

MONTHLY GATHERINGS WILL BE THE SECOND SATURDAY OF EACH MONTH TURK LAKE RESTAURANT ON M-91 NORTH OF GREENVILLE, MEETING AT 10:00 BREAKFAST AT 9:00 CHECK CALENDAR FOR CHANGES.

G-2 Heartland Wingers BRAG FEST Newsletter



Home of the Chicken Run



The Place Friends Have FUN



March 2010
Issue



Turtle Tracks

By your Acting CD's Hank & Debbie Hemmes

Hey everybody, we are getting closer to riding season. Has anybody seen a robin yet? It is staying lighter out at night, so that is a good sign, even though Hank is still in the skiing mode. He did put the chrome on the Wing that he got for Christmas, so the riding bug must be getting to him. At Wingless weekend we did go looking at bikes for Debbie as she is ready to up grade to a bigger bike. We had a great time at Wingless Weekend. Our skit on Friday night brought a lot of laughs. Saturday found Nancy playing Euchere with about 40 other Goldwingers, as the rest of us worked on our Totem Pole, which all I can say is, it's a face that only a mother could love. We will be bringing it to our chapter gathering this month along with our boxers. Michigan District Couple of the Year went to Tim and Pam Hanson of Chapter W-2. Congratulations to them. We will be selecting our own Couple of the Year at the March gathering so please make sure you are there.

We will be attending the Section Officers Meeting on the 27th, so if anybody has any questions they would like us to ask, please make sure we get them before then.

We have gotten the Montcalm Twp Complex (just south of Turk Lake on M91) for the Chicken Run for June 5th, so we are very excited for the new location this year. If we are going to keep the Fun Run, then we will need to start thinking about a route, so we are open for ideas.

The 19th we will be going to Al and Nancy's house for snacks and cards/games. Will start at 7:00 so hope to see a good turnout there.

HONDA HAPPENINGS
By our Acting Assistant Chapter Directors
Lyle and Betty Shinabarger

Hello Riders

We hope everyone who attended the Wingless Weekend had a great time. We couldn't be there because of previous plans to be in Florida with the son and daughter-in-law. It took us 20 hours to reach our destination, only then did Betty stop griping. So much to do in so little time, (we sent you all a big bag of sunshine did you receive it??) Most of the time it was T-shirt weather as long as you stayed indoors.

We spent one full day at Universal Studios where they showed you how movies are made like: "Twister" where you could actually feel the effects of the storm such as the wind, the rain and seeing buildings catch on fire by the lightening and even seen a cow flying through the air. Next was the movie "E.T." where you simulate riding a bike in the sky over looking a city below, this was totally awesome, but Lyle wanted to ride his Goldwing instead. Finally the movie "Jaws" where you are actually in a boat in the water with a humungus shark swimming close by. I never laughed so hard as when Lyle went to look over his shoulder and the shark was right there inches from his face. (He can still move fast when he wants to).

The next day we went to a flea market to get some fruit and a few pounds of pecans, instead Betty bought a watering can, a squirrel feeder and best of all an old, old jacket which she paid \$3.00 for. Later that day when she checked the pockets she found an 1846 American coin. The way it was wrapped up in old paper that was almost brittle and a silk scarf around that, she thought she was \$50,000 dollars richer but her bubble soon burst when according to "coin value" on the internet its only worth \$22.00.

On this trip I found out Lyle could really shoot pool, a real pool shark winning nearly every game to anyone who challenged him. The more he drank the more he won! (Maybe I could make my \$50,000 off him).

Our last day we spent fishing, now that was a lot of fun (except for touching the bait) Us girls caught the biggest ones of course. The next thing we knew it was time to head back to Michigan and as we did the weather started to warm up in Florida. Go figure.

Well until next month, we will be just winging it.

Couple of the Year
Chapter G-2:
Al & Louie Adkins

SMILE & Lets Go Riding

**By your Rider Educators Randy & Colette Houtman
letsgoriding@charter.net**

This is something that I always keep in mind all year long, I hope you do also.

Worn and Torn?

That nice round profile can be worn flat by hard use or too much straight-lining. Replace it if the center gets flattened out, and learn to lean a little.

Most riders notice a tire that's getting thin in the tread. Wear bars have made it easy to tell when the tread is getting down to its last miles. But a motorcycle tire may have already exceeded its useful life well before then if it has worn so that its profile has changed significantly. Typically what happens on a cruiser is that the middle of the tire wears before the sides, leaving a flat section in the middle. This also creates corners in the profile at the edges of the flat section. When you lean the bike to turn, the bike becomes unstable when you try to ride on this ridge in the profile because it wants to fall onto one side or the other of this ridge between heavily worn and less worn. This can make it weave while leaned over. As a result, when you can see a stripe of wear in the middle of a tire, the tire should probably be replaced even if the tread hasn't bottomed out. If you avoid locked-up stops and tire-spinning starts, you'll see less of this sort of problem, but it will also show up if a bike is ridden mostly in a straight line and rarely leaned over.

Of course, a tire should also be discarded if it is significantly damaged. How much damage is too much? There is some disagreement on what's repairable, but most tire manufacturers will tell you that sidewall punctures make a tire unsafe. Deep ozone cracking can also damage a sidewall, but that's rare. Some of those other things you look for in those pre-ride inspections, such as slashes and cord or tread separations are also grounds to ground a tire.

So please check out your tires before heading out on the road this spring.

Randy and Colette Houtman
Chapter Rider Educators



FRIENDS FOR FUN, SAFETY, AND KNOWLEDGE

G-2 Happenings

March 2010

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1	2	3	4 Greenville Ponderosa Cecil-Linda	5	6 Al Pierson B-Day
7	8	9	10	11 M57 Halfway Al-Louie	12	13 Chapter Gathering
14 Daylight Saving time	15	16	17	18	19 7:00 pm Cards at Al & Nancy	20
21	22	23	24	25 DQ in Greenville Hemmes	26	27 Ed Grifhorst B-Day
28	29	30	31 Dan and Billye Ann.			

UPCOMING EVENTS:

March

Chapter G Anniversary Party 3/13

Road Clean Up

April:

Chapter R Mystery Dinner 10th

G-2 Maintenance Day 17th

G-2 Shepard Maple Syrup Festival 24th

June 5th Chicken Run

May

Chapter R-2 Chili Run 22nd

MARY KAY

Independent Beauty Consultant

Bonnie Ludwick

(989) 772-3577

www.marykay.com/bludwick

For Sale:

1999 Goldwing

Trike Lehman

1500 CC

Burgandy

60,000 miles

\$15,000 OBO

(989)365-3368

RIDE WITH PRIDE

LAUGH WITH FRIENDS

Turk Lake Restaurant And Bar

GPS address (1701 S.

Greenville Rd.)

5 Miles North of Greenville

Large deck over looking lake

and new Banquet room

Breakfast— Lunch—Dinner

Daily

2005 Yamaha V-

Star 650 CC

\$3500.00

7100 miles

Saddlebags, air

wings, added

chrome, tank bra

Silver/black

231-937-6079

Hank—Debbie