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Breakfast 8:30, Gathering 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.

February 2010

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
		1	2	3	4 Wingless Weekend	5 Wingless Weekend
6	7	8	9	10	11	12
13 Chapter G Gathering	14 Valentine's Day	15	16	17	18	19
20	21	22	23	24	25	26
27 Chpt Dinner: TGIF: Alpine Ave 5:30 pm	28					

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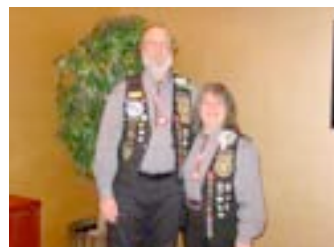
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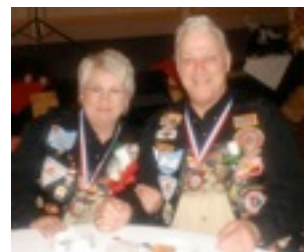
District Couple of the Year 2010

Tim and Pam Hanson were selected
at Wingless Weekend 2010



Region D Couple of the Year 2010-2011

Kirby and Sandy White were
selected at the Region D Rally



Chapter G Website

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



GWRRRA National Website

<http://www.gwrra.org/>



Region D Website

<http://www.gwrra-regiond.org>



Michigan District Website

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



Chapter G Ride Information

Rides will be Weather Permitting

We will take a ride after the Gatherings starting in June.
Group rides and or activities from other Chapters can be posted here.

February Ride/Activity Schedule

No scheduled motorcycle rides, But, there are a few that wander about if the streets are dry...(even though it's cold).

Feb. 4 & 5 Wingless Weekend
Feb. 13 Chapter Gathering
Feb. 27 Dinner at TGIF on Alpine Ave. Meet at 5:30 and RSVP to Harry & Marica by Feb 23rd: 616-363-2159 or Emmert.sr@sbcglobal.net

For complete links to State Activities, go to:

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

Chapter G is looking volunteers for the **25th Annual Midnight Ride** in the following areas:

1. **Lead Group Riders** - This group rides ahead of the main group to make sure lanes are safe and any hazards are removed, and also helps, if needed, to get the main group thru intersections.
2. **Tailgunners** - Tailgunners follow the ride to assist other riders with broken down bikes or accidents. We have first responders among the group to handle medical emergencies and a tow truck to pick up bikes. You would just need to stay to coordinate all efforts.
3. **Rockford Parking Lot** - We need about 5 people to line up bikes for the ride. You would need to be there by 8 pm to start lining bikes up. When we all leave, pick up cones and put in vehicle that is left behind for pick up on the way back on Sunday. Then if you want, join the ride in Alma.

Contact Randy or Fay Vieu 616-662-1399

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CD's Corner
Randy and Fay Vieu
Chapter G Directors



It is hard to believe that it has been two years since our last Medic first aid class. It was nice to see a few new faces among everyone take the Medic First Aid. It always makes us feel better knowing that the people we ride with know how to help in case of an accident or medical emergency. Taking this class seems to start the riding season by getting us ready for the emergencies we might come across while riding. After this we can start thinking about getting our bike ready for the riding season. Do you need tires this year, did you change your oil before putting the bike into storage. Some don't ever really put the bikes away (Howard). It is a good idea to make a list of the things that you need or want to do to your bike before the season starts. The last thing to think about is mentally getting ready to ride, taking classes, or going to an advance rider course, will really sharpen those skills. It is always a good idea to keep all those skills sharp because you never know who might need your help.

Hopefully we will see a lot of you at Wingless. Remember we have bike tickets to sell also get them soon.

Chapter Directors
Randy & Fay Vieu



Chapter G Rider Education

There is a lot of information about motorcycle safety, most of which we take for granted or we think is common sense. It's just good to do a little reviewing...

Taken from [Save A Biker](#)

Motorcycle Safety

Over two-thirds of car-motorcycle crashes are caused by drivers, not by motorcyclists. The driver either does not see the oncoming motorcyclist at all or does not see the motorcyclist in time to avoid a crash.

Why Didn't That Driver See Me?

Don't assume that you are visible to a driver. As a motorcyclist, it is your responsibility to make your presence known to the driver. Select and wear an appropriate helmet with retroreflective materials. Wear bright, contrasting protective clothing. If you choose darker clothing, wear a fluorescent vest.

23 states require that the headlight be on while the motorcycle is on the highway. Use high beams rather than low beams and consider using a modulating headlight if your state allows it.

Proper lane position is important to being seen and for protecting your riding space. If you can see the driver in the side-view mirror, the driver can see you. Don't "hide" in the driver's blind spot!

Clearly, communicate your intentions by signaling appropriately. Let the driver know what you intend to do.

Chapter G Rider Education continued...

Taken from [Save A Biker](#)

What are Some Situations When Crashes are Most Likely to Occur?

Car making a left turn: A driver is attempting a left turn in front of you.

Riding in a driver's blind spot: You are riding in the driver's blind spot and the driver may not see the motorcycle. Additionally, the driver may fail to adequately check blind spots before changing lanes or making turn.

Hazardous road conditions: Potholes, wet leaves, railroad tracks and other road obstructions may dictate that you take an action that a driver may not or does not anticipate.

Obstructed line of sight: Large vehicles, such as sport utility vehicles, delivery vans, and large trucks may block a motorcycle from a driver's view and you may seem to suddenly appear.

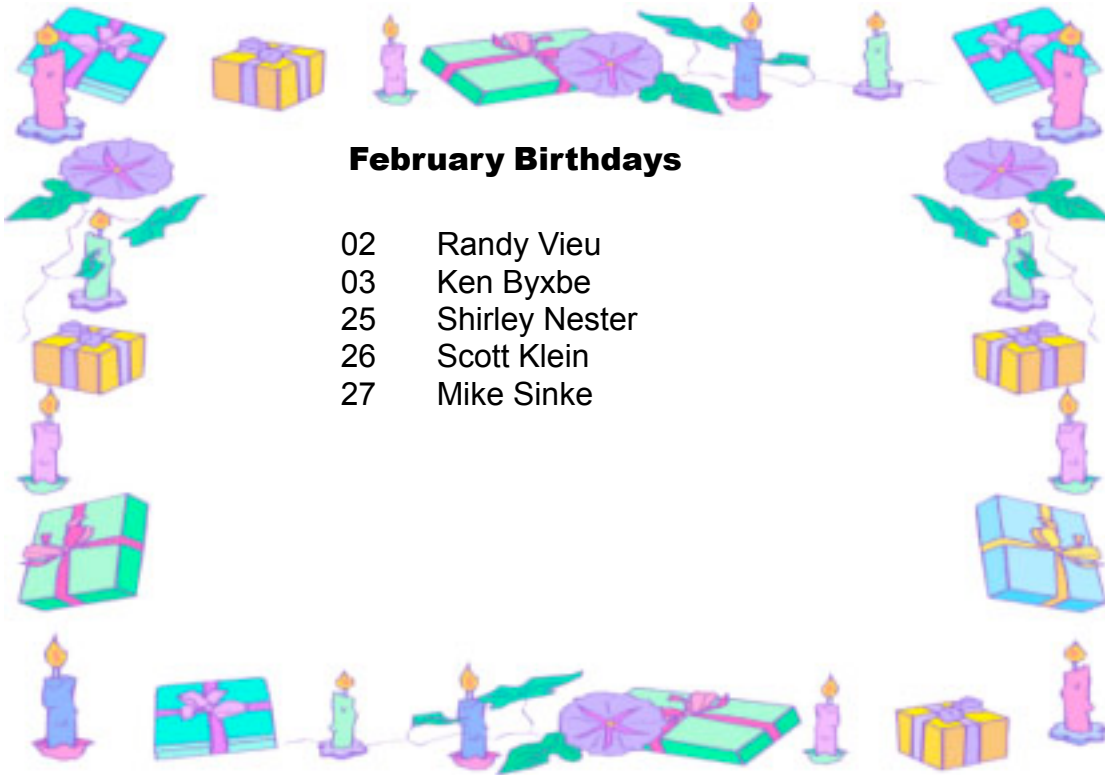
How Can I Increase the Driver's Awareness of My Presence?

Make yourself visible: Choose protective gear that will increase your visibility in addition to providing protection in the event of a crash. A motorcycle helmet is your most valuable piece of protective gear and should be most visible to the driver.

Ride where you can be seen: Remember that there is no one safe place to ride. Use lane positioning to your advantage to be seen and to provide extra space for emergency braking situations or avoidance maneuvers. Avoid the driver's blind spots. Make your lane moves gradually, and always use appropriate signaling.

Never share a lane with a car: A driver may not expect you to be there and may not be aware of your presence. Remember most drivers are looking for other, bigger vehicles.

Clearly signal your intentions to the driver: Signal before changing lanes and
NEVER WEAVE BETWEEN LANES.



February Birthdays

- 02 Randy Vieu
- 03 Ken Byxbe
- 25 Shirley Nester
- 26 Scott Klein
- 27 Mike Sinke

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Future Rides

Future Rides and Ride suggestions:
 Please email any rides or activities to:
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Lakeshore Blessing of the Bikes
 May 1, 2011

Wing Ding
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