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MICHIGAN*REGION D*CHAPTER MI-G***MIDNIGHT RIDERS

NEW NEW NEW >>>>>>> !!! ANNOUNCING !!! <<<<<<< NEW NEW NEW

NEW MEETING PLACE, DAY, and TIME.

PLACE: U-HAUL 2752 Burlingame SW, Wyoming (directions on Page 3)

TIME: 8:00 AM

Look for the SUGGESTION BOX at our gatherings. Tell us what you would change, keep the same, and 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 2008

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
		1	2	3	4	5 Spring Officers' Meeting
6 Breakfast at Susie's 9:00AM	7	8	9	10	11	12
13 Monthly Gathering 8:00AM at U-HAUL See Page 3 for details	14	15	16	17	18	19
20 Coming Out Party At Lynne & Jan's 10:00 AM See Page 3 for directions	21	22	23	24	25	26
27 Holland Blessing Of the Bikes Meet at Standale Big Boy's at 10am	28	29	30			

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Ken and Rita Moffitt Region D COY Year 2007-2008 	Randy & Fay Vieu Chapter Mi-G's COY 2008 	Brad and Connie Garner Michigan Couple of the Year 2008 
During the Region D Rally held at Lebanon, IN. Ken and Rita, the Michigan District Couple, was selected as the new Region D Couple of the Year.	Randy & Fay, members of Chapter G Randy and Fay serve as our ACD's and now our Couple of the Year.	Brad and Connie Garner were selected as the 2008 Michigan District Couple of the Year at our 2008 Wingless Weekend. Please give them your congratulations when you see them.

April Schedule

April 6: **Breakfast at Susie's** at 9:00 am.

April 13: **Monthly Gathering** at U-Haul, 2752 Burlingame SW, Wyoming, MI. **8:00AM**.
Doughnuts and coffee will be furnished by Chapter G. Come to learn what's NEW!!!

Directions

From US-131, take the 28th St. Exit WEST, Go West on 28th St until you come to Burlingame SW. Turn Right on Burlingame, and U-Haul is on the Right side of the street.

April 20: **Coming Out Party at Lynne & Jan's at 10:00 AM**

8930 Crooked Crow PVT, Ada, MI 616-676-1964

Bring your bike, accessories, and maintenance tools to work on your bike, add cool stuff, and get that bike ready for the new riding season. Ladies are welcome. Please bring a dish & beverage to pass. We'll be working up an appetite, working and cleaning those bikes.

Directions

Take Cannonsburg Road East, Turn Right on McCabe, go past 4 Mile, 3 Mile, and 2 Mile roads, and then look for Crooked Crow Pvt on the right side of the road. It's the last house on the left.

April 27: **HOLLAND BLESSING OF THE BIKES**

Meet at the **Standale Big Boy's** Restaurant at **10:00 AM for breakfast before we leave for the blessing**. From there we will ride through the country to the Ottawa County Fairgrounds. Big Boy's is near the corner of Lake Michigan Drive and Wilson Avenue NW on the south side of the street.

Some of our gathering times changed to 8:00AM to allow for more riding time. There will be days when the time will change depending on our destination. Keep a close eye on the calendar for these changes. We will schedule rides as weather permits in April. I hope to see you and your motorcycles at Susie's on April 6. We plan to take a ride to get back into the riding groove.

Shawmut Hills and West Shore Motor Sports are having their open houses on March 29.

Your RideCoordinator,
Ezra Bostic

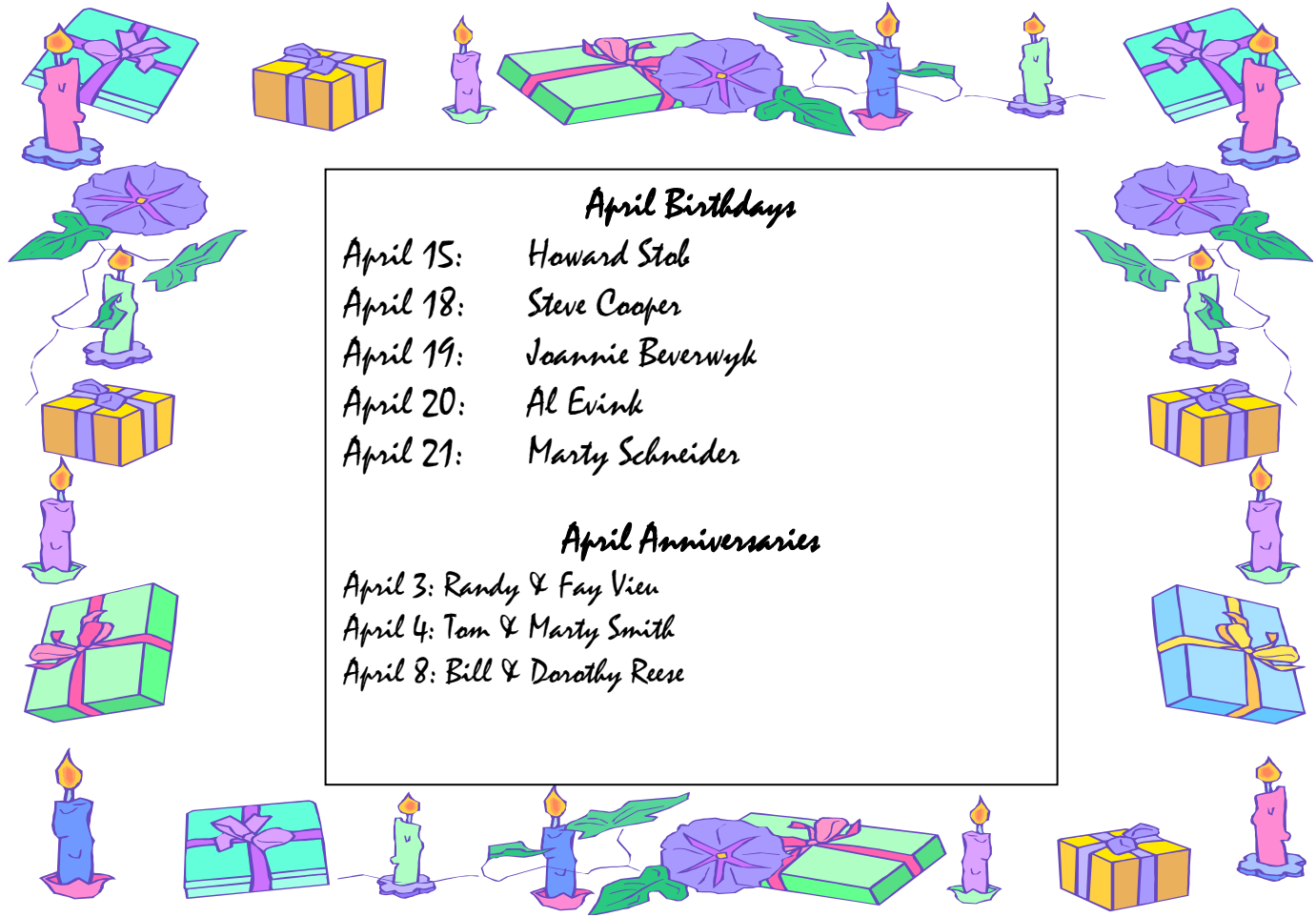
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Recruitment Contest for 2008

Louie Schippers from Chapter J was the 2007 Top Michigan Recruiter. He will receive a jacket signifying this achievement.

John Badour was the lucky winner selected from those who recruited a member in 2007. He won a free registration to the 2008 Michigan District Rally in West Branch.

You could be the 2008 Recruiter for Michigan; everyone has the chance to do so; just keep some GWRRA application forms with you. When you meet someone that you think could be a new member, let them know about the organization and give them an application. Even if you aren't the top recruiter, you can feel good knowing that someone has joined GWRRA and will be having a good time with their "Friends for Fun, Safety and Knowledge".



April Birthdays

- April 15: Howard Stob
- April 18: Steve Cooper
- April 19: Joannie Beverwyk
- April 20: Al Evink
- April 21: Marty Schneider

April Anniversaries

- April 3: Randy & Fay Vieu
- April 4: Tom & Marty Smith
- April 8: Bill & Dorothy Reese

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Future Rides:

Start planning your 2008 vacation soon. Greenville, South Carolina is the setting for the 2008 WING DING. Let's get a group going to the 2008 Wing Ding. Sounds like fun!!! and a great ride!!!

Please email any rides to the following address:
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2008 Couple of the Year Comments

Randy and I would like to "Thank" everyone in Chapter G for awarding us the honor of "Couple of the Year". It was a very big surprise, and if you were there, you saw Randy go into shock. He sort of froze where he stood and I had to drag him over to where Jim, Julie, Ezra and Marilyn stood. We are very honored to represent the chapter during the next year. Now we realize why the subject of the next COY did not get brought up in the last couple of chapter gatherings like it was suppose to.

Ezra and Marilyn did a fantastic job last year. They made the chapter proud. Randy and I haven't had much time to discuss what we would like to do in the next year, but whatever we do, we know that we have the support of chapter G. Thank you again.

Fay and Randy Vieu
COY 2008

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Photos of our Gatherings

Here are some of our members



Jim running our gathering



Lynne with Rider Education info



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Photos of Chapter MI-G's Anniversary Party

Las Vegas Night



The Winner of the Grand Prize

The Camera and Photo Printer

Gerald Nester

CONGRATULATIONS

Chapter Director's Ramblings

RIDING SEASON

Riding season, will it ever come? While I was able to get the bike out once in March, it really didn't cure my PMS. It's been a long winter for me, as I'm sure it has been for all of us. Since it's been such a long winter, I thought it might be good to bring up the fact that not only do we have to get our motorcycles ready for the road, we also must get our bodies and minds ready as well. Most experts will tell you that after a long layoff, you need to sharpen your skills again before you hit the roads in earnest. Find yourself a parking lot and practice those swerves, fast stops etc. to be sure your mind and body are ready for what you'll face out there on the roads. Even though we have some training coming up, we (hopefully) will have spent a good deal of time riding before the training. So let's all get ourselves tuned up so we can have a safe and fun season riding.

On another note, remember that next month, we'll be changing our meeting location and format. Beginning in this month we'll be meeting at the U-Haul office on Burlingame SW in Wyoming. Exact address is 2752 Burlingame Ave. SW, Wyoming MI. The chapter will be providing coffee and snacks. Since we're going to have an Internet connection there, we hope to be able to provide some fun and educational things during our meetings. We're shooting for the second Sunday of each month, but due to some other activities it may change. So, keep an eye on the newsletter for the date each month. Looking forward to seeing everyone, and don't forget to be safe on two wheels or four.

Jim & Julie Meredith

Assistant Chapter Director's Notes

As we get ready to start a new riding season, we are working on seminars and classes to keep us all safe while we ride as a group. As you all know riding as a group becomes a challenge keeping the proper distance between all bikes and staying in the right formation. Knowing when to communicate and when not to talk so that the ride leader and the tail gunner can talk without being stepped on is very important. We are trying to get everyone involved in a parking lot practice or some sort of an advanced rider course. We are also trying to get a team riding seminar for the chapter and some of the surrounding chapters. I have not taken this one, but it seems very similar to the road captain course without the road participation part. As I'm sitting here writing my article, I have

already been out twice on the bike and have put on about 160 miles. It felt so nice to be able to ride the "wing" again. Jim, Ezra, and I went out on Sunday after breakfast for a ride to the lake shore. It was a little bit brisk, but we managed to get through it. Of course, Jim was warm with his new heated clothing. We also have the coming out party in April. So, if you haven't had a chance to get your bike ready for the season, we can help you to do it, or put on any parts that you may have received over the winter time that you could use the help with. I hope to see more of you on the rides this year, and I also hope that you have a safe riding season.

Randy & Fay Vieu ACD

Rider Education April 2008

We have asked Ron and Valerie Jones, the State Presenter Coordinators to set up a "Team Riding" and a "Trailer" seminar at one of our next Chapter Gatherings. We will be inviting the surrounding chapters to participate and I hope that all of our chapter members can join us for these seminars, as the information they contain is very timely, being directly related to our upcoming riding season which should begin in only a couple of weeks.

We all want to have fun in GWRRA and the information contained in these two seminars can help us to have a safer summer and will complement our GWRRA Motto "Friends for Fun, Safety and Knowledge". Taking the group riding seminar will give you a feeling of competence and will help you ride more safely as you will have some idea of what your fellow riders might do under different situations. It's always impressive to see a group of motorcycles coming down the road in a well executed staggered formation or as they come into a parking lot and follow the front bike to their designated parking spot without breaking up and having everyone go in six different directions.

I feel that safety is an important part of riding in a group and that this seminar gives everyone riding with the group a sense of belonging and gives anyone watching such a group the idea that they are well led and competent in their riding abilities. Giving the impression that we are a group of competent and

safe riders is exactly the idea we wish to convey to non-riders. At the same time it helps make our own riding that much more enjoyable by cutting down on the possibility of incidents.

If you are considering buying a camper or camper trailer the Trailer Seminar should be a must see. This seminar will help inform you of the proper way to hook up, load up and pull a trailer or tent camper. This seminar is also a good idea for those people who already have trailers or campers. The information given has been compiled for the express purpose of making your towing experience as safe and pleasant as it possibly can. Who knows, it just might make all the difference in the world the next time you go for a ride.

There are two upcoming Parking Lot Practices - May 3 and June 7. The practice in May is a Chapter practice and will be very similar to the one we had last spring. The June 7th practice is a facilitated practice, which means that any of you people out there who have the Towpac or Voyager systems can use the facilitated parking lot practices to keep up on your levels program. So, don't be shy, save May third and June seventh for parking lot practice at Kenowa Hills H.S. I hope to see you there.

Lynne Snyder
Senior Rider Educator

Double Chocolate Cheesecake (from www.epicurious.com/recipes)
(Julie Meredith made this for Chapter G's Anniversary Party)
(It was CHOCOLATE HEAVEN)

Crust
1 9 ounce box chocolate wafer cookies
6 tbs (3/4 stick) unsalted butter, melted

Filling:
1-1/2 cups whipping cream
1 teasp. Instant coffee powder
12 ounces semisweet chocolate, finely chopped
2 eight ounce pkgs cream cheese, room temp.
3/4 cup sugar
1 tbs. Cornstarch
1 cup sour cream
2 teas. Vanilla extract
3 large eggs

Glaze:
1/2 cup whipping cream
4 ounces semisweet chocolate, finely chopped

To make crust:
Preheat oven to 350 degrees F. Wrap outside of 9-inch springform pan with 2-3/4 inch high sides

with double thickness foil. Spray bottom of pan with vegetable oil spray. Finely grind cookies in processor. Add butter and process until blended. Press mixture onto bottom (not sides) of prepared pan. Refrigerate while preparing filling.

To make filling:
Combine cream and coffee powder in medium saucepan.
Stir over medium heat until coffee powder dissolves. Reduce heat to low. Add chocolate. Whisk until chocolate melts and mixture is smooth. Cool 10 minutes. Using electric mixer, beat cream cheese and sugar in large bowl until well blended. Beat in cornstarch. Add sour cream and vanilla; beat well. Add eggs one at a time, beating just until blended after each addition. Whisk 1 cup cheese mixture into chocolate mixture. Return chocolate mixture to remaining cheese mixture; whisk until smooth. Pour batter into crust.

Place springform pan in large baking pan. Add enough hot water to baking pan to come halfway up sides of springform pan. Bake cheesecake until softly set and slightly puffed around edges, about one hour. Turn off oven. Let cake stand in oven 45 minutes. Transfer springform pan to rack and cool. Cover. Chill cake over night.

To make glaze:
Bring cream to boil in heavy small saucepan. Remove from heat. Add 4 ounces chocolate and whisk until melted and smooth. Pour glaze over top of cake. Using spatula, smooth glaze evenly over top. Refrigerate until glaze is set, at least 2 hours. (can be prepared 1 day ahead. Cover and refrigerate). Using knife, cut around sides of pan to loosen cake. Remove pan sides. Cut into wedges and serve

April's Puzzle

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| 1 spring | 6 grass |
| 2 April | 7 sunshine |
| 3 flowers | 8 thaw |
| 4 baseball | 9 showers |
| 5 birds | 10 umbrella |



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