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*******NEW MEETING PLACE, DAY, and TIME*******

**Ezra's Place
1492 Kinney NW
Walker MI 49534
Saturday Oct 8, 2011
3:00pm**

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 2011

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
						1 Edmore ride
2 Suzie's 8:30	3	4	5	6	7	8 Chapter G gathering 3:00 pm Chapter L Harvest Festival
9 Boone's Long Lake Inn	10	11 Afternoon ride around the county. 2:00	12	13	14	15
16 Suzie's 8:30	17	18	19	20	21	22 Vineyard Ride
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District Couple of the Year 2011

Ken & Patti Kintner were selected at Wingless Weekend 2011



Region D Couple of the Year 2010-2011

Joe and Paula Swift were selected at the Region D Rally



Chapter G Website

<http://www.mi-gmidnightriders.org>



GWRRRA National Website

<http://www.gwrra.org/>



Region D Website

<http://www.gwrra-regiond.org>



Michigan District Website

<http://www.gwrra-mi.org>



Chapter G Ride Information

Rides will be Weather Permitting

Group rides and or activities from other Chapters can be posted here.

October Ride/Activity Schedule

For complete links to State Chapter Activities, go to:

<http://www.gwrra-mi.org/ChapterEvents.htm>

Here is the Chapter G ride schedule for October:

- Oct. 1: Edmore Ride
Meet at 14 Mile Road and Northland Drive 10 AM
- Oct. 4: **Staff Meeting** at the Bostic's 1492 Kinney NW 2pm Phone: 616-791-4587
- Oct. 8: *****Chapter Gathering*******
3:00 pm at
Ezra & Marilyn Bostic
1492 Kinney NW
Walker MI 49534
- Oct. 9: Some people plan to go to Boone's for dinner meeting Don and Cindi Reed.
Reservations must be made by Oct. 6. **See Flyer on page 9.**
- Oct. 11: Tuesday afternoon ride 2:00. Meet in church parking lot across from Zinser School, Kinney and Leonard. Local Harvest Ride, ending at Robinette's for cider and donuts.
- Oct. 22: Cross Country Vineyard Ride:
Meet at the Mobil Gas Station at 76th Street at 9:00 am and then meet Rex and Sheila at the Mobile Gas Station on Martin Exit 55 of US131.

CD's Corner



FARMER'S PHOLLOWINGS

Boy, has it been awhile since I've done a newsletter article. So here I go. The last couple of weekends were great for riding and ride we did. Terri and I were at the lot in Muskegon for the Freedom Ride of Chapter C-2. Terri said it was a beautiful route up to Custer. Many thanks also go to Guy and Gloria Bailey for the pig roast later that day. The piggy was real yummy. Terri also went to Big Rapids for Chapter K-2's Anniversary Celebration. Notice something here? Yeah I had to go to work at noon. I saw a lot of Chapter G riders out there having FUN and enjoying the rides.

The next weekend was the Region D Monster Mash weekend. It was downright chilly going down Thursday night. The weekend did offer much warmer day riding though and a lot of people had a ball. My personal favorite was the Amazing Team Challenge. We had a lot of trikes in it this year that made it real interesting. Everyone played hard and the abilities of those of us that do not do Top Gun were rewarded with a lot of people in the grandstands watching and cheering us on. Chapter J-2 even took home a first place. The best part of Team Challenge is that for a dollar (that goes to Rider Ed.), you can keep on trying to do better or just have a ball doing it. Trust me, a trike can kill a lot of cones and they really spit out the back when you trying hard to get through the course. I kept Tom Rushman and Mr. Snyder busy chasing them all down.

Rider Education seminars, Top Gun and Leadership Development classes were plenty busy too. Some of the vendors had some real good deals also. The staff of Region D with the assistance of the staff of Indiana, Michigan and Ohio delivered and everyone had FUN. We even stayed dry almost all of the way home. Mother Nature turned on the sprinklers about five miles out but it was still better than freezing like Thursday night.

I also would like to sincerely thank Randy and Faye Vieu for all of the hard work, tears and perspiration that they put into Chapter G over the years. Get well Randy, we all miss seeing you and Faye at the chapter events. Many Thanks also for getting the paperwork turned so quickly so that Chapter G can continue in your absence. It has really been noticed.

Hopefully soon, Chapter G will have new Chapter Directors and new Assistant Chapter Directors. As soon as the paperwork is approved, Ezra and Marilynn Bostic and Rex and Shela Derksen will become the newest leadership for Chapter G. May they continue in the tradition of Chapter G and keep this chapter riding and having FUN. Details to follow.

Keep your eyes on the website because Chapter G's next meeting will be on Saturday afternoon instead of Sunday. That way you can all go on the Fall Color Ride from Big Rapids to Boone's Long Lake Inn for Sunday for dinner.

Ride SAFE, have FUN.

Farmer
Temp. Chapter Director
GWRRA of Michigan – Chapter G

Busy Week Packed with Rides

Howdy hi every one,

Just wanted to let all of you know what exciting things happened in September.

On September 10, we joined Chapter C2 on their Freedom Ride. We met at the Meijer Gas Station on Seven Mile Road and Alpine Avenue. Harry and Marcia, Steve Cooper, Gerald Nester, and Ezra and Marilyn met there. We rode to the Meijer parking lot on Holton Road in Muskegon. There we met Chapter C2 and approximately 30 bikes assembled there.

C2 divided the bikes into three groups, each had a lead bike and a tail gunner with CB communications. We drove down River Road, following the Muskegon River, across Maple Island Road continuing on River Road. We rode along the river and through the countryside until we reached Newaygo City Park, our first pit stop. Not being familiar with Newaygo, we never knew this park existed. The funny thing is, this park is not far from highway M-37, which we have travelled many times

Then, we got on M-37, went through Newaygo, crossed the bridge. At the traffic light, we turned left and took the first right turn onto the old M-37. Never knew this road existed either! We rode through more countryside, farm land, and trees! It was a beautiful ride. Our ride took us to Custer at the VFW hall for lunch.

Thank you Chapter C2 for this great ride and all the work it took.

September 11, was our meeting Sunday, after which we rode to Chapter K2's anniversary party. There we had a great Sunday dinner with our friends after a moment of silence in memory of 9/11. Harry and Marcia, Rex and Sheila, and Howard rode with us to this event. We had a great time visiting with our friends in K2.

On Friday, September 16, Howard, Rex and Sheila, and we met for a ride to the RegionD Rally in Coldwater, MI. The temperature started at 41 degrees in Grand Rapids, and it didn't seem to get much warmer all day. It was about a two and a half hour drive to our destination. There we saw Farmer and Terri, our ADD's. We walked around and had lunch and homemade ice cream. We visited the vendors, made a few purchases, and talked with people from other chapters. When we finally got home, it took me several hours to get warm again!

Saturday, September 17, was the JDRF walk-a-thon. Harry and Marcia and we rode our bikes to the park in front of the Ford Museum. We had to ride down the sidewalk to get to park next to the bandstand, because people were assembling their artwork for ArtPrize. We would like to have had more of our members join us to show our support. We even had a chance to talk with Andy Rent, who made announcements for the program. We also had a chance to talk with Kathy and Julie from JDRF.

We hope that by talking about these events, that we can inspire you to come join us for future rides, parties, and events. We hope that you share rides you have made, and make suggestions for future rides, or events that you would like to add to our calendar.

Ezra and Marilyn Bostic

Rider Ed thoughts from Harry Emmert

RIDER ED 'GIMME 5'

Stay Awake, Stay Alert, Stay Alive...Rider fatigue can be deadly. One aggravating factor is alcohol. Alcohol is a depressant, and even one drink can be enough to produce a drowsy rider. Other culprits include today's Gold Wings themselves. They are smoother, quieter, and more comfortable. Cruise control is a wonderful feature but can contribute to falling asleep while riding.

The National Safety Council recommends the following tips for staying awake – and staying safe – when you are riding.

..... GOLDEN RULE: Listen to your Co-Rider who may well know what's going on better than you. Co-Rider, watch for the warning signs for fatigue and tell the rider YOU need a break. Once stopped, visit about your observations. If you still find yourself getting drowsy riding, pull over into a rest stop or just stop for the night at the next motel. Avoid overeating; have light meals and snacks. Don't drink any alcohol. Take frequent breaks. In the daytime wear sunglasses to fight glare and help prevent eye fatigue. Watch ergonomic factors. Ride with your head and eyes up along with a good riding posture. Use the cruise control sparingly. Use the audio on your radio to help keep you awake and alert. Try to avoid riding long distances at night. If possible, do not ride alone. Get enough rest. This may seem obvious, but if you have not had a restful sleep, you are inviting rider fatigue.

Remember, safe riding is important and demands your full attention...stay awake, stay alert, and stay alive. It can happen any time, but it is most frequent on long rides after dark. Along with feeling drowsy, other signs of rider fatigue are back tension, burning eyes, shallow breathing, inattentiveness, and erratic riding.

All Times.

Please consider the Levels program.

Enrolling in the levels 1, 2, or 3 programs do not cost any money to participate in, however, the patches and the classes, if you want them, do.

Level 4 does require a fee and cost for a set of patches.

Contact me and I will enroll, update, or counsel you on the Levels program.

(616)-363-2159 or emmert.sr@comcast.net

Check with me on the Safe Miles Program and the High Mileage Program. Safe Miles are those miles ridden safely since joining GWRRA.

They are recognized in 5,000 mile increments. High Miles are those total miles ridden. They are 50,000 mile increments. You do not have to be in the Rider Ed Levels Program to record High Miles. You may purchase the patches and pins to show your efforts to ride safe.

Level 1 - Be a current GWRRA member, and strive to learn to ride safely and a commitment to ride safely.

Level 2 - Be a current GWRRA Member, be a Level 1 and have ridden 5,000 safe miles, have a current license with cycle endorsement, and take a rider course.

Level 3 - Be a current GWRRA Member, a Level 2, take a rider course, take a First Aid and CPR class, and carry a First Aid Kit.

Level 4 - Be a current GWRRA Member, be a level 3 for one year, ride 25,000 safe Miles, have current First Aid and CPR Certification, Wear Proper Riding Gear At All Times.

ATGATT- "All The Gear All The Time"

As a member progresses through the program they gain valuable knowledge helping to reduce their risk and have more FUN in their motorcycling adventures. "To Save Lives through Quality, World Class Education".Levels Program.

MIDNIGHT RIDE T-SHIRT DESIGN CONTEST



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 13, 2011.** Send your entry to:

Ezra/Marilynn Bostic

1492 Kinney NW

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bosticez1@sbcglobal.net

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, and the "appropriate year" 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.



**October 9, 2011
Color Ride to Boone's Long Lake Inn**

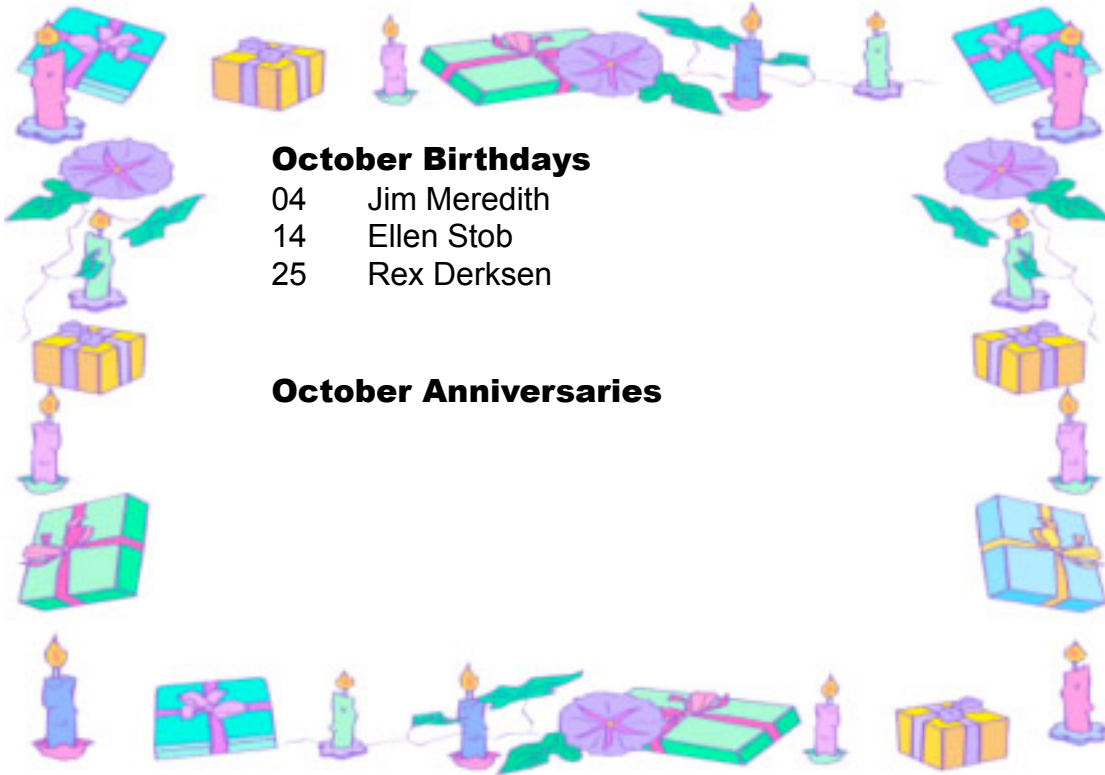
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Must be made!!**

**Call Don & Cyndi Reed at 231-796-3716
by October 6th.**



**Grand Rapids area riders, breakfast at
Susie's at 8:30, leave there at 9:30am.**

**Susie's
1120 Knapp NE
Grand Rapids, MI**



October Birthdays

04 Jim Meredith
14 Ellen Stob
25 Rex Derksen

October Anniversaries

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Please remember to let him know when you would like to have the ad removed, especially if the item has been sold. Thank you.

For Sale

My 1983 1100 Aspencade needs a new home. I ride this bike to work in the summer to save gas. 40 mpg. Good mechanical shape, Has Stereo, CB, all electronic items work as they should. See photos and send an e-mail if you're interested. Modular helmet with J&M electronics included. \$3500. I'm moving and don't have room for this bike at the new home. For Pictures, see Sept. Newsletter.

Thanks. Len Snyder

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