

Gold Wing Road Riders Association *CHAPTER MI-G*



ATTENTION!!! ATTENTION!!! ATTENTION!!!

Meeting Place Changed to

Swan Inn At 6 Mile Road and Alpine NW

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.

October 2007

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1	2	3	4	5	6
7 Swan Inn Breakfast 9:00am Country Market Ride 10:00 am	8	9	10 >>>>>> PLEASE NOTE CHANGE	11 Monthly Gathering Swan Inn 7:00 pm	12 Columbus Day 	13 Thank You Dinner Long Lake 11:00 Setup 12:00 to ???
14 Susie's Café 9 AM Color Tour 10 AM	15	16	17	18	19	20
21 Swan Inn Breakfast 9:00am Newaygo Dam Ride & Picnic 10:00 am	22	23	24	25	26	27
28 Susie's Café 9 AM Ride to Centerville Covered Bridge 10 AM	29	30	31 			

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Walt & Deb Crosby Region D COY Year 2006-2007  <p>We are Walt & Deb Crosby, your new Region D Couple Of The Year. What an exciting year this has been for us. First being named Ohio District Couple and meeting so many wonderful people in our District. Now Region Couple of the Year, and an opportunity to visit two more Districts and that many more great people.</p>	Ezra & Marilynn Bostic Chapter Mi-G's COY 2007  <p>Ezra & Marilynn, members of Chapter G. Ezra serves as our Ride Coordinator, and Marilynn serves as our Newsletter Editor, now our Couple of the Year.</p>	Ken and Rita Moffitt Michigan Couple of the Year 2007  <p>Ken and Rita were selected as the 2007 Michigan District Couple of the Year at our 2007 Wingless Weekend. Please give them your congratulations when you see them.</p>

October Schedule



October 7: We will start with breakfast at **Swann Inn** at **nine o'clock** and ride at **10 o'clock** AM. We will be doing a **country market ride**

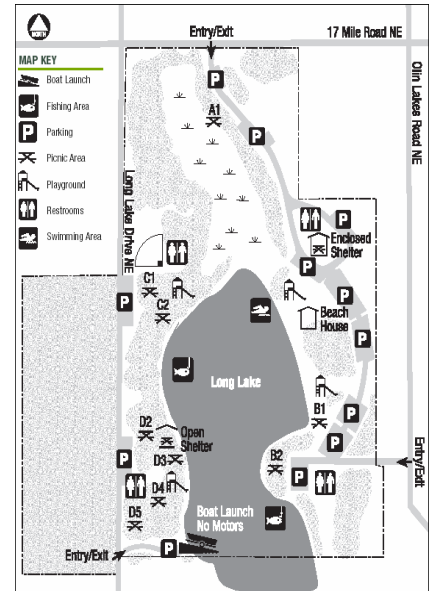
!!! Attention !!! Attention !!! Attention !!!

October 11: is our **Monthly Gathering at SWAN INN on 6 Mile Road NW and Alpine NW.** Come early **6:30pm** for dinner or come at **7:00pm** for very important information

October 13: For all of those who have generously helped to make our Midnight Ride possible and helped to make it a great success, Chapter MI-G is hosting a **THANK YOU DINNER** on this day. For those who are helping with setup, we will meet at the park at **11 am** to help set up. Lunch will begin at Noon till? **(Please see map at the right. We will be at the open shelter on Long Lake Road).**

October 14: We will meet at **Susie's** at **nine o'clock** and ride for a Color tour, if weather permits.

October 21 We will meet at **Swann Inn** at **nine o'clock** for breakfast and ride at **10:00 AM** to go on a Dam Ride to Newaygo, to Croton Dam cross the Hardy Dam and to M-37 turn on Hwy 82. **Picnic in the park** at High Rollaway on HWY 82 for a picnic lunch. **Pack your lunch.**



October 28: We will meet at **Susie's** at **nine o'clock** and ride at **10 o'clock**. This ride takes us to Centerville, the home of Michigan's longest covered bridge.



Here are the rides for October. I hope it will be warm enough so that we may ride comfortably. I have put together the best rides I could think of. We had a good year of riding. So, hopefully, we can get two more months of riding yet this year.

Your Ride Coordinator, Ezra Bostic

Letter Received About Our Midnight Ride

To GWRRA Chapter MI-G

I'm not really sure who set up the ride this year, but what an awesome time we had. My husband and I live in Tustin, Michigan, just south of Cadillac. We heard about the ride and got together with a few friends and traveled down to Rockford to join the ride.

It was so well organized and it ran more smoothly than we could have imagined.

We had a great time. Thank you for your dedication to help others. This was an awesome experience. We will surely be there again next year.

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Future Rides:

Please email any rides to the following address:
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Chapter Director's Ramblings

Where are all the Goldwings?

It was a beautiful sunny day with temps that ranged from the mid seventies to the low eighties. It was my Dad's 85th birthday so Julie and I were meeting my sister and her husband in Lansing to take Dad out to lunch. Since it was such a great day, we decided to take the Wing. Well, Lansing and back is about 150 or so miles. It takes us about 1-½ hours each way. You can bet we saw lots and lots of motorcycles. We took some super slab and some back roads. I bet we saw 50 or 60 motorcycles along the way, there and back. Of those 50 to 60 motorcycles, I didn't see the first Goldwing until I was back in Grand Rapids, almost home. I realize that as I write this, it is Sunday of Labor Day weekend and some may be gone for the weekend, but you'd

think I'd see some Wings on the road on such a nice day. I've noticed and written about this in the past. Those of us who ride these machines know what a great and comfortable ride they are. Why then do we see so few? Some will say it's the cost of a Goldwing, but there's no shortage of Ultra Classics on the road and I know the price of those is right there with the Wing. Are we all too old to get out on such a great day and take advantage of it? Is it that Wing riders don't like to ride as much as other make rider's do? I guess I just don't know the answer and probably never will. But, still I have to ask, "Where are all the Goldwings"?

Jim & Julie Meredith

Assistant Chapter Director's Notes

The Proper Handling of our American Flag.

There has been questions about where, when, and how to properly handle our flag. On our motorcycles it should always be on its right and any other flag flies on its left which is the viewers right facing the motorcycle. On our cars, the flag should be flown on the right side of the car or truck. Those who have attended any function know that the American Flag always leads the way with all other flags following, or if in a line the flag should be on the flags own right. When flown with other flags the American flag will always be on the top or at the peak. When flown in a group, it should be centered and the highest

of the flags. If it is flown with other nations' flags, it will be the first flag with the others in alphabetical order. I have found this web site very interesting and full of information about our flag and the proper way to handle it. If you get a chance to go thru the web site, let me know what you thought of it. It seems that we are all more patriotic now a days so following the flag codes set forth by our forefathers.

www.ushistory.org/betsy/flagtiq.html

Randy & Fay View

October Rider Education

As the riding season winds down toward winter in Michigan and as Mother Nature begins to change our landscape from shades of brown and green into beautiful oranges, yellows and reds, there are some things that we as motorcycle riders need to keep in mind.

* The lower angle of sunlight in the evenings comes much earlier. Because of this, be sure that your windshield is clean and free from scratches etc., this will make it much nicer when riding with the sun low in the sky. Also, if you have a full-face helmet (my own preference) you can apply something called a "Sundowner". This is a strip of flexible dark tinted plastic, which fits on your face shield through hydrostatic attraction. It assists in blocking the sun's rays and makes it much easier to see where you're going. If you place them on the lower section of your face shield and you have one of the helmets where that shield can be moved up and down at will, you can raise the shield so that it is directly in line with the setting sun. I've been using them for years and you can't beat them. Depending on where you buy them, they cost between 2 and 4 bucks.

In the fall, it is often much cooler in the mornings when we head out for our rides. Another thing that we need to keep an eye out for is ice on the road. It only needs to be about 34 degrees, a temperature that is often reached at night during the fall months here in Michigan, for ice to form on the road. Beware of dark patches; areas of shade and early morning fog/dew as they can all hide or help form that miserable slippery condition. Also, beware of rain/sleet in the fall as the temperatures fluctuate from early morning to late evening.

Due partially to the drastic temperature changes from night to day in the fall months; it is also a good idea to wear multiple layers while on a ride. The cool temperatures in the early morning and

late evening with the quite warm temps in the middle of the day can make for a quite uncomfortable ride if you're not properly prepared. Riding in 50 degrees and in rain is miserable enough when you are properly attired, but it is even worse if you forgot to wear enough clothes.

* When leaves pile up on the road during the fall season, the upper leaves can often be dry and appear to be non-threatening. The lower layers of leaves, however, remain wet and treacherous. Give large accumulations of leaves a wide berth while you ride and be aware of shady spots along the curvy roads in the country, as they help to disguise the dangerous slippery conditions. Another thing to be aware of in relation to fall and the leaves that often accumulate on the roadside is the increased winds that often come with the seasonal changes. Even in the middle of the day when the leaves are dry and not a danger due to accumulations of water or ice, the increased winds during the fall season often stir them up and there can be a lot of debris flying through the air.

* Many of Mother Nature's Creatures also are more frivolous during the fall of the year. Among other things, that means that they will be much more likely to run out in front of you to catch that Frisbee that their buddy threw and not look for vehicles first. Also, this is the mating season for a number of the woods creatures and they're not paying attention to where they're headed either. Most of our Chapter members know that here in Kent County we have the largest number of deer strikes of any county in Michigan. So, ride at a slightly reduced rate through heavily wooded areas and keep a look out for those pesky critters.

Lynne Snyder - Chapter Mi-G Rider Educator

A Few Jokes from George Carlin

Why is Santa Claus is so Jolly? He knows where all the bad girls live.
 What do you do when you see an endangered animal eating an endangered plant?
 Why do they lock gasoline station bathrooms? They're afraid someone will come along and clean them.
 If a turtle doesn't have a shell, is he homeless or naked?
 Is it true that cannibals won't eat a clown because they taste funny?

If one synchronized swimmer drowns, do the others drown too?
 Why is it called tourist season if it's not ok to shoot them?
 If the "black box" they use on airplanes is never damaged, why the heck don't they make the whole plane out of that stuff?
 If a man is standing in the middle of a forest speaking and there is no woman around to hear him, is he still wrong???

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