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GOLD WING ROAD RIDERS ASSOCIATION
MICHIGAN*REGION D*CHAPTER MI-G*MIDNIGHT RIDERS**

Change of MEETING PLACE, DAY, and TIME.

PLACE: "That Place"(Pilar's Café) **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.

December 2009

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
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6 THE CHRISTMAS AUCTION 10:00 AM Boat & Canoe Club	7	8	9	10	11	12
13 ChapterGathering That Place 9:00 am On Plainfield (Pilar's)	14	15	16	17	18	19 Christmas Party At The Bostic's 6:30 pm
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Dick and Ginny Beardsley
District Couple of the Year
2009



Dick and Ginny were selected as the District Couple of the Year at Wingless Weekend 09.

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Stop by our website or the District or National websites to see what's new.

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Chapter Mi-G's COY 2009



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Dick & Ginny Beardsley
Region D Couple of the Year
2009-2010



Dick and Ginny were selected as the 2009-2010 Region D Couple of the Year at the Region D Rally.

December Schedule

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

Chapter Gatherings Will Change to Sunday Morning's in October.

- December 06 Chapter G's Christmas Auction:
Place: Boat & Canoe Club (American Legion)
Northwest corner of Monroe and North Part St. 1401 Monroe NE
Grand Rapids
Time: 10:00 am
- 13 Chapter Gathering 9:00 a.m. at the former Pilar's Café.
Name changed to "That Place on Plainfield"
2162 Plainfield Ave NW Grand Rapids MI 49505
616-365-6669
- 19 Chapter G's Christmas Party
Place: The Bostic Residence 1492 Kinney NW, Walker. (616_ 791-4587
Time: 6:30 pm
Bring: Snacks to share, your favorite beverage, and a gift to exchange.
We are doing the "dollar store" challenge. Find a gift at the dollar store
for the exchange.
- 25 MERRY CHRISTMAS

CD's Corner

Well, I as we see another riding season come to an end, and start getting ready for the holidays, we should all be thankful that we all had a good year. With Thanksgiving and then the Christmas holidays just around the corner, we are all getting ready for that busy time of the year that never seems to have enough time in the day to finish all that needs to be done. Here we are at the end of November and we still have not seen our first snow. Well, that is ok with us. I am trying to get all of our outside decorations up while the weather is still nice. All those leaf's that needed to get picked up and the stuff put away outside before the weather turns. As you can see there is a lot to do in the fall and I know that each one of you have the same things to do. It looks like we are going to have a busy winter also. We are trying to come up with some ideas for things to do. We have wingless weekend in February, Anniversary party in March and hopefully we can get together for a breakfast or two and some dinners. We would like to plan a progressive dinner, but we need a good turnout at the Chapter gathering to plan it. If you have any ideas please let us know so that we can plan some more outing before we get into next year's riding season.

Randy & Fay Vieu
Chapter Directors





**Chapter Y Gathermg
November 8 2009**

**Chapter Y kidnapped our mascot, so we
went to their gathering,
paid a ransom and retrieved our mascot.
There is only one thing,
“Baby” was not with Bear!!!**

**Therefore, we are sending out an “AMBER ALERT” for “Baby”!!!
Please help us find “Baby”. Bear is lost without “Baby”!!! Thank you.**

December Rider Education

When you first decided to ride a motorcycle you probably learned by one of three methods. You took a basic training class, taught yourself to ride or got help from a friend or family member. You obtained and retained enough skill and information to survive with other traffic on the road. You knew how to ride but you also knew that you could be better. Over time, as your riding skills improved, you began to consider yourself a pretty competent rider. But the learning shouldn't be over with yet. There is always something that can be improved.

If you put people in motion, some percentage of the time something will go wrong. But if people do the right thing, any given accident can be avoided. In fact, most potential accidents are avoidable. We avoid accidents every day. GWRRA Rider Education is all about learning to avoid accidents and reduce the risks of riding motorcycles by increasing our skill levels, both mental and physical. We strongly encourage you to take advantage of your GWRRA Rider Education benefits, however, you can also do a fair amount of learning on your own. Each one of us will have an occasional "close call" (one of the accidents that was avoided) while riding. What did you do right or wrong just before the incident? What did the other driver/rider do right or wrong? What should be done in the future to avoid a similar occurrence?

Asking and answering these questions will turn a "close call" into a learning experience that will increase our knowledge and advance our riding skills. Another way to gain knowledge on the road is to play the "What If" game. Decide ahead of time what actions to take IF that driver with the cell phone in his ear should wander out of his lane. Have an escape route planned JUST IN CASE the bicycle rack on that travel trailer in front of you breaks loose. In most cases these things will not happen, but if they do you will be much better prepared with the correct actions to deal with the emergency. Do you know someone who seems to have more close calls than anyone else? Almost every time you see them they relay some incident that happened to them that they were able to avoid with their "superior" riding skill. Chances are their superior riding skill is more luck than anything else and they are not paying close enough attention to what is going on around them. They are not looking for likely problems nor are they learning from past situations.

We need to be actively SEEKING out the potential dangers around us, ANTICIPATING what could go wrong and ACTING to avoid those dangers. Anyone who has been involved in an accident has probably "replayed" the series of events in their mind trying to figure out exactly what happened and what could have been done to prevent the mishap. It doesn't matter if it was a single-vehicle or multi-vehicle accident. It doesn't even matter who was at fault. Something could have been done differently to change the outcome. The driver of the car may have violated your right-of-way but maybe if you had been watching further ahead you could have stopped before the point of impact. Some accident survivors wish to share their experience with others and will write an article about their accident. If they make an honest attempt to present enough factual information to form a clear picture of the incident, this allows the reader to gain knowledge without having to pay the high cost of road rash, broken bones and damaged bike parts. Learning a lesson from another's misfortune is a cheap and easy way to improve skill levels and become a safer rider. Surviving on the roads with today's traffic requires that we make learning an ongoing process. We need to pay attention to the lessons that are available to us, whether they come from a Rider Course classroom and range, a seminar or an experience on the road. Continuous Improvement of our riding skills (both mental and physical) will lower our level of risk and make us safer riders.

From your Rider Educator: What steps can we take to grow and improve? What ideas can we share? Take the time to practice and study to improve your riding. If you always do what you always did, you'll always get what you always got. Len

CHAPTER MI-G CHARITY AUCTION

Gold Wing Road Riders Assn.



Date: 12/06/2009

Time: 10:00 a.m.

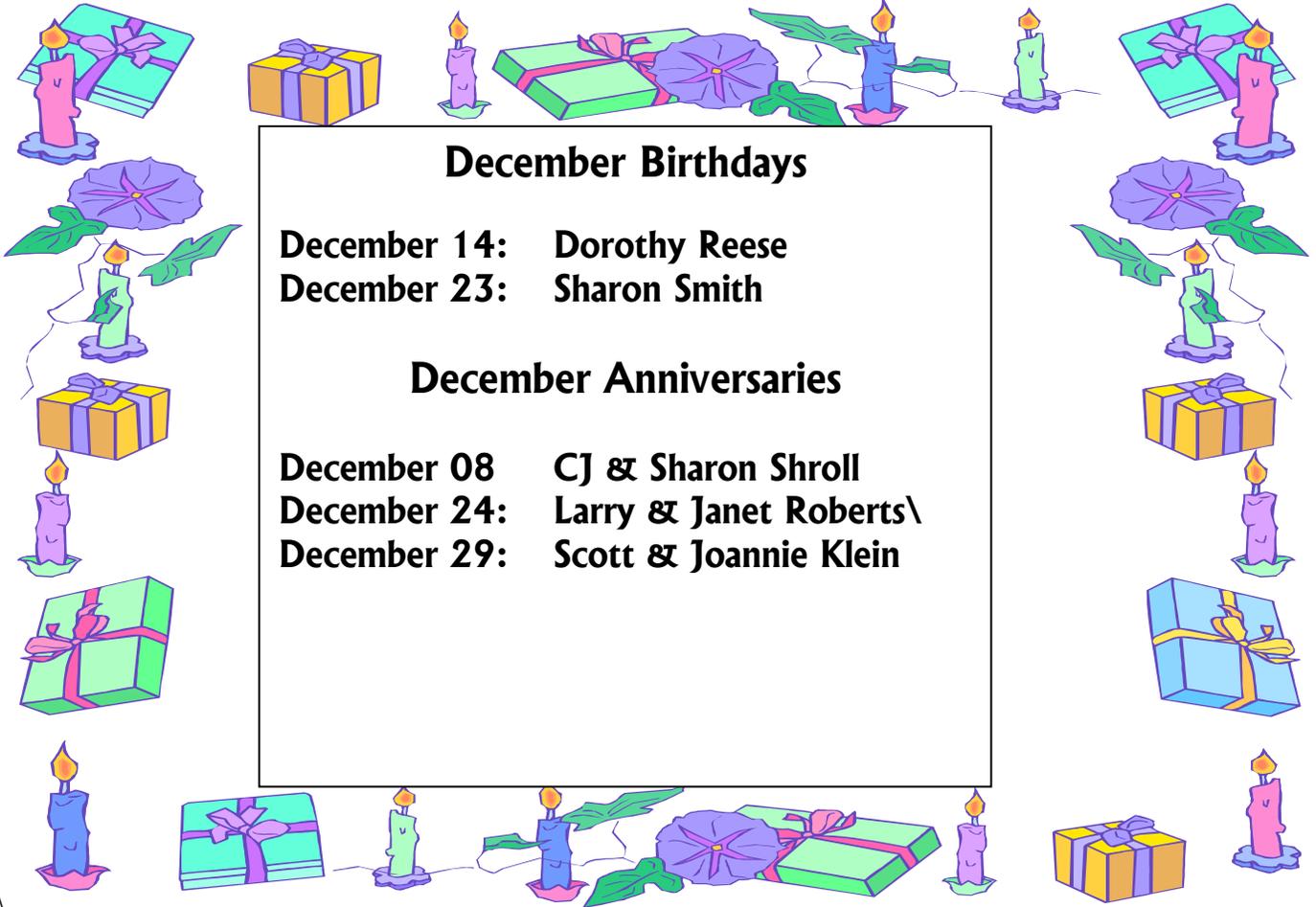
Please help us make our annual Christmas Charity Auction a success. The Chapter will provide a Continental Breakfast with Coffee, Juice, Rolls and Donuts. Proceeds will go to Second Harvest Gleaners & the West Michigan Chapter of The American Red Cross.

- We never know what will be up for auction!
- Home Made Christmas Ornaments
- Christmas Breads
- Desserts & Pies
- Safety Chrome
- Clothing

The Auction will be held at the American Legion Hall (Boat & Canoe Club) on the Northwest corner of Monroe and North Park St. (401 North Park N.E., Grand Rapids). Just 2 miles north of Ann Street on Monroe. Door opens at 9:30 and the auction starts at 10:00 sharp.

Join us once again and watch Larry Roberts convince one of our members that the plate of cookies he is holding are the best cookies ever made and well worth the \$50.00 that he just bid for them. Questions? Call Lynne Snyder @ 616-443-5084 or Jim Meredith @ 616-460-1343. Hope to see you there.





December Birthdays

December 14: Dorothy Reese
December 23: Sharon Smith

December Anniversaries

December 08 CJ & Sharon Shroll
December 24: Larry & Janet Roberts
December 29: Scott & Joannie Klein

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For Sale:

One pair of Iso-Wing Mini Floorboards for Goldwing. Very good condition. \$60 for pair. Contact Larry at 616-527-0699.
 One Ultra-Guard red and silver on bottom Goldwing body cover for 1800cc. Used only once and in great condition. Has grommets and hooks with elastic bottom. \$45. Contact Larry at 616-527-0699.

For Sale: 2004 Gold Wing



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Future Rides:

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.

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 Leave Grand Rapids June 11, 2010 and ride to Wawa Ont. 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 Northern Motel, Cabins available. Information available at 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.

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Future Rides & Ride Suggestions:
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