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**Kim & Sandy Barger
MI District Directors**

Greetings Members:

What a ride!

No, we are not talking about the ice cream rides or the wet week at Wing Ding or even the return trip from Canada where we are sure you have heard the story. We are talking about holding the position of District Director for the Great State of Michigan and being able to serve the members. When we took this position it was because of our friends and how they had helped us through some difficult situations. We felt in our hearts that stepping up and taking charge, to make things better for the members was the correct thing to do. It has been little over 2 years,

we hope that we have made a positive impact. With the great staff we have everyone has worked very hard to put the fun into our Friends for Fun Safety and Knowledge. While we are on the subject of staff there is no way we could have done this job without them. They have put in countless hours for no pay and even times at their personal cost to promote and strengthen this organization. From Sandy and myself we would like to publicly thank our staff for all of their hard work. When you see them be sure you thank them and don't stop there thank yourselves for the hard work you all do to make the GWRRA what it is. It's like anything else in life you get out of it what you put into it.

We only hope that over the past couple years we have planted some good seeds that over time will help us grow. We have made many new friends and some have gone not to be with us but only in our memories. We believe that this is like a second family and when we lose one we all feel the pain. We have on more than one occasion seen where a member was in need and everyone stepped up to help whether it was health issues or a victim of an accident or the passing of a friend or family member.

We know as well as anyone else that no organization is perfect, this one included but, if we all maintain a good attitude and work at making it better, it will be the best it can be. It is with you the members that help us grow and flourish. Sandy and I are not going away but only for except maybe some occasional babysitting until our new granddaughter can fit in a helmet and sit upright. Say nothing to my daughter if you see her she is not quite as hard core rider as her mom. I'm sure she understand and will allow some

rides. We hope our influence on this GWRRA of Michigan has been a positive one. Remember if you always look at the bright side of things they will never get worse only better.

I know you will all give Bob and Kim Scott all the support as you did for us. We would like congratulate them as they will take the reigns at the end of the Michigan Rally. So, when you see Bob and Kim make sure you congratulate them on their new position and remember we are just members like you, only with a little more responsibility. Their pay is the same as when we stepped up. Some of the staff is staying and some are stepping down so, this should make for a smooth transition. Be sure to thank the ones that are leaving but also those who are staying and the new people stepping up. Again, thank you to all the members and staff for making our tenor a very rewarding and memorable one.

Happy riding, until we see you again.

Kim and Sandy
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STEP BACK IN TIME TO THE 50'S
ATTEND THE GWRRA GOLD WING SOCK HOP
AT WINGLESS 2015



2014 Michigan Convention/Rally Schedule Midland, Michigan



Thursday - July 31, 2014

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

Friday - August 1, 2014

Breakfast Ride	7:00 AM	Fairgrounds Main Ent
Registration - Shirt Pick-up - Goodies	9 AM - 6 PM	Fair Center
Door Prize Drop Off	9 AM - 6 PM	Fair Center
First Aid	8 AM - 8 PM	Fairgrounds
50/50 Sales	9 AM - 8 PM	Fair Center/Grounds
Vendors	9 AM - 7 PM	Fair buildings
Fun Runs Turn-In	9 AM - 6 PM	Fair Center
Opening Ceremony	10:00 AM - 11:00 AM	Fair Center
Bike & Light Classification	11 AM - 12:30 PM	Behind Fair Center
Ladies Ride - Eagles Landing Casino	Noon - 2:30 PM	In Front of Grand Stands
LTP Seminar - Self Esteem - Key to Success	11:30 AM - 12:30 PM	4H Building
Door Prize Drop Off	Noon - 3 PM	Fair Center
Rider Ed - Trailering	12:30 PM - 1:30 PM	4H Building
CPL-Concealed Pistol License Refresher Course	1:30PM - 2:30PM	4H Building
Craft Project - Cost \$5.	2:30 PM - 3:30 PM	Fair Center
Daytime Campsite Judging	2:30 PM - 3:30 PM	Campground
LTP Seminar - Chapter Finances	3 PM - 4 PM	4H Building
Door Prize Pick Up	3:30 PM - 5 PM	Fair Center
Rider Ed - Riding w/New or Inexperienced Riders	4 PM to 5 PM	4H Building
Couple/Individual of the Year Get Together	5 PM to 6 PM	4H Building
Red Green Dinner	6 PM Until Gone	Fair Center
Jeff Foxworthy Impersonator	8:00 PM	Fair Center
Best Dressed Judging	8:30 PM	Fair Center
50/50 Drawing	9:00 PM	Fair Center
Nighttime Campsite Judging	9:30 PM	Campground

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2014 Michigan Convention/Rally Schedule

Midland, Michigan



Saturday - August 2, 2014

Master's Breakfast	7:30 AM	Shirlene's
Registration - Shirt Pick-up - Goodies	8 AM - 2 PM	Fair Center
First Aid	8 AM - 8 PM	Fairgrounds
Vendors	8 AM - 6 PM	Fair buildings
Door Prize Drop Off	9 AM - 1 PM	Fair Center
50/50 Sales	9 AM - 4 PM	Fair Center/Grounds
Fun Runs Turn-In	9 AM - 3 PM	Fair Center
Bike & Light Show Classification	8:30 AM - 10 AM	Behind Fair Center
Kids Games	9 AM - ?	Pavilion
Couple/Individual of the Year Mini Camp	9 AM - 11 AM	4H Building
Top Gun	10 AM - Noon	Behind the Grandstand
Craft Project - Cost \$5.	10 AM - 11 AM	Fair Center
Light Show Staging	10:30 AM	Bldg #37
Light show Judging	11:00 AM	Bldg #37
LTP Seminar - Leadership Survival Skills	11 AM - Noon	4H Building
Bike Games - 1 & 2 Up	Noon - 2 PM	Behind the Grandstand
Rider Ed - Motorist Awareness	Noon - 1 PM	4H Building
Bike Show Staging	12:30 PM	Behind the Grandstand
Bike Show Judging	1:00 PM	Behind the Grandstand
Rider Ed - Motorcycle Crash Scene Response	1 PM - 2 PM	4H Building
Beaver Breeding	1 PM - 2 PM	Bldg #37
Door Prize Pick Up	1:30 PM - 3 PM	Fair Center
Stunt Riders - Grand Rapids Finest	2 PM - 2:20 PM	Grand Stands
Stunt Riders - Grand Rapids Finest	3 PM - 3:20 PM	Grand Stands
Chapter Sales	3:30 PM - 5:30 PM	Fair Center
Chinese Auction - Prizes drawn at Closing	3:30 PM - 6 PM	Fair Center
LTP Seminar - Flyers for Fun & Profit	4 PM - 5 PM	4H Building
Parade Line Up	5:30 PM	Fair Main Entrance
Couple/Individual of the Year Line Up	6:30 PM	Fair Center
Closing Ceremony	7:00 PM	Fair Center
Light Parade	9:30 PM	Leaves Fairgrounds
Light Show	After Parade	Wal-Mart Parking Lot

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Membership Enhancement

Are we having fun yet?

ABSOLUTELY, we are having a blast! We have truly enjoyed getting to know a lot of you over the past few years. We hope you can all join us at the Michigan Rally/Convention July 31-August 2. Remember, Red/Green is the theme. Got duct tape??? We do!!!! There's going to be some new stuff and some oldies but goodies. There should be something for everyone to do or just sit back and relax with friends, it's up

to you. But come join us, we would really enjoy seeing each and every member.

As you know we will be stepping down after the rally, but no worry, those stepping up will continue the fun! And if anyone needs anything, please give us a call.

We have enjoyed working with all the MEC's in Michigan and want to thank you for all of your help. Please continue to support your new Michigan MEC as you have supported us. We have always felt so welcome anywhere we went and want to thank all the chapters for making us feel that way. Michigan is great and all of us working together will continue to keep it that way! We didn't really know a lot about the position when we took it but we have learned so much over the years. Thank you to everyone who listened when we had a problem and helped us solve it, we really appreciate it (you know who you are).

We'll see you on down the road.

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July 31–August 3, 2014

Michigan State Rally

Midland Fairgrounds

Come join us for a week-end of

FUN, Laughter and Safety

Assistant District Directors Northern Section



Doug & Rowena McAfee
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Hello Everyone,

There is nothing like going out with a bang! Row and I plan on doing just that. As you probably have heard, Row and I will be stepping down after the rally. We have had 4 wonderful years working as your representatives for the Northern Section. During this journey, we have met so many GWRRA members whom have become a large family to us. No matter where we went, so many have come up to us with hugs, best wishes and

most of all their friendship. This has been an experience which we will always cherish. Thank you one and all.

This month has been an extremely busy one for us. Looking at our calendar there hasn't been very many open days. Starting with the first of the month, we were privilege to attend Chapter Z's kick off campout at camp Petesaga in Alanson. You couldn't have asked for a better day.

They had a great turn out and had an unusual fun run.. The fun run consisted of attending a fly in of sea planes on Ostego Lake. Row and I have never attended a sea plane fly in and found it to be very interesting. The planes played games touching the water and then flying off again. There was one pilot who dipped his wing half way into the water and went around in circles. Now that was a stunt driver!. After the day spent at Ostego Lake we later came back to the camp ground to delicious food and a campfire where laughter and stories began to flow. We had a great time, so if you get a chance to attend next year, be sure to do so, you won't be sorry.

Chapter Y also had an unusual fun run this month led by Ron Tidball. Ron took us from Houghton Lake down some good back roads to Bay City to go aboard the USS Edson, a destroyer permanently docked in Bay City. Ron had arranged for a personal tour of the ship which proved to be quite interesting. I personally enjoyed it because in my younger years I was stationed on a destroyer, although be it, mine was of a WWII classification and the USS Edson was of a newer classification.

Winding up the month was the Northern Section campout in Gladwin, hosted by Chapter J-2 this year, This will be the first campout J-2 has participated in as a chapter in some time. They have an outstanding schedule planned and for those who haven't heard they have an initiation into the Order of the Blarney stone. There was an Irish Auction planned and games, not to mention great food. They have done a fantastic job planning a good time for everyone.

Chapter Q has changed their gathering date to the second Saturday of the month, still at Studebakers in Sault Ste. Marie. Come out and mingle with the group hope to see ya there. Floyd and his group are busy planning on their campout August 8 and 9. Be sure you mark your calendar for a great time.

The Michigan Stat Rally is fast approaching, so get ready for some great fun. The staff has been working on some good things for you to enjoy, laugh at, and perhaps, walk away in wonderment at the things we have come up with. We can almost guarantee you will have at lest a smile on your face. The rally is also a time

for friends and family to get together for a few laughs. So plan on attending the Possum Lodge get together, (opening ceremonies) and be sure to come in costume to enjoy a good time.

Row and I would also like to say congratulations to Frank and Deb King from Chapter Q. Frank and Deb will be taking our place on state staff representing the Northern Section. Frank will also be doing the District Newsletter. They are an outstanding couple and will no doubt do a great job. Definitely will be an asset to Bob and Kim Scott as they take over as District Directors. Frank and Deb have been assisting us these past few months and have a good understanding of our duties.

If anyone has any questions, or need help with a newsletter just let us know. We will continue to help in any way we can to make our GWRRA family flow smoothly. Thank You ever so much for all the help and friendship you have given us, and we leave knowing you will extend to Frank and Deb the same friendship and support you have shown us these past 4 years,

It is time to say good-bye for now, but not forever. We plan on being as active as our health will allow and enjoying every minute of this great ride you, the membership have given us. Thank you one and all. We

Look forward to seeing you at the rally and on down the line, so stop and say hello, we collect hugs, you know, and give them away too.

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WHAT'S GOING ON AT THE RALLY?

1. Grand Rapids Finest Stunt Riders.
2. Vendors.
3. Beaver breeding.
4. Ray C's Demo Rides on the Spider
5. Chinese Auction
6. Crafts—greeting cards
7. Light Parade through Midland
8. Seminars
9. Best Dressed Couple and Chapter Competition
10. And so much more



BE SURE TO ATTEND THE RALLY FOR



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Assistant District Directors Northern Section

Route 66 and Beyond,

Hello Wingers,

Well I have to say that I'm still traveling and we are starting home as I write this. We are in Colby, Kansas as I type this article

for the District Newsletter. I can say that the TV just flashed a Tornado Warning in our area and having never been in this type of stuff, it's a little bit unsettling. I will say that not having any control for what might happen is a bit unnerving, I'm starting to wonder why anyone would live here with such unpredictable weather...

Deb and I are on the 2008 Dark Red Metallic GL1800 Champion Trike and a home made trailer in tow. We also have a couple of good friends (Terry & Pam Brant) riding with us, this trip was a bucket list idea. I know that I won't be able to do justice in writing this article using my iPad, but I will try to put a few notes to get started and then when we return home I will write the article for next month...stay tuned.

We started planning this trip about 30 years ago, what got us going was my sister having a heart attach in December and she is 5 years younger then me. Packing started a few weeks ago and checking the bike, tires and trailer were just a necessity. That was the beginning, clothes, riding equipment and research of the area's we were visiting was another part.

We started the Route 66 trip on June 8th and worked our way to Kenosha, WI for the end of the first day. Excitement was very high and sleep was at a premium (I don't think anyone slept). We left the motel at 8:30 am, I would never have thought we would drive 7 hours and only get 150 miles. Traffic was something out of the show "Outer Limits", road repairs, crazy drivers and getting lost in Chicago would be a nightmare to end the first day...

See you all at the Michigan District Rally and don't forget it's Red / Green. Can't wait to see all the outfits, so funny...

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Assistant District Directors West Section

DO YOU REMEMBER?

One of my favorite memories is going to the corner store and spending my allowance on candy & pop. We could buy so much candy with not a whole lot of money back then and it sure tasted good! Do you remember how good it tasted? Did you eat it all at once or save it and have a little everyday? Or how about birthday cake and ice cream? When you're a kid it tastes so good and the frosting was always the best part--"Give me the corner piece"--the more, the better!! Ummm, so good!

This article is to tell you about a large group of kids who never get to enjoy that sensation!! Not only that, they have to give themselves or get a shot everyday--sometimes 2 or 3 shots. When I was a kid, I hated to go to the doctor because I might get a shot. Do you remember how scary that was? Living like that--no candy or sweets; shots everyday--for a kid that has got to be a tough life!

My cousin led a life like that! From his toddler days, the rest of his life was lived like that and probably some other things I do not know about. I was in collage when he was born, he was a year older than my oldest son. My kids remember him because of the shots he gave himself while on a camping trip with my parents and my Aunt & Uncle. I say "was" because he died at age 40. He had a pancreas and kidney transplant when he was in his 20's; the kidney failed and his sister donated one of hers which did not fail. That's 3 transplants and lots of anti-rejection drugs with each one. He got cancer. He died from it.

"That's all very sad", I'm sure you say "but what has it got to do with me and G.W.R.R.A.?" On August 15 chapter G has it's annual Midnight Ride to raise money for Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation: leaving Rockford, Mi. (with a full tank) at midnight Friday August 15th and arriving in downtown St. Ignace at approximately 8:15 A.M. for a hot breakfast at the Mackinac Grille Saturday 8/16. Do you know the beauty of sunrise over the Mackinac Bridge? It Is Gorgeous! There are 4 stops along the way (Big Mac Bridge being #4) for gas, coffee, and snacks. For me a big thrill all along the route was the people waving & yelling and clapping on the overpasses, in parking lots, and roadsides. The Midnight Ride brochure says "The purpose of the Midnight Ride is to ride and enjoy the company of our fellow motorcyclists in the cool night air. There are no fees or charges of any kind; however, during the ride, we sell shirts and souvenirs to help support diabetes research.....Collect sponsorships from friends, relatives, neighbors and co-workers." There is a place on the brochure to keep track of your sponsors and prizes are given for collecting \$75, \$125, & \$200. Souvenirs are also sold at stops along the route and in St. Ignace to raise money for J.D.R.F. The ride itself is so thrilling and beautiful, doing it simply for the pleasure is amazing and fun (especially if you love the Mackinac Bridge the way I do) but to raise money to fight this horrible disease that kills children and adults of all ages makes it an even bigger priority. Come on, we love to ride, lets ride for a purpose!!!

Leaving Rockford, Mi. Meijer parking lot (exit 97 off Interstate 131 & 10 mile) at 12 midnight August 15
PLEASE JOIN ME!!

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Assistant District Directors East Central Section

FUN IN THE EAST CENTRAL SECTION THIS MONTH

You can tell its riding weather with all the great rides and events going on all over the state! We hope you have been out enjoying them as much as you can.

CH L held their Picnic In The Park earlier this month. It was good to see so many come out on what started as a very rainy day. We even delayed our starting time to wait for it to let up a bit.. Chapter D and Chapter W came out to join us and had a GREAT time, as

we always do with CH L. So much delicious food you couldn't try everything or even half of what was prepared. It was nice to see Ken & Kathleen Heibel come and visit with the members as well.

CH V2 held a special gathering for their Rider Educators and Newsletter Editor in June to say good by to Dave & Carla Wagner as they move way out west to Arizona! We played a bingo game with regular playing cards, and the winners got to choose a wrapped white elephant item that was brought. Then we went on a beautiful ride to Port Huron for dinner and then on the way back stopped for ice cream, which the chapter bought for everyone on the ride. Beautiful weather and a fantastic ride.

CH E held their FUN RUN at a new location, Brandon TWP Community Park in Ortonville. It was a beautiful day weather wise and had members from Ch A, C, D2, F2 and W join in the ride. A 65 mile country ride was well planned out by Wally. Hot Dogs, Burgers, all the fixens, plus all the delicious side dishes brought by chapter members, including ice cream!! You can't beat that as we all love our ice cream!! Door Prizes, Chinese Auction Bake Sale, 50/50 and Rider Ed prizes were to be had.

July is looking just as busy if not more so!! Wing Ding in Wisconsin and ARC/TRC class up in Sault Ste Marie are always a big hit. Ch V has their Tunnel of Trees Camping trip planned but you needed to make your reservation by May 31st so hope you got yours in before the deadline!! Then we have the highlight of our summer.....ta da.....THE Mi Rally!!! Red/Green theme so hope you get your registration in ASAP, if you have not done so. Looking forward to seeing everyone there for a GREAT time!! Vendors are getting in their forms and we have a new food vendor this year so be sure to check out Annie's Wagon!! She promises us some delicious specials!! She has never been a vendor at a GWRRA event before.

Sorry to say we won't be having the Mi Blood Mobile at our rally this year. They were not able to obtain a bus in order to do our event. They THANK YOU for all of those who have donated in the past and hope to be able to do other events in the future.

Remember to be safe, really watch out for the other guy, especially in making turns at intersections and in curves along the country side. Hope to see YOU soon!!

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RIDER EDUCATION



Bruce & Melissa Thayer



Thank You All!



As announced at Wingless Weekend, Melissa and I will be stepping down from the District Educator position at the Michigan Rally. So we would like to take this opportunity to thank everyone who has been so supportive and helpful to us in our two years as Michigan District Educators. There are too many to name you all, but you know who you are. I do want to make special mention of some people who are very important to the GWRRA Rider Education Program in Michigan.

First, we want to thank all the "Seminar Presenters" for Rider Education seminars. That includes the newest group of University Trainers, certified this year, who have taken up the mantle to increase the number of presenters to spread the education available to GWRRA members via the seminar program. Special thanks go out to Glenn Grasley who has put together his own kit, including a personal projector and laptop, and has always been available to present where needed.

Second, we want to recognize all the Medic First Aid Trainers that have visited those chapters requesting First Aid and CPR training. These training elements are required to attain and remain current in Level III and Level IV. When Steve Gates decided to step down after serving as Michigan's MFA Coordinator for our first year, Gary Williams (MI-J) volunteered to manage our MFA classes. This includes coordinating the other instructors for the classes and teaching, as well. He also makes necessary purchases of FA/CPR supplies for our two training kits. Our sincere thanks and gratitude to Gary for taking charge of this important part of the MI Rider Education program. Thanks to the other instructors as well.

Next we want to thank the dedicated corps of Rider Course Instructors that have helped our members over the last two years to become the most skilled and safest Riders and Co-riders they can be. What could be more important? They are Ed Philo, Tom Rushman, Lynne 'Lennie' Snyder, and Randy Westcott. Valuable assistance was also provided by a number of members who would show up to help layout our ranges the Friday evening before a training weekend. Special thanks to MI-R who continued to shine with their support during range layout as well as providing donuts, water and snacks to students and instructors in the Rider Courses at Ionia. Special thanks also go out to Ron & Dianna Miller who graciously assist with Stockbridge weekends. They support our training efforts in numerous ways and help facilitate the logistics in Stockbridge (their home town). They firmly believe in our Rider Education Program.

Fourth, we wish to extend our sincerest thanks to the individual Chapter Educators throughout Michigan. You guys & gals supported us at the Michigan Rally and Wingless Weekends. You continually carry the message of Rider Education to the members in your own chapters to keep them aware of the need to ride safely, wear the proper gear, request seminars and First Aid/CPR classes for them, etc. You helped keep us on our toes in several ways (no secrets being divulged!), while trusting us to provide you with the best support we could.

I would like to thank former District Educators Randy & Lori Westcott, and Tom & Shelly Rushman for their support and guidance (when requested), as well as their continued friendship. We were provided with a well organized system to follow. We never felt we had to figure this out on our own, or that we were alone, as we served the Michigan District's members. Thanks for sharing your insights and support, guys!

Valerie Baldwin-Martin has freely volunteered her time and energy to run the First Aid station for Wingless Weekends, Michigan Rallies, and Region Rallies. Those are the ones I know of. Thank you Valerie for being so generous with your time to respond to any and all health emergencies, and minor cuts and scrapes and headaches, as well.

And I can't say enough about the support that Ron & Jan Smith have given to Melissa and me. You guys are the best! Clocks and dolls when and wherever requested, by Districts and Chapters alike, all in support of GWRRA Rider Ed. And I never remember to ask, but they just keep on churning them out. The entire Region continues to covet Jan's Raggedy Ann & Andy, and Ron's clocks. Even after an individual has already won 4 clocks, or 3 sets of dolls! Your ongoing support for Michigan Rider Education is so important to our success. Thank you both for your generosity and care. We love you, guys!

Next, I would like to recognize and personally thank Kim & Sandy Barger for being terrific District Directors, and a couple of very down to earth, thoughtful, warm and fun-loving people. We think you have done a great job emphasizing a couple of very important aspects of GWRRA that our members can all appreciate – get out and ride, and have fun together! It has been a blast and our pleasure to serve as part of the District Team. Here's to more good times down the road, my friends!

Finally, we would like to thank all of the members of this great District – the BEST DISTRICT in GWRRA – for your friendship and support. Thanks to all the gifted and generous members who donated craft items and their time to help raise funds for MI Rider Education. It has been extremely gratifying for us and a pleasure to serve you all. If I have forgotten anyone, and I probably have, it is pure *seniorism*. Not something I can control. I hope you will forgive me. It is not intentional.

We regret that our tenure has come to an end so soon. We will continue to belong to GWRRA and will be available to support our successors in whatever ways we can. I will also continue to serve as a University Trainer (seminar presenter) and Rider Course instructor as time permits. Thank you all for your love and support. We look forward to seeing you down the road. Keep the rubber side down, and remember ATGATT - wear All The Gear, All The Time!

Ride Smart, Be Safe!

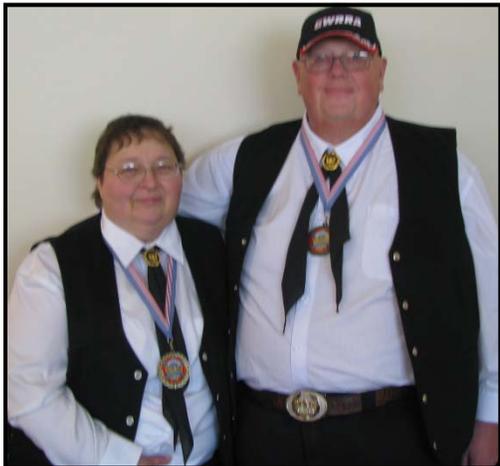
Love & hugs to you all,"

Bruce & Melissa Thayer

MI District Educators, August 2012 – August 2014

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COUPLE OF THE YEAR 2014

We have had the fun of a little more traveling this past month, and the month is not over yet! Although we have attended the Michigan Rally/Convention since 2008, we made our very first visits to the Indiana Spring Warm Up and the Ohio Buckeye Rally/Convention. It was fun and interesting to see the similarities and the differences of how each state conducts their rally. It is also so much fun to see other GWRRRA 'family' from all over those you truly know and can count as friends, those you've previously met, and those you are meeting for the first time. All simple 'family' I different stages.

In Indiana we had the fun experience of being judges for the bike show and the light show. A crash course (maybe not the best choice of words!) in what a judge must look for was given before each event. The other MI state staff were all experienced and taught us well. We enjoyed having the honor of participating in these events.

In Ohio I was asked to be a judge for the Mascot contest. Again, a first for me. Their theme was Three Wing Circus, and several chapters must have had a blast coming up with the costumes for their mascots. I'm not sure how, or even if, the rules are different for each state, but Ohio had a height rule of not over 24 inches, which had one chapter quickly trimming the colorful Mohawk off the helmet of their mascot right before judging began to meet that requirement!

We had a little different experience on our way to Ohio, too. First, I need to say a little background story. On October 4, 2012, we took the bike for a trip to Frankenmuth to celebrate our 38th anniversary. (Our anniversary is the 5th, but the weather report for that day wasn't as nice as the 4th) We had a great day and were on our way home on US 23 going 70 mph in the left lane when something very quickly didn't feel right. I had just started saying to Gary that "The bike feels funn..." I didn't even get the word 'funny' out when it happened. The rear tire came apart. My term is it shredded, but there is a better technical term for what happened. (Gary knows it, but he's sleeping, so for the sake of the story, let's just say it shredded)

Gary used his knowledge and training, and with God's guidance, he kept the bike upright. We had to wait for semis to get out of the way to get over to the side of the road. That was very scary and seemed to take forever. Once off the bike, and after setting out flares, we took out the chairs from the trailer and I sat as far back from the road as I could get. Gary made the call to our wonderful friend, Louie, who agreed to come with his trailer to bring us home. But you must realize that was a 2+ hour wait.

A couple different people stopped just to make sure we were okay, but we assured them help was on the way. Now remember I said the reason we took the trip a day early was the forecast? Well, guess what came early? Yep, the rain. So we got out our rain suits and put them on. And there I sat in the rain, laughing about the situation and talking about what to do and why did the tire shred when it only had 7,000 miles on it.

While sitting there in the rain, another pickup truck stopped. His name was Dan and he rode Gold Wings himself. No, he wasn't a GWRRA member, in fact he didn't even like GWRRA, but he was glad to help. He also builds trailers to haul motorcycles. So after discussion, I went with him to his house to pick up his wife's car and drive it back, while he drove his truck back with a trailer. (The trailer couldn't haul the bike and our trailer, so I would haul our trailer with his wife's car.) He had three different Wings in his garage--very impressive. We called Louie and gave him the address of Dan so he could pick us up there. This way, we didn't continue to sit in the rain beside a very busy highway.

So we got the bike and trailer to Dan's house. He refused any compensation from us. Louie came and we loaded into his trailer and he brought us home. I think by then it was about 3:00 a.m. or so. We never saw or heard from Dan again.

Soon after all this we decided that putting on the trike kit was the best way for us to go. Much more stability and safety all the way around, and we wouldn't have to worry about weight with those two back tires.

So why bring this up now? Well, it is a small world indeed. On our way to the Ohio Buckeye Rally/Convention we stopped in Celina to get gas in the trike. There was a little hamburger joint right next door. There were two Wings in the parking lot. We thought they were perhaps going to the rally as well. We went inside and ordered. Then the general conversation began about the bikes. One of them was on a bike and one a can-am.

The one asked where we were headed, and I said the Buckeye rally. They had a blank look and said 'what's that?' So we were pretty sure they were not GWRRA folks. We explained what it was, and they basically said that GWRRA was not for them. I won't share all they said, but suffice it to say, they are not fans. They then said they were coming back from the south headed back to MI.

One man asked if we would mind telling him what made us decide to trike the bike. Gary had just begun telling him when the other man pointed his finger at us and said "And it was raining and I came and took your wife to my house so she could drive my wife's car back and then we hauled your bike and your friend came and picked you up!" It was Dan!

He had thought we looked familiar to him, but the trike didn't. I didn't recognize him at all. Gary had thought he looked familiar, but didn't pursue it. From near Flint, MI to Celina, OH almost 2 years later, we got to thank Dan again for his kindness. It's nice to know that even if those on Wings are not GWRRA, they are still like family and friendly to others. What a small world! Thanks for letting me share that.

We've also visited a couple chapter gatherings. We showed up at R2 in Ionia just as their gathering began. Two friends had also ridden over with us, making the trip even more fun. ADD's Bill and Linda Diffin were there as well. It was nice hearing all R2 is doing and sharing with them. We also visited V in Free-land, but in our car, not on our trike. We drove through quite the storm going and were thankful for the protection of the car. It was great seeing Rick Hebner there.

He is recovering from his motorcycle accident a couple months ago which resulted in 2 broken vertebrae. Kim and Sandy Bargeran also gave a rider course on riding with new or inexperienced riders. Their ACD's are doing a great job filling in for Rick during this time.

It's hard to believe that in just 10 days we'll be leaving for Wing Ding! We are going to be there on the 1st to watch the International Couple of the Year selection. Go Linda and Rudy Copeland!! We know you have what it takes to be the International COY!!

We're having fun representing all of you as we travel. Thanks for your continued support.

Be blessed,
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JOIN US
FRIDAY AUGUST 1, 2014 5PM-6PM
FOR THE COUPLE AND
INDIVIDUAL OF THE YEAR
GET TOGETHER
AND ON SATURDAY
AUGUST 2, 2014 10AM-12PM
FOR THE
COY/INDIVIDUAL MINI CAMP

GOLD WING ROAD RIDERS ASSOCIATION THE FLAG CITY WINGS SCAVENGER HUNT



A scavenger hunt starting on July 1st 2014 and running till July 31st 2015. The object will be to visit different police stations in cities or towns that match the letters of the headings below. You will need to get a signature and a business card from each place.

This is open to any city in any state that you might have occasion to visit.

Different signatures and business card for duplicate letters.

	Signatures	City or Town
F	_____	_____
L	_____	_____
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G	_____	_____
C	_____	_____
I	_____	_____
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CHAPTER F2 – THE FLAG CITY WINGS CELEBRATE FLAG DAY

F2 presents a new American Flag to the M&D's Grill and Sports Bar in Davison, Michigan



After flag presentation, the Gold Wings stopped for dinner at MoJoe's



F2 Chicks Admire a Grey Gold Wing



F2 Monthly Wet Burrito Ride to Houghton Lake, Mich. Enjoying burritos at Limber Lost Restaurant



F2 Dinner Ride Filled Leo's Coney Island Weekly Ride Had Very Large Turnout



Rider Educator Bill Diffin presents RE Patches at June Gathering To Shirley and Frank Beavens, and Bob Cynowa





Chapter Y lost a long time Member

All of us in Chapter Y, as well as others from various chapters who knew Stan Ott will miss Stan. Stan passed away recently with a heart attack, and the family will be holding a Memorial Service for him on July 12, 2014. There will be a Memorial for Stan at the Eagles Club in Grayling at 1 PM.

At one point during his bout with cancer, a couple of years ago, Chapter Y pulled into his long drive way on a dinner ride and he made the comment, " He never saw anything so good as a line of Gold-wings coming up his driveway. Stan was a proud life time member of GWRRA,

The family has requested we wear our Chapter shirts to honor Stan and his long time commitment with GWRRA as a life time member joining, in March 1986. He participated in many of the Chapter's activities throughout the years, and left us with many memories of him. He will truly be missed.

Chapter Y will be very busy this month with the Wednesday dinner rides and a progressive dinner on July 26th, Our first dinner ride will be on July 9th to the Beaverton Inn led by Ted Sergent. Our rides usually start with kickstands up and a full tank of gas at 3PM meeting at the new McDonalds at Walmarts unless otherwise noted. The following Wednesday, July 16, we go to the Sunrise Café in Lupton led by Duane Prince. Next is the Tin Lizzy in Mio led by Joe nMiano. A progressive Dinner is being planned for July 26 with the first stop being at Ron and Jackie Tidball's and ending with dessert at Ruth Porter's. Now that you know our schedule for July, why not bring your Chapter and join us for an evening of laughter and good riding up here in the Northern Section.

As you can see Chapter Y will be busy all month and winding up the month by attending the Michigan State Rally. Don't forget our Chapter meeting on July 13 at Fred's in Roscommon beginning at 10AM with breakfast at 9AM.

This will be another chance for you to get to know Chapter Y and joining in on some great fun. Hope to see all of you at the rally.

Until next month
Safe Riding



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 1st 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.



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By the time you read our District News Letter, we will be knee deep in summer rides and Rallies near and far.

We are at the Northern Section Campout this weekend and will be on our way to Wing Ding in Madison, Wisconsin on Monday. As we cross the Upper Peninsula we all will be thinking of our four legged friends that are out to get us but have you thought about other hazards as well? we all know about distracted drivers, wet roads at the start of a storm, and gravel on curves and corners. In Indiana, they are thinking about a new rider ed. seminar for a newly identified hazard. It has to do with a couple of roadside workers and a chain saw.

Would you ever have thought you would need to watch out for falling trees? No? Well, ya better think again! A well known Region Director was able to test his level four riding gear recently with such an event. Even though drugs can ease the pain a little, it hurts. and you know there are many more ways for a tree to fall than a way ward chainsaw or a broken rope. What if the beaver decide this is a way to get back at us for all the fur hats their forefathers have become? And what if woodpeckers decide they don't like this new fangled bird called a Gold Wing? Anyway, I think we should keep a watch on Indiana and see if they take the lead on this one. It may be obvious to some that I have way to much time on my hands now but I have been assured by others as soon as I become your new state director all this will change.

I have promised my self they will never change my sense of humor and I hope that's ok with you. Please come to the Michigan Rally and meet my charming bride of only 52 years and myself as well as the current staff and our new team as it unfolds. We still need to fill a couple of spots with people that aren't perfect and want to have fun and help out. Please call me and lets talk. See photo's on the following page of our Northern Section Campout.

Bob, what did I get my self into, Scott
bobscott@ejourney.com or 989-429-9144



Camping at the Northern Section Camp-out that was hosted by Chapter J-2

Taking a break during the campout fun run are
Left to right, unknown lady, Doug McAfee, Chapter Y, Mona McCaulley, Chapter V, unknown man Chapter J-2, Sandy Bargeron, Chapter V, Kim Barageron, Chapter V, Ron



Lunch Break on the fun run are Nick and Nancy Poole, Chapter Y and Dan & Lorraine Sparks, Chap-



BRIAN WILL BE MISSED

Brian always brought veggie tray to Chapter V's gathering, he will be missed. He brought his niece to all of Chapter V's functions, he will be missed. Brian always had a ready smile, yes Brian you will be missed.



Brian P. Allen



Brian P. Allen, 59, of Midland, was called home by his Lord Wednesday June 18, 2014 at his mother's residence. Brian was born in Midland April 24, 1955, where he was raised and educated. He served in the United State Navy until his retirement in 1994 after 20 years of service. While in the Navy, he served in the Gulf War and the recapture of Kuwait.

Brian was currently employed with Communicast as an installer. He enjoyed bowling, collecting model trains and Legos. Brian was a member of the Gold Wing Riders Chapter V and a Colonel in the Confederate Air Force. He will be greatly missed and always cherished.

Surviving is his mother, Bonneta (Bonnie) Allen of Midland; father, Paul (Marge) Allen of Midland; brothers, Perry Allen of Sanford, Craig (Sylvia) Allen of Saginaw; sisters, Becky (Lyle) Fulton of Central City, Neb., Penny (Dan) Dowker of Midland; nine much loved nieces and nephews; and five great nieces and nephews.

Funeral services for Brian will take place 1 p.m. Monday, June 23, 2014 at Midland Missionary Church, with Pastor Mark Beers officiating. Interment will follow in Midland Memorial Gardens Cemetery. Funeral military Honors will be provided by the U. S. Navy and the Midland Area Veterans.

Family will receive friends at the CHURCH on Monday, from 11 a.m. until the time of service. Memorials may be offered to the family's wishes. Personal messages of condolence may be offered to the family at www.wilson-miller.com



We will all miss you Brian
April 24 1955–June 18 2014



CHAPTER Z, HOME OF THE TROLLS

Hello from all the trolls under the Bridge,

We had such a great time at our campout I thought I would share some of the photos that was taken of the fly-in at Ostego Lake. I hope you enjoy them and perhaps join us next year at our campout.



Chapter Z & Guest sitting around the campfire after a beautiful day watching the sea planes



Sea planes on Ostego Lake during Chapter Z's Campout

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

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

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Stop by on your way back from Region D!

MICHIGAN MONTHLY EVENTS

JULY–August 2014

Date	Sponsor	Event	Location
July 19-20	Chapter V	Tunnel of the trees Campout	Freeland, Mi
July 19-20	ARC-TRC Rider Corse	Rider Ed.	Sault Ste. Marie, MI
July 31 - Aug 2	State Staff	Michigan Rally/Convention	Midland, MI
August 8 - 9	Chapter Q	Chapter Q Campout	Sault Ste. Marie, MI
August 9	Chapter N	Pizza In The Park	Fruitport, MI
August 9	Chapter S2	Anniversary Picnic	Lower Huron Met. Park
August 15 - 16	Chapter G	Midnight Ride	GR to St. Ignance
August 23	Chapter C2	Freedom Ride	North Muskegon, MI
August 29 - Sept 1	East Central Section	Campout & Supermarket Ride	Vassar, MI

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