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Gold Wing Road Riders Association  
Michigan\*Region D\*Chapter MI-G\*\*\*Midnight Riders

### MEETING PLACE, DAY, and TIME

Place: "That Place" 2162 Plainfield Ave NW Grand Rapids MI 49505  
616-365-6669

Breakfast and Gathering at 9:00 AM

Look for the SUGGESTION BOX at our gatherings. Tell us what you would change, keep the same, or your ideas for rides, etc.

For more information, or to be added to our phone tree, please contact one of our Chapter Staff.

See page 2 for contact information.

We hope to see you out there.....Ride Safely.

## APRIL 2010

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				1	2 Good Friday	3
4 Easter	5	6	7	8	9	10 Mystery Dinner Chapter R
11 Chapter Gathering 9:00 AM <b>That Place</b> on Plainfield	12	13	14	15	16	17 Chapter D Anniversary Party  OPC Officer Meeting: Lansing
18 OPC Officer Meeting: Lansing	19	20	21	22	23	24 Bike tune up at Randy & Fay's 10:00 am
25 Holland Blessing of the Bikes	26	27	28	29	30 Arbor Day	




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<p>Tim &amp; Pam Hanson District Couple of the Year 2010 </p>	<p>Ken &amp; Ann Byxbe Chapter MI-G's Couple Of the Year 2010 </p>	<p>Dick and Ginny Beardsley Region D Couple of the Year 2009-2010 </p>
<p>Tim &amp; Pam were selected as the District Couple of the Year at Wingless Weekend 2010</p>	<p>Ken &amp; Ann are members of Chapter G. They are our U.S. Veterans' coordinators. Ken is one of the tailguners for the Midnight Ride.</p>	<p>Dick and Ginny were selected as the 2009-2010 Region D Couple of the Year at the Region D Rally.</p>

## April Schedule

ALL RIDES (except the Midnight Ride) **ARE WEATHER PERMITTING!!** Sprinkle's are okay.  
We will leave promptly at the time stated for each event.

April 4                   Easter Sunday

April 10                  Chapter R Mystery Dinner  
[http://www.gwrra-mi.org/EventFlyers/2010\\_Flyers/mystery\\_dinner\\_2010.pdf](http://www.gwrra-mi.org/EventFlyers/2010_Flyers/mystery_dinner_2010.pdf)

April 11                  Chapter Gathering 9:00 am at **THAT PLACE** 2162 Plainfield NW  
Grand Rapids MI 49505 616-365-6669

April 17                  [Chapter D Anniversary Party](#)  
Comstock Community Center  
6330 E Michigan Ave  
Comstock, MI

April 17 & 18            OPC Officers Meeting in Lansing

April 24                  Bike tune up at Randy & Fay's 10:00 am. Chapter will provide lunch.

April 25                  Blessing of the Bikes Holland <http://www.blessingofthebikes.com/>  
More details for the ride will come at Chapter Gathering on the 11th,  
but meet at Perkins restaurant on Chicago Drive (Jenison)  
at 10:30 am.

July 30-31                GWRRA Michigan District Rally/Convention  
Ogemaw County Fair Grounds  
<http://www.gwrra-mi.org/RallyPreview.htm>

Shawmut Hill Honda Open House

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CD's Corner  
Randy & Fay Vieu  
Chapter G Directors



Since my last newsletter (February) most of you have heard about Fay breaking her left leg in four places. We both would like to “Thank Everyone” for the cards, flowers, and food that was given to us. It is nice to know that when something like this happens that we have a large family that comes to your aid and is there to help.

Well enough of that. I just moved my wing from the back garage to the front and will now start to check it over before I get on it and ride. The last week or so has been hard watching all the bikes on the road and not being able to ride mine. With the weather starting to get warmer and the snow gone for now, we set our sights on the upcoming riding season. We need to remember to do our t-clocks before we ride and to also remember that we are all a little rusty. We have a MSF class in Ionia in June and I think Len is going to set up a parking lot practice at U-Haul parking lot, (Thanks Jim for the use of the parking lot). The Holland blessing of the bikes is coming up at the end of the month, so we are going to have a coming out party at our house on the Saturday before the blessing. See the calendar for the date. Remember that we need your ideas for rides for the coming season and let's have a lot of fun this summer.

Randy & Fay Vieu  
Chapter Directors.

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Len Snyder  
APRIL 2010 RIDER EDUCATION

**As most of you know by now from listening to me talk about Rider Education and how it relates to safety on the road, I believe strongly in The Rider Education Program from GWRRA. In this month's article I've decided to print several safety related quotes that I found on the Internet.**

More than 90 percent of riders involved in crashes are self taught or learned from family and friends. New Jersey MDOT...

**NHTSA estimates that motorcycle helmets reduce the likelihood of a crash fatality by 37 percent.**

New York State's motorcycle safety task force states that, "The vast majority of fatalities occur during daylight hours, in dry weather."

Half of fatal crashes were single vehicle occurrences; no other vehicle was involved other than the motorcycles. When alcohol is involved, two-thirds of fatal crashes are single vehicle occurrences.

A third of fatalities were motorcyclists who did not have a valid motorcycle endorsement.

The Joint Task Force concluded that, while there are multiple contributions to motorcycle crashes that result in fatalities or serious injuries; it appears that the most important factors are within the control of the rider. Efforts to reduce fatalities and serious injuries should focus on rider skill and behavior.

**In 2004, in 86% of motorcycle related fatalities, the riders had not taken the state's training course. "Washington State department of licensing"**

Fatalities for riders between the ages of 41 and 60 have increased two-and-a half times over the last five years, while the population of this age group has increased slightly over 10% for the same period.

**The Military Motorcycle Safety Program reduced fatalities by 75% in military riders through their "Sport Bike Rider" program.**

**As you can tell from the above excerpts, there's a lot of stuff on the Internet about motorcycle safety and how to survive the trip you're about to take. Most of the information agrees that the combination of practicing good riding habits, attending regular rider courses and the wearing of proper riding gear are the best things you can do to improve your odds of coming back in good health. So, take the time to sign up for a skills course. It can't hurt you and it most certainly can help you to stay alive and well to enjoy our sport.**

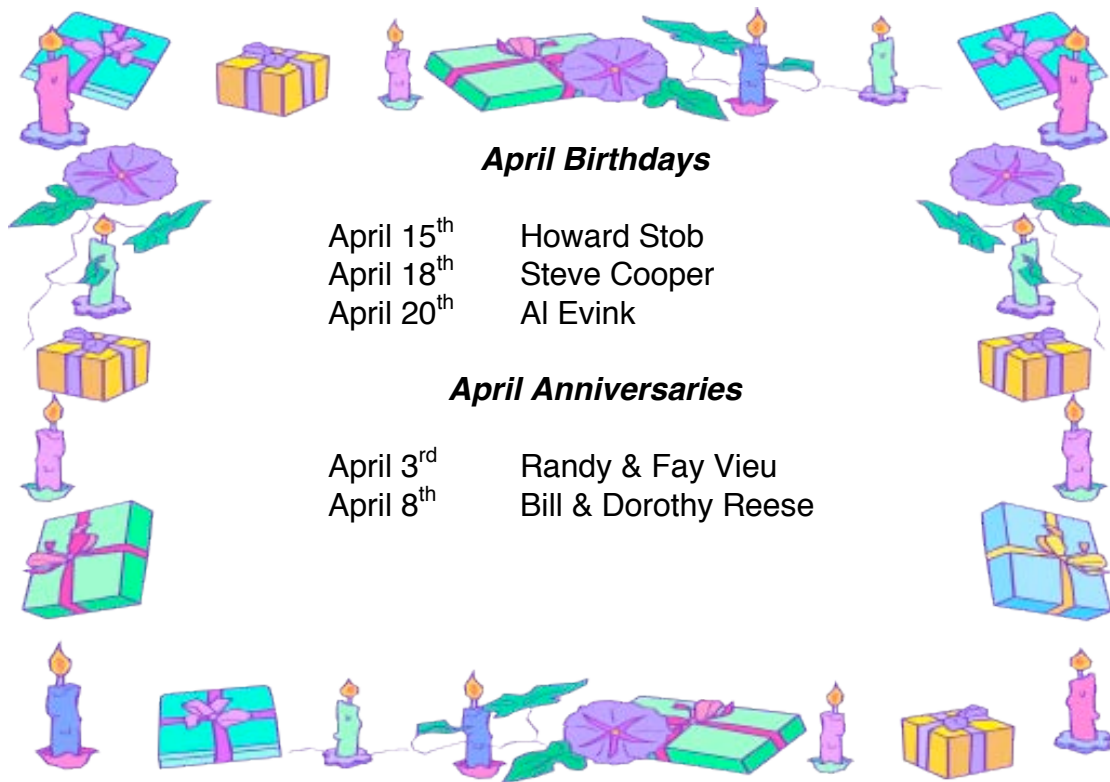
**Ride Safe, Len.**

## Chapter G Anniversary Party

Thanks to everyone who made this celebration a big success!







**April Birthdays**

April 15<sup>th</sup>     Howard Stob  
 April 18<sup>th</sup>     Steve Cooper  
 April 20<sup>th</sup>     Al Evink

**April Anniversaries**

April 3<sup>rd</sup>        Randy & Fay Vieu  
 April 8<sup>th</sup>        Bill & Dorothy Reese

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**Future Rides:**

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 like to have the ad removed, especially if the item has  
 been sold. Thank you.

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Leave Grand Rapids June 11, 2010 and ride to Wawa,  
 Ont. The plan is to ride to the Soo and spend the night of  
 the 11th. Saturday the 12th ride the back roads to Wawa  
 Ont. and stay at the Best Northern Motel. Cabins  
 available. Information available at [www.bestnorthern.ca](http://www.bestnorthern.ca).  
 Leave Sunday and ride to northern lower peninsula and  
 stay Sunday night in Cross village. Cabins available from  
 Leggs Inn. Return to Grand Rapids on Monday June 14.  
 Rates are very reasonable in both Wawa and Cross  
 Village. Reservations recommended. Anyone interested,  
 contact me at [jamesme@chartermi.net](mailto:jamesme@chartermi.net)

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Future Rides and Ride suggestions:  
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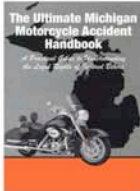
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