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**\*\*\*\*\*NEW MEETING PLACE\*\*\*\*\***

**Marn E. Walkers  
4322 Remembrance Road NW  
Walker MI 49534  
Sunday November, 2011  
9:00am (8:30 breakfast)**

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.

**November 2011**

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
		1	2	3	4	5 Chapter G reunion 6:00pm
6 Susie's Cafe 9:00am  Daylight Savings Ends	7	8 Staff meeting 2:00pm	9	10	11 Veteran's Day	12
13 Chapter Gathering 8:30	14	15	16	17	18	19 Dinner at Boulder Creek 6:00pm
20 Susie's Cafe 9:00am	21	22	23	24 Thanksgiving	25	26
27 Susie's Cafe 9:00am	28	29	30 Tee Shirt Designs Due!			

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<http://www.flickr.com/photos/38954675@N00/>

# Chapter G Ride Information

Rides will be Weather Permitting

Group rides and or activities from other Chapters can be posted here.

## November Ride/Activity Schedule

For complete links to State Chapter Activities, go to:

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

Here is the Chapter G schedule for November:

\*\*\* NOTE \*\*\*

Because of November's weather, there are no scheduled motorcycle rides. BUT, give a shout if you're going on a spur of the moment one...

Nov. 5 : "G" Family Reunion

Please come to meet your old friends and make some new ones. The party begins at 6:00pm. The place is the home of our new CD's Ezra and Marilynn Bostic.

Their address is 1492 Kinney NW in Walker, MI

Please RSVP by phoning (616) 791-4587.

Nov. 6 Daylight Savings Ends. Fall back an hour...

Nov. 8 Staff meeting at Bostic's 2:00pm

Nov. 13: Our Monthly Gathering

9:00 am (8:30 am breakfast), at Marn E. Walkers

4322 Remembrance Road NW

Walker MI

This place is on Remembrance Road between Wilson and Kinney next to Ace Hardware.

Nov. 19: Dinner at Boulder Creek

We 're getting together for dinner at Boulder Creek Golf Course at 6:00pm. This place is on 7 Mile Road NE just off Northland Drive. Come join us for an evening out. Enjoy a relaxing evening out just before the holidays, especially if you have to prepare Thanksgiving Day's dinner. Please RSVP by November 18 by calling (616) 791-4587.

Nov. 24: *HAPPY THANKSGIVING* to everyone and your families.

Nov. 30: T-shirt Designs are due on this day.

Mr. William "Bill" Oran Reese passed away Tuesday October 18, 2011 at the age of 80. He was preceded in death by his wife of 44 years, Dorothy, son Douglas, granddaughter Tracy Rydecki and siblings Robert and James.

He is survived by his siblings Helen Snyder, Betty Meadows, Jo Moore, Ruth Hanners, Dorothy Long, Richard (Barbara) Reese, and John Reese; children Cathy (Willie) Chavez, Bill (Judy) Reese, Jim (Kathy) Reese, Diane (Kenny) Milton, Debbie (John) Beck, and Terry (Laura) Reese; step-children Judi (Dan) Snyder, Allan Rickman, Linda (Tim) Snyder, Eloise (Steve) Rydecki, and Paula (Jason) Young; twenty four grandchildren; thirty-seven great grandchildren; numerous nieces and nephews and his first wife Delores Bowers. Bill retired from Dickinson Press in 1995 and **was an active member of the Gold Wing Road Riders Association Chapter G.** He enjoyed camping, bowling, wood working and the company of his siblings. A Memorial Service was held on Saturday October 22, 2011 at 11:00 am at the Free Methodist Church in Watervliet, MI, followed by Interment at North Shore Memory Gardens in Coloma, MI. In lieu of flowers memorial contributions can be made to the Alzheimer's Foundation of America.



New CD and ACD installed for MI - Chapter G



On the left Ezra and Marilynn Bostic were installed as Chapter Directors, on the right Rex and Shela Derksen as Assistant Chapter Directors by Farmer and Teri Rodgers who are the Assistant District Directors.



## CD's Corner



We were installed as your Chapter Directors of Chapter G. So we will be making some changes. For one, we will be trying to have more rides. We will be doing our best to bring the chapter back to its family atmosphere. We have been taking rides. So we have been trying to get more of you involved in the rides. We will be having get-togethers at Susie's on Sundays. So we can talk about what we want to do during the year since winter is coming. I will be trying to do things to keep us all together for the winter.

Marilynn and I took a ride to Boone's. It was an enjoyable ride. We met a lot of the other people from other chapters who said that they would help us learn what to do as a CD and Marilynn as my helper and she will do her best work with the chapter officers to keep me in line so do not get carried away and do something stupid.

We also took a ride to get some cheese that we had at the meeting on Saturday. We also introduced our new bear who we will need a name for. So anybody who can think of a name please let Marilynn or Mary Cooper know.

Your CD,  
Ezra Bostic

Thank you everyone who came to our gathering on October 8, This gathering was particularly special for Ezra and me, because we were installed as your Chapter Directors, along with Rex and Shela Derksen as your Assistant Chapter Directors. Thank you, Assistant District Directors Farmer and Terri Rodgers for installing us.

Since "That Place on Plainfield" closed its doors, we decided to hold our gathering at our house. It was such a beautiful day, that we decided to have our gathering outside on our deck.

This day we also adopted our new mascot from Vermont Teddy Bear. "Teddy Bear" (until we find a real name for him), wears a faux leather jacket bearing our chapter name "Midnight Rider" on the back. We also placed our chapter patch on the front. As Ezra suggested, "Teddy Bear" needs a name. So we are asking everyone for a suggestion.

Our minds, phone, and email are open for you to make suggestions, share ideas and comments that you may have.

Marilynn Bostic

We would like to congratulate Ezra and Marilyn for becoming our new C.D. They have started off with a bang and we know that they will continue to bring this chapter to being the best.

Again thank you,  
from your A.C.D.

Rex & Shela. Keep the shinny side up.

## RIDER ED 'GIMME 5'

### **TOPIC:** End of Season Cycle Maintenance

Whether the riding season in your area lasts only four or five months, or as long as ten months, most of us will let our motorcycles remain unriden for a long enough period of time that it is best to prepare it for a season of rest.

November typically brings weather throughout the northern tier of states that is not very good for motorcycling. Most parts of this great country of ours experience two or more months of weather that is not considered part of the riding season. The air temperature alone gets cold enough to cause hypothermia without adding the wind chill from sitting atop a motorcycle while blasting down the road at legal speeds – even at 45 mph. And many areas will have snow on the ground before the month is out. Some of you may be cold-blooded enough to prolong the season a few extra weeks, but for most, there is a period each year when your motorcycle becomes a lonesome friend sitting quietly in the garage.

Before you park it for a season of inactivity, this is a great time to get your end of season maintenance done. It is recommended that you change the oil and oil filter to remove contaminants – dirt, deposits, acids and moisture – that can lead to corrosion inside the engine. Other fluid levels should be checked for proper level. If the fluids are due for replacement based on miles ridden since the last change (check your manual and service history), this is a good time to do that and any other maintenance tasks that you may have been putting off.

Your mechanic likely is not very busy at this time of year. He (she) would probably appreciate your visit, too! And you know your bike will be better for it. Then when spring comes next year (it is not that far off, after all!), you'll be ready to go without a visit to the mechanic before planning your next big ride. After you get it back from your mechanic, fill the gas tank and add the appropriate amount of fuel stabilizer (such as Stabil) before parking your Wing. Wash and wax the bike and inflate the tires. The battery should be disconnected from the motorcycle (negative terminal first) and trickle charged at least every 30 days, per your Gold Wing Owner's Manual. (Refer to your battery charger manual for more charging details.) Take good care of your Wing, and your Wing will take good care of you!

### **Ride Smart & Be Safe!**

Bruce & Melissa Thayer

Former MI Asst. District Rider Educators

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Help us name our new mascot.



Hi Everyone,

Our Edmore Ride started out a "little" chilly!!! It was about 38 degrees when we started out to one of our favorite meeting places, the Mobil gas station at 14 Mile Road and Northland Drive. It was just a little warmer than on some of the Midnight Rides in which we have ridden.

Bundled in warm gear, there we met Harry and Marcia, Steve and Mary, and Howard. Off we went on a ride to Edmore, a ride that we had done a few years ago on G2's Chicken Run.

We made a stop at the cheese place on Kendaville Road. The shop has many varieties of homemade cheeses. We tried some of the samples, yummy. They also have milk, buttermilk, and the greatest chocolate milk you ever tasted!!! We rode through the countryside, through lots of farm land, and several small lakes. The trees were just starting to change their color, hinting at the season's best.

At the middle of our ride, we stopped for lunch at a local Edmore restaurant. After lunch, we ran the rest of the "Chicken Run", thinking that we had not yet made a "G" turn!! So, we decided that our stop at the Edmore restaurant was actually a "G" turn, since we went back to the road on which we came.

Going though more twists and turns, and going through Trufant, we stopped for gasoline at the Wesco Station in Sand Lake. There we decided to surprise our friends, Jim and Julie, on our way back home.

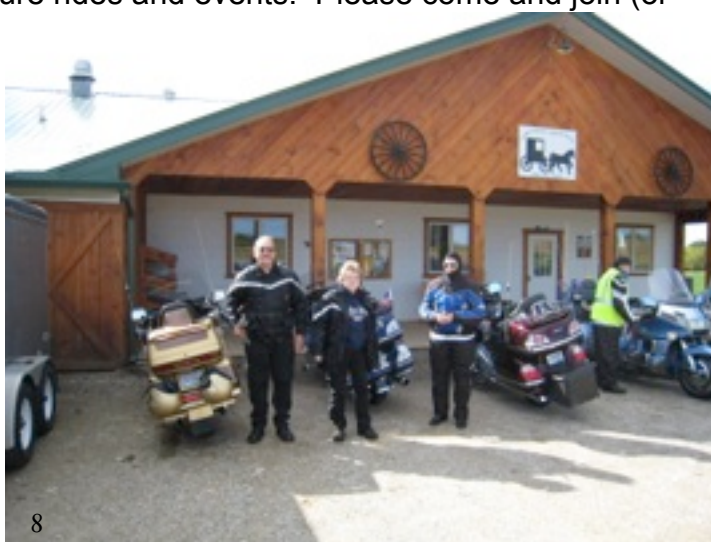
In deed we did surprise them. And they surprised us with the brand new Harley Davidson motorcycle in their garage!!  
It is a beautiful bike.

After parting ways with Jim and Julie, we each made our way home. It was a great ride. Now we know where to get great dairy stuff!!!

We want to thank Harry and Marcia for leading our ride, and Howard for being our tail gunner. We also want to thank Steve and Mary for joining us.

Hopefully, this will inspire you to join us on future rides and events. Please come and join (or rejoin) our family of GWRRA Chapter MI-G.

Your friends,  
Ezra and Marilynn Bostic  
GWRRA Chapter MI-G



Tuesday afternoon we rode our Harvest Ride in “October’s Bright Blue Weather”!!! This month has been a great time to ride. This day was no exception. We didn’t do much “harvesting”, but we did do some riding. The trees with their color, and the sky such a beautiful blue made this ride such a pleasure. We had an added treat. We had a couple of guests join us. Our guests were Deb and Matt whom we met at Susie’s Cafe.

Rex and Sheila, Harry and Marcia, John, Howard, and Ezra and I rode this day. In all, we had seven bikes!!! Our last stop was at Robinette’s on Four Mile Road and the East Beltline. There we enjoyed some cider and pastries, and afterward posed for a photo by their large apple.

Marilynn Bostic



# MIDNIGHT RIDE T-SHIRT DESIGN CONTEST



Chapter MI-G is looking for a design for next year's Midnight ride t-shirt. To enter the contest creates a design for the Midnight Ride on paper. It doesn't have to be perfect. If your design is chosen you will receive the following: \$50.00, your name as the designer of the t-shirt, and a free t-shirt which you helped to create. **The deadline is November 13, 2011.** Send your entry to:

Ezra/Marilynn Bostic

1492 Kinney NW

Walker MI 49534

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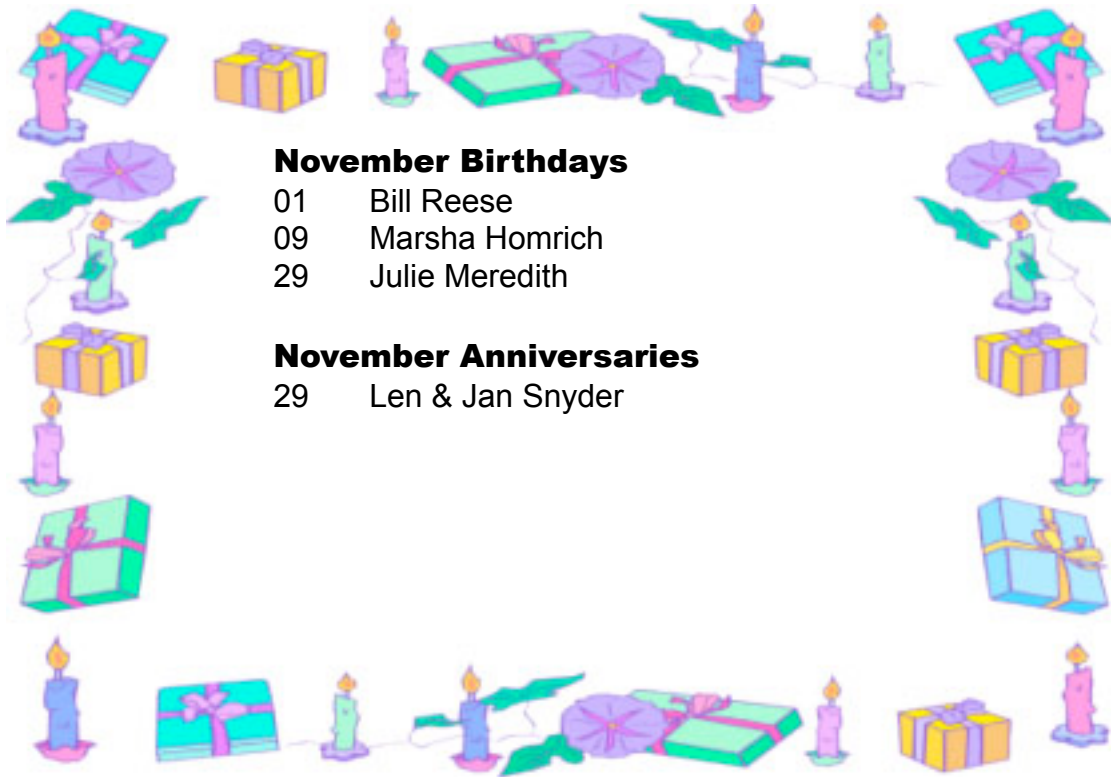
Following are the design requirements:

1. Your design must be submitted by the November gathering.
2. Your design must include,
  - a teddy bear with a tri-corner hat ringing a bell,
  - the letter "G" hidden somewhere,
  - the year, and the "appropriate year" annual ride

It may include:

the sun, moon, stars, the Mackinac Bridge,, The State of Michigan, and motorcycles.

3. Chapter MI-G reserves the right to retain any and all designs, and to \*\*make any changes we deem necessary.
4. Your design must be no more than 4 colors, not including the shirt\*color.



**November Birthdays**

- 01 Bill Reese
- 09 Marsha Homrich
- 29 Julie Meredith

**November Anniversaries**

- 29 Len & Jan Snyder

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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



## Chapter G Website

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



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