



## GWRR – Michigan – Chapter O

*Lakeshore Wings*

Holland, MI - Region D

# August 2011

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## Kortman Kaleidoscope

Rides, Rides, Rides! Ride to eat, eat to ride!

We hope you are enjoying your summer. It seems as though August is full of riding opportunities. If you are looking for a ride destination, check out the mystery rides. Many of the destinations are to lighthouses. If you are looking for riding for a cause there are rides for the Veterans (August 6), Diabetes – Midnight Ride (August 19 onto 20) and many more. Whatever the reason, get out and enjoy the state of Michigan. Ride safe!

## A Tale To Tell

Dick W

All women, ladies & girls have the ability to attract members of the opposite sex. All of us guys know how true that is! That's how we got to where we are today. As guys, we may also try to get the attention of the opposite sex. We sometimes get into trouble for it. We see a woman that catches our eye and we start flirting and showing off, or it might be called strutting our stuff. We don't give a rip about any other man or woman that might be with her. She is our only focus. I witnessed just such a show off on the week-end of the Blessing of the Bikes. We were spending that week-end with friends at Big Star Lake. On Sunday morning we went to Ludington for breakfast and on the way back we stopped to do one of the mystery spots on our list. It was the Amber Elk Ranch. It was closed, so we parked at the front gate, got out to get our picture taken in front of their sign. That's when it all started! This bearded guy, Tom, (not Tom Guy) took a real liking to Jean. He was doing everything he could to impress her and get her to notice him. He was on the other side of the fence strutting his stuff for her and talking as sexy as he could. His feathers all fluffed out, his head held high and the perfect prance with his feet. He followed her as she walked along the fence, making sure she still noticed him. He didn't pay any attention to the rest of us. Then Jean got back in the car and Tom's head went down, his feathers laid down and the dancing stopped. Then Jean got back out of the car and guess what? The ole Tom stood at attention and fluffed right back up!!! I think if he could have made his way to the outside of the fence, he might have tried to have his way with her. What a show off. I never knew that a tom turkey could fluff up his feathers that much. Oh, and Jean was impressed!



# AUGUST 2011

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
	1 RIDE  Kathleen B-day	2  Kelly's B-day	3 RIDE  Jim & Laurie – Stable's Inn	4	5	6  Veterans Ride  Pizza In The Park – Chapter N
7  Mike & Laurie's Anniversary	8 RIDE  Paul & Debbie's Anniversary	9	10 RIDE  Glenn- Turk's Holland  Paul's B-day	11	12	13  9AM CHAPTER GATHERING Main St. Pub – Allendale  Herm – Progressive Ice Cream RIDE
14	15 RIDE	16  Arlan & Dorothy's Anniversary  Jim & Karen's Anniversary	17 RIDE  Mike B - ?	18	19 Midnight Ride →	20  Bernie & Donna's Anniversary
21	22 RIDE	23  Pat's B-day	24 RIDE  OPEN  Hank & Carol's Anniversary	25  Randy & Pat's Anniversary	26  Newsletter deadline Mindy's & Alex's B-day	27
28  Merritt & Joan's Anniversary	29 RIDE	30	31 <b><i>Brown Bag</i></b> RIDE Herm –Spring Lake on the river			

## MARK YOUR CALENDARS

DAY RIDES– Monday rides meet at 10 AM at Community Restaurant in Zeeland.

DINNER RIDES – Wednesday rides meet at Allendale High School, rides leave at 6:30 PM. Most rides average about 1 hour ride to a restaurant. August we will have Brown Bag Suppers (we will ride to a park).

**August 6 – Veterans Ride**, meet at McDonalds, 68<sup>th</sup> and US131 Culterville exit at 8AM. Wayne is our coordinator for this ride, if you have questions please contact him. Thanks Wayne for setting this up. More info at, [vietnamlegacyridemi.com](http://vietnamlegacyridemi.com)

Pizza in the Park, Chapter N \$10/person for all you can eat pizza – salad and dessert. Events start at 11 AM and ends at 2 PM at Pomona Park in Fruitport. FUN EVENT!

**August 13** – Chapter O Gathering, Main St. Pub, Allendale, Ride to follow – weather permitting Herm will be taking us on a Progressive Ice Cream Ride. YUMMO! Come for all the fun!

**August 19/20** – Midnight Ride, starting point for the ride is the Meijer store parking lot in Rockford, Michigan which is located at the corner of 10 Mile Rd. and U.S. 131, at Exit 97. We will leave at exactly 11:59:59 p.m. on Friday, August 19th, and arriving in St. Ignace and the Kewadin Casino Saturday morning the 20th, about 8:30. Chapter G - Hope to see you there... Ride Safe (They are still looking for volunteers to help with this ride, call Randy or Fay)


**August 21-25** – Ride around Lake Superior, contact Jim Voogd for more information

**September 24** – Das Essenhaus Ride

**October 7-9** – Mecosta Pines Camping

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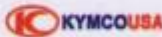
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## Highway Hypnosis

By Ernie and Phyllis Eby

I was reading the owner manual for the wife's new truck when I came across Highway Hypnosis. Highway Hypnosis usually creeps up on you when you have been driving on an expressway or long straight road for several hours. It can lead to you becoming a "spectator" instead of a driver and things seem to "float" by. Or it can send you to sleep.

As Gold Wing riders, we face the same problem on our longer rides. You are riding in staggered formation down the highway; you have been riding for a few hours, your group stops for a nice lunch and break. As you continue on your way in the hot afternoon sun, you have your face mask on your helmet or are using a full face helmet. You are behind that windshield and fairing, you are on cruise control, the six cylinders under you are singing a soft tune, and the tires are joining in. You are just staring at the bikes in front of you. The scenery is just floating by. Your eyes are getting heavy, you start to drift out of your lane, that 18-wheeler coming up behind you lays on the horn and suddenly it brings you and your co-rider out of you Hypnotic state and back to reality.

What can you do about Highway Hypnosis? First be aware that it can happen. Get a good night's sleep and avoid alcohol. Keep your eyes moving, scanning the road ahead and to the sides, check your mirrors and your instruments frequently. Talk to your co-rider and your fellow riders if you have a CB. Open your face shield to get some wind in your face. Don't be afraid to signal to your fellow riders that you need to take a break. Find a safe, guarded rest area, truck stop, or service station, even a 20 min. nap may refresh you enough to get to your destination.

Safe riding demands your full attention. Then your next actions may not simply determine whether you'll stay awake, they might determine whether you stay alive. Taken from Goddard News and Ontario Driving school and General Motors.

### Motorcycle Safety Quiz #7

- 1) If it starts to rain:
  - a. find a bridge and pull under it
  - b. if there are no bridges, pull over and seek shelter if you can
  - c. grab the soap and shampoo and clean up
  - d. at least slow down, especially in the first 10 min. to allow the road to get washed off
- 2) In worn out, rutted asphalt at intersections:
  - a. the center third of the lane is most slippery and oily so you should stay either L or R
  - b. even though it is more oily, the center is less worn and statistically the safest
  - c. it makes no difference which section you ride, as long as you are careful
- 3) If you hit a piece of debris on the road:
  - a. you should take the bike to a motorcycle shop for them to inspect it
  - b. you should schedule an oil change
  - c. if you don't hear any strange noises, check the bike after the ride
  - d. pull over and inspect the bike's tires and undercarriage

- 4) Generally, which could potentially be more hazardous while riding:
- a flat front tire because steering will be most affected
  - a rear flat tire because with the bike is upset, you usually to use the rear brake, but can't
  - it makes no difference, both tires are equally important
- 5) When crossing railroad tracks:
- accelerate slightly, while hitting them at a slight angle if possible
  - attempt to hit them square and accelerate as you approach them
  - accelerate quickly and see if you can get airborne, getting wheels to miss the track
  - attempt to cross the tracks approaching at a 90 degree angle under normal power, or a little slower if possible
- 6) When crossing the occasional "metal grate" bridge;
- if you speed up a little, it actually smoothes out the ride
  - never attempt to cross because they may have holes large enough to fall through
  - upon approach, slow down as much as practical, neither on the gas or the brakes, and ride it out as straight up and down as you can.
  - you must be very careful because even in dry conditions, they can be slippery
  - b and d
  - c and d
- 7) If road construction crews are re-routing traffic:
- tell them you are a GWRRA member and they will let you through with an escort
  - there is no cause for concern as construction managers are licensed by the Federal Highway Safety Commission and know how to safely divert traffic.
  - slow down, use the front and rear brakes gently as you come near and ride cautiously within the posted speed limits.
- 8) The front brake supplies how much of a motorcycle's stopping power, about:
- 25%
  - 50%
  - 75%
- 9) The key to making a quick turn is:
- Shifting your weight quickly
  - turn the handlebars quickly
  - getting the motorcycle to lean quickly
  - have your passenger put their foot down to act as a pivot point
- 10) If a tire goes flat while riding and you must stop, it is usually best to:
- relax on the hand grips
  - shift your weight toward the good tire
  - brake on the good tire and steer to the side of the road
  - jump off the bike and hopefully the tire won't go flat too quickly

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