



# GOLD WING ROAD RIDERS ASSOCIATION

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GWRRR Region D - Michigan District

Chapter A-2

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### “The A2 Team”

#### Chapter Directors

“Big” Bob & Betsy Morgan  
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Open Position

#### Senior Chapter Educators

Bill & Peggy Bower

#### Treasurer

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#### Public Relations Coordinator

Open Position



## From our Chapter Directors

“Big” Bob & Betsy Morgan

Hello A2'ers

The hot riding season is over with. Now we can get into some cool riding before winter hits. On September 11th the Chapter will be going to Chapter W toy run. Region D rally is September 15,16,17. On September 25th the Chapter is going on a ride to Devils Lake, then out to dinner at Harold's Place.

Have Fun and Ride Safe!

## A2 Dinner Runs

How we choose Dinner Run Locations: At each week's dinner run, A-2 Members and guests who attend select the restaurant for the next dinner run. Then, an email message is sent to the membership (around Monday of the following week) that announces the restaurant that was selected.

During the "Off" Season (approximately November through March) we meet at the designated restaurant every Thursday evening at 6:30 PM. All Bikers and Bikes are welcome. Dinner runs do not require membership. For more information, contact one of our staff

During the Riding Season (approximately April through October), we meet every Thursday evening at 6:00 PM. We leave at 6:30 PM and ride in formation to the designated restaurant. Unless otherwise noted all dinner runs begin in the parking lot behind **McDonald's** at 3811 (East side of) Carpenter Rd, Pittsfield Twp, 48197, 1/4 mile north of intersection of Carpenter & Ellsworth.

**\*\* Dinner Run for Thursday, September 8th, will be at Stivers Restaurant in Chelsea. Address is 11 S. Fletcher Rd, Chelsea.. Just south of I-94 at Fletcher Rd (use Exit #162—Old US-12). Hope you'll join us.\*\***

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## “The A2 Team”

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### Road Captains (alphabetically)

Bill & Peggy Bower  
Ken Burkhalter  
Bill & Ronda Keedle  
Corky & Robin Lillie  
Jim & Carol Massengill  
Jerry & Kathy Minor  
Ron Minor  
Big Bob Morgan  
Russ & “George” Peabody  
Bob Shafe  
Tim Towler  
Wayne Waters

### Region D Directors

Roger & Penny Hurley

### Michigan District Directors

Bill & Vicki Young

### Mi Assistant District Directors

Ron & Val Jones

### Michigan Advisory Team

Mike Stiger  
Bob Lorenz  
Audrey Holmes

### Couples of the Year

#### International:

Kirby & Sandy White  
(Region D)

#### Region D:

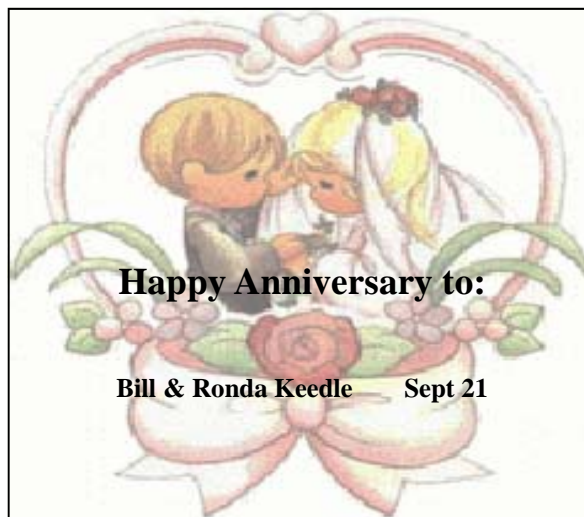
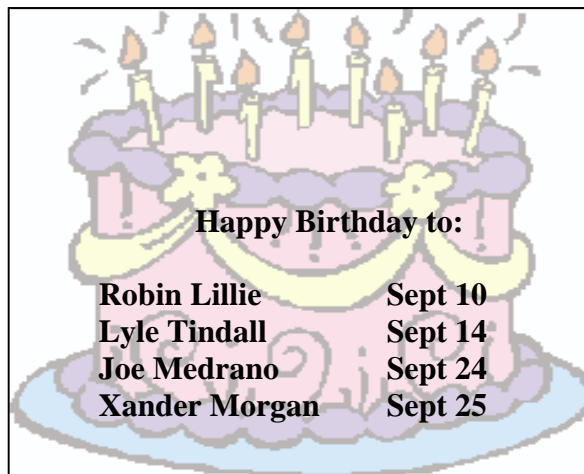
Kirby & Sandy White  
(Chapter S - Ohio)

#### Michigan District:

Ken & Patti Kintner  
(Chapter W)

#### Chapter A2:

Jim & Carol Massengill



## AMAZINGLY SIMPLE HOME REMEDIES

1. A mouse trap, placed on top of your alarm clock, will prevent you from rolling over and going back to sleep after you hit the snooze button.
2. If you have a bad cough, take a large dose of laxatives, then you will be afraid to cough.
3. Clumsy? Avoid cutting yourself while slicing vegetables by getting someone else to hold them while you chop away.
4. Avoid arguments with the Mrs. about lifting the toilet seat by simply using the sink.
5. For high blood pressure sufferers: simply cut yourself and bleed for three minutes, thus reducing the pressure in your veins. Remember to use a timer.
6. Have a bad headache? Smash your thumb with a hammer and you will forget about the headache.





## From our Senior Chapter Educators

Bill & Peggy Bower

Level I  
Safety by Commitment



Level II  
Safety by Education



Level III  
Safety by Preparedness



Level IV  
Safety by Enhanced  
Commitment and Preparedness



We all know that, for safety purposes, we should do a T-CLOCS inspection before we ride. But how often, if ever, do we do a battery check? Can our batteries be a safety concern which could put us in harm's way?

The following will happen more often with a 1500 than an 1800. While pulling a trailer and having many extra lights on, you get caught in stop and go traffic. At idle the engine's RPMs are not high enough to let the charging system maintain the battery and it will start discharging to the point that the engine will stop. This has happened to me and some others who pull a trailer, too. When it happens, you can be left stranded in the wrong lane of an expressway or on the side of the road. This is even worse in hot or stormy weather.

Batteries for our Gold Wings are either a flooded cell, gel cell or an AGM (absorb glass mat) battery. The type of battery you use and the care that you give it can mean a new battery every year or five to seven years or more?

A lead acid battery, also called a flooded cell battery, contains a sulfuric acid based fluid called electrolyte that surrounds the lead plates within the battery. This type of battery was invented in 1859 and is still in use today. The fluid make up has changed since then but the fluid is still corrosive and dangerous. The biggest drawback with this type of battery is that the sulfur within the electrolyte will attach itself to the lead plates and the battery will become less effective. When you charge the battery it returns the sulfur to the electrolyte and to its full charge. But, if it sets too long without a charge then the plates will become sulfated and the battery useless. Note: there is a battery charger on the market today that can sometimes bring a dead sulfated battery back to life. Charging a wet cell battery will create hydrogen gas. Any open flames or electrical sparks in the area could trigger an explosion. If the charger is rated too high it could warp the thin lead plates and short the battery out. If the battery is stored outside and in a discharged state, it's possible that it could freeze and ruin the battery. You also have to check the electrolyte fluid often and add distilled water to bring the level back to its normal range.

The gel cell battery is best used for deep cycle operations and is the most sensitive to charging voltage. These batteries need a longer and slower charging rate or damage can occur. The charging system on our bikes especially the 1800s might do damage to this type of battery if it was too discharged and the bike had to jump started. These batteries are best suited for golf carts, electric hi-lows and such.

The AGM (absorb glass mat) battery is a better fit for our bikes because it is a maintenance free battery, has good cranking power, is considered a deep cycle battery, and has a good life expectancy if the battery never reaches below 50% of its charge. These batteries cost a little more. But if they last a year or two longer along with the fact that they are maintenance free, seems to me that it is a much better deal. I have seen prices from \$50.00 to \$200.00 for this type of battery. A decent one will likely cost around a \$100.00.

Some final thoughts to consider:

- A new lead acid battery when first filled with acid should set an hour before charging.
- All new batteries have directions on how to charge them and they should be fully charged before using..
- All batteries that become dirty will self discharge across their terminals. So, at least once a year clean the terminals and cable ends. And, then use soap and water to wash the battery case. When it's dry, put Vaseline on the battery around the terminals; put a felt washer on the Vaseline, attach the terminals and apply additional Vaseline to cover connectors and terminals. Instead of Vaseline you can use commercial battery terminal products.
- No matter what type of battery you have now, it will still start to discharge as soon as the engine is turned off. A flooded cell battery discharges at a faster rate. I have a 2005 Gold Wing with its original battery and I attach my battery tender to the battery every time I park the bike in the garage.



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# GWRRA MICHIGAN CHAPTER W

## MAPLE CITY WINGS

CHAPTER W - ADRIAN, MICHIGAN



# 27th Annual - TOY RUN

Sunday - September 11th 2011 RAIN or SHINE!



Sign in starts 10:30am  
Last bike out 12:30pm  
Last bike in by 3:00pm

Bring the TOYS and  
come on out for FUN,  
FOOD, PRIZES, 50/50  
Drawings & MORE!

**A New Toy or CASH  
Donation of  
\$10.00 per rider or  
\$15.00 w/co-rider**



MARINE CORPS RESERVE



*Dexter's Honda Yamaha  
3804 S. Main (M-52)  
Adrian, Michigan  
(ONE MILE SOUTH OF THE ADRIAN MALL)*



**This event is open to all motorcyclists so bring your friends!**

**For more information contact:**

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(517) 902-9893  
ken@vplenawee.com

Craig & Tanya White Chapter Educators  
(517) 263-3510  
twowhitewings28@yahoo.com

**SATURDAY BREAKFAST BUFFET - \$5.99**  
9 A.M. - 1 P.M.

**NEW BREAKFAST SPECIALS - MON. - FRI. 7 A.M. - 11 A.M.**

<b>\$2.99</b>	3 Egg Omelettes With 1 Item & Toast. <small>Excludes Steak &amp; Ground Beef.</small>	<b>\$1.99</b>	2 Eggs w/Bacon or Sausage, Hash Browns & Toast.	<b>\$1.99</b>	2 Eggs w/Bacon or Sausage & Pancakes.
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**EARLY BIRD SPECIALS**  
2 Dinners for \$11.99  
MONDAY - SATURDAY 5-5 PM

*Paula's Home Cookin'* 734-699-1230  
871 SUMPTER RD.

*Nicholson's*  
Enterprises Inc.



**Show Room Hours**  
M, T, W, F (10AM-7PM)  
Th (10-8), Sat (10-4)

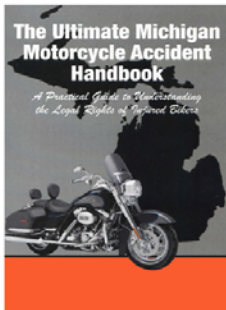
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Gold Wing Road Riders Association  
**Great Lakes – Region D Convention**  
 September 15-17, 2011  
 Branch County Fairgrounds in Coldwater, MI

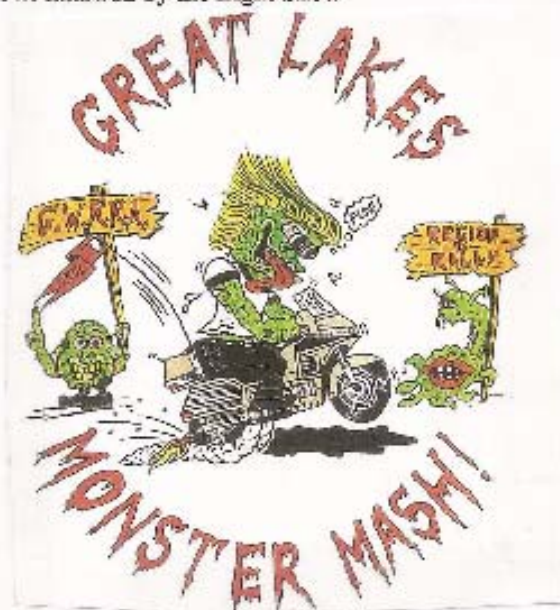


# “Great Lakes Monster Mash”

Begins Thursday, September 15<sup>th</sup> at Noon  
 Region D Couple of the Year Selection, Friday at 9AM  
 Opening Ceremonies, Friday at 10 AM  
 Closing Ceremonies Saturday at 7 PM followed by the Light Show

## SKELTON FUN!!!!

- \*Vendors
- \*Top Gun
- \*Masters Breakfast
- \*Amazing Team Challenge
- \*Region D Couple of the Year Selection
- \*Best Dressed Couple and Chapter Theme
- \*Compsite Judging (Monster Theme)
- \*Thursday Night Movie and Popcorn
- \*Friday Night (Possible Downtown Block Party)
- \*Saturday Night Light Parade and Light Show
- \*Bike Show
- \*Seminars



### Coldwater Area Motels

- |                           |                |
|---------------------------|----------------|
| Comfort Inn (Hotel Motel) | \$69.00 rate   |
| 1000 Orleans Blvd         | (517) 278-2017 |
| Hampton Inn               |                |
| 301 North Willowbrook Rd. | (517) 276-9800 |
| Cadet Motor Inn           |                |
| 433 E. Chicago St.        | (517) 279 5817 |
| Holiday Inn Express       |                |
| 630 E. Chicago St         | (517) 279-6900 |
| Super 8                   |                |
| 600 Orleans Blvd          | (517) 278-8833 |

**Stomp Away With The Zombie's!!**



# Gold Wing Road Riders Association

## **Region D Great Lakes Monster Mash**

September 15-17, 2011

Branch County Fairgrounds, COLDWATER, MI



Rider \_\_\_\_\_ GWRRA# \_\_\_\_\_ Exp.Date \_\_\_\_\_  
 Co-Rider \_\_\_\_\_ GWRRA# \_\_\_\_\_ Exp.Date \_\_\_\_\_  
 Address \_\_\_\_\_ Number of Children \_\_\_\_\_  
 City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_  
 Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Email \_\_\_\_\_ Chapter \_\_\_\_\_

Pre-Registration before Sept. 03, 2011

GWRRA Member Quantity: \_\_\_\_\_ x \$20 per person \$ \_\_\_\_\_

*Note: Pre-Registration Chapter Directors, Life and Gold Members are half price.*

Non-GWRRA Member Quantity: \_\_\_\_\_ x \$25 per person \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Full Registration – Entitles patron to full participation in ALL activities and events in the Rally.

**Region D Rally Pins will be given with the first 1,000 full registrations.**

Registration after September 03, 2011

GWRRA Members \$25, Non-members \$30, Children 15 and under free

Day Passes on site: GWRRA Members \$18, Non-members \$20

**Masters Breakfast & Region D Merit Award Ceremony – On Site**

For Level IV Master Tour Riders, Co-Riders & Guests only. \_\_\_\_\_ x \$5.00 per person \$ \_\_\_\_\_

**Camping Fees (Thursday thru Saturday only, for additional days see note below)**

Tents and tent campers: \$10 for weekend Units \_\_\_\_\_ x \$10. = \$ \_\_\_\_\_

All RV's: \$12.00 per day Days \_\_\_\_\_ x \$12. = \$ \_\_\_\_\_

*Note: Campers arriving prior to Thursday or staying after Sunday are responsible for contacting the Fairgrounds office to make arrangements.*

**Short Sleeve T-Shirts**

Small \_\_\_\_\_ Medium \_\_\_\_\_ Large \_\_\_\_\_ X-Large \_\_\_\_\_ \$16 each \$ \_\_\_\_\_

2X-Large \_\_\_\_\_ 3X-Large \_\_\_\_\_ \$18 each \$ \_\_\_\_\_

**Polo Shirts**

Small \_\_\_\_\_ Medium \_\_\_\_\_ Large \_\_\_\_\_ X-Large \_\_\_\_\_ \$19 each \$ \_\_\_\_\_

2X-Large \_\_\_\_\_ 3X-Large \_\_\_\_\_ \$21 each \$ \_\_\_\_\_

*Note: Shirts available by Pre-Registration and on site.*

TOTAL ENCLOSED \$ \_\_\_\_\_



Mail Registration & Check or Money Order out to: **GWRRA Region D to:**  
 Roger & Penny Hurley, 201 South View Lane, West Milton OH, 45383



I/We do agree to confirm and comply with the Ideals governing this rally, and I/we further agree to hold harmless G.W.R.R.A., co-sponsoring organizations or any property owner(s) for any loss or injury to self in which I/we may become involved by reason or participation in this Rally. I/we also agree to assume responsibility for any property which I/we for any property which I/we knowingly damage. I/we have read this entire form.

Rider's Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

Co-Rider's Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_