

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.

June 2007

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<u>PLEASE NOTE</u> <u>Time</u> <u>CHANGES</u>					1	2
3 Breakfast at Susie's 8am Lakeshore Ride 9am	4	5	6	7	8	9 World Tour Ride Perkins at 7AM Ride at 8 AM
10 Breakfast at Susie's 8am Ride to PawPaw 9am	11	12	13 	14 Flag Day Monthly Gathering O'Malley's 7:00 pm	15	16
17 Happy Dad's Day Breakfast at Susie's 8am Ride the countryside	18	19	20	21 SUMMER	22	23
24 Breakfast at Susie's 8am Covered Bridges Ride & Ride to D-2 Howell	25	26	27	28	29	30 Big Boys/LkMich 9:00am 10:00am Ride to Saugatuck

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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.

June Schedule

June 3: We will ride to the lakeshore to ride around Grand Haven to walk on the boardwalk. Then, we will ride to the lake in Muskegon's Pere Marquette Park. We will pack a bag lunch and have lunch on the beach in Muskegon. This will be where the lighthouse is. Meet at **Susie's at 8:00 am** for breakfast. At **9:00 am** the ride will start. **Susie's Café is on Knapp NE, just West of Fuller NE, on the South side of the street.**

June 9: We will be doing a long ride. Randy mapped out a route for a World Tour Ride. For each place with a name of a foreign city or country that we have our picture taken by its post office, we earn a bar for the world map. We will be meeting **at Perkins Restaurant on Chicago Drive** for breakfast at **7:00 am**. The World Tour begins at **8:00am**. We will pack our own meal for lunch along the way. Please remember to bring water to drink also. This will be an all-day ride. **Perkins: take 196 toward Holland; take the Chicago Drive Exit (WEST). The first traffic light is Baldwin; go straight through the intersection and Perkins is a few yards past the intersection on the right side.**

June 10 We will meet at Susie's at **8:00 am** for breakfast. We will leave at **9:00 am** for a trip to Paw Paw to visit St. Julian's Winery and surrounding area. (We are running low on Catawba.)

June 14 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.

June 17: On Father's Day we will take a Father's Day ride around the countryside. We will meet at Susie's at **8:00 am** for breakfast and at **9:00 am** the ride will leave.

June 24: We will continue the Covered Bridges Ride. Again, this ride will require a bag lunch and water to drink. We do not want to get dehydrated. This will be a long ride as we found out last year. We will be at Susie's at **8:00 am** for breakfast and at **9:00 am** the ride will leave.

June 24: **Chapter D-2 Howell Wings** are taking a ride to HELL and BACK!!! They are sponsoring a FUN RUN. The place to meet them is at VG's Parking Lot, 2400 West Grand River Avenue in Howell. This event begins in Howell at **10 am** with the first bike out, last bike out at Noon, and last bike in at 3:00pm. Price is \$8.00 each person, or \$15 for each couple. They plan to serve hot dogs, chips pop, and a hanger bar. Coffee and donuts will be served in the morning for a donation.

June 30: It's SUMMER!!! Let's ride to Saugatuck and to the Lakeshore. We know there's ice cream somewhere, like in South Haven? Let's meet at **Big Boy's on Lake Michigan Drive in Standale** breakfast at **9:00am** and **leave at 10:00am**. Big Boy's is on Lake Mich. Dr. just East of Wilson on the South side of the street.

THE MIDNIGHT RIDE VIDEO IS READY

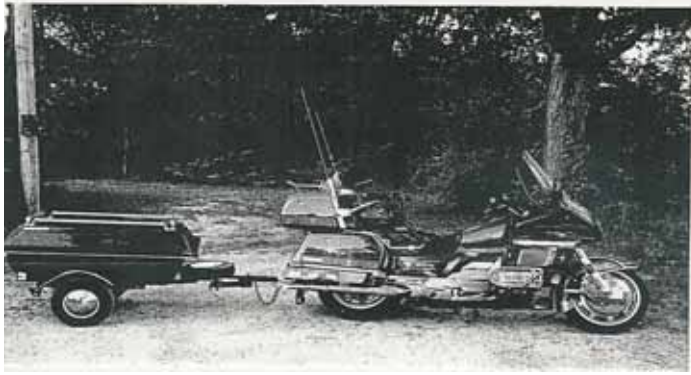
Your Ride Coordinator Ezra Bostic

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A Few Photos of Chapter L's Picnic in the Park



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Future Rides:

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Leave Grand Rapids June 9 and return June 17.
Contact Jim Meredith at 616-696-3482 or email
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Michigan District Rally July 20 & 21

METAMORA, Indiana

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

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Chapter Director's Ramblings

May really flew by and for the most part the weather was great for riding. As I write this I'm still planning on a camping trip to Cyclemore to close out the month. We've got our fingers crossed the weather holds up.

We started out the month, or did we finish April, with a great ride to the Holland Blessing of the Bikes. We had a great turnout for that event. In fact, someone said we had 24 bikes make the ride over to Holland from Grand Rapids. The weather was perfect for us this year. About time we went to the Holland Blessing without getting soaked.

This month we had the officer get together in Bay City. Randy and I had a nice ride up there although it was a little cool when we were leaving for home. State staff gave us some good information and also had a real funny comedian for our entertainment while we were there. Unfortunately, we weren't able to stay for Sunday when the Brag Book was discussed but Joyce Z from K2 was kind enough to forward the rules and I think we know where we're headed with our book this year. The morning of our Fun Run looked a bit shaky, weather wise, but it turned out to be a beautiful day. Many thanks to Len and CJ for putting the ride together and getting the maps out for people to follow. Chapter N attended and even took home one of the 50/50's. There were also some new friends who came. While the turnout was down somewhat from last year, I believe those who came out had a good time. The morning's weather may have scared some folks off. Maybe next year I'll actually get to go on one of the rides.

We had four bikes and one cage make the trip to Mason for Chapter L's picnic. Again, the weather could have been a bit better but the ride was still good. Besides, how can you complain about free food? So all things considered, we had a good day and saw some friends from other areas.

Check the ride calendar for June rides I know Ezra has some fun ones scheduled. One you won't want to miss is the World Tour Ride on June the 9th. Randy has mapped out a route so we can all earn our World Tour pins. It will be a long day but we should see some great country. I know I'm looking forward to it.

Let's keep the focus on riding. Our season is so short we don't want to waste any of it. Let's all get out and enjoy the road every chance we get. We'll see you all soon and until then ride safely.

Jim & Julie Meredith

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Assistant Chapter Director's Notes

This year's Rally will be Fay's and my third year. If you have not gone before or it has been awhile, you really need to come. It will be at the "Ogemaw County Fair Grounds" near West Branch. Besides camping with our chapter, you get to meet a lot of other chapters' members. We use to have gate duty for one night, but since there is no gate, we will be working registration. We will be able to meet the members as they come in and should be a lot of fun and more interesting than gate duty.

There are a lot of activities for everyone. If you don't want to participate, it's also fun to watch. Some of the activities are: Battle of the Chapters, Bike Show, Best Dressed Chapter, Best Chapter Campsite, Raffles, Games, Fun Runs, Seminars, and the Light Parade. There will be all sorts of vendors, apparel, jewelry, chrome, etc. You can buy something for your bike and have it put on there. You can always find something you can't live without or the bike can't live without; (As Randy's bike say's: What the Bike wants, the Bike Gets.)

Hotel's are far away, so camping is about the only option without having to drive 30 miles. Town is not close either, so you have to bring what supplies you will need. If you don't have a tent or need something, check with other chapter members. I know that we have extra sleeping bags and other things that we can lend out. So don't let anything stop you from coming. Come join your Chapter and let's all have a "Great Time" together.

Fay & Randy Vieu ACD

The Co-Riders' Corner




Please see Page 8 for Teresa Lasher's article

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A Few Photos of Chapter G's FUN RUN

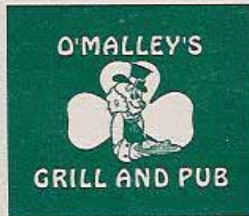


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Hot!

by Jackie Vaughan

Hot summer days make a convection oven look positively chilly. Riding in hot weather presents its own challenges. However, rather than staying home and missing all the fun, with a little planning it is still possible to enjoy our favorite roads.

Dressing properly is very important. A T-shirt and shorts are not the answer. Exposed skin is not only dangerous in a crash, it's a major source of dehydration and sunburn. Add to that the long-term danger of skin cancer and covering up becomes the clear choice. Cover all exposed skin to reduce dehydration. There are some specialized clothes that purport to have UV resistance built in, but they are a bit on the pricey side. A long-sleeve cotton shirt, cotton jeans, and gloves, all normal safety wear, are the clothing of choice. Many riders use the old biker's trick of soaking the body of a heavy cotton sweatshirt in water, leaving as much water in the shirt as possible. The sleeves are left dry from the elbows down, as well as from the waist down, to allow for moisture wicking down. The wet shirt becomes an evaporative cooler that leaves the rider in blissful comfort for at least an hour.

Apply plenty of sunscreen to the face and back of the neck, and if gloves are not worn, to the backs of the hands. Look for a product that is strongly water-resistant so it won't run into the eyes from perspiration. Use at least SPF 30, and since sunscreen loses potency with age, make sure it's fresh. Most people fail to put on enough sunscreen and do not reapply throughout their ride.

Start the ride well-hydrated, taking in at least a quart of liquid before departure. Contrary to logic, this will not necessitate extra pit stops. Take in at least a quart of liquid such as water or sports drinks every hour. If the temperature or heat index is very high, double that intake, since fluid loss can top a gallon an hour. Riders who do not need to make a pit stop every couple of hours are dehydrating and should sharply increase their fluid intake.

Break the ride into segments with extended cool-off periods every couple of hours. These can be refreshment stops, points of interest, or just spending 30 or 40 minutes in a cool gas station, sipping a sports drink. Caffeine tends to increase dehydration, as does alcohol.

Know the signs of heat exhaustion (profuse sweating, dizziness, flushed face, weakness, muscle cramps) and heat stroke (no sweating, pale face, shallow respiration, collapse). Riders and co-riders should watch for them in themselves and in others. At the first signs, seek a cool place and cool the victim down as quickly as possible. In heat stroke, seek emergency medical help.

With a little preparation and common sense, beating the heat is a lot more fun than staying home.

Sweet Memories of Louise

By: Teresa Lasher

To some of my female co-rider friends, this might come as a surprise to you. I confess that I began my motorcycle journey as a front seat driver. My husband (Steve) and I were fortunate to find a brave and patient friend who shared his bikes to ride with us and teach us the 'ropes' in school parking lots and curvy, country roads. I rode a 250 Virago (named *Louise* by the former owner) and Steve rode a Honda Magna. That's about the time we both became hooked. I purchased our friend's Virago and I was good to go! She was a sweet bike – small enough for me to reach the ground with heeled boots and not too cumbersome. After all, she was my first and always will be special. I like to rub it in that I was the one to OWN A BIKE before my husband.

Steve and I enrolled in a brutal motorcycle safety class enduring heat, rain and storms. In the end, we both proudly received our green cards. I received mine with a promise that I continue to practice more. And I did. Sometimes the ride went uneventful, and other times, well...let's just say it made a good story to tell. I remember vividly a time I thought I'd be brave and practice some of the skills learned in the safety class.

One afternoon I donned my gear: leather jacket and gloves, boots (cool Harley-Davidson® in case you were wondering), red Snell approved DOT helmet, and I was ready! For starters, I decided to just tool around my neighborhood to warm up. After several spins around our circular block, I was getting dizzy and figured the neighbors might tire of the noise and my circling as well. Out of the subdivision I rolled. Confident that if the other females in my class could do this; so could I. After all, I looked the part with the leathers. My sweet cherry red *Louise* and I were ready, willing and able to take me to parts unknown.

Off we rode into the sunset. I soon discovered one can cover greater distances on a motorbike vs. bicycle or on foot. This was a freeing feeling, but also somewhat apprehensive. Eventually, I'd have to on the right therefore avoiding turning left onto particular paved street turned to gravel and dirt. You successful ending might be that I expertly gravel, around the mini circle, back down the hill while exaggeration of the facts. Truth be told: a memory Climbing the hill was no problem, but partway through terrible had not the gas began to leak out. Panic set it. unfamiliar surroundings? No problem; I'd call Steve on my handy cell phone—he'd know what to do.



find an appropriate turning around spot. I chose a side street possible oncoming traffic. Unknown to me at the time, this can see where I'm going with this story, can't you? A maneuvered *Louise* and myself up a slight incline through the grinning from ear to ear. However, that would be a *s-l-i-g-h-t* was made—maybe not that one, but a memory nonetheless. the turn, I dumped the bike. That wouldn't have been so Would she blow? Would I perish right there on the spot in

"Hi, Steve. How's it going? Say, if perchance I'd be riding *Louise* one day and she took a spill and I smelled and saw gas pouring out (hypothetically of course), what would you do?"

"What happened? Where are you?" asked my husband. When you've been married for as long as we have, it's tough to stump my engineer hubby.

"Well, I decided to practice while you were gone and surprise you. So how do I shut off the gas? Is this serious? How far away are you?"

"I'm driving home from Lansing and it will take another 45 minutes before I can be there," answered my now somewhat alarmed husband.

Just about that time, a young good-looking male figure emerged from a house nestled in the woods. This could work once I swallowed my pride and humiliation. (Girls, this might even be a potential pick-up tactic for guys—you're welcome to use it if you'd like.)

"Never mind – I think I'm being rescued now. Love you, see you back at home."

He must have seen me lay the bike down. Bless his heart. As he righted my bike, and assured me I could make it home. Bruised ego and all, I arrived home safely from my first solo tour.

Steve still didn't have a bike of his own, so the pursuit continued. It became a hobby for us: checking out advertisements, talking to the people over the phone, taking test drives on various bikes. After months of searching, Steve decided on a pearl white Yamaha Road Star for himself. The more I rode behind him on the backseat, the more I appreciated the view. We took short and long trips alone and with friends – sometimes I would drive *Louise*. A few years later, he traded the Road Star and purchased a candy apple red Gold Wing. I became quite fond of hopping behind Steve, sinking into my Queen's perch, and just letting my mind wander. On the backseat, my hand and knuckle didn't need to be cautiously clenched over the handlebar brake. My left foot could relax without being prepared to shift at intersections. No worries about laying the bike over on my foot or following a biker not even in our group (that's another story for another time).

I ended up selling *Louise* to an older grandmother who wanted to get back into biking after being off the seat for years. I know she went to a good and loving home. Yet there are times when I think about a three-wheel Gold Wing trike. That might be just the ticket for me...

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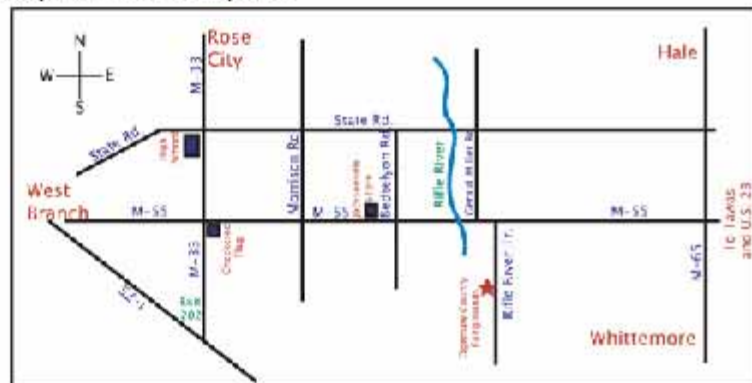
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