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Breakfast 8:30, Gathering 9:00 am

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.

August 2011

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
	1	2	3	4	5	6 Chapt N Pizza in the Park
7	8	9	10	11	12	13
14 Chapter Gathering	15	16	17	18	19 Midnight Ride	20 Midnight Ride
21	22	23	24	25	26	27
28 Chapt R2 Riverdale Tavern Fish Ride	29	30	31	1	2	3 Labor Day Weekend

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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

Kirby and Sandy White were selected at the Region D Rally



Chapter G Website

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



GWRRR National Website

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



Region D Website

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



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Chapter G Ride Information

Rides will be Weather Permitting

We will take a ride after the Gatherings starting in June.
Group rides and or activities from other Chapters can be posted here.

August Ride/Activity Schedule

For complete links to State Chapter Activities, go to:

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

Planned Ride Information

- August 6 [Chapter N Pizza in the Park : see page 7 for info](#) Meet at Meijers Gas on Alpine & 7 mile at
11:00am
- August 14 Chapter gathering: breakfast 8:30, meeting 9:00am. Make final plans for Midnight Ride
- August 19 Midnight Ride leaves Meijers in Rockford at 11:59:59 pm
- August 28 [Chapt R2 Riverdale Tavern Fish Ride](#) Meet at Meijer's Gas Knapps Corner at 10:00am

25th Annual Midnight Ride (August 19, 2011)

Do you want to help?

1. **Lead Group Riders** - This group rides ahead of the main group to make sure lanes are safe and any hazards are removed, and also helps, if needed, to get the main group thru intersections.
2. **Tailgunners** - Tailgunners follow the ride to assist other riders with broken down bikes or accidents. We have first responders among the group to handle medical emergencies and a tow truck to pick up bikes. You would just need to stay to coordinate all efforts.
3. **Rockford Parking Lot** - We need about 5 people to line up bikes for the ride. You would need to be there by 8 pm to start lining bikes up. When we all leave, pick up cones and put in vehicle that is left behind for pick up on the way back on Sunday. Then if you want, join the ride in Alma.

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CD's Corner
Randy and Fay Vieu
Chapter G Directors



Wednesday, July 27, 2011

Hi all If you haven't heard yet, I was in a slight accident yesterday afternoon. A car pull out in front of me and I almost avoided it. Key word is almost, I did hit the right rear bumper and managed to keep the bike up. Went to the hospital and have a fractured knee and a bone chip on the ankle. Hope to see a Orthopedic surgeon today. I will keep you posted... Randy.

Chapter Directors
Randy & Fay Vieu

25 Years ago, members of Chapter G decided it was too hot to ride during the day. They decided it would be better and cooler to ride at night. They picked the Mackinac Bridge as their destination. Along the way friends joined them and the 17 bikes they started with turned into 57 bikes by the time they got to Mackinaw. Those of us who have ridden all or most of the rides remember snow, sleet, rain, dense fog, almost freezing cold, warm cloud free bright star nights.

According to unconfirmed sources, this year's ride will have the best weather for the ride. No adverse conditions (hopefully) will hamper the 25th ride for JDRF. Please join us on this anniversary ride. Our goal is to raise \$25,000 for JDRF!

Editor

Len & Jan's Amazing Adventure

As some of you know we had a flat tire on the way to Wing Ding 33. We have sent in a short story to Wing World about the fantastic customer service we received at Ohio Cycleworx in Lima, Ohio and it follows this short story.

This is story so to speak.

There's not really much to tell about fixing a tire if you've done it before. You pull out whatever is in there and put in a plug then air the tire up. In our case, the weather was warm, 98 degrees and sunny and I was lying on very hot asphalt to work on the tire. This was not fun.

The air compressor that had been in my side bag for several years had a broken electrical wire when we took it out of the container. So, I had to fix the compressor before I could use it. Luckily, I had a gas soldering iron with me for use on my radio equipment and I used that to make the repair.

Once the compressor was finally working, the air valve that is supposed to hook onto the tires valve stem wouldn't fit properly so no air would go into the tire. Jim rode to a nearby store and bought a (NICE) compressor that worked properly and we used it to blow up the tire. (Note to self: buy new compressor.)

We continued at a very reduced speed but the vibration got progressively worse. When we stopped at the next gas station and inspected the tire again, we found that the tire's belt was actually sticking through the rubber tread in spots. This is the point where we decided that towing was our only option.

It certainly sounds bad to put this down on paper but each time we looked at this tire we did a careful inspection for anything out of the ordinary. There were no bubbles that I could find, there were no nails, glass, screws or wire that I could see. I was actually rubbing my hand over the face of the tire tread in case there was something that was sharp so I might feel it when I couldn't see it. The moral of this story: make sure your stuff works well *prior* to needing it. A good checkup yearly is suggested.

Anyway, below is the article that I sent in to Wing World.

My wife Jan and I and our friends Jim and Julie Meredith left Michigan on our 1800's on Saturday July 2, headed for Wing Ding 33. We started around noon and wandered along M-50 and U.S. 127 heading south at a leisurely pace. Following an afternoon break my bike started to handle poorly so we pulled into a small strip mall to check it out.

An inspection of the rear tire showed that it had picked up a small screw. I removed the screw, put in a plug and after airing the tire up we drove the remaining 40 miles to our motel in Celina, Ohio.

The next morning after reinspecting the tire and finding no change we again headed for Tennessee. About a half hour into the ride the vibration worsened so we pulled over and another check found that the tire was now seriously damaged.

With the tire no longer safe to drive on and with it being the Fourth of July weekend we knew we had a problem. We contacted a tow truck and the motorcycle and its trailer were taken to the nearest Honda dealer, [Ohio CycleworX in Lima, Ohio](#).

When we got to **Ohio CycleworX**, the owner "Mike Swartz" had just arrived on site to feed his guard dogs. Once he found out about our predicament Mike made a couple calls to his manager "Tim Allison" and one of his mechanics "Jamie Ealy". Believe it or not, Mike and Jamie came down on a Sunday morning on the Fourth of July weekend and set us up with a new tire and rim from a 2011 that they had just triked.

We could hardly believe our luck in finding someone to actually do the work for us on a Sunday and I just can't stress enough the wonderful service provided by Mike, Tim and Jamie who certainly went above and beyond normal service standards to get us back on the road again and on our way.

Thanks guys.

Lynne and Jan Snyder GWRRA Member #117153



Chapter MI-N

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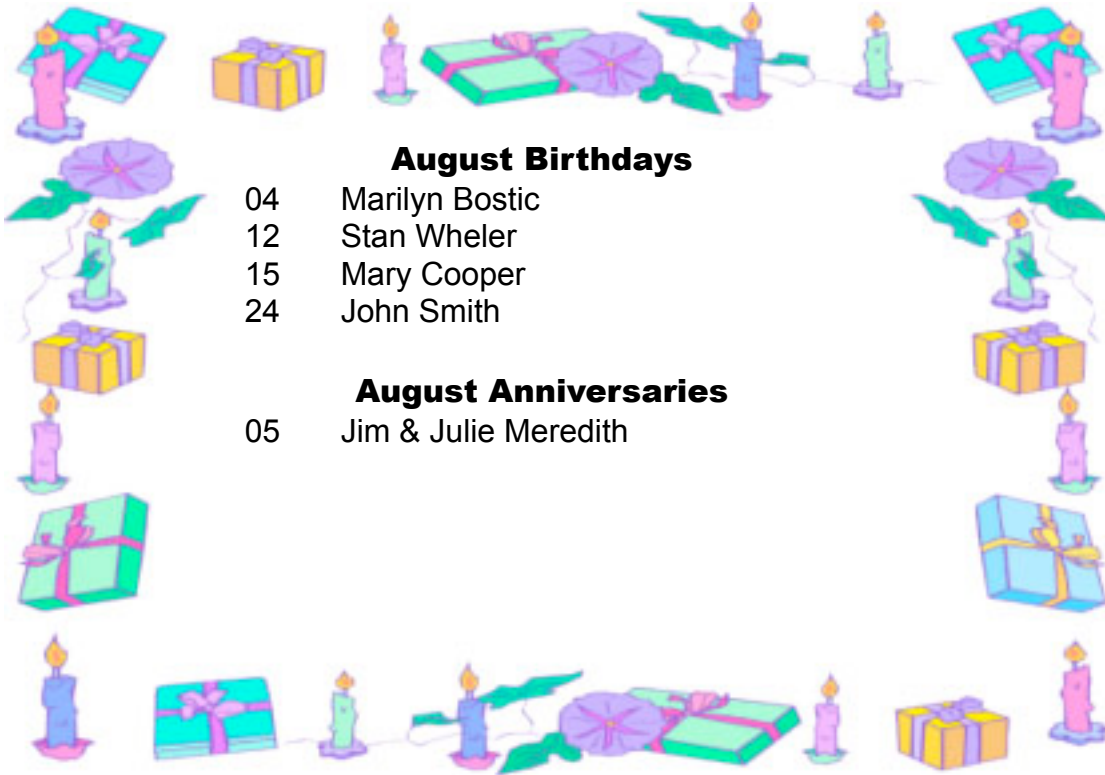
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- 12 Stan Wheler
- 15 Mary Cooper
- 24 John Smith

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