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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.

**May 2011**

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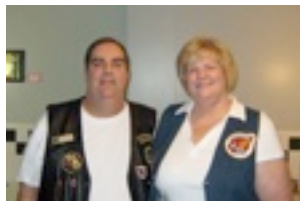
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## District Couple of the Year 2011

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>



## GWRRA 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

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

### May Ride/Activity Schedule

May 1 Holland Blessing of the Bikes. Meet at Culvers in Jenison by Meijers at 11:30 for lunch then ride to the blessing.

May 3 Motorcycle awareness kickoff at the state capital 4pm. (see page 4)

May 8 Chapter Gathering: possible ride after.

[May 15 Blessing of the Bikes: Baldwin](#)

[May 15 Chapter L Picnic in the Park: Mason MI](#) Meet at the Mobil station at 76th and 131 at 10:45, leave by 11:00 am. Bring a dish to pass and table service

[May 22 Chapter R2 Chilli Run: Lake Odessa](#)

For complete links to State Chapter Activities, go to:

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

Chapter G is looking volunteers for the **25th Annual Midnight Ride** (August 19, 2011) 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 and Fay Vieu  
Chapter G Directors



May is motorcycle awareness month, and along with the GWRRA MAD, (Motorist Awareness Division), we need to think about what we can do to make riding our bikes safer. All of us need to come up with some ideas on how you make the general public notice us while riding, and bring those ideas to the gathering and we will discuss them. The thing today is the distracted driver, cell phones, eating and drinking while driving, GPS units, and etc. We need to be aware of our surroundings and take action when we see something going on. Don't sit in someone's blind spot. If you notice someone talking on a phone, make them aware that you are around them. We need to make them see us at all the times. With all the different size and types of motorcycles, we want to be seen so that we can ride safe each time we are out riding. Also, remember to increase your odds of not getting into an accident by taking a safety class either thru GWRRA or any other safety foundation

Chapter Directors  
Randy & Fay Vieu

Dear Fellow Motorcycle Enthusiasts;

I am trying to pass information forward regarding Motorcycle Safety Awareness Month during May in Michigan in case you were unaware of the event. Michigan Secretary of State Ruth Johnson will be hosting a press conference Tuesday May 3, 2011 at 4:00 p.m. in front of the State Capitol in downtown Lansing. This site and time is different from the previous years events and is also different from the original May 4th date previously announced. Reserved metered parking will be available in front of the State Capitol for the event. Questions may be forwarded to Laura Lehman at the Michigan Department of State. Her email is [lehmanl@michigan.gov](mailto:lehmanl@michigan.gov) or she may be reached by phone at 517 373-0221. If you are bringing a group to the event, she is interested in knowing how many will be attending.

Alternatively, I myself plan on being at the Union Missionary Baptist Church at the corner of Martin Luther King Blvd and St. Joseph St just off I-496 at exit 5 about 3:00 p.m. that day and I will lead anyone unfamiliar with the downtown Lansing area over to the Capitol about a mile and a half away about 3:30 p.m.

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## Just Common Sense

Without the protection provided by an automobile, motorcycles pose a greater threat of significant personal injury. The severity of the potential injury rises exponentially as speed increases and with today's powerful motorcycles you can quickly find yourself traveling at high speeds with little to no effort. Proper safety

guidelines should always be followed no matter what type of motorcycle you're riding or how fast you plan to travel. There is no replacement for adequate precautions.

Many people may assume that because they're wearing a helmet the rest of their body should be OK as well. Unfortunately this is not the case and many motorcyclists find themselves learning this the hard way, year after year. When you're riding it's important to go the extra mile to keep your ride as safe as possible. Don't settle for just the helmet. Invest in the proper gloves, footwear, and clothing for improved resistance in the event of a fall.

### FULL GEAR

**HELMET.** Most important piece of protective gear a rider can use. Protects against head injury, windblast, cold, and flying objects. Full-face helmet recommended.

**FACESHIELD.** "Saves face." Any rider who's been hit in the face by stones, insects, or debris can tell you the benefits.

**GLOVES.** Keep hands comfortable, functional and protected. Come in infinite variety for all seasons.

**JACKET AND PANTS.** Long-sleeved and trousers resist abrasion and protect against sunburn, windburn, dehydration, or hypothermia. Light colors or reflectivity increase a rider's visibility.

**BOOTS.** Provide protection against foot and ankle injuries and give you a good grip on footpegs or road surfaces.

**BOTTOM LINE:** Proper riding gear protects in the event of an accident and minimizes injuries, while allowing you to enjoy the sport in comfort.

### FOOL'S GEAR

**HEAD.** Considered precious by knowledgeable riders, never exposed by the prof's. Whinnily in view, allows immediate identification of untrained person not using his. Hand out rider education info on sight.

**EYES, EARS, AND FACE.** Known to experienced riders as "bug and garbage collectors." Common "bare face" symptoms include windblast-deafening and deformed, narrow-slit, watery eyes.

**HANDS** are natural (not for long). Known to seize into curled position when exposed to cold, not genetically evolved to withstand abrasion.

**BARE LIMBS.** A phenomenon seen only on riders deemed impervious to any unavoidable accident or inclement weather. Subject to ridicule in riding circles.

**FLIP FLOPS.** Terminology for what sandals, toes and feet do upon contact with road surfaces, shift lever, brake pedal, foot pegs, or windblasts.

**BOTTOM LINE:** Fool's gear identifies an untrained rider. Learn how to avoid embarrassment, ridicule, and injury, while gaining skills and knowledge by contacting the RiderCourse nearest you.



Chapter G Rider Education

It's not too early to think about available rider courses coming up this year.



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**MICHIGAN RIDER EDUCATION  
RIDER COURSE REGISTRATION**



GWRRA 1-UP/2-UP ARC (Advanced Rider Course)  
GWRRA TRC (Trike Rider Course)  
\* MSF 1-UP/2-UP ERC (Experienced Rider Course)

Tecumseh Apr 30-May 1

- 1-UP/2-UP ARC
- TRC (Trike)

Pontiac May 14-15

- 1-UP/2-UP ARC
- TRC (Trike)

Stockbridge June 11-12

- 1-UP/2-UP ARC
- TRC (Trike)

Ionia June 25-26

- 1-UP/2-UP ARC
- TRC (Trike)

Sault Ste Marie July 16-17

- 1-UP/2-UP ARC
- TRC (Trike)

Grayling August 13-14

- 1-UP/2-UP ARC
- TRC (Trike)

\* ERC classes may be added pending availability of MSF instructors.

All participants must wear full riding gear: DOT helmet, eye protection, full finger gloves, long sleeves and pants and over-the-ankle boots or shoes.

ARC and Trike Courses are Classroom and Range. \* ERC is Range only.

All Riders must have valid operator license with motorcycle endorsement, vehicle registration and proof of insurance

Dates & Times will be on Confirmation Letters which are mailed out about two (2) weeks before the requested course.

**COURSES WILL TAKE PLACE RAIN OR SHINE**

GWRRA members - \$35.00 Donation per bike per class

Make check out to: GWRRA Michigan Rider Education

14 days notice required for cancellations

Rider \_\_\_\_\_ Drivers License # \_\_\_\_\_

Co-Rider \_\_\_\_\_

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GWRRA Member # \_\_\_\_\_ Chapter \_\_\_\_\_ Phone # \_\_\_\_\_

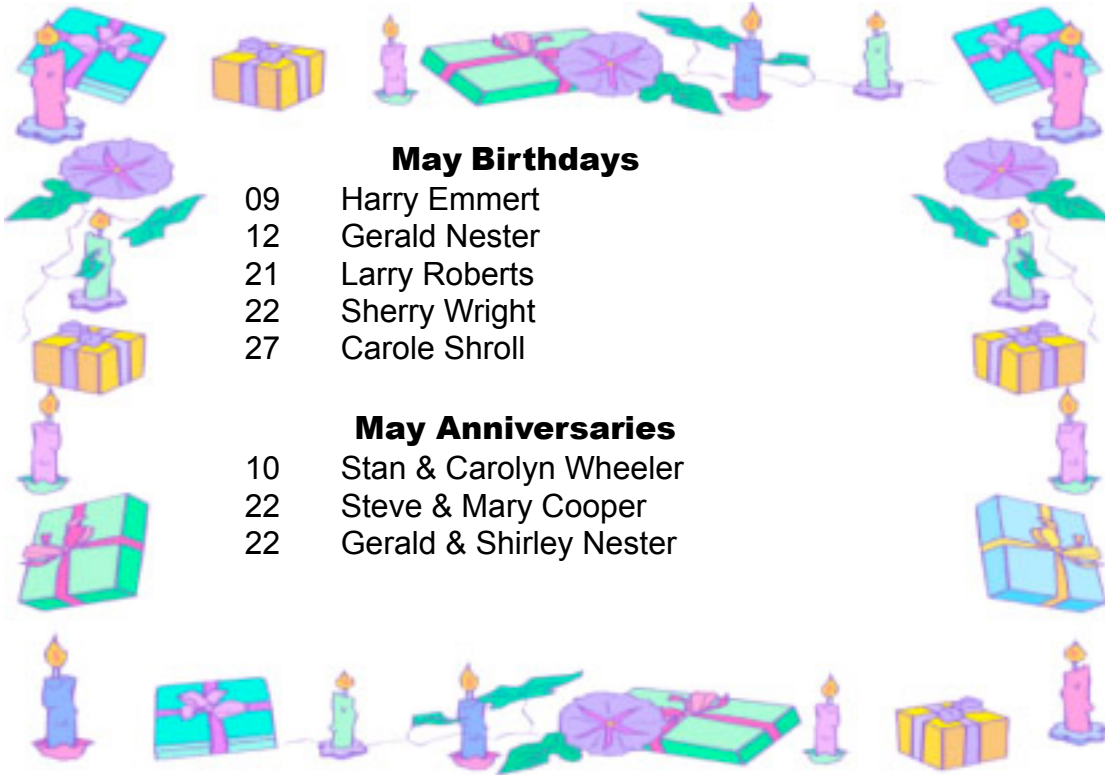
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Please Note: Courses may change and/or be cancelled if necessary

Mail completed registration form and \$35.00 donation to:

Randy Westcott, 8161 Fox Hollow Rd., Goodrich, MI 48438

If you have questions, call Randy (District Rider Educator) at 248-760-2947



**May Birthdays**

- 09 Harry Emmert
- 12 Gerald Nester
- 21 Larry Roberts
- 22 Sherry Wright
- 27 Carole Shroll

**May Anniversaries**

- 10 Stan & Carolyn Wheeler
- 22 Steve & Mary Cooper
- 22 Gerald & Shirley Nester

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**Future Rides**

Future Rides and Ride suggestions: Please email any rides or activities to: [Randy Vieu R.vieu@att.net](mailto:Randy.Vieu@att.net)

Lakeshore Blessing of the Bikes  
May 1, 2011

Wing Ding  
Knoxville, TN  
July 6-9, 2011

Michigan Rally/Convention  
West Branch, MI  
July 30-31, 2011

Region D Rally  
Coldwater. MI  
September 15-17, 2011

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