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*******NEW MEETING PLACE*******
Cheshire Grill (Former 'That Place')
2162 Plainfield NW
Grand Rapids, MI 49595
Sunday February 12, 2011
9:00am Breakfast 9:30am Gathering



For more information, or to be added to our phone tree, please contact one of our Chapter Staff.
See page 11 for contact information. We hope to see you out there.....Ride Safely.

February 2012

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

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Chapter G Information

Rides will be Weather Permitting

PLEASE NOTE:



OUR BREAKFAST PLACE HAS CHANGED AGAIN!!!



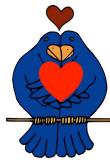
February 3-5: Wingless Weekend in Lansing at the Lexington Hotel. "Viva Las Vegas" is the theme. Come for the weekend and meet family from the other chapters. Contests, classes, food, fun, and lots of family and friends who love to ride and also miss riding during this time of year!!! Come and join the fun.

February 7: MI-G Officers' Meeting
Time: 2:00 pm
Place: Harry & Marcia Emmert's
482 Hubbard NE
Grand Rapids MI 49525

February 12: MI-G Monthly Gathering
Time/Place: 9:00 am **Cheshire Grill**
(formerly "That Place on Plainfield")

February 14:

HAPPY VALENTINE'S DAY



February 18: Matinee and Dinner
Movie Time/Place: 2:00pm Star Theater on Alpine
Dinner Time/Place: 4:30pm Steak & Shake on Alpine

February 19: Breakfast **Cheshire Grill**
Time: 9:00am **Cheshire Grill**
(formerly "That Place on Plainfield")

February 25: Breakfast/brunch at the **Bostic's**:
Time: 10:00am
Place: 1492 Kinney NW
Walker, MI 49534

Ezra said that if he wants great tasting biscuits and gravy, that he would have to make them himself. So that is what he is going to do and plans to share them with you!!! Marilyn and Marcia thought it would be a great idea to have some eggs to go with. Remember the omelette in a bag? So, here's the deal. We will put eggs in a baggie and you add the condiments you prefer!!! At our gathering, just sign up to bring a condiment, such as, onions, ham, peppers, mushrooms, etc. We did this a few years ago and we thought it was a lot of fun to create your own omelette.

February 26: Breakfast **Cheshire Grill**
Time: 9:00am **Cheshire Grill**
(formerly "That Place on Plainfield")



Happy Valentine's Day

While January's about over. We have done some riding in January. We had a fun ride. We took a ride around Gun Lake. We also had our New Year's eve party. Now we've got to think about February. In February, we are going to the movies at 2 o'clock . We will then go to Steak and Shake for lunch at 4:30pm. We will also be having a breakfast. Read the newsletter and you'll find out where breakfast is. We will hopefully be able to ride in February. We will also have T-shirts and sweatshirts for sale. We will also have Rainbow tickets for sale. Hopefully everybody will participate in selling Rainbow tickets. When you sell the tickets to individuals, let them know that it is for a good cause. Hopefully I will be seeing you at the next meeting, so we can start discussing what we want to do when riding season starts.

If you need information regarding the Goldwing recall: <http://powersports.honda.com/news/09...-gl1800-a.aspx>

So, for now, this is all I have to say.
Your CD,
Ezra

Well, here we go again, changing things. We haven't had a great breakfast at the place on Remembrance Road. We have been looking for something better. Recently, we found out that the former "That Place on Plainfield" now called "Cheshire Grill" opened their doors on January 22. That gave us the incentive to give it a try. After inviting a few people to join us, Harry and Marcia, and Ezra and I met there for breakfast this morning, January 23, discovering that it was their Open House!!!

We each ordered a different selection. Marcia tried their pancakes and asked for sugar free syrup, which was no problem. Comment: very good, light and fluffy!!! Harry ordered biscuits and gravy. He found them to be too spicy for him and traded with Ezra. You know, Ezra loves biscuits and gravy and likes it spicy!! He even added more black pepper!! Ezra ordered french toast and gave that to Harry. I had the vegetarian omelet, without mushrooms and no salt, of course. I really liked it. We sampled each others selection, and decided that everything we ordered was great. They also served "bishop's bread before our breakfast came. That was a nice plus. We joked saying that we felt like The GR Press's "Pete and Tutty" sampling food at a local restaurant. We gave eight thumbs up!

Last Saturday Harry and Marcia hosted our Chili Cook-off. For those of you who missed this, we had a great time. (But, we did missed you). Sherry made white chili, Mary brought "Cincinnati" chili, Marcia made her chili, and Ezra made his version of chili. We printed ballots for everyone to vote for their favorite. Sherry won first place and Mary won second place. There were several other dishes and desserts on which to graze.

We hope to see more of you as the February calendar unfolds. We hope that you come to our gathering at Cheshire Grill and to the matinee and a movie, and don't miss out on Ezra's biscuits and gravy on February 25!!!

How many hearts are in this newsletter? Some are big, some are small. Count them all and tell the total at our February Gathering. You may win a prize.

Marilynn

RIDER ED

TOPIC: THE INVISIBLE MOTORCYCLIST

"I never saw him. He came out of nowhere!" That's probably the most common statements heard at a collision between an automobile and a motorcyclist. They're usually made by the operator of the auto because the motorcyclist is unconscious (or worse).

As riders we wonder, "How can *they* NOT see us? Are *they* just not looking?"

A lack of attention on the part of the driver does explain some of the car/bike collisions; the distracted driver, cell 'phones, unruly children, etc. All these can contribute **BUT** some responsibility belongs to the motorcyclist as well.

I know. I know. That's heresy. Let me explain.



- Motorcycles make up about 3% of the "normal" traffic flow.
- People "see" what they expect to see; things like cars and trucks

Unless the rider does something to visually stand out, he can be easily overlooked.

- Motorcycles **ARE** much harder to see than cars/trucks because of their smaller size. A motorcycle can easily be "lost" in the background even with the headlight on.
- Many motorcycles are colors that lend themselves to blending into the environment. Particularly dark colored machines (black is the color of pavement after all).

Many motorcyclist wear dark colored helmets (or no helmet at all, but we won't discuss those here) AND dark colored clothing. A number of studies in the US and abroad have shown that a light colored (white, silver, yellow) helmet is more noticeable (during daylight hours) than a dark colored (black, dark red, dark blue) helmet. Why? The driver sees this bright colored "orb" floating above the traffic (most riders heads are higher than the hoods/windshields of cars). It's DIFFERENT.

Lastly (and sadly), most motorcyclists are not skilled in emergency maneuvers. Over 13% of the motorcyclists involved in fatal crashes made NO effort to avoid the collision. They didn't brake, they didn't swerve, they just rode right into the collision. That's because, after they've gotten their license, they don't practice those kinds of maneuvers regularly (or ever). Motorcycling is a SKILL. It takes practice.

So how can you NOT be the Invisible Motorcyclist?

- Position your bike so it can be seen and identified in the traffic stream.
- Wear bright colors
- Consider getting a brightly colored bike
- PRACTICE your emergency maneuvers

Or you could take the advice I got once from a very experienced rider. He told me not to "ride like I was invisible." He told me to ride like they can see me and are actively planning to do something to take me out."

GWRRRA MI-G's Anniversary Party



Games



**Capt.
Teddy
Midnight**



PLACE: BOAT & CANOE CLUB
AMERICAN LEGION HALL
401 NORTH PARK NE
GRAND RAPIDS MI 49525

TIME: 5:00 - 6:00 pm Social Hour
6:00 - 7:00 pm Dinner
7:00 - ???



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MI-G's Chili Cook-Off at hosts: Harry & Marcia Emmert on January 21, 2012. Tasters were Farmer & Terri Rodgers (ADD), Mike & Joyce Zagumny, Steve & Mary Cooper, Pete & Sherry Wright, Harry & Marcia Emmert, Len and Jan Snyder and Ezra & Marilyn Bostic.

Marcia, Sherry, Mary, and Ezra brought their favorite recipe for chili to enter our contest. The chapter had voted, and the last photo shows the first and second place winners. Sherry won first place with her white chili. Her prize was a 10 dollar gift card for MarnEWalker's restaurant. Mary won second place with her recipe for the famous "Cincinnati" Chili. Of course, there were other dishes and desserts. Congratulations to Sherry and Mary!!! Thank you all for coming to our chili cook-off! We had a great time.



Chapter G's January Ride

Some people go south for the winter, some people hibernate, and some people just like to ride. For those folks who like to ride, January 5 was one of those days. Howard sent the call out. Steve, Don, Ezra, Marilyn joined a cool ride.

Down Byron Center Road to Hopkins. east and south to Shelbyville, and east to Gun Lake. A thin cover of ice was starting to form in the shallows of the lake prevented any ice fishermen from enjoying their pastime. After a short break, we headed south through Orangeville, to Graham Road, to Pine Lake Road. Country roads this time of the year are empty, leaving us to travel slowly, (avoiding some slushy spots) and enjoying beautiful ponds and scenery. We ended at Gull Lake for a break. It's nice of them to have the restrooms open all year.

Back on the road north through Delton, Cloverdale, and more small communities. Chief Noonday Road took us west to the north of Gun Lake, and Bradley where we caught the highway and home. A very good January ride of more than 140 miles. Of course Don had to go all the way to Big Rapids.

Now it's waiting for clean and dry roads...

So, who's going to ride each month this year of 2012?



We have the following 25th anniversary Midnight Ride t-shirts available for sale at \$20.00 each, which includes shipping and handling:

Small: 17
Medium: 46
Large: 98
X-Large 25



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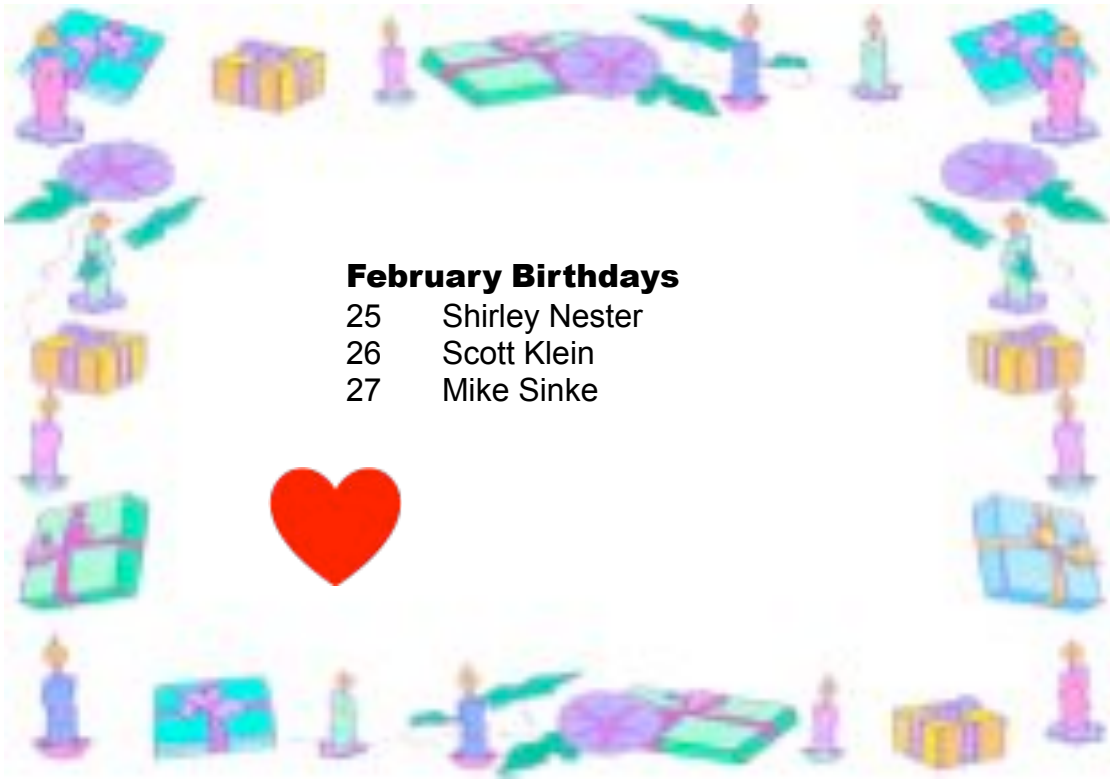
To place your order please email Ezra Bostic at bosticez1@sbcglobal.net or call 616-791-4587.

Do you have any Midnight Ride t-shirts or sweatshirts in your closet? We're looking for pictures of the designs. If you have any, please email them to me. We're looking for the oldest shirt designs still out there. (There might be a prize out there for you...)

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Here is the 2012 sweatshirt.





February Birthdays

25 Shirley Nester
26 Scott Klein
27 Mike Sinke

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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.

ALSO

I have the following items for sale to a good home.

They are in the original boxes and have obviously never been used. If I remember properly the cost was around 150 bucks.

I would accept best offer so I don't have to move them when we move to TN.

A-34542 manual tire changer and accessory motorcycle tire changer attachment.

Thanks.

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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



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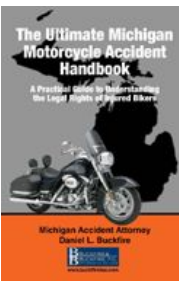
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