

Gold Wing Road Riders Association *CHAPTER MI-G*



Our monthly meetings are held the second Thursday of the month at O'Malley's restaurant located at 5080 Alpine Ave NW at 7:00 PM. Dinner is ordered from the menu at 6:30. Saturday, Sunday and week night rides will leave from central locations and will vary with the destination. 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.

July 2007

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 Ice Cream Run At 1pm Meet at Harley's Mobil	2	3	4 Our Nation's Birthday	5 Scatter Ride Call for Info See Page 3.	6	7
8 Breakfast at Susie's 9am Grand Haven	9	10	11	12 Monthly Gathering O'Malley's 7:00 pm	13	14 L2's Paws with A Cause Event 11am at Meijer East Beltline
15 Breakfast at Susie's 9am Ride After	16	17	18	19 STATE RALLY	20 to STATE RALLY 8am Harley's Moble	21 STATE RALLY
22	23	24	25	26	27	28 Chapter N's Christmas in July 10am
29 Lakeshore Run 1pm Meijer 7mile & Alpine	30	31				

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Walt & Deb Crosby Region D COY Year 2006-2007  We are Walt & Deb Crosby, your new Region D Couple Of The Year. What an exciting year this has been for us. First being named Ohio District Couple and meeting so many wonderful people in our District. Now Region Couple of the Year, and an opportunity to visit two more Districts and that many more great people.	Ezra & Marilynn Bostic Chapter Mi-G's COY 2007  Ezra & Marilynn, members of Chapter G Ezra serves as our Ride Coordinator, and Marilynn serves as our Newsletter Editor, now our Couple of the Year.	Ken and Rita Moffitt Michigan Couple of the Year 2007  Ken and Rita were selected as the 2007 Michigan District Couple of the Year at our 2007 Wingless Weekend. Please give them your congratulations when you see them.

July Schedule

- July 1:** We will make an ice cream run. Please meet at Harley's Mobil Gas Station on 14 Mile Rd and Northland Drive at **1:00pm**
- July 5:** Bill and Dorothy Reese and Ezra and Marilyn Bostic plan to distribute Midnight Ride brochures to the North Country, giving them to the gas stations where the ride stops on the Midnight Ride. Everyone who would like to join them are welcome. Please call Ezra at 616-791-4587 for details.
- July 8:** We will meet at Susie's for breakfast at **9 o'clock** and we will ride at **10 o'clock**. We will ride to the Grand Haven pier for lunch. This will be a bag lunch. So, everybody please bring their own lunch, and then we will ride around the lakeshore.
- July 12** is our Monthly Gathering at O'Malley's on Alpine NW. Come early **6:30pm** for dinner or come at **7:00pm** for our discussions.
- July 14:** We will ride to **Chapter at L2 for "Paws with a Cause"**. Please meet at the Meijer Gas Station on the East Beltline at **11 o'clock in the morning**. Chapter L2 is meeting at the Wal-Mart in Hasting at 11:00 am for a ride. The event begins at **1pm until 3pm**. There will be a silent auction, 50/50 raffle, dart throw, and plenty of food for a \$10 admission. After L2's event, Jim and Julie invited us to their home for a BBQ and Bonfire! Please bring a dish to pass and beverage.
- July 15:** We will meet at Susie's for breakfast at **9 o'clock** and we will ride at **10 o'clock**
- July 20:** We will be going to West Branch for the State Rally. We will meet at Harley's Mobil Gas Station on 14 Mile Road and Northland Drive at **8 a.m** to ride to the rally. The rally will be July 20, 21 and 22.
- July 28:** We will be going to **Chapter N's Christmas In July Bike Run**. Please meet at the Meijer Gas Station on 7 Mile Road and Alpine at **10 am**. Lots of fun, food, door prizes, a blind auction, and a fun run. All this for \$10 per person. This event runs from **10am to 2pm**
- July 29:** We will be taking a **one o'clock** ride to Lakeshore we will be packing a bag lunch for a late lunch at the lake. Please meet at the Meijer Gas Station on 7 Mile Road and Alpine.

If you have any suggestions for a ride you would love to take, please send me the details such as the trip route, times and dates that you would like to schedule the ride. My email address is bosticez1@sbcglobal.net. I hope to see everyone very soon on these rides.

Thanks from your Ride Coordinator,
Ezra Bostic

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Future Rides:

**Michigan District Rally July 20 & 21
(See Ride Schedule for time & place)**

METAMORA, Indiana

We are planning a chapter ride to Metamora for Labor Day Weekend. Please keep this date open.

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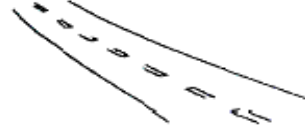


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Pictures from the Covered Bridges Ride

Chapter Director's Ramblings

July, it's really hard to believe that it's already July. This is going to be a busy month. First, we've got our nation's birthday. We should all take a minute and think of our brave young men and women who are far from home making sure we get to celebrate this day anyway we want. So, when you're watching fireworks somewhere say a prayer for their safety.

We've got several great functions this month. On the 14th, we have L2's Dog Daze. This is always a fun event and supports a great cause, Paws with a Cause. It appears that again this year there will be a service dog demonstration. I'm looking forward to it. Afterwards, for anyone who is interested, we'll be having a cookout and bon fire at our house, we've got to burn up what's left of our old deck.

Then comes the State Rally in West Branch. Several of us will be camping, even me. This will be the second time in 60 day's I'll actually be sleeping on the ground. If you know me you'll know that I'm not a real big camper. My usual idea of camping is staying at a motel without a coffee pot. But, seriously, I'm looking forward to it. Lynn, Jan, Randy and Fay made up a display for the campsite that should be pretty cool. Of course, you'll have to come to the rally to see it. It would be great to see a good turnout from our chapter at the rally. This is a new location with a very nice campground. There are lots of trees and lots of friends to hang out with for a couple of days. We hope to see everyone there.

On July 28th, we'll be spending Christmas in July with our friends from Chapter N. Chapter N has found a great spot to hold this event in Fruitport. It's a very nice park with plenty of shade. Like all good Goldwing functions, there will be plenty of good food to eat for a modest price. It would be great if we could turn out for this event en force.

Finally, on another subject, I'd like to extend a very BIG THANK YOU to Jan Snyder for stepping up and taking over the job of treasurer. As you all know, this is a volunteer organization, and without people like Jan giving of their time, this chapter, as well as all of GWRRA, could not exist. Again thanks Jan, and it will be a pleasure working with you. I guess that's about all I can ramble on about this month. So, until I see everyone again, be sure to ride safely and watch out for the cager's. they really are out to get us.

Jim & Julie Meredith

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Assistant Chapter Director's Notes Around the World in one Day!


Our trip started in Jenison, where we meet for breakfast. Then, it was off to Holland. After visiting Holland, we left for Rothbury. The trip was not to long. We went thru the town Then, was the long trip to Frankfort. We stopped for lunch at a lovely rest area overlooking a very large lake just outside of Frankfort. After visiting Frankfort, we were on our way to Dublin. Traveling thru the countryside was wonderful and beautiful, Arriving in Dublin, we did a little shopping in the general store. This whole time our fearless leader had power issues at work. So, he had to call to help them fix things. So now, it was off to our last stop in Paris. But first, we needed to find a good place to stop for ICE CREAM. Len & Jan knew just the place. The chapter bought the treat. We ended our trip in Paris with some stories from Randy about living there for a while. Now it was off to Home, and this was all done in one day, 350 miles and a lot of fun with good friends. Hope to see you on our next ride .

Fay & Randy Vieu ACD

To our Friends in Chapter G,

Another episode in the life of Cowboy John. We've been camping at a place called Southwell. It's a corral where the cattle come in for water supplied by a windmill. The cows have been on the range for a long time and are skittery as deer. If they see you, they are long gone. We have a long rope on the corral gate, which is attached to our camper door. When the cattle come in for water, we pull the gate shut behind them." Yippee!" We caught six or seven! Bob Brown, owner of the Jornado Ranch, came down with a stock trailer to load them up (not without some effort) and took them back to the ranch for branding and medications, if needed, then turned out into another part of the ranch, which is 50 sections in size. We then opened the gate and got ready for the next bunch of cattle that wandered in for a drink. We sometimes stay there for several days at a time. It's evening a few days later. All day we haven't seen any cattle. It's getting dark so we decide to get ready for bed. I've got a good book to read and John is scanning the T.V. for something to watch. He's relaxing, sitting there in his long johns when we see some cows coming in for water. He jumps into his cowboy boots and dashes for the gate rope. The cows aren't dumb. They see the gate start to close and they head back for the gate on a run. The rope breaks, so here's John running around in his long johns and boots trying to get to the gate before he loses all the cattle. Needless to say, we didn't get any cows that night but I sure had a good laugh. Your Foreign Correspondent,

Helen Tate

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July Rider Education Article

Lets see. What is the name of that little “dothingie” you need to put down when you want to get off your bike without having it drop flat on the ground? Oh, that’s right, it’s the sidestand. So what happens if you forget to put the sidestand down and you walk away from your bike? Does it sit there waiting for you to come back and put the sidestand down or does it just sort of fall over? Nope, it falls flat on the ground...

If you have a trike you don’t have a sidestand, but those of us that have two wheeled motorcycles have sidestands and we need to make sure that we put them down before we get off of our bikes. It’s kind of like remembering to put down your feet when you come up to a light after riding for a long time on the road. If you don’t remember to do it the result is embarrassing and can be painful. I actually saw a rider do that once at the bottom of an expressway off ramp. When the light turned red he came to a complete stop and then fell over because he forgot to put his feet down.

It’s not too much different if you forget to do your T-Clock inspections on a regular basis. You don’t know that the screw or bolt that holds the rear fender on is loose unless you’ve taken the time to look the bike over and make sure that it’s tight. If that fender comes off while you’re riding down the road, the resulting crash could be a lot worse than that poor fellow who forgot to put his feet down after he stopped. What you don’t know - can hurt you.

Take the time to do a T-Clock inspection; it could make all the difference in the world to you or someone you love. The more time you spend with your motorcycle, the better chance you have of finding something that is broken, bent, loose or missing. Something as small as a missing screw could seriously ruin your day. So, the time that you take cleaning your bike isn’t wasted. It will help you notice things, like a loose battery cable or a coolant leak, before your bike breaks down in the middle of an Iowa cornfield. Below is a copy of a Pocket T-Clock reminder that I found and messed with so it said what I wanted it to. It is set up so that you can print it off, fold it in half and place it in plastic so that you can put it in your wallet to have with you as a little reminder of the things you should check prior to every trip

Ride Safely. Len

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Tires/Wheels
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Check it B-4 You Ride

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Center/Side Stand Cracked - Springs
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shoes]
Cooling [leaks / coolant level]
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Fuel System [leaks / hoses / fuel filter
fuel tank / carburetor[s]
Transmission [operation]
Engine [leaks/oil level/air cleaner
wire harness/ignition/exhaust]
Ignition Switch On [lights/head-brake
turn-panel-horn]
Start/Run Engine [starter/idle-stop
switch-noise]
Throttle [response/cable/routing]
All systems are GO!

Keys Locked in the Trunk

June 1, 2, 3: Cats-Cade 2007, Liberty, New York, 250 people mostly goldwing riders having a wonderful fun filled time. <http://www.cats-cade.org/>

It's 7:45 Friday morning, I've had my coffee and I'm getting to ride with 40 other bikers in the Catskills, beautiful weather, scenic roads are waiting. I filled my cooler with ice and lots of water bottles. I packed my phone, camera, and other essentials in the Goldwing bag. After carrying all this out to my Wing, I took a towel and cleaned yesterday's dirt and emptied some road trash from the trunk. I put my bag in the trunk, closed it and went for another cup of coffee. It was then that I discovered my keys were not in my pocket. Back to the bike, I probably dropped my keys in the bag. That's when instant panic starts in when I find the trunk locked. I just stand there staring at the bike and realizing that I had just done the most stupid thing; I locked my keys in the trunk, (along with the remote and spare key). And that's when all the help came.

"Let me try my key and remote" After 10 or 11 tries no luck. Now what? Someone got on his cell phone and called Fred Harmon who knows everything about the goldwing without realizing that he lives in Texas and the time zone difference. Let's just say his wife wasn't happy with the call and said he was still sleeping!

Someone showed how to open the gas latch, take the clip off the lock and find the key code number. Great. Now find a Honda Dealer around here... or is there a good locksmith who can pick a lock...

Someone got out his laptop and logged into the <http://www.gl1800riders.com/> Listserv and looked for answers. There it was. "This is from Bob K help page; Start with a good, stiff coat hanger.

1. Bend a 180-degree hook in one end with about a 1/2 inch radius.
 2. Measure down 8 inches from the hook and bend 90 degrees. This "arm" should be in line with the hook. This not only governs how far the wire goes in but also lets you tell which way the hook is pointing.
- Ok, here's where luck comes in. The trunk latches are actuated by a rod that runs across the inside of the trunk at about the same height as the key lock. It connects the center lever and the key to the actual latches. You're going to catch this rod with your hook and pull down.
3. Under the trunk where the three levers are; insert the hook between the left saddlebag lever and the trunk lever, towards the rear of the slot. Go in until about one inch of the coat hanger is still out with the bend pointing to the rear. Picture this; the hook is seven inches in the trunk at the back and pointing to the rear
 4. Work it around and feel for the rod, anything the hook catches on is worth a pull. You have to pull a little hard but not hard enough to straighten the hook out. Sometimes the trunk is a little hard to open due to gasket pressure on the latches, if you think you are pulling on the rod but the trunk won't pop, try putting a little pressure down on the lid to relieve the pressure on the latches. This usually is not necessary.
- When it opens, and it will, look to see what is wrong before it falls closed again, that will really make you mad."

Bill Thomas (Peddler)

That sounds simple, so up to the main desk I go to get the hanger. "What's a metal coat hanger", they reply.

Then, out of nowhere, Bill Wetzel comes around with one. Sid Holodnick takes out his all-purpose tool, cuts the hanger, bends it, inserts it in the proper hole, twists it and gives a good pull. The trunk is open; there are my keys on top of the bag right where I left it.

What did I learn? Always bury a spare key somewhere on the wing, never drop your keys in the trunk and close it, and always do a stupid thing like I did in the presence of a lot of goldwing riders! (And always keep a metal coat hanger with you.)

Howard Stob



To My Friends at Chapter G

One day, 17 years ago, my wife and I joined GWRRA chapter Mi G. It was an introduction to a family with which we became very close. I moved to Kentucky in 1997 and over the next 10 years never found the same camaraderie that was commonplace with Chapter G. Friends like Dick and Judy Brecht, Ron and Janice Rowe, John and Helen Tate, Don and Gloria Houda and many others will never be far from my thoughts even though time and distance made it increasingly hard to get back home.

The midnight ride will always have special memories for me. My most frequent companion on those rides was my younger brother, Donavon. He suffered from Juvenile Onset Diabetes and never managed to keep it under control. Three weeks ago, at 37, Donavon died from the disease. He always said that the greatest memories of his life were the Midnight Rides that we took part in and the times we spent riding with Chapter G. He spent his entire life under the shadow of a horrific death because of the disease and his own unwillingness to make the required sacrifices to keep it in check.

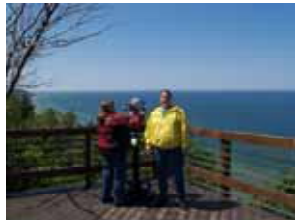
Faces change, and by now most people have no idea who I am and who he was. People move on or move away. Interests change. Years and miles build faster than snow banks and likewise obstruct our pathways home. Still, to me, Chapter G will always represent memories of why I bought my Goldwing. The friends I met, even those I only met once, have made a lasting impression on me. You DO meet the nicest people on a Honda, and the finest of these ride with Chapter G.

I wanted to let those of you who knew and remembered Donavon that he is gone from us, and that he will never again know pain or suffering. In the last years he turned his life around, found God, became a deacon in a church and spent his time helping others. He spent 35 years of his life dying, and the last two years living. He loved the Midnight Ride because it offered hope that one day other children would not be born with a death sentence. Maybe that's not the only reason why we ride, but it's the reason that this ride has become so successful.

"God Bless you all" John Main Bowling Green, KY Member # 065867 Since 1990

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Pictures of the World Tour



Pictures of the Paw Paw & Gilmore Car Museum Ride



Chapter G Adopted A Soldier

Here are some pictures of Brian while home on leave. Brian has returned to duty. Let's remember that we are still sending items to Brian until he returns. Thank you.



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July Birthdays

- July 12: Cindy Jones
- July 14: Dave Klein
- July 18: Ron Rowe
- July 22: Sherry Ringewold
- July 23: Lynne Snyder
- July 30: Gloria Houda

July Anniversaries

- July 11: Gene & Verna Ashley
- July 11: Dave & Terri Beverwyk



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