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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.

## JULY 2010

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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4 Independence Day	5	6	7 Ice Cream Ride 7:00 pm	8	9	10
11 <b>Chapter G</b> Gathering 9:00 am <b>"That Place"</b> Then ride to Sylvester's	12	13	14 Ice Cream Ride 7:00 pm	15	16	17
18 Ride to Frankfort 9:00 am	19	20	21 Ice Cream Ride 7:00 pm	22	23	24 Smith's Open House Kalmazoo 10:00 am
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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>

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

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

**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.

## July Ride Schedule

**July 7** Meet at 7:00pm at Perkins on Chicago Dr ride to Holland for ice cream.

**July 11** Chapter gathering and ride to Sylvester's after the meeting.

**July 14** Meet at 7:00pm at Meijer's Gas at Knapp's Corner for ride to Howard City for ice cream.

**July 18** Meet at 7 Mile Road and Alpine at the Meijer Gas Station. Leave at 9:00 am for a ride to Frankfort MI. Please pack a lunch and snacks for lunch along the way. We plan to stop at Boone's for dinner around 4:00pm, somewhere between Frankfort and Traverse City. There is a nice little shop in Frankfort that has t-shirts, sweatshirts, and souvenirs.

**July 21** Meet at 7:00pm Zinzer school Leonard and Kinney. Ride toward lake shore for ice cream and sunset.

**\*\*\*July 24** Meet at 10:00am Mobil station 76th and 131. Ride to Kalamazoo to Ron and Jan Smith's anniversary party and open house, will stay a couple hours and ride home.

**\*\*\*Ron & Jan Smith's 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Open House – July 24<sup>th</sup>. 2336 Benton Ave, Kalamazoo MI. (131 to East I94 to Oakland Drive, North 1 mile to Benton, West to address.)Please mark your calendars. They have supported us all over the years and done wonderful work.**

**July 29 thru 31** State Rally in West Branch. <http://www.gwrra-mi.org/>

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

**August 14** Freedom Ride for Veterans –

**August 20** Midnight Ride

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

CD's Corner  
Randy & Fay Vieu  
Chapter G Directors



I don't know how everyone else feels, but it seems that we are starting to repeat last year's weather. I guess I shouldn't really say that because we have had more rides than last year. It has been a lot hotter than last year and we have had more rides during the week to help offset the ones that are getting cancelled on the weekends.

This month we have the state rally in West Branch, an anniversary party to go to, and more rides. We hope to see a lot of the chapter go up to the rally and help support our chapter and the vendors that come. I know that a lot of the times we can buy items cheaper on line but if we don't start to support our vendors we won't have any at the rally.

The Midnight ride is all set and we need to seriously start looking for help for next year's ride. We are going to need someone to take over the Meijer's parking lot.

We are also looking for a new meeting place as they are no longer going to rebuild the Arnie's on Leonard St. So if you know of a place to meet please let us know so that we can check it out. So remember let's help to support our chapter and let's have fun.

**Randy & Fay Vieu**  
**Chapter Directors**

Len Snyder  
July 2010 Rider Education

**MONTHLY TOPIC (from MI Region D Rider Ed Direct): Let's Talk Traction**

We teach about traction for a few minutes in the Rider Courses every year, in the Advanced Rider Course we use the traction oval. Let's look at the concept a little closer.

Traction is the friction or the grip your tires have which holds you to the road surface. For a motorcycle, the grip is provided by two patches about the size of your fist when pressed on the table. This friction is split between three forces and a reserve. For the majority, the most commonly recognized need for gripping the road is for braking. Most of us have locked up the tires on a car or motorcycle (before ABS) when braking hard.

The second most commonly recognized force requiring grip on the road is the driving force or torque used in acceleration. If you haven't done a little "hot rodding" yourself, you surely have seen someone performing burnouts for show!

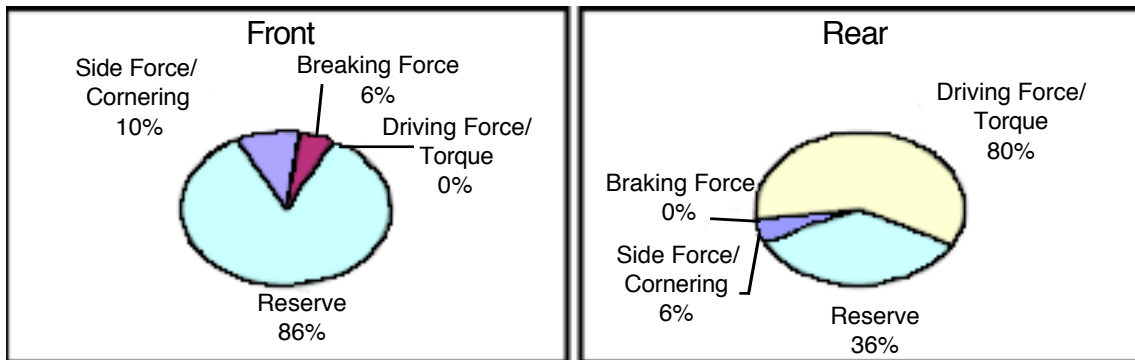
The third force requiring a grip on the road is side force or cornering. Using too much cornering force can result in spinouts. These three forces combine to use your grip on the road surface, your traction.

The key to our discussion here is actually the reserve. As any of the forces increases, the other forces and the reserve must decrease. When the combination of driving, cornering, and/or braking forces use up all the traction, and there is no reserve, you have no grip on the road and you lose control.

Let's look at a couple of "snapshots in time" of the forces acting on a motorcycle during normal operation.

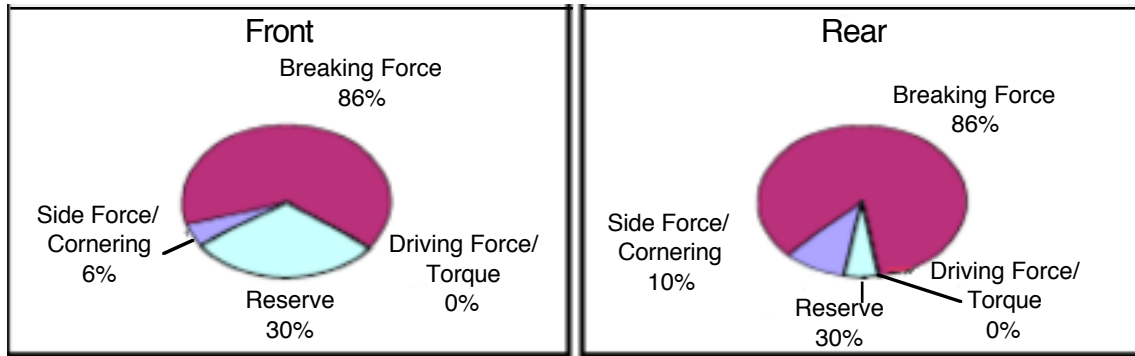
In an **ACCELERATION** situation, the rear tire primarily is driving the motorcycle forward. There may be a little side force in keeping the bike upright and there is a reasonable amount of reserve. The front tire may use a little side force for steering, and a very small amount of braking force is used as we make the wheel turn, but there is no driving force applied by the front wheel so there is a lot more reserve.

**ACCELERATION**



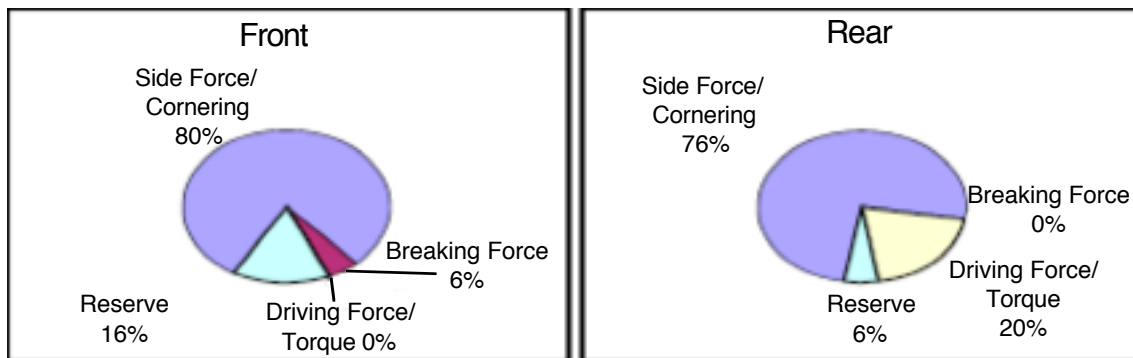
In **DECELERATION OR BRAKING**, both tires (since we ALWAYS use both brakes, just like we are taught) primarily are applying braking force. (These graphs show a snapshot early in the braking process before the weight transfer from the rear to the front.) There is some side force used for steering and keeping the bike upright. As we said earlier, some reserve must remain to stay in control.

### DECELERATION OR BRAKING



For our final scenario, we'll look at a **HIGH SPEED TURN**. Most of our force is used in cornering. Some drive force is required by the rear tire as we gradually accelerate through the turn to stabilize the suspension. Again, the small braking force shown on the front tire is the amount of force necessary to make the wheel turn.

### HIGH SPEED TURN



Now, if you can imagine being in the high speed turn and applying the brakes, you can understand how quickly you will use up the reserve of your traction. This is why we coach you to apply the brakes BEFORE you enter a high speed turn and stay off the brakes during the turn. If the situation requires hard braking after you enter a turn, you need to straighten the handlebars, bring the bike upright, and then apply maximum braking force.

We hope this discussion has helped you visualize the forces acting upon your ability to grip the road. Keep in mind that road and weather conditions also have a significant effect on your traction. If you haven't taken a rider course recently, come on out for a little practice in a controlled environment and get a feel for what your motorcycle can do. We're sure it can help you in an emergency and we KNOW it can't hurt.

## **Living with Diabetes: Not as bad as you think!**

Poke, squeeze, insert, five, four, three, two one ... DIABETES!

Nearly 23 million people are living with the disease. I am one of them. Finger pokes, insulin injections, and carbohydrate-counting are every day hassles that will be with me my entire life, no matter how much they are unwanted. Although living with diabetes is a giant hassle, living with the disease makes me stronger.

Since the day I was diagnosed back in 2006, Diabetes has affected every aspect of my life, such as: school, family, and friends. Things were difficult in the beginning, and still are, but the benefits I collect are amazing. Such as it teaches me good health and how to make wise/smarter choices, what to do and what not to do. Although the bad outweighs the good by a lot, there are still things to find positive about living with diabetes.

Now, thanks to all of the research, I use an insulin pump and I have to inject a needle every 2-4 days instead of four times every day. I am doing great health wise, and have helped many other families and individuals coping with the disease.

As time goes by, treatments and will grow better, not just for me, but for everybody. I will continue to get stronger and live a healthy life.

Diabetes has taught me a lot, but living it with it hasn't been as bad as one would think.

My name is Ashley Eineder, I am a 14 year old girl, but not just any 14 year old girl, I am a girl with Juvenile Diabetes. Along with JDRF I am fighting for a cure. I am hoping for a cure. I am helping to find a cure.

I am in control of my Diabetes, my Diabetes is not in control of me.

Ashley Eineder

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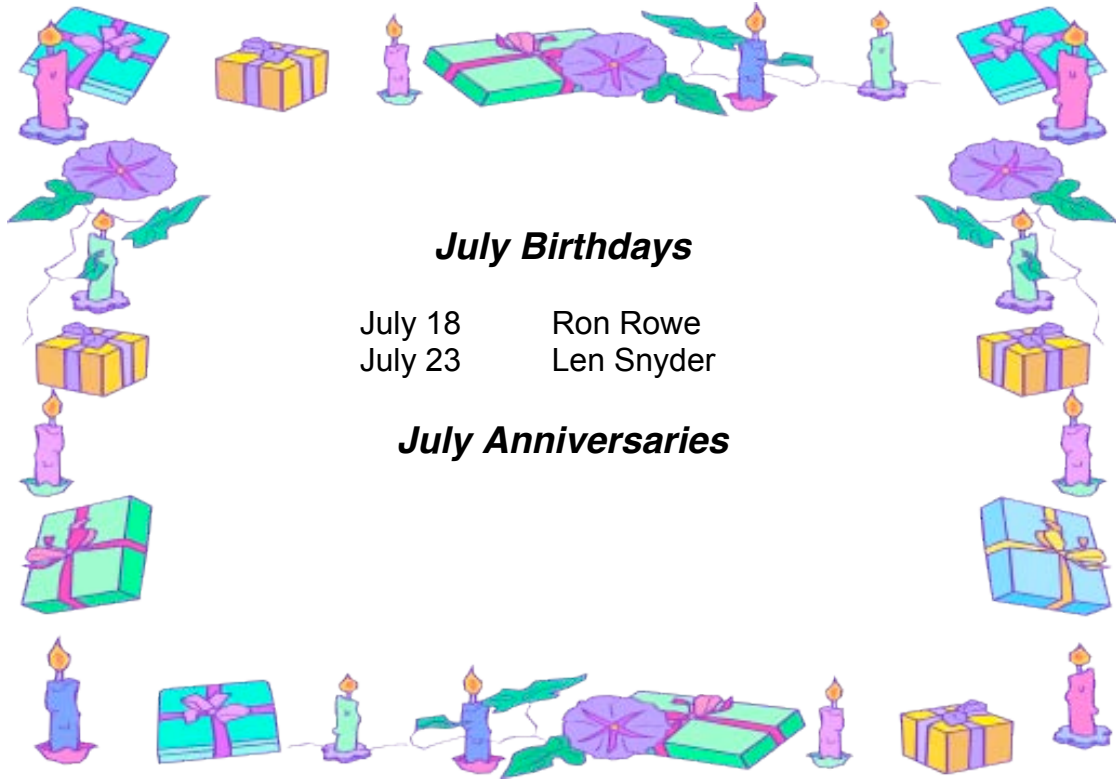
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July 18      Ron Rowe  
 July 23      Len Snyder

**July Anniversaries**

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**Don't forget to get your sponsorships for our annual Midnight Ride on August 20.**  
<http://www.mi-gmidnightriders.org/10midnight Ride.htm>

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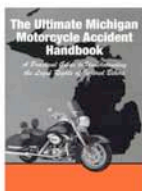
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