



Michigan District

Region D "The Great Lakes Region"

"Friends for Fun, Safety and Knowledge"



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Michigan District Directors

Ken & Patti Kintner

Congratulations to Chapter R2 and newsletter editor Barb Nugent! Your chapter newsletter has been named NEWSLETTER of the Quarter for the 3rd Quarter! Way to go! For those who would like to see their most recent newsletter [click here!](#)

Patti and I want to thank all the Officers we had at the Fall Officer Meeting. We had a great time getting out information as well as the feedback we got from you. Any feedback and suggestions that we get will help us better serve the members of Michigan. Hopefully those who attended took home the information that was presented to their chapters. If not, please ask them about it. I know some chapters have snowbirds who migrate south every winter and we heard some had already left for the season. Hope you have a great winter in the warm south. If you get tired of the heat be sure to come back to Michigan in time for Wingless Weekend which will be March 9th & 10th in Houghton Lake. The same venue as last year at the Lakeside Resort. The district team is planning a fun filled weekend with our cartoon character theme so don't miss it. And to help us spread the fun please get with your chapter team and come up with some kind of FUN skit. We can't wait to see it!

Is your membership number 166294? Again you have until the end of November to call us if your membership number is -

166294. Just give us a call and you can collect the \$25 prize!

As we say good bye to Region D we say HELLO to the former Region TEAM cause they are not going anywhere look for their articles on the next few pages of this newsletter. When we saw them in the Region D newsletter I knew I wanted to share them with you in our Michigan newsletter. Note the Region D Website was paid up till mid November so it is no longer available.

You have until the end of November to turn in your Safari Books to Bob & Marcia Kinsey. Please see their article for more information. Many of you had great fun visiting the destinations on the list located right here in Michigan. At the officer meeting each section came with four new locations for next year so stay tuned!

As the riding season comes to an end in Michigan, the hunters take to the woods and chapters start selecting their Chapter Couple of the Year. It is a time to thank that one couple in your chapter for the help they provided over the past year. Whether they decide to participate in the district couple selection or not they deserve to be honored at the chapter level so if your chapter doesn't have a couple selected yet? It's not too late! It may lead to them being more involved and maybe stepping up to be one of the next officers in your chapter. So honor them without delay!

Have a SAFE & Happy Thanksgiving!

Chapter Officers selected dates for chapter Events & campouts at the Officer Meeting these dates are now on the District Google Calendar! For the most up to date info on District & Chapter Events click on the [Michigan District GOOGLE CALENDAR!](#)

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Here is our final article as your Region D Directors which seems very strange to say.

We have learned so much with this association. Not only has the motorcycle and education aspect enriched us, but the FRIENDS we have made along the way are indescribable!! Our family has grown leaps and bounds way beyond our wildest imagination!

We cannot express enough Thanks to everyone that have touched our lives. Thank you to the Gold Wing Road Riders Association for giving us the opportunity to serve our members and hopefully giving them something to be happy and smile about at one point or another. We never imagined belonging to such a Great Association for 25 years!



Lloyd & Becky Glydewell
Region D Directors

We have been blessed with the opportunity of so many different positions, from Couple of the Year to Region Director. We have grown immensely within GW and our own lives. However, we never would have had this growth spurt if it weren't for the totally awesome and fantastic teams behind us! All our teams' hard work, dedication, contributions and commitments never go unnoticed. We thank you from the bottom of our hearts and couldn't have achieved any of this without our AWESOME TEAMS!!

We would be remiss if we didn't say a big big Thank you to all the past Region D Directors that dedicated their time to GWRRA, Paul Mays, Jake & Donna Reynolds, Dale & Kathy Kurth, Cecil & Virginia Boes, Will & Wilma Earnhart, Mike & Judy Wright, Jerry & Libby Richards, Jim & Shirrin Hutchins, Tom & Sandy Taggart, Ron & Dianna Miller, Roger & Penny Hurley, Lee & Kay Tieche. Without all of you serving this great Region we would never have had the chance to serve our abundant membership and enjoy doing what we do.

As we close out the Region, we ask that all members continue to support your Districts and other chapters. One of the ideas behind the restructure is so we can all have more FUN with more people! So be sure to get out there and participate with as many chapters and districts as you can.

We wish you all a Happy Thanksgiving, Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!!
Please don't forget our veterans on Veteran's Day! We owe them our appreciation.

We love you all and will see you down the road somewhere, sometime.

Keep on Soaring with the Eagles!!



Soaring with the Eagles

Hello Region D

It's hard to believe that we are at the end of another riding season, and the closure of Region D. Looking back over the years brings a great number of good memories. Over the years we attended a lot of the District's Rally's along with the Region Rally's, many Chapter Events and a lot of Wing Dings. It's always been nice to see our members having a good time. Even as GWRRA will be changing, were sure that the good times will also continue with District and Chapter events along with Wing Ding. We are sure a lot of new ideas for the fun to continue throughout GWRRA will happen, and look forward to hopefully a growth in our GWRRA extended family.



John & Laurel Kuehl
Senior Region D Educators
Medic First Aid Trainers

Looking back in time, we see all the training opportunities that were provided to the members. As your outgoing Senior Region D Educators, we would be remiss in not saying a big THANK YOU to the District Educators, Rider Course instructors, University Presenters, and Medic First Aid Instructors that took the time out of their lives to assist their fellow members to get the World Class Training that GWRRA is known for at very low to no cost vs commercial education costs. We also wish to extend a big THANK YOU to another group called volunteers. The group of Members you see that give of their time to help at these many events, and are sometimes not thought enough about. It goes without saying, if they were not there to help a lot of things would not be achieved, so we just want them to know how much we appreciate them as well.

As the year ends, we wish our fellow members of the Region D Team a hardy THANK YOU for their time, service, and friendship not only to Region D, but to the whole GWRRA family. Best wishes in your future endeavors.

To everyone in Region D we send the very best wishes, and can only say it's been a Great honor and pleasure to have served all the members of Region D as your Senior Region Educators.

We wish everyone the best of this Holiday Season.
Please have a safe Thanksgiving, Merry Christmas & Happy New Year

Ride Safe
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Soaring with the Eagles

Hello Region D

Over the past several years we have had the privilege of serving not only GWRRA but more importantly the Members of Indiana, Michigan and Ohio; (Region D) in several different offices. Over the years we have made numerous friends throughout Indiana, Region D and across the United States. We have even come to know several Couples in Canada and as far away as Italy.

While none of us enjoys change and heading into the unknown, changes are inevitable. If any organization is to survive and thrive it must be willing to change with the times. With that being said it is time for the Regions of GWRRA step aside and let this organization head down a new road and take us into the future.

We have truly enjoyed serving the members of this organization. It is our hope that all of you will stay active so we can see all of you as we travel down the road. We will miss the opportunity to serve you but look forward to seeing you in our travels.

I guess what we are trying to say is it has truly been our privilege and honor to have served in the various offices that we have taken on and hope that we are remembered by all of you as fondly as we will remember you.

Ride safe and stay well!!!

Gary & Carol Meyerholtz
Region D Membership Enhancement Coordinators



Gary & Carol Meyerholtz
Region D MEC
Couple of the Year Coordinators



Soaring with the Eagles

Where has the time gone? It just seem like last month that the news about the changes in GWRRA is coming and now it is about to come true. It was nice to be a part of the Region team for this short time and wish we had more time to enjoy this wonderful experience. I know that the three district training program will stay on top because Region D is the best. I know that the districts will still work together and strive forward in their training experiences because that is what Region D does. Region D has three great district trainers that will continue to work not just in their own district but help out other district within GWRRA.

We are sad to say that this is our last newsletter for Region D. We will see you in the coming year(s) at different events and rallies. Lynn and I wish the best to all members in Region D during the holiday season and safe travels in the coming year.



Douglas Kerst
Region D Trainer



Soaring with the Eagles



The final curtain is coming down on the Region D Team soon so we wanted to share our final “Swan Song.”

George & Jeanie Fowler
Vendor Coordinators

- Did the vendor job involve some work? Oh, definitely! But it truly wasn't a full-time or boring kind of work.
- Did we have good bosses? Oh, MOST DEFINITELY!! Lloyd and Becky care so much about our organization and the members.
- Did we have FUN? OH MY GOSH!!!!!! A “PHENOMENAL” amount of fun! (There were definitely some crazy fun folks in the mix.)
- Did we gain anything from doing it? OH, Momma, did we!! The deep rooted friendships among the team and our vendor family have been our biggest rewards. We would have never gotten to know how talented, kind, smart and hilarious these once distant friends were if we didn't take this journey with them.

We leave you with some sage (old-timer) wisdom: If you can volunteer for any position for your chapter or district, take the leap and reap wonderful benefits. You don't have to commit for a long term. Try it for a few months or a year and see if it works for you. All of the volunteers who have made the fun happen over the years have done their time and eventually reach the point where they are ready to welcome fresh talent. Are you up to the challenge? We double-dog dare you!!! If we can do it, you “definitely” can too!

Thanks to all of you members for your support over the years. You made our region run so much easier. We won't forget the times you helped with the littlest of chores and the times you helped with the biggest part of the load with smiles and fun attitudes.

And, finally, we thank all of our veterans for your unselfish service as we celebrate Veterans' Day; and we wish all members a Blessed Thanksgiving and a wonderful Christmas with family and friends. We look forward to seeing you at a fun event in the near future. Sending you our love and BIG HUGS!!

George & Jeanie Fowler
Region D Vendor Coordinators



Debbie and I had a GREAT time in Texas and we learned a lot from watching the International Couple of the Year process. Gary and Karen did an outstanding job, as did all the participants, and I'm sure they all left Grapevine with memories lasting a lifetime. Debbie and I also had several opportunities to talk to several of the participating couples and garnered more insight into what's coming up for us next year in Knoxville. We're getting ourselves prepared and excited for that next BIG step.

Until then, Debbie and I are hitting the road as your Region D couple and crashing the Region N (Appalachian) rally early November. It's being held in Johnson City which is right in the heart of The SNAKE, the other famous Tennessee motorcycle road. Between meeting new people, participating at the rally and great riding roads, What's not to love?!?!

While we've only been on the Region D team for a short time, I can tell you we were warmly welcomed, treated like Kings and Queens, and witnessed firsthand how hard this group of folks worked for the membership. When you see folks from the former Region Team, shake their hand, give them a hug, and tell them thanks for all the do.

Until next time.....



Rick & Debbie Wamels
Region D Couple of the Year



Soaring with the Eagles

THANKS

It is a small word, a single syllable, and only six letters long, but sometimes simple can say so much. Since we were chosen Region D Couple of the Year and, in what must be one of the shortest tenures in GWRRA history, appointed as Region D Motorist Awareness Program Officers,

We have been welcomed, hugged, kissed, praised, cajoled, and enjoyed belly laughs.

We have traveled the North American continent by air, land and sea.

We have traveled on three wheels, four wheels and however many wheels an airplane may have.

While not every minute has been dry, or warm, or even fun, we wouldn't have changed too many minutes of the past 2 years. We have those memories burned into our minds, though the recall of some events may be selective in years to come.

THANKS, for letting us serve our Chapter, the Ohio District and Region D, for being an avid supporter of our quests and for being our friends.

THANKS, for those who gave advice, solicited or not, because all advise has a place in living life.

THANKS, for letting us talk, cry, beg, and prod as we prepared and worked through to our COY conclusion at Wing Ding in Grapevine.

And lastly THANKS, to those folks who continue to step up to serve GWRRA. The Districts of Indiana, Michigan and Ohio are fortunate to have people who believe in the value of GWRRA. So,

THANKS to Gary and Carol Williams, who will be the Motorist Awareness Officers for the District of Michigan.

THANKS to Joe and Paula Swift, who will be the Motorist Awareness Officers for the District of Indiana.

And, we are excited to have an opportunity to serve as the (Gary) Motorist Awareness Officer for the District of Ohio & (Karen) Treasurer for the District of Ohio

This is not the end. It will all continue, but with a little difference. "The only constant in life is change." Don't know who said that but it does seem to be true. So now we all have to change a little, maybe what we do or how we do it. But not WHY we do it. Region D has been one of the best Regions in North America. Imagine how great the Districts of Indiana, Michigan and Ohio can be in the future. Think of all the riding, eating, laughing, and shopping that await us at the next rally, where ever it may be. Hope we will be there and hope we will see you there too.

Keep riding, meet new friends, hug the current friends and keep having FUN! We love you all.



Gary & Karen Ballou
MAP Coordinators



Soaring with the Eagles

Region D Individual and Couple of the Year!

Make sure you list them in your chapter newsletters!



Individual of the Year

Lowie Schippers!

Region D Couple of the Year 17-18

Rick & Debbie Warmels!



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Individual Couple & Chapter of the Year

You could be next! Think about getting your Chapter of the Year paperwork and Couple and or Individual of the Year resumes ready for submission!

If your Chapter doesn't have a C.O.Y. or I.O.Y. - Thank someone by Selecting Them!

Michigan District

Couple of the Year

2017 Tim & Pam Hanson

From Chapter C



2017 Individual of the Year

Louie Schippers

From Chapter J



Michigan District 2016 Chapter of the Year

Fall Officer Meeting

November 4th 2017 Jackson Michigan



Michigan Team

Left to Right

Rob & Pam Robinson ADDs East Central Section. Rick & Joy Hebner, District University Coordinators. Phil & Char Smock, ADDs North Section. Dennis & Felecia Schulte, District Educators. Gary & Carol Williams, MAP, MFA, COY, IOY Coordinators. Brent & Sandy Blackburn, Assistant District Educators - Soon to be District Ride Coordinators. Randy & Cheryl Wiggins, ADDs West Section. Tim & Pam Hanson, District MECs. Eddie & Charlene McDougle, District Treasurers. Bob & Marcia Kinsey, ADDs South East Section. And Down Front Ken & Patti Kintner, District Directors. If you need anything feel free to contact us! Our contact information is on the last page of each newsletter.



Fall Officer Meeting

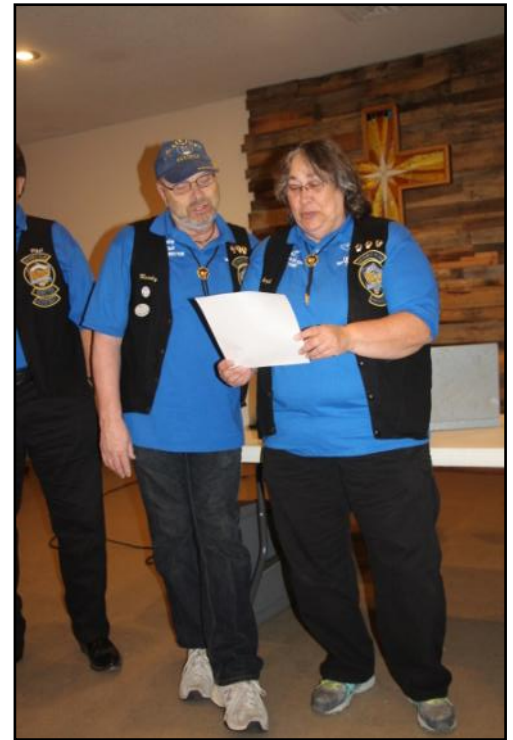
November 4th 2017 Jackson Michigan



Officer Swap!

Former ADDs for the West Section Tim & Pam Hanson are now District Membership Enhancement Coordinators!

Former District Membership Enhancement Coordinators Randy & Cheryl Wiggins are now Assistant District Directors for the West Section!



Tim & Pam Hanson

Michigan District Membership Enhancement Coordinators

Randy & Cheryl Wiggins

Assistant District Directors West Section



Also Phil & Char Smock were installed as the ADDs for the North Section!

Welcome to the Team!

Fall Officer Meeting

November 4th 2017 Jackson Michigan



Region D Motorist Awareness Program (MAP) Coordinator Karen Ballou came to install Gary & Carol Williams. The Michigan District now has a Motorist Awareness Program Coordinator which is now an officer position. Congratulations Gary & Carol! Gary is also the Michigan MFA Coordinator and Carol is the Couple of the Year Coordinator.



Lookout Charlene's got the Camera!





Bob & Marcia Kinsey
Goodie Sales
2015 District C.O.Y.

2017 Road Safari Passport Books DUE!

If you want to get in the drawing and get your T-Shirt order in for the 2017 Road Safari it needs to be postmarked by November 30th 2017!

Stay tuned for details on the 2018 destinations. The sections each picked 4 new locations for you to ride to next riding season.

Our address is wrong in the passport book so please use this address.

It is:

Bob & Marcia Kinsey

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Bob & Marcia Kinsey, South East Section ADD



Phil & Char Smock
ADDs North Section

Hello Fellow Goldwingers,

Brrrr....do you feel it coming? The great warm weather we've been enjoying in Northern Michigan is giving way to the cooler temperatures of

Fall. Thankfully, we still have a few Indian Summer days, so finish your fall chores or go for a short ride before winterizing your bike. Maybe you can get in some shopping because the holidays will be upon us soon, and it is easier to shop and travel while the weather is cooperating.

We've been busy traveling to all of our section chapters and we are happy to report that our great Northern Section is intact and open to trying some new things. It's been exciting to see how the other four Section chapters conduct their Gatherings and interact with each other within their chapter. We hope we have shared some of our excitement with them. One thing we have come to realize in our travel discussions is 'all chapters need each other to flourish and survive the declining membership'. We all became members because we have the same thing in common; we love to ride and talk motorcycles.

It is our hope that our five section chapters, plus Ontario Chapter H, can share our love and knowledge to become more solidified in our support for each other. Section solidarity is our goal, and we hope to see many great friendships form from our endeavors. We plan to help our chapters overcome their small numbers, fill their positions, and learn to relax and just have FUN.

Creating FUN is top on our list of things to do to revitalize the Northern Region. Our own Chapter J2 will be adding the times and locations for other chapter's dinners to our weekly announcements. If each Chapter in our Section would consider doing this, it will give your members more choices and opportunities to get out with other Gold Wingers. Phil and I are going to check into creating a Section Calendar that our Section Chapter Directors can add events to, and would be available to all Section members. You just never know when someone might wake up one morning and decide to see if anything is happening within the Section that day.

Putting events out there will enhance all of our experiences and enable us to make more friends within our section. Until we can get that calendar; or another system of communicating events up and running, bump us with your long-range dinner plans and we will put the word out to the other CDs. Of course, you can simply reply to the latest Section email we sent you. The other CDs can pick it up from there, especially if it's close to the event date.

A word of caution; please, please, please be patient! Don't get discouraged if this doesn't immediately work to increase participation. First of all, it is Snowbird season. Plus, a Section Calendar is a new concept for our section leaders and

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one we all have to get used to. It will take building friendships and learning we can rely on each other to make the effort to add events to make it successful.

For those heading out to warmer climates, travel safe and keep in touch. We'd love to see your pictures! You might just warm us up with envy on a cold winter day. This newsletter is here for you, so don't forget to check the District newsletter out each month for happenings in our Section. We'll try not to get discouraged if you don't read it; but we know you will.... at least, we like to think that....lol! Happy Thanksgiving all; enjoy your blessings!

Your Friends for FUN, Knowledge and Safety,

Phil and Char Smock

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Cheryl & Randy Wiggins
ADDs West Section

The words to David Bowie's song "Ch Ch Changes (turn and face the strain)" keep rolling through my mind, while David Bowie was talking about the changes that go on in a person and generations we as GWRRA members are not immune to changes. We are experiencing the many changes that go on in an organization.

For those that came to the Fall Officers meeting you witnessed the changes in Officers as several people took over new positions. All sections have an Assistant District Director; there is a new Membership Enhancement Coordinator and Motorist Awareness Coordinator, which is a new position. We were told about upcoming changes to GWRRA and that there will be more changes in the near future. With all

the changes that are occurring we can get lost in the confusion and stress that can come with change. The best way to deal with change is to just relax and remember to have Fun.

Our Motto and heart of our organization is NOT changing, we are and continue to be "Friends for Fun, Safety, and Knowledge".

We have many activities coming up over the Holidays. There are several Chapters who will be having Holiday parties starting as early as Dec. 2. Why not check out the District Google calendar, the link is on the main webpage right under the Events link, and see if there is something going on that you or your chapter might want to join in on. Be courteous and give the chapter you are planning on visiting a heads up on how many are coming.

For those of you who, like us, have not put your bikes away and still plan on riding, stay safe, watch for ice and remember that no cagers are watching for you.

Cheryl and Randy Wiggins

ADD Western Section



Rob & Pam Robinson
East Central Section
Vendor Coordinators



[Rob & Pam Robinson](#)

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Tim & Pam Hanson
Membership Enhancement
Coordinators & 2017 District COY

By the time this is being read, we should be the new Membership Enhancement Coordinators for the District. Cheryl Wiggins did a Great job during the time that she held this position. Now her and Randy are taking on the Position of Assistant District Directors for the West Section. Good Luck to them both.

Looking over the responsibilities of this position, I'm going to be very busy. Not only do I have reports to get out each month, I'm also going to be looking at newsletters and websites, brag books and whatever else might come up. I feel that we're up for the challenge.

Speaking of challenge, I would like to challenge every member to recruit a new member this next year. We need to try and grow the membership in this state. If even half of you can get someone new to join, or get an old member to come back, then we can grow the membership here by 50%. Try to talk to some of the members that have let their memberships go, we're trying to get away from the word expire, if it's for health or family reason's that okay. But, if it's for some other reasons, such as, chapter closed, had disagreement with an officer, was uncomfortable where they were at. Let's see what we can do to get them back. The more new members we can get, the better chance we have a chance to keep things going here in Michigan. Too many Chapters have closed here in Michigan, due to no one wanting to step forward to take on the task of running a Chapter. Yes, it is a difficult job at times, but if you surround yourself with the right people, in the other team positions, it makes it easier. Also, if some of the newer members see how much fun it can be to take on some of these positions, they just might want to step in and help out. It can't hurt. I don't think we can afford to lose

anymore Members or Chapters.

The District Raffle Tickets are in. I'll be handing them out to the chapters that let me know how many they want at the Officers meeting. Since we have less members and chapters to sell tickets, we are asking each chapter to try to sell more. We not asking you to sell 1,000 more. Maybe just a couple of hundred more. Remember, these not only assist the District, but also some of the funds come back to your chapter.

With all the changes coming after the first of the year, none of know what to expect, hopefully National has us heading in the right direction. There are going to be changes to Rider Ed, Membership Enhancement and who knows what else. I'm hoping that they start releasing some more information on the changes in the next month or two.

The Winless Weekend registration form is out, it's in the newsletter and also on line. Get it in now and get your hotel reservation made. Last year was a fun time. And I'm sure this year will be even better. Can't wait to see some of the costumes.

Until Next Month
 Keep Having Fun
 Tim & Pam Hanson



Rick & Joy Hebner
District Trainers

We would like to start off this month with a thank you to our Veterans. Many have served our great country, and some have made the ultimate sacrifice by laying down their lives. These sacrifices have ensured that we have the freedoms that we enjoy today. If you can, please take the time to attend one of the many ceremonies that will be held this weekend.

I wanted to share a little history of why we

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observe November 11th as Veterans Day:

History of Veterans Day

World War I – known at the time as “The Great War” - officially ended when the Treaty of Versailles was signed on June 28, 1919, in the Palace of Versailles outside the town of Versailles, France. However, fighting ceased seven months earlier when an armistice, or temporary cessation of hostilities, between the Allied nations and Germany went into effect on the eleventh hour of the eleventh day of the eleventh month. For that reason, November 11, 1918, is generally regarded as the end of “the war to end all wars.”

In November 1919, President Wilson proclaimed November 11 as the first commemoration of Armistice Day with the following words: "To us in America, the reflections of Armistice Day will be filled with solemn pride in the heroism of those who died in the country's service and with gratitude for the victory, both because of the thing from which it has freed us and because of the opportunity it has given America to show her sympathy with peace and justice in the councils of the nations..."

The original concept for the celebration was for a day observed with parades and public meetings and a brief suspension of business beginning at 11:00 a.m.

Please take a moment to thank a Veteran for the freedoms that you enjoy.

Joy and I have been taking some time as of late to discuss seminars for Wingless Weekend. We have been wondering what the membership would like to hear more about. At the Officers meeting this last weekend, we asked the Chapter Directors to ask for input from the Chapter members. If there is a particular subject that you would like more information about, please let us know. We would like to have the topics set soon. If your Chapter is looking for a particular topic for a Gathering or event, let us know and we will try to make it happen. Remember, the more you know, the more it helps you grow, no matter what you do in life.

[Click This Link](#) to list the training modules

There is an “automatic zoom” feature. If you click on it and select 200% or more, it will be much easier to read. We look forward to hearing from you soon.

Rick & Joy Hebner, District Trainers
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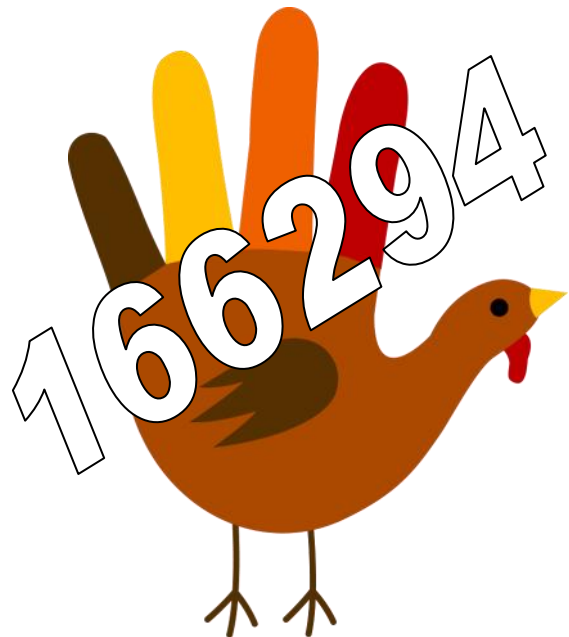
Dennis & Felicia Schulte
District Educators

Time of the year to plan Medic First Aid classes for your winter enjoyment. You never know when you may be needed to assist in saving a life. Please get with Gary Williams, Michigan's MFA coordinator for your training needs. The form is available at the Michigan website.

And for any of you who have thought of becoming an MFA instructor, which Michigan is in some need of, training now will be mostly Web based. In Michigan, Ohio, and Indiana, there are four MFA Instructor Trainers who are updating their training to continue being MFA Instructor Trainers. At the current time, you would have to attend a one day class of approximately six hours with one of those four. This would be after completing online training and an online test. There is a fee to become an MFA Instructor of \$170.00. Michigan would be willing to pick up that expense if you would like to volunteer to become a new MFA Instructor.

If you are currently an MFA instructor, this does not affect you until your renewal date, and the cost for renewals has not changed. And, of course, Michigan picks up that expense also.

Ride safe,
Dennis and Felicia





Carol Williams C.O.Y. - I.O.Y.

I'm baaaaack! I know, you were really wondering where I was last month because I didn't have an article in. Well, rest assured I am here for you, so please read on...

With our calendar year winding down, which for us here in Michigan means our riding season is winding down, if not just plain over, (big sad face here), it is a great time for Chapter Couples and Individuals to begin finishing up their resume, or simply begin their resume, whichever the case may be.

The following is a letter that I gave to all the Chapters that were present at the Fall Officer's Meeting on November 4th. It is written to the Directors, but please make sure that all Chapter Couples and Individuals get this information. Wingless Weekend is such a fun time, but it is even more so when there is participation in the Selection Process. Be encouraging! Be enthusiastic! Be involved!

Hello Chapter Director, I'd like to take a moment and say how excited I am to share with you again about our Couple and Individual of the Year Program. In 2017 we have had the privilege of Tim and Pam Hanson as our Couple and Louie Schippers as our Individual representing our great state of Michigan.

Thank you for choosing a deserving couple from your Chapter to honor them as Couple of the Year and an individual to honor as Individual of the Year as well. This is wonderful for your Chapter, since having a Couple of the Year, and also an Individual of the Year can bring enthusiasm to your Chapter, and we can all use more enthusiasm!

I hope that you will encourage your Couple and Individual to take part in the Selection process for our next Michigan District Couple and Individual of the Year. Encourage your Chapter to 'get behind' them as they take this next step. Then begin to encourage attendance at Wingless Weekend to offer support and cheer them on. Our next Wingless is in Houghton Lake on March

9-10, 2018. Your Chapter Couple and/or Individual could be the ones representing Michigan throughout 2018!

Thank you in advance for making sure that your Chapter's Couple of the Year and Individual of the Year receives the following information just as soon as possible. I look forward to receiving all resumes on or before the deadline of February 2, 2018.

All the forms and information concerning the handbook, resumes and score sheets can be found at mep.gwrri.org/coy.html Links will be at the bottom of the first page. Please note that your Individual should use the same form, simply ignoring the spouse sections/questions. I am available to you, your Couple and/or Individual if any of you have questions concerning the Selection process.

As you begin to think about your 2018 Chapter Couple and Individual, please be sure and honor them with this decision. It is not a 'popularity' vote. It is not a 'who has not been it yet' decision. It is an honor for what they have done for the Chapter, for their enthusiasm in the Chapter and for GWRRA. Please don't ask— simply announce their honor. Remember, they don't ask Oscar or Emmy winners if they want the award, they simply announce their name and give the award to them. Honor, honor, honor!

Blessings,

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It is not exactly accurate to say that the Motorist Awareness Program is new to Michigan or even GWRRA. It has been a part of the Rider Education Program up until now. Along with other changes being made within the structure of our Association, Motorist Awareness has split away from Rider Education. These two programs may now concentrate on their uniqueness and their similarities for all of us and the general public.

While Rider Education teaches riders and co-riders how to ride safely and what to do in an emergency, Motorist Awareness teaches other motorists and their passengers to be aware that motorcycles share the road with them. It is not just a saying, but a reality. The responsibility for helping all motorists to understand and be aware that motorcycles are on the road should be a part of every rider and co-rider's day. Basically everyone who rides also drives other vehicles. We, along with the general public, need to be aware of the need for being on the lookout; need to be aware of little 'tricks' that can help us spot motorcycles. Our new Program will endeavor to do just that.

Some of our Chapters in Michigan may already have a member on their Team who has been their Motorist Awareness Coordinator. If not, this would be a great time to seek someone out within your Chapter who cares about the idea of sharing safety with others. At this point it is not an Officer position within the Chapter, but that could change in the future. They would be a part of your Team.

Getting out within your community not only helps educate drivers and passengers all through your area, it helps promote your Chapter as well. There are many different places that would welcome a short talk on this very important issue.

To help you do this, I can share several ideas with you. One was mentioned at the Fall Officer's Meeting and is called Mini-Make-A-Point Presentat-

entations. These power point presentations last from 5 - 20 minutes. They will be available to you very soon. It was also noted that anyone may present these, not just those within Motorist Awareness.

One question that was raised at the meeting was whether or not these power points could be shared on social media. I have your answer. The short version is no, you may not share these on any social media. They are copyrighted and meant only for actual in-person presentations. You will be able to access them from the MI District Website (near future) to use, so please honor this restriction of social media.

I look forward to working with each Chapter throughout Michigan. Should you have any questions, or would like to share any ideas, please feel free to email, text or call me.

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GWRRRA S-2 Michigan MOTOR CITY WINGS

Holiday Celebration

Saturday December 9, 2017

Quality Inn & Suites Banquet Center

30375 Plymouth Road, South of I-96, w/o Middlebelt

Livonia, MI. 48150

Social Hour 6 pm Dinner 7 pm

\$20.00 For ticket information contact:

Ch. Director - Lonnie 734-634-0004

Ch. Treasurers- Eddie & Charlene 248-559-6239

Photo Booth Giving Tree Dancing Silent Auction

Advance Ticket Sales Only No Ticket Sales At The Door

Rooms Have Been Blocked Under S2 For This Event



Gold Wing Road Riders Association

Michigan District Wingless Weekend

March 9th & 10th 2018

Lakeside Resort & Conference Center

100 Clearview Drive, Houghton Lake, MI 48629

(989) 422-4000

Theme: **CARTOON CHARACTERS**



Wingless Weekend Registration Form Please Type or Print CLEARLY

Riders Name _____	GWRR # _____	Renewal Date _____
Co-Riders Name _____	GWRR # _____	Renewal Date _____
Address: _____		
City: _____	State or Prov. _____	Zip Code _____
Telephone #: _____	E-mail: _____	Chapter: _____

EARLY BIRD REGISTRATIONS MUST BE POSTMARKED BY January 31, 2018

EARLY BIRD DRAWING - One Couple Will Win 2 Free Registrations To The 2018 District Rally in Marshall

Registrations MUST Be Postmarked No Later Than February 26, 2018 Registration Limited to 300 Persons No Onsite Registrations.

GWRR Member: <input type="text"/> X \$15.00	Non-GWRR Member: <input type="text"/> X \$20.00	Registration total: <input type="text"/>
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Dinner Buffet: \$25.00	<input type="text"/> Includes Chicken Cordon Bleu, Slow Roasted Beef Brisket & Meat Lasagna	Banquet total: <input type="text"/>
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Open Banquet Seating

For Special Dietary Requirements, call Ken at (517) 902-9893



No Event Shirt Sales for 2018. Feel Free To Wear Your Chapter Colors!



Don't Forget: Officers Meeting Sunday, March 11, 2018 Same Location. 9AM-3PM - ALL Members are welcome!

Payment Method: Check or Money Order:	Money Order # <input type="text"/>	Check Number <input type="text"/>
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Make Check Payable To: GWRR DISTRICT-MI Mail Payment To: Eddie McDougale GWRR DISTRICT-MI Treasurer 17515 Louise - Southfield, Michigan 48075	TOTAL DUE: <input type="text"/>
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Any Questions, Please Call Ken At (517) 902-9893

I/We Do Agree To Conform And Comply With The Ideals Governing This Rally, And I/We Further Agree To Hold Harmless GWRR, Co-Sponsoring Organizations, And / Or Any Property Owner (s) For Any Loss Or Injury To Self Or Property In Which I/We May Become Involved By Reason Of Participating In This Rally. I/We Also Agree To Assume Responsibility For Any Property Which I/We Knowingly Damage. I/We Have Read This Entire Form.

Rider Signature: _____	Date: <input type="text"/>
Co-Rider Signature: _____	Date: <input type="text"/>

Refunds After Feb 10th By District Director's Authorization Only. Please Do Not Reduce Or Alter This Form

YOU ARE RESPONSIBLE FOR ARRANGING YOUR OWN ACCOMMODATIONS

Special Lakeside Resort Rates: \$ 89.99 /NIGHT + tax Two Queen Beds (or 1-King if available)
(All Rooms Include Hot Breakfast Buffet) **MENTION GWRR FOR THE SPECIAL ROOM RATES**
To reserve Your Room, You MUST call 1-989-422-4000 to make your reservations.
Hotel Rates Are In Effect Until February 15, 2018 Only 84 rooms available.

Upcoming Events

DATE	EVENT	CHAPTER	LOCATION
December 9th	Holiday Celebration	Chapter S2	Livonia, MI
February 2-3rd	Ohio—Cabin Fever	Ohio District	Mohican Lodge
February 9-10th	Indiana—Winter Rendezvous	Indiana District	Shipshewana, IN
March 9-10th	Wingless Weekend	Michigan—District	Houghton Lake, MI



**Congrats
Chapter R2
Newsletter
of the 3rd Qtr!**

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