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Michigan\*Region D\*Chapter MI-G\*\*\*Midnight Riders

### MEETING PLACE, DAY, and TIME

Place: "That Place" 2162 Plainfield Ave NW Grand Rapids MI 49505  
616-365-6669

Breakfast and Gathering at 9:00 AM

Look for the SUGGESTION BOX at our gatherings. Tell us what you would change, keep the same, or your 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 2010

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<p>Tim &amp; Pam were selected as the District Couple of the Year at Wingless Weekend 2010</p>	<p>Ken &amp; Ann are members of Chapter G. They are our U.S. Veterans' coordinators. Ken is one of the tailguners for the Midnight Ride.</p>	<p>Dick and Ginny were selected as the 2009-2010 Region D Couple of the Year at the Region D Rally.</p>

## May Schedule

ALL RIDES (except the Midnight Ride) **ARE WEATHER PERMITTING!!** Sprinkle's are okay.  
We will leave promptly at the time stated for each event.

May 3 Motorcycle Awareness Month Lansing MI 10:30 am (see page 7)

May 9 Chapter G Gathering 9:00 AM **That Place** on Plainfield. Ride after meeting, weather permitting

May 15 Chapter G Parking Lot Practice (see page 5)

May 16 We'll meet at the Knapp Corner Meijers at 11:00 to ride to Lansing for Chapter L's Picnic in the Park. Bring a dish to pass and silverware.

July 30-31 GWRRA Michigan District Rally/Convention  
Ogemaw County Fair Grounds  
<http://www.gwrra-mi.org/RallyPreview.htm>

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### Michigan GWRRA Chapter Events

May 2 Chapter A Sterling Heights [Blessing of the Bikes](#)  
Chapter W Adrian [Annual Breakfast](#)

May 14-16 Baldwin [Blessing of the Bikes](#)

May 16 Chapter L Lansing [Picnic in the Park](#)

CD's Corner  
Randy & Fay Vieu  
Chapter G Directors



Officer certification program is it right for you?

Ezra, Marilyn, Fay and I all attended the Officer Certification Program April 17, 18 in Lansing. We all had a good time and learned a lot about the policies that GWRRA wants us as a chapter, to follow. We already knew this, but the most important person in the chapter is you, the member. The whole chapter is about the members. As a member you are also part of a team and as a team we can do great things together. A good example is how we all come together to put on the midnight ride. We are a great team that puts on one of the largest rides in the country. Good job to each of you, because without each one of you this ride would not happen. So as a team, how do we become stronger and bring in new members, and how do we as a chapter get new members? These are questions that we all need to think about, and bring your ideas to the next gathering. They will be having more of these classes in the future and I would encourage each of you to think about taking one of these. I think you would enjoy the fun and learn about the chapter and how you can make it better.

We are not starting out very well and I hope that we don't have a riding season like last year. By the time you all read this I will have my motorcycle back and have a whole lot of changes to go thru. Learning to ride a Trike will take a lot of concentration and thought as I learn to change my riding skills. I am already signed up for a **MSF** class which will help a lot and a lot of practice will help me to change from 2 wheels to 3 wheels. As a chapter we will need to change a few of our group riding skills as Harry and Marcia and Fay and I now will need to ride in the back as that is where the Trikes should be in a group ride.

Now that riding season is here we need ideas for rides, places to go or visit, day rides or overnight rides. We would like to visit more chapters this year and help them out with their fundraisers. Doing things with other chapters can be a lot of fun and start a friendship with other members that can last a life time. So let's all come up with some ideas for rides and then no one has a lot of planning to do. We want to have a fun riding season because that is why we all joined the chapter. Friends for Fun, Safety and Knowledge.

Randy & Fay Vieu  
Chapter Director's

Len Snyder  
May 2010 Rider Education

**Facilitated Parking Lot Practices**

The Hurt Report published in 1981 and the MAIDS Study (Motorcycle Accident In Depth Study), a three year study in five European countries published in 2004), found that there were three things that many motorcyclists involved in accidents were lacking in their skill sets. Those three missing skills were stopping, swerving and cornering.

Nothing will really take the place of a Motorcycle Safety Course such as the MSF ERC or the GWRRA ARC but to help improve skills on a continuing basis, the Parking Lot Practice exercises are a good help. They are designed to assist the participant in developing and improving the skills they need to properly operate their motorcycle more effectively and safely.

In addition the PLP program builds confidence and reinforces basic riding abilities. The PLP program does not provide the participant with a motorcycle endorsement, nor will it qualify for reimbursement from any insurance company or other organizations program. It is designed to reinforce and improve the riding abilities and confidence of the average rider who desires to accomplish these goals.

After riders have participated in a Facilitated Parking Lot Practice they may want to set up one of more of the exercises on their own for additional practice. It's important that the riders exercise caution in choosing the facility and location for the practice session as well as having a friend along to assist in case something goes wrong. Proper safe riding gear is mandatory when taking a PLP Course and it is highly suggested that the same safety apparatus are used when practicing by your self and of course any time you ride.

If you are having a problem with some aspect of your cornering, stopping or swerving exercises, the rider self-evaluation tips can help you "discover" how to increase your individual riding skills. The Tips & Techniques in the PLP pamphlet will show you the best way to practice the various exercises and will help you determine how to improve as you go along. Remember, nothing is free and the more time you spend improving your skills the more likely it is that you will have a long and problem free riding season.

Saturday, May 15<sup>th</sup> is the date of our Facilitated Parking Lot Practice. It will begin at 10:00 a.m. at the U-Haul offices at 2752 Burlingame, S.W., Wyoming, Mi., and will be held rain or shine. The office is just north of the corner of Burlingame and 28<sup>th</sup> St.

Ride Safe, Len.

**Chapter G Summer Rides**  
Rides will be **Weather Permitting**

**The Chapter will be doing the following:**

**Ron & Jan Smith's 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Open House – July 24<sup>th</sup> in Kalamazoo. Please mark your calendars. They have supported us all over the years and done wonderful work.**

**We will take a ride after the Gatherings starting in May.**

**Wednesday night rides.** We can either join another chapter for dinner, or just ride. (Ice Cream will most likely be found.) Will be decided monthly.

**Things to think about: Please give us your suggestions. Suggestion box or email us**  
(To be decided at May Gathering)

Reenactment Choices-

1. Niles - May 15-16
2. Holland – June 26-27

Ride to Birch Run and back

Ride to New Buffalo – We can ride down and spend time at the Casino or just ride into their wonderful curvy drive and out again. Either way we would have a great time.

Ride to Frankfort MI (Marilyn & Ezra)

Ride to Lake Odessa, >Charlotte, >Vermontville, >Nashville, >Hastings (Howard)

Weekly or Bi-weekly dinner rides?

Chapter G2 – Home of the Chicken Run June 5

Michigan District Rally – July 30-31 West Branch

Freedom Ride for Veterans – August 14

Region D Pirates of the Great Lakes – September 16-18 Coldwater MI

## Motorcycle Awareness Month

Dear Michigan Motorcyclists;

May is Motorcycle Awareness Month

Michigan Secretary of State Terri Lynn Land will be holding a press conference May 3, 2010 starting approximately 10:30 A.M. to kick off this important traffic safety event. The press conference will be held in Lansing on the plaza behind the State Capitol between the Richard H. Austin building and the Murray Van Wagoner Transportation building. This area is bounded by Pine Street on the west, West Allegan Street on the south, Walnut Street on the east, and West Ottawa Street on the north.

Please plan on arriving approximately 30 minutes early to allow time for staging of motorcycles at the press conference site.

Specific Location: Come into downtown Lansing on I-496 and get off at exit 5, northbound Martin Luther King Blvd. If you are coming from the west, you will have to go past southbound Martin Luther King Blvd and turn left at the second stoplight to go north. If you are coming from the east, northbound Martin Luther King Blvd will be at the first stoplight after you get off the highway. Go north on Martin Luther King Blvd to Allegan Street and turn right (one way going east). After you cross Pine Street, just prior to the next cross street, which is Walnut (the street directly behind the Capitol), turn left and ride your motorcycle up the sidewalk, and then follow the sidewalk to the courtyard area.

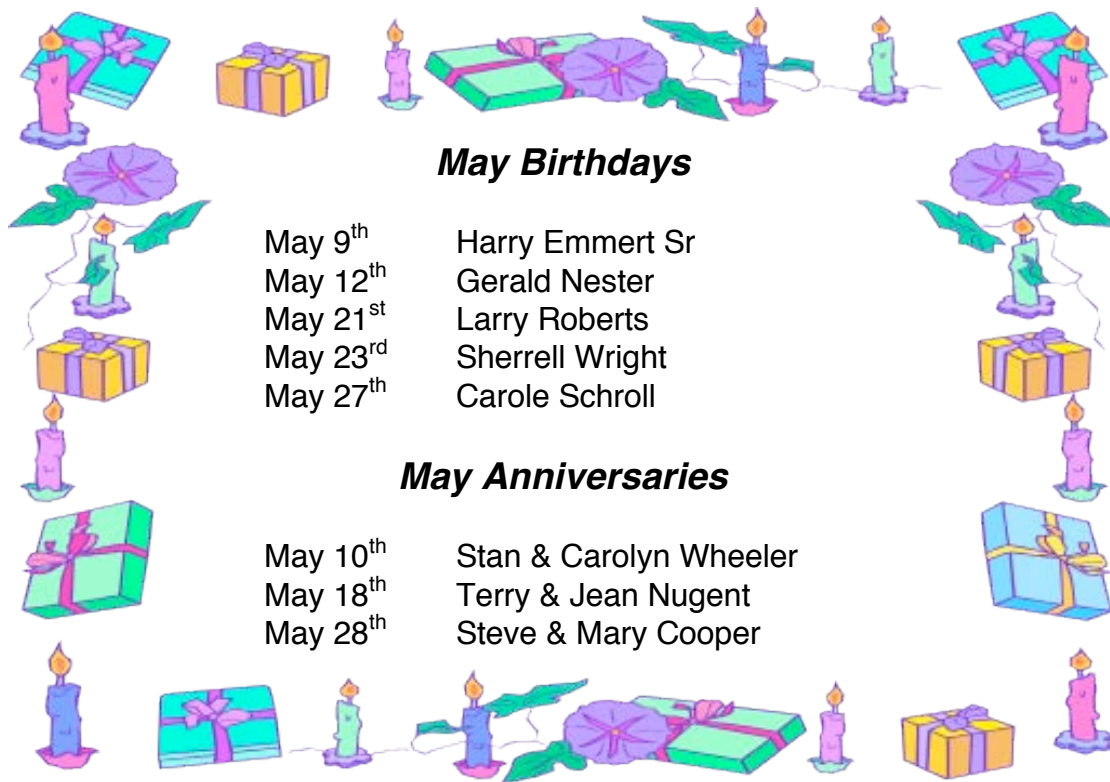
If you prefer, I will be waiting at the Union Missionary Baptist Church parking lot at the corner of St. Joseph Street and northbound Martin Luther King Blvd about 9:30-9:45 and just before 10:00 we can ride to the press conference site as a group.

At some past events, the weather has been cold or threatened by rain. Don't let this stop you from attending. Drive your car if you want; just wear your motorcycle jacket and join us. There is metered parking on the streets, and there is a parking lot on the south side of Allegan (stay to your right instead of to the left) between Pine and Walnut. Park your vehicle there and walk up the ramp across Allegan and into the courtyard area. In case of inclement weather, the event will be held in the Williams Building auditorium at the west end of the plaza.

Visit the motorcycle awareness website at [www.michigan-motorcycle-awareness.org](http://www.michigan-motorcycle-awareness.org) for information regarding the 2010 awareness campaign.

I hope to see you May 3rd in Lansing! E-mail me or give me a phone call if you have questions.

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**May Birthdays**

May 9<sup>th</sup> Harry Emmert Sr  
 May 12<sup>th</sup> Gerald Nester  
 May 21<sup>st</sup> Larry Roberts  
 May 23<sup>rd</sup> Sherrell Wright  
 May 27<sup>th</sup> Carole Schroll

**May Anniversaries**

May 10<sup>th</sup> Stan & Carolyn Wheeler  
 May 18<sup>th</sup> Terry & Jean Nugent  
 May 28<sup>th</sup> Steve & Mary Cooper

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Leave Grand Rapids June 11, 2010 and ride to Wawa, Ont. The plan is to ride to the Soo and spend the night of the 11th. Saturday the 12th ride the back roads to Wawa Ont. and stay at the Best Northern Motel. Cabins available. Information available at [www.bestnorthern.ca](http://www.bestnorthern.ca). Leave Sunday and ride to northern lower peninsula and stay Sunday night in Cross village. Cabins available from Leggs Inn. Return to Grand Rapids on Monday June 14. Rates are very reasonable in both Wawa and Cross Village. Reservations recommended. Anyone interested, contact me at [jamesme@chartermi.net](mailto:jamesme@chartermi.net)

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Future Rides and Ride suggestions:  
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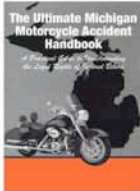
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