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GOLD WING ROAD RIDERS ASSOCIATION
MICHIGAN*REGION D*CHAPTER MI-G*MIDNIGHT RIDERS**

MEETING PLACE, DAY, and TIME.

PLACE: Arnie's Bakery 710 Leonard NW Grand Rapids Mi. 49504

TIME: 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.

November 2008

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
26	27	28	29	30	31	1 Officers Meeting Chapter V Anniversary see flyer page 9
2	3	4	5	6	7	8 Chapter N Install New Officers
9 Chapter Gathering Arnie's Bakery	10	11 Chapter K-2 Gathering -rescue the bear with case of food	12	13	14	15
16 Dinner at Monelli's 5 PM.	17	18	19	20	21	22
23	24	25	26	27 Happy Thanksgiving	28	29
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Ken and Rita Moffitt
International Couple of the Year
2008-2009



Ken and Rita were selected as the International Couple of the Year at Wing Ding 30.

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Stop by our website or the District or National websites to see what's new.

Randy & Fay Vieu
Chapter Mi-G's COY 2008



Randy & Fay, members of Chapter G Randy and Fay serve as our CD's and our Couple of the Year.

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If you have any suggestions for the chapter site, e-mail Jim or C.J.

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.

November Schedule

- November 1:** Officers' Meeting
- November 8:** Chapter N Meeting 9:00 AM. Russ's Restaurant 1499 E. River Rd. Muskegon. Let's have a good turnout to install the new CD's for Chapter N
- November 9:** Chapter G's monthly gathering at Arnie's Restaurant on Leonard NW at 9:00 a.m. We will ride after the gathering weather permitting.
- November 11:** Chapter K2 meeting. Sharon's Restaurant 16431 Northland Drive Big Rapids. Dinner at 6:00pm and meeting at 7:00pm. Let's go and get our mascot back!!!!
- November 16:** Dinner at Monelli's 5675 Byron Center, Wyoming. Across the street from the new Metro Health Center. Dinner is set up for 5:00 PM. RSVP to Randy & Fay at 616-662-1399.

Those are all the rides for November, since the weather is so unpredictable. We could use the phone tree if the weather cooperates. PLEASE don't forget the Christmas Auction on December 14 at Arnie's Restaurant

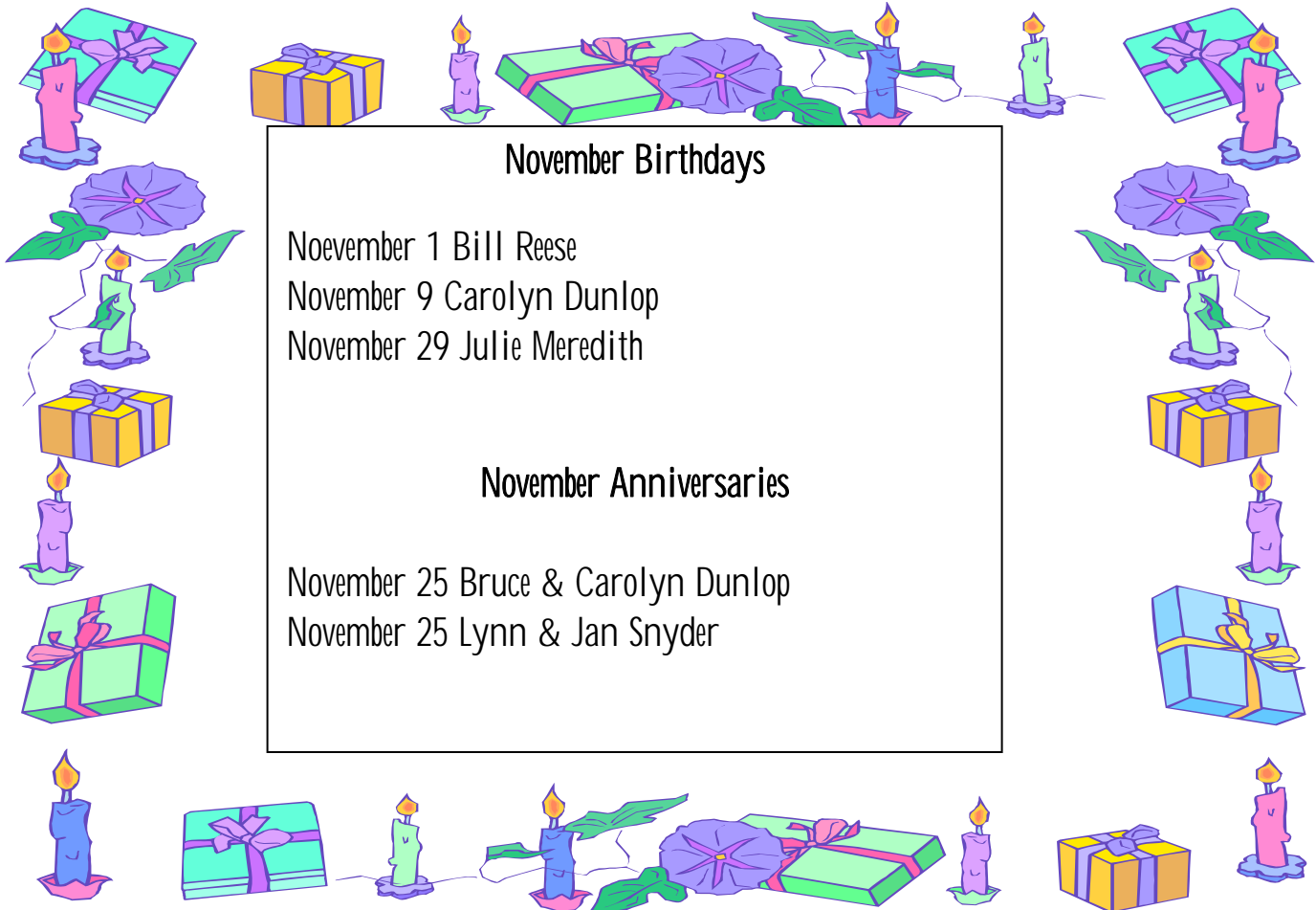
Your Ride Coordinator,

Ezra Bostic

Newsletter

Hello All. As you can see I have been volunteered as your Newsletter editor. I've added to the Rides and Sales page looking for ideas. They can be ideas for future rides or any activity you can think of. For a Chapter to be fun ideas are needed for things to do. So if you forget to drop that idea in the box at the gathering just send them to me and I'll get them in the newsletter. Jamesme@chartermi.net or you can always give me a call 616-696-3482.

Jim



November Birthdays

November 1 Bill Reese
 November 9 Carolyn Dunlop
 November 29 Julie Meredith

November Anniversaries

November 25 Bruce & Carolyn Dunlop
 November 25 Lynn & Jan Snyder

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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: jamesme@chartermi.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 & Ride Suggestions:</p> <p>Please email any rides or activity ideas to the following address: jamesme@chartermi.net *** ~~~~~ **</p>
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CD Article

It is November already, and it seems like we just finished with the Midnight Ride. As Fay and I become the CD's this month, I hope that all of you will come to support us and help us get the chapter off to a new start. I would again like to thank Jim and Julie for the great job they did as our former CD's. Fay and I hope that we can continue with moving the chapter forward in the same direction. Our goal is to make the chapter fun by continuing to lose our mascot, and having to retrieve him from the chapters that steal him. We would like to have more chapter members join us for the retrieval of him. Harry and Marcia had a good time going to chapter Q2 to get both the bear and the plaque with us. We all had a good time. I would also like to get the traveling plaque back again. The bear is now up at K-2, and it will cost the chapter a carton of canned goods. Their next gathering for K-2 is November 11th in Big Rapids and we hope that some of you will come with Fay and I to their gathering. Some of the other ideas that we have will be announced at the Chapter gathering November 9th. We would like to have more ideas come from the chapter, and that is why we created the "Suggestions and Ideas" box that has been at all the meeting this year. Without your suggestions, you are all stuck with Fay's and my ideas. So please, we need you to add your suggestions. We would also like to see some of the old members who have not come for a while maybe come back and see how the chapter is doing. You might be surprised. We also have our Christmas auction coming up **December 14th** with proceeds going to **Cherry Street Health Services**. Please remember to bring or make items to sell. We are checking on holding it at a different place so we can have more room for people along with the items to sell. We also need to start planning our anniversary party. With the amount of people that have been coming to them, maybe it's time to start scaling back the party to a smaller place and keeping the costs down. Any ideas would be appreciated. But most of all we want everyone to have fun.

Randy & Fay Vieu
Chapter G Directors

Cycle Attorney

Q: I WAS INVOLVED in an accident Saturday night. It was a classic left turner, across my lane in front of me.

I know that it's kind of early to go this route but I'm getting concerned that the other driver's insurance company is starting to play games with me. I called the company Monday and was given the name of the adjuster, claim number and phone number. The claims rep also said that she has his side and needs to get mine so she can decide who's at fault. Their client was cited. I've called three days, now, and no call back.

I was wearing a full-face helmet, First-gear MeshTek jacket, gloves, and boots. I was wearing blue jeans but fortunately it was a fairly low-speed crash and I only suffered a small area of road rash. I landed on my right shoulder exactly where the jacket's padding is. My doctor says I may have a rotator cuff tear but he wants two weeks of physical therapy before further testing. Things could have been a lot worse, so I've been counting my blessings there.

How do I go about finding an attorney experienced in motorcycle accidents? I

don't want to grab one who advertises on daytime TV. (Been watching too much of that these last couple days.) Do I need one for advice, in the beginning? I don't want to alienate the adjuster right off the bat.

The bike's not too bad. Maybe \$1000 worth of damage or less. I went to the ER Saturday night and my doctor on Monday, so far.

I probably have more questions that I can't think of right now.

I've been reading your column in MCN and thinking, probably like others, that this wouldn't happen to me.

James

James, the other driver's insurance company has to do its own investigation to determine if their insured was at fault. The fact that the other driver was given a ticket certainly suggests that the other driver was at fault, but, as we all know, the police sometimes get it wrong.

Remember the job of the claims adjuster is to save the insurance company as much money as possible. That defines the company's relationship with you.

You were injured and may have missed some work. You may be entitled

to lost wages. Your helmet, boots and gloves may have been damaged. You are entitled to be paid for that loss (minus depreciation).

I suggest you wait to see what the insurance company's offer is. If you feel you are not being fairly compensated, hire a lawyer. They usually charge a contingent fee of one-third of any amount they recover, a hefty tariff to pay if you don't have to.

Lastly, the best place to find a good lawyer is from friends who have used one in a similar case. This informal network remains the best way to hire a lawyer. You can also call your state bar association for a free referral.

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Please Note: The information in this column is intended for general purposes only and is not to be considered legal or professional advice of any kind. You should seek advice that is specific to your problem before taking or refraining from any action and should not rely on the information in this column.

Street Strategy

Turn Lane Terror

by Ken Condon

COMMUTING HOME REQUIRES you to share the road with all types of drivers. You understand that motorcycles can be difficult to see in traffic, so you give surrounding drivers plenty of space to change lanes. You are particularly cautious about riding in drivers' blind spots.

Your turn is coming up at the next intersection, which features a dedicated right-hand turning lane with a traffic light at a four-way crossroad. You are following a blue SUV who is approaching a line of cars that are stopped for the light. The SUV slows while remaining in the travel lane as he approaches the intersection. You assume he is going to stop in line with the other cars, so you signal, roll off the throttle and move right into the turning lane. You plan to maintain your current speed as you proceed past the stopped cars on your left to the stop line.

When you are just about to the SUV's rear bumper, the driver swerves directly in front of you, only inches away from your front tire! You grab the front brake and swerve to the right, but the combination of brake force and side force from swerving causes your front tire to skid and you crash hard onto the road surface. The SUV driver never notices your fall and continues on. You manage to get up and raise your bike. Damage includes a bent shifter, clutch lever and handlebar. It's clear that your ride is over.

You were smart to allow extra space for unexpected maneuvers from careless drivers. But, you did not anticipate the probability that the SUV would make a lane change and rode into the



SUV driver's blind spot at the precise moment when he was most likely to change lanes.

It is difficult to anticipate when a driver is going to make a last-second maneuver, but it's important to know that it is a possibility. To reduce the risk of a collision, you should have delayed passing the SUV until you were sure it was going to stop in the travel lane behind the other cars. Also, it's smart to ride as far to the right as possible to allow a buffer of space in case the driver makes the lane change. The best riders know that precise timing and lane placement can mean the difference between a collision and a near miss.

October Ride Photo's

Color Tour

It started out as a bright sunny day but as you can see from the photo's things changed.



Bowen Mills Ride

The chapter took a trip back in time to the Civil War days. Beautiful day and Howard took us on some great roads.



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Celebrating 25 Years!

The members of Gold Wing Road Riders Association

Region D/Michigan/Chapter V

request the honor of your presence at their 25th Anniversary Party

on Nov. 1, 2008 - \$20 pp - Pay at door - RSVP by Oct. 18

Follows Fall Off. Meet. - 989-894-4180 - chugabador14@yahoo.com

UAW Local 362 Hall - 4427 Wilder Rd. - Bay City - 48706

Silver Reception 5:00pm - Dinner 6:00pm

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