

Gold Wing Road Riders Association

CHAPTER MI-G



ATTENTION!!! ATTENTION!!! ATTENTION!!!

Meeting Place Changed to

Swan Inn At 6 Mile Road and Alpine NW

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.

December 2007

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Walt & Deb Crosby Region D COY Year 2006-2007  <p>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.</p>	Ezra & Marilyn Bostic Chapter Mi-G's COY 2007  <p>Ezra & Marilyn, members of Chapter G. Ezra serves as our Ride Coordinator, and Marilyn serves as our Newsletter Editor, now our Couple of the Year.</p>	Ken and Rita Moffitt Michigan Couple of the Year 2007  <p>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.</p>

December Schedule



Merry Christmas to ALL

December 2: We will meet at **Susie's** at **9 AM** for breakfast.

December 9: ***Chapter G's Annual Christmas Auction***

We will meet at **Swan Inn** at **8 AM** for breakfast. At **9 AM**, let the bidding begin. Bring your crafts, baked goods, or whatever is you would like to put into the auction. This year's proceeds will go to the **Second Harvest Gleaners** in Rockford

December 13: is our **Monthly Gathering at SWAN INN on 6 Mile Road NW and Alpine NW**. Come early **6:30pm** for dinner or come at **7:00pm** for very important information

December 16: We will meet at **Susie's** at **9 AM** for breakfast.

December 29: Combination Christmas and New Year's Eve Party at Randy & Fay's house at **6:30 pm**. Bring your favorite beverages and appetizers to share. Please also bring a \$10 gift to exchange. (Ladies bring a gift for a gal and men bring a gift for a guy).
Directions to Randy & Fay's:

Take US I-196 toward Holland, MI. Take the 69B Exit for Chicago Drive West (M-21)
Make a right turn onto 18th Avenue.
Turn left onto Rosewood Avenue
Turn left onto Olde Farm Drive
Turn right onto Greendale Drive and go to 2270 Greendale Drive on the left side of the street

December 30: We will meet at **Susie's** at **9 AM** for breakfast

We have had a great riding season this year. Thank you all for riding with us. My hope is to have more great rides next season and to have more people join us on these rides. If we haven't ridden to your favorite place this past season, please let me know. Please let me know the ride you would like to take, and I will surely place it on our calendar.

May you have a very Merry Christmas and a very Happy New Year. Wherever you go and whatever you do, ENJOY this Christmas Season and please drive safely.

Your Ride Coordinator, Ezra Bostic

For Sale:

If you have something to sell, please contact our newsletter editor for information. The email address is: bosticez1@sbcglobal.net

Please remember to let the editor know when you would like to have the ad removed, especially if the item has been sold.

Thank you.

Future Rides:

Don't forget Wingless Weekend in February and Chapter G's Anniversary Party in March. Both have brochures on the web.

Start planning your 2008 vacation soon. Greenville, North 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: bosticez1@sbcglobal.net

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Answer to the Puzzle:

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| 1. | Merry Christmas |
| 2. | Nativity |
| 3. | Sleigh Ride |
| 4. | Happy New Year |
| 5. | Egg Nog |
| 6. | Santa Claus |
| 7. | Snowman |
| 8. | Candy Canes |
| 9. | Tinsel |
| 10. | Mistletoe |
| 11. | Reindeer |



The First Christmas Tree

In a forest in the far, far East grew a great many pine trees. Most of them were tall trees, higher than the houses that we see, and with wide, strong branches. But there was one tree that was not nearly so tall as the others; in fact, it was no taller than some of the children in the kindergarten.

Now, the tall trees could see far, far out over the hilltops and into the valleys, and they could hear all the noises that went on in the world beyond the forest, but the Little Tree was so small and the other trees grew so high and thick about it that it could not see nor hear these things at all; but the other trees were very kind, and they would stoop down and tell them to the Little Tree. One night in the winter time there seemed to be something strange happening in the little town among the hills, for the trees did not go to sleep after the sun went down, but put their heads together and spoke in strange, low whispers that were full of awe and wonder. The Little Tree, from its place close down to the ground, did not understand what it was all about. It listened awhile, and then lifted its head as high as ever it could and shouted to its tall neighbor: "Will you not stoop and tell me what is happening?" And the big tree stooped down and whispered: "The shepherds out on the hilltops are telling strange stories while they watch their

sheep. The air is filled with sweet music, and there is a wonderful star coming up in the east, traveling westward always, and the shepherds say that they are waiting for it to stop and shine over a humble stable in their little town. I have not heard why it is going to stop there, but I will look again and listen." So the tall tree lifted up its head again, and reached far out so that it might hear more of the wonderful story.

Bye and bye it stooped down again, and whispered to the Little Tree:

"Oh, Little Tree, listen! There are angels among the shepherds on the hills, and they are all talking together. They seem to be awaiting the birth of a little child, who will be a king among the people, and the beautiful star will shine above the stable where the little king will be laid in a manger."

The tree again raised its head to listen, and the Little Tree, much puzzled, thought within itself: "It is very strange, indeed.

Oh, how I wish that I could see it all!"

It waited a little longer, and everything grew quiet, and a great peace came upon the forest.

Then suddenly the town, and even the forest was illuminated with a strange, white light that made everything as bright as day, and the air was filled with the flutter of angels' wings, and with music such as the world had never heard before.

The people and the trees, even the stars in the heaven, lifted up their voices and sang together and the whole world was filled with music and joy and love for the little Christ-child who had come to dwell upon the earth.

The Little Tree was filled with fear and wonder, for so great was the excitement that the other trees had almost forgotten it, and it could not understand the mysterious sounds; but by and by its tall friend said, "Listen, listen, Little Tree! Such news I have to tell! The Christ has come--the King! And the whole world is singing such beautiful music. There are wise men coming from the East, bringing beautiful gifts to the Christ-child. The angels, too, are upon the earth, and they bear gifts of gold and rare, beautiful stones. Wait! I will tell you more."

The tall tree had scarcely lifted up its head when it stooped again and whispered to the Little Tree, "Look! Look! Little Tree! They are coming this way; the angels are coming here, into our forest! Lift up your head high and you will see them as they pass."

The Little Tree lifted up its head and saw the white flutter of angel robes and heard the weird, sweet voices of the heavenly host who came with precious gifts into the forest.

"Oh," said the Little Tree, "they are coming here, toward me! What shall I do?" And in fear it bent its head so low that it almost touched the ground.

But the music came nearer and nearer, and the Little Tree felt a tender hand upon its branches, and a soft, gentle voice said to it, "Arise, Little Tree, and come with us, for we have come into the forest to seek you. Yes, you, the very smallest among the trees, are to be our gift-bearer. Come; lift up your head."

In fear and trembling the Little Tree did as the angel bade it. But when it looked into the angel's face and saw the love and kindness there, all fear was gone, and it said to the angel: "Yes; make me ready. I will come with you to the little Christ-child in the manger."

So all the angels brought their gifts of precious jewels and shining gold, and fastened them upon the branches of the Little Tree. Then the leader of the angels' band took up the Little Tree from the ground and bore it, laden with its precious burden, to the feet of the Christ-child.

Chapter Director's Ramblings

Playing hooky.

When was the last time you played hooky? High School or have you played hooky from a day at work? Well Julie and I played hooky one day in November. I have to tell you it was great. Took a motorcycle ride around this great area that we live in Northern Kent, Montcalm and Ionia counties. Weather was fantastic and the roads were clear and dry. Even though most of the leaves had fallen there were still a few with some color. I'll take riding any day over work. How about you?

On a little more serious note, our annual charity auction is right upon us. This year we will donate the proceeds to a food bank. Please bring something to auction and come on out. Even though times are hard in our area, let's not forget those who have less than we do. We can help to make someone in our area have a brighter holiday this year. So come on out and be as

generous as possible. It's always lots of fun and you are really doing some good.

Let's also not forget our men and women in uniform who have placed themselves in harm's way so we can enjoy our holidays in freedom. So remember to say a little prayer for those now serving and thank those who came before them so we can live and play in this great country of ours.

Here's wishing all of our friends a very happy holiday season. We hope they bring you all the joy and peace possible.

Until we see you again be safe and remember to watch out for the other guy.

Jim & Julie Meredith

Assistant Chapter Director's Notes

Here we are approaching December. Where does time go? Seems like just yesterday we were out on our Gold Wings touring the country side. Now most of us just sit back and wait for winter to settle in. As you all know, I am just as excited about winter as I am waiting for spring. Fay and I are always out riding something, whether it's on our wing or ski-doo's. It is also the time of the season that we should be thinking about those who may not be as fortunate as the

rest of us. It is the season to give to others. As we prepare for our Christmas auction, think of those that need our help and let's raise a lot of money for this year's charity. As winter settles in, we have meetings to attend, Wingless weekend to plan for, and our own anniversary party. Maybe we could plan to attend some other chapters' functions, and remember to have **FUN**

Randy & Fay Vieu ACD

December Rider Education

RIDER ED DIRECT

This month's newsletter is one that I took from the new "Rider Ed Direct" page on the District Web Page. The title is "End of Season Cycle Maintenance" and there's some good info there for all of our members on how to treat our babies when it gets cold out.

November typically brings weather throughout Michigan that is not very good for motorcycling. The air gets cold enough to cause hypothermia without adding the wind chill from sitting atop a motorcycle while blasting down the road at legal speeds - even 45 mph. And some areas of Michigan will have snow on the ground before this month is out. Some of you are cold-blooded enough to prolong the season another few weeks, but for most, this is about the time of year that your motorcycle becomes a lonesome friend sitting quietly in the garage. Before you park it for the season of inactivity, this is a great time to get the end of season maintenance done before you store it for the season. Whether you do it yourself or pay a professional to do it, Honda recommends that you change the oil and oil filter to remove contaminants - dirt, deposits, acids and moisture that can lead to corrosion inside the engine. Other fluid levels should be checked for proper level. If the fluids are due for replacement based on miles ridden since the last change (check your manual and service history),

this is a good time to do that, and any other maintenance tasks that you may have been putting off. Your mechanic likely is not very busy at this time of year. He (she) would probably appreciate your visit, too! And you know your bike will be better for the care. Then when spring comes next year (it is not that far off, after all!), you'll be ready to go without a visit to the mechanic before starting your next big ride. After you get it back from your mechanic, fill the gas tank and add fuel stabilizer (Stabil) before parking your Wing. Follow the directions on the bottle, or you may choose to drain the carburetors on your GL-1500/1200/etc., to prevent varnish build-up. Wash and wax the bike and inflate the tires. The battery should be disconnected from the motorcycle (negative terminal first), stored where it won't freeze, and trickle charged at least every 30 days, per your Gold Wing Owner's Manual. (Refer to your battery charger manual for more charging details.) The bottom line: take good care of your Wing, and your Wing will take good care of you!

Ride Safely, Len & your district staff...



2008 Wingless Weekend A Pajama Party!



**February
15th & 16th
2008**

*Come and join us our party - Leave your troubles at home.
Join our mid-winter weekend - Casual dress
Seminars - District Couple of the Year selection - Lobby
Games - Chapter sales
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No Refunds After February 1, 2008**

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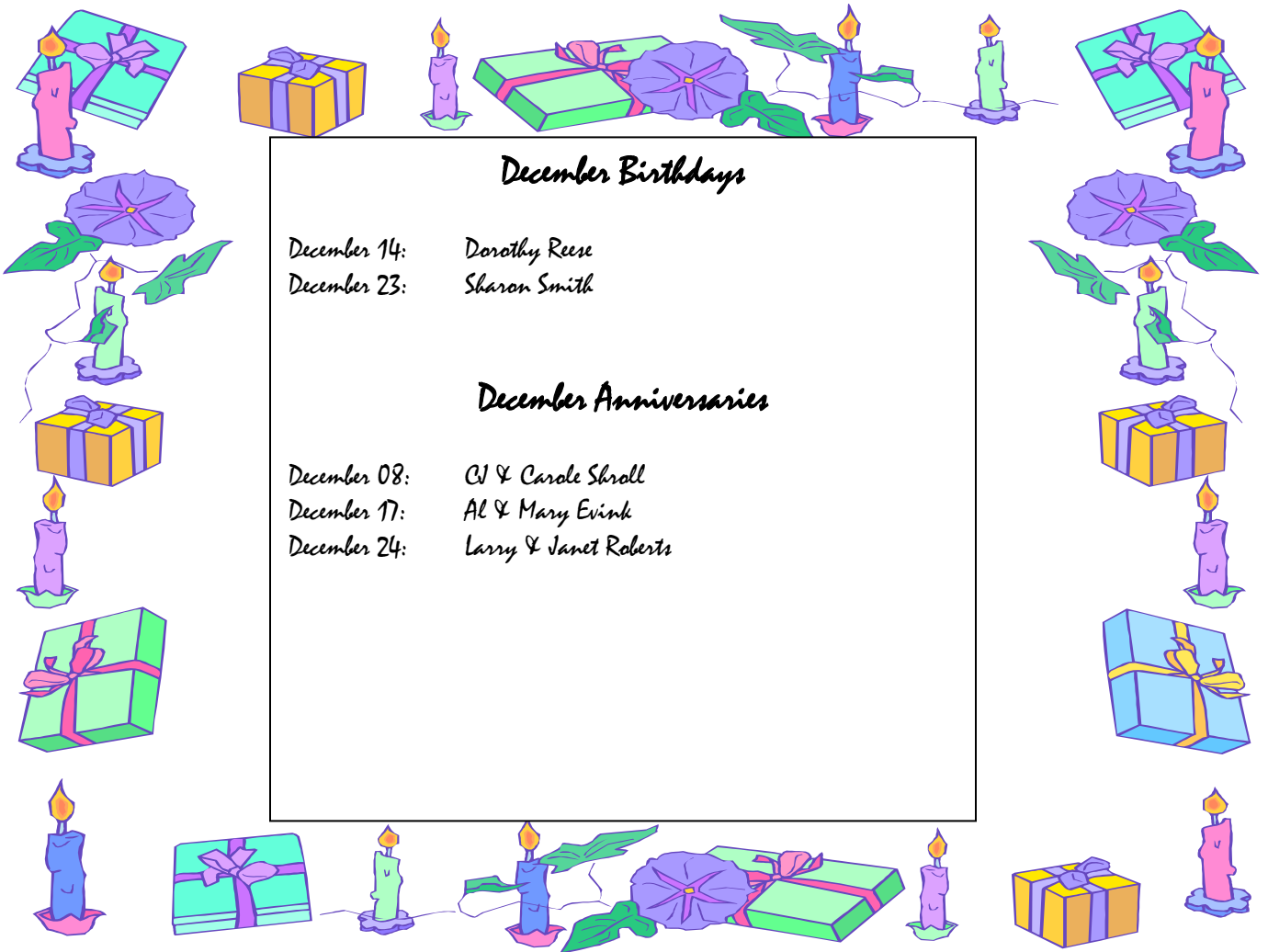
Midnight Ride T-Shirt Design Contest for 2008

Submission of your t-shirt design for the 22nd Annual Midnight Ride is due by **December 12th**. **Yes**, we decided to give you another month to create that design you had in mind and put it down on paper. The winner will receive \$50.00 and the winner's name will appear on the t-shirt as the designer.

Chapter G's Christmas Auction in December

It's time to put those Christmas elves to work again for our Christmas Auction. Chapter G's Annual Christmas Auction is fast approaching. Get out those crafts, baked goods, or whatever you would like to create for this year's auction. This year the proceeds go to the Second Harvest Gleaners in Rockford.

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December Birthdays

December 14: Dorothy Reese
December 23: Sharon Smith

December Anniversaries

December 08: CJ & Carole Shroll
December 17: Al & Mary Evink
December 24: Larry & Janet Roberts

December's Puzzle

Word Scramble



1. REYRM MACSHIRT	2. IVANITYT	3. EGIRLSHEDI	4. PAYHP WEN AYRE
5. GGGONE	6. ASTAN SULAC	7. WMONANS	8. DANCY NACES
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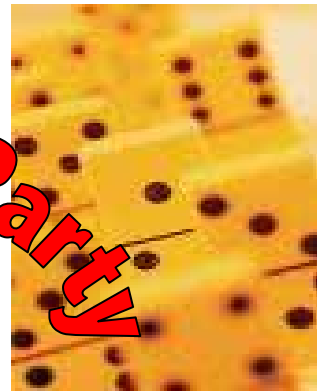
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Chapter G Is Having a Party

Help us celebrate our 25th Birthday!



Come join us for night of fun.

Help celebrate the anniversary of Chapter G's birth. This Las Vegas themed event will feature dinner, music, Las Vegas style games, prizes and good friends. So, dig down and find those good luck charms, and join us for a great time.

A generous number of chips are included with each registration. Early registrations will receive a large bonus of additional chips. Sign up early.

Saturday, March 8, 2008

Lincoln Country Club

3485 Lake Michigan Dr NW;

Grand Rapids, MI 49534 (616) 453-6348.

Drinks at 6pm. Dinner at 7pm.

Games end at 10pm



Tear Here

Please RSVP by February 28th. We need to know how many will be there to party, eat and celebrate with us. Those who miss the registration deadline will miss out on the bonus chips.



Name: _____ Chapter _____

Registrations before 2-28 \$20.Single _____ \$40 Couple _____



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