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*******NEW MEETING PLACE*******

**Marn E. Walkers
4322 Remembrance Road NW
Walker MI 49534
Sunday December 11, 2011
9:00am (8:30 breakfast)**

For more information, or to be added to our phone tree, please contact one of our Chapter Staff.
See page 9 for contact information. We hope to see you out there.....Ride Safely.

December 2011

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
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4 MarnEWalkers 9:00	5	6 Officer's meeting at Bostic's 2:00pm	7	8	9	10
11 Chapter Gathering	12	13	14	15	16	17 Christmas Party at Bostic's 5:00pm
18 MarnEWalkers 9:00	19	20	21	22	23	24
25 Merry Christmas to all	26	27	28	29	30	31 New Year's Eve party at Bostic's 7:00pm

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Chapter G Web Site:

<http://www.mi-gmidnightriders.org/>

More Chapter G Photos are at:

<http://www.flickr.com/photos/38954675@N00/>

Chapter G Ride Information

Rides will be Weather Permitting

Group rides and or activities from other Chapters can be posted here.

December Ride/Activity Schedule

For complete links to State Chapter Activities, go to:

<http://www.gwrra-mi.org/ChapterEvents.htm>

Here is the Chapter G schedule for December:

December 4: Breakfast at MarnEWalkers at 9:00 am

December 6: Officers' Meeting at 2:00 pm at the Bostic's

December 11: Monthly Gathering at MarnEWalkers

Breakfast at 8:30, Discussion at 9:00 am.

Decide where to donate the money from the Christmas Party on the 17th.

Decide on the t-shirt design.

December 17: Christmas Party at the Bostic's

Social hour: 5:00 to 6:00 pm

Food: 6:00 til (food runs out)

Please bring your favorite beverage and a dish to pass.

\$10.00 donation (optional) for a charity (Charity to be decided on at the December Gathering) instead of a gift.

Please bring baked goods for the Silent Auction.

December 18: Breakfast at MarnEWalkers at 9:00 am.

December 25: Merry Christmas to EVERYONE!!!!

December 31: New Year's Eve Party at the Bostic's

Time: 7:00 pm

Please bring snacks to share and your favorite beverage.

Yes, we will make that Raspberry Punch again.

CD's Corner



We are off to a good start. We have now named the teddy bear. His name is Capt. Midnight. We are now working on our design for our T-shirts. We have three designs right now!

So, for now we will be doing what we can to keep everybody active during the winter season. If anybody has any ideas of things they would like to do, please call me and we will try to do as many as possible.

As of now, we have a full calendar for December. We are looking at January. We have had a suggestion for a chili cook-off. In December we will be having a Christmas party at 1492 Kinney Ave NW Walker.

At this time we will be having a silent auction or we will auction off baked goods and the money will go to help those in need. We will do this instead of buying gifts for each other. The \$10 we will put towards the money for the needy. Hopefully most of you will be able to come to the Christmas party. So we can have some fun and help those in need. Also, we will be having a New Year's Eve party at the same address.

I hope that you all will bear with me while I still try to figure out what to do as a CD. I will still need your help. I appreciate those who come to gatherings. We will be having our meetings at MarnEWalkers. Hopefully you will come and join us on Sunday mornings. We will also have monthly dinners at different places. Check the calendar to see where they will be.

Your Chapter Director
Ezra.

Merry Christmas

December 2011

Ezra and I would like to wish you and your family, a very Blessed Christmas. We hope that this Christmas will be one of recovery for those who are dealing with illness; one of joy when you are with your family, one of hope for a brighter New Year; and GOD BLESS OUR MILITARY and VETERANS.

Speaking of FAMILY, our Chapter MI-G Family celebrated together our first “Family Reunion”. From the comments we heard, people really enjoyed themselves. The originator of our Midnight Ride, Ron and Jan Rowe were there. They and Don and Gloria Houda shared many stories of past rides and events they had. We may even have inspired some friends to join and some others to rejoin our family. Carolyn Wheeler’s article tells more of our party.

As you know, we have a new mascot. “Teddy” came to join our family in October. We have asked you to submit names for him. There were several great names that you gave us. So, Mary Cooper and I looked over the names that were submitted by you. (How do you say “drum roll”? or “TA DA”? Guess that will have to do:



ANNOUNCING
“Teddy’s” new name

CAPTAIN MIDNIGHT

Thank you Howard Stob. Your name for “Teddy” was chosen!!!

We have a request for everyone: January and February most of us are “WINGLESS” . That four-letter word that begins with ”S” makes it impossible to ride. So please email or phone your suggestions for activities you would enjoy during this season. (bosticez1@sbcglobal.net or 616-7914-4587.

Thank you all for being part of our MI-G Family.

Marilynn Bostic
GWRRA MI-G

RIDER ED 'GIMME 5'

TOPIC: It's All About the Traction

We turned the calendar to December and, suddenly, winter was here! The signs of winter were everywhere: the cold temperatures, snow flurries, freezing rain, and ice on puddles. In winter we see the most driving problems (accidents and spin outs) when conditions include freezing rain and black ice. It does not matter that we are driving our four-wheeled vehicles. When the road surface is icy, traction is greatly reduced. So when there is ice on the road, the best thing to do is stay home. If you have to drive in icy conditions, go slowly and smoothly. No, check that. Go VERY slowly, and VERY smoothly!

As we know from our motorcycle training, when we lose traction, we lose braking and steering control of our vehicle. The same applies to a car. Even with four tires on the ground, it is easy to lose control of a vehicle on ice. To increase traction in icy conditions, look for surfaces with more texture. This can be the unpaved shoulder of the road where gravel can provide more resistance to sliding and skidding tires. Crusty snow gives more traction, too. This can sometimes be present in the center of the lane (the middle track) where tires seldom crush and pack it down. Almost any surface provides better traction than ice! If you have the choice to drive on ice or another surface, try to move your vehicle *smoothly* onto the other surface.

Keep in mind that accelerating, braking and steering inputs should all be made smoothly to maintain traction and control of your vehicle. Use a light touch on the accelerator. You will not be able to accelerate rapidly on ice anyway, so just plan to keep speeds down. With the limited traction available on ice, stepping on the gas will just cause tire spin. Give yourself plenty of time slow down before entering curves, and maintain a steady speed through the turn.

Increase your following distance behind other cars to allow more time to stop. You will need it when ice on the ground limits your traction. The additional space will also give you a cushion if the vehicle in front of you loses control and goes into a spin. That space can give you room to maneuver and time to react so you can avoid a collision.

Consider using your emergency flashers for added conspicuity and to warn others of the problem. They might not be as aware of the conditions as you are. As always, it is important to scan aggressively all around you for hazards and other drivers who might lose control. Think constantly about your best escape route or your reaction to various situations that might arise. Keep alert to your safest options.

Learn how your vehicle handles on ice in an empty icy parking lot. It is important to see and feel how it reacts when you are traveling at low speed and step on the brake or turn the wheel. It will be different than driving on dry pavement. By learning how it behaves, you are better prepared to take the right action in a surprise situation on the road. Just like a motorcycle training class, you want to practice in a safe space. And remember, it's all about the traction!

Ride Smart & Be Safe!

Bruce & Melissa Thayer
Former MI Asst. District Rider Educators

Our new Chapter Directors, Ezra and Marilynn Bostic, hosted a GWRRA Chapter G Reunion Party on Saturday, November 5 at their home. What a marvelous idea! We were honored with the presence of original Midnight Ride participants Ron and Jan Rowe (the chapter directors at the time), Charlene Rausch, Joanie Beverwyk, and Don and Gloria Houda. They had a great time reminiscing about past events as they browsed through the Chapter memory books. Stories were related to the rest of us about those past rides and what a great time they all had together. We learned things about the first Midnight Ride that many of us never knew.

Also honoring us with their presence were Don and Cindy Reed, and Joyce and Mike Zagumny who had the audacity to inform us all that they were headed SOUTH soon! This I remember as I look out my window at the SNOWFLAKES that are falling at the moment. brrrrr

Other attendees were Len and Jan Snyder (both retired now and rubbing it in), Sherrie & Pete Wright, Harry and Marcia Emmert, Stan and Carolyn Wheeler, Jim and Jean Rackes, Bruce and Carolyn Dunlap, Mike Sinke, Howard Stob, Steve and Mary Cooper, Deb and Matt Piechocki.

As usual there was a LOT of good food with Ezra cooking up a pot of sloppy joes that was the best any of us had had in a very long time. Recipe please Ezra. I fell victim to the Almond Bars and they undid my diet that wasn't going all that well anyway. We would like to thank all of you who attended as it was great to see and talk with you. I heard a rumor that this may become a yearly event but that it will be held outside to make it easier for everyone involved to attend.

Till next time –

Carolyn Wheeler

Farmer and Teri Rodgers gives congratulations to Len and Jan Snyder for their past Rider Ed leadership



Congratulations to Harry Emmert as he takes on the role of Chapter G's new Rider Ed coordinator.



We have the following 25th anniversary Midnight Ride t-shirts available for sale at \$20.00 each, which includes shipping and handling:

Small: 17
Medium: 46
Large: 98
X-Large 25

Teddy Bear Pins are also available at \$7.00 each including shipping and handling.

To place your order please email Ezra Bostic at bosticez1@sbcglobal.net or call 616-791-4587.

Breakfast at MarnEWalkers



Dinner at Boulder Creek



Chapter G Get-Togethers

Editor's request.

I am in the process of digitizing the history of Chapter G. I have a lot of pictures scanned from 1982 to the present. Included are the newsletters from 1989, and some from 1993 and 1995. I'm looking for hard copies of any newsletters or brag books from 1982 to 2005. Please let me know if you have any. Thanks.

Howard Stob

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December Birthdays

- 15 Sheila Derksen
- 23 Sharon Smith

December Anniversaries

- 08 CJ & Carole Shroll
- 24 Larry & Janet Roberts
- 29 Scott & Joanie Klein

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ALSO

I have the following items for sale to a good home.

They are in the original boxes and have obviously never been used. If I remember properly the cost was around 150 bucks.

I would accept best offer so I don't have to move them when we move to TN.

A-34542 manual tire changer and accessory motorcycle tire changer attachment.

Thanks.

Len Snyder <lennnie55@gmail.com>

For Sale

My **1983 1100 Aspencade** needs a new home. I ride this bike to work in the summer to save gas. 40 mpg. Good mechanical shape, Has Stereo, CB, all electronic items work as they should. See photos and send an e-mail if you're interested. Modular helmet with J&M electronics included. \$3500. I'm moving and don't have room for this bike at the new home. For Pictures, see Sept. Newsletter.

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District Couple of the Year 2011

Ken & Patti Kintner were selected at
Wingless Weekend 2011



Region D Couple of the Year 2010-2011

Joe and Paula Swift were selected at
the Region D Rally



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