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GOLD WING ROAD RIDERS ASSOCIATION MICHIGAN*REGION D*CHAPTER MI-G***MIDNIGHT RIDERS

MEETING PLACE, DAY, and TIME.

PLACE: U-HAUL 2752 Burlingame SW, Wyoming (directions on Page 3)

TIME: 8:00 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.

July 2008

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1	2	3 WingDing	4 	5 WingDing
6 WingDing	7	8	9	10	11	12 11:00 AM Chapter N Picnic In the Park
13 Monthly Gathering 8AM World Tour Ride after	14	15	16	17 State Rally	18 State Rally	19 State Rally
20	21	22	23	24	25	26
27 Chapter K-2 Party in Paris 10:00 AM	28	29	30	31		

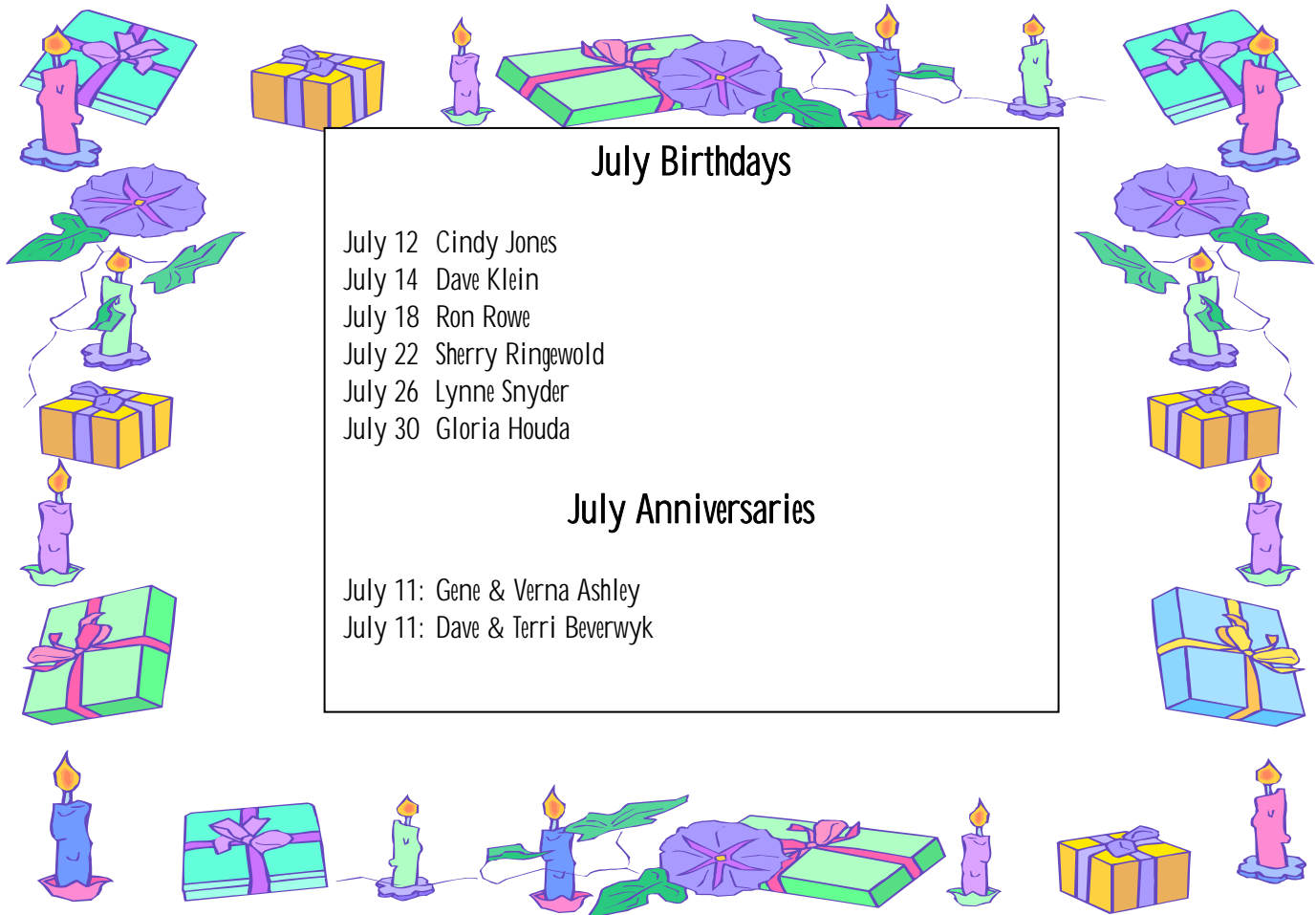
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<p>Chapter G Website www.mi-gmidnightriders.org</p>	<p>Stop by our website or the District or National websites to see what's new.</p>	<p>If you have any suggestions for the chapter site, e-mail Jim or C.J.</p>
<p>Ken and Rita Moffitt Region D COY Year 2007-2008</p>  <p>During the Region D Rally held at Lebanon, IN. Ken and Rita, the Michigan District Couple, was selected as the new Region D Couple of the Year.</p>	<p>Randy & Fay Vieu Chapter Mi-G's COY 2008</p>  <p>Randy & Fay, members of Chapter G Randy and Fay serve as our ACD's and now our Couple of the Year.</p>	<p>Brad and Connie Garner Michigan Couple of the Year 2008</p>  <p>Brad and Connie Garner were selected as the 2008 Michigan District Couple of the Year at our 2008 Wingless Weekend. Please give them your congratulations when you see them.</p>



July Birthdays

- July 12 Cindy Jones
- July 14 Dave Klein
- July 18 Ron Rowe
- July 22 Sherry Ringewold
- July 26 Lynne Snyder
- July 30 Gloria Houda

July Anniversaries

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

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Future Rides:

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Parking Lot Practice (PLP)



CJ practicing turns



Ezra going thru the cones



Ken getting ready for the next exercise



Randy on the course



Ezra, CJ, and Randy practice, Lynne watches

Riding techniques from Sgt. Mike of Wyoming Police Department



Thank you Sgt. Mike for showing us these safety techniques

Rider Education July 2008

I don't like to be all doom and gloom but I thought our Chapter Members might be interested in an excerpt from a recent newspaper article. This will give you something to talk about when your buddy decides that he doesn't want to wear a helmet. Maybe if he knows the following information it will help him make the correct decision (wearing his/her helmet) prior to riding. Len

Motorcyclist deaths spike as helmet laws loosen

By John Yaukey and Robert Benincasa, Gannett News Service

WASHINGTON — Death rates from motorcycle crashes have risen steadily since states began weakening helmet laws about a decade ago, according to a Gannett News Service analysis of federal accident reports.

As deaths have increased, so has the proportion of older riders killed. Dying on a motorcycle could soon become a predominantly middle-aged phenomenon, the analysis shows.

Most states once required all motorcycle riders to wear helmets. A trend in the other direction began accelerating after 1995, during the same period the federal government decided to stop withholding highway money from states without helmet laws.

As states weakened or repealed the laws, the percentage of riders who wore helmets began dropping. And fatality rates increased.

In 1996, 5.6 motorcyclists were killed for every 10,000 registered motorcycles, according to Department of Transportation (DOT) statistics. By 2006, the most recent data available, the rate had risen to 7.3, the analysis shows.

In raw numbers, the annual death toll rose from 2,160 to 4,810 over that same period.

Meanwhile, fatality rates for all other passenger vehicles have been falling, DOT officials say.

"The data are pretty compelling," said Transportation Secretary Mary Peters, herself an avid motorcyclist who survived a crash thanks to a helmet she displays in somewhat battered condition in her office. "It's discouraging to see the (fatality) numbers going up. But at least people are talking about it now."

Two decades ago, 47 states required helmets for all riders. Today, 20 do. Twenty-seven states require helmets only for younger riders. Three — Illinois, Iowa and New Hampshire — don't require helmets at all.

The analysis of data from the government's Fatality Analysis Reporting System of motorcycle deaths between 2002 and 2006 also found:

- About 42% of riders killed were not wearing helmets.
- Half of those killed lost control and crashed without colliding with another vehicle. Motorcyclists account for about 2% of vehicles on the road but 10% of all traffic fatalities, according to federal statistics
- Southeastern states had some of the highest fatality rates in 2006. Some of these states require all riders to wear helmets, but they also have long riding seasons that expose bikers to more risk over time.
- Nearly half of motorcyclists killed in 2006 were 40 and older, and nearly a quarter were 50 or older. The average age of those killed was about 38.

Transportation officials say the age trends reflect the growing popularity of motorcycles among older people with increasing incomes but decreasing physical dexterity and reaction times.

Too soon old, too late smart... (sic) Ride Safely, Len.

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