

Gold Wing Road Riders Association *CHAPTER MI-G*



Our monthly meetings are held the second Thursday of the month at O'Malley's restaurant located at 5080 Alpine Ave NW at 7:00 PM. Dinner is ordered from the menu at 6:30. Saturday, Sunday and week night rides will leave from central locations and will vary with the destination. 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 2007

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
1 April Fool's Day Breakfast at Susie's 9:00 AM	2	3	4	5	6 Good Friday	7 Chapter R's Mystery Dinner
8 Happy Easter 	9	10	11	12 Monthly Gathering 6:30 pm	13 Village Motor Sports Open House	14 Village Motor Sports Open House
15 Breakfast at Susie's 9:00 AM	16	17	18	19	20	21
22 Lunch at Red Robin 1:00 PM	23	24	25	26	27	28
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Chapter G Website www.mi-gmidnightriders.org	Stop by our website or the District or National websites to see what's new.	If you have any suggestions for the chapter site, e-mail Jim or Len.
Walt & Deb Crosby Region D COY Year 2006-2007  We are Walt & Deb Crosby, your new Region D Couple Of The Year. What an exciting year this has been for us. First being named Ohio District Couple and meeting so many wonderful people in our District. Now Region Couple of the Year, and an opportunity to visit two more Districts and that many more great people.	Ezra & Marilynn Bostic Chapter Mi-G's COY for 2007  Ezra & Marilynn, members of Chapter G. Ezra serves as our Ride Coordinator, and Marilynn serves as our Newsletter Editor, now our Couple of the Year.	Ken and Rita Moffitt Michigan Couple of the Year 2007  Ken and Rita were selected as the 2007 Michigan District Couple of the Year at our 2007 Wingless Weekend. Please give them your congratulations when you see them.

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Future Rides:

Lake Superior Circle Tour:

Leave Grand Rapids June 9 and return June 17.
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The Co-Riders' Corner



Calmness In Our Lives

I am passing this on to you because it definitely works, and we all could use a little more calmness in our lives. By following simple advice heard on the Dr. Phil Show, you, too, can find inner peace.

Dr. Phil proclaimed, "The way to achieve inner peace is to finish all the things you have started and have never finished".

So, I looked around my house to see all the things I started and had not finished, and before leaving the house this morning. I finished off a bottle of Merlot, a bottle of White Zinfandel, a bottle of Bailey's Irish Cream, a bottle of Kahula, a package of Oreos, the remainder of my old Prozac prescription, the rest of the cheesecake, some Doritos, and a box of chocolates.

You have no idea how freaking good I feel. Please pass this on to those whom you think might be in need of inner peace.

Submitted by Carolyn W.

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Every time I begin a new hobby I'm pretty sure that Jan says to herself, "Here we go again, another hole to throw money into". The problem with that is she's usually right. It seems that once I've learned most of what there is to know about a new hobby it's time to go find another one and none of them are ever cheap. I can't help it, it just works out that way, honest dear...

Where was I? Oh, I remember, talking about hobbies. Well, motorcycling started out that way. It looked like it was fun to do so when I had a chance to ride a bike for the first time I was pretty darn geeked. I enjoyed that first ride and even though there were some problems, there would be many more rides to come after that because I was hooked.

Unlike most of my hobbies, which seem to run their course after three or four years, motorcycling has stayed around for over 40 years. Throughout that time, two themes within the sport have been recurring ones, mechanical type preventative maintenance and safety. They seem to be connected in so many ways that sometimes it's difficult to separate them.

For instance, what happens if you get a flat while somewhere on the road? Most of us know that we should slow gradually, try not to make any sudden moves and steer for the side of the road. Blowouts don't happen very often with modern tires and that's a good thing, but that leaves some sort of foreign object as the culprit for the flat. Was it there when you left for your ride? Did you pick it up the last time you rode and just never notice? Could you have prevented the hassle and time that it's going to take you to fix or replace the tire and the money it's going to cost? Will it ruin your vacation?

Have a great riding season, ride safe and have a great time, but most of all ride smart. Don't forget that old Dame Luck isn't always looking in your direction when the wheel of fortune comes your way. Prepare for your ride and prepare to ride safely.

Seeya on the road. Len.

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Lakeshore Blessing of the Bikes. Sunday April 29, 2007. Ottawa County Fairgrounds. Holland, Michigan.

Holland, MI January 17, 2007: The 6th annual Lakeshore Blessing of the Bikes will be held at the Ottawa County Fairgrounds in Holland, Michigan, Sunday April 29, 2007. Gates open at 10:00 a.m. Blessing at 2:00 p.m. Reverend Phil Nguyen will officiate. Donation: \$5.00 per bike or vehicle.

All gate proceeds from this charitable event will benefit Pathways, MI (formerly West Michigan Child and Family Services of West Michigan) and Lakeshore Habitat for Humanity. The event kicks off the 2007 riding season.

The purpose: A gathering to start the riding season with a Blessing for a safe year, to promote a sense of community and fellowship among riders and to support local charities.

Hundreds of motorcyclists and non-motorcyclists participate in the blessing. Music, food and motorcycles of every color, size, shape, and brand make this event interesting for all attendees. Vendors sell leather goods, t-shirts, sunglasses and other "biker stuff". The event includes awards for "Bikers Choice" and best vintage bike. For a \$5 fee participants can enter their motorcycle. Winners will receive a trophy and cash prize.

More information, sponsors and photos from last year's event are on www.blessingofthebikes.com. Contact: Loraine Griffin @ 616-355-6366

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