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MEETING PLACE, DAY, and TIME.

PLACE: Arnie's Bakery 710 Leonard NW Grand Rapids Mi. 49504
Breakfast at 8:30 am, Gathering 9:00 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.

May 2009

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2009



Dick and Ginny were selected as the District Couple of the Year at Wingless Weekend 09.

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Brad and Connie Garner
Region D Couple of the Year 2008-2009



Brad and Connie Garner were selected as the 2008-2009 Region D Couple of the Year at the Region D Rally.

May Schedule

ALL RIDES ARE WEATHER PERMITTING!!
We will leave promptly at the time stated for each event.

- May**
- 4** **Motorcycle Awareness Month Kickoff in Lansing.** Contact Randy Vieu if would like to go. 616-293-2680.
 - 9** **Mesick Mushroom Festival Ride** - Bring a sack lunch - Meet at Brann's on Leonard at 9am.
 - 10** **Chapter G Gathering** - Arnie's Restaurant on Leonard. Breakfast at 8:30am
 - 16** **Durand Railroad Festival** - Meet at Brann's on Leonard at 9am. Bring a sack lunch
 - 17** **Chapter L Picnic in the Park.** – Meet at Knapp's Corner at 11am in Meijer's parking lot. Bring a dish to pass and table service.
 - 23** **Hudson Leather Ride Open House** – Contact Scott Klein for Details. We will Meet up with R2 along the way.
 - 28** **Ice Cream Ride** – Meet at the school at Kinney and Leonard at 6:30pm. We We will ride to Holland and visit Captain's for Ice Cream. Tommy Turtle's are Fantastic!

Chapter Gatherings Changed to Saturday Morning's for the Summer.

- June**
- 6** **Greek Festival in Kalamazoo-** Meet at 131 and 7th at the Mobile station at 9:00am. Bring a sack lunch.
 - 12** **Chapter H Annual Wawa Ride.** If you would like to go, please contact Jim Meredith. He is trying to gather a group to go.
- Date change**
- 13** **Chapter G Gathering and Ride** – Arnie's Restaurant on Leonard. Breakfast at 8:00am. Ride from gathering to **Gizard Festival** in Potterville.
 - 20** **Chapter G2 Chicken Run-** Meet at Harley's Mobile. Leave at 10am
 - 24** **Ice Cream Ride** – Meet on Chicago Drive at the Credit Union next to Perkins Restaurant at 6:30. Where will be announced when you get there.
- July**
- 11** **Chapter G Gathering and Ride** - Arnie's Restaurant on Leonard. Breakfast at 8:00am. Ride to be announced
 - 18** **Chapter G Family Fun Day-** We ask everyone to invite their whole family To join us for a day of Picnicing, boating, tubing, fishing if you like, and games. The Chapter member will rides our bike and meet our families at a park on a lake to be announced. Please bring a dish to pass. The Chapter will supply hotdogs and hamburgers. Please RSVP to f.vieu@att.net with you family count sowe know how many will be coming.

CD's Corner

Well, we finally made it to the longest covered bridge in Michigan. We have been trying for three years to complete this ride. Fay and I would like to thank Lyn and Jan for again hosting the coming out party this year. We had a fairly large group of us that were there, mostly just visiting, because most of us have already gotten our bikes ready for the season. The weather was beautiful, warm and sunny when we left for our ride. We split into two groups for our safety and all rode down to the Gun Lake area, where we met for lunch at a park on the south end looking out onto Gun Lake. We then left in two groups and made our way thru the back roads to meet in Vicksburg Mi. Our group got split up a few times going thru Kalamazoo, getting caught at lights or having four wheelers get between the groups. After Meeting up with the other group in Vicksburg, we took a small break and a few people left because they had things that they needed to get home for or were not feeling well. The group that was left headed for Centreville MI, looking for the famous Langley Covered Bridge. As we came around a bend in the road, there was the bridge. We had finally made it! We all crossed the bridge and stopped on the other side to take pictures and talk with other motorcyclist's that had stopped also. Fay and I had decided that the chapter would buy ICE CREAM for all the people that came on the ride, as it was officially the first ride as a group for the season and as you know we have to find a place for ice cream. It was very nice seeing all that came for the ride and what a gorgeous day we had for the first ride Everything went well and everyone made it home safely. We hope that more people will join us over the summer for the rides that we will be planning. Scott and Joannie have some great ideas for some rides. Again, we want your ideas for things that you want to do this riding season. Hang in there with us, as we are still trying to make some changes, and trying to coordinate what we put in the news letter is the same thing that goes onto the web and is talked about at the meeting.

Let's all ride safe and enjoy the company of all the riders that ride with us.
Randy & Fay View

Chapter Directors



The following information is from May's Rider Ed Direct program and is printed with the permission of the Michigan Rider Education Team.

MONTHLY TOPIC: What Is the Difference Between an ERC and an ARC?

At the Michigan Officer's Meeting, there were several questions about what the Chapter Educators could tell their members about the difference between the Advanced Rider Course and the Experienced Rider Course. There were sufficient questions that we felt it would be a good idea to redistribute the following article that was originally published in the Spring edition of the Michigan Wing News.

The Motorcycle Safety Foundation (MSF) ERC is the rider course we have been using in Michigan for several years. It must be taught by certified MSF Instructors on certified MSF ranges. When I took my first two ERCs, the program consisted of classroom instruction followed by range instruction. In 2003, MSF changed the program. The current version of the ERC is conducted entirely on the range and is expected to take about 5 hours to complete. It consists of 9 exercises.

Exercise 1 is called "Control at Low Speed." The participants begin by circling the range, and then begin a cone weave that is 20 feet between cones on one side and 30 feet between cones on the other side. Finally, they are asked to do the cone weave while moving the left hand from grip to thigh.

Exercise 2 is called "Control Skills Practice." The participants perform a pause-n-go, then enter a clutch control lane. Upon leaving the lane, the rider alternates between a 15 foot by 3 foot offset cone weave to the right and a 20 foot by 8 foot offset weave to the left. They then merge back together at the center of the range.

Exercise 3 is called "Stopping Quickly." This is a straight line stop on each side of the range, followed by a crisscross with pause-n-gos in the center. At the beginning, the stops are triggered by the cone position and, later, the instructor directs the riders to initiate the stop. There is a break after exercise 3 to discuss some safety topics with the instructor.

Exercise 4 is the "Limited Space Maneuvers." This is the double U-turn in the box, followed by the snake. The box has outside dimensions of 28 feet by 70 feet. There is also a line at 24 feet.

Exercise 5 is "Cornering Judgment," where there are 3 gates set up across the range and the participant rides down the edge of the range and then slows the motorcycle sufficiently to make a smooth arc to the desired gate. There is a break after exercise 5 to discuss some safety topics with the instructor.

Exercise 6 is called "Cornering Finesse." Starting along the short edge of the range, the rider makes a 90 degree turn to the left, travels the long edge of the range, and makes a 135 degree left turn back to the center of the opposite side of the range. Half way through the exercise, all the bikes are repositioned to make the turns to the right.

Exercise 7 is "Stopping Quickly In a Curve." In this exercise, the riders alternate stopping in a right or left turn lane. There is a break after exercise 7 to discuss some safety topics with the instructor.

Exercise 8 is "Hazard Avoidance: Swerving and Stopping Quickly." This is where the rider must swerve to the right or left then come to a quick stop after the bike is traveling straight again. The riders then go through a 30 foot by 3 foot offset cone weave back to their starting position.

Exercise 9 in the ERC is called "Multiple Curves." We have called it the "Peanut" or the "Mini-Dragon" on the range. This is a track with multiple curves of various radiuses, to the right and left. Up to three bikes enter this track and proceed around in one direction for 3 to 4 revolutions, then reverse direction for 3 to 4 revolutions. There is a final break after exercise 9 to discuss some safety topics with the instructor.

The ERC has served us well for the past several years, however, we are no longer able to get enough MSF Instructors to volunteer to teach for GWRRA ERC classes. GWRRA has had similar problems in other districts, so they have developed the ARC to address the ability to certify their own Instructors.

The GWRRA ARC utilizes the classroom and range method of teaching. The classroom portion of the ARC should take about 3 hours. There is more detail provided in the classroom portion of this course than can be presented in the breaks in the ERC. The range portion of the ARC should take about 5 hours. It consists of 9 exercises as well. Exercise 1 is "Normal/Quick Stop

In a Straight Line.” This exercise is performed in two parts. The rider proceeds down the long side of the range and begins a normal stop simulating a stop sign or a traffic light. In the second part, the rider executes a quick stop in 30 feet or less.

Exercise 2 is “Apexing In a Curve.” The rider starts into a 60 foot radius curve, either to the right or the left, using the outside-inside-outside path of travel. Half way through the exercise, the riders will switch to the curve in the other direction.

Exercise 3 is “Normal/Quick Stop In a Curve.” Using the same curves as exercise 2, the rider will begin the outside-inside-outside path of travel, then execute a normal stop. After doing this a few times, the rider will perform the quick stop technique in the curve. Half way through the exercise, the riders will switch to the curve in the other direction.

Exercise 4 is the “Slalom – Push or Counter Steering.” One side of the range has a 30 foot by 3 foot offset cone weave set up which allows counter steering to lean the bike. The other side of the range has a 30 foot by 6 foot offset cone weave which requires slower speed and push steering to turn the motorcycle.

Exercise 5 is “Obstacle Avoidance and Swerving.” In this exercise, the rider begins down the range then serves to the right or left, proceeds about 40 feet, then swerves back to the original path of travel and stops when straight. The rider then returns to the start position, traveling through a clutch control lane on the way back.

Exercise 6 is call “Turning and Cornering – Both Directions.” The exercise is performed on an oval course where 2 or 3 riders at a time accelerate on the 100 foot straightaway then break to make the 30 foot radius half-circle. Riders begin with left hand turns then, halfway through the exercise, they are instructed to switch directions and run to the right.

Exercise 7 is the “Slow Speed Tight U-Turns.” The riders are to enter the exercise, travel 40 feet, and perform a u-turn to the left in a lane with a 24 foot outside diameter. They then have 40 feet to cross over to a right hand u-turn with a 24 foot outside diameter.

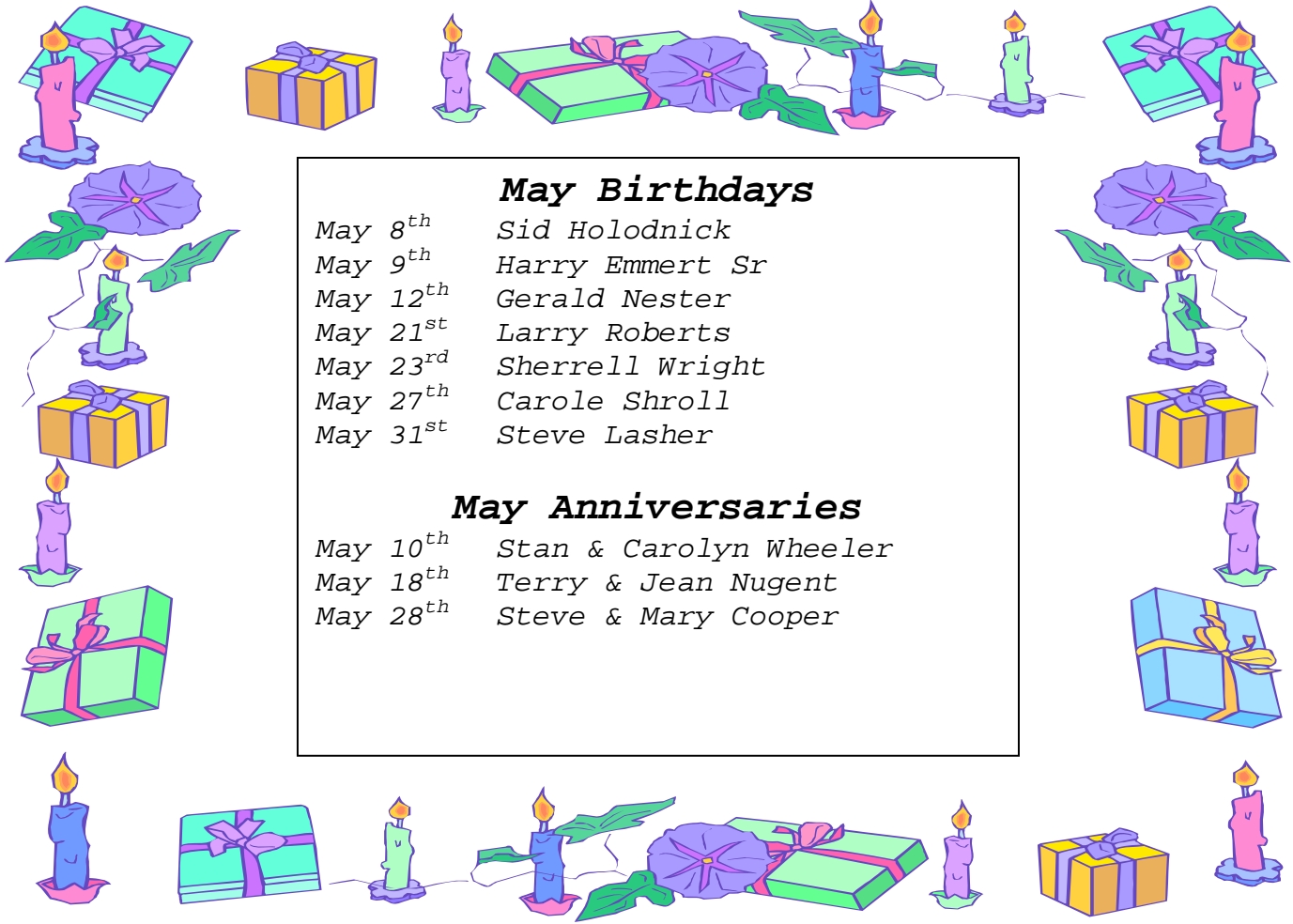
Exercise 8 is called “Slow Speed Tight Circles.” We call it the bowtie. The riders are to enter the exercise and perform a 24 foot diameter circle to the right, then follow immediately with a 24 foot diameter circle to the left.

Exercise 9 is called “Tight U-Turns, Sharp Corners, Sharp Turns Both Directions.” This exercise ties together the techniques that were learned in the previous exercises. The riders begin by making a u-turn to the left (with a decreasing radius) then make a 135 degree sharp right turn and come to a stop in 14 feet. They then start with an immediate 90 degree right turn and accelerate to the other end of the range where they stop again. They then start with an immediate 90 degree left turn followed by a 135 degree right turn and finish with a u-turn to the right with an increasing radius. Following that, they circle back to the starting position.

Well, there you have it. I think there is a little more information provided and a little more challenge to the ARC. Both the ERC and the ARC are good courses and everyone can benefit from them. Even those who have been riding “forever” can improve on their technique under controlled conditions. And you might be surprised that there is something you forgot as old Father Time crept up on you! I hope we see you on the range soon.



Lyn Snyder – Rider Ed



May Birthdays

May 8th Sid Holodnick
 May 9th Harry Emmert Sr
 May 12th Gerald Nester
 May 21st Larry Roberts
 May 23rd Sherrell Wright
 May 27th Carole Shroll
 May 31st Steve Lasher

May Anniversaries

May 10th Stan & Carolyn Wheeler
 May 18th Terry & Jean Nugent
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Future Rides & Ride Suggestions:

Please email any rides or activity ideas to Scott Klein at Jklein@iserv.net

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