



Michigan District

"Friends for Fun Safety and Knowledge"



December 2021 - NEWSLETTER / BULLETIN



Michigan
Senior
District
Directors

Ken & Patti Kintner

Patti and I want to first thank members and chapters who sent us cards, they and YOU all mean a lot to us! Covid affects everyone differently. Patti had flu like symptoms. I on the other hand got Covid Pneumonia and was in the hospital for 12 days. Hopefully that is all behind us now and we can get ourselves back to normal. I will have a longer recovery time. But seriously thanks for all the prayers and well wishes!

This is our last newsletter as your Senior District Directors. It all started back in 2010 when we were named Chapter W Couple of the Year... Then 2011



Chapter W Couple of the Year 2010



Chapter W Assistant Chapter Directors

Michigan District Couple, then we were on the district team in some capacity until being installed as District Directors in 2017 at the



Chapter W Chapter Directors 2011



Michigan District Webmaster and COY Coordinators

first and last combined Region D/Michigan District Rally. I know many of you were there; the theme was 1920's Beach Party. Since then we have had many FUN

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Michigan District Directors 2017



times with our GWRRA friends. 2018 Wingless
"Cartoon Characters",





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2018 Rally "Hillbilly Hoot",



2019 Wingless "Summer



Camp", 2019 Rally "M*A*S*H". "



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In 2020 we were able to hold our Wingless Weekend "Flower Power". Then COVID-19 shut everything down. We had a "Fun Weekend" camping in Ewart in place of our Rally and had to cancel our 2021 Wingless Weekend. As things started to open back up this year we



were able to hold our 2021 Rally "Pirates" at the campground in St. Louis, MI.



Things were kind of getting back to something closer to normal. A surprise for us happened at the Opening Ceremony when Jeff & Terri Curtis our SE Section ADDs



presented us with the news that we were made Senior District Directors! They presented us with the certificate and patches at the Fall Officer Meeting as they were delivered to their house during the rally. We also received a Goldwing Clock from Dave & Carolyn Frazer that Dave made!





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We want to thank our DISTRICT TEAM AND ALL MEMBERS who were able to participate in any of these events.



We've had a blast and hope to continue seeing all of you during the next riding season! Just think on December 22nd the days will start getting LONGER! YAY!

As you probably already know... Dave & Carolyn Frazer will be taking over as your District Directors effective January 1, 2022. We know they will do a great job and will have a great TEAM to help them serve the Michigan members of GWRRRA.

Have a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!
Your Friends for FUN Safety and Knowledge!
Ken & Patti Kintner, Michigan Senior District Directors

Senior District Educators



Dennis & Felicia Schulte

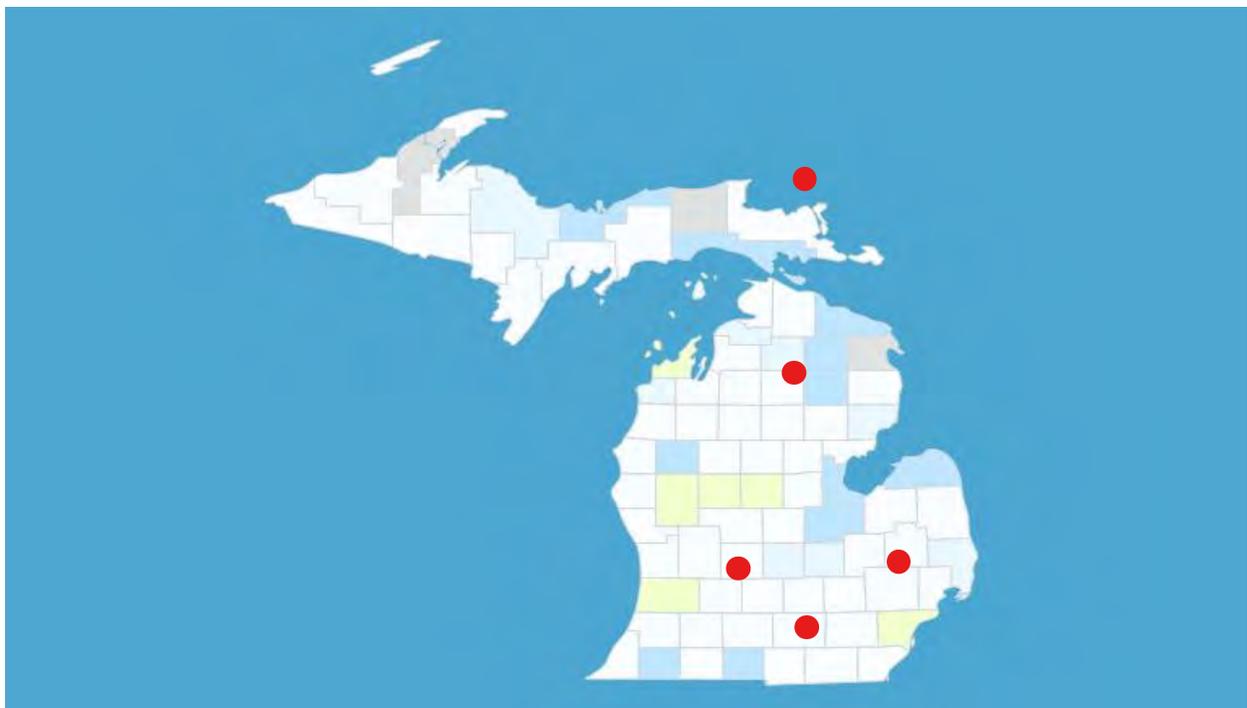
November

Weather and animals,

The weather is certainly different this year, but we have just hit the normal cooling off for fall here in the Thumb. Leaves are changing, and dropping, and blowing on the roads. Rain is coming down, sometimes in mist, sometimes drizzle, and sometimes downpours. Animals are busy hurrying and scurrying to store up for winter and to find mates. So please be more careful than usual of road conditions and animals running the roads.

Rider courses seem to be quite the talk this year. We want to reiterate that we are not looking for new venues; we need more instructors. We do understand that some of you want to be more centrally located and hopefully the range size of 100 ft x 200 ft with 40 ft at each end for run off for the ARC may allow us to look at new places. This means no obstacles; no lampposts, no concrete pylons, and even no semi-trailer storage. We also need classrooms at those same places at a nominal fee at the most, and space for TRC's to be run at the same time.

As you can see below, we have had venues set up for long before we became Assistant District Educators that are free/cheap and that work with us on the few dates we have available to choose from each year. I have marked approximately where they are located on the map so that you can see how they were originally planned to fit as many members' needs as possible: Sault Ste Marie (which brought in our Canadian friends), Grayling, Ionia, Pontiac, and Stockbridge.



To review the honorary and retired master programs; a retired master wishes to retire at their highest level, and submits N.33A. Thus, their master level stays at master permanently. This is for those of us who will never be able to update our levels due to such reasons as permanent health conditions.

The honorary master program is for those who still want to continue in the levels program even though they can't currently meet all of the level requirements. The N.33 must be completed with the assistance of us as District Educator because this agreement states that you will do other things as a substitute for the activity you cannot complete. This can be as simple as working at the Rider Ed tables at the rally and wingless weekend, working at a Motorist Awareness event, and/or assisting with special Rider Education projects. This must be updated every three years.

Enjoy riding when you can, as November is almost here!

Dennis and Felicia Schulte
Michigan Senior District Educators



Senior District Educators



Dennis & Felicia Schulte

December

Cool and wet,

Be careful out there; but don't let it stop you from riding your motorcycle safely. At today's temperature of 54 degrees in the tip of the thumb, the light showers are of more concern as they are mixed with road conditions. There is mud and debris on the road from the recent harvest season and there are forest creatures stashing food and finding friends for the winter months.

Layering is the best thing one can do for any outdoor activity, including motorcycling. Layers can be removed at stops along the way and added back in the afternoon. Under Armor that wicks away moisture for your first layer, and brands/materials like Gore Tex for the rainproofing are some possible choices. Heated handlebars certainly help, but remember to pack extra pairs of gloves. Neck warmers and headliners are always helpful in the cold.

Make sure your bike is ready to ride in colder weather, also. Foot pegs with grips, those heated handlebars, and large windshields certainly help. Don't forget to check the anti-freeze. A busted radiator hose or worse is not fun at any time, but in the cold will be even more time consuming.

Cold weather means cold tires means less traction. Check your tire pressure every ride.

Salt and black ice means caution. Snow means no, at least to me. Too slippery and less visibility is never good with the four wheelers.

We are still sending out these articles on approximately the twentieth of each month to be placed in your next newsletter. National Office requires that we send them out to each Chapter Director. We also send them to newsletter editors, so whenever you change or gain an editor let us know at michridered@gmail.com and we will add them in.

Send Your Instructor To Camp Fund has been built up \$300.10 which due to our current "promotion" is due by December 31. This \$300.10 and anything else accumulated will be used to reimburse Edmund McDougale, our latest instructor candidate, for expenses while in Athens, AL and his travels to and from. AND, you members have bought 1.5 hours of Jan Smith's silence SO FAR at Wingless Weekend, 2022.

Blessings wished for all during this holiday season,

Dennis and Felicia

Michigan Senior District Educators



Senior District Educators



Dennis & Felicia Schulte

There is an unequal amount of motorcycle crashes in this area compared to motorcycle owners in the area; a large percentage of these riders are from out of town. Losing control while riding uphill curves, colliding with other vehicles that are stopped or slowed to look at the view, losing control due to over-correcting, high rates of speed, are all considered causes to the accidents I reviewed online. Overlooks and access points are also a cause of all accidents, not just motorcyclists. Pulling in and out of these does cause issues, even though one would hope it would be safer to pull over out of the way to view the beautiful scenery. Could lack of attention to the road be another motorcycle accident cause?

To also give you some idea of the background of the parkway, there are 469 miles from the Shenandoah National Park in Virginia to the entrance of the Great Smokies in North Carolina. The Parkway was the first national rural parkway and was discussed in 1933, designed, and constructed for a leisure-type driving experience. It is recognized around the world as an international example of landscape and engineering design with a roadway that lies easily on the land and blends into the landscape. Fourteen million people visited the parkway in 2020 while passing through its 29 counties and bringing \$980 million to the nearby communities.

The research makes me want to go visit, but I would definitely like a safer way to see what must be some glorious scenery. It doesn't sound as though hiking or bicycle riding is much safer, although there seems to be a lot of that there, also.

Stay safe,
Dennis and Felicia
Michigan Senior District Educators



District University Coordinators & TEAM GWRRA as University Assistants



Rick & Joy Hebner

DUC Corner (District University Coordinator)



November

Wow, only two months left this year, hard to believe that November is here already. Last month I explained that winter is a good time to conduct some training. As we wind down the year, I want to highlight some of the classes that are offered.

Co-Rider:

Objective: The Co-Rider Seminar is to provide education and information that is focused on the Co-Rider's perspective, enabling them to discover their roles and responsibilities as a part of a "Riding Team". While taking more ownership of the ride, the Co-Rider will increase their motorcycling awareness and have more TEAM interaction and FUN, all while helping to provide a reduction in the risks associated with motorcycling.

Chapter Communication Plan:

Objective: In this class, we discuss how to increase communication in order to increase participation. We answer the following questions:

1. What information do members need in order to participate?
2. What are the requirements for communication based on the Officer Handbook?
3. What are other options for communication?
4. How do we get the most out of our communication?

These are just two of the many classes that are offered by the University. Stay tuned next month and we will highlight two more. If you want to see the whole list, it can be found by going to WWW.GWRRADOT.COM, the University website.

Please stay safe.

Until next time, remember training is FUN (as well as educational).

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Team GWRRA - University Assistants
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It's hard to believe that we are at the end of the year. In some ways it has gone by real fast, and other ways it was a slow year with a lot of change. It has been a wonderful year of seeing people we have not been able to see, other than in the box (on a computer screen).

I would like to take this time to thank the wonderful University Team that we have here in the state. They took charge of the training opportunities that were offered this year and did a great job. It would not happen without them. Thanks team.

As we go into the end of this year, we want to take a minute to wish all of you a Merry Christmas and happy and prosperous New Year.

Until next time, remember training is FUN (as well as educational). Hope to see all of you in 2022.

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Couple of the Year Coordinator



Gary & Carol Williams

November

COUPLE OF THE YEAR / INDIVIDUAL OF THE YEAR

November is known for a few reasons to everyone. Such as Election Day, Time Change (spring ahead, Fall Back), Veterans Day, Thanksgiving and of course, the infamous Black Friday. Most people have their own ideas of how these days should be honored, respected, celebrated, or even ignored.

To all of you reading this who are Veterans, I thank you and honor you for your service to our country. I truly believe that no matter how or where or when you served, you are to be thanked and celebrated!

Thanksgiving, I believe, is too often consumed with the consumption of food and watching football. On the other hand, I think we need to be more thankful every day, not just on one day. Even with all the health, family, financial, and work problems you may have, or the pandemic, or the government problems, or race conflicts, or, or, or... If we keep looking for problems, we're sure to find them. The same thought should be held for looking for the good in our lives, the Blessings that we receive every day in our personal lives, our family lives, our work lives, and, and, and... If we keep looking for Blessings, we're sure to find them!!

I'd like to challenge all of our current Chapter Couples and Individuals to think of at least one thing that you are thankful for about being honored in your Chapter, and let me know what it is, or what they are. My contact info is below. Thanks in advance!

The following is a repeat of last month, with one very important addition. When you look up the resume, please be sure it is the current one. You can tell if it is the current one if it has the section about Motorist Awareness. In any case, what's below is important, especially if you missed it last month.

For those who have the honor of being the 2021

Couple or Individual of the Year, I hope you are considering going through the Selection process at Wingless Weekend. Please go ahead and look at, and download, the Resume from the National website. It's under the Programs, then MEP, then Couple of the Year, then scroll down for the forms. Go through the resume, practice writing one out. If you write DRAFT across the front, you can even send it to me to go over with you. Please note, that if it does not say draft, I am obligated to accept it as the real resume, so please be careful.

Individuals of the Year, please use the same resume as Couples, just ignoring any sections for a spouse response.

I'll be happy to speak with you at any time and try to answer any questions you may have. My contact information is listed below.

I hope you all have a wonderful month of November, and remember to seek out the Blessings in your life every day.

Blessings,
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MEDIC FIRST AID / CPR / AED

No one likes to think about the possibility of needing to have help in an emergency, or needing to give help to someone else in an emergency. Neither scenario is a fun one. But eventually, one or the other is bound to happen. That's why we train and prepare for the 'just in case' scenario.

Think about when you take your ARC or TRC class, some of the things you learn, or are reminded of, you pray you never have to use, But you practice them to make you a better, safer, more informed rider or co-rider. And as a bonus, it keeps your levels up-to-date.

Taking your MFA/CPR/AED class teaches you, or reminds you, of things you pray you never have to use. But again, you practice them to make you a better, safer, more informed person no matter where you are or what you're doing. And as a bonus, it keeps your levels up-to-date.

We have three instructors in the State who would love to have you sign up for a class. It's only \$25 per person. (Other organizations charge much more) If you would like to take a class, speak with your Chapter Director about scheduling a class. Or you could even get with me to see if another Chapter may be having a class that you could get in to.

Thanks,
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MOTORIST AWARENESS

As our riding season is just about over, except for a few brave souls, and we are more often found in those four wheelers of ours, we need to be motorist who are aware of the changing weather conditions. This is Michigan after all.

Just today, Carol and I took off (in the truck) to finish off our remaining Safari stops. We left home in the sunshine and with temps in the mid 40's. We drove through scattered light rain, more sunshine, downpours, more sunshine, sleet, falling temps, light rain, and more sunshine. The sleet was a surprise for sure.

This is just a grim reminder that it won't be long until the black ice and snow will be coming, and we need to be prepared. We need to be aware of changing, sometimes subtle changing, of our weather conditions when we drive.

And if you're still going out trying to catch some of the amazing color changes in our trees, please make sure that you don't spend more time looking at the colors than you do your driving! Be an aware motorist at all times!

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December is a month full of awe and wonder, excitement and anticipation, family and friends, joy and happiness (yes, they are different), remembering through the past year and looking forward to what the new year brings. This year has been one that leaves many with less than pleasant memories, yet there is always good to be found when we look for it.

I encourage our Couples and Individuals to look back over their year representing their Chapters. As you do this, you may see a few hard times. Don't play the blame game. Look for what could have been done/said differently and let yourself grow from the experience. As you look back and see the great times, be thankful and cherish the memories. Look for what you can do to promote good times and encourage people in the future. Make plans now to encourage the next Couple and Individual in your Chapter.

You've been an Ambassador for your Chapter. Did you realize that? It wasn't hard to do, was it? Now it's time to think seriously about going through the Selection Process at Wingless Weekend to possibly become the next Ambassador for the State of Michigan. It's nothing to be fearful of. After all, you are surrounded by some great friends in GWRRA!

Take that next small step and go online to fill out a resume. Make sure your Chapter Director fills out their part and signs. Please contact me with questions if you're not sure about something on the resume. There are no dumb questions! Once you're finished, the next thing is to send it to me. And a good thing to keep in mind is that no matter the outcome of the Selection Process, you'll have fun going through the Process.

Sometimes even the smallest thing can be the biggest blessing. Think of the tiny Baby born in Bethlehem over 2,000 years ago. Oh, what a difference a Baby makes!

CHRISTmas Blessings to you and your family, and have a wonderfully Happy and Safe New Year in 2022!

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MEDIC FIRST AID / CPR / AED

This year is coming to a close. Or maybe you look at it as finally coming to a close. Either way, it's not all been bad. Several Chapters have completed their MFA/CPR/AED class and we have a couple scheduled just after the first of the year. Thank You! This is good considering we couldn't hold classes for so long. Sure hoping we don't ever have to go back to that way of life.

I'd really like to thank my two other Instructors, Cheryl Wiggins and Sandy Blackburn. They both do a great job! Between the three of us, we cover the state for you in order to instruct, inform, prepare and renew. Keeping your levels up is important; helping or saving a life of a loved one, friend or even stranger is priceless.

Chapter Directors, please send in your request form listing three dates for a class, to Dennis Schulte. He will then send it to me and we can get the date and Instructor for you. Classes are only \$25 per person.

If you are reading this and would like to take a class, speak with your Chapter Director about scheduling a class. Or if the Chapter as a whole does not yet need a class, you could get with me to see if another Chapter may be having a class that you could get in to.

Merry Christmas everyone!

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December is here and riding season is basically a memory for 2021. But! That doesn't mean we slow up on our Motorist Awareness efforts. In fact, it's still very important. After all, it's about training the driver, no matter how many wheels are under them, to be more aware of what is going on around them on the road. Driving in Michigan winter weather leaves a lot to be desired, and being aware of road conditions and of the other motorist on the road is so important. Think about it. Every time during a first snow or first ice, there are far more accidents. People need to be re-educated on being aware of conditions during winter driving. And being educated to watch out for other drivers now will help them watch out for others and motorcycles come warmer weather.

During these cold weather months is a good time for training. There are many short videos that can be shown and discussed during a Chapter Gathering. Or it's a great time to reach out to other organizations about scheduling a half hour program. Please feel free to contact us if you'd like to set something up.

We'd like to thank all of the Chapter Motorist Awareness Coordinators who help educate those around them. Those who write articles for their newsletters. Those who help hand out tri-folds, magnets or yard signs to adults and coloring pages to kids. You do make a difference and we appreciate you.

Merry CHRISTmas and be an aware motorist in 2022!

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District Member Enhancement



Dennis & Gayle Jisa

November

FALL IS HERE!!

It's time for a cider mill visit, fall color tour rides, and start thinking of events for your chapter for winter. As we transition from ice cream and warm weather ride's we need to start thinking of different things to keep us together during the cold months. Be sure to check out what other chapters have planned and join them whenever possible. Holiday parties and get togethers are always more FUN with more friends!! Card parties or game night, social get togethers at someone's home, a movie night either at a member's home or an early movie at a theatre with dinner close by afterwards. Camp outs are drawing to an end but there is still time to do a Chili cook off, bon fire and roast hot dogs and do s'mores to keep the menu simple. You could invite a chapter that is close to your area to join you!

Another great thing to plan for this winter is a Medic First Aid class and get your members caught up on levels. We were closed down for quite a while and now it's open so take advantage! Have a seminar presented at your gathering or do one yourself. They are available on line.

We THANK YOU for all of the reports that were turned in to us each month. We hope more of you will give it a try and get yours turned in. There are a few chapters (you know who you are) that we never hear from. If you need help or it seems over whelming just ask and we will help you through it. National has gotten a bit behind so the September report came out late and the October will be out shortly, along with the full report that comes out quarterly. We hope to be back on tract soon!

Gayle & Dennis Jisa

Michigan MEC



District Member Enhancement



Dennis & Gayle Jisa

December

MERRY CHRISTMAS and HAPPY HOLIDAYS!!

We wish you and your family happy, healthy and FUN times during this holiday season!!

Looking back over 2021 is much better than 2020! We were able to get out and ride and attend so many great events this past riding season!! Our personal riding was cut short, before it really got started, with Dennis having a total knee replacement in mid-May. He was back in the saddle before the Mi Rally so that was AWESOME!!

Chapters have been able to get back to doing things they love, riding and being with friends and family again. Now it's time to plan things to do during the cold months that are upon us. What will you help your chapter plan? We are the FUN coordinators! Be sure to read the SCOOP that is passed on each month by the MEC coordinators from other districts. If you can't use the idea the way they did, try changing it up a bit to work for your group. We just did a little different version of a trivia game at our November Gathering. I found different facts about Thanksgiving, and had those items as prizes. Example: Draw a name, give them a can of green beans, and then read a fun fact....Green bean casserole was invented by a Campbells soup employee, another one, draw another name and give them some jingle bells...jingle bells was originally a Thanksgiving song, written by James Lord Pierport in 1857. Another ticket drawn and the person given a \$1.00 bill....George Washington (had his picture on the dollar bill) declared the first National Thanksgiving. You get the idea! Maybe try it at one of your gatherings! It brought some good laughs!! Card parties, game night or a Sunday afternoon? Movie, just call it a Social and everyone bring a snack to share. Get together and have FUN!!

Have you seen that the WINGLESS WEEKEND registration form is out?? I see its limited to 250 people so better to get your reservation in ASAP!! We always have FUN with the skits so your chapter has time this winter to work on doing one. These are so funny and entertaining! Table Centerpieces, Door Decorations, and Mascots dressed in theme for judging. Don't forget the Memory Table and bring a picture and information of a member you have lost this past year. As we are getting older and older that table is getting fuller and fuller. Share some great memories of that person with the rest of us!!

Dennis and I extend wishes for you and your families to have a blessed holiday season and to Wish you a Happy and Healthy New Year.

Gayle & Dennis

GWRRA Membership Enhancement

Michigan



Chapter E in Review

This year is almost over and it's been great being able to be out and about. We decided to hold our annual FUN RUN within our chapter and even though it was HOT, we still had a great time. Next year we celebrate our 40th Anniversary as a chapter and are planning a bigger celebration so mark your calendars for June 18th.



Then another BIG event was being able to hold and attend the Michigan Rally in St Louis Mi.

We had a great turnout with lots of FUN going on for the HOT weekend.



We held our annual Chili Cook Off in September and it was well attended. Along with our regular members we had some new ones join us and they promise to come back.



Chapter E in Review Page 2

In November we held our annual Thanksgiving Pizza Party and shared some laughs and games.



We had lots of ice cream rides and are doing dinner rides now that the weather has turned chilly! Lots of good things yet to come this winter including looking forward to Wingless Weekend in March. Hope to see a lot of you there!!

Gayle & Dennis Jisa

Chapter Directors

GWRRA MI-CH E

Assistant District Directors



North Section

Phil & Char Smock

Greetings Friends,

We hope your Thanksgiving was delightful and filled with friends, family and great memories. Ours was a bit different this year. We had Kip and Janet from OnH overnight and spent breakfast with them. Then, later in the day, Mike and Carol came to prevent us from spoiling Colby much longer and stayed for a late lunch. They were on their way home from the surgery center where Mike had some more surgery the day before. Unfortunately, when they headed out, the far northern part of our section was finally receiving its' first real snow of the season. Thankfully, they got home safe. We're hopeful that we're finished with the extremely wide temperature fluctuations, and the cold weather will finally kill off some of the mold and other allergens produced by the heavy rains this fall.

Fall in the Upper Peninsula produced some phenomenal color this year and Chapter Q sure made good use of the nice temperatures. With members heading south and west for the winter and Mike facing surgery, Chapter Z retired their bikes earlier than the rest of us. However, they are still meeting for dinners and staying active with us and others around the section. They will be delivering Chapter Q's Charter to them for us as we turn our attention to writing to our members in Chapter Y to try and find new Chapter Directors for them. We will greatly miss the support of Dan and Lorraine, and thank them for their service.

For now, Dan and Lorraine continue to keep the members of Chapter Y active and are still holding their Wednesday luncheons. However, many of them are also settling in for surgeries while others prepare to head to Florida and places far away from the cold. Until recently, our farthest away Chapter, On-H, had been posting that they were still able to ride a little; although it was quite chilly. We were fortunate to attend their ZOOM meeting on Nov. 23rd, and it was so great to see everyone! Phil put on his Cookie Monster shirt for the occasion much to Linda Shaule's delight. If that confuses you, you'll have to hear the story from our 2019 Northern Section Campout. They are hoping that they can attend this year's campout and maybe even Blarney Bash if the restrictions continue to decrease. Chapter J2 is kicking into planning mode for the Blarney Bash and plan to continue their Gatherings throughout the winter, except for February. **We are going to take February off** with our March Gathering, Wingless Weekend happening the weekend of March 11-12, and Blarney Bash planned for March 26th.

No February Gathering will give our members a break before getting busy again. We do want to put it out there that we welcome anyone who needs a Gathering fix to come visit us. If you get this newsletter before December 2nd, and want to visit us and participate, we host a Christmas cookie exchange. Bring 3 dozen of your favorite and collect that many back to take home.

If you're looking for a Christmas present that can give all year long and then some, here's an idea. We recently received a letter from our National Directors, Jere and Sherry Goodman, that GW is offering extra months added to your membership term when you renew. We hope you can cash in on that deal. We really appreciate our members that have renewed this year, which shows that you all take pride in your bikes, your abilities and your Goldwing friendships.

Pride is a word that has been surfacing a lot in our life this month. We attended Chapter V's Gathering this month. They give away tickets for wearing your chapter and GW patches. Then they draw for chapter pride prizes. It's fun to choose a prize and a good way to remind us to be proud of our affiliations; not only with GW and our chapter, but also with our friends.

Char wasn't too proud of herself on Tuesday the 16th when she accidentally ran over a special boy's puppy. That began a week where she experienced the lowest of lows, but was brought back from that grief by experiencing the grace and pride of a boy's innocent heart. It didn't help that it was the Amish boy who has essential

Assistant District Directors

North Section

Phil & Char Smock

become our first Amish grandchild. Since he could stand at his window next door, he would wait and wave to her every day when she came home from her bus route. It was a truly humbling experience for her to be the recipient of the grace and forgiveness David gave her.

However, it was a bit hard for Char to forgive herself. She cried off and on for two days and was determined to find him a new puppy. Of course, GW friend, Dar Koza was the first to reach out since she works with re-homing pets in the GR area (Just another example of the depth of friendship we find within our GW membership.) In the end, it was Char's faith that the right opportunity would come along and our acceptance into the Amish community that found us the connection we needed. When taken to choose his new puppy; the instant love and pride over his choice shown in his face. It turned into a proud moment for her to be able to take him and provide that opportunity to him.

We now realize that pride can be both bad and good depending on your ability to remain humble and to have faith. Some think it a sin to show pride, especially the religious Amish. But we believe it can be good if it is shown out of a sense of love and commitment. Although he was proud about what his new dog's ability to hunt is going to be and his ability to make his own decision; he remained humble and respectful to Char. That in itself was a true expression of the kind of love that can be given to those outside our circle of beliefs. It was a true blessing that came out of a bad situation.

Since we are writing this just a day after Thanksgiving, we believe it was important to share this story with all of you in an effort to renew an awareness to be thankful for our own vulnerabilities, the valuable friendships we have and the lessons of kindness, acceptance and staying humble. It's also a reminder that we, as a whole, can readily share our love through the darkest of times (like what GW is facing with declining membership). It's a lesson that we are not always perfect in our friendships, our attendance, our willingness to volunteer, our abilities to lead, and/or our commitment to continue supporting any association we are involved in. So, no matter how guilty we feel or non-committal we sometimes want to be, let's find ourselves staying the course; because we are proud of the loving friendships we have been graced with through our associations and the lessons we have learned.

Next time you attend a GW Gathering, no matter who's, look around and ask yourself; am I humble and faithful enough to be proud of my membership in our GW Association, and what can I do to make it a better experience for another member, leader, and/or my friends?

As leaders ourselves, we may not always display an attitude of humility and tell you, our members, how proud we are to have you as our friends and partners in raising awareness about our love for motorcycling. Well, we are; and we hope you all know that!

We humbly ask for your grace to forgive us our faults, to allow your pride in your hobby of motorcycle riding to stay the course, and to continue your support for us, your fellow members, and GWRRA. You can accomplish that by staying involved and joining the District Team this next year in having some extraordinary fun ~ beginning with Wingless Weekend in March. With Christmas quickly approaching, we know March seems far off; however, it will be here before you know it. Registering for this mid-winter getaway could be a Christmas present to: yourself, your spouse, a prospective new member, and most certainly to your friends that really miss and love you.

And, now that Christmas is upon us, let Char's story bring to mind the love and the good kind of pride parents of an innocent baby that lay in a manger must have surely felt although humbled by their surroundings and the acceptance of the unknown Inn Keepers. Keep peace, pride and kindness in your hearts and please share it.

From all of us in the North Section....We wish each of you a very Merry Christmas!

Truly Yours in Peace, Love and Friendship,
Phil and Char

Assistant District Directors

South East Section

Jeff & Terri Curtis



Congratulations to Dave and Carolyn Frazer as Michigan's new District Directors beginning January 1, 2022. They always have a lot of fun doing things and we look forward to working with them.

November is the month where we're reminded to be thankful, for friends, for family, for our veterans, for prosperity and health, and of course Gold Wings! (or whatever is your choice to ride). We are very thankful in this country to be able to ride our motorcycles when we want, where we want and share experiences with our GWRRA friends. Thank our veterans for the freedoms we share, it's all because of them.

It's getting that time of year to start sitting by a cozy fire, pulling out past issues of Wing World Magazine and thinking about next year's rides. Sit down with pen and paper and write down your favorite locations for your bucket list. We're sure you'll find more places to go than you can get to in one riding season, but it's nice to have a goal!

We thank all of our Veterans for their service this Veteran's Day and wish everyone a Happy Thanksgiving holiday.

Jeff and Terri Curtis – Assistant MI District Directors South East Section

Assistant District Directors

West Section

Randy & Cheryl Wiggins



November

As you all know the weather has been extremely warm and pleasant for this time of year and like many of you, we took advantage of this and did a little riding. We decided to go and see some of the beautiful colors that appear this time of year. We had thought about going someplace up north and stay for a few days, but after checking hotel prices and campground availability we decided to just do some long day rides from our house for three days around the middle of the month.

The first day Randy and I headed up towards Traverse City from our home in Muskegon. We rode a good share of M22 before cutting over to Traverse City itself. The ride was very nice but, the only color, we seen was green; green grass and green leaves. After a 300-mile ride we arrived home to make plans on where to go next.

The next day we decided to head south along the lakeshore in search of the elusive fall colors. We rode down to South Haven then took some back roads to the east and ended up in Plainwell, where we had to stop for a doughnut at Sweet Water Doughnuts, one is all you can eat because of how large they are. From Plainwell we wandered north-westerly to go home. Once again, we had a very nice day and the ride was wonderful, but it seems like green was the only color we were finding.

Our final day of riding that week we headed north east towards Cadillac. From Cadillac we headed to Kalkaska and then we took M72 to Traverse City once again. From there we took a different route back to our house. We did find a little color at one of the road side stops that we took a break at. It was nice to look over a small lake and see the trees changing colors and the reflection on the lake adding to the

beauty of nature. In those three days we road over 900 miles, had a lot of fun, some nice picnics, and caught a glimpse of the pending fall colors.

We hope that you have been having some nice rides this month. We are hoping that the nice weather will last for awhile so we can get in a few more rides this year, but we are also being realistic knowing that our rides will be getting much shorter and farther between.

Now that the weather will be getting colder it is time for us to look for some other activities to do, granted for the next couple of months there will be holiday parties and family gatherings to go to for most people. We also will have our chapter activities and when able joining other chapters for their events. It's a good time to check out motorcycle, RV, and car shows, all of which seem to be coming back with some limitations. We also have Wingless Weekend coming up in March so make sure as soon as the registration form is available to fill it out and send it in. It is a great way to end the winter and kick off spring.

Ride Safe,

Randy and Cheryl Wiggins

ADD Western Section

GWRRA

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West Section

Randy & Cheryl Wiggins



December

Here comes the snow, not that I want to see it, all it means for me is that I will have to leave my bike set in the garage until it is gone. I know that many hunters out there want a little snow on the ground and some of the farmers I know want about 2 to 4 feet of snow in their fields for the winter and the snowmobilers and snow skiers are never satisfied.

I also realize that snow falling is very pretty to watch especially in the evening when the lights reflect off from it. But snowing all adds up to more work, I will have to help with cleaning out the drive every time mother nature decides to dump that lovely white stuff in my drive. Now all of this may sound like I hate winter, but just the opposite, I actually like the wintertime. I like the holidays that fall during the winter, I like taking walks this time of year and this is when I do most of my grilling as I don't have to deal with the afternoon heat on my back porch. I just don't want all the snow on the roads and my drive. It would be great if someone could figure out a way for that to happen.

It is always nice if you can stay active in the winter. It doesn't matter what you do, just something to get in some exercise. You can go for walks, just be carefully and look out for slippery spots. You can go to the gym, take up dancing or just do the mall walking like some people do. Randy and I both square dance 2-3 times a week as a way to stay active and keep our minds active as well.

Currently we are planning a few winter get-a-ways for this year, some of them are for a few days and others for just a few hours. One of them is to an RV show, it is always a nice way to break up the winter, to look at what is available and look at the ones that only the elite can afford, although most of those I wouldn't

want even if I could afford them. We used to go with friends to motorcycle shows, but since Covid started they have moved them to the summertime and outdoor venues.

We also plan on attending Wingless Weekend in March and there are other opportunities to attend GWRRA events in other states as well. We will just have to look and see what is available and what will fit into our schedule.

For those that have never been to Wingless weekend all I have to say is, What are you waiting for? Come on out, have a good weekend away from work and other responsibilities, spend time with your GWRRA friends and join in on all of the activities that are offered. You may find it is good for your heart and mind.

Hope you have a Very Merry Christmas, or a Happy Holiday Season for whatever holiday you celebrate and a Happy and Safe New Year.

Randy and Cheryl Wiggins

Assistant District Directors

Western Section

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Chapter J Christmas Party Saturday

December 11, 2021

Clark Lake Golf Course
The Dominick Room
5535 Wesch Rd
Brooklyn, MI 49230



Buffet Dinner

Chicken, Roast Beef, Salad, Potato, vegetable, Dinner Rolls
AUCD—Coffee, Tea, Lemonade & Pop
Dessert provided by Chapter J

Social Time 5:00 pm — 6:00 pm
Dinner 6:00 pm— 11:00 pm

\$30.00 per person (includes Meal, AUCD, & Tip)

Meat + Sides \$23 + AUCD \$2 + Gratuity 20% \$5 = \$30.00

Secret Buddy's will be revealed

Gift Exchange

If you would like to participate
please bring a \$15 gift for Male and \$15 gift for Female

Pictures

Lots
of Fun

Cash
Bar

Games

Reservations must be in by **Saturday November 13, 2021 (limit 80 persons)**

Name(s) _____

Non Chapter J Members \$30.00 a person

Make checks payable to: Cascade Wings MI-J

Give or Mail Check to: Monica Rodman
809 Sunburst Rd
Jackson, MI 49203
517-262-8386

Contact: Cheryl Fetterman at 517-812-4845 or Mary Dodge @ 517-764-5053 for more details



**GWRRA - CHAPTER MI-C
Monroe Floral City Wings
CHRISTMAS PARTY
SATURDAY, DECEMBER 4th, 2021
AT BIG AL'S SPORT GRILLE
34927 W. JEFFERSON AVE.
ROCKWOOD, MICHIGAN
SOCIAL HOUR 5PM to 6PM**

**DINNER AT 6PM - Entertainment till 11pm
PARTICIPANTS FOR GIFT EXCHANGE MAY BRING
A GIFT VALUED AROUND \$20.00**

**You may also like to participate in The Most
"Decorative" Christmas Sweater competition.**

The limit is your imagination.

Clock and Dolls Raffle by Ron & Jan

**DINNER TICKETS (\$25.00 per person) are available
from Pam (734-274-1742) or Tim Hanson (734-289-3289)**

Last day for Event Tickets is Friday, November 30

All moneys must be in by this date

No Ticket Sales at Door.





Gold Wing Road Riders Association

Michigan District Wingless Weekend

March 11th & 12th 2022

Comfort Inn & Village Conference Center

1645 Commerce Park Drive - Chelsea, Michigan

(734) 433-8000

Theme: **Hawaiian Luau**



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 15, 2022			
EARLY BIRD DRAWING - One Couple Will Win 2 Free Registrations To The 2022 District Rally in St. Louis, MI			
All Registrations MUST Be Postmarked On or Before February 15th 2022		Registration Limited to 250 Persons	No Onsite Registrations.
GWRR Member X \$15.00	CDs & Life Members X \$10.00	Non-GWRR Member: X \$20.00	
Registration total:			
Dinner Buffet: \$30.00	<input type="checkbox"/>	Includes Gratuity - Buffet: Grilled Chicken & Beef Bourgingnon	Banquet total: <input type="checkbox"/>
SKITS		<div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px; display: inline-block;"> For Special Dietary Requirements, call Dave or Carolyn at (989) 662-3397 </div>	FUN
		GAMES	
Payment Method: Check or Money Order:	Money Order # <input type="text"/>	Check Number <input type="text"/>	
Make Check Payable To: GWRR DISTRICT-MI Mail Payment To: Eddie McDougle GWRR DISTRICT-MI Treasurer - 17515 Louise - Southfield, Michigan 48075			TOTAL DUE: <input type="text"/>
I/We Do Agree To Conform And Comply With The Ideals Governing This Rally, And I/We Further Agree To Hold Harmless GWRR, C0-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 & co-rider must sign
Rider Signature: _____		Date: _____	
Co-Rider Signature: _____		Date: _____	
Refunds After February 15th By District Director's Authorization Only. Please Do Not Reduce Or Alter This Form			
YOU ARE RESPONSIBLE FOR ARRANGING YOUR OWN ACCOMMODATIONS			
Special Rates at Comfort Inn & Suits: \$ 99./NIGHT + tax Two Queen Beds (or 1-King if available) (All Rooms Include Hot Breakfast Buffet) MENTION "GOLD WINGS ROAD RIDERS ASSOCIATION" FOR \$99 ROOM RATE To reserve Your Room, You MUST call 1-734-433-8000 to make your reservations. Special Hotel Rates Are In Effect Until February 7, 2022 Limited Rooms available.			



Soo Locks Campout

Friday & Saturday July 29-30, 2022

Aune-Osborn Campground, Sault Sainte Marie, Michigan

Friday Dinner—Burgers, Dogs, Salads, **Dessert & more** **6 ish pm**
Saturday Breakfast- Pancakes, Scrambled Eggs, Sausage, Coffee, Juice & more **7:30-8:30am**
Saturday Dinner— Spaghetti & Meatballs, Salad, Coffee, **Dessert & more** **6 ish pm**
Sunday Continental Breakfast – Muffins, Rolls, Coffee, Juices **Early till 9am**
Total Food Cost \$35.00 per person

50/50 each day, Chinese Auction Saturday & Bon Fire every night...

Saturday Guided Ride- leaves 10am, \$5 per bike & draw upon return. Prizes awarded at dinner. Light parade at dusk and ice cream at bonfire.

Reservations: Mail form to **Frank King** for lot assignment, 1-day \$33, 2-days \$66, 3-days \$99 & so on for each day you wish to Camp (dump station on site) & Bike tenting \$33 a night & doubling up permitted per site, Bikes only (Water/Elect all)

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

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

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

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Call early as sites are sold out in January

Frank King 906-440-2133 or frank72@gmail.com
Deb King 906-632-6644 or debik73@gmail.com



Soo Locks Campout & Registration

Name _____
 Address _____
 City _____ State _____ Zip Code _____
 Phone _____ Email _____ Chapter _____
 Sharing Camping- Motorcycle Camper__ Yes / No _____
 Camping- \$33 per night X number of nights--- TOTAL COST = \$ _____.
 Lot Size needed- RV, 5th wheel, Travel Trailer _____ Feet long.
 Check in Date _____ Check out Date _____
 Number of people, staying at Hotels - _____

Saturday night light show & parade at 9pm



Come join us for fun

Frank King ---- 906-440-2133 or fking72@gmail.com

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**January 6, Sites go on sale, “year” sold out January 30,
Call I’ll save you one, if I can...**

Make check payable to; Chapter Q

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