



**MEETING PLACE, DAY, and TIME
THAT PLACE**

**2162 Plainfield NW
Grand Rapids, MI 49595**

Breakfast 8:30 am, Gathering 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.

JANUARY 2011


Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
						1 Christmas Party canceled to host being sick
2	3	4 Wingless Weekend deadline	5	6	7	8
9 CHAPT G Gathering "That Place" 9:00 am (Eat 8:30 am) (see above for address)	10	11	12	13	14	15 Medic First Aid Training Byron Center. Must have been signed up.
16 Dinner 5pm Papa Vino's 4570 28th SE. RSVP R.vieu@att.net	17	18	19	20	21	22
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<p>Tim & Pam were selected as the District Couple of the Year at Wingless Weekend 2010</p>	<p>Ken & Ann are members of Chapter G. They are our U.S. Veterans' coordinators. Ken is one of the tailgunners for the Midnight Ride.</p>	<p>Kirby & Sandy were selected as the 2010-2011 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.

January Ride/Activity Schedule

No scheduled motorcycle rides, But, there are a few that wander about if the streets are dry...(even though it's cold).

Jan 1 Christmas party cancelled due to host being sick. (still)

Jan 9 chapter gathering That Place on plainfield.

Jan 15th Medic First Aid must have been signed up.

Jan 16th Dinner 5pm at Papa Vinos 4570 28th st SE Kentwood RSVP to r.vieu@att.net or call 293-2680

For complete links to State Activities, go to:

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

Chapter G is looking volunteers for the Midnight Ride in the following areas:

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.

Contact Randy or Fay Vieu 616-662-1399

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CD's Corner
Randy & Fay Vieu
Chapter G Directors



Fay and I would like to start by hoping that everyone has a good New Year. As I sit here writing my article and listening to the weather, I wonder how many of you might get on those wings and ride this last week of 2010. Well we are hoping that this year proves to have better weather for our riding than the last couple. We also hope that you all are thinking about this coming riding season and giving us some ideas on where you want to ride. I have a few ideas but would like some more. So, put on those thinking caps and help us have a great riding season.

We have decided to move our gatherings back to **That Place on Plainfield** and stay in the morning at **9 am**. That seems to be the choice that most want, and we will stay until they build the new Arnies at Knapps corner.

We would like to see some more of you at Wingless Weekend on February 4th and 5th and we always have a great time. We also have our anniversary party in March so we need everyone to try to pick up some gifts and door prizes so when you're out and about try picking up some door prizes.

Chapter directors

Randy & Fay Vieu

Chapter G Educator/Rider Education
January 2011 Rider Education

**A Motorcycling Crisis
How To Handle It**

**By: Allan R. Kirk
New Zealand Motorcycle Safety Consultants**

Hope for the best, but prepare for the worst.

According to recent research by the Heidleburg University Hospital in Germany, riders who pre-plan their crashes are less likely to be seriously injured in a crash. It's the same in any safety field. If you are prepared for a crisis, you're more likely to survive that crisis than those who aren't. Planning for an emergency is not only about how to survive crashes but covers all aspects of motorcycle riding crises including situations like Graham's, and even what to do when a policeman stops you for speeding. Just considering worst-case scenarios puts you mentally on your toes in a crisis, and that can make all the difference between a crisis being a disaster or a disturbance.

Look first, then act.

In a crisis, too many people react before thinking. There are the people who drag injured people out of crashed cars and make their injuries worse that they were before they were moved, or the people who remove the crash helmet from an injured motorcyclist and leave him permanently paralyzed. In a crash situation no one who you can save will die in the minute it takes to survey the crash scene (for things like downed power lines, leaking petrol and other problems), and in quickly forming a plan of attack to deal with the crisis. In a riding crisis, you should not react instantly unless your reactions are thoroughly pre-planned. For example, what would you do when you are riding in the right hand wheel track and an oncoming car swerves onto your side of the road and starts heading towards you? How many of you answered that you would immediately brake and move to the left of your lane? The correct answer is to react at the last safe minute. Certainly you should brake and move towards the center of the lane as soon as you see the problem arise, but wait and watch the oncoming car for clues to its future movements before you react dramatically. And don't forget that if you brake to a stop, you're a sitting target! Remember, look first, then act.

When you do act, act aggressively.

Too often, people who are in a crisis situation do not react vigorously enough. This is often the result of not having practiced emergency riding techniques. You may have pre-planned your counter-steering response to a large rock in the middle of the road, but can you counter-steer aggressively enough to get around it? You may know the situations where your only defense is to brake very hard but can you brake aggressively? When did you last practice really aggressive counter-steering and braking? Incidentally, acting aggressively is no contradiction of the "look first, then act" idea. Confronting a riding crisis is like turning through a gap in oncoming traffic. Once you've decided the opportunity has come to act, do what you have to do without hesitation!

Use every bit of help you can get.

A police officer is trained to call for back-up as soon as he sets off in pursuit of an offender. The real professional uses every bit of help he can get. Ex-World Champion motorcycle racer Kenny Roberts readily admits that, today, many of the motorcycle racers out on the track are better riders than he was. The reason is simple - he's trained them to be as good as he was and they've gone on from there building up their skills. The rider who rides well and often, and who survives with the least scratches is the guy who uses every bit of help he can get to improve his riding skills. As motorcycle technology improves by leaps and bounds, as traffic density increases layer by layer, and as roading hazards get more deadly by the day, the average rider needs every bit of help he or she can get to get painless fun from his or her machine. Read books, talk to mates, attend riding courses and read media crash reports for clues on survival techniques.

Don't get locked on one detail.

The most common open road fatal crash in New Zealand is where the rider fails to make a corner and crashes into a piece of road side furniture, usually a lamppost or a large fencepost. The reason is simple. The rider's attention and eyes focus in fear on the post and the bike goes where the rider looks - into the post! Where you are at risk of crashing into a car, don't look at the car - look for a gap. Get the big picture. Don't focus too tightly.

No matter how bad things get, be truthful.

If you crash and blame everyone else but yourself for the crash, you'll never learn anything from the crash and the next one may be your last. Other drivers may invite you to a crash, but you have to accept the invitation. So, if you crash, sit down and think it through and see what YOU did wrong. (The NZMSC is presently developing a post crash self-analysis system for this purpose. We'll keep you posted.)

Let the crisis go.

Too many riders never go through the self-analysis process we mention above and they ride in fear of the same thing happening again. Riding nervous is completely different from riding warily. Riding warily is watchful but relaxed and smooth. Nervous riding is uncertain, tense, and unsmooth and actually places the rider at more risk of crashing again. If you can't relax on your bike after a crash you either haven't exorcised the "at fault" demons or you need to give up riding. Sometime in their riding life everyone has a riding crisis or two. How they handle that crisis decides whether that crisis will turn out to be an unmitigated disaster - or a learning opportunity and the greatest triumph of their life.

<http://www.msgroup.org>

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MI District ~ Region D
2011 WINGLESS WEEKEND
Flintstones/ Stone-Age Era
February 4th - 5th, 2011**



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&
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Gold Wing Road Riders Association
Michigan District Wingless Weekend
Flintstones/ Stone Age Era
February 4th- 5th, 2011
Lexington – Lansing Hotel



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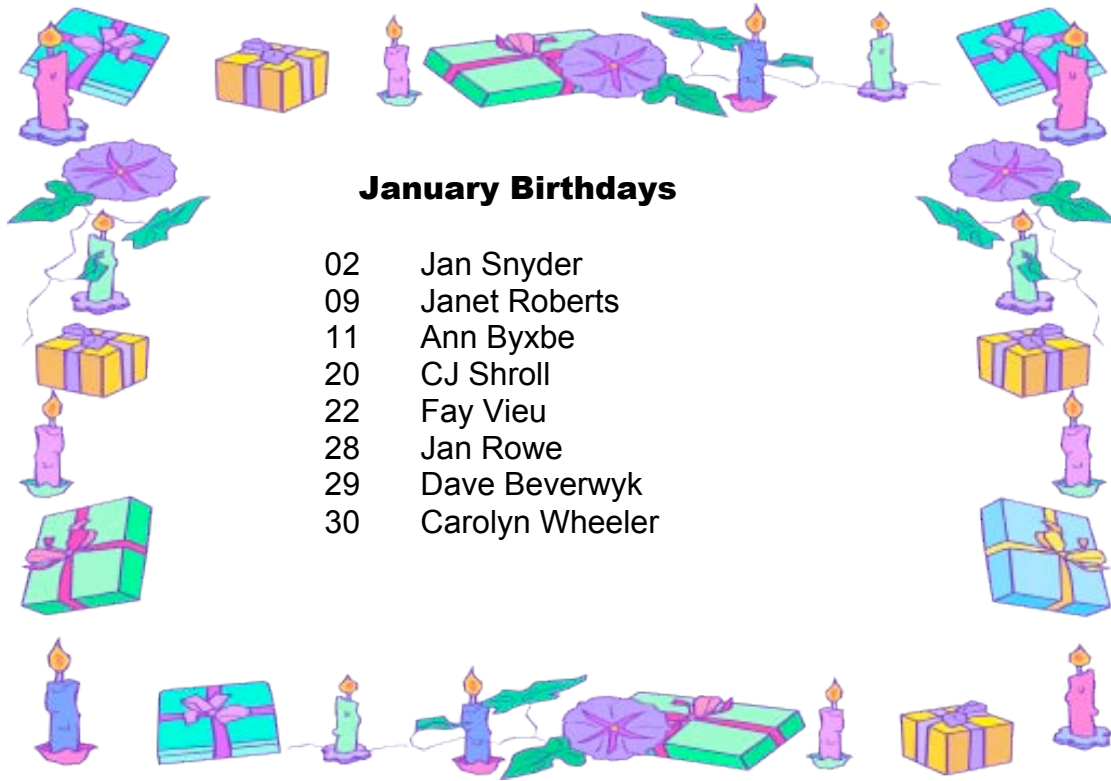
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Rider's Signature _____ Date _____

Co-Rider's Signature _____ Date _____

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January Birthdays

- 02 Jan Snyder
- 09 Janet Roberts
- 11 Ann Byxbe
- 20 CJ Shroll
- 22 Fay Vieu
- 28 Jan Rowe
- 29 Dave Beverwyk
- 30 Carolyn Wheeler

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