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**GOLD WING ROAD RIDERS ASSOCIATION
MICHIGAN*REGION D*CHAPTER MI-G***MIDNIGHT RIDERS**

Change of MEETING PLACE, DAY, and TIME.

**PLACE: Pilar's Café 2162 Plainfield Ave NW Grand Rapids MI 49505
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Breakfast & Gathering at 8:00 am

Look for the SUGGESTION BOX at our gatherings. Tell us what you would change, keep the same, and 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 2009

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
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Dick and Ginny Beardsley
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2009



Dick and Ginny were selected as the District Couple of the Year at Wingless Weekend 09.

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Stop by our website or the District or National websites to see what's new.

Jim & Julie Meredith
Chapter Mi-G's COY 2009



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Brad and Connie Garner
Region D Couple of the Year 2008-2009



Brad and Connie Garner were selected as the 2008-2009 Region D Couple of the Year at the Region D Rally.

Summer Schedule

**ALL RIDES ARE WEATHER PERMITTING!! Sprinkle's ok.
We will leave promptly at the time stated for each event.**

Chapter Gatherings Changed to Saturday Morning's for the Summer.

- July**
- 11** **Chapter G Gathering and Ride to Rocky's in Lansing – Pilar's Café**
2162 Plainfield Ave NW Breakfast and Gathering at 8:00am. Ride immediately after.
- 15** **Chapter O Dinner Ride.** Let's mingle with another Chapter and join them for their weekly dinner ride. Leave from Allendale High School at 10829 68th St in Allendale
At 6:30 pm
- 18** **Chapter G Family Fun Day-** We ask everyone to invite their whole family
To join us for a day of Picnicing, boating, tubing, fishing if you like, and games.
The Chapter member will rides our bike and meet our families at a park on a lake to be
announced. Please bring a dish to pass. The Chapter will supply hotdogs and hamburgers.
Please RSVP to f.vieu@att.net with you family count so we know how many will be
coming.
- 25** **Scatter Ride and Ice Cream Ride to Sylvester's** - Meet at the Mobile Station at
14 Mile and Northland Drive
- 30** **Distric Rally in Westbranch** – Let's show some Chapter Pride and try to have
a lot of Chapter members come.
- August**
- 15** **Pre-Ride for the Midnight Ride**
Chapter N's Pizza in the Park – For those of you who do not go on the Pre-Ride to
attend
- 18** **Ice Cream Ride to Sherman's**
- 21** **Midnight Ride!!**

CD's Corner

It's July already, and it seems like we have hardly been on the bike. It seems that most of our rides have been rained out. Then, we go from chilly temps to down right hot weather. I guess that's why we live in Michigan. It still is one of the most beautiful states that I have been in, and I have been in most of them. The 23rd Midnight ride is only six weeks away and we still have a couple of boxes of flyers that need to be scattered about. Everything seems to be ready for the ride. All the parking lots are handled, the casino and St Ignace is ready for us. All we need is everyone to be ready for the ride and the support that each member brings to the ride. Right now we have three families' that will be taking a turn at each of the stops where we sell the shirts. They will be bringing the kids with them so that our riders can actually see how they are helping. Frenchie's granddaughter will be at the Casino waiting for us to arrive Saturday morning. We need everyone to start thinking about the positions that they want to help with. We are going to need the lead group, main group, tail gunners, and help selling the tee-shirts once we are in St Ignace. The tail gunners are full, but we need help with the lead group and selling the T-Shirts Friday evening and Saturday for 2 hour intervals starting at 8am until 5pm. The afternoon selling is light, so we only need 2 people at a time. The morning is the busiest time when the main group arrives. and we will need at least 4 people at the table. There is a sign up list and if you have not signed up, please do so. The more everyone helps the less we all have to do. We need the people that go up early to help the most so that the people that do the ride can get a little rest. We do expect them to help in the afternoon to. Remember Saturday night is the light parade and fireworks after the parade. The city of St Ignace will plan the route for the parade and also set up with the city police and state police to help us. Hopefully the weather will start to be in our favor so that we can start riding.

The ride to the "Grill House" was windy, but we couldn't have asked for nicer weather. The food was good, and the restaurant was very interesting. If you did not join us, this is a place you should try at least once. You might get to see "Jack" the resident Ghost. We only got to see pictures of him. A couple of us went for a lakeshore ride after and ice cream. It was a great day.

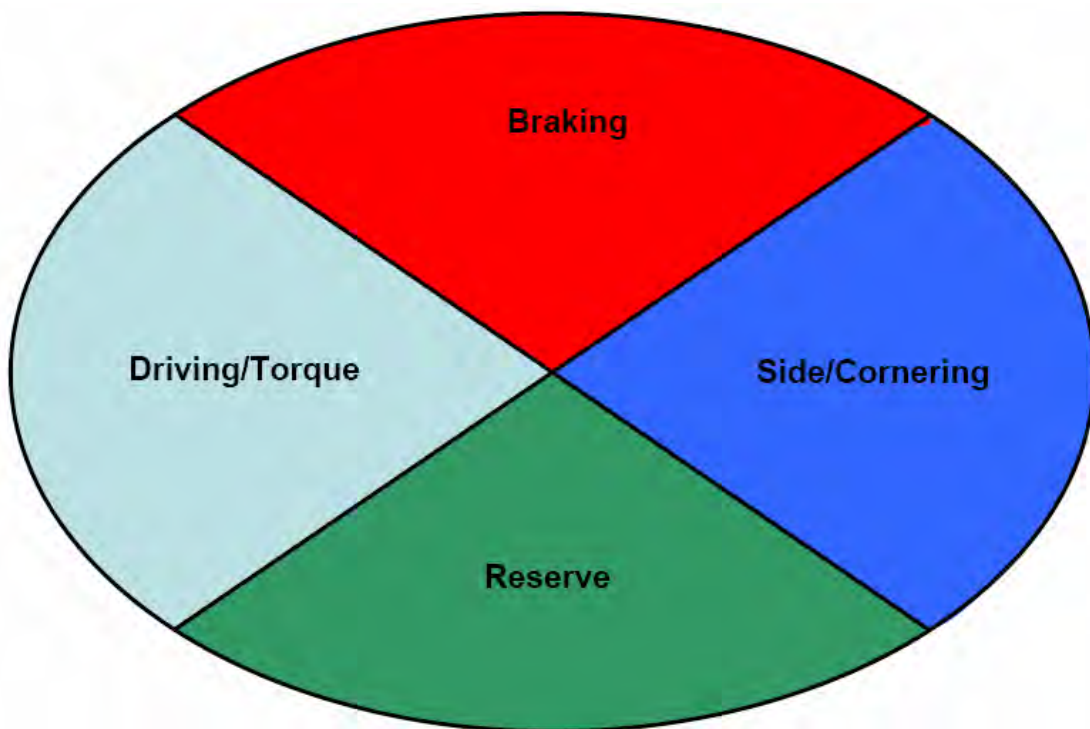
Randy & Fay Vieu

CHAPTER "G" DIRECTORS - Fay & Randy Vieu

RIDER ED

MONTHLY TOPIC: Let's talk about traction!

If any of you may still be unaware, your intrepid District Educator, Randy Westcott, had an accident on May 22 and spent Memorial Day weekend in the hospital with a broken scapula and 5 broken ribs. Let me take a moment here to offer my sincere thanks for all the good wishes and prayers that I have received from all my friends and family in GWRRA. The good news is that I had all the protective gear on which helped to minimize my injuries. The wing fared better than I and is in the shop for relatively minor repairs. What happened? I was performing straight line braking in heavy traffic and, unfortunately, hit a slippery substance on the road which immediately consumed all my reserve traction. The tires shot out from under me (following the crown of the road) and I hit the pavement. We discuss traction in our Rider Courses every year. Traction is the force of friction or the amount of varying grip that the motorcycle tires have on the road surface. In layman's terms, it is "where the rubber meets the road." For a two wheeler, each tire has a traction patch about the size of your fist pressed on a flat surface. That's not much rubber meeting the road even in the best of conditions. Traction can be reduced by tire condition and temperature, improper inflation, your suspension, ROAD CONDITION (wet, oily, debris), and by what you are asking your bike to do, turning, braking, etc. The goal of traction management is to have sufficient traction to successfully complete any maneuver required during your ride. We use the traction chart to try to visualize how the forces acting on the motorcycle use up the available traction.



As depicted in the traction chart, the total available traction in the oval or "pie" is split between the braking force, the side or cornering force, the driving force (also called torque or acceleration), and a reserve. If we use the pie analogy, as any one of the forces increases the size of their "slice," the others must decrease the size of their "slice." In the picture above, each of these forces is given an equal share of the available traction. But in actual riding, each of the forces is constantly adjusting the size of their slice based on the conditions of the moment. As long as there is still a reserve "slice," we maintain traction. If, at any time, one of the 3 forces, or a combination of them, eat up all the pie and there is no reserve remaining, there is NO remaining grip on the road surface. Any time you have NO TRACTION, you have NO CONTROL. We encourage everyone to take advantage of the rider training courses offered through GWRRA. We believe everyone can benefit from them. I hope we see you on the range, soon. Planning Reminders: 1. There are still openings in the Advanced Rider Course and Trike Rider Course classes at Stockbridge, Sault Ste. Marie, and Grayling. The registration form is available here: http://www.gwrra-mi.org/RiderEdForms/2009_Rider_Course_Registration.doc
2. Co-Rider, Team Riding, Road Captain, and other seminars are available for presentation at your chapter. Invite neighboring chapters and share the knowledge opportunity. Seminar request form is available here: <http://www.gwrra-mi.org/RiderEdForms/REQUEST%20SEMINAR%20FORM.doc>

Wawa Ride

The Wawa, Ontario ride was a great adventure. Jim, Julie, Len and I took off on Friday morning and headed for Sault Saint Marie, Ontario. We spent the night in town and had Italian at Sandro's for dinner. The weather cooperated. Although chilly in the morning, it was sunny and mid 60's by the time we reached the Soo. They let us into Canada, would they let us out?

The Chapter-H ride left the Soo on Saturday morning from HoJo's parking lot. They split the group into 4 teams and spaced the teams a few minutes apart. Each group had 7 to 10 bikes.

The scenery was wonderful. Lakes, trees and not very many people. Oh, I almost forgot to mention the bear that ran across in front of our group. There were a couple of pit stops, and then we made a lunch stop where they served ham and cheese sandwiches as well as home made desert. Good stuff. The afternoon consisted of even more beautiful countryside and, of course, an ice cream stop.

The four of us stayed at a wonderful little place called the Best Northern. We had a two bedroom cottage which included a small kitchen, living room, and the best part is the view from the deck. It is one of the most charming places we have stayed in a long time. It's owned and operated by a middle age couple from the 'old country'. The restaurant is really quite elegant and they serve authentic polish food, yum. The motel/cottage area includes a large 'common' deck with grills provided if you want to cook your own food. This is definitely on our list of places to go again.

On Sunday the four of us had breakfast at the same restaurant, and then we took off to return to Michigan along the lakeshore. The Superior Lakeshore drive is not to be missed. There was fog over the water in a couple of places which gave it a surreal look. A moose or two plus a wolf were viewed on this leg of the trip. Way cool!

After a couple of questions, they allowed us back into the USA. We traveled as far as Cross Village (at the bottom of the Tunnel of Trees). Legg's Inn has cottages for rent so we spent the night. Once again we had a two bedroom cottage with a view of Lake Michigan. The back yard faces west so we had a good view of the sunset. This is the first time we have been to Legg's Inn (it's usually closed when we pass it on Sunday morning after the Midnight Ride). This is also authentic polish food, so kraut, perogies, sausage and more. The decor is very interesting. Lots of wood with some painted to resemble other creatures. Also, there were a collection of mounted animals including bears. The gardens in back of the restaurant are gorgeous.

On Monday we returned home via Old 131. When we reached home it was close to 80 degrees. We covered all temperature ranges, a couple of ethnic food sources and great vistas. Nature cooperated, the border guards cooperated, it was all good. If you can, Go.



GWRRA Chapter "G" **Veteran's Donation Account**

**Account Started
on 10/12/08**

**Took Donations at monthly meeting----\$78.00 to Start
Spent above amount and \$52.14 donated from Ken & Ann Byxbe(see list of purchases) on 10/13/08.**

**Started New Collection----8-March 2009----\$22.00
Collection from 11-April-2009-----\$12.00=\$34.00
Collection from 10-May-2009-----\$15.00=\$49.00
Collection from 13-June-2009-----\$28.00=\$77.00
Made items purchase 22-June-2009-----\$59.36=\$17.64 remaining after purchase**

Respectfully,

Ken & Ann Byxbe
Chapter G-Veteran's Representatives

The chapter has collected \$77.00 dollars since we started the collection for the home. Ken & Ann went out this week and spent \$59.36 on numerous items. They bought stationary items, men's and women's cologne, underwear, decks of cards, tooth brush's and tooth paste. They are also settling up a time in October to buy more items and deliver the ride shirts that were not sold from the previous year. They have also asked that you bring items to the meeting instead of a cash donation. We are going to print out a list of these items for each member, so when they go shopping, they might be able to pick up some of these. We would also like to thank Ken and Ann Byxbe for doing all of this and for going shopping for our veterans.

HURRAH FOR THE MIDNIGHT RIDE !

Cheer for the Midnight Ride
Glory for the folks who ride
Hurrah for the fun we'll share
And we will all be there!

Randy and Fay will lead the Midnight Ride
Jim and Julie will be there by their side
We will follow them the whole night through
As we all ride along.

Stan and Harry have warned the local cops.
They will help us off and on at all the stops.

Len has taught us all to follow the rules
Safety first and don't be fools!

Bikers from the USA will join us in our ride.
Other Chapters help us too, JDRF besides.

Shirts and pins and teddy bears we gladly will supply
As we go riding on.

Last we have the tail-gunners, making sure we're safe.

Ezra and Marilyn's team bring up the rear with faith.

We will see the Mighty Mac when morning sun comes up

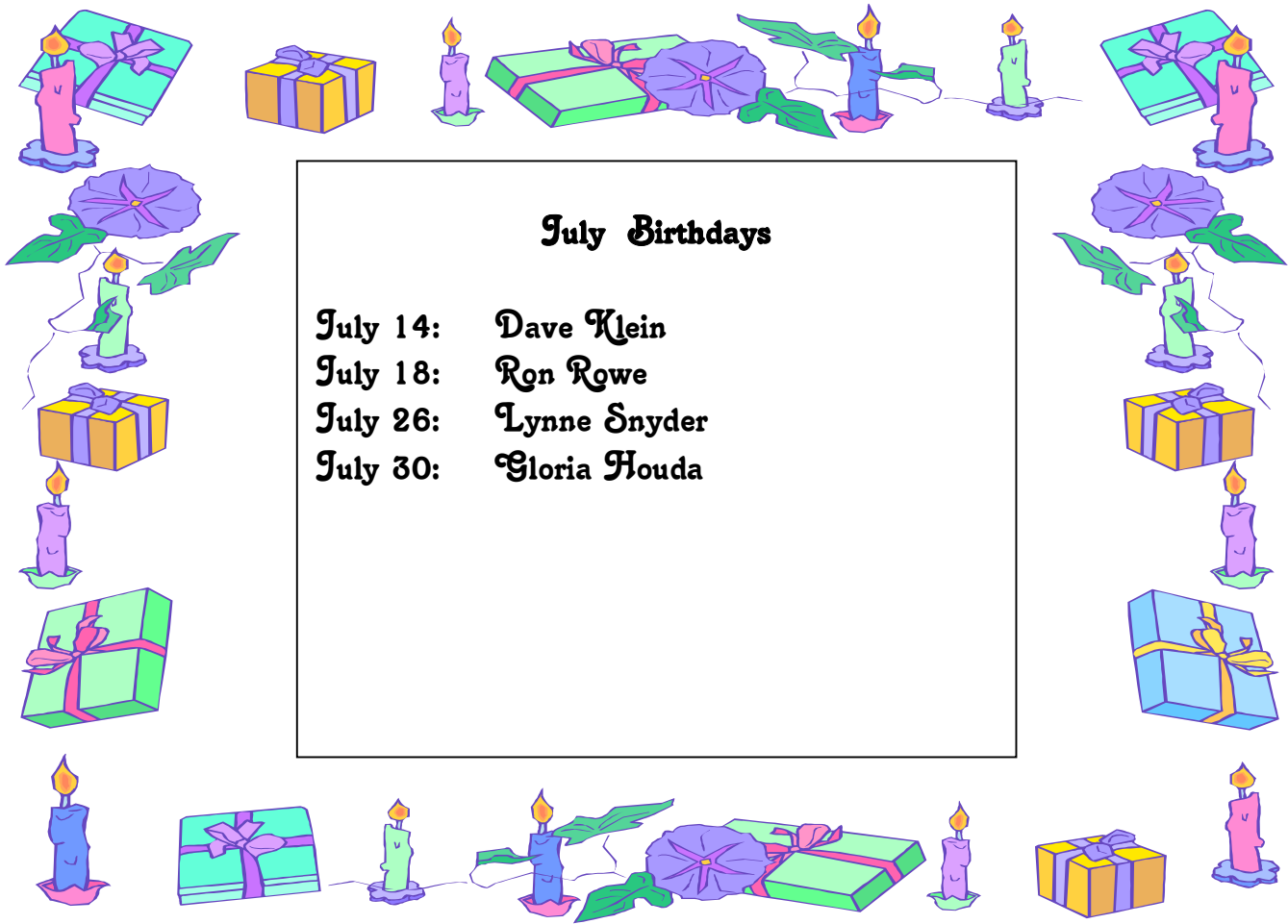
And we'll all want to shout!

We've been riding on the Midnight Ride all the live long night.

We've been riding on the Midnight Ride, just to have some fun, all right!

Can't you hear the bikes a roaring? Ride on early in the morn.

Wave to friends along the highway; **Bikers, blow your horns!**



July Birthdays

- July 14:** Dave Klein
- July 18:** Ron Rowe
- July 26:** Lynne Snyder
- July 30:** Gloria Houda

For Sale:

For Sale: **Cycle Mate Light Bar**



Asking: \$150.00 or best offer.

Phone: **616-677-3463 ask** for Ken H.

One pair of Iso-Wing Mini Floorboards for Goldwing. Very good condition. \$60 for pair. Contact Larry at 616-527-0699.

One Ultra-Guard red and silver on bottom Goldwing body cover for 1800cc. Used only once and in great condition. Has grommets and hooks with elastic bottom. \$45. Contact Larry at 616-527-0699.

If you have something to sell, please contact our newsletter editor for information. The email address is:

bosticez1@sbcglobal.net

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

Future Rides & Ride Suggestions:

Please email any rides or activity ideas to Scott Klein at Jklein@iserv.net

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