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MICHIGAN*REGION D*CHAPTER MI-G***MIDNIGHT RIDERS

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NEW 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.

June 2008

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
1 Breakfast at Susie's 9:00 AM Ice Cream Ride to Sylvester	2	3	4	5	6	7 District Facilitated Parking Lot Practice 9:00am Tow Pack/Voyager 12:00pm
8 Monthly Gathering 8AM Longest Covered Bridge Ride	9	10	11	12	13	14 Flag Day 
15 Happy  Father's Day	16	17	18	19	20	21 G-2 Chicken Run Meet at Harleys Mobil 9:00 AM
22 Breakfast at Susie's 9:00 AM	23	24	25	26	27	28
29 Breakfast at Susie's 9:00 AM Picnic at Gun Lake	30					

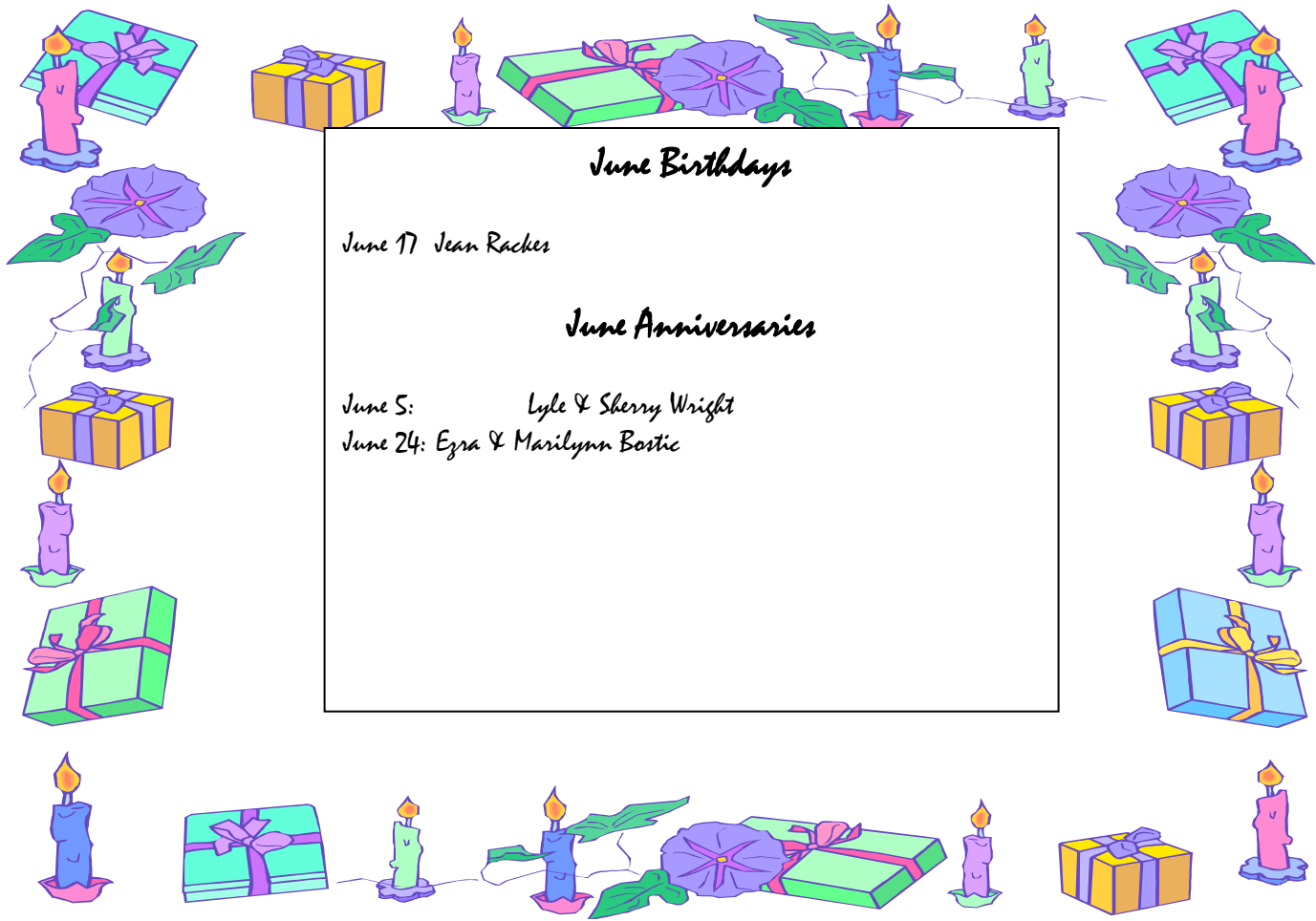
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<p>Chapter G Website www.mi-gmidnightriders.org</p>	<p>Stop by our website or the District or National websites to see what's new.</p>	<p>If you have any suggestions for the chapter site, e-mail Jim or C.J.</p>
<p>Ken and Rita Moffitt Region D COY 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>



June Birthdays

June 17 Jean Racker

June Anniversaries

June 5: Lyle & Sherry Wright

June 24: Ezra & Marilyn Bostic

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<p>For Sale:</p> <p>2000 Ford Mustang GT Spring edition, lots of extras, well taken care of; never been in snow. Call Randy 616-293-2680</p> <p>2006 Ford F-250 Amarillo Diesel, 17000 miles. Call Randy 616-293-2680</p> <p>If you have something to sell, please contact our newsletter editor for information. The email address is: bosticez1@sbcglobal.net</p> <p>Please remember to let the editor know when you would like to have the ad removed, especially if the item has been sold. Thank you.</p>	<p>Future Rides:</p> <p>Please email any rides to the following address: bosticez1@sbcglobal.net</p> <p>*** ~~~~~ **</p>
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Chapter Director's Ramblings

Father/Son Ride

About a month ago my son Jason called me and asked if I could get a few days off work to go for a motorcycle ride with him. I said you bet! We were originally going to go north through the UP to Minnesota, then south to the great river road and follow the Mississippi south until?????? Well the late snow storm in the UP changed our plans so we decided to head south to the Tennessee and North Carolina mountains where we thought we had a better chance of decent weather. We set our departure date for Saturday May 3rd.

Finally the day came. We got off to a bit of a late start because, being the good dad Jason is, he had to watch his son's soccer game. We got under way about 11:30 am. We were gone more than an hour when I remembered I'd left my phone charger at home. Just like me to forget something. So our first stop was in Coldwater where I could pick up a charger from a cell phone store. I found a charger and we fueled up. While we were stopped we commented on the wind being a bit strong. We had no idea what we were in for. As we crossed over into Indiana the wind really picked up to around 30 to 40 mph steady out of the west. As we were going south, we had a great time fighting that crosswind. I'm not sure how strong the gusts were but they were literally blowing us across our lane. We fought the wind as far as St. Mary's, Ohio and decided we had had all the fun we wanted for one day. It was a short day just under 250 miles.

Day two dawned with a bright sun and little wind. It was somewhat cool with the temps. in the mid forties. But with no wind it was a beautiful day for a motorcycle ride. We rode some back roads until just north of Dayton Ohio where we decided to jump on the interstate through the Cincinnati area. We stayed on I-75 until the last exit in Kentucky where we thought we would cut over to US 27. We found Ky. 20, which would take us west to US 27. What a great road it turned out to be. It took us past Cumberland Falls with plenty of twisties, our first of the trip. When we got to US 27 we had more fun curves ahead and rode it down to Oak Ridge Tn. where we hopped on to

a loop road to get to Maryville, Tennessee, our stopping point for the night. We did better day two as we covered about 450 miles.

Day three turned out to be a beautiful day. The temperatures in the morning were already in the low sixties as we headed out for the infamous "Dragon". But first we ran down to the "Foothills Parkway" where we could get warmed up on some easy sweeper curves. By the time we reached the dragon we felt ready to go and the day was wonderful not a cloud in the sky with temps. in the 70's. We stopped at an overlook at the top of the dragon where there were many other bikes just cooling it off. There we heard the story of how a rider had crashed and lost his life the weekend before. Just what we needed to hear. That put the proper amount of respect for this famous road into us before we headed into the teeth of the run. Well obviously we made it though with no mishaps since I'm here writing this story. If you want to see some great shots of Jason taming the dragon go to killboy.com and check out the photos from Monday May 5th. If you go to the touring bike section I think you'll find us on page 3. Jason wanted to do the Blue Ridge parkway so off we headed to Cherokee where the parkway begins, or ends depending on your direction of travel. I had in mind to spend the night in Maggie Valley but when we arrived there it was only 2:30 pm so we set off on the parkway for Ashville, North Carolina. Well we made it there and found a bed for the night.

Day four had us planning to ride the parkway north to Virginia but we weren't 5 miles on our way when the parkway was closed. After a bit of a detour we made it past the detour and back to the parkway. Of course if you've ever been there the roads off the parkway and back to the parkway are just plain fun! After resuming our ride north on the parkway for some distance lo and behold it was closed again. This turned out to be in Boone, North Carolina. Off we went and grabbed some lunch. After some discussion we decided to abandon the rest of the parkway and see if we could find our way to Virginia via back roads with our eventual destination in West Virginia. Well, we got some treat as we stumbled onto US 421 and what we later found out was the "Snake"! You want to talk about curves this road was a real test and very technical.

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Rider Education June 2008

Why Should I Take a Rider Course?

This question is one that many of us find easy to answer. What we may not understand is why anyone would need to ask it. There are some in our chapters that choose not to participate in an instructed Rider Course. Let's examine this and try to understand why, and look at what a Rider Course can do for you. Some may say, "I've been riding for years. I don't need to take a class." Do you try to persuade people with that attitude that a Rider Course might help them be an even better rider? Their position can be so negative and so strongly put that you don't want to talk to them about the benefits of rider training.

Sometimes, people hide their self doubt behind a curtain of confidence and bluster. Is it possible to have all the knowledge and skill necessary to avoid any accident? If you don't choose to ride very far or very often, then perhaps it is possible. But I wouldn't bet *my* life on it! Do you remember a single season in your riding career without at least one close call or near miss due to another motorist's driving behavior? If you ride around the state or across the country, you expose yourself to many different situations that require anticipation of all the possible actions of other drivers. You have to be prepared to counter with the proper response - *whatever their action* – and do it in a split second!

A motorcycle Rider Course helps prepare you to execute whatever maneuvers are called for by another driver's unexpected actions. We look upon these classes as an opportunity to learn and improve our riding skills in a safe environment. The instructors are trained to spot the little techniques riders forget to employ during range exercises. They provide reminders to all students in a positive manner. Their trained eyes and constructive comments are geared to put each of us on the path to being the safest riders we can be. This can help with your attitude and performance on the road. Being reminded of the proper, or best, techniques to execute different skills does not hurt at all. It is painless.

The practice and coaching helps to improve our skills, whether we never knew the technique to use, or just need an occasional reminder. Hey, who doesn't appreciate a reminder from time to time? Especially when it is about something you want to do correctly and safely, but may have just forgotten the best method. In athletic training we are taught that practice makes perfect. And when you practice something you enjoy doing, it's just a lot of fun! Practicing motorcycle riding maneuvers in a closed parking lot with someone else (the instructors) monitoring the range to protect the riders from outside hazards helps you focus your attention on the task at hand – becoming a better rider!

On another level, taking a Rider Course will help you qualify for advancement in the Rider Education Levels Program, to Level II or above, or keep you current in your present level. And there is one more thing to remember about *all* GWRRA Rider Course offerings. Nobody fails! Everyone who completes the course receives a course completion card. There are no minimum performance requirements. You are asked to push yourself to improve your abilities. You won't get better at it if you don't try. Sign up for a Rider Course today. You will thank yourself later!

Ride Safely, Len.

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Two weeks later on May 8th, the Board of Managers of the Pennsylvania Society of Sons of the Revolution unanimously endorsed the action of the Pennsylvania Society of Colonial Dames. As a result of the resolution, Dr. Edward Brooks, then Superintendent of Public Schools of Philadelphia, directed that Flag Day exercises be held on June 14, 1893 in Independence Square. School children were assembled, each carrying a small Flag, and patriotic songs were sung and addresses delivered.

In 1894, the governor of New York directed that on June 14 the Flag be displayed on all public buildings. With BJ Cigrand and Leroy Van Horn as the moving spirits, the Illinois organization, known as the American Flag Day Association, was organized for the purpose of promoting the holding of Flag Day exercises. On June 14th, 1894, under the auspices of this association, the first general public school children's celebration of Flag Day in Chicago was held in Douglas, Garfield, Humboldt, Lincoln, and Washington Parks, with more than 300,000 children participating.

Adults, too, participated in patriotic programs. Franklin K. Lane, Secretary of the Interior, delivered a 1914 Flag Day address in which he repeated words he said the flag had spoken to him that morning: "I am what you make me; nothing more. I swing before your eyes as a bright gleam of color, a symbol of yourself."

Inspired by these three decades of state and local celebrations, Flag Day - the anniversary of the Flag Resolution of 1777 - was officially *established* by the Proclamation of President Woodrow Wilson on May 30th, 1916. While Flag Day was celebrated in various communities for years after Wilson's proclamation, it was not until August 3rd, 1949, that President Truman signed an Act of Congress designating **June 14th** of each year as **National Flag Day**.

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