



# MICHIGAN DISTRICT NEWSLETTER



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Greetings

It is great to say that summer finally seems to be here and we have been able to go riding with our friends. We have been to a couple different functions lately and enjoyed our friendships. The discussion of family has come up about brothers, sisters, different family members and on more than one occasion we have heard the comment that the GWRRA is like a second family.

In a couple cases they maybe closer than blood kin, I can relate to that since I don't see my family near as much as I see my GW family. Partially because they don't ride and we have chosen different life paths.

With family members we tend to overlook many of their faults, we still visit and talk but it's not with the same enthusiasm as when I am with my riding friends.

When Sandy was in her motorcycle accident the first ones there to help were our GW members. They came to the house, helped build a ramp, stayed with her while I went to work, took her to doctors appointments and whatever it took.

That reminded me, when a couple weeks ago one of our local Chapter members was in an accident. The Chapter held a special meeting to figure out what they would need help with and what they could do to assist their members.

They even called Sandy and asked what were some of the things that she thought would be more helpful. These are some pretty special friends, Now to my point this month, over the last couple of years we have become more involved in the organization and traveled to several Chapters, talked with many people from all over the state. We have learned that everything is not sunny days and flowers. Everyone does not always like everybody else all the time and that we are all just people. We all have flaws, yes even me and no I don't need a mailbox full with lists of them. So, the next time someone in your Chapter does something that you do not agree with, try looking at it from their point of view.

Did they do it with malice or did they just make a bad decision in your eyes. Maybe it was your oversight and what they said or especially what they wrote (you all know how that goes) looked ok when you hit the

Send button but, it was taken the wrong way by the reader.

We are all guilty of this whether we are the sender or the reader. Many times a cup of coffee, even an ice cream or a few minutes of face time and we can work out our differences. I know of one instance where two people were near the point of quitting, they sat down each explained there situation and the whole thing was a misunderstanding of a statement. They are now good friends so, the next time you are upset by something you read or heard, first make sure you understand the persons intent and then make sure you are calmed down, then give them the same courtesy you would give to your blood kin and overlook there faults as they overlook yours.

A wise man once said that friends are people we like in spite of their faults. Now get out there, go for a ride, spend some time with old friends and make some new ones.

PS: In case you think this was inspired by you it probably was not. These thoughts have been in my head for a while and it's just an observation over the last few years. I thought that with the riding season being here and lots of functions that maybe now was the time to write this. Besides, I only have 2 more newsletters to get out before we step down and I think this message is a very important one. Since, once you lose a friend **over something it's rare to get them back and none of us want to lose a good friend over something that** can be worked out.

Until Next Month  
Keep Smiling  
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# Membership Enhancement



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## Summer Just Around The Corner

We're really starting to see a lot of bikes out there with the weather getting a little better each day. If you're one of them be sure and watch out for the other guy, 'cause they forgot all about you over the winter and they're not paying any attention to you and your motorcycle!!! And not only the other guy, but also the animals.

Oh, and one more thing, do you have membership applications on your bike or person? If not, be sure and put some in your bike.

**You never know who you might run into! It's always fun to meet new people and it's always great to add new members. So, make sure you have some applications with you, not only on your bike, but whatever mode of transportation you're using! Let them know how much fun you're having and what great programs GWRRA has to offer. Before you know it, they'll be hooked. We're all Membership Enhancement! Now, go out and enjoy your ride!!**

Remember, the Michigan Rally/Convention July 31-Aug. 2. Red / Green is the theme. What a blast it will be!

**Also don't forget Wing Ding is in Madison, Wisconsin this year, July 2-5. Be sure and get your registration in if you haven't already.**

Now, I think I'll go for a ride!!!

We'll see you on down the road,  
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# Assistant District Directors Northern Section

Greetings from the Northern Section:

**“Spring has sprung, the grass has risen, Gee I wonder where the flowers are”** With all this rain, and still having cold weather it is hard to get warm enough for riding. At this time, we would like to extend our best wishes for a speedy recovery to Rick Hebner, Chapter V's CD. For those who do not know, he had an accident around Easter with his bike and ended up hospitalized with serious injuries. He is reportedly doing better and is now in Rehab.

Our thoughts and prayers are with him as he recovers. It shows that no matter how careful one is, accidents can happen. **The Hebner's have received a lot of support from their GWRRA family during this time.** In knowing this, it brings to mind just what GWRRA is all about. **It isn't just an organization of bike riders,** but a true, caring group of people, sometimes referred to as GWRRA Family. It is this family that sets GWRRA apart from all the rest. Rowena and I are proud to be members of such an organization. We will miss serving such a group as we step down in August but do plan on staying active as our health will allow.

As of June 6<sup>th</sup>, Chapter Z is planning on their annual campout at Camp Petesaga June 6 - 8 in Alan-son. Wayne has gone to a lot of planning with his membership to make their first campout of the season be a good one. Please show your support and plan on attending if at all possible., Contact Wayne for more information at [waylout4080@cjharter.net](mailto:waylout4080@cjharter.net) or by phone 231-629-9192. Let them know if you plan on attending so they can plan on enough food for all. We plan on attending and they have a good group to share the week end with.

Chapter Z is not the only chapter in the Northern Section that is busy planning their summer activities. J-2 is busy planning their Northern Section Campout, that will be held on June 27-28 at the Gladwin County Fairgrounds in Clare. Chapter J-2 **are working very hard to make this event special and from what I've heard about their plans, it will be one you wouldn't want to miss. They have an outstanding ride planned and good food to chow down on so be sure you mark your calendar for June 28-29<sup>th</sup>.**

J-2 will also be holding an installation of officers on July 10. They will be installing a new CD, Jerry and Sandy Tice, and new Assistant CD's Phil and Char Smock. **Jerry and Sandy will be replacing Bob and Kim Scott as CD's as Bob and Kim will be stepping up as the new District Directors.** We give our Best Wishes to everyone. Chapter Y is busy also finalizing their summer events so keep on the lookout for them. At present they are getting a group together to attend Wing Ding in Madison, Wisconsin. If you would like to make the trip with them, contact Duane Prince at 989-873-4053 or [dnlprince@core.com](mailto:dnlprince@core.com) to make arrangements.

Chapter Y will also be holding an installation for a new Rider Educator. Dave Becker will be filling the position on a temporary basis, until they can find a more permanent candidate. Thank you Dave for stepping up and helping out.

**Well today is one of those warm days we have been talking about and it's time to say good-bye** for another month. **We are going to get "Plum Crazy" out and go for a ride.** So on that note we will say we hope to see you on the road somewhere enjoying life as it should be enjoyed. Ride safe, have fun, and remember to say hello as you pass one another on the road.

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### **NOTE: MI Rally Early Registration**

Just a little reminder that the early bird registration is sneaking up, for the time is running out. June 1st is the deadline for the early registration for the MI Rally, so if your reading this send it in now and let them know it was in the mail. Remember that Red / Green is the theme and should be a crazy weekend, **also tickets are still available if you haven't bought any or someone need some...**



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# Assistant District Directors Northern Section

We are amazed that all that snow we had is finally gone, **we didn't think winter was ever going to come to an end** here in the Upper Peninsula. Well a few things have happened and there are some things still coming round the corner.

Chapter Ontario H is gearing up for a trip to Manitoulin Island on June 13/14 so make a call and hit the road...

Chapter Q is getting ready for some more ticket sales at Tractor Supply for their 4H days and Wal-Mart, so far it's working out pretty good.

Chapter Z is gearing up for their Chapter Campout at Petasega Campground in Alanson on June 6/7. Make your reservation and check in for a ton of fun, food and good camaraderie.

Chapter J2 is hosting the Northern Section Campout in Gladwin, MI at Gladwin County Fairgrounds on June 27/June 29. **I can't even begin to tell you all the fun, games, food; camaraderie that has been planned for you, guess you will have to drop in to check it out that weekend...make your reservation and get a ticket for fun.**

Extra, extra read all about it; just a note to say that there will be an Officers Installation of the new Chapter Directors Jerry and Sandy Tice and new Assistant Chapter Directors Phil and Char Smock for Chapter J2 on July 10th at the regular meeting (6pm lets eat and 7pm at VFW) see you there.

Debbie and I are going to miss out on Manitoulin Island ride and the Northern Section Campout; we are heading to California to visit with my sister and brother. My sister (oldest, 75) in LA had a heart attack **and so it's time to visit, I haven't been there since September of 2010. When we start home I will be stopping in Colorado Springs to see my other sister (55) (I have 4) she was the one who 3 months ago had a heart attack also.** I should have said that I have 10 brothers and sisters in my family, now you know why I **always have fun when I hang with everybody...just like family.**

We will be back just after the 4<sup>th</sup> of July, I know missed Wing Ding 36 also, we'll miss all the parades and gala but we will be here for some of the fun that July has to offer. We are looking forward to the Michigan Rally this year as much as you are; I haven't seen a Red/Green show ever. Ride Well, Be Safe,

I know I live up north, how did that happen...laugh, laugh. We had a lot of fun last year in "Cops & Robbers" as the Sheriff and Ken Frechette as the (OPP) Ontario Provincial Police when we put people in jail (a lot of members raised a few extra dollars to put the Judge Jan in jail, hehehe). This time I get to be "Goofy", oh I think I'm going to like this MI Rally. Well I guess it's time to get out of here before I drag this on and on, see you down the road.

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# lots of fun

# Good food



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# Assistant District Directors West Section



Bill & Linda Diffin  
2013 Michigan District  
Couple of the Year

## **It's Riding Time Again;**

We have been on more than one ride, I rode to Pontiac to take a ridding course so I stay current in the levels program. Linda and I road over the Holiday weekend and attended more than one cookout as well. The next ride we will be doing is from North Branch Mi. to Paris Mi, so that we can work on the house we are building, Only 150 or so miles.

Three other rides that are coming up are,  
MI G2 Spud Run June 21st,  
MI R2 Friends Poker Run June 22nd,  
MI N has Pizza in the Park Bike Run Aug 9th,  
MI G 28th Midnight Ride for JDRF Aug.15th-16th.

They are listed on the District calendar and don't forget included among these rides are the Indiana convention May 29th-31st, Ohio convention June 12th-14<sup>th</sup> and MI Convention July 31<sup>st</sup> thru Aug 2nd.

We hope to see you out at one or two of these rides if not all of them.

Have fun, ride safe and come home alive,  
Bill & Linda Diffin  
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## **Rider Courses;**

Speaking of tuning up your mental approach to riding, this is the Rider Course season, too. What better way to practice your skills than in a safe parking lot environment with several of your closest friends, and a couple of trained rider coaches? Whether you do a Parking Lot Practice with your chapter, or attend a Rider Course, it is a good way to re-familiarize your muscles with the techniques of executing braking, turning and swerving maneuvers.

The first two Rider Course weekends have been (or soon will be) completed about the time you receive this newsletter. The Ionia weekend was 5/3 & 5/4. The Pontiac weekend was (or is) 5/10 & 5/11. If you have not sent your application in yet, there are still three more training weekends. Grayling (6/14-6/15), Stockbridge (6/21-6/22) and Sault Ste. Marie (7/19-7/20) locations are on the schedule for June and July.

Print out the application in this newsletter, follow the instructions to complete the form, and mail it to the address given. Get your applications in early to be sure you get a spot. We look forward to seeing you on the range soon...



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## Assistant District Directors East Central Section

Upcoming Events from the East Central Section

**Chapter L has their annual "POT LUCK PICNIC IN THE PARK"** coming up on Sunday June 8th at Laylin Park 619 E Maple Street in Mason at 1 p.m. This is a **MUST** attend event if you love to **eat (who doesn't)**. **The tables are full of delicious food!!** Hot dogs, condiments, drinks, plates, cups and silverware are provided. They have a 50/50 drawing but there is no cost to attend.

**This is a nice small park with shelter so don't worry about the weather!! Hope to see you there!!**

Chapter E has their annual FUN RUN coming up later in June on Sunday the 22nd. This is at a NEW location this year. Brandon Township Community Park 1414 N Hadley Rd in Ortonville. Cost is \$8 one up and \$15 two up. First bike out at 10 a.m. and last one out at noon. Last bike back in by 2:15 p.m. There will be coffee and doughnuts before the ride and a lunch following. Hamburgers, hot dogs, lots of side dishes, chips and drinks are included.

Also returning is their Chinese Auction Baked Goods! Door Prizes, 50/50 and Poker Hands. This will be lots of FUN so come on out and join in a great ride in a country setting. August 29th -Sept 1st will be the EAST CENTRAL SECTION CAMPOUT & SUPERMARKET RIDE. The date was changed to Labor Day week end as people are always looking for that last camping location. This year it is being held at the Wesleyan Woods Campground 4320 Caine Rd in Vassar. Email: [camping@wesleyanwoods.org](mailto:camping@wesleyanwoods.org). Water/ electric sites are \$28 a night and you can call for cabin availability (989) 823-8840.

There will be 50/50, Chinese Auction, Bike Show/Light Parade, and something new a Pistol Shooting Range Contest (so come prepared!). Goody Bags to the 1st 100 bikes, for additional information see the **flyers for these events on the MI web site!!! Don't forget the MI Rally with the Red/Green theme this year. There will be a pot luck dinner on Friday night (food again...YES!!) Lots of great things planned and the flyer and registration forms are on the MI web site too (and most likely attached to this newsletter).**

Till next month, RIDE SAFE, and have FUN!!!

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# Assistant District Directors Southeast Section

The "Guy's Only Ride " was again a success. Of course we were rained on, but only for the afternoon on the trip down to Pigeon Forge. The weather continued to get better every day after that. We made the ride over to Maggie Valley, NC to visit the Wheels thru Time Museum.

I highly recommend spending some time there if you're in the area. The museum is the history of early motorcycles and just about everything else. Did you know that Indian Motorcycles also made chainsaws & out-board motors? Did you know that Harley Davidson made a horizontally opposed motorcycle engine? These are just some of the interesting items at the museum. As always the riding in the area is always fun..

For our way back on Saturday, we have found an interesting route thru Virginia and Kentucky. My GPS decided that it wanted to take a small detour further into Virginia. Once I realized that we had never taken this route before, it was too late. We rode a very nice 2 lane along side of the mountains that took us to a small town gas station. It was quite embarrassing to ask a local "what state are we in?" Once we fueled up and had lunch, the GPS took us up this highway to a spectacular view of the valleys on both sides. When I say it took us up, I mean a 6-9% grade for about 5 miles straight up. Before long we were back on our normal route enjoying the riding that we are used to.

On Sunday we had to contend with the winds in Ohio. Something we have come to know as normal. By the time I pulled in the driveway, 1650 miles of fun had clicked off on the odometer of the bike. I would say that a good start to the riding season.

Nancy & I will be attending the Ohio Rally in Xenia again this year. If you are there, stop by and visit. Ride Safe!

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# DISTRICT TRAINERS

Hello all.

**The riding season has begun and it's time to start getting those long** awaited rides in. We wish you all safe travels this season as we have already heard of a few mishaps this year. As far as leadership training in Michigan - we have a bunch of great people out there who have taken the Gold Wing University training course and now just need to be certified. To do this they will need to present one of the LTP or MEC modules in front of our Region D trainer Kathleen Heibel to get certified. Or a Rider Education module observed by Bruce Thayer.

There was an option talked about to capture your presentation on video for her to review and get you certified. Please let me know if you plan to do this so I can clear it with Kathleen first. Not trying to overstep training at Rider Ed but this is the time of year to get out there and promote motorist awareness! Tanya White and I have done a motorist awareness seminar for a local Service Club. If you (trainers) would like more information on motorist awareness please contact District Educator Bruce Thayer.

We will be emailing out a seminar request form to all the newly trained presenters and all CDs in the near future. So that chapters will know what is available and trainers can plan to get or keep their certification up to date. We are also in the process of selecting the seminars that will be offered at the Michigan Rally / Convention.

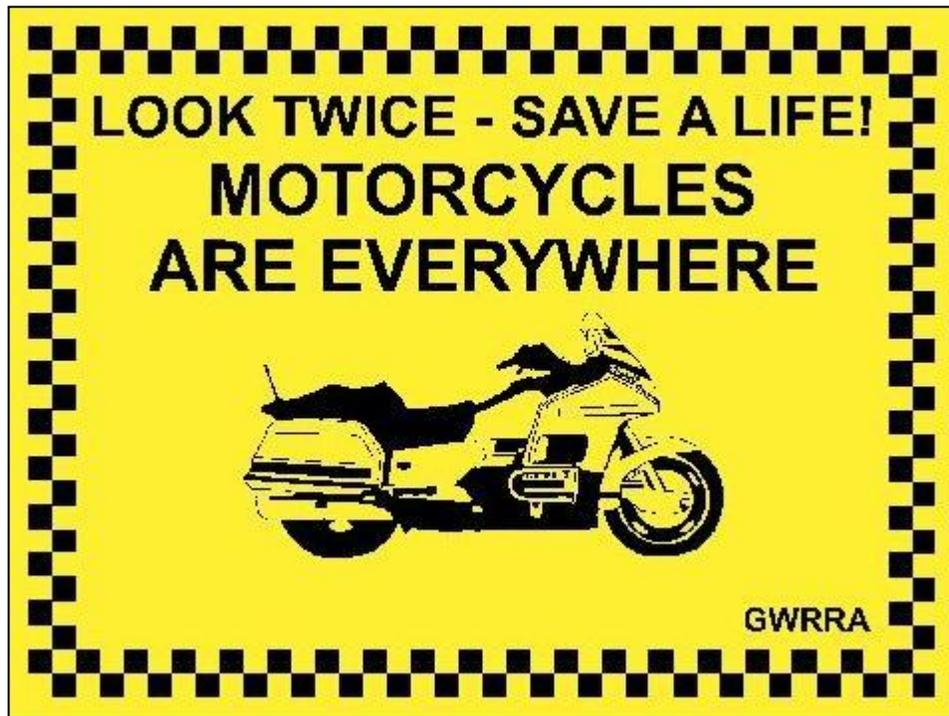
Now go have that great ride! And Be Safe!  
Ken & Patti Kintner  
MI District Trainers

# RIDER EDUCATION



Bruce & Melissa Thayer  
District Educators

## “Look Twice” Yard Signs



We have recently received an order of bright yellow corrugated plastic yard signs like the image above. District Rider Education is selling them for \$4.50 each. If you want to order some for your chapter to sell, please contact District Educator Bruce Thayer with the quantity you want. Payment by check or cash is accepted upon delivery. This does not include any shipping charges, so plan to make a trip to pick up your order. I will bring them to the Rider Course locations to help reduce your driving distance. They can be resold at a community event, or where you sell your raffle tickets. Buy one or two for your own yard, as well. This is a passive way to remind your neighbors and passersby that motorcycles are all around.

It is another way to educate your community to be aware of motorcycles. The signs measure 18” x 24” and come with a “double H” wire stand for display.

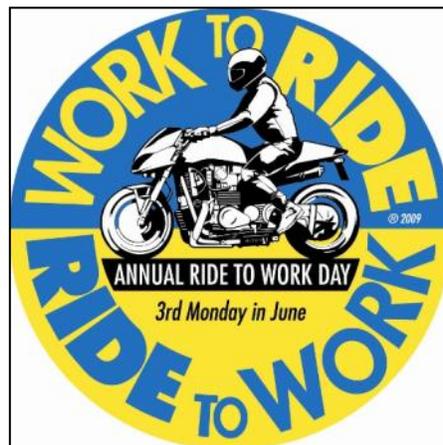
June - Ride to Work Day

Grayling & Stockbridge Rider Courses

4<sup>th</sup> of July - Wing Ding - Madison training opportunities - MFA, Rider Courses, Seminars (free!)

Riding Season is in Full Bloom

Everyone in our great state of Michigan should be able to wheel their favorite ride out of the garage or shelter by now without worrying about snow or ice on the highways or in the shaded 2-lane curves through **the forests and elsewhere (including those of you in da UP, eh?)**. After all, this is June! We've gotten past Memorial Day, temperatures are soaring though the 40s and beyond (really, Marquette!), and kids will be out of school soon. Next thing you know, it will be summer! Folks will be taking vacations with their families and driving in areas that are unfamiliar to them, and that includes visitors to the Great Lake State. So watch out for those driving vehicles with out-of-state plates. They may do some unexpected things on the road. Give them plenty of space whether you are in your car or on your bike.



June also brings us Ride To Work Day. This, the 23<sup>rd</sup> annual day to ride your motorcycle and scooter (and trike and sidecar) to work, falls on Monday, June 16. For those of us who are still employed it is an opportunity to remind people of the advantages of motorcycling. You get special parking spaces in the parking lot at some companies, you can park two bikes in a standard parking stall, we take up less space on the road, use less fuel than those in their cars and trucks, and we are all happier to be riding than those stuck in their cages! What other advantages can you think of? Feel free to share your comments with your friends, neighbors, co-workers, your community, and even with us. We'd love to hear your thoughts. For more info on Ride To Work Day, go to this website: [www.ridetowork.org](http://www.ridetowork.org). They have posters and other literature that you can download to promote RTW Day and to let others know that you ride. Think of it as another way to make motorists aware that we are out there, too!

Training Opportunities

Yes, this is the riding season alright. And the vacation season. I am sure many of you are already making plans to attend Wing Ding in Madison WI the week of July 4<sup>th</sup>. It is always a good big party, and there are always great rides going to and from the host city.

**But Wing Ding is also a great opportunity to pick up some additional training.** If the Rider Courses (ARC or TRC) offered in Michigan this year didn't work for your schedule, you can take the course at Wing Ding. Same with Medic First Aid training in CPR and First Aid - classes are available in Madison. You need to sign up for the MFA classes and Rider Courses in advance. If you have already sent in your registration form, contact GWRRA Customer Service and they will help enroll you in a session that is still available. Note that at this late date some classes will already be filled.

**Don't forget there is a full slate of seminars from all areas of GWRRA -** Leadership Training, Rider Education and Member Enhancement - being offered at Wing Ding, too. Check out the listings and plug it into your itinerary for the week. The seminars are free, of course, and they provide a nice option if the weather is not conducive to riding, such as thunderstorms, strong winds, et cetera. The seminar rooms are usually air conditioned and dry!

Finally, Top Gun and the Amazing Team Challenge are always well attended at Wing Ding. This is a great opportunity to get your feet wet if you have never tried Top Gun. As a Novice rider (never done it before, **and not a Rider Course instructor**), you will be 'competing' against others who also have not done it before, or have limited experience in Top Gun. The Top Gun practice session is what you really want to do first, too. You will get tips from those on the range helping participants learn the exercises. If you really want to take your riding skills to the next level, Top Gun is a great place to start improving. Talk to anyone who has participated in it and they will no doubt tell you the same thing.

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## **Michigan District Couple of the Year 2014**

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I ended the last article by saying we were getting ready to leave to go to Frank and Deb King's installation as the new ADD's for the north. That was a fun time and a learning experience. You see, Chapter J likes to go on plaque chases. Since we knew that Q had the State plaque, and you only need four chapter members dressed in chapter attire, we invited others to come and join in the fun.

We didn't think about that phrase of 'dressed in chapter colors.' Never entered our minds. But we soon realized that when we are at an event as State Staff, we are NOT in chapter colors, and therefore, we do not count! So, even though we, along with our CD and Treasurer came the most miles, the beloved State plaque went to J-2. Congratulations to J-2! Yes, a learning experience, and well, J has had fun with letting us know that 'we don't count!' We can feel the love!

We also want to say again how happy we are for Frank and Deb as they learn the ins and outs of being ADD's. I'm sure that they will be ready come August as they have great teachers!

Also, a BIG Congratulations for being named Chapter Q's Couple of the Year!!!! They are deserving and we hope they have fun with this opportunity.

We were busy with our chapter at our Annual Mall Show at the end of April. This begins with set-up on Wednesday afternoon, and ends with tear-down Sunday afternoon. It's always a good time, but was made a little more fun with visits from other chapter members from around the state. I'd like to thank them for making the trip on such a cool day.

We'd also like to encourage you to visit other chapter's events. It not only makes for a nice (hopefully) ride, but encourages other chapters in what they are doing. We also just had our Burn Camp Challenge this past weekend. I must say, we had high hopes for it as we had heard from 'bikers' all across Michigan and even Ohio, saying they were coming. However, the weather did not cooperate--again. I said it's like the children's story of Goldilocks and the Three Bears.

Last year we held it July and it was 'too hot.' This year in May and it was 'too cold.' Does that mean next year we should hold it in June and it will be 'just right?' Some might say it wasn't that successful, but it was.

We had great success in participation of setting up the games, photo area, food area and registration. We had success in having FUN while we were there in spite of the weather. We had success in participation of tearing down the event. We did have a few visitors from around the state, and Thank You to those who came!

We did raise funds for the Michigan Burn Camp for Children, so thanks to all who donated!

Coming up next for us will be the Indiana Spring Warm Up, which actually will be over by the time you read this. Gary and I have plans to visit with more of you this summer. If there is anything in particular that you would like us to attend, please call or email and we'll do our best. Enjoy your riding season!

Be blessed,

Gary and Carol Williams

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***Time for Fun  
and Riding***



The weather probably is different in your neck of the woods but spring has been slow to remove the last signs of winter around here. The rains have made things a real mess and we are finding it hard to find 2 or 3 nice days in a row! But that's OK; it makes the nice ones all the more special. I've never felt it was my mission to put on more miles on than anyone else but only to enjoy the ones I do ride.

We have been to several chapters already this year but have had to go by car because of temps or rain combined with the distance but things are looking up even if it's raining outside as I write this! We went to Pontiac on May 9<sup>th</sup> for the TRC to be held on the 10<sup>th</sup> by bike and the high winds were about to blow us off the road but we dodged the rain. Our local chapter, J-2 rode up to Indian River to the Cross in the Woods on Sunday May 18<sup>th</sup> and conditions were just about perfect.

**You won't read this until after the Indiana Rally May 29<sup>th</sup> thru May30<sup>th</sup> but why not try the Buckeye Rally June 13<sup>th</sup> and 14<sup>th</sup> in Xenia, Ohio? The theme is "Three Wing Circus" and if you know anything about those buckeye nuts you know they are up for a good time. The registration form is on the Ohio web site.**

If you are just hanging out with nothing to do come June 27<sup>th</sup> to June 29<sup>th</sup> why not try our Northern Section Campout at the Gladwin County Fair- they have a full slate of activities planned such as food, a lighted bike parade, and maybe air did I mention Ice Cream? Come see what flyer on the J-2 website- check it out!



**grounds? It's sponsored by Chapter J-2** and as bike rides, bike games, Irish Auction, great plane rides (will know in a couple days) and northern hospitality is all about. There is a

Is this your year to experience a Wing Ding? Madison, Wisconsin July 1<sup>st</sup> to July 5<sup>th</sup> is just around the corner and just across the pond to our West. Some Wingers try to go every year and if you haven't been to one yet, there is still time to give it a try. There is so much to see and do but when you look back its about all the people you meet and now call friends.

**Change of Officers will be at J2's regular meeting on July 10<sup>th</sup> at the VFW in Clare, 7pm meeting time for the Installation of the new Chapter Directors Jerry and Sandy Tice and new Assistant Chapter Directors Phil and Char Smock. Come on out, show your smile, friendship and join us in welcoming these wonderful members in their new adventure...**

What do flannel shirts, suspenders, duct tape, and holding your sides laughing have in common? Why the Michigan Rally of course! I don't know if Red Green ever rode a Gold Wing, but I think there is a little Red Green in a lot of us and it might just leak out for a couple of days in Midland! Hope you are there cause it won't be the same without you all.

Well, I think it's stopped raining so I think I'll go ride something even if it's my lawnmower!

Keep Safe,

Bob Scott

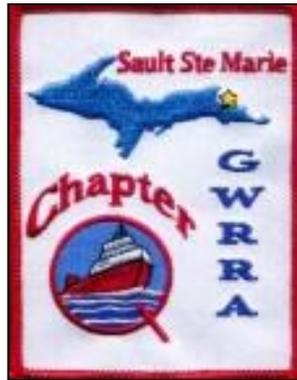


**DON'T MISS YOUR OPPORTUNITY TO WIN 1 OF THESE 3 AMAZING MOTORCYCLES!**

**COME ONE, COME ALL**  
**WING DING 36**  
JULY 2 - 5, 2014 • MADISON, WISCONSIN

**HONDA**

**PREREGISTER TODAY — VISIT [WING-DING.ORG](http://WING-DING.ORG)**



I was able to go to Mackinaw City for the Memorial Day Parade, it was a beautiful day and as always a great parade.



We wanted to let everyone know that Skip Newton (wife-Paula) passed away. They were the first Chapter Director's of Chapter Q, ACD's for Chapter V and members of Chapter E at one time. They have been active in many chapters in GWRRA so please pass this information onto your members.

Floyd Bricker  
Chapter Q CD  
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**F2 ANNUAL BIKE FIXUP AND MAINTENANCE DAY May 17, 2014**  
**Hosted by Dave & Linda Kelly at Their Home in Swartz Creek**



## GOLD WING ROAD RIDERS PRESENT MOTORCYCLE AWARENESS and SELL RAFFLE TICKETS

The Davison Chapter F2 of the Gold Wing Road Riders Association had a presentation and exhibit at Courtland Center on Friday and Saturday May 23-24, 2014. They rode their motorcycles into the mall, set up a display and presented information to the public about motorcycle awareness. "Have you seen a Motorcycle Today - Look Twice - You Save a Life" is an important message they were communicating. They handed out brochures and bumper stickers. Also they were selling raffle tickets to help raise money for the Rainbow Connection, which is the Michigan organization for Make a Wish. According to Ralph Rheingans, Jr., the Manger of the Activity, they especially like the Rainbow Connection because it helps only Michigan children that are very sick or terminal. The support does not go all over the country, but stays local to us in Michigan. Rheingans commented that they had significant support from the Courtland Center shoppers and walkers and were successful in selling lots of raffle tickets. Also, Chapter F2 is very grateful for the support of the Courtland Center management.





## Fun With Chapter V

If you are in our area on Tuesday nights, Chapter V meets at the Auburn McDonalds at the US-10 and Garfield exit for our weekly ice cream rides. Kick stands are up and we are rolling at 6:40 PM.

We also have a Fun Run June 14<sup>th</sup> - it will be a day of fun and prizes. This event will start with registration at 9 AM at Bay Cycle, 3800 S Huron Rd, Bay City with the last bike out at 10 AM. This will be a self-guided ride to several spots; they all will have the opportunity for you to get a meal and they will be running specials for this event. You will be returning to Bay Cycle in Bay City, with all bikes having to be back by 3 PM. There will be a \$10 per bike fee for this event. There will be prizes for the best poker hand and more. So, come on out and join us for a good day of fun. *This is also Bay Cycle's 40<sup>th</sup> year anniversary.*

Rick & Joy Hebner

CDs - Chapter V

District Chapter of the Year 2013

**"The Chapter that has the most fun!"**

## A Very *BIG* Thank You

If you have not heard, Joy and I, along with our daughter Tracy and Jim Heiler departed our house on **Mother's Day in the afternoon for a nice Mother's Day ride to Houghton Lake. It was a nice day and we** had not been on a ride this year as just a family. Well, things were going well and then I wound up off the road. That was only the beginning of this new journey.

I want to thank Tracy and Jim for all they have done (as well as Joy); Kim and Sandy Bargeron for coming up and retrieving my bike and getting it to my house (it sure made it easier with all the dealings in the aftermath), and Chapter V angel Jon Badour (and whomever else helped him) build a ramp (man, did that make it nice for me to get in my house today). That was built before I left the hospital to go to rehab.

This is truly not just an organization - it is an extended family. I cannot begin to express my appreciation for all the thoughts, prayers, email and Face Book posts, and get well cards that I have received. I look forward to being able to get back to seeing all of you.

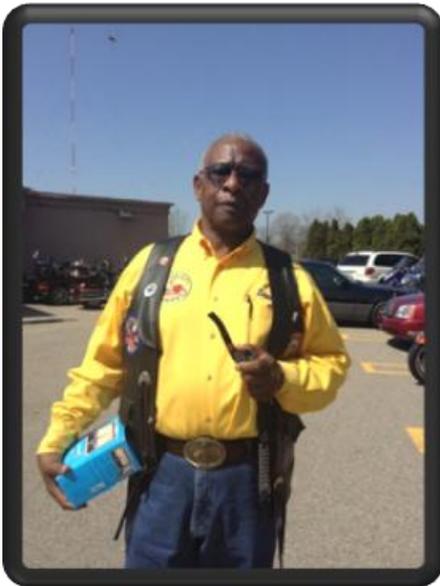
Thanks again for all the well wishes and prayers - they *are working and I'm mending. No riding this year,* but looking forward to next year and a new, blue bike.

Ride safe and please make sure you use all your gear. The full face helmet, jacket, boots and gloves helped save my life - I thank God for this amazing recovery to date.

Rick Hebner, Chapter V CD



## Greetings from the S2 Director



Greetings from the 'Moving Forward Chapter "S2". As all of us start getting ready for the riding season, Chapter S2 hope you have a safe and fun-filled summer.

The Chapter S2 family would like to invite you to our picnic at Lower Huron State Park on Saturday August 9, 2014 from 11:00 AM to 4:00 PM.

*Sincerely,*

*Lonnie Reynolds*

May has been a busy month for S2. On May 4th S2 had six bikes and eight members drop in on Chapter J's monthly meeting in Jackson. **The weather was great and as usual, the Motor City Wings made a big entrance and had more bikes at the meeting than the home chapter.** Needless to say we were welcomed and had a great time.

Two days later, May 6th we were on the road again. This time we had five bikes and six members drop in **on Chapter L's monthly meeting in Lansing. We had a great day for a ride. With all the road construction in the metro area we changed the meeting place to 12 Mile and Telegraph to get around some of the backups.** The plan worked (maybe a little too good) and we arrived in Lansing about forty minutes early. As we waited in the parking lot for Chapter L to arrive we passed the time comparing notes and the fine qualities that make each of our bikes unique.

When the kickstands went up at 6:35am. With very light traffic and every one bundled up the first leg of the ride was peaceful and uneventful. We arrived in Idlewild to find a near deserted town. After riding around the small town we stopped at a local motel and asked about where the event might be. We were directed to the town of Baldwin about five miles down the road and headed that way. When we arrived in Baldwin I was somewhat surprised that the whole town had been taken over by bikes of every make, model, and size! We learned that the event was being held at the airport and headed that way. Once again S2 made an impression.

After we parked, one of the volunteers that was doing traffic control and parking direction came over and said "Man you guys sure look good the way you rode in. I just had to come over and tell you it was impressive." It was a very nice program and we ran into some other GWRRA members along the way.

During this time Eddie suddenly found his pants "ventilated" so he and Charlene went to the local Meijer's to get a new pair. June promises to be even busier with the weather improving.

Until next month ride safe and beware of potholes.

Article by Jason Marzette  
Chapter S-2 Ride Coordinator

Submitted by Cleveland Bates  
Chapter S-2 Newsletter Editor and Web Master

## REGISTRATION FOR NORTHERN SECTION CAMPOUT

### **Registration Fee Due Date: TUESDAY June 10th**

Registration fee – includes 3 meals \$30.00 person

Make checks to: GWRRA Chapter J2

Send checks to: Mary Duquette  
PO Box 566  
West Branch, MI 48661

Include: Name  
Address and Phone #  
Chapter Affiliation  
Number of people and campers on your site

Directions: M-61 to State St. in the City of Gladwin

### **Camping (Can be paid at check-in)**

Motorcycle campers	\$12 per camper
2 campers allowed per site	
Motor home and campers	\$28.00 per night



# GWRRRA



Please Join Chapter J-2  Shamrock Wings  
for the annual

## Northern Section Campout & FUN Runs

Gladwin County Fair Grounds

401 S. State St., Gladwin

### June 27-29, 2014



### Campfire Reception

Friday night at 8:00

*Subs, chips and dessert*

*Dinner on Saturday Night*

## **PORK LOIN &**

## **HOT DOG ROAST**

*with FIXINS*

**Breakfast both Saturday  
and Sunday Mornings**

*Sat. featuring Tice's famous maple syrup & pancakes*

### For Starters

Camp Fires

Cake and Ice Cream Reception

Guided and Self-guided Fun Runs

Light Parade to Ice Cream

Games, Prizes, Irish Auction



989-429-9144

### Camping

\*Campsites \$24.00 per night; up to 2  
motorcycle campers allowed per site.

\*RV sites are \$28.00.

***Rest Rooms with Showers***

See back for registration and directions. Full list of Activities available at check-in.



2014

# MICHIGAN RIDER EDUCATION RIDER COURSE REGISTRATION



GWRRRA 1-UP/2-UP ARC (Advanced Rider Course)

GWRRRA 1-UP/2-UP TRC (Trike Rider Course)

<u>Ionia</u>		<u>Pontiac</u>		<u>Grayling</u>		<u>Stockbridge</u>		<u>Sault Ste. Marie</u>	
May 3	May 4	May 10	May 11	Jun 14	Jun 15	Jun 21	Jun 22	Jul 19	Jul 20
<input type="checkbox"/> ARC	<input type="checkbox"/>								
<input type="checkbox"/> TRC	<input type="checkbox"/>								

All classes – ARC and TRC – allow 1-up or 2-up training.

All participants must wear full riding gear: DOT helmet, eye protection, full finger gloves, long sleeves, long pants and over-the-ankle boots or shoes.

ARC and Trike Courses include Classroom and Range instruction.

All Riders must bring to class: valid operator license with motorcycle endorsement; current vehicle registration; and current proof of insurance.

Confirmation Letters will be mailed out about two (2) weeks before the requested course, and will indicate your Class Times and Locations. Classroom usually starts at 8:00a.m.

### COURSES WILL TAKE PLACE RAIN OR SHINE

GWRRRA members - \$35.00 Donation per bike per class

Make check payable to: GWRRRA Michigan Rider Education

14 days notice required for cancellations and refunds

Rider \_\_\_\_\_ Drivers License # \_\_\_\_\_

Co-Rider \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_ City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

GWRRRA Member # \_\_\_\_\_ Chapter \_\_\_\_\_ Phone # \_\_\_\_\_

Motorcycle Insurance Co. \_\_\_\_\_ Policy # \_\_\_\_\_

Please Note: Courses may change and/or be cancelled based on participation.

Mail completed registration form and \$35.00 donation to:

Bruce Thayer, 22821 Bohn Rd., Belleville, MI 48111

Make check payable to: GWRRRA Michigan Rider Education

If you have questions, or are interested in a Sidecar Rider Course or Trailing Course, contact MI District Educator, Bruce Thayer, at 734-740-7847, or [1800mi.ridered@gmail.com](mailto:1800mi.ridered@gmail.com).

GWRRRA  
Michigan District Rally



2014 Red Green

# 2014 Michigan District Convention

Midland County Fairgrounds

6905 Eastman Rd

Midland, MI 48642

Thursday  
Block Party  
Downtown

July 31st—August 2nd

**Saturday**  
**Grand Rapids**  
**Finest Motorcycle**  
**Stunt Riders**  
**Shows @ 3pm & 4pm**

**Friday Nite Dinner**  
**&**  
**Jeff Foxworthy**  
**Impersonator**

**Host Hotel—Fairview Inn**  
**2200 W Wackerly, Midland**  
**989-631-0070**

**Camping Rates**  
**Motorcycle Tent**  
**Campers \$8 per night**  
**RV Campers \$15 per night**

For more information—Registration Form Online  
[www.gwrra-mi.org](http://www.gwrra-mi.org) - Register Early to Save \$

**Kim Bargeron—District Director—989-689-5443**

**Ron Linn—District Treasurer—810-239-5334**

**Email: [GWRRAMITeam@gmail.com](mailto:GWRRAMITeam@gmail.com)**





# Gold Wing Road Riders Association

Michigan District Rally/Convention

July 31st - August 2nd, 2014

Midland County Fairgrounds

6905 Eastman Avenue, Midland, Mi.

Theme: **RED GREEN**

Rally Pins To First 500 People ONLY!



Please Type or Print CLEARLY

This Form May Be Opened In Excel 2007 Or Newer

## Advance Registration Form

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

### EARLY BIRD REGISTRATIONS MUST BE POSTMARKED BY June 1st, 2014

SPECIAL: 2 EARLY BIRD DRAWINGS - First Place Winner Gets Choice of A Clock or A Set of Raggedy Ann Dolls by Ron & Jan Smith

Second Place Winner Gets The Remaining Prize

GWRRR Member  X \$20.00 Non-GWRRR Member  X \$25.00 Total: \$

### Registration: Postmarked between June 2<sup>nd</sup> and July 15<sup>th</sup>, 2014

GWRRR Member  X \$25.00 Non-GWRRR Member  X \$30.00 Total: \$

Master's Breakfast (Breakfast Limited to 80 people) (Pre-Paid Only):  X \$6.00 Total: \$

Shirone's Cuisine Breakfast Buffet. 1720 W. Wackerly Rd. Just Off Eastman Rd. 7:30 A.M. All You Can Eat

On-Site Registration ONLY After July 15th, 2014: 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 !!

Camping Fees: (Thursday, Friday, and Saturday Only) July 31st, August 1st, August 2nd, 2014

Motorcycle Towed Units and Tents: \$  \$8.00 Per Night X  Nights Total: \$

RV & Car Towed Pop-Up Units: \$  \$13.00 Per Night X  Nights Total: \$

Fee Cover Rally Nights ONE.Y. Campers Will Be Permitted On Grounds Early. Additional Night 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, 2014. No On-Site Sales!

Short Sleeve TEE Shirt with Logo: \$9.75	Each Small to X Large	\$10.75	Each for 2X Large or 3X Large
Small: <input type="text"/> Medium: <input type="text"/>	Large: <input type="text"/> X Large: <input type="text"/> 2X Large: <input type="text"/>		3X Large: <input type="text"/> Shirt Total: \$ <input type="text"/>

Short Sleeve Golf Shirt with Logo: \$18.00	Each Small to X Large	\$20.00	Each for 2X Large or 3X Large
Small: <input type="text"/> Medium: <input type="text"/>	Large: <input type="text"/> X Large: <input type="text"/> 2X Large: <input type="text"/>		3X Large: <input type="text"/> Shirt Total: \$ <input type="text"/>

Payment Method: Credit Card (Check One or Type An X In The Box):

Master Card  Visa  Discover  Cash  Money Order  Check Number   
 Card #: \_\_\_\_\_ Expiration Date: \_\_\_\_\_ Security Number: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Card Holder Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

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)

TOTAL DUE:

Rider Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Co-Rider Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

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



## **Soo Locks Campout**

**Friday & Saturday August 8/9, 2014**

**Aune-Osborn Campground, Sault Sainte Marie**

**Friday Dinner—Spaghetti, Meatballs, Salad & Dessert** 6 ish pm  
**Saturday Breakfast- Pancakes, Scrambled Eggs, Sausage Links & Juice** 7:30-9am  
**Dinner— Pig Roast or Chicken w/ great fixings –** 6 ish pm  
**Sunday Light Breakfast – Muffins, Coffee, Juice**

**Total Cost \$30.00 per person**

Ride start at 10:30 am Saturday to, Iroquois Lighthouse, Whitefish Point Lighthouse, Edmond Fitzgerald Museum and Spectacle Lake Lookout.

Chinese Raffle and 50/50 will be conducted, Bon Fire every night

**Reservations:** Call Campground 906-632-3268 tell them Frank King or GWRRA, Pay 1<sup>st</sup> day only \$31 then pay Campground upon arrival for the rest of the nights (Credit Cards Accepted) (dump station on site) Bike tenting \$29 a night per site, doubling up permitted (Electric-Water all sites) Call or email Frank King (Head Count) with your camping site/lot number.

**Directions from South:** I-75 North exit 394, turn left (Overpass) to first stop (Portage Ave), turn right go 3.8 miles to Aune-Osborn Campground on left & look for signs.

**Directions from West:** US-2 East or M-28 East to I-75 North, **Follow** Directions from South.

GPS: Aune Osborn Campground: 906-632-3268 / 1225 Riverside Dr, Sault MI 49783

Kewadin Casino: call (800) 539-2346 mention reservation #4850 August 8-9 only.



## **Come join us for fun**



Floyd Bricker – 906-632-0910 or [fbricker@sbcglobal.net](mailto:fbricker@sbcglobal.net)  
Frank King – 906-440-2133 Cell or [frking72@hotmail.com](mailto:frking72@hotmail.com)

On St Mary's River between Canada & United States, enjoy ships from all over the world, ferries, personnel water crafts, fishing & so much more for you to see...

Greetings from Chapter W!

This year is Chapter W's 30<sup>th</sup> Annual Toy Run! It is Sunday September 14<sup>th</sup> The day after Region D closes so why no stop by Adrian on your way back from Region D?

# 30th Annual - TOY RUN



**GOLD WING  
ROAD RIDERS  
ASSOCIATION**

Michigan Chapter W Maple City Wings



**Sunday - September 14th 2014 RAIN or SHINE!**



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



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

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

*Dexter's Honda Yamaha  
3804 S. Main (M-52)  
Adrian, Michigan  
(ONE MILE SOUTH OF THE ADRIAN MALL)*

MARINE CORPS RESERVE  
**TOYS FOR TOTS**

**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 (517) 263-3510 twowhitewings28@yahoo.com
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# MICHIGAN JUNE EVENTS

DATE	EVENT	CHAPTER	PLACE
June 6/7 - Alanson	Campout	Chapter Z	Petasega Campground,
June 8	Picnic in the Park	Chapter L	Laylin Park, Mason,
June 12-13-14 grounds, Zenia	Rally	Ohio District	Greene County Fair-
June 14/15	ARC/TRC	Dist Riders Ed	Grayling
June 21/22	ARC/TRC	Dist. Riders Ed	Stockbridge
June 21	Spud Run	Chapter G2	Greenville
June 22	Fun Run	Chapter E	Waterford
June 22	Friends Poker Run	Chapter R2	Ionia
June 27/28 win	Northern Section Campout	Chapter J2	Gladwin Fairgrounds, Glad-

## GWRRRA Michigan District Rally



2014 Red Green

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