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Kortman Kaleidoscope

Glenn & Becky Kortman, CD

Another New Year! It makes one wonder about the opportunities that will come with a new year. When one looks at the motto of GWRRA "Friends for FUN, SAFETY and KNOWLEDGE"; how can our chapter address those keys? FUN – well, January we will go to Dick & Jean's home for a FUN night of eating, playing and laughing at the "Card Party". February is Wingless Weekend – Lansing, MI where we will be coloring FUN with a Las Vegas theme. March is the Progressive Dinner. April riding season begins...
Happy New Year's everyone!

A Chapter O Christmas Story

Sandi Eisen

On Dec. 10 at 6:00 p.m., Chapter O gathered at the Main Street Grill for our annual Christmas Party and to celebrate the 28th Anniversary of our Chapter.

We had a great crowd and everyone was enthusiastic. We had received many items from both our sponsors and Chapter members for a silent auction. We had everything from a free Wingless Week End to tins of popcorn, along with a huge array of goodies. When each person arrived they went to see Jean Wynsma who was sitting behind a screen and we picked a secret name to use in the silent auction. Such as "ho-ho-ho", "Santa", "hope", etc. to be used when we put our bids on paper so no one knew who they were bidding against.

We had been collecting poker chips for the past year marked from 25 to 1000 points and we were using these for the bids on the auction.

Jan Rosales made all the table decorations made up of homemade candy, M&M's and candy kisses in glass tea candle holders. They were beautiful and yummy. Thank you, Jan.

Our meal was a choice of chicken, Alaskan Pollock, pork loin or pot roast, a choice of potato, vegetable and tossed salad and cheese cake for desert; totally wonderful and delicious meal.

We played a game hosted by Jan Rosales to earn even more chips and points. There was a variety of envelopes with points inside ranging from 50 points to 1800 points. Names of all members attending the dinner were put in a bucket and pulled out one at a time. The member whose name was pulled came up and picked an envelope and after looking inside it decided whether to keep it or trade it for another sight un-seen. It was fun to watch and even more fun to play. Thanks again Jan.

The next game was Family Feud! What a Hoot!! The questions were based on things that were popular in 1970! Did you know washing machines and blenders were not very popular back in the 70's? Five ladies and five men faced off. Needless to say the ladies won. Each lady received \$100,000 and the men got Zeros (candy bars of course).

The bidding for the silent auction got very heady. Toward the end it began to get physical. A great big hulk of a man blocking a tiny frail 4ft 11" retired Grandmother! The poor little lady had to dodge and duck and even threaten to get her winning bid in. With dogged determination she finally got her bid in and blesses her little heart she had the winning bid for the Wingless Week End.

THANK YOU

I want to send a BIG THANK YOU to everyone for their generous donation to me. I have some additional expenses I am facing and this will help greatly. I also need to get to Florida to sell our retirement home and this will help me get there. Like with anyone who has had a loss, there are many rough times to get through and with all your words of comfort and generosity I am coping.

Steve would have liked to have many more years of riding with you guys, but sometimes life throws us a curveball that we have to deal with. I wish you all the best in the New Year and thank you again!

In love and friendship,
Barb Siegel

Rider Education

Jim & Laurie Voogd, CE

Level I: Safety by Commitment - The first big step to success

Level I of the Rider Education Program is also referred to as Safe Miles. It represents the commitment of the Rider and/or the Co-Rider to practice safe motorcycle operation whenever they operate their motorcycle.

Requirement: Verbal commitment to ride safely at all times.

No cost to sign up. Patches available at \$6.00 per participant

Receive: "Safe Miles" patch, Rider (or Co-rider) Rocker, and mileage pin

Level II: Safety by Education

Level II of the REP is also referred to as Tour Rider. It represents the commitment of the Rider and/or Co-Rider to be safer motorcycle riders by taking approved motorcycle riding courses at regular intervals. There are many courses available through GWRRA. See your Chapter Director or Rider Educator for details or go to GWRRA website.

Requirement: Rider - a Certified Rider Course with 5,000 safe miles. Co-Rider - certified Co-rider Seminar or 2-up Rider Course

No cost to sign up. Patches available at \$5.00 per participant

Receive: "Red Triangle" patch for either Rider or Co-rider signifying Level II participant.

Level III: Safety by Preparedness

Level III of the REP is also referred to as Certified Tour Rider/Co-Rider. It represents the commitment of the Rider and/or Co-Rider to be prepared in the event of an accident to give aid and possibly save lives. This is done by being knowledgeable in First Aid or CPR and carrying a first aid kit on their motorcycle at all times.

Requirement: Current in Level II and have taken either First Aid or CPR training

No cost to sign up. Patches available at \$4.00 per participant

Receive: "Certified Tour Rider" or "Certified Co-Rider" patch

Level IV: Safety By Enhanced Commitment and Preparedness

Level IV is the most prestigious of the REP levels and is referred to as Master Tour Rider/Co-Rider. It represents the highest commitment of the Rider and/or Co-Rider to safe riding and preparedness. This commitment is shown by a demonstrated history of safe miles and current certification in both First Aid and CPR. This Master Tour Riders/Co T Riders are the finest example to every one of the highest commitment to safe motorcycle operation and preparedness.

Requirement: Current in Level III for one year and have taken both First Aid and CPR training. Have 25,000 Safe Miles and must be committed to riding with "Proper Riding Gear" at all times.

Cost: \$35.00 for each participant (Black and Gold patch is available for another \$8.00)

Receive: "Special Triangular" patch with dark blue border and your individual Master number embroidered on it.

It is our goal to have everyone sign up for LEVEL 1, after all, don't we all want to be safe and ride with others that want to be safe.

Motorcycle Trivia Quiz

December 2011

- 1) The Sturgis Motorcycle Rally began with a motorcycle race held in 1938 among what founding motorcycle club?
 - A) Black Hills Moto Club
 - B) 2 Wheeled Wildcats
 - C) Jackpine Gypsies
 - D) Dakota Wheelman
- 2) The Sturgis Rally has been held annually since 1938 except for two years during what significant event?
 - A) World War II
 - B) Vietnam War
 - C) OPEC Oil Embargo
 - D) South Dakota wildfires of '48 & '49
- 3) What nearly doubles each year during the Sturgis Rally?
 - A) Traffic tickets in Sturgis

January 2012

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
1	2	3	4 James St. Inn	5	6	7
8	9	10	11 Embassy	12	13	14 9AM CHAPTER GATHERING Main St. Pub – Allendale
15	16	17	18 James St. Inn	19	20	21 Card Party
22	23	24	25 Stable Inn	26	27	28
29	30	31				

Birthdays

1-9 Lynn S.
 1-15 Bernie VT
 1-20 CJ
 1-22 Jan R

Anniversaries

1-4 Kelly & Lynn

MARK YOUR CALENDARS

DINNER – Wednesday rides during the winter months meet at the restaurants. We have a list of suggested restaurants, you may send your suggestions via email or call Glenn. One restaurant is selected for the 1st and 3rd Wednesdays of the month. Since we still have to eat and we enjoy each other's company; we meet on the other Wednesdays of the month. .

January

- 4 DINNER at James St. Inn, James St. Holland
- 11 DINNER at Embassy Bar & Grill, Lake Michigan Drive & 104th Ave. Between Grand Haven and Allendale.
- 14 GATHERING at Main St. Pub, Lake Michigan Dr. Allendale at 9 AM. Breakfast is \$8.50 including drink, tax and tip.
- 18 DINNER at James St. Inn, James St. Holland
- 21 CARD PARTY – Game Night at Dick & Jean's. This evening is a time to eat, play games, spend time with friends, eat and lose your pennies. Bring your pennies, many of the games use pennies for play. The chapter provides drinks (soft drinks and coffee) and everyone brings munchies. We'll get started around 6:30 PM but feel free to come any time after that.
- 25 DINNER – Stable Inn, US31 Grand Haven

February

- 3-4 Wingless Weekend, Lexington Hotel, Lansing – VEGAS BABY! Come for a great weekend.
- 10-11 Chicago International Motorcycle Show

March

TBA Progressive Dinner – We are in need of host homes, and an event coordinator. We will need to pick the number of stops and what we will be bringing. In years past, we have done salads, soups, appetizers, potato bar, entrees, and desserts. Typically there are three stops. This is a fun night of going from home to home for different courses of the evening meal.

April

RIDE SEASON BEGINS

- 20-22 Camping at Mecosta Pines

October

- 5-6 Camping at Mecosta Pines



Thank You

Chapter O –

What a wonderful family you all are! Thank you so much for everything; money, meals, flowers, prayers and love – especially those wonderful & healing hugs!!

Thank you sincerely for sharing our sorrow. Your kindness is deeply appreciated and will always be remembered.
Love you all! ~Connie Barber

Chapter O –

Thank you so much for the planter & cards you sent to us for Steve Siegel’s funeral. Your kindness and sympathy are deeply appreciated. Steve will be remembered in our hearts forever.

Love, ~Barb & family

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