

# 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 off 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 put on our phone tree, contact one of our Chapter Staff. See page 2 for contact information. We hope to see you out there.....Ride Safe.

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Jim & Brenda Pennington  
Region D Couple of the Year 2005



WOW! It is our joy and an honor for us to be selected as the Region D Couple of the Year 2005-2006. This is a very exciting time in our lives, and with all the oomph we have, we want to do our best to represent and serve Region D

Pete & Sherry Wright  
Chapter Mi-G's COY for 2006



Pete & Sherry long time members of Chapter G serving as phone tree coordinators now our Couple of the Year.

Bob and Nancy Natter  
Michigan Couple of the Year 2006



Bob and Nancy were selected as the 2006 Michigan District Couple of the Year at our 2006 Wingless Weekend. Please give them your congratulations when you see them.

## Summer

Riding season is in full swing. It seems like only yesterday that we were preparing for the Coming Out Party to get our bikes ready for the season. Now Honda Hoot has come and gone and we're getting ready for Wind Ding. Before you know it it'll be time for the State Rally. If you haven't registered yet for the State Rally we have a registration form in this month's newsletter. They need to be in by the 15<sup>th</sup>. We'd love to see a big turn out at this years rally. It will be the last one in Midland for a while, as next year we move to West Branch. Again this year we have gate duty so let us know if you'll be available to help out.

As I write this Julie and I are getting ready to join some other members for a ride to Wing Ding in Nashville. Wish everyone could go along, I'm sure it's going to be lots of fun. This year GWRRA is trying to set a Guinness record for the largest single make bike parade at the Grand Parade. Hopefully we'll be a part of that, should be a blast.

July promises to be a very busy month with many rides planned and also our Fun Run on the 15<sup>th</sup>. We still need some door prizes for the Fun Run so if you can help out please bring them to the meeting on the 13<sup>th</sup>. We're also planning a couple of dinner rides during the week this month and we hope to see everyone attend. We'll try to make them late enough so everyone can make it after work, but early enough so we're not out too late.

We just had our annual ERC. It was great to see so many people attend. I know I always learn something from them. It only makes sense to practice these skills so they will be automatic if an emergency should occur. While some may think the tight U turn in the box is not practical, myself included, after giving it some thought I realized that we're learning clutch, throttle and brake control which is very important. So in reality it's not about showing off in a parking lot after all.

We still have some staff positions that need to be filled. So if you think you can give some time and volunteer please get in touch with me. We also need people to work both the lead group and also the tail gunner group at the Midnight Ride. Please let us know if you're able to help. We look forward to seeing you all on the road. Ride safe.

Jim & Julie Meredith

## An Almost Perfect Day

The sun rising over the horizon gave promise of a “perfect” day. This day contained the promise of a cloudless, beautiful blue sky, and warmer spring temperatures. Surely, this has to be a perfect day for a ride.

I checked the temperature. It was in the middle 50’s. That meant the donning of a t-shirt, turtle-neck sweater, sweatshirt, leather chaps over jeans (of course), and a leather jacket. The layering of clothing is my answer to cool mornings graduating into warmer afternoons of riding. After putting on the rest of the gear, it was time to meet at Susie’s for our Sunday breakfast!

As we arrived at Susie’s, we checked the parking lot for motorcycles. To our surprise, there were only two bikes there. We had a great breakfast with our friends. We asked if anyone would be interested in meeting later in the day to ride, but everyone had other obligations.

As we went outside, Pete and Sherry rode into the parking lot on their bike, ready for a day’s ride. So, we decided to call a few people to see if they would join us. We called several people, but no one was home. When we called Bill and Dorothy, they decided to meet us at Harley’s Mobil on 14 Mile Road and Northland Drive.

So, off we went, Bill and Dorothy as the lead bike, Pete and Sherry, and Ezra and me as tail gunners. We rode north through the countryside. With the apple blossoms blooming across the fields, it surely looked and smelled like spring.

We rode through Sand Lake, and as we did, we remembered Harley. I know he was tired of the joke, but it brings back memories of some great rides. We rode through Hardy Dam and stopped for a break to enjoy the cool spring breeze and the beautiful blue, cloudless sky.

We stopped at Sally’s for lunch. Then we started our trip back home. We made a stop at a scenic turnout in Newaygo. It is a place where a person could go down the stairway to the river. We could hear children playing in the river. We saw a fisherman fly-fishing in the middle of the river. We also met Cheryl, who just bought a brand new motorcycle. It was the first time she had it out on the streets. She said she had only driven it around the parking lot where she lives. I think we made some friends. We gave her and her friend a Midnight Ride brochure, with the hopes that they will join us on future rides and at the Midnight Ride.

We said our goodbyes and started on our way home. As we were getting closer, Bill suggested that we stop for ice cream. What would a ride be without a stop for ice cream? So, we stopped at a place by 18 Mile Road and Federal. Then we hugged and parted ways. It was a perfect day, and a perfect ride. We just would have liked more of our friends join us on this ride. We hope to see more of you on future rides.

Marilynn Bostic

## Just a Biker

I saw you hug your purse closer to you in the grocery store line. But, you didn't see me put an extra \$10.00 in the collection plate last Sunday.  
I saw you pull your child closer when we passed each other on the sidewalk. But you didn't see me playing Santa at the local mall.  
I saw you change your mind about going into the restaurant.  
But you didn't see me attending a meeting to raise more money for the hurricane relief.  
I saw you roll up your window and shake your head when I drove by. But you didn't see me driving behind you when you flicked your cigarette butt out the car window.  
I saw you frown at me when I smiled at your children.  
But you didn't see me when I took time off from work to run toys to the homeless.  
I saw you stare at my long hair. But you didn't see me and my friends cut ten inches off for Locks of Love.  
I saw you roll your eyes at our leather coats and gloves.  
But you didn't see me and my brothers donate our old coats and gloves to those that had none.  
I saw you look in fright at my tattoos. But you didn't see me cry as my children were born and have their name written over and in my heart.  
I saw you change lanes while rushing off to go somewhere.  
But you didn't see me going home to be with my family.  
I saw you complain about how loud and noisy our bikes can be. But you didn't see me when you were changing the CD and drifted into my lane.  
I saw you yelling at your kids in the car. But you didn't see me pat my child's hands, knowing he was safe behind me.  
I saw you reading the newspaper or map as you drove down the road. But you didn't see me squeeze my wife's leg when she told me to take the next turn.  
I saw you race down the road in the rain. But you didn't see me get soaked to the skin so my son could have the car to go on his date.  
I saw you run the yellow light just to save a few minutes of time. But you didn't see me trying to turn right.  
I saw you cut me off because you needed to be in the lane I was in. But you didn't see me leave the road.  
I saw you waiting impatiently for my friends to pass.  
But you didn't see me.  
I wasn't there.  
I saw you go home to your family. But you didn't see me.  
Because I died that day you cut me off.  
I was just a biker,.....  
A person with friends and a family.  
But you didn't see me.

Author Unknown  
Submitted by Don Houda



For Sale:

Rocket jacket men's size 42, nylon waterproof pants side zippers, fully lined, \$75 or best offer.  
Leather sissy bar barrel bag. \$50 or best offer.  
George Foreman camping grill, uses small bottles of gas, removable plate, great carrying case, never used. \$60  
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Future Rides

There are no upcoming rides to post at this time. Please email any rides to jamesme@chartermi.net for posting. Thanks.

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3 pair kevlar chaps, one pair zip out liner. Sizes waist 24-44 in seam 27-36. \$70-\$80 worn once  
1 Widder heated vest with thermostat control size XXL \$150 never worn.

1 convertible bike/snowmobile helmet with sunglasses built in. Full face flip up-color silver gray w/no markings- have all accessories size XL 73/8-73/4 cost \$370.95 sale \$250

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## July Calendar

July 2nd-Breakfast at Susie's on Knapp just west of Fuller at 8:00 AM. After breakfast weather permitting peoples choice ride.

July 8th-Meet at Harley's Mobil at 9:00 AM for a ride to Bay City to attend Classic Car Show. Over 750 street cruisers, Mustangs, Hot Rod's, Corvette's etc. Downtown Bay City off of I-75.

July 9th-Breakfast at Susie's on Knapp just west of Fuller at 8:00 AM. After breakfast weather permitting rotating leader two turn ride.

July 13th-Chapter Gathering at O'Malley's on Alpine. Gathering begins at 7:00 PM. Dinner at 6:00 PM.

July 15th-Chapter G's Fun Run. Chapter G members meet at Townsend Park in Cannonsburg at 8:30 AM to prepare for first bike out at 9 AM. See flyer this newsletter page 9.

July 16th-Breakfast at Susie's on Knapp just west of Fuller at 8:00 AM. Ride to Wine Country after breakfast weather permitting.

July 19th-Dinner ride to Latitudes in Howard City. We'll make our own way there and meet at 7 PM for Dinner. Please call and RSVP by the 18th to 616-696-3482, leave a message so we'll know if we have to call ahead and warn the restaurant.

July 22nd-Chapter N's Teddy Bear Run. Meet at O'Malley's at 9:00 AM for ride to Muskegon.

July 23rd-Breakfast at Susie's on Knapp just west of Fuller at 8:00 AM. After breakfast weather permitting take a brown bag ride to the Ledges in Grand Ledge.

July 29th-Covered Bridge Ride. Meet at Brann's on Turner at Leonard for a ride to tour Covered Bridges in the area. Marilyn has laid out a nice ride through the countryside you won't want to miss it.

July 30th-Breakfast at Susie's on Knapp just west of Fuller at 8:00 AM. After breakfast weather permitting we'll take a Ice Cream ride to a mystery destination.



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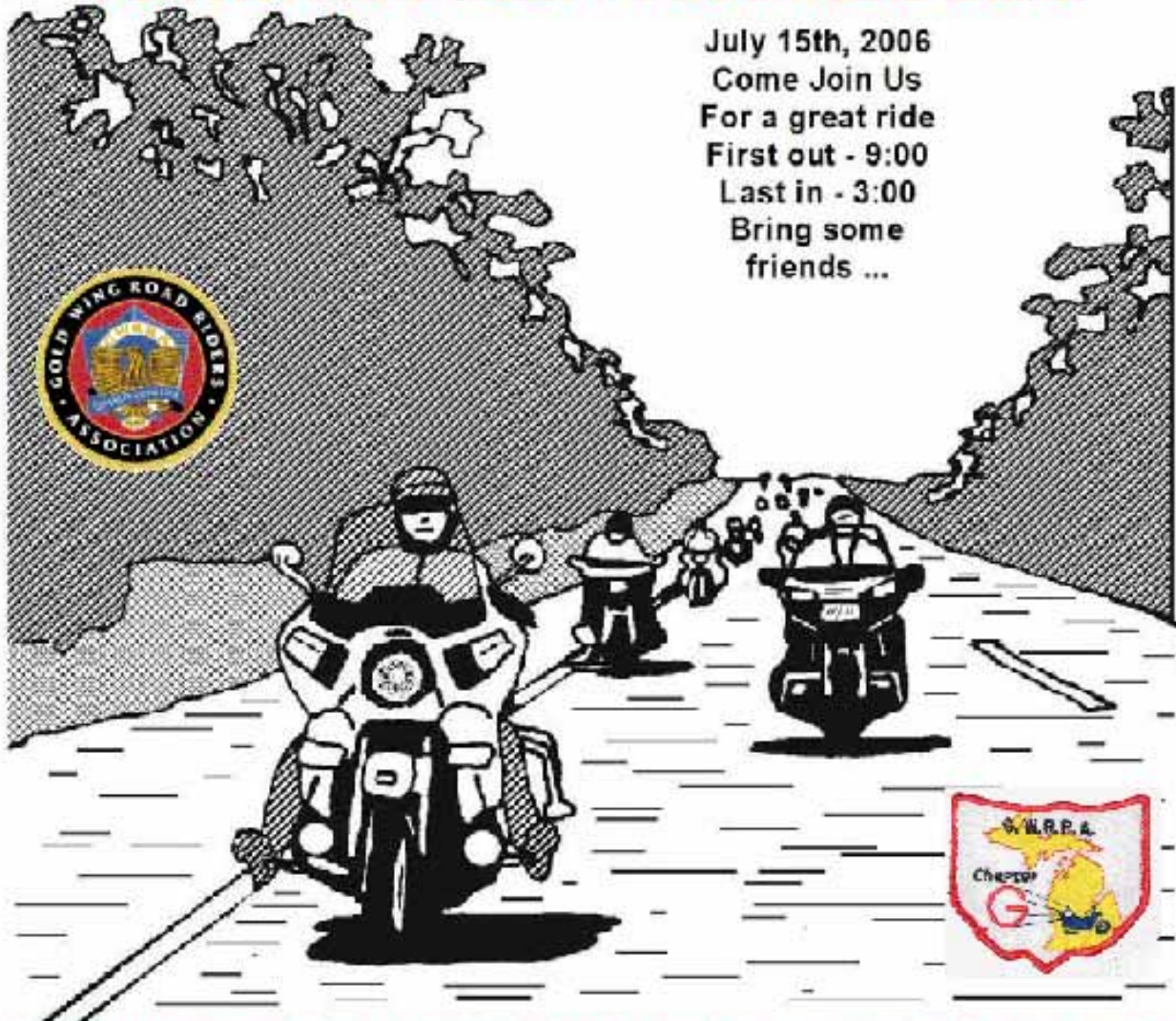
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# CHAPTER MI-G'S FIRST ANNUAL GWRRA FUN RUN AND SLOPPY JOE MEAL DEAL

July 15th, 2006  
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For a great ride  
First out - 9:00  
Last in - 3:00  
Bring some  
friends ...



A bunch of us were sitting around the other day and someone said, "You know, we've got a lot of really nice roads in the Western Michigan area". Well, we got to thinking about it and we realized, "We do have a bunch of really great riding roads in Western Michigan." So, here's what we're going to do. We are going to have our first ever Chapter Mi-G Sloppy Joe Road Ride. Bring yourself and your significant other, your motorcycle, your appetite and \$5.00 ea. for the entry fee and we'll guide you around what we in the area know as some of the prettiest and quietest roads in Michigan. We have three separate rides starting at Townsend Park, just outside Cannonsburg, Mi. The longest is about an hour with the other two taking slightly less time to finish. We plan on having door prizes, sloppy joe sandwiches, a beverage, some chips and whatever else we can dig up between now and then. So, grab your better half and come on down and let us show you some nice country roads and hopefully make it a special day for you in a new special place.

Please visit the Chapter G web site at [www.mi-gmidnightriders.org](http://www.mi-gmidnightriders.org) for more detailed information and for ride maps and directions.

## The Importance of Rider Education

I kind of like the way that Fred Rau put it in a recent issue of Motorcycle Consumer News and it certainly matches my own personal history. He said, "I wish all the new riders all the good luck I had in staying alive and whole long enough to learn to ride properly, and to get to enjoy it as much as I have."

Fred's article was about Rider Education and how a lot of people don't take the time to learn the proper way to do things prior to taking off on a motorcycle.

I've been riding for about 40 years and the number of times I could have been seriously injured or killed in those early days because I wasn't paying close attention, or because I did something dumb, scares the heck out of me when I think of it. I could easily have been one of the people that Fred was talking about when he says that a lot people are not ready to go out on the road into real traffic with real life dangerous circumstances.

I took an MSF Experienced Rider Course today with twelve other Chapter G riders, and that point was brought home to me in a very personal and interesting way. I learned something new again. It seems that each and every time I take an ERC Class; I pick up on something new. Something new, you know, something that might just make the difference between Jan and I having a wonderful vacation or having to spend our time in a hospital room or med station.

The MSF courses are designed to teach people the proper way to avoid or ameliorate dangerous situations and they do it well. All you really have to do is pay attention, practice a little and then practice some more. It all seems to come down to that one little thing. Take the time to practice what you've been taught so that your reactions in a dangerous situation are the ones that give you the best chance of ending up in one piece.

Don't run out to the store and because you're late and it's only a block away "forget" to put on your leathers. It's true that you may not have a problem between the house and the store, but the odds aren't in your favor. Accidents happen close to home. They happen all the time and are way more likely than when you are far away. The fact that you're in familiar territory can tend to cause you to not pay as close attention to the situations unfolding around you, unlike when you're far away from home and in unfamiliar territory and watching everything suspiciously.

So don't forget the stuff you learn in the ERC. Don't ignore it either. Take the time to go out and practice the swerving, braking and riding techniques that the MSF teaches you, and practice, practice, practice. There's a gray haired little old lady out there who is going to turn left in front of you. We know she is, she's done it before. Will you be ready to react properly when she does? I truly hope so.

**See you on the road.**

**Len & Jan**





# MICHIGAN DISTRICT RALLY/CONVENTION

August 4—5, 2006

Midland County Fairgrounds, Midland, MI

Registration Form



Rider's name \_\_\_\_\_ GWRRR # \_\_\_\_\_ Expires \_\_\_\_\_

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Camping Fees \$5 for tent & tent campers \$10 for RVs \$ \_\_\_\_\_

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Blue Golf Shirt with pocket and rally logo \$18.00 each  
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Blue Long sleeve T-Shirt with small rally logo \$12 each  
Small \_\_\_\_\_ Medium \_\_\_\_\_ Large \_\_\_\_\_ Xlarge \_\_\_\_\_ 2XL \_\_\_\_\_ 3XL \_\_\_\_\_ \$ \_\_\_\_\_

2006 Gold Wing Raffle tickets \_\_\_\_\_ (quantity) x \$1.00 \_\_\_\_\_ \$ \_\_\_\_\_

**TOTAL ENCLOSED** \$ \_\_\_\_\_

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Rider's Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

Co-rider's signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

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