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**Chapter G Gathering  
Cheshire Grill  
2162 Plainfield NW  
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\*\*\*\*\*Sunday November 11, 2012\*\*\*\*\*  
Breakfast 9:00am Gathering**

For more information, or to be added to our phone tree, please contact one of our Chapter Staff.  
**See page 8** for contact information. We hope to see you out there.....Ride Safely.

**November 2012**

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
				1	2	3 Get Mascot back 8:00am
4 Clocks fall behind Cheshire Grill 9:00	5 Staff Meeting Emmert's 6:30	6 VOTE Today!	7	8	9	10 Officers Meeting in Midland
11 G-Gathering 9:00 Veterans Day	12	13	14	15	16	17 Brunch at Ungrey's for Veterans Home
18 Cheshire Grill	19	20	21	22 Thanksgiving	23	24
25 Anniversary & Birthday dinner	26	27	28 JDRF Awards 6:30 - 8:30 <b>RSVP</b>	29	30	

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Well it's another month gone. My report for November. In October we had rides to several places. For those of you who didn't make it, you missed out on some fun. I realize October wasn't the warmest month but it wasn't the coldest month either. We had some rides with Autumn's pretty colors. I am looking forward to November. We will be riding when possible for those of you who do not store your bikes, let me know and I will call when we go for a ride.



We have things in November. But mostly we will be having breakfast together. I am going to change the meeting time for the winter to 9 o'clock. That way you can sleep longer. We will go back to 8:30 in the spring.

We have gone up North to work on the Midnight Ride. We will be going to a new place next year. We have made sure that we will have a normal hot breakfast. I do want to thank all the people who have volunteered to help on the Midnight Ride and on other things in the group. Without your help we could not get along.

So winter is coming, but we are planning and trying to get people to go to South Carolina for WingDing. The more that comes the more fun we will have riding. So call or email and let me know. I will let you know what hotel we have reserved. So, if possible, we can all stay in the same hotel. I have some rooms left. If you are interested let me know and I will give you a reservation that I have made so you can set it up for the days you want. Thank you and thank you all for your help

your CD Ezra

INSPIRATION: You, members of our chapter family show me that we may be doing something right. We have seen rides that had only two bikes, just Ezra and me on one ride; however, in October, we saw many at breakfast at Bob Evan's (we almost filled half the place) as you have seen in the photos I passed along to you. Eight bikes and 11 members and one potential member joined us on the ride to Centerville, the Langley Covered Bridge and color tour. Thank you all. This means a whole lot to Ezra and me to see your increased participation.

The Holidays are fast approaching. It's time to think of family and to count our blessings. We have many. It is also a time for sharing. This is why we plan each year to have a Christmas Auction with a real auctioneer in December. We make things or donate items for the auction. At December's gathering we all will decide where to donate our proceeds. We decided to combine our Christmas Party and Christmas Auction together, because we know that it certainly is a busy time of year.

Our November calendar is full of events, as you can see in our newsletter and our web calendar: getting our mascot, "Teddy Jr", Officers's Meeting, delivering the 2011 t-shirts and other donated items to the Veterans' Home, and rides after breakfast as the weather permits (just to name a few)....

INSPIRATION: As you have been an inspiration to us, we hope that we have inspired you to be more involved in our chapter. We are a team, a family, which thrives on your participation. Yes, we have many ways that you can be involved, such as volunteering to fill one of our many chapter positions.

Ezra and I want to wish everyone a very Happy Thanksgiving!!!

Marilynn Bostic

## Rider Ed



While preparing information for my presentation at the October meeting, I previewed the "Michigan Motorcycle Operator Manual"

I presented excerpts covered under the heading "Handling Dangerous Surfaces."

It states: Your chance of falling or being involved in a crash increases whenever you ride across:

1. Uneven surfaces or obstacles. Watch for uneven surfaces such as bumps. Broken pavement, potholes or small pieces of highway trash. Try to avoid obstacles by slowing or going around them. If you must go over the obstacle, first determine if it is possible. Approach it at as close to a 90 degree angle as possible. Look where you want to go to control your path of travel. If you have to ride over the obstacle, you should :

- a. Slow down as much as possible before contact.
- b. Make sure the motorcycle is straight.
- c. Rise slightly off the seat with your weight on the footrests to absorb the shock with your knees and elbows, and avoid being thrown off the motorcycle.
- d. Just before contact, roll on the throttle slightly to tighten the front end.

If you do ride over an object on the street, pull off the road and check your tires and rims for damage before riding any further.

2. Slippery surfaces.

Motorcycles handle better when ridden on surfaces that permit good traction. Surfaces that provide poor traction include:

- a. Wet pavement, particularly just after it starts to rain and before surface oil washes to the side of the road.
- b. Gravel roads, or where sand and gravel collect.
- c. Mud, snow, and ice.
- d. Lane markings (painted lines), steel plates and manhole covers, especially when wet.

To ride safely on slippery surfaces:

- (a). Reduce Speed- Slow down before you get to a slippery surface lessen your chances of skidding. Your motorcycle needs more distance to stop. And it is particularly important to reduce speed before entering wet curves.
- (b). Avoid Sudden Moves- Any sudden change in speed or direction can cause a skid. Be as smooth as possible when you speed up, shift gears, turn or brake.
- (c). Use both brakes- The front brake is still effective, even on a slippery surface. Squeeze the brake lever gradually to avoid locking the front wheel. Remember, gentle pressure on the rear brake.
- (d). The center of a lane can be hazardous when wet. When it starts to rain, ride in the tire tracks left by cars. Often the left tire track will be the best position, depending on traffic and other road conditions as well.
- (e). Watch for oil spots when you put you foot down to stop or park. You may slip and fall.

We will cover the following safety notes next month.

- (f). Dirt and gravel
- (g). Rain Dries and snow melts faster

3. Railroad tracks.

(Railroad Tracks, Trolley Tracks and Pavement Seams)

4. Grooves and gratings

5. Be Extra Careful of:

(Think of things you should be careful of at this time of year, and/or at all times)

We can talk about this at the November gathering, too.

6. Some licensing and riding tips.



Chapter MI-G is looking for a design for next year's Midnight ride t-shirt. To enter the contest creates a design for the Midnight Ride on paper. It doesn't have to be perfect. If your design is chosen you will receive the following: \$50.00, your name as the designer of the t-shirt, and a free t-shirt which you helped to create.

**The deadline is November 11, 2012.** Send your entry to:

Ezra/Marilynn Bostic

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Following are the design requirements:

1. Your design **must** be submitted by the November gathering.
2. Your design **must** include,
  - a teddy bear with a tri-corner hat ringing a bell,
  - the letter "G" hidden somewhere,
  - the year: 2013, and the "27th" annual ride

It **may** include:

the sun, moon, stars, the Mackinac Bridge, The State of Michigan, and motorcycles.

3. Chapter MI-G reserves the right to retain any and all designs, and to make any changes we deem necessary.
4. Your design must be no more than 4 colors, not including the shirt color.

For pictures of previous shirt designs: <http://www.flickr.com/photos/38954675@N00/> page 2



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**November Birthdays**

- 09 Marsha Homrich
- 25 Jeff Altena
- 29 Julie Meredith

**November Anniversaries**

- 29 Len & Jan Snyder

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## District Couple of the Year 2012

Rick & Esther Keeling were selected at Wingless Weekend 2012



## Region D Couple of the Year 2012

Joe and Paula Swift were selected at the Region D Rally



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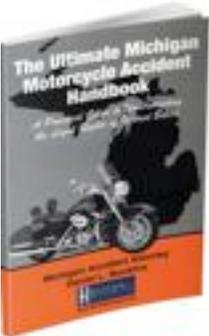


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