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MICHIGAN*REGION D*CHAPTER MI-G*MIDNIGHT RIDERS**

MEETING PLACE, DAY, and TIME.

PLACE: Arnie's Bakery 710 Leonard NW Grand Rapids Mi. 49504

TIME: 9:00 AM

Look for the SUGGESTION BOX at our gatherings. Tell us what you would change, keep the same, and 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.

January 2009

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1 <i>Happy New Year</i>	2	3 Holiday Party Randy & Fay's House
4	5	6	7	8	9	10
11 Chapter Gathering Arnie's	12	13 Chapter K2 Meeting Install New CD	14	15	16	17
18 Medic/First Aid Class	19	20	21	22	23	24
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Ken and Rita Moffitt
International Couple of the Year
2008-2009



Ken and Rita were selected as the International Couple of the Year at Wing Ding 30.

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

Randy & Fay Vieu
Chapter Mi-G's COY 2008



Randy & Fay, members of Chapter G Randy and Fay serve as our CD's and our Couple of the Year.

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If you have any suggestions for the chapter site, e-mail Randy or C.J.

Brad and Connie Garner
Region D Couple of the Year 2008-2009



Brad and Connie Garner were selected as the 2008-2009 Region D Couple of the Year at the Region D Rally.

January Schedule

- January 3:** Holiday Party at Randy & Fay's 7:00pm. Please bring munchies and your own beverage. Please bring a gender related gift to pass (Dollar Store).
- January 11:** Chapter Gathering at Arnie's 710 Leonard NW Grand Rapids 9:00 AM.
- January 13:** Chapter K2 meeting dinner at 6:00 PM/meeting at 7:00 PM Sharon's Restaurant 10431 Northland Drive Big Rapids (Rogers Heights). Don and Cindy Reed will be installed as the new CD's for K2. Let's have a good turnout to see our friends sworn in/at.
- January 18:** Medic/First Aid class at St. Maragaret's Church 10195 16 Mi. Rd Cedar Springs Mi. 49319 616-696-9518 10:00 AM. Potluck please bring a casserole or meat dish & salad or desert. Bread, beverages and table service provided. This is the class you need to keep you levels current.
- January 25:** Chapter Dinner at the Olive Garden 3030 Alpine Ave. NW Walker Mi. 5:00 PM. Please RSVP to Fay so we can give the restaurant an idea of the number of people.

Since the calendar is short this month I thought I'd make another plug for the suggestion box at the meetings and for future ride ideas. As of yet we haven't received any. Remember this is your Chapter and we need your ideas to keep things fun. All you have to do is drop a slip in the box at the meeting or send me an email. You don't even have to identify yourself we'll keep it confidential, I'll know who you are if you send me an email but I promise I won't tell anyone! So let's everyone get involved and make this a fun chapter. Also don't forget Wingless Weekend next month. If you can make it I promise you'll have a good time.

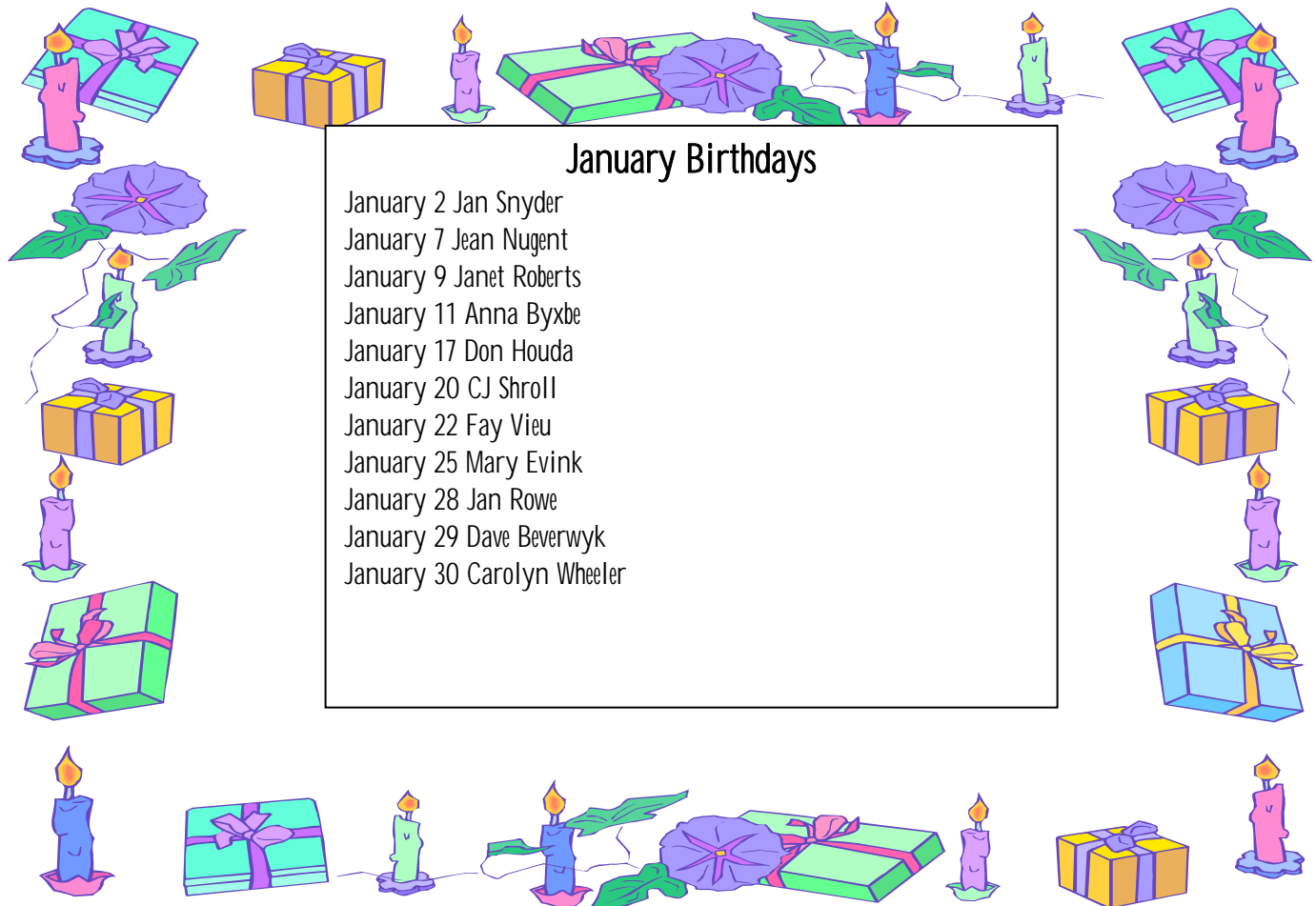
Jim

CD Article January 09

Fay and I would like to wish everyone “ A Very Merry Christmas and a Happy New year.” It was a very busy December. The Chapter did a fantastic job for the Christmas Auction. With times being as they are, we were able to raise \$970.00 for the Cherry Street Health Services. The auction was a great success and thanks to all that came and brought or bought something. We had not only people from are own chapter but we had a “State Staff Attack” and were awarded a free registration to the state rally in July to give away. Ezra and Marilynn won the drawing. Congratulations to them. We also had Chapters N, R2, R, G2, and K2 who came for our installation and helped to support our charity. There were baked goods, homemade candies, and jars of different things, clothes and a lot of other stuff that was sold to the highest bidder. Some of the items were sold for a dollar and other items seemed to get top dollar. I took the check down to the Health Center on Cherry Street on Friday the 19th. Although the weather outside was frightful. I made it down there to hand the check over to them. They said they were going to have a big brass band for us but because the weather had canceled a lot of things I had to settle for a handshake and a tour of their facilities. I was told that most of the funds would go towards the Dental clinic as that is were they are the most short of funds. They have also had a large increase in the number of people applying for assistance because of the times that we are all in. Fay and I would like to thank everyone that came to the auction and helped. We also would like to give a big thanks to Santa, (aka) Larry Roberts and his lovely bride Janet, who for years has helped us put on this auction. Without them, it just wouldn't be as memorable as it is.

The month of December has given us all a lot of headaches with all the snow and cancellations. Our December dinner was at the Feed Mill in Holton and was only attended by Fay, our daughter Chrissy and I from our chapter and 10 from Chapter N. The ride there and back was not too bad and we all had a good time. January's dinner will be at the Olive Garden and Dave Klein will be setting up this one. We will see you on January 3rd at our home for the Christmas/New Year party. Don't forget to visit your friendly “Dollar Store” and use your imagination for a gift for the party.

Again, Fay and I wish everyone “Happy Holidays”.



January Birthdays

- January 2 Jan Snyder
- January 7 Jean Nugent
- January 9 Janet Roberts
- January 11 Anna Byxbe
- January 17 Don Houda
- January 20 CJ Shroll
- January 22 Fay Vieu
- January 25 Mary Evink
- January 28 Jan Rowe
- January 29 Dave Beverwyk
- January 30 Carolyn Wheeler

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jamesme@chartermi.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 & Ride Suggestions:

Please email any rides or activity ideas to the following address: jamesme@chartermi.net
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Rider Education

When was the last time you inspected your motorcycle helmet? If you're like me it's not something you think about that often so it's probably been a while. Recently, I was searching the web for something else entirely and I came across a web page that gave the following information about the proper care and feeding of your helmet. I thought it was interesting - see what you think. Len.

Shell Cleaning - Only use approved methods to clean the helmet. Using other unapproved chemicals or methods may damage the helmet shell or lining. A damaged helmet may increase your risk of serious injury or death in an accident.

Glossy Finish - HJC recommends cleaning your helmet with products designed for automotive cleaning and polishing. All HJC helmets are finished with an automotive type base coat/clear coat finish. Rubbing compounds can be used for deep cleaning to remove many scratches and scuffs. Follow the product's instructions diligently. Over polishing with rubbing compounds can cause light abrasions, which may dull the finish of your helmet. Stickers and decals will leave adhesive residue when removed. To remove the adhesive residue, use alcohol swabs. Be certain to immediately wipe away the excess liquid and clean the area with soap and water once the adhesive residue is removed. Do not use excessive pressure while rubbing when attempting to remove the adhesive residue, instead use multiple light treatments.

Non-Glossy Finish. For our flat finish (non-glossy) helmets, we recommend using warm water and mild soap. Use multiple treatments for heavier dirt. Do not use excessive pressure or rubbing compounds while cleaning the surface as a "glossy" effect could be created, ruining the flat finish appearance.

Interior Cleaning - Although we recommend changing a helmet every 3 to 5 years, the accumulation of sweat, humidity, and dirt can deteriorate the fabric and stitching and this may cause odor. To wash HJC removable pads, HJC recommends regular machine washing and air drying. (Removable interiors are available in models: AC-10, AC-11, AC-12, AC-2M, AC-3, CL-SP, CL-14, CL-15, Sy-Max, CL-Max, AC-X1, AC-X2, AC-X3, CL-X4, CL-X5, CS-X4, and CS-X2). For non-removable interiors, HJC recommends using bacteria and mildew eliminating products such as "Helmet Fresh".

Vent Cleaning - Dirt and debris can find its way into the venting of your HJC helmet. Compressed air cans used for cleaning computer keyboards may be used to blow the debris from the ventilation system. It is recommended that you remove any removable pads before proceeding with this step.

Do Not Modify Your Helmet -Your HJC helmet is designed to meet SNELL and DOT standards. Contact HJC America for more information about SNELL and DOT standards. Modifying your helmet may increase your risk of serious injury or death in an accident. Do not modify your HJC helmet. Modifications include the following:

- drilling holes;
- cutting shell, liner, or strap;
- modifying the retention system, including adding a chin cup;
- removing parts;
- painting; and
- attaching accessories that are not manufactured by HJC for this helmet.

Storing Your Helmet Correctly - An improperly stored helmet can become damaged and may increase your risk of serious injury or death in an accident. You should:

- Store helmet in a cool and dry place,
- Keep helmet away from pets and other animals,
- Keep helmet away from heat in excess of 122°F and do not set on or near hot surfaces.

This is actually a reprint of an article from a couple years ago. I thought it might be time to reprint it for the new riders in our group. This information came from the internet through the HJC website. Several of the other major manufacturers have similar suggestions on their helmets also. Len.



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