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I hate to admit it but another riding season is winding down. At least here in Michigan oh, we have our color rides coming and anniversary parties through the fall but if you see a nice day, you better grab it! We're hoping we will have a nice day on October 8th so that some will be able to ride to the Officer's Meeting in Clare, Mi. If you have never been to one and would like to come, consider yourself invited. We are having a contest to choose a design for the Wingless Weekend and you could win free admission to Wingless for two. Just bring your idea or send it with your Chapter Director, or email it to me at Bobkim58@gmail.com Or snail mail it to Bob Scott, 1005 Anchor Street, Gladwin, Michigan 48624. We will get it in the contest any way you send it. Yes I know this isn't much notice and I apologize for that, but you have a few days.

Speaking of Wingless Weekend, we are excited to bring it to a great, new location. It will be at the Lake-side Resort, Houghton Lake, Michigan. It is located on old US27 about a mile North of M-55. They have a miniature water park, really nice rooms and a great view of Houghton Lake. We will get all the details ready for next month and I think you'll love it.

Kim and I have been busy; we went to Wing Ding in Billings, Montana and enjoyed seeing a part of the country for the first time. We attended three seminars, went to a District Directors meeting, made a couple of laps in the trade show, and had the opportunity to visit with old and new friends from near and far. We couldn't ride the trike that far because of health reasons for both of us so we tailored it out there. Kim's back was acting up so we didn't get to ride as much as we would have liked to. She is now scheduled for surgery in October and then all should be well.



continued...

October 1st will find us in Portland, Indiana for the Region D Meeting. As most of you know, we are combining our District Rally with the Region D Rally. We are already attracting more and bigger vendors and are starting to plan how to offer a dynamite 1920s Beach Party Themed Rally. Remember, there weren't any Thongs or bikinis until much later! We'll make an exception for Lloyd if he has his heart set on wearing one (or the other).

Once again, no one claimed to have found their number in the district paper. Ken Kintner will let you know who could have won in September. Its only \$25.00, but I'd be happy to claim it! If you are reading this, bring it up at your chapter gathering and help us encourage others to read along. If you find your membership number, call me or email me (Bob Scott) by the 15th of the month to claim your fabulous prize. Bobnkim58@gmail.com 989-429-9144

Thanks Everyone,

Bob Scott

Michigan District Director



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Ray & Sandi Garris
Directors of GWRRA



Couple of the Year Experience

What a journey! What a ride! What a HOOT this has been!

We would like to express our gratitude for all the support that we have received for the past 3 years from our home Chapter OH-E2 (Rocks!) and the Districts of Ohio, Indiana and Michigan!! In fact, from all over Region D, we have received well wishes and good karma. From the folks at home, who's positive "shout outs", texts, emails, cards, and videos put smiles on our faces to those folks who were able to make the trek to Billings to give us awesome support and encouragement: **WE SAY THANK YOU!!!**

We consider ourselves winners---- because we were involved in a **once of a lifetime** chance to participate in this GWRRA event! (Region Couples can only participate in the International Couple of the Year process one time). In the past 12 months, as we got to know the Region Couples from all over North America, we soon realized that all these folks were worthy of the selection. However, only one couple could be chosen to represent GWRRA as their International Ambassadors for this next year. We are proud to know them and call them our "Friends".... Steve & Carolyn Cotton from Oklahoma in Region H !!

We hope that future couples will consider the journey from Chapter Couple to the International Couple of the Year level. Where else might you spend an interesting week with Region couples throughout North America and the GWRRA Overseas Couple as we did this year with Alessandro & MariaRosa Boveri from Italy? Our 2016-2017 Region D Couple, Gary & Karen Ballou are turning their sights toward the ICOY selection process at Wing Ding 39 in Grapevine, Texas in 2017. Let's all support them!

At each level, the *Fun* increases and the *Benefits* grow. For us, our journey continues as we feel we are perpetual ambassadors for this organization that we volunteer for, support and believe in!!

Chuck & Melanie Geggie

2015-2016 Region D Couple of the Year

Couple & Chapter of the Year

*Michigan District
Couple of the Year
2016
Brent & Sandra
Blackburn*



Brent & Sandra are Chapter Educators at Chapter E



*Michigan District 2015 Chapter of the Year
Chapter G - Grand Rapids - Midnight Riders*



District Trainers



Ken & Patti Kintner
Web Master / District Newsletter

Riding season is just about over. There may be a few good days left for a color tour. Some of my favorite rides are in the autumn. And I hope to get a few more rides in before it is time to put the bike up for the season.

Soon it will be time to schedule those winter activities that include training. Whether it is First Aid CPR, Rider Education, Leadership Training or all the FUN stuff that Membership Enhancement is all about. Education and training is what makes GWRRA different than any other motorcycling groups and with the exception of Medic First Aid and Rider Courses it's all free with your membership so take advantage of it!

Thanks to Randy & Cheryl Wiggins and our MI C.O.Y. Brent & Sandy Blackburn! They were able to make the trip to Wing Ding and share their photos and stories with us. It is not too late for you to share your story in the next newsletter. Just email stories and pictures to my email at the bottom of this page before the 20th of October and I'll get them in the next issue.

Leadership Training is going thru many changes. New training modules are being completed. As they replace the existing seminars the current University Trainers will need to take the ITCP before they can present the new training modules. If you think you might be interested in becoming a certified instructor please let me know. There will soon be opportunities for members to go thru the Instructor Training and Certification Program (ITCP). Our Region D Trainer, Kathleen Heibel is looking for a central location to hold the first ITCP in Region D so if you know of a place that would be available at low or no cost please let us know.

There are two bulletins on the next two pages that were released in the last few days by GWRRA's Director of Training. They contain a lot of information about the changes. If you have any questions that are not answered in the bulletins please direct them to Region D Trainer, Kathleen Heibel.

Have a GREAT AUTUMN!

Ken & Patti Kintner, MI District Trainers
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\$25 ALMOST WINNER!

Robert Brooks

*From Chapter Q2 Missed His
Membership Number on Page 2
of the September newsletter.*

Maybe Next Time Robert...



GWRRRA Bulletin



September 26, 2016

SUBJECT: Scheduling ITCP Sessions

Distribution: Widest Possible

A number of Districts and Regions have expressed interest in an offering of the Instructor Training and Certification Program (ITCP) in their areas. We are thrilled that there is such interest in the program, and ask that interested candidates follow some steps to assist us.

- 1) Prior to completing the inquiry form, view the four pre-recorded videos that introduce the concepts used in the ITCP.
 - a. Navigate to the website (gwrratraining.com).
 - b. Mouse over the "ITCP Training" tab and click on "ITCP Videos".
 - c. Watch each video and take notes as needed.
- 2) When you have completed watching the four videos, complete the inquiry form.
 - a. Navigate to the website (gwrratraining.com).
 - b. Mouse over the "ITCP Training" tab and click on "ITCP Inquiry Form".
 - c. Enter the required information – for couples, please enter the information separately for each member.
- 3) A Zoom (teleconference) call will be scheduled to
 - a. Debrief you on what you observed in the videos, and
 - b. Address any questions you may have regarding the program.

Once these steps have been completed, an ITCP session can be scheduled. At present, because of the highly interactive nature of the ITCP session, class size is limited to six Instructor candidates per Instructor Trainer, assuming adequate classroom space and necessary equipment. While the number of certified Instructor Trainers is limited at this time, efforts are underway to increase the Instructor Trainer pool.

Upon successful completion of the ITCP session, new instructors receiving full certification will be permitted to present the new training modules, as well as the existing University seminars. University seminars will be reduced through attrition as the material is converted to the new training module format. Instructor candidates who receive provisional certification will be informed as to the needed areas of improvement, along with a process for achieving full certification.

We thank you for your patience as we roll out this exciting new program. ®

From The Desk of

Director of Training



GWRRRA Bulletin



September 27, 2016

**SUBJECT: Ending UTDP
Status of UT, SUT, and MUT Certifications**

Distribution: Widest Possible

Effective October 1, 2016 the University Trainer Development Program (UTDP) will no longer be offered. Requests for advancement from UT to SUT or SUT to MUT for those individuals who have completed the requirements for promotion will be accepted until December 31, 2016.

Students who have completed UTDP and have not yet completed their certification by being observed and certified delivering a seminar presentation during the initial six (6) month certification period will be allowed to complete that process.

University Trainers (UT), Senior University Trainers (SUT), and Master University Trainers (MUT) who wish to maintain their certifications may do so by utilizing the current renewal process outlined in the GW University Handbook under sections titled, "University Trainer Renewal Process", "Senior University Trainer Renewal Process", and "Master University Trainer Renewal Process".

All future Instructor certification will be through the successful completion of the Instructor Training and Certification Program (ITCP). Once certified through ITCP candidates will be designated as University Instructors (UI). If they had an assigned SI number from the old system that number will follow them into the new certification. If the UI has never been certified under the old program a unique SI number will be assigned to them.

As we continue to improve and change our training techniques the majority of the existing seminar offerings will be converted to this new way of presentation. Once converted those modules will then become available only to and ITCP Certified INstructor. There will be some that will not need to be changed and those will continue to be available to all Instructors (ITCP Certified and previously certified).

Information concerning steps to apply to the ITCP will be covered in a separate bulletin.

From The Desk of

Director of Training



Michigan District Couple of the Year 2016



Brent & Sandy Blackburn

Hello everyone,

Sandy and I attended the East Central Section Campout. We had a great time again this year, but the current hosts would like to take a break and have another chapter take over for a while. While we were there it rained, it reminded me of Boy Scouting with my son. Our troop saying was "If it ain't raining, we ain't camping." I defended my title in the pistol shooting competition.

We rode out to Wing Ding in Billings, MT. We, includes Dennis and Gayle Jisa, made it a 16 day vacation starting August 27th stopping in Ironwood, MI. August 28th stopping in Bismarck, ND.

On August 29th we visited Knife River Indian Villages National Historic Site, which includes part of the Lewis and Clark National Historic Trail, then we visited Fort Union Trading Post National Historic Site, and then Theodore Roosevelt National Park North and South Units stopping in Glendive, MT.

On August 30th we visited St. Labre Mission / Cheyenne Indian Museum in Ashland, MT., then visited Little Bighorn Battlefield National Monument stopping in Hardin, MT.

On August 31st we arrived at Wing Ding before 8 AM to see our first opening ceremony, we were "WING DING NEW-BIES". Sandy was helping run CPR Skills Practice with the LOOP Learning System, part of the Loop Learning System program is to reinforce and improve your CPR skills through interactive games. I helped one morning in ARC Course Only by being the demonstration rider for all the exercises. Wally Kozlowski, Dennis Jisa, and I rode the Beartooth Highway (Elevation 10947 feet) and Chief Joseph Scenic Byway. We had a great time there and can't wait until next year for Wing Ding 39 (August 30th - September 2nd) in Grapevine, Texas. We have already registered and are making plans to go.

On September 4th we visited Yellowstone National Park, entering from the east entrance since the forecast was possible snow at the top of Beartooth Highway. While riding up the east side towards the Northeast entrance it started raining then started hailing. We were at over 8000 feet and continued hailing until you couldn't see the asphalt but we rode through it, then Sandy and I completed the north loop while Dennis and Gayle took the northeast exit to head toward Cody, WY for the night. On the 5th we were supposed to do part of the southern loop of Yellowstone and Grand Teton National Park but the weather was forecasting low 20's at elevation in the park so we did some itinerary changes and headed to Devils Tower National Monument, we arrived just to get hailed on again, then we stopped in Spearfish, SD. On September 6th we rode down the Spearfish Canyon Scenic Byway to Lead, SD. Then headed south on 385 to Crazy Horse Memorial. Then headed south to 16A east to Iron Mountain Road north to Mount Rushmore National Monument. Then stopped in Rapid City.

On September 7th we rode down to Custer State Park to the Visitor Center then rode Wildlife Loop and saw lots of American Bison. Then we headed up to Needles Highway to Hill City, SD to Sheridan Lake Road towards Rapid City to Rimrock Highway then west to 173 north to Nemo Road, **we found Nemo SD**, then to Deadwood, SD for lunch. Then to Sturgis Motorcycle Museum and Hall of Fame in Sturgis, SD. I did not see a single Goldwing in the Museum (maybe because they are all still running and still being used). Then down Vanocker Canyon Road to Nemo Road (**we found Nemo, SD again**) to Rapid City.

On September 8th we stopped at Wall Drugs in Wall, SD. Then south to the Badlands National Park (North Unit) Pinnacles Entrance taking the Badlands Loop Road to the Ben Reifel Visitor Center then to the Northeast Entrance. Then we visited the Minuteman Missile National Historic Site. Then we were supposed to visit Buffalo Interpretive Center, it was locked up, on Highway 1806 also known as American Indian National Scenic Byway.

Michigan District Couple of the Year 2016



Brent & Sandy Blackburn

We were headed east towards Big Bend Dam (Hydroelectric) but the road was closed due to protesters marching on 1806, I was wondering why there very little traffic coming from the other direction. So we took a 25 mile detour and found fresh tar which Dennis did not like at all. After making it to Big Bend Dam we took Highway 34 to Madison, SD.

On September 9th we visited Pipestone National Monument in Pipestone, MN. Then we visited Minneopa State Park in Mankato, MN. Then we stopped in Cresco, IA.

On September 10th we visited Effigy Mounds National Monument in Harpers Ferry, IA. Then went to Pikes Peak State Park, 500-foot bluff overlooking the intersection of thee Upper Mississippi River and the Wisconsin River, located in McGregor, IA. Then we visited Herbert Hoover National Historic Site, which includes a visitor center, Herbert Hoover Presidential Library and Museum. Then we stopped in Muscatine, IA.

On September 11th we split up, we headed home and they headed to Branson, MO and beyond. We travelled 4919 miles on our trip and they went a few more. We had a wonderful time, well maybe the weather could have cooperated a little bit better. We saw so many Goldwings on the road and they were all friendly greeters as we passed or meet at our stops, but SOB's didn't acknowledge us at all. I heard there were a few incidents out there, but we are praying for those that have been injured and for those that had mechanical issues. Can't wait in next year and hope to see everyone there.

Brent and Sandy Blackburn



**Don't miss the
pictures of our trip
on the next few
pages!**

Sandy likes this motorcycle.

Michigan District Couple of the Year Brent & Sandy Blackburn

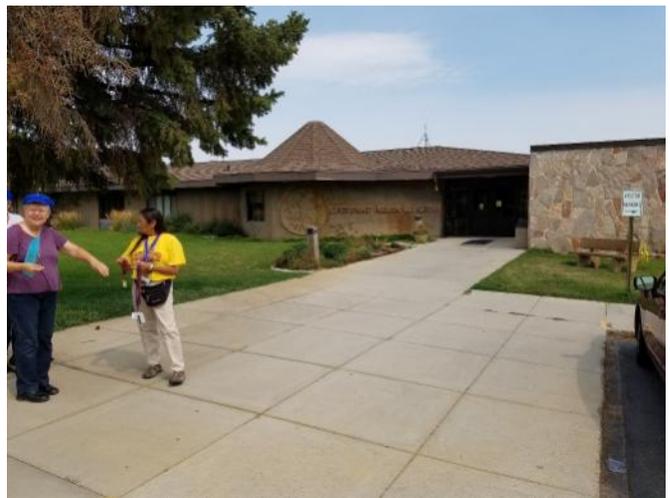
Wing Ding Trip 2016



Knife River Indian Villages National Historic Site



This is the Bourgeois House inside Fort Union Trading Post National Historic Site.



St. Labre Mission / Cheyenne Indian Museum in Ashland, MT.



Little Bighorn Battlefield National Monument



Couple of motorcycles in the Wing Ding parking lot.

Michigan District Couple of the Year Brent & Sandy Blackburn

Wing Ding Trip 2016



Karen Ballou, Half of the Region D Couple of the Year, and Bob, the Rider Educator Dummy, getting a little frisky. We told them to get a room.



Lower Falls in Yellowstone National Park.



Wally Kozlowski, Dennis Jisa and me after completing Beartooth Highway starting on Chief Joseph Scenic Byway.



Looking back up the mountain after riding through the hail storm.



Scenic Overlook on Chief Joseph Scenic Byway.
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Devils Tower National Monument looks like trouble ahead.

Michigan District Couple of the Year Brent & Sandy Blackburn

Wing Ding Trip 2016



After the hail stops falling it was nice.



Mount Rushmore National Monument.



Black Hill National Forest



American Bison in Custer State Park.



Crazy Horse Memorial



Sturgis Motorcycle Museum

Michigan District Couple of the Year Brent & Sandy Blackburn

Wing Ding Trip 2016



Wall Drug Store in Wall, SD.



Badlands National Park at the Visitors Center



Big Bend Dam (Hydroelectric)



Minuteman Missile National Historic Site.



Pipestone National Monument

Michigan District Couple of the Year Brent & Sandy Blackburn

Wing Ding Trip 2016



Pipestone maker



Falls at Minneopa State Park



Pipestone Pipe



Pike's Peak State Park Overlook (Upper Mississippi River in foreground and Wisconsin River in Back Right)



Effigy Mounds National Monument



Herbert Hoover's Birthplace



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Herbert Hoover's Presidential Library and Museum.

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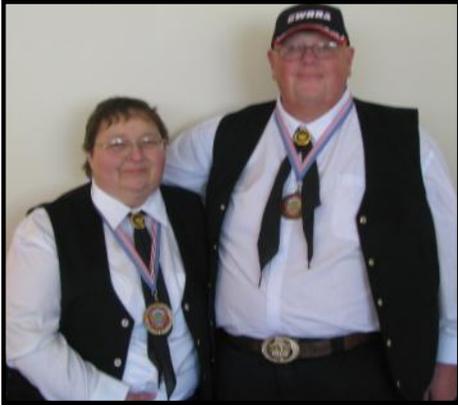


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Couple of the Year & Medic First Aid Coordinators



**Gary & Carol Williams
2014 MI District C. O. Y.**

October has me thinking about several things to do with our Couple of the Year program here in Michigan. First on my mind is that since all those honored are--wait for it--a couple, we all have beginnings to our story together.

October is our personal beginning. We celebrate 42 years on the 5th. I love hearing stories of how people met, fun things about their weddings and their adventures together through the years. For us, we met and talked for the first time on December 3, 1973. I had just turned 18 the day before. We had our first date two weeks later (that really has its own story!), two weeks later he asked me to 'go steady,' (that's what we did back then, remember), and two weeks after that he asked me to marry him.

So I then finished out the last six months of my Senior year of High School as an 'engaged woman.' We married in October and it is still hard for me to fathom it has been 42 years. So many highlights through the years. Thankfully, our lives are very blessed. Not perfect, but blessed indeed. I promise not to go into all 42 years now!

But one highlight, that became two, was when we were selected as our Chapter J Couple of the Year. That was such an honor and such a great year for us.

Then when we went through the Selection process for District Couple at Wingless Weekend, I was so sure that another couple would be chosen, that I was completely blown away. We were the Michigan District Couple! I had a little trouble catching my breath. That was again a year that we felt honored and had so much fun meeting people, carrying in the Michigan flag at a Rally, helping judge contests, and so much more. I am still grateful for this honor.

Now there have been many, many couples before us who share this honor and I am positive there will be many, many after us, but that was still our year. Just as many of you have your year. It's special and can not be taken away.

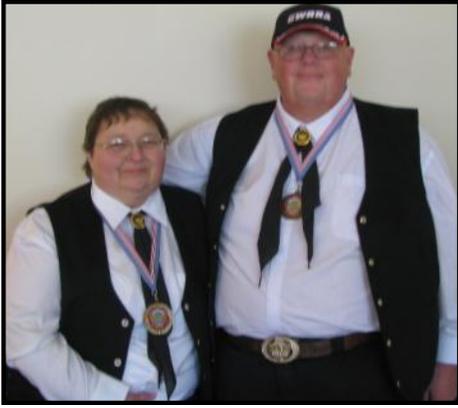
Chapter Couples for 2016, each of you have a beginning story. You have been honored by your Chapter. You are continuing to write your story, your adventures, together. Wingless Weekend will be another great chapter in your personal story. When you go through the Selection process with the other couples from around Michigan, you are going to have so much fun. In truth, there are a few nerves involved as well, but it is all worth it.

It is not too late to decide to go through the Selection process. Join the other couples in the fun at Wingless Weekend in Houghton Lake on February 24 & 25, 2017. Continue on with your personal story.

My other thought is for our Chapter Directors. If you haven't already, it will soon be time to consider who you will select as your Chapter Couple for 2017. Consider how you will surprise them with the honor. More on all of that next month.

So enjoy your October filled with colorful fall leaves, bonfires, and cooler temperatures. Continue writing your personal story. Enjoy your honor as your Chapter Couple of the Year. I am so thankful for each of you. G.W.R.R.A. is stronger and better because of you.

Be Blessed,
Carol and Gary Williams
Michigan District Couple of the Year Coordinator Chapter MI-J Directors
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Couple of the Year & Medic First Aid Coordinators



Gary & Carol Williams
2014 MI District C. O. Y.

Hello to all our Chapter Rider Educators, Directors and G.W.R.R.A Friends.

It's fall and it's that time of year to be planning your Chapter's Medic First Aid Class. We all want to keep up with our knowledge of first aid, and keep current or advance with our Levels program as well. No matter how many times you take a First Aid class, you need to refresh.

In case you haven't heard, there is a new program for our Medic First Aid class. If you have members taking the class for the first time, or who want a full-fledged review, we have just the class for you.

You will have instruction through your MFA Instructor, video, and hands on, all with updated information.



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Here is an important new change. If your entire class are returnees only, who need to keep current, there is a new shortened class that will save you a couple hours of class time. Please realize that if you have someone who has never taken an MFA class, they can not take this shortened class.

So Rider Educators, please go the Michigan website. Click on Programs. Click on Rider Education. Scroll down towards the bottom of the page and click on Request MFA Class Form. Fill out that form completely and mail/email it back to me to set your date. Note that class size has a minimum of six and maximum of 24 persons. Twelve to 24 requires two instructors.

Please understand that at this time I only have four instructors for the entire state. Dates are subject to an instructor available to teach at your location. It is definitely first come, first serve on class dates.

On that subject, if anyone would like to become a Medic First Aid Instructor for G.W.R.R.A., please let me know. If we have several interested, we can have a special instructor class. Please contact me with any questions you may have.

Looking forward to seeing your name on a class roster!

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Assistant District Directors East Central Section



Rob & Pam Robinson
East Central Section
Vendor Coordinators

Hi Guys;

Sure hope this doesn't become the norm, we camp it rain's and that's kind of an understatement it pours is more like it. We finely made it to Chapter H Ontario and had a ball despite all the rain on Saturday it didn't put a damper on the fun we had.

If you've never ridden across part of the top of Lake Superior you are truly missing out on some great scenery, even if a little of the road gets washed out by all the rain. We would love to tell you more about our trip and all the fun we had but we have been sworn to secrecy. So if you would like to know more you're going to have to make it there.

Motorcycle Wind Chill Chart															
Riding Speed (mph)	Air Temperature (degrees F)														
	30	35	40	45	50	55	60	65	70	75	80	85	90	95	100
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10	16	22	28	34	40	47	53	59	65	71	77	84	90	96	102
15	9	15	22	29	36	42	49	56	63	69	76	83	90	96	103
20	4	11	18	25	32	39	47	54	61	68	75	82	89	97	104
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The end of Ride Season is fast approaching here in Michigan, But the Colors are just getting started so why not get your Chapter out for a color tour ride you do not need to go far to see Michigan in her fall colors. Of course it's a whole lot more fun to make a weekend trip out of it.

Please remember the along with the change in the season also comes a change in the weather it maybe 70 degrees when you leave home but in the 40's by the ride back so make sure you're ready. Hope to see you down the road.

We have some exciting news coming in the next couple of Months so stay tuned you don't want to miss a thing.

Rob & Pam Robinson
Michigan East Central Section
Assistant District Directors | Vendor Coordinators



Assistant District Directors Western Section



Tim & Pam Hanson
ADD's Western Section

From the West Side

It might only be the beginning of October, but it's never too early to start planning for next year. I have already seen the 2017 Region D calendar, that shows all the winter and summer events. Check out the Michigan, Indiana, Ohio and Region websites for the dates and location of all their events. Maybe plan a weekend to take a ride to one of the summer rallies. We have been going to Ohio's winter event, Cabin Fever, for the last 4 years. They make it a lot of fun. Start making plan now for Michigan's Wingless Weekend. It is being held at a new venue this next year. It will be in Houghton Lake. Now don't everyone start grumbling at the same time. Let's give it a chance. I have been told that there won't be any stairs to climb, it will all be on one level.

Hopefully all chapters have a couple of dates picked out for next year for their parties or fun runs. You will be picking your dates at the Officers Meeting on October 8th. We hope that all chapters try to put something on this next year. If your chapter is too small to do it on their own, try teaming up with a neighboring chapter to put something on. We are going to try to make it to more functions next year, especially ones we have never been to. Maybe everyone should try that, make plans to try to attend a chapters function, outside of your area or section. You never know, attend theirs and maybe they'll attend yours.

Until Next Month,

Tim & Pam Hanson,
Assistant District Directors
Michigan West Section



Assistant District Directors Southeast Section



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Goodie Sales
2015 District C.O.Y.

Well fall is here and riding season is coming to a end for most of us. It seems like the older we get the faster time goes by. At the fall officer meeting we might get your District tickets. Don't forget the more ticket your chapter sells the more money your chapter can make. Your chapter gets back 30% of your ticket sales. **So get out and sell tickets.**

Well I'm sitting here trying to think of something to write about so I'm going to write about my chapter that I'm CD over W. We had a busy month.

First we held our Toy Run. We were down in attendance. But still did ok. I would like to thank Chapters C, J, H-2 and Former W-2 for coming to our Toy Run. I would like to thank Dick Karen Papworth for setting up and running the Toy Run and all our members that show up when ever we need them.



Next, the chapter had its campout. There were 8 couples camping out. Friday night we had a hobo dinner. We had About 24 chapter member show up. It was great food and fun.

Saturday night we went to eat at The Barn Restaurant. We had about 25 chapter member show up. We had a lot fun and a really good time. We were able to sing Happy Birthday to three members, Jim, Susie and Luisa.



We also had a hotdog roast for Lenawee Therapeutic riding. Its great to see how much riding the horse's helps each person and the fun the have doing it.



Will everyone ride careful and see you soon.

Bob & Marci Kinsey ADD S.E. Section



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Cheryl & Randy Wiggins
Michigan District MEC

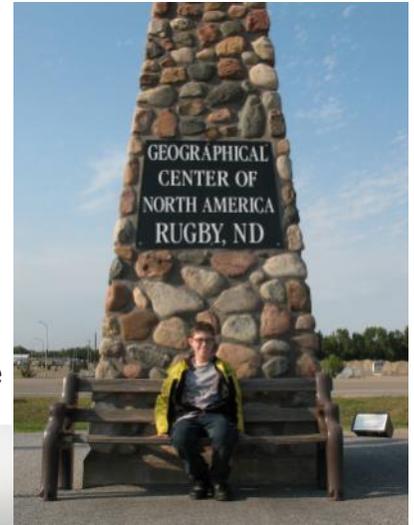
We knew it was going to be a long ride, but decided it would be well worth the trip. On a sunny warm Sunday morning in August we headed out of our driveway and headed for the U. P. This would be the first time that our grandson, Ethen, would ride on a trip longer than 300 miles. Since this was his first long trip we decided to keep our days short 300-350 miles a day so that we would have more time to relax in the evening.

Ethen loved crossing the Mackinaw Bridge on the bike; as a matter of fact Randy had to tell him several times to stop leaning over to see through the grates on the bridge. We made it to Manistique the first night. The following day we made it all the way to Duluth, MN and from there we made it to our former residence of Minot ND, where we found the cheapest hotel of the entire trip. We showed Ethen the house we use to live in, the school that his mother and aunt attended and a few other places around town. We were disappointed to see that tidy little neighborhood that we use to live in had lapsed into disrepair. I suppose since the town was flooded three years ago this helped create the shape of the neighborhood.

We then went to South Dakota and visited Mount Rushmore. Entrance into Mount Rushmore is free but there is a charge of \$11 per vehicle for parking. We rode up to the entrance gate and were told there was no charge for that day, not sure why, but were glad to have the break in cost. While the sculptures are very impressive, it was not enough to hold the attention of a 14 year old so it was a short visit.

We headed out again to see the Crazy Horse Memorial, we were riding along and rounded a curve and were able to see some Big Horn sheep standing on the side of the road, our camera was not ready so we didn't get any pictures. The sculptor and his family have been working on the Crazy Horse Memorial since 1947. It is all done by one person/family and private donations so the work is a slow process. It would be wonderful to see the completion of this project just not sure it will happen in my lifetime.

While in South Dakota we had to stop by Wall and visit the famous Wall Drug. If we had been there by ourselves we would have stayed a couple extra days and attended the Region rally that was taking place in Wall, but we had more places to visit and had to be on our way. We also stopped by Sturgis and took a few pictures of some of the local attractions, especially the town sign.



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The next place to visit was Yellowstone National Park for a few days. The price to get into the park is \$25 for bikes, but the pass is good for 7 days. We did not have accommodations in the park as we could not locate a hotel or cottage that had 3-4 nights in a row available over the weekend, so we stayed in Livingston MT which is 50 miles away from the park. At first that was disappointing, but the ride to the park was very nice. We were only able to visit the park for two days; we hit the big sites and a few of the smaller ones. I was amazed at how much the park has grown up since 1976. Not only were there more buildings, gift stores, hotels and such, but there were a lot more tourists as well. I remember the park being very quiet and relaxing and plenty of room, not anymore. While crowded I would still recommend a nice long visit there.



We then went to Wing Ding in Billings, MT. We stayed for the entire rally and like every other Wing Ding we left without winning the new Goldwing, always a disappointment. We attended some seminars, spent money at the vendors, saw a crash scene response scenario, and spent more money at the vendors. Ethen played giant Jenga several times and won twice, which was a good feat considering the tower was taller than him. He also won the statistical award for the Youngest Co-rider, he was worried that he might not get it.

The four days of the rally just flew by and then it was over and time to head home. Our trip home was a little quicker although we did take a side trip to ride H58 between Munising and Grand Marais. It was a very long trip, 4805 miles, Ethen was actually glad to be home and to go back to school since he had missed the first couple of days.



**Meet Ethen
Youngest Co-Rider at Wing Ding!**

Now that we are well rested it is time to start planning our next adventure.

Hope to see you soon,
Cheryl and Randy Wiggins
Membership Enhancement Coordinator



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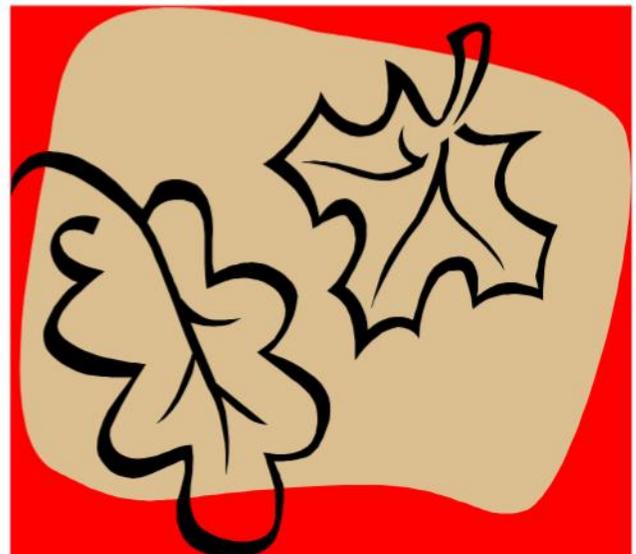


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- 0 - Turn your trip meter to 0.
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- 14.3 – Turn Left on 14 Mile Rd.
- 18.5 – Turn Right on M-37.
- 29.0 – Meet Chapter N at Shell station on corner of US 10 & M-37.
This will be a quick stop. If you need gas or restroom, please be efficient.
- 0 - Turn your trip meter to 0.
Continue north on M-37.
Stay on M-37 straight across M-55.
- 39.0 – Turn Left at Junction of M-115. Go across bridge, not quite 1 mile.
- 39.9 – Turn Right on N 9 Rd.
- 47.5 – Turn Left at Stop sign. Go 1 mile.
- 48.5 – Turn Right on Karlin Rd.
- 60.6 – Comfort stop at Mobil station at Interlochen Corners...please be efficient.
Continue North thru traffic light. Road name changed to S. Long Lake Rd. Enjoy curves!
- 66.2 – Turn Left into Boone's Long Lake Inn. Follow the lead bike through the parking area,
approximate arrival 1:30 pm.
Your bill for dinner will include some gratuity. Leave more if you wish.
BE SURE TO PAY YOUR BILL!!

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You can meet us at the restaurant around 1:30 pm, if that would work for you also. If you arrive early, please do not order your dinner until everyone arrives.

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Upcoming Events

DATE	EVENT	CHAPTER	PLACE
<u>OCTOBER</u>			
October 1	Freedom Run	Chapter C2	Ludington, MI
October 1	Anniversary Party	Chapter J2	Clare, MI
October 1	Region D Officer Meeting	Region D	Portland, IN
October 8 - 9am	Michigan Officer Meeting	Michigan District	Clare, MI - VFW Hall
October 8	Anniversary Party	Chapter V	Midland, MI
October 15	Anniversary Party	Chapter Y	Houghton Lake, MI
October 16	Boon's Lake Color Ride	Chapter K2	Traverse City, MI
October 22	Fun Run	Chapter G2	Greenville, MI
<u>DECEMBER</u>			
December 3	2nd Annual Winter Solstice	Chapter S2	Lavonia, MI
<u>FEBRUARY</u>			
February 3-4	Cabin Fever—Mohican Lodge	Ohio District	Perrysville, OH
February 17-18	Winter Rendezvous—Clarion	Indiana District	Columbus, IN
February 24-25	Wingless W—Lakeside Resort	Michigan District	Houghton Lake, MI
February 26	Spring Officer Meeting	Michigan District	Houghton Lake, MI
<u>MAY</u>			
May 11-13	Indiana's Spring Warm Up—Tipton 4H Fairgrounds "FUN IN THE SUN"		Tipton, IN
<u>JUNE</u>			
June 15-17	Ohio's Buckeye Rally—Richland Fairgrounds "Mayberry RFD"		Mansfield, OH
<u>AUGUST</u>			
August 10-12	Region D / Michigan Rally "1920's Beach Party"	Osceola Fairgrounds	Ewart, MI
August 29—Sept 2	WINGDING 39	GWRRRA	Grapevine, Texas

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