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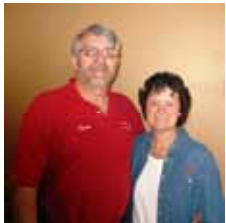
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BARBER'S BABBLE

Here it is another riding season about to begin. What a long, cold winter we had to endure!!!! Let's all make sure we start out this new riding season on the right foot. Make sure you check your bike over completely from front to back from top to bottom. The old saying applies in many aspects of life, an ounce of prevention is worth a pound of cure.

As we enter the riding season, we hope to go on some fun rides. If anyone has any good rides under their hat, let's hear about them - this does not mean you have to lead the ride. Give us the idea and we will find someone willing to lead it.

Remember always do a clock inspection on your bike before, after and during all stops. As your new Chapter Director, I will try to make sure that we all are doing the walk around before all rides as a group. If I don't remember feel free to remind me in a nice way - remember I am new at this!

Until we ride again!

Denny & Connie



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Chapter Gathering Information

The Chapter O gathering is the 2nd Saturday of the month. We have breakfast at 9:00 A.M. followed by our meeting. Location: Yellow Jacket Inn 12011 Lake Michigan Drive.

Dinner Rides

We ride every Wednesday, April through October. We leave from the Allendale High School parking lot, 10760 68th St. Allendale Mi. at 6:30. November - March: Dinner is on the 1st and 3rd Wednesday. Location to be announced.

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1 <u>Dinner</u> Pop's Dinner Dick W.	2	3	4
5 <u>Anniversary</u> Dick & Jean Wynsma <u>Birthday</u> Jean Wynsma	6	7	8 <u>Dinner</u> Broadway Cafe Denny B.	9 <u>Birthday</u> Toni Guy	10 <u>Birthday</u> Gayan Anys Tom Wilson	11 Breakfast Gathering <u>Anniversary</u> Jim & Vicki Morris
12	13	14	15 <u>Dinner</u> Mancino's Glenn K.	16 <u>Birthday</u> Dorothy Potgeter Bob Rosales	17	18
19	20	21	22 <u>Dinner</u>	23	24	25
26	27	28	29 <u>Dinner</u> Trestle Stop Wayne H.	30		

FOR A CURRENT AND UPDATED CALENDAR
VISIT OUR
WEB SITE AT [www.gwrra-
mi.org/chapter/O/index.htm](http://www.gwrra-mi.org/chapter/O/index.htm). This calendar is
updated as events change during the current
month. If you have updates to the on-line calendar,
please contact Connie Barber at 616-786-4918 or
email: barber_74@hotmail.com



MARK YOUR CALENDAR

By Jean Wynsma

- April 1 Dinner ride - POP'S
- April 11 Breakfast meeting
- April 15 Dinner ride - Mancino's in Grand Haven
- April 26 Blessing of the bikes
- May 1-2 Camping at Mecosta Pines

April 1 - Can you believe it is the **FIRST** official ride of the season? We leave Allendale High School at 6:30 sharp! Remember if the weather is not favorable for riding our bikes, we still meet in the ole' whimobile. The ride calendar is out and our first ride will be to **POP's** on Remembrance Rd. Speaking of the ride calendar... When it is passed around, don't hesitate to sign up for a ride, the hardest part of being a leader is that first ride. Worried you will miss a turn, having to make a U-turn, going to fast, or going to slow.. We have all been there. Take my word for it, after the first time it does come easier.

April 11 - Breakfast at Yellow Jacket 9:00 and meeting to follow. Remember we will have guests this month. Chapter N will be joining us. Give them a hearty Chapter O welcome!

April 26 - **Lakeshore Blessing of the Bikes** in Holland. What a great way to start our riding season by getting our bikes blessed. This is also a great place to promote GWRRA and Chapter O. John B is coordinating this outing. We will have a tent, tables and chairs. Got bike tickets to sell? This is a great place to sell them. We sold lots last year. Got a bike to sell? I sold mine last year at the blessing. The gates open at 10, but we are going to be there about 8:30 to set up. We could use some helpers.. This year we are also planning a "Trike Corral" this will be a new attraction for the Blessing and our Chapter. We will fence off an area and show off our Trikes."

There is also a fund raiser breakfast available. More at the meeting.

May 1,2 - Chapter O and friends are going **camping at Mecosta Pines** in Morley. We have many laughs, make memories, eat too much food, good weather (sometimes not so good) great friends, and a nice relaxing night about the fire. Sound like something you might want to do?

Got any ideas for this summer? Are you going on a long ride, overnight trip, or to a special event? Want to invite friends to go along? Let me know and I will put it on the calendar page.

Advanced Notice: Labor day week-end. Many Chapter O members & friends have gone to Bear Lake for Labor Day week-end. As we have sold our trailer and won't be camping, here is the telephone number of the campground. You can make reservations now. 1-231-383-2402 9am-8pm. \$18.00 per night for back lots and 20.00 per night for lakefront lots.

THE SAFETY CORNER

By Tom Anys



No report this month due to the fact that we visited Chapter N for their Monthly Breakfast Meeting. Their Rider Ed person had a crossword puzzle that she had us fill out with and then there was a drawing for a winner which was George & Sandi Eisen – Congrats!!!

Reminder ERC Rider Course is scheduled for June 14 – this is highly recommended for everyone new or experienced riders. Check out the GWRRA website for an application or see Tom Anys.

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Last month I had put a Trivia Question in the newsletter that NO ONE responded to with an answer – so that means no winner too Bad!!!! The question last month was “**What percentage of people actually keep their New Year’s resolutions longer than six months**” The answer is an amazing 50%!

I will try this one more time. Here is this month’s Trivia question (it’s about Michigan’s history):

“**On what date was the state of Michigan admitted to the union?**”

Remember anyone the correct answer may win a prize. Turn your answer to me at barber_74@hotmail.com by April 24 and you will be eligible to win a gift if you have the correct answer and your name is drawn.

Wednesday Night 50/50 Raffle:

Mar 4 – Ken & Katheel Heibel
Dessert Raffle – Tory’s son

Mar 18 – Mike & Laurie Bursma
Dessert Raffle – Tory’s son

March Breakfast Gathering at Chapter N:

Chapter Pride – Jim Pilafas
Progressive
50/50 Raffle – Ron & Judy Meschke // Glenn & Becky Kortman
Goldwing Raffle – Iva Barresi



WAYNE & LINDA HARMSEN

Bentheim, Michigan

1989 Honda Goldwing Trike

Wayne was in cement work
Linda works for Gentex

Wayne & Linda have been members of the GWRRA since July of 2007. The hobby of choice before motorcycling was fishing – at least for Wayne. He was big in fishing tournaments – especially for Walleye. But this was getting expensive and Linda did not like boating so they set out to find a new hobby they could enjoy together.

Some of the places they have been on their bike: They went on a tour of covered bridges last summer in Indiana. They also checked out some covered bridges in Michigan last summer. They are planning on a trip to Mt. Rushmore this summer.

We would like the chapter to know: Wayne and Linda have 3 grown children and 8 grandchildren. Wayne is originally from Burnips and Linda has grown up in Bentheim. Both went to Hamilton HS.

Before they purchased their Goldwing, Wayne was driving around and saw some Goldwings in the parking lot of the Embassy – which turned out to be Herm. They talked about Goldwings and sold Wayne on the idea of purchasing one. Later they met Denny and Bruce at the ice cream place in Burnips and that is how they heard about Chapter O.

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