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**Chapter G Gathering
Cheshire Grill
2162 Plainfield NW
Grand Rapids, MI 49505
*****Sunday December 9, 2012*****
Breakfast 9:00am Gathering**

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 2012

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Events for December 2012



- Dec 2:** Time: **9:00am Breakfast at Cheshire Grill,
Ride After** depending on weather
(How many times/miles can we ride this month?)
- Dec 3:** Event: **Chapter Staff Meeting All Welcome**
Please Note time/PLACE change
Time: **6:30pm**
Place: The Bostic's house 1492 Kinney NW
- Dec 9:** Event: ******* Chapter MI-G's Gathering *******
Time: **9:00 am Please note TIME CHANGE**
Place: Cheshire Grill on Plainfield
- Dec 15:** Event: **CHRISTMAS AUCTION / CHRISTMAS PARTY**
Bring items to place in the Auction
Bring a dish to pass, and beverage
Time: Social hour: 5:00pm to 6:00pm, Dinner 6:00 to 7:00pm
AUCTION at 7:00pm
Place: The Bostic's house 1492 Kinney NW
- Dec 16:** Time: **9:00am Breakfast at Cheshire Grill,
Ride After** depending on weather.
- Dec 23:** Time: **9:00am Breakfast at Cheshire Grill,
Ride After** depending on weather.
- Dec 25:** Event: **Wishing Everyone a VERY MERRY CHRISTMAS**
- Dec 30** Event: **December Birthdays and Anniversaries Celebration**
Time: 5:00 pm Social, 5:30 pm Order Dinner
Place: Rio Grande 5501 Northland Dr., Grand Rapids, MI
- >>>>>>>> PLEASE: PLEASE RSVP by Sat. CALL: Ezra or Marilynn (791-4587)**



For the month of November, we started November off as we went and got Teddy back. So, now we have him back with us. We had 2 bikes make the ride to get him. It was a 26° nice ride. We enjoyed it. We had doughnuts and coffee. We are now looking at what's left of November. At this time we will be going to a dinner on the 25th at Texas Roadhouse and it should be fun.

December is coming around the corner. So, we will be doing our Christmas auction to raise money for a charity of your choice. We will also be riding weather permitting. But check the calendar for activities in December. We planned a dinner on December 30 on Northland Drive. I will be able to ride again!! I had a flat tire. I turned the tire over and now I can ride my bike. Remember, it's only flat on the bottom. So I miss Sunday's ride in November and it was a beautiful day!! BUT, I had to get my tire fixed. I took it in to Shawmut Hills. They got it right in and fixed it right away!! If you need work done remember Shawmut is one of our advertisers. So, do as much there as possible. I think that's enough for now.

Your CD, Ezra



We wish everyone a very Blessed and Merry Christmas, and love and peace for the New Year!!!

Sign of things to come: We were a couple of the crazies out shopping today, yes, Black Friday!!! No, we didn't go in the middle of the night. We slept in, then decided to go see what was left. After a couple of stops, we decided to go to Costco in Grandville. When we come out, it was snowing like it meant to stay!!! It was a great day to stand in the wind and catch snowflakes on your tongue!!! Yep, a sign of things (snowflakes) to come. But don't let that discourage you. There will be days with no snow, and a little bit warm temps, and clear roads for riding. We hope so anyway. And just a reminder that we do have events even in the winter months. So, keep your eye on our newsletter and calendar. I'm sure you will find something to do. Also, we invite you to make suggestions for get-togethers this winter.

This month, I would like to remind everyone about our Christmas Auction and Christmas Party!!! Ezra and I are hosting at your home. Please come and join us in our Christmas Celebration. Please bring a dish to pass and items to auction. Those who come will decide which charity will benefit.

We hope you all enjoy this Christmas season with family and friends. Travel safely wherever you go.
Merry Christmas and Happy New Year.
Marilynn Bostic

Rider Ed



While preparing for my presentation for the October meeting, I previewed the "Michigan Motorcycle Operator Manual". I presented excerpts covered under the heading "Handling Dangerous Surfaces." It states: Your chances of falling or being involved in a crash increases whenever you ride across:

1. Uneven surfaces or obstacles
2. Slippery surfaces.

[(a.-e.)] November newsletter

(f.) Dirt and gravel collect along the sides of the road - especially on curves and ramps leading to and from highways. Be aware of what's on the edge of the road, particularly making sharp turns and getting on or off freeways at high speeds.

(g.) Rain dries and snow melts faster on some sections of a road than on others. Patches of ice tend to develop in low or shaded areas and on bridges and overpasses. Wet surfaces or wet leaves are just as slippery. Ride on the least slippery portion of the lane and reduce speed.

Cautious riders steer clear of roads covered with ice and snow. If you can't avoid a slippery surface, keep your motorcycle straight up and proceed as SLOWLY as possible. If you encounter a large surface so slippery that you must coast, or travel at a walking pace, consider letting your feet skim along the surface. If the motorcycle starts to fall, you can catch yourself. Be sure to keep off the brakes. If possible, squeeze the clutch and coast. Attempting this maneuver at any time at the slowest speeds could prove hazardous.

3. Railroad Tracks, Trolley Tracks and Pavement Seams

- (a) Usually it is easier to ride straight within your lane to cross tracks.
- (b) Turning to take tracks head-on (at a 90 degree angle) can be more dangerous - your path may carry you into another lane of traffic.
- (c) For track and road seams that run parallel to your course, move far enough away from tracks, ruts, or pavement seams to cross at an angle of at least 45 degrees. Then, make a deliberate turn. Edging across could catch your tire and throw you off balance.

4. Grooves and Gratings

Riding over rain grooves or bridge gratings may cause a motorcycle to weave. The uneasy, wandering feeling is generally not hazardous. Relax, maintain a steady speed and ride straight across. Crossing at an angle forces riders to ZIGZAG to stay in the lane. The ZIGZAG is far more hazardous than the wandering feeling.

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Rider Ed



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BE EXTRA CAREFUL OF:

- (a) Animals crossing the road, especially at night
- (b) Ice in winter, early spring, and late fall
- (c) Approaching livestock being ridden, driven or led so as not to startle the person or animals
- (d) Pedestrians crossing, including blind pedestrians and joggers.
You Must Yield the Right of Way.
- (e) Bicyclist who may cross roads with out warning.
Be prepared to stop or avoid them.

The state of Michigan has suggestions for safe riding that are like the ones that GWRRA recommend. Michigan has repealed the helmet law, but you have to meet the requirements to ride without one.

Note: No matter what the speed, helmeted riders are three times more likely to survive head injuries than those not wearing helmets at the time of the crash.

Eye and face protection: shatterproof eye protection is required by Michigan.

Clothing:

Jackets and pants should cover arms and legs completely

Boots or shoes should be high and sturdy enough to cover your ankles and give them support.

Gloves allow a better grip and help protect your hands in a crash. Your gloves should be made of leather or similar durable material.

In cold or wet weather, your clothes should keep you warm and dry, as well as protect you from injury. Riding for long periods in cold weather can cause severe chill and fatigue.



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December Birthdays

- 15 Sheila Derksen
- 18 Ron Taylor
- 23 Sharon Smith

December Anniversaries

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

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I've started my winter maintenance routine. Changed the oil and the filter, changed the crush washer, gave it a bath and now I want to change the air in my tires from Summer Air to Winter Air. My question is, do I have to use genuine Honda Air, as it is a bit pricy, or can I use the generic air that comes out of my compressor? I don't want to do anything to hurt my warranty.
A: ?

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Vegetarian Meal(s) Requested: (Please Circle) 1 2

Assigned Banquet Seating: - Please Designate: Chapter: _____ or Other: _____

Note: If no choice is specified, seating will be assigned by the Michigan District Team

Wingless Weekend Shirts with Logo: All Shirts Sales Are With Pre-Registration ONLY !!

Sizes 2X and 3X are an additional \$ 2.00

Short Sleeve T-Shirt with Logo: \$ **12.00** each (\$ **14.00** for 2XL or 3XL)

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District Couple of the Year 2012

Rick & Esther Keeling were selected
at Wingless Weekend 2012



Region D Couple of the Year 2012

Joe and Paula Swift were selected at
the Region D Rally



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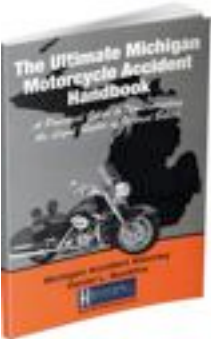


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