



MICHIGAN DISTRICT NEWSLETTER



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Michigan District Directors

Bob & Kim Scott

It seems like the end of the riding season is coming on us like a runaway train! Most of us will still squeeze in a few more outings and miles but this year is mostly in the rearview mirror. While we don't want to dwell in the past, in the end, our memories are about all they can't take away and boy, have we made some memories this year!

There is one more important date coming up this year. On November 7th, 2015, we have planned a fall officer's meeting. The location is the K/C Hall on M-18 just about a mile South of M-61 in Gladwin, Michigan 48624. We will begin at 9:00am, break for lunch (provided by Jan Smith and some chapters helping out) about 12:00 noon and be done around 3 or 4:00PM.

This is for all chapter officers and is a time for all to catch up on what is new and a time we set aside for us to hear what is new and what concerns our chapters may have. If you are not an officer but you would like to come, let your Chapter Director know so he can include you when he or she lets your Assistant District Director know how many plan to attend from your chapter.

*Note, we usually don't ask for these numbers but we need too, to help Jan and her crew plan for the luncheon. It is my sincere hope that all chapters are represented somehow.

Some of the topics that are on my mind or what's left of it that we want to cover are the following.

Communication, in the last five years, I have seen us go from a yearly printed newsletter to, I believe, a quarterly on line newsletter, to now a monthly newsletter on line. More on this at the meeting but we need to explore how to encourage more of our members to use this resource. Another topic will be our yearly raffle of \$10,000.00 and our sponsorship of Rainbow Connection and how it helps fund chapter activities. I could list more but I know I'd forget more than I remember! Please come and be part of our process.

It has been said that Billings, Montana has been one of G W R R A favorite locations for a Wing Ding Rally and that's where we are heading next year. I've heard it is a little bit west of Lake Michigan and will make for a nice

ride. Well, nice three day ride! I guess the Motels fill up fast as do the camping facilities so plan ahead.

While you are putting Wing Ding on your 2016 calendar, you might as well mark Feb. 26, 27 2016 for our Mardi Gras Wingless Weekend and Feb. 28th 2016 for our spring officers meeting. We are going to use the Bay Valley Resort in Bay City, Michigan once again. It sounds like a fun theme; I just hope we don't have to find a new motel after this one! You better come see for yourself!

Anyways, we're having fun, you have some too!

Bob and Kim Scott

Michigan District Directors

Note our new email address: Bobnkim58@gmail.com

Michigan Rally information

This info wasn't available or calculated until after the closing ceremony but a few people have asked for it...

Pre registered	325
Onsite registrations	34
Day Passes	68
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Total Attendance	427





Assistant District Directors Northern Section

Frank & Debbie King

Northern Section

Editor / Special Projects

Congratulations to J2 for getting the **Newsletter of the Quarter** for the 3rd quarter of 2015
Here is the web address: http://www.gwrra-mi.org/chapter/J2/newsletter/Chapter_J2_Newsletter.pdf

Well it seems the ride season is coming to an end, yeah we may still get a few rides in yet but it's creeping up fast. Remember that there is bike maintenance to do and on your home as well. Don't let yourself get caught up with other things and forget to check everything. You'll be a lot happier in the spring if you have your ducks in a row.

I have to take the time to say **Thank You** for all of the members that helped out at Chapter Q's annual camp out, it's our only fund raiser where we invite people to come sample the Upper Peninsula's riding and some of the great food. We hope everyone had a wonderful time while you were here, as they say, till next year and ride well, be safe... Nothing ever ends without a bang so let's finish this year off at our Chapter Q Christmas Dinner Party and Gift Exchange.

I will send out the flyers in the next day or so and email me or call so your name can be put on the list, last year we had 75 people there and had 5 different chapters from Michigan and Canada. We have 6 new members who have signed up this year so far and 2 more may be joining shortly.

Remember that the chapter doesn't "have fun because it's big" "it's big because it's having fun". We would ask that if you know someone that likes the same things as you, then there is a chance they might enjoy being part of Gwrra and us. We would like to say thank you to Chapter Q Treasures Ken & Rose Van Luven for what they have done for this Chapter, they have only been members for 2 years and took on the Treasures position and was there for anything asked of them. Sold 500 Rainbow Connection tickets by themselves and did the cooking on Friday night at the camp out, they are moving to Wausau, Wisconsin the end of October and will join WI-Chapter Q...that's funny. We are very proud to announce that Jim & Dee McKinney will assume the Treasures position on October 3rd and will be installed at a later date.

October 10th gathering is at Studebakers 9am breakfast, 10am meeting with special guests Kim and Sandy Bargeron, they will be talking about Legal Service for your credit card protection and identity theft. This will be at the end of the meeting and will take only 15 to 30 minutes, we encourage you to attend for information. Well it's time to run or better yet walk cause I'm retired..

Be safe, Ride well,
Bless you all,
Frank & Debbie King
Editor
Northern Section
Special Projects



District Member Enhancement Coordinator

**Cheryl & Randy Wiggins
Michigan District MEC**

Back from Wing Ding and what great fun we had. We did our fare share in supporting the vendors with a purchase of a new windshield and new backrest, we were able to make it to several activities as well. In addition to the onsite activities we attended the Welcome Party held at the Rocket Center, they put on a nice German dinner, the Jagerschnitzel was very good. While there we were able to explore some of the displays and learn a little more about the space program.

Randy and I also made a trip down Birmingham AL, to the Barber Motorsports Museum, which claims to be the largest motorcycle museum in the world. After touring the 5 floors of motorcycles, I would agree that they are most likely the largest. We also toured the Jack Daniel's Distilleries (no drinking though, the county they are in is a dry county) and the Manchester Aerospace Museum on this trip. All were well worth the stop and we learned that since Jack Daniel's sells their by products to the local farmers to feed their cattle, beef comes pre-marinated in that area.

This month was the month to turn in your chapter's best newsletter for the past three months for the Newsletter of the Quarter. After looking over some of the newsletters I noticed things that needed correcting. I then scanned through all the newsletters in the district and noticed some of the same errors. So to help everyone out I thought I would put it in my newsletter article. The two major things that need to be corrected in some newsletters are the Region D Directors and the Region D Couple of the Year.

The new Region D Directors who took over in July are Lloyd and Becky Glydewell and the new Region D Couple of the Year are Chuck and Melanie Geggie. Also for those who include the Deputy Director our Deputy Director is Jack Wagner.

For those Chapters who would like to have their newsletters considered for judging please remember you MUST have the following information on the Front Page of your newsletter or we can not even consider it. It MUST have the following 6 items:

It MUST have "Gold Wing Road Riders Association" or the letters "GWRRA"

It MUST have the Chapters name or Initials

It MUST have the GWRRA Logo with trademark symbol

It MUST have the Region, District and Chapter letter designation or Logos

It MUST have the Month and year distributed

It MUST have Date, Time and Location of the monthly gathering (may include date or frequency of the gathering)

We have had several newsletters submitted, but they did not have these items on the front page, so they did not get

considered for selection even though they were very good newsletters and could have won. Please get with your newsletter editors and do some updating on your newsletters so that the correct information is on the front page.

Congratulations to Chapter J2 for winning the Newsletter of the Quarter for the third quarter

2015 Previous winners are: Chapter R2 for the first quarter and Chapter J for the second quarter.

Now it is time for me to get out for a ride and enjoy the nice weather we are having.

Hope to see you soon,

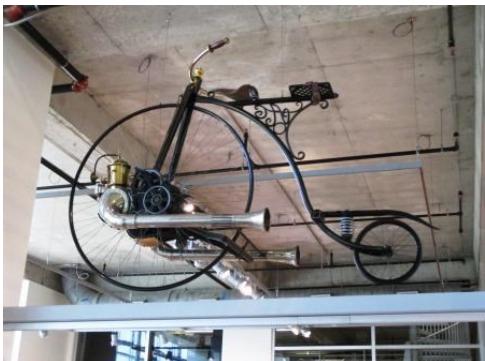
Cheryl and Randy Wiggins

Membership Enhancement

Barber Museum



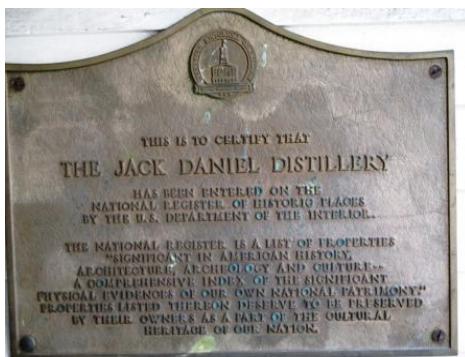
Barber Museum



Jack Daniels



Rocket Center



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- Promoting a Positive Image For All Touring Motorcyclists
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RIDER EDUCATION

**Dennis & Felicia Schulte
Assistant District Educator**

Rider Education Levels

It seems to be time for a brief refresher course on the rider level program. Please remember that there is no cost to sign up for this program. If you wish to pay for patches or pins for Levels I through III, that is your choice. Some chapters actually pay for part or all of the cost of these to encourage you to wear these patches and pins with pride in public, thus advertising our program and our commitment to safety.

Level I is simply a commitment of the Rider and/or the Co-Rider to practice safe motorcycle operation whenever they operate their motorcycle.

Level II is a commitment of the Rider and/or Co-Rider to be safer motorcycle riders by taking approved motorcycle riding courses at regular intervals. This level has requirements of 5,000 Safe Miles along with a certified rider course. A co-rider has requirements of completing either a certified Co-rider Seminar attendance or attending a 2-up rider Course.

Level III is the commitment of the Rider and/or Co-Rider to be prepared in the event of an accident to give aid and possibly save lives. This is done by being knowledgeable in First Aid or CPR and carrying a first aid kit on their motorcycle at all times. Attendance of a Motorist Awareness Seminar is also required.

Level IV is the highest commitment of the Rider and/or Co-rider to safe riding and preparedness. This level has requirements of 25,000 Safe Miles, a commitment to ride with Proper Riding Gear at all times, and a cost of \$35. You must also be current in Level III for one full year and have taken both First Aid and CPR training.

Because this level brings with it the prestige of being an ambassador to the members at all levels, it enables you to become a Master and you will receive a Master Number. It also entitles you to register at all rallies and at Wing Ding for what is called the "Masters Breakfast" or the "Masters Luncheon". For a small fee, each Master is entitled to attend this event held at rallies and at Wing Ding. This event is a celebration of the Master Tour Rider commitment each year and is held annually at the District Rally, Region Rally, and Wing Ding. This get-together is only for Level IV Master Tour Riders in GWRRA, and along with breakfast or lunch at minimal fee, small presentations are given.

Chapter Educator

Achieving Level II level also makes you eligible to become a Chapter Educator if you ever so desire to do so. Please be sure you let your Chapter Director know that if that position is ever open in your chapter, that you are interested. And it is also possible for you to become an Assistant Chapter Educator, with the recommendation by the current Chapter Educator, with concurrence from the Chapter Director.

The District Educator then supplies the prospective Chapter Educator with an Officer Memorandum of Understanding the Rider Educational Knowledge Level Evaluation. Copies of the Officers Guidebook and the Rider Education Program Handbook are also supplied for reference to the prospective Chapter Educator. These are also available at <http://www.gwrra.org/regional/ridered/officerpage.html> and <http://www.gwrra.org/oconnect>. The information received is studied by the candidate, the MOU is completed and signed, the Knowledge Level Evaluation

completed and returned to the District Educator for review. The District Educator will review and correct the Knowledge Level Evaluation, sign the MOU and complete the GWRRA Officer Change/Appointment Worksheet and forward all of this information to the Region Educator. The Region Educator reviews the paperwork for approval or for further discussion. Once the application is approved by the Region Educator, the Officer Change/Appointment Worksheet is signed, and the paperwork is sent to National Office. The Region Educator is responsible for issuing the new Chapter Educator patches along with a welcome letter, which is then forwarded to the District Educator so that the District Educator can then make arrangements to install the new Chapter Educator.

Each Chapter Director reports to the District Educator. For more information, please read the Rider Education Program Handbook and the Officer's Guidebook. There are specific duties with each staff member, including Chapter Educator. There is a monthly report on the chapter's educational activities due by the last day of each month, but preferably to be entered in as soon as possible after your chapter's monthly gathering. Promoting and implementing the program at your chapter level is necessary, and so is promoting and participating in activities that will expand the program. Speaking at your chapter gatherings and publishing an article in each chapter newsletter is also a requirement. The Chapter Educator is also required to maintain records for each chapter member who is participating in the Rider Education Levels Program. The Chapter Educator is also responsible for arranging chapter seminars, chapter CPR/First Aid training, and Rider Training Courses by working with the District Trainer, the District Medic First Aid program coordinator, and the District Educator to set up these events for the chapter. Attending the District Rally whenever possible and working in the Rider Education Booth for at least an hour is required. Sharing ideas with the District Educator to promote this program and/or make it more appealing to chapter members is helpful, as well as being sure to recognize individual members for their participation in any Rider Education activity through chapter gatherings and chapter newsletters.

Stay safe,
Dennis and Felicia Schulte
MI Assistant District Educators



Just a short note to our awesome Chapter Couples of the Year! As you continue to be honored by your Chapter, I hope you are enjoying your year. You deserve it!

Your Chapter Director will be receiving a packet at the Fall Officer's Meeting with information for you concerning your special selection process at Wingless Weekend, February 26-27, 2016.

I sent a note to your C.D. a few weeks ago asking for your contact information. My thanks to, in no particular order, W2, V, E, H2, D, L, N, Y, G, V2, C, A, S2, J, and R2 for responding. If your C.D. has not yet responded, please contact me with your names, chapter and email address. My contact information is below. Thank you.

I look forward to getting to know each of you, and helping and encouraging you as I am able.

Be blessed,
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For those of you who missed Wing Ding, and even those of you who did attend Closing Ceremonies, you may have missed that one of our own members and our daughter (of Chapter E CD's John-Carl and Diane Zarella) was awarded Youngest Female Rider for Wing Ding 37. Here is a picture of 19 year old Krystal receiving her award.



Make sure to congratulate Krystal next time you see her.

You should also see her picture in the next Wing World Magazine covering the Wing Ding.

John-Carl & Diane Zarella
GWRRA Michigan Chapter E
Chapter Directors



GWRRA



Chapter T's 30th Anniversary/Halloween Party

**Saturday
October 24, 2015**

**Ogemaw Township Hall
1990 Gray Rd
West Branch, Michigan 48661**

5 PM Social Hour 6 PM Dinner

**Chapter to provide the Meat and Dessert
Admission: \$5 per person and a dish to pass-no desserts**

Pay at the Door

NO ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES

**50/50 Drawing
Prizes for Best Costume Male & Female**

**Contact-Ron Tidball at 989-345-1875
Ted Sergeant-989-366-0562
Bobby Millspaugh-989-802-1899**

Region D "Fun at Sea"



Please join the **Region D Team** as we host **5** days of **FUN** on a
Western Caribbean Cruise in October 2015!

Date: October 24, 2015 – October 29, 2015 ~ Ft. Lauderdale, Florida
Ports of Call ~ Grand Cayman Islands & Cozumel Mexico

Inside Cabins	449.00 + tax & port fees	double occupancy
Porthole view Cabins	499.00 + tax & port fees	double occupancy
Balcony Cabins	699.00 + tax & port fees	double occupancy
Mini Suites	849.00 + tax & port fees	double occupancy

Group Name: Gold Wing Road Riders

Call to book: Rachel Sevilla 1-800-901-1172 x 41723

Group Number: TPD

rsevilla@princesscruises.com

Voyage Code: E541

Monday-Friday 8am – 4:45 PST

Ship: Emerald

Must pay **final balance** before **August 25, 2015**



Seasons Greetings



A personal invitation from Chapter Q
CHRISTMAS DINNER PARTY & GIFT EXCHANGE

Date: December 12, 2015

Place: Lake Superior State University
Cisler Center, Crows Nest, lower level?

Time: 5:00 Cocktail (cash bar)
6:00 Dinner

Q Members-\$15.00 per person/ Guest-\$25.00 per person

*Please accept our invitation,
Come have a Great time.*

Music & Dancing to follow Gift Exchange at LSSU. Live Music

Gift Exchange: no more than \$15 max per gift, per person participating, wrap & mark boy or girl.

Hotel: Kewadin Casino blocked off rooms at \$75 per room, King or 2 Queens, (800) 539-2346 and use Reservation code #8550. Rooms held till November 14th, regular room rate after that...



Frank



Debbie





Registration for Dinner

December 12, 2015



Get ready for the Party

Name _____ Gwrra # _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip Code _____

Phone _____ Email _____ Chapter _____

Number Attending _____ Check Total _____

Make Check to; MI Gwrra Chapter Q

Send payment to:

Frank King

Chapter Q

510 E 10th Ave

Sault Sainte Marie, MI 49783

Contact: Frank King for Head Count & Dinner Payment, cut off date is December 6th so call 906-440-2133 cell or fking72@hotmail.com to have a great time.



Dancing



Lake Superior State University



Gift Exchange

MICHIGAN EVENTS

OCTOBER 2015

DATE	EVENT	CHAPTER	PLACE
Oct 3	Anniversary Party	Chapter V	Vassar, MI
Oct 11	Color Tour	Chapter K2	Big Rapids, MI
Oct 12th	Thanksgiving	Canada	Where you are
Oct 24	Anniversary Party	Chapter Y	West Branch, MI
Oct 24-29	5 Day Cruise	Region D	Princess Cruise Line Ft Lauderdale, FL

NOVEMBER

Nov 7th	Fall Officers Meeting	Michigan District	10 - 3 approx.
<u>Knights of Columbus Hall, 751 South M-18 Gladwin, Michigan</u>			
Nov 7th	Holiday Party	Chapter A	TBD
Nov 26	Thanksgiving	Michigan	Where you are

DECEMBER

Dec 5th	Christmas Dinner/Party	Chapter J	Jackson, MI
Dec 12th	Christmas Dinner Party	Chapter Q	Sault Ste Marie, MI
Dec 18th	Christmas Dinner /Party	Chapter ON-H	Sault Ste Marie, Ont CA
Dec 25th	Christmas		



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