Remembering Names and Public Speaking basics. Improving your Self Esteem can and will improve your success.

Three levels of **Chapter Leadership Skills** are offered to help all volunteer leaders and members develop and refine the skills necessary to be an effective leader both inside and outside of GWRRA. They include modules such as; Chapter Finances, Motivating and Managing Volunteers, and High Impact Leadership skills, as well as many more. Things are always evolving, so modules will be changing and upgraded. Be prepared for newer and updated versions coming to you soon.

Helping all members gain the most of their GWRRA experience is really what the Leadership Training Program is all about. Your paid membership places many doors (opportunities) in front of you. Take advantage of any and all of them. You never know where it may take you. Becoming a LTP “instructor” is one of those opportunities. As with all GWRRA programs, talk with your District Team members to learn more.

I am very willing to talk (lots I’ve been told) about the benefits of “Leadership Training”. If you would like to learn more or find out how a module can be brought to a Chapter near you, don’t hesitate to give me a call. You can contact me via the Michigan District website. All GWRRA Leadership Training is offered FREE of charge to all members.

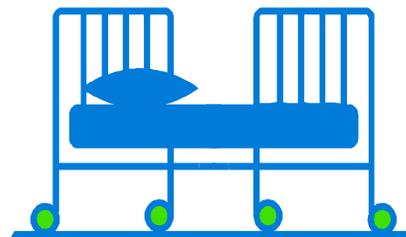
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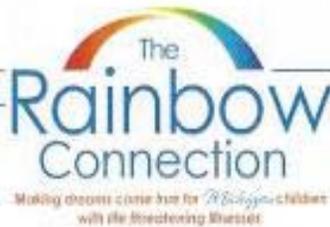
ATTENTION

GWRRA

MEMBERS AND NON-MEMBERS

**PICK YOUR COSTUMES FOR
WINGLESS WEEKEND
THEME THIS YEAR IS
LONG TIME CARE**





August 30, 2013

Mr. and Mrs. Bergeron
GWRR of Michigan
6524 N. Swede Road
Rhodes, MI 48652

Dear Mr. and Mrs. Bergeron,

Thank you for supporting Michigan children with life threatening illnesses by hosting the Gold Wing Road Riders Rally to benefit The Rainbow Connection, raising a grand total of \$6011. It is because of supporters like you that The Rainbow Connection is able to continue to make dreams come true for these brave children.

From something as simple as a shopping spree, to meeting the President of the United States at the White House, or the most requested wish of all, a trip to Disney World, we make dreams come true throughout the year. The Rainbow Connection is a 501 (c)(3) charity that also offers support services through our Special Response Program and college scholarships to all Wish Children.

The Rainbow Connection depends exclusively on the kind generosity of our supporters, community groups, and area schools for their continued commitment and dedication to making dreams come true for Michigan children. We truly appreciate your support and compassion for The Rainbow Connection.

Most sincerely,

Mary Grace McCarter
Executive Director

Maureen O'Reilly
Special Events Coordinator



Ben & Mary Gawrylowicz
Enhancement
District Coordinators

Membership Enhancement

Hi all,

The last article we wrote we were talking about the upcoming Michigan Rally/Convention. And now it's over! How fast did that go??? We hope you all had a good time,

'cause we sure did. Never seen so many people go to jail in one short weekend! Even the judge!!!! And what a good sport you all were. We all had a great time with it and raised lots of money for Rider Education.

And how about those stunt riders? Wow, definitely don't try that at home!!!! They were so much fun to watch, especially when myself and Farmer went up there and they did tricks around us, Mary said!!!

Remember, next year will be Red – Green. We don't know a whole lot about it, but we know it involves duct tape and that's right down our alley! We've been known to duct tape a few people here and there!!!! It sounds like it's going to be great fun.

And don't forget Wingless Weekend the first weekend in March. It's going to be at a new location, Bay Valley Resort, Bay City. Registration forms will soon be out. We know you'll have a great time there as well.

We just got back from Region D Rally/Convention and had a great time there. We would like to say thanks to Roger, Penny and their team for all they have done for our Region.

Our Michigan District Couple, Bill and Linda Diffin, competed at Region D. We are all so proud of them. They did a great job. They didn't win Region title but they will always be winners to us. Thank you Bill and Linda, Michigan District Couple of the Year.

And we also want to thank all you MEC's for helping to keep our membership going. We truly appreciate it. Keep up the good work and always make both new and old members feel welcome. It truly makes a difference. Thanks again and we'll see you on down the road.

Ben and Mary
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Ron & Micki Linn
MICHIGAN
DISTRICT TREASURER

District Treasurers

Hi everyone,

Well, riding season is winding down for this year. There is still time to get a few more rides in though. Micki and I went to Kim and Sandy's today and we were noticing all of the trees that have started to change colors. So get out there and ride and enjoy the last of the season.

We had a good size group from Michigan ride up to Ontario H's annual campout, called "The Knights of the Hatchet". Let me tell you this, IF you have never been there, MAKE PLANS NOW to attend next year's campout. They had three great rides that you could participate in. Sadly, there is not enough time to do all three. Two were scenic rides and one was a destination ride to the Bush Plane Museum in Sault Ste Marie, Canada. While you are there, you can join the "Knights of the Hatchets". I am sworn under oath not to divulge the secrets of the Knights, but I can tell you that once you are member, you will die laughing at what happens the rest of the evening. So mark your calendars NOW. Ontario's campout should be the first weekend after Labor Day Weekend, 2014. Don't forget to get your Enhanced Driver's License to get into and out of Canada. I think you will be talking about your experience for quite a while after you return back home.

The fall Officer's Meeting is coming up in November. We would like to see all Chapter Officers attend the meeting. That is where you can get a wealth of information. Chapters will be choosing the dates for their 2014 functions. So make sure that someone from your chapter is there to reserve your date. We hope to have the Rainbow Raffle Tickets there also. We have applied for a license from the State of Michigan and as soon as it is received, we will order the tickets. It is going to be tight. I hope we can pull it off. Please decide how many tickets your chapter wants to sell. I don't want to overburden chapters with tickets. But remember, this is where your chapter can make a good portion of the funds needed to put on your chapter events throughout the year. If you want advice as to how to increase your ticket sales, please see me at the officer's meeting and I will try to connect you with people or chapters that have great sales. The next thing up is Wingless Weekend at the Bay Valley Golf Resort in Bay City. This year's theme is "Long Term Care".

We are planning on having a great time ready for everyone. Be sure to get your registration in early for a chance at either a set of Raggedy Ann dolls made by Jan Smith (Judge Jan) or a clock made by Ron Smith. Cutoff for the Early Bird Registrations will be December 31st, 2013. All registrations will be due by January 31st, 2014. Registrations will be available through your Emails from your Chapter Director or on the Michigan District web site (gwrra-mi.org). YOU ARE RESPONSIBLE FOR ARRANGING YOUR OWN ACCOMODATIONS. Special Bay Valley Rates: \$ 74.00 per night for 2 double FULL SIZE beds or \$99.00 per night for a King-Suite. All rooms include the hot breakfast buffet. There are no queen sized beds available.

Be sure to mention GWRRA to get the special rates for our group. To Reserve Your Room, You MUST call 1-989-686-3500 to make your reservations. Hotel rates are in effect until January 28th, 2014. If you are going to get an event shirt, be sure to order them with your registration as there will be no On Site Sales at Wingless.

If you missed the District rally, you missed a great time. We had a jail cell where someone could be arrested and put in jail by Judge Jan (Smith). I think everyone there had a great time. We also had some stunt riders from the Grand Rapids area come to the District Rally and put on two shows for us. I know a lot of us do not care for “Crotch Rocket” types of motorcycles but you had to admire the way those guys could handle their motorcycles. What a great show! If you were one of those who could not attend the District Rally, ask someone who was there about the fun we all had. We hope to have an even greater time next year as the theme is “The Red Green Show”. So start watching the show and get your costume ready.

Finally, it is time for the Chapter’s to remit their portion of the Chapter Charter Fees. The Chapters again will have to remit \$50.00 for their share. The District will pay the other \$50.00 and do the filing. Make your check payable to GWRRA of Michigan. Please do not make out your check to me. Also, if your chapter check does not have your chapter letter as part of the payee name, be sure to write what chapter the check is from on the memo line in the lower left hand corner of your check.

Checks must be received by November 30th, 2013. Address for the checks to be sent to is: Ron Linn, 1345 Peachwood Dr., Flint, Mi 48507, Phone: 810-223-4404.

See ya at the Officers Meeting

Ron and Micki Linn
gwrrack@hotmail.com



Submit your entries for the Wingless Weekend Logo Contest



We are having a Wingless Weekend Logo contest. The theme is “Long Term Care”

Please email or bring your entries to the Fall Officer Meeting:

GWRRAMITeam@gmail.com

For a chance to win an entry to the 2014 MI Rally/Convention along with a Rally T-shirt.

Unfortunately, we are all getting a bit older so let’s have FUN with “Long Term
Care”

It’s all about the FUN!!



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

Assistant District Directors Northern Section

Hello Gold-Wingers

Living up here in the Northern Section is really great. We get to meet up with all of the other chapters who come North to see the fall leaves, enjoy our Halloween and Christmas Parties which by the way is great. Our Northern Chapters really know how to throw a party and the food they serve is fantastic.

In our section we have installed Floyd Bicker as the new Assistant Chapter Director for Chapter Q in Sault Ste. Marie, Michigan. All of us know Frank King, Q's Chapter Director, so when you meet Floyd give him a big welcome.

Chapter H, Sault Ste. Marie, Ontario, held their annual campout and installed a good number of us Michiganders in to the Royal Order of the Hatchet. "How come we are supporting the Canadians? In the past the Canadians have seemed to be separated from the United States Chapters, by a little thing called a border. The Canadians have attended, and I might say, participated in our Spring and Fall Officer's meetings, our Rally's/Conventions, Chapter events, and parties. The Canadians have become a part of Michigan in many ways. We held a Caravan in September to attend their campout as a kick-off event which turned out to be a fun for everyone. The food was delicious, the rides they provided was outstanding, and the friendships that was made was even better yet.

We also would like to say a Thank you to Ken Frechette, Chapter Director of Chapter H-Ontario, and to Frank King, Chapter Director, Chapter Q who don on their Canadian Mountie and Tribal Officer's uniforms to spend most of their rally time locking up Michiganders, the attending Canadians and even Judge Jan Smith !!! All the proceeds for the lock up went to Rider Education. Thank You Guys for an outstanding job. Now this is what I call having fun.

There is more of this kind of fun will be coming up this fall so be sure to be on the look-out for various event announcements.

Chapter Y, of Houghton Lake will be holding their annual Halloween/Anniversary Party again October 19th. If you haven't made your reservations yet, do so asap. They have put a lot of work into putting on their Halloween/Anniversary Party, which, this year will be a catered event with music. They have games, door prizes, and skits to present to their members and other attending chapters, so be sure to make your reservations. For more information, see their flyer at the back of our newsletter.

Chapter Y also hosted the summer section campout in Harrison this year. They had a good turn out, great food and best of all a lot of fun.

Next comes the fall Officer's Meeting on November 9th. It will be a one day event loaded with a wealth of information. We would like to urge everyone who might be stepping up in the near future to attend. This is where you get your answers to any questions you might have. At this meeting there will be break-outs into groups of the various officers. You can discuss any questions or problems with other chapter officers as well as the state staff.

Following the Fall Officer's Meeting, the Canadians will be holding their Christmas Party in Sault Ste. Marie, Ontario, on Sunday, December 8. Be sure to mark it on your calendar to attend if you can.

Chapter Q will hold their annual Christmas Party at the Lake Superior College in Sault Ste Marie, Michigan on December 14th. If you have never attended, you have really missed a fantastic time. Frank and his members know how to throw a party. There are laughs, great food, and a wonderful time. Be sure to contact Frank or Debbie to see if they have any reservations left. The last we heard the hall is filling up fast and you might miss out if you don't hurry.

After the Christmas doings subside, Chapter J-2 will hopefully be holding their annual after Christmas Party. We will be announcing the time and place in the near future. Chapter Z are also in the plan making stages and information will also be following shortly,

As you can see, there is still a lot to do so get out there and have fun!

Rowena & Doug McAfee
Asst. District Directors
Northern Section
Newsletter Editor

Heading for WINGLESS
February 28, 2014
Come and join all the Fun at the
Long Term Care Center





Terri & Farmer Rodgers
Asst. District Directors
West Section
Goodies

Assistant District Directors West Section

SO, YOU'RE THINKING ABOUT A TRIKE.

(Observations after 60,000 miles on a trike.)

The trike market has definitely made it's mark on motor-cycling, especially among Gold Wing owners. There are some very real differences when you slap on an extra wheel

or two on the back end of your bike. The following are some personal observations after a few miles of riding a trike.

WIDTH – The wider it is, probably the more stable it is. I've never tried to put a Hannigan in the air before (rapid spiral maneuver) but I'll bet it is hard to do. You also have to consider dragging that extra width through the air. Maybe that's why some manufacturers offer an auxiliary gas tank.

LENGTH – This can change your ground clearance over BIG drop-offs (curbs) and trying to get it into your toy hauler. Lengthening the wheel base and front end modifications (rake kit) makes your bike longer and changes how it handles. I've always wondered about the extra stress on the front of the bike but haven't seen any failures, yet. But when you try to get over big things in the road or try to get into the toy hauler, you will bottom out much sooner than an unmodified chassis length. Ask any trucker that has hung-up a low-boy trailer on a railroad crossing. Making loading easier can be accomplished by backing your rig into a small hill, raising the nose of the trailer or parking it in a low spot to decrease the angle of approach. It's embarrassing when you are halfway into the trailer and your bike is stuck on the frame at the top of the ramp. (I bought mine to ride, no trailer queen here.) A belly pan may not be a bad idea either. It's cheaper than repairing anything low on the bike (coolant return tank, etc.).

A 1500 vs 1800 – Now there are some very real differences here. Of all three of my Wings, the 1500 was the most forgiving of the three. Smooth power delivery of the 1500 over the jerkiness of fuel injection in a low speed maneuver on an 1800 is very different. Judicious use of the clutch helps with this problem (especially during Amazing Team Challenge). Fuel economy of fuel injection is a big plus as is the extra power available of the 1800 made it a no-brainer for me. We ride two-up and pull a trailer almost everywhere we go. There are a lot of used 1800's out there now so make it a consideration.

To RAKE or not to Rake – Steering is much easier after changing the rake of your motorcycle. Unless you have the strength in your shoulders to fight the bike at speed, I could see this as a good thing. This is especially a plus in areas like Deal's Gap where no rake on a bike becomes a workout. Raking does affect the radius of a turn. In low-speed maneuvers most people become proficient enough that they can make it through Amazing Team Challenge course just fine. There are some exceptions. Sandy Barger's "SASSY" will never be able to do those tight turns.

STABILITY AT SPEED – There’s no question that it is very hard to drop a trike at parking lot speed, unless the add-on kit fell off. But at typical riding speeds a trike is less stable than a two-wheeler in corners. Case in point - it does NOT lean into a corner. Especially dangerous are rapid decelerations on a steep down-hill curve. You are balancing the entire weight of the load on your front wheel and if you have not used all the brakes you have early enough, it is VERY EASY to ROLL the bike completely over or necessitate drifting over the center line. An unfortunate couple found this out on Deal’s Gap by stuffing their bike under an on-coming boat that was on a trailer through the Gap.

Coming out of sharp turns is another story. Accelerating after the apex of the corner is a full-on throttle thrill. You feel like you are glued to the road especially if you are pointed uphill. The advantage of a trike over a two wheeler is especially apparent when the last part of the corner is covered in sand or gravel. Power sliding the trike is better than sliding on the side of the two wheeler. Actually, it can be quite FUN.

SOLID AXLE VS IRS – Independent rear suspension (IRS) has its pluses and minuses. Hard cornering on a solid axle is more stable than an IRS rig due to the slightly more outward roll of the suspension. Some are better than others. Air ride on a solid axle can also mimic this situation if the setting is too soft. Proper suspension adjustments on any bike will make it what you want it to be. Air ride is definitely a fine ride when all is well in the world.

BUMPS, another HOT subject, is best explained by a recent article in “Wing World”. A big bump is still a big bump and they are hard to miss when you have three (or four) wheels on the ground. Get over it, SAFELY.

The above article is just my observations after riding a no rake hard axle 1800 for over 60,000 miles two-up and pulling a full trailer. There is no real science here and opinions will vary about the choice of a trike (or 4-wheel) conversion over a conventional motorcycle and I have limited experience on other manufacturer products. But after a couple of incidences in my life, it was the best thing I could do. I was not about to stop riding.

Ride Safe, stay safe.

Respectfully submitted for your reading pleasure (and the wrath of Rowena if I didn’t get this done on time, again).

FARMER @ Terri
(Gerald Rodgers)
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Gayle & Dennis Jisa
Asst. District Directors
East Central Section—Vendors

Assistant District Directors East Central Section

Time for Fall Activities

It's hard to believe but it's true----fall is here!! There are signs everywhere, leaves changing color with some falling and the cooler nights (dress warm!)

Bike rides whether short day rides or weekend color rides are the things to be doing now. Take a chapter ride to a Cider Mill (can't you just taste that fresh cider? And the fresh doughnuts—oh my!!). Living in Michigan gives us many great opportunities for a color locally or up north. Get out and enjoy what fall has to offer!!

Then there are the Progressive Dinner Rides, Pot Luck Gatherings, Halloween Parties, Hay Rides, and the list goes on. Get together with another chapter and do a dinner ride, bon fire, and don't forget the smores!!

Be sure to check out the google calendar so you don't miss out on the FUN! Chapter Anniversary Parties are going on and are a great way to continue the visits with old and new friends.

Don't forget to dress properly for the changing temperatures. A warm afternoon ride can quickly turn chilly once the sun moves down in the sky.

A date to remember is the upcoming **Fall Officers Meeting** to be held in Lansing at the Lexington on **Saturday Nov 9, 2013**. This is the meeting where you get to put your chapter's largest event on the calendar for 2014. Look for more information to follow from Kim & Sandy!

Get out and enjoy the FALL and ride SAFE!!

Gayle & Dennis Jisa

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ATTENTION: OFFICERS, AND MEMBERS

Plan on attending the Fall Officers Meeting November 9, 2013 at the Lexington in Lansing. Get valuable information at the Breakouts and take it back to your Chapters. Bring your concerns and Ideas to us, the GWRRA Michigan District Staff.—Looking Forward to Seeing All of You There.



Bob & Nancy Natter
Asst. District Directors
Southeast Section

Assistant District Directors Southeast Section

It won't be long till...

Yes it's true, summer is over. Most of the fun runs are history for this year, I'm sure there were some good ones. Did you make it to any of the Rallies this year? What about Wing Ding, I heard it was a little wet. Is it time to put up the bike

Yet? I don't think so! Fall is one of my favorite times of the year to ride. The weather might be a little cool in the morning, but it usually warms up just right by afternoon. Now is the time to go on that color run, apple orchard ride or just plain go for a ride to enjoy the weather.

This year at the Michigan Rally we added a couple of things to the Bike Show. This year we added the Bike Wash to encourage those that don't like to spend all day detailing their bike for the show. I think it is here to stay. We also added a category for "Dirtiest Bike", that turned out to be a lot of fun. There seems to be a lot of interest in becoming a certified bike show judge. There has not been a seminar done for this in a few years. I am working with the District Team to have a seminar available at next years Wingless Weekend. Look for it on the schedule once it is posted.

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RIDER EDUCATION

Michigan Medic First Aid® Update



Bruce & Mellisa Thayer
District Educators

Steve Gates, who has served Michigan as a Medic First Aid® Instructor / Trainer and as our District MFA Coordinator for many years now, has decided to step down. We thank Steve for

the years of support and training he selflessly provided to Michigan GWRRA members and we wish him every good fortune in the years ahead. Many thanks to you, Steve, for volunteering your time and expertise to help prepare others to save lives!

Our new District MFA Coordinator is Gary Williams from MI-J. Gary has been teaching MFA classes for the last two years. Thanks go to Gary for volunteering to take on this responsibility. I know he will do a great job for us all. Please work with Gary to schedule your First Aid / CPR / AED training events. The on-line MFA Class request form has been updated to reflect this change.

Additionally, we are altering the timing associated with scheduling Medic First Aid® classes. Beginning immediately the request form must be *received* by the MFA Coordinator (Gary Williams) at least 6 weeks in advance of the earliest date requested on the form. This will give everyone more time to make the necessary arrangements for the class, particularly lining up instructors and moving training equipment to the right place for each class. It is not too early to start planning now for your chapter's training needs this fall and winter. Get your forms in early to get your first choice of dates. Just as before, the Chapter Educator and Chapter Director must *both* sign the training request so there is no confusion at the chapter level as to what activity is scheduled.

As a reminder, the Rider Education Levels Program requires renewal of First Aid and CPR training every two years to remain current in your Level (for Levels III & IV). Regardless of what Level you are, we recommend that everyone take the class so you are prepared to help save someone's life when the need arises. You might be the only person around when a loved one or friend needs your help. Contact your Chapter Educator to let them know of your interest in taking the class.

Bruce & Melissa Thayer
MI District Educators
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Medic First Aid® Instructors Needed

Many of you have taken the Medic First Aid® training, which includes the latest CPR technique and use of Automatic External Defibrillator (AED) use, at your local chapter. You have seen that the material is largely on DVD with some hands-on training on manikins. With this in mind, I would like to ask if any of you are interested in becoming a Medic First Aid® instructor. We are taking applications for those who may be interested. Experience in the healthcare industry is *not* a requirement, but can be helpful. We will arrange for a training class as soon as possible so we can rebuild our staff of certified instructors. If you are interested, please contact Michigan District Educator Bruce Thayer at email address 1800mi.ridered@gmail.com.

University Trainers for Rider Education Needed

Are you interested in sharing safe riding information with your fellow members? Would you like to become a better public speaker when confronted with a room full of GWRA members (or any other group of *strange people*, I mean, strangers)? Perhaps you are just what we are looking for. The ranks of Seminar Presenters, as they used to be called, are thinning for various reasons. We would like to add a few more people who are strong supporters of the GWRRA Rider Education Program to our staff of presenters. The training teaches you how to stand up in front of a room of people and be confident in delivering the material contained in our Rider Education seminars. If this sounds like the kind of opportunity to help your fellow members that you have been looking for, please contact Michigan District Educator Bruce Thayer at email address 1800mi.ridered@gmail.com.



Training Season

The riding season is quickly winding down in our neck of the woods. There will be more good days for afternoon rides, and there are the color runs to look forward to, but soon after that it becomes time to put the bike to bed for its winter nap for most of us. At the very least, that means taking two steps to protect your ride for the coming period of inactivity.

- 1 - Filling the gas tank with fresh gas and putting a fuel stabilizer in it to keep it from *going stale* over the winter and leaving varnish deposits on delicate parts of the fuel system; and
- 2 – Connecting a charger to the battery.

There are certainly other good things your bike manufacturer suggests, such as changing your oil & filter after the last ride of the season to remove harmful acids found in engine oil (by-products of the combustion process), washing it to remove dried bug guts that could discolor the paint, and putting a cover over it. But this is not about preparing your motorcycle for its season of solitude. As noted earlier, you should check your owner's manual to find what steps your manufacturer recommends for preparing your bike for winter storage.

So how can we spend our time while waiting for the next riding season to begin? There will be a few holidays to spend with family, some anniversary parties and Christmas parties, and a New Year to ring in. And I would add the thought that personal training should take place when the riding season is over. Things like Medic First Aid® training and Team Riding and Co-Rider Seminars are all good ways to make the best of your time off-bike. This means planning ahead to allow sufficient time for the MFA Coordinator and Seminar Coordinator to arrange instructors and movement of the necessary equipment for the class.

With the recent loss of a couple of MFA instructors, we will need to make the best use of the instructors we have. How do we do that? Our MFA instructors can teach a maximum of 12 students per instructor. So with 2 instructors we can teach 24 students. That is the largest class size allowed, per Medic First Aid® rules. So work with your neighboring chapters to consolidate your classes and get up to 24 students together for each class. The other magic number is 12 for one instructor, which is also good. That means even a couple of smaller chapters can get together to optimize the class size for a single instructor. More students per class means we can get more students trained with fewer classes.

So please be responsive to the idea of training with another chapter in your area. And for the Chapter Educators reading this, please talk with your neighboring Educators and set up a class at a mutually convenient location for the benefit of all. The District MFA Instructors will appreciate your efforts. Thank you!

Ride Smart, Be Safe!

Bruce & Melissa Thayer
MI District Educators
1800mi.ridered@gmail.com





WEBMASTER & COY COORDINATORS

Ken & Patti Kintner
Web Master
COY Coordinator

Webmaster:

I would like to make sure all chapters have the information they need to upload their newsletters. Many of you already do this and it is greatly appreciated! If your chapter needs help please contact me! It can be a little confusing at first but after you do it a time or two it becomes very simple. Please give it a try and if you have problems – give me a call anytime!

It's probably best if the CD does the uploading – that way they can preview & proofread before it goes out. Either way the Chapter Director is responsible for the content.
Here are the instructions step by step...

Go to the district website and click the button at the top header (submit)

Then click the Logon to Newsletter Upload button.

Chapter to upload: enter (your chapter newsletter login)

Chapter Password: enter (Your chapter upload password)

If you don't know your login or password please contact me!

Next Click submit

A new page will open where you can click Browse button to locate your saved file that MUST be the same every month! It never changes!

(For example Chapter V's Newsletter name is: ChapterVNewsletter.pdf)

When you have selected the file click the Upload button. After the upload is finished you can click the logout button and or just close the window.

YOU DID IT!

THEN – email out a link to the online newsletter INSTEAD of attaching it to the email...

It sends out a lot quicker and the members will download their email much quicker... The link to your newsletter never changes and you can put it in the signature line of your emails like I do...

Example the Newsletter link for Chapter V is: <http://www.gwrra-mi.org/chapter/V/newsletter/ChapterVNewsletter.pdf> Note the last part is what your FILENAME must be (for chapter V)

Hope this helps... Any questions – feel free to call anytime!

Ride Safe!

Ken Kintner
District Webmaster
CD Chapter W
ken@vplenawee.com

Hello I'm Patti Kintner,

Michigan Couple of the Year Coordinator

We would like to reach out to all Michigan Chapter Directors and you Chapter COYs! We are preparing a Couple of the Year packet for each Chapter to get your couple involved in the District selection process. It's not hard. Yes there is some paperwork to fill out to start with. And yes we can help you with that! The rest is all fun!

You will meet the couples from other chapters and remember your experience with them for life! You will be representing Your Chapter and Your Chapter will be proud and YOU will bring pride to YOUR chapter – just for participating! Whether your goal is to be the next District Couple of the Year or not Ken & I would love it if all chapter couples would participate. Message to all members: Please encourage your chapter couple to participate and contact Ken & I with any questions they may have about the process.

The information will be given to each Chapter Leadership Team at the Fall Officer Meeting on November 9th. We need all members to support YOUR chapter Couples. Bring them to Wingless Weekend and be part of the selection process! Call Patti at 517-902-6222 or Ken at 517-902-8983 with any questions about the program and we will help your couple in any way we can!

Patti Kintner,
patti@plenawee.com

ATTENTION EVERYONE

LET YOUR OFFICERS KNOW OF ANY CONCERNS
OR IDEAS YOU MIGHT HAVE SO THEY CAN BRING
THEM TO THE FALL OFFICER'S MEETING.

SEE YOU THERE



Bill & Linda Diffin

Couple of the Year

THE 2013 REGION RALLY & THE COUPLE OF THE YEAR PROGRAM

Have you ever been to the Region Rally? Bill & I had not but one of the criteria for District Couple of the Year program is a willingness to participate at the regional level. Even though we

have considerably less experience than either of the other two couples (they have both been active in their respective states in G.W.R.R.A. 7 years or more than we have) we thought we would give it a shot.

So on Thursday morning September 12 Bill & I followed Don & Connie Smith down to the Region D Rally in Celina, Ohio. It was over 150 miles from Lapeer County where we all live. It was slightly cloudy when we left Lapeer but as we drove farther south the sun came out and the weather warmed up. When we arrived in Celina (pronounced with a long I) the temperature was in the high 70's and it was sunny.

We stayed in St. Marys, Ohio, very close to Ohio's "other great lake", Grand Lake St. Marys which is a man-made lake constructed in the early 19th century as a reservoir for the Miami and Erie Canal, which connected the Ohio River with Lake Erie. Grand Lake covers 13,500 acres but it is very shallow, with an average depth of 5 to 7 feet. I was really interested in the lake which was at one time the world's largest man-made lake. There is an Ohio State Park on the lake for those who might be interested in camping.

After we checked into our motel room we went on into Celina and the Mercer County Fairgrounds where the Region D Rally was held. In the Hospitality Room where registration was happening it was quite obvious that the theme had something to do with the military. There were 4 wooden, 3 foot high figures: an Army soldier, a sailor, a marine, and an airman up in front of the room; there were tapestries on the walls from the Army, the Navy, Coast Guard, Marines, and Air Force; on each of the tables was either a sailor, a soldier, an airman, or a marine about 1 foot high made out of a walkway paver with a hat or a helmet, nose & ears made out of wood attached and the face and uniform painted on (there were about 20 of them). The rally theme was "Tribute to the Armed Forces." We were given booklets with our registration packets with coupons for local restaurants, gas stations, and stores.

After registering we rode around the camp grounds looking at the campsites and then we went to the vendors --there were quite a few with some displaying items of interest to the ladies as well as the guys. We ate supper at an older pub in downtown Celina which was very picturesque with tile floors and decor from a former era; it had outdoor tables as well but we were glad we opted for inside dining when the rain caught up with us. We sat at a table by the huge windows and spent some time looking out at the main street and the older buildings while we waited for our food. I remember the food was good and the coupons were helpful with the bill.

As we knew the Couple of the Year selection process would start early Friday morning we went back to the motel to watch T.V. and relax until we fell asleep Friday night.

At 8 A.M. Friday Bill and I were at the fairgrounds where we were interviewed by the Directors of the Ohio and Indiana districts after some time with the other district Couples of the Year, Tim & Linda Fleming (the region D Couple of the Year Coordinators) and Mike & Penny Kadinger the 2012-2013 Region D Couple of the Year in the kitchen off the side of one of the main halls. After our interviews we took a little break and then came back to the kitchen where each couple was to choose a paper bag (there were 3 bags, 2 blue and 1 red), I chose 1 of the blue bags; inside the bag was 2 key chains in tiny plastic bags, a tube of hand cream, tiny bottles of waterless hand cleaner, and some miniature candy bars.

On 1 of the key chain bags was a number; of course I chose number 1!! To begin the selection program all 3 couples, Tim & Linda, and Mike & Penny went into the larger room and up on the stage. After we were all introduced Mike & Penny sat down in the audience, the other 2 couples went back into the kitchen and Bill & I stayed on the stage with Linda & Tim. All 3 District Directors were in the audience (they were the judges); I don't remember what Bill & I said except it was a shorter version of what we said at Wingless Weekend. I do know I was not as petrified as I was at Wingless, we each had a microphone and the audience laughed a lot. Then we went back into the kitchen and David "Grumpy" Williams and Kay Fitzsimmons (the couple from Indiana) came out and gave their speech and returned to the kitchen and Rudy & Linda Copeland (the couple from Ohio) went out and gave their speech. When all the speeches were done I remember this great feeling of relief--all the stress was over until opening ceremonies and waiting to find out who would be Region D's Couple of the Year for 2013-2014 would not be nearly as stressful as the speeches!!

After the program Bill & I went to talk to Niles Robinson (1/2 of the former Indiana Couple of the Year, producer of Couple of the Year Day Camp, and a judge @ Wingless last year when we were selected as Michigan's Couple of the Year). He said he could tell being Michigan's Couple of the Year for 2013 had done a lot for me because at Wingless "you couldn't get Linda to talk and @ region selection you couldn't get her to stop." To me, that was hilarious I was just so glad the speeches were over!!

Opening ceremonies were held in the grandstand; all 3 couples sat in the front row behind and to the left of the podium facing the grandstand; in the row behind us was the Mayor of Celina, the Chief of Police, the Director of the Better business Bureau, and the fairgrounds Manager who each spoke and welcomed G.W.R.R.A. to Celina and each received a plaque from Roger Hurley and the Region D team. After their speeches it was announced that Ohio Couple of the Year: Rudy & Linda Copeland were the new Region D Couple of the Year!

I was very happy for them and hugged them both. I have really enjoyed being at the various rallies with them and judging campsites with them and getting to know them a little bit!! Bill & I have felt very honored to be Michigan's Couple of the Year and to be part of the District team and are looking forward to remaining so for the next 4 & 1/2 months.

After the 2013-2014 Couple of the Year selection, Roger gave a speech and introduced his grandkids, Mother and Sister because He & Penny are stepping down as Region D Directors at the end of this year, this was his last rally as Director. He wanted to honor the veterans while he was Director; it was called a tribute and salute! His Mother bought pins for the vests of each veteran. Dale Hudson asked each veteran to stand and come down to the right side of the podium as their branch of service was called and he called them all: Army, Navy, Marines, Air Force, Coast Guard, and National Guard; while they were coming down their service anthem was playing and Dale gave a short history of that military branch. Roger gave them their pins. Then there was a 21 gun salute!! After that Lee Greenwood's song "God Bless the U.S.A." was played and we all sang. It was Very Impressive and Patriotic and just goes to show Roger's dedication and loyalty to all veterans.

After Opening ceremonies there were hot dogs and beans for supper , then entertainment by singers "Spitting Image" and later a sky lantern launch which is always awesome and beautiful! Like most rallies there were LTP seminars and RE seminars both days and a wonderfully filling food court with homemade ice cream made right on the spot. Then Closing Ceremonies on Saturday and a light parade Saturday night!! It was all very interesting and fun!! Ask me about the restaurant called "Casey Jones".

In closing I want to quote Tim & Linda Fleming because what they have said is very important: "Don't ask who would like to be your Couple (of the Year), you choose and surprise them, they will feel so honored! I hope that every Chapter in the Region will consider choosing a Chapter Couple".

Linda Diffin
Michigan District Couple of the Year
2013

Michigan Chapter-G, Grand Rapids

The Midnight Riders



Sunshine, Ice Cream, Midnight Ride Oh My! What a great time Chapter G had during the last three months. Starting off with Fathers Day and a nice ride to McKenna's in Lakeview for brunch. On June 22nd we rode to MI-G2's spud lunch and SPUD activities.... I learned, or at least tried to put makeup on my wife; we didn't take first but I think she looked pretty good? Enough said about that event.

June 30th we gathered for breakfast and headed for Wing Ding. Jane and I found out that our newly purchased rain suits were well worth the money spent. Twelve (12) straight days of on and off rain will damper the best of riders. Wing Ding is always very interesting and there was even a break in the weather for about a two hour ride in the country. We no sooner arrived back at the hotel, when yes you guessed it, RAIN again!

July more rides to include Deep Fried Oreos, and of course more ice cream.

On August 16th at the stroke of Midnight, all of our planning, trips, phone calls came together as we welcomed the riders for the 27th annual Midnight Ride to benefit JDRF and help find a cure for diabetes. Thank you to all GWRRA Chapters, volunteers, riders, sponsors and all who helped make the 27th Ride, one to remember. If you were not able to make the ride and would like to support our efforts and help JDRF at the same time, we still have T- shirts, Teddy Bear Pins, and year bars available if you'd like one. You can e-mail our Chapter Directors, Ezra & Marilyn Bostic at: bosticez1@sbcglobal.net with your order.

Bob Ungrey GWRRA-MI-G
Reporter for the District Newsletter



Chapter H—Sault Ste. Marie, Ontario Canada

Hello from Chapter H Ontario

We would like to thank Kim and Sandy and all the Michigan staff along with all our Michigan friends for coming to our annual camp-out. I hope you all had as much fun as we all did. Welcome to all the new Knights of the Hatchet. It seems that with success there comes failure. We are looking for a new venue for next year's camp-out. The campground wanted an increase of \$200.00 dollars for the rental of the igloo and \$5.00 a person for anyone not camping at the campground. We thought this was a little too much and are now looking elsewhere. I will hopefully have the Hatchet. It seems that with success there comes failure. I will hopefully have something arranged before the Officer meeting in November. So if you have already booked a spot for next year at Blueberry Camp ground you may want to cancel sorry for the inconvenience, we will still have a camp-out somehow or some way and a Knight of the Hatchet ceremony.

Ken and Kathy Frechette Senior Chapter Directors
Chapter H Ontario

F-2 A Well-Run Chapter

By: Frank Beaven
MI F-2 Wing News Reporter



Chapter F-2 has just finished a beautiful fall color ride in northern Michigan. We had 10 bikes and 19 members participate on an overnight ride. It was planned and well run, Even the weather cooperated with us this year. My wife and I had great fun on the ride, it got me to thinking about our group and how much fun we have participating in a well-run GWRRR Chapter, as Michigan F-2. Our leadership encourages member participation and makes it fun when we do participate.

We have breakfast rides several times a month, regular dinner rides on a weekly basis and we schedule visitation rides to other chapters in our section. We also schedule midday retiree rides for good measure. Our staff throws in Friday night rides occasionally just for the fun of it. We also have a long ride on Monday afternoons that we call the Wet Burrito Ride to a restaurant in Houghton Lake, Michigan. It was organized to keep good relations with retirees from our area who moved north in their retirement, also for good fellowship and fun. We also had a great ride this summer and captured our district's traveling plaque and enjoyed the hospitality of the host Chapter N. We also had good participation at the MI District rally, including selling 6,000 tickets for our District fundraiser. We sent a good sized group to Wing Ding this year. I was able to take the road captains course. thanks to the Rider Education staff.

As I was thinking about the fun that Shirley and I have had with chapter F-2 this summer I realized that these things did not just happen by chance. We have at least 22 different people listed as chapter staff on our newsletter. It makes you realize that a well-run chapter depends on participation by chapter members. So when a Chapter Director, Assistant Director, Editor, or Ride Coordinator asks you for help with some project say YES! You will find that it adds to the fun and fellowship you have in your chapter.

Frank Beaven
MI F-2 Wing News Reporter



A little story to make you smile from Chapter C

One winter morning a couple was listening to the radio over breakfast. They hear the announcer say, "We are going to have 8 to 10 inches of snow today. You must park your car on the even-numbered side of the street so the snowplows can get through." Norman's wife, Annie goes out and moves the car.

A week later while they are eating breakfast again, the radio announcer says, "we are expecting 10 to 12 inches of snow today, you must park your car on the odd-numbered side of the street, so the snowplows can get through." Norman's wife goes out and movers the again.

The next week they are again having breakfast, when the radio announcer says "We are expecting 12 to 14 inches of snow today. You must park... Then the power goes out. Norman's wife is very upset and with a worried look on her face she says, "Honey I don't know what to do. Which side of the street do I need to park on so the snowplows can get through?"

With the love and understanding in his voice that all men who are married to BLONDES exhibit, Norman says...”Annie, Why don’t you just leave it in the garage this time.”

For now, Ride safe, so you can ride again

Diana Lancaster
Chapter C
Floral City Wings



Greetings from Chapter W

Our famous Toy Run was held on September 8th this year and what a great day it was! First to note was the weather. Having held our event in everything from heat waves to snow squalls, for a change 2013 was perfect weather. The Chapter came together to set up the tents, chairs and prize tables plus cook up some tasty food for the hungry participants. As usual, toys collected for “Toys for Tots” and money raised for other charities will be helping to make the holidays bright.

The bikes and riders came with all makes and models including big ones and their smaller counterparts. That is one unique feature of Chapter W’s annual gathering, it’s never just Wing riders. And then there are the prizes. Some win the 50/50 drawings, others the clock from Rider’s Ed and one lucky winner goes home with new tires. The Chapter members are professional door prize collectors – no rider goes home empty handed.

It is always great to see friends from years past and catch up on their news. We reminisced about those who we “always see at the toy run” but this year were missed. After all this was the 29th year so things cannot help but change a little.

But never fear, the fun never changes. And next year on the second Sunday in September we will do it all over again!

Even though riding season is getting towards the end, Chapter W continues to meet for Wednesday night dinners at area restaurants. After all, we gotta eat! Be sure to check out our calendar on line to see where we go next. It is always nice to have our friends join us when we are out and about the nearby towns.

After all the Christmas parties and winter blahs, the guys will head South next Spring. It is their way of dusting off the bikes and sharpening their riding skills before the full blown riding season starts. Contact Chapter W if you would like more information on the plan for 2014.

Finally Chapter W would like to wish Johnny Sell happy days in Heaven. No doubt he is tooling around up there having a great time on a Goldwing waiting for us to join him someday. As one of the longest members in the Chapter he will be missed.

Submitted by Susie Stoddard, Chapter W - Wing News Reporter



Chapter Y—Houghton Lake, Michigan

Wings of the North

Hello Everyone from Chapter Y, "Wings of the North" in Houghton Lake.

It has been an exciting year for our Chapter with many events and rides to enjoy. I would like to share with you a few of the things we did this summer that seemed to be favorites with our chapter.

We have had several camping trips and have had great attendance. I have always enjoyed camping, but I like my conveniences (bathroom, shower, microwave, fireplace, etc.) so we NORMALLY camp in our 38 ft. 5th wheel camper. When my dear husband suggested that we purchase one of those Aspen pop-up motorcycle campers, I was instantly frozen with terror! No bathroom or closet to hang up my clothes? No refrigerator or TV? This sounded awful, especially coming from someone who said he would NEVER sleep in a tent. (Actually I think his exact words were, "I will never sleep on the ground"). I didn't think he would really consider this type of trailer, so I was surprised when he bought it. And I was prepared to hate really "roughing it".

Needless to say, after the first campout I was HOOKED! Now I am packed and ready to go at any time. Although I still love my 5th wheel camper, this kind of camping is a lot of fun and so easy to do. When we set up camp, people always come around and want to know how we manage to carry "all that stuff". If you have never camped in one of these trailers, consider giving it a try, you will be hooked too. We have several new campers in our chapter and we are having a blast.

We had a very successful "Progressive Dinner Ride" again this year. Our first stop/course was appetizers at one house. The second was salads at the next house. The third was the main course which consisted of hamburgers, hot dogs, and corn on the cob. The next house had an ice cream sundae bar set up for us along with a beautiful cake decorated with our chapter logo. We all had a great time and beautiful weather. We hope to do it again next summer with different people hosting and a different menu.

Last year we visited Ocqueoc Falls in Onaway and a suggestion was made to have a picnic there, so we took a grill and hot dogs and a few sides and had a really nice day. The falls are really nice and on warm days, people swim and play in the river. It is a State Park that has been improved in the last year making it easily accessible to almost everyone with ramps and sidewalks.

We are looking forward to our Anniversary/Halloween Party on Oct. 19th. We are having a catered dinner, music, dancing, and entertainment. See our flyer for details.

Be safe,

Ron & Jackie Tidball
ACD's Chapter Y



CHAPTER V, FREELAND, MI

Scootin' Along with CD Rick

If you missed it, Saturday October 5th was the anniversary party for our Chapter. It was a fun time, with all the games and great food. We inducted 33 new members into the Viking Road Warriors. Thank you to all of you that attended and a very special thanks to all that worked so hard on the party; it was a success because of you!

At our anniversary party, we announced the Chapter V 2014 Couple of the Year – congratulations to Len and Connie Meisel! They are our Rider Educators and will be a super COY! If you don't recognize their names, you will their faces – they were the best dressed couple at the District Rally.

If you have not been to Chapter H Ontario for the Knights of the Hatchet, I would highly recommend it. There were approximately 12 bikes that left for Sault Ste. Marie Ontario Friday morning September 6th. It was a very nice day for a ride. Saturday, H-ON offered 3three very nice ride choices. Thankfully, the weather that moved in Friday night cleared and we had a great ride to Old Women's Bay for lunch. We enjoyed a very nice ride along the lake. They put on a very nice dinner; then, they initiated a lot of us into the Knights of the Hatchet. Sunday, the ride home got off to a "somewhat" rocky start. Some were not happy with the tour of downtown Sault Ste. Marie, ON that our District Director led... something about seeing the same building four times. Guess if you were not there you will have to find someone that will talk (won't be hard to do I'm sure – Joy thinks that Bob Scott from J2 offers the best version).

Joy and I attended the Region D Rally. We did get some nice rides in and even took first in one of the games. We had a good time and Roger Hurley and his family handed out very nice pins to all the Veterans in attendance (and there were a LOT).

September 24th was the last Tuesday night ice cream ride for the year, and yes, the Chapter did buy (thanks to our sponsors Buckfire & Buckfire) for those that showed up.

We had two Friday Night Lights; they were a lot of fun and we had several people stop and look at the bikes.

Well, it may be the time to start thinking about putting the bike away and driving on 4 wheels, but that does not mean the fun ends. Please make sure you keep an eye on the calendar; we have card parties (still have a slot or two to fill), anniversary parties and dinner rides to attend, as well as Wingless Weekend and lots more.

Until next time, come out and have fun.

Rick Hebner,
Chapter V Director

GWRRA-MICHIGAN EVENT CALANDER

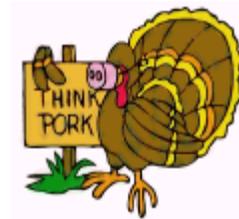
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OCTOBER

DATE	EVENT	WHERE
6	Chapter K2 Color Ride	Traverse City, MI
12	Chapter F-2 Anniversary Party	Clio, MI
19	Chapter Y Anniversary/Halloween	West Branch, MI

NOVEMBER



2	Chapter A Anniversary Party	Roseville, MI
9	FALL OFFICER'S MEETING	LANSING, MI
28	Thanksgiving	

DECEMBER



8	Chapter H Ontario	Sault Ste. Marie CA
14	Chapter Q Christmas Party	Sault Ste. Marie MI
25	Merry Christmas	



HAPPY NEW YEAR

EVERYONE!



GWRRA Fall Officer Meeting



The Fall Officer meeting will be held on Saturday, November 9, 2013 from 10am to 4pm at the Lexington Lansing Hotel.

Lexington Lansing Hotel
925 S Creyts Rd
Lansing, MI 48917
Toll free [1-877-322-5544](tel:1-877-322-5544)

We will be selecting dates for the 2014 events. - Please talk with your team regarding a date for your event. At this meeting we will also have break-out sessions for officer training.

The Break-out sessions will cover:

CD & ACD
Rider Education
Treasurers
Membership Enhancement

This training is important to ensure all officers understand the expectations.

There will also be a logo contest for the Wingless Weekend theme "Long Term Care". So, submit your logo's soon to: www.gwrramiteam@gmail.com

Hope to see you there.

Kim & Sandy, District Directors &
Michigan District Team



October 2, 2013

Michigan District Team is taking Application for Trainers

We are sad to announce that Ed & Vicki Philo have decided to step down from the Michigan District trainer position. We appreciate all they have done and wish them the best in their new endeavors.

We are taking applications for Michigan District Trainers. The expectation is they will handle the seminar presentations at Wingless Weekend and the MI District Rally/Convention along with short presentations at the officer meetings. Trainers will be expected to handle OCP training when needed. The District Trainers will support the training needs as requested by the Regional Trainer.

For anyone interested in this position, please send us your name, address, years in the GWRRRA and your positions held along with a couple of paragraphs discussing why you would make a great District Trainer for Michigan.

Send applications to: GWRRAMITEAM@gmail.com

If you have any questions regarding this position, please contact us @ 1-989-689-5443.

Kim & Sandy Barger
GWRRRA District Directors



GWRRA



28 Years

Chapter Y's 28th Halloween/Anniversary Party

Saturday

October 19, 2013

Ogemaw Township Hall

1990 Gray Rd

West Branch, Michigan 48661

5 PM Social Hour 6 PM Dinner

Admission: \$35.00 per Couple, \$20 per Person
(In Advance by October 11, 2013 No Sales at the Door)

CATERED MEAL (coffee, tea, water, soft drinks provided)

Bring a door prize and receive a door prize
Cash prizes for Halloween costumes, (Male, Female, & Couple)
Skits and Games
50/50 Drawing & Loser Drawing

DJ Music and Dancing from 8 to 11

NO ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES

Contact or Send Reservations to:

Les & Ruth Gravlin

P.O. Box 184, St. Helen, MI. 48656

Phone# 989-389-0136

Checks payable to: GWRRA Chapter Y

Chapter Y's 28th Annual Halloween/Anniversary Party

DIRECTIONS TO HALL:

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.



COME ONE COME ALL AND JOIN THE FUN WITH CHAPTER Y'S HALLOWEEN
AND ANNIVERSARY PARTY. THIS IS A PARTY YOU DON'T WANT TO MISS!!!



Gold Wing Road Riders Association

Michigan District Wingless Weekend

February 28th to March 2nd, 2014

Bay Valley Resort

2470 Old Bridge Road, Bay City, Michigan 48706



"Long Term Care"

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

SPECIAL: 2 EARLY BIRD REGISTRATION DRAWINGS - A Clock or Set of Raggedy Ann Dolls by Ron & Jan Smith
EARLY BIRD REGISTRATIONS MUST BE POSTMARKED BY DECEMBER 31st, 2013
Registration Limited to 300 Persons - Envelopes MUST Be Postmarked No Later Than January 30th, 2014

GWRRA Member: ___ X \$ 33.00 Non-Member: ___ X \$ 43.00 Total: \$ _____
 Number of Meals: Broiled Salmon ___ Chicken Breast ___ Vegetarian ___ Special Needs: _____
 Assigned Banquet Seating: - Please Designate: Chapter: _____ Other: _____
 Note: If no choice is specified, seating will be assigned by the Michigan District Team

Wingless Weekend Shirts with Logo: All Shirt Sales Are With Pre-Registration ONLY !!
Sizes 2X and 3X are an additional \$ 2.00

Short Sleeve T-Shirt with Logo: \$ 12.00 each (\$ 14.00 for 2XL or 3XL)
 Small: ___ Medium: ___ Large: ___ XL: ___ 2XL: ___ 3XL: ___ T-Shirt Total: \$ _____

Short Sleeve Golf Shirt with Logo: \$ 20.00 each (\$ 22.00 for 2XL or 3XL)
 Small: ___ Medium: ___ Large: ___ XL: ___ 2XL: ___ 3XL: ___ Golf Shirt Total: \$ _____

Make Check Payable To: GWRRA of Michigan
 Mail Payment To: Ronald Linn, GWRRA 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)

Grand Total Enclosed: \$ _____

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

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

Signature: _____

YOU ARE RESPONSIBLE FOR ARRANGING YOUR OWN ACCOMODATIONS

Special Bay Valley Rates: \$ 74.00/NIGHT Double Beds (Full Only) \$99.00/NIGHT King Suite (All Include Hot Breakfast Buffet)

*****MENTION GWRRA FOR THE SPECIAL ROOM RATES*****

To Reserve Your Room, You MUST call 1-989-686-3500 to make your reservations. Hotel Rates Are In Effect Until January 28th, 2014.

I/We Do Agree To Conform And Comply With The Ideals Governing This Rally. And I/We Further Agree To Hold Harmless GWRRA, 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: _____

Co-Riders Signature: _____ Date: _____