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**Chapter G Gathering
Cheshire Grill
2162 Plainfield NW
Grand Rapids, MI 49505
*****Sunday January 13, 2013*****
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.

January 2013

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
		1 New Year's Day	2	3	4	5
6 Cheshire Grill	7 Staff Meeting	8	9	10	11	12
13 Gathering	14	15	16	17	18	19
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If you want to ride your motorcycle this month, see page 2.

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Chapter G Web Site:

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

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Events for January 2013

Jan 1 Howard & CJ to Lansing

Jan 7 Staff meeting at Ungrey's 6:30

Jan 13 Cheshire Grill 9:00 breakfast

Jan 20 Chapter First Aid Training in Sparta 9:00am
Masonic Lodge 94 N. Union
Coffee and lunch will be provided. Bring your own bottled water/beverages

Jan 27 Cheshire Grill 9:00 breakfast

NOTE: Some people love to look at their motorcycles, some people love to sit on their motorcycles, and some people love to RIDE their motorcycles. SO... if the roads are clear and you want to ride this month, let Ezra know. We're looking for this place to ride for some lunch...





Well, December is here and it's almost Christmas. So, I would like to talk about the Christmas party. We had our party and we had a good turnout. I wish more of you could have come to the party. Our auction raised money (\$359.50) which was donated to a charity called "Love Inc." We will attach information about Love Inc., so that you may know where we donated all the money we raised. We started doing this instead of giving each other gifts. We give the gift of love to others. This way we are helping out in our community. Also, I do appreciate the people in the group for agreeing with me to do this. It seems that this chapter has people that really care about others. I would like to thank Annette for delivering the money to the charity, and also, for writing a very nice article about it.

Hopefully, for those of you who don't come all the time, that you realize what you're missing out on. Because, by not coming, you do not have a voice in what we do. By participating, you help vote for what we do for charities, for rides, and other chapter activities. Hopefully, you will read my article, and hopefully, everybody appreciates what we are doing.

We will now get ready to start selling Rainbow tickets. We need all the help we can get to sell them. For now, if you come to the gatherings, I will explain what the Rainbow tickets do for our chapter and also for the Rainbow Connection.

The month of January will be a slow one. There is not a lot planned for January. In February, we will be active again. We have planned a chili cook-off. Take the Best Chili Cook-off Challenge!!! For those of you who think you make the best chili, here is the challenge: I BELIEVE I make the best chili ever!!! So, if you think that you can beat me, come and show me!! Look for the date on February's calendar. Get your crock-pots ready!!!

One note: We are working on the Midnight Ride. We have dropped off the changes to the brochures to the printer. We will, hopefully, have them printed by January sometime. Don't forget this is to raise money for Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation.

Thank you very much,
Your CD, Ezra

Annette Altena brought this airplane to our party...





From Annette Altena regarding our Love, Inc donation. <http://www.loveinc.org/>

For every \$1.00 given to Love INC will produce over \$55.00 of help and service to those in need. Which means that G.W.R.R.A. (Chapter G) auction donation of \$339.50 will = \$18,672.50!!!

Love INC, through local churches, seeks to transform the lives of people in chronic need through caring relationships and classes/training opportunities. Love INC organizes and equips church members from across many denominations to lead courses and/or walk alongside (mentor) people in need for a set time period (usually 1 to 3 months) in order to help them acquire one or more skills and move toward self-sufficiency. These courses can be accompanied by material support and special access to Gap Ministry resources (incentives or rewards), depending upon how the affiliate structures them. In addition these courses will typically have goal setting, and some level of accountability incorporated into them.

Another example of a Love, INC activity would be a “Foster Care Kit” which is a cloth bag for foster care children. Many children are placed in foster care over night or over many days this bag has toothbrush, toothpaste, comb & brush, shampoo, notebook, crayons, blanket, stuffed toy, pillow, large t-shirt (to use as sleepwear) and a night light. They are assembled with age appropriate items.



Rider Ed Harry Emmert



It's all about 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 puddles. In winter we see the most driving problems, (accidents and spin outs), when conditions including 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. Many of Michigan's two-lane roads have unpaved shoulders. The rougher surface on the shoulder will provide better grip for your tires. Keep in mind that accelerating, braking and steering should all be done smoothly to maintain control. 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. Slow down before entering curves, and keep a steady speed through the turn. Increase our following distance behind other cars to allow more time to stop. Consider using your emergency flashers for added conspicuity, As always, it is important to look ahead and think constantly about your best escape route or reaction to various situations. Keep alert to your best options. You can practice these tips in an empty parking lot at slow speeds, and learn how your vehicle responds. Just like a motorcycle training class, you want to practice in a safe space. And remember, it's all about traction!

from MI District Rider Ed Team "Gimme 5"



2012 Midnight Ride shirts for sale. \$25.00 each including shipping and handling. Teddy Bear Pins \$7.00, Year Bars \$4.00. Make check out to GWRRA MI-G.

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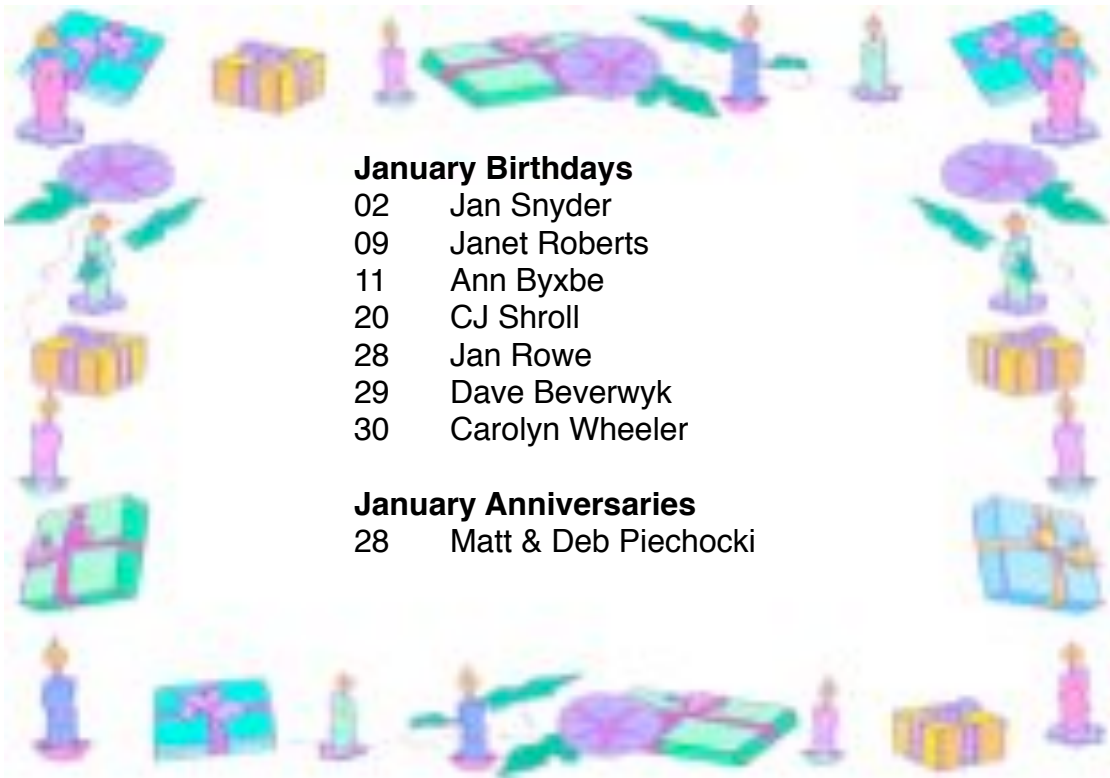
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January Birthdays

- 02 Jan Snyder
- 09 Janet Roberts
- 11 Ann Byxbe
- 20 CJ Shroll
- 28 Jan Rowe
- 29 Dave Beverwyk
- 30 Carolyn Wheeler

January Anniversaries

- 28 Matt & Deb Piechocki

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

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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

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Any Questions, Please Call Ron At 810-239-5334 (Home) or 810-223-4404 (Cell)

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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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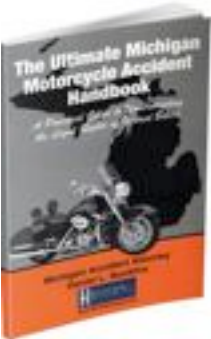


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