



# GWRRA CHAPTER O

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Holland, MI  
Region D  
July 2006



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## Patow's Ponderings



Busy, Busy, Busy. No time is a good time to get anything done. So set **PRIORTIES** and **GO RIDING!!!** Beginning of the month a few of Chapter O members went to Americade in New York. I understand they had a great time and decent weather. All made it back home OK. Our chapter meeting was visited by some members of Chapter G and also some state staff on a mission. Chris and Sally Bobeck, Lou and Linda Randall came and recruited Ken and Kathleen Heible as Assistant Directors on the state staff. Congratulations to Ken and Kathleen. After our meeting Jack and Cindy Woods lead us on a nice ride up to the Asparagus Festival and Parade. Thanks to everybody for selling and getting the raffle tickets back to me on time. The state rally is Augusts 3, 4, and 5. On Saturday August 5, Lori and I will be leading a ride to Midland for the day. Leaving from the Swan Inn Restaurant at 8 a.m. If you want breakfast be there at 7a.m. Chapter O has PA duty from 12 to 5 p.m. as in the past we would like volunteers to take one hour shifts. Please sign up with us.

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### Chapter Gathering Information

The Chapter O gathering is the 2<sup>nd</sup> Saturday of the month. We have breakfast at 9:00 A.M. followed by our meeting. Location is THE CLASSROOM DINER in Borculo.

### Dinner Rides

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

# July

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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2 <u>Birthday</u> Chuck Eberly <u>Anniversary</u> John & Jan Boockmeier	3 <u>Anniversary</u> Kel & Beth Elzinga	4 <u>Birthday</u> John Stuckey	5 <u>Dinner ride</u> Ron Walters 616 218-6666 <u>Birthday</u> Dick Wynsma	6	7	8 <u>Chapter gathering and breakfast meeting</u>
9	10	11	12 <u>Dinner ride</u>	13	14 <u>Birthday</u> Jan Boockmeier	15 Blanchard Run Loofers, Antiques, Good food
16 <u>Birthday</u> Joe Karafa, Barb Dailey, Sandi Eisen	17	18	19 <u>Dinner ride</u> <u>Birthday</u> Marv Morley, Beth Elzinga	20	21	22
23	24	25	26 <u>Brown bag</u> Dick Wynsma 662-0859	27	28 <u>Birthday</u> Tom Moorman	29
30	31 <u>Birthday</u> Ron Meschke					

# 2006

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 an update to the on-line calendar, please contact Ron DeYoung

# MARK YOUR CALENDAR

By Jean Wynsma



July 3-6      Wing Ding – Nashville TN  
July 15        Ride to the Loafers Glory  
July 26        Brown bag & Dessert Auction  
Aug 3-5       Michigan Rally  
Aug 19        Midnight ride.

If anyone is taking a trip this summer and would like me to announce it on this page, please let me know.

**July 15** Jack Wood will be leading a ride to Blanchard MI to Loafers Glory. It is antique stores, craft stores, collectables, and a restaurant all decked out in the 1800 era. Afterwards Jack will lead us to Sylvester for a small ice cream cone. Please meet at the school with a full gas tank and ready to leave at 9:30 a.m.

**July 26** On the last Wednesday of the months of July and August we have a brown bag ride. The leader will pick a nice picnic area and we bring a picnic lunch. We will also have our dessert auction. Dessert should be for 2 or more. Please wrap your dessert so it will be a surprise to the highest bidder. **(Please keep in mind you do not have to bring a dessert to go on the ride.. Also if you do not bring a dessert you can still bid on a dessert).** WHY DO WE HAVE A DESSERT AUCTION: The first or second week of September for the past several years, the radio station B-93 has had a roof sit to raise money for programs that provide services for abused children in the West Michigan area. Several GWRRA Chapters are raising money for this event and we are doing our part by having a Sesser auction. A date and place will be announced later where all the chapters will meet and we all ride to the destination of the roof sit to deliver our donation.

**Aug 3-5** Chapter O will have control of the PA system again this year. If you haven't done so yet, please let Herm know if you will be going and can help out on the PA for Saturday afternoon. The more volunteers we have, the better. Just FYI. This is the last year the rally will be in Midland.

**Aug 19** The annual midnight ride will be leaving Meijer's parking lot in Rockford at MIDNIGHT. If you have never gone, you should try it. For some of us that have gone many times in the past, we will be going to Mackinaw City prior to the run. Most leave on Friday and take their time to get to the bridge. Many of use are staying at Mackinaw Motor Lodge. If you haven't made reservations yet, better do it soon.

## **THE WORLD'S SHORTEST FAIRY TALE...**

Once upon a time, a girl asked a guy :Will you marry me?"  
The guy said, "No" and the girl lived happily ever after and went shopping, dancing, drank martinis, always had a clean house, never had to cook, stayed skinny and farted whenever she wanted.  
The End.

## **GETTING TO KNOW CHAPTER "O"**



**DENNY AND CONNIE BARBER  
HOLLAND, MI**

**2002 GL 1800 Goldwind**

\*\* Denny works as a truck driver for Holland Special Delivery

\*\* Connie is the secretary at Hillandia Gardens

They have been married for 20 years and have one son. Denny has three other children BC (before Connie) and 5 grandchildren; Connie says Denny has grandchildren because he is A LOT older than she is..ha-ha.

Denny and Connie have been riding for about 15 years and have been GWRRA members for the last 3 years.

Some of the places they have been on their bike: Tennessee, Georgia, North Carolina and Kentucky.

**We would like the chapter to know:** Connie's play toy is a 1976 white corvette. She likes to show it off at car shows and has bragging rights to four 1<sup>st</sup> place trophies. Connie also has 2 Shitzu's – Molly and Bosco.

Position(s) held currently or in the past:

Current: Assistant chapter directors.



**MIKE & LAURIE BURSMA  
ALLENDALE MI**

1800 Honda Goldwing  
1100 Yamaha V-Star

\*\*Mike is a Shipping/Receiving supervisor at Johnson Controls

\*\*Laurie is a nurse at Laurels of Hudsonville

They have two children – Emily & Lance

Mike & Laurie have been only riding for about 1 year and GWRRA members for almost a year.

Some of the places they have been on their bike: Just local so far – just starting to spread our wings now that we have a Goldwing.

**We would like the Chapter to know** – We have been married for 25 years and now are empty nesters. This happened within 3 months as our daughter Emily got married and moved to the Keys and our son Lance is in the Marines stationed in Hawaii. We both love to ride and look forward to many adventures together.

Position(s) held currently or in the past:

Current: 50/50



# A TALE TO TELL

BY DICK WYNSMA

Vacation time is a mix of being 1) **laid back**, 2) **sleeping in**, 3) **taking it easy**, but **still let's get going, we are on vacation**. With his in mind, let's take a look at the start of a vacation trip, this years Avericade. I was one of the four guys of questionable intelligence that arrived at the Allendale High School at about 4:45 Saturday morning. **THAT'S A.M.** for those of you that did not know that 4:45 comes twice a day. Mike, Hank, and Denny being the other three. Breakfast and a nice little ride was all that we had in mind. It turned out to be around 250 miles. Our wives were much to smart to get up at 4:00 a.m. to ride just for breakfast. The **lets get going we are on vacation** group included Ron and Judy, Ron and Sharon, Pat and Kathy. Its now 5 a.m. – time to ride, but we are waiting for one couple on their dark blue 1800 Goldwing It's now 6 minutes and 32 seconds after 5 a.m. and here they come – Steve and Barb! Lets put them in the **laid back** group. The four guys started to mount up after giving Steve and Barb a little will you know. It was then that we found out about 2 more couples that were also going on the trip. Ron and Barb (that's a lot of Rons to keep track of) would be waiting for us at the first rest area about 5:45. The last couple would be Tom and Gayan. It seems that they fall into the **sleep in** group. After a call to remind them that we were ready to go, Gayan said they were almost ready. They arrived at the school 47 minutes and 19 seconds after the 5 a.m. departure time. Apologies given and accepted, we were on our way. Oh, did I mention the promise of ice cream for our patience and forgiveness. That's a good motivator for anyone in “O”. Ron and Barb wanted to be part of the **sleep in** group, but it's a long way from Croton to the rest stop. It was up and get going for them to meet the group at 5:45 a.m.. Hey, we just left the school at 5:55 a.m.. Ron however likes sleeping in. When we arrived at the rest stop, Ron was sleeping in his trailer. Breakfast was in Portland and then off to Niagara Falls. The foursome split off before Flint and came back on M-21, stopping for gas in Owesso and then for ice cream in Lowell, which we had to buy ourselves – Gayan. Home by 12:30 p.m. we had a great ride.

P.S. Ask Mikie about the conversation he had on he CB with a fellow that worked at the company Mike used to drive truck for.

## THANK YOU CHAPTER “O”

I would like to take this opportunity to thank a few of our members who showed up at 5 AM on Saturday June the 3<sup>rd</sup> to help kick start the Americade ride bunch. Our hats off to the four horsemen, Dick Wynsma, Denny Barber, Mike Bursma, and Hank Van Kampen. The four rode with us for about an hour, had breakfast with us and then departed, expressing their good wishes for all of us to have fun and a safe ride. **Isn't this what it's all about?**

# WHAT WE HAVE BEEN DOING!



## AMERICADE 2006

By Ron & Sharon DeYoung

To understand how this adventure got started you must read **A TALE TO TELL** by Dick Wynsma.

After breakfast the magnificent 12 headed east to Port Huron where we crossed into Canada. The weather so far was good. But as things that are going good, things change. When we hit London Ontario it started to rain. On with the rain gear. We rode all the way to Niagara Falls in the rain. About 5 p.m. we found our motel, went to dinner, back to the motel and crashed. We rode about 450 miles that day.

### Day 2.

The magnificent 12 were up and on our bikes by 8 a.m. We took a little side ride around the falls first (great) and crossed back into the good old USA and headed for Lake George. Steve Seigle did the leading throughout the entire trip and did a great job. Ron Dailey had a front brake problem on his trike, we stopped along of the road so Ron could make repairs. We arrived in Lake George at about 8 p.m., checked into our motel, the Lake Haven Motel. Everyone was pooped. We rode about 365 miles this day.

### Days 3, 4, 5, and 6

These four days were filled with Americade and personnel stuff. We went on a ride to Vermont on Monday. This was spectacular. The roads are all twisties, cutbacks, and hills. The road bikers dream of. The scenery was awesome. Tuesday we went on a Americade ride to Whiteface Mountain. Again, GREAT! Went down the mountain to the Lake Placid Golf Course for lunch (Americade sponsored). Another super ride. Wednesday was the Poker Run (in the rain). Lots of fun but wet. Thursday was open (still raining) until the evening so it was **HIT THE VENDORS TIME**. Thursday evening was rodeo time and a buffet dinner (still raining). Friday was again free time during the day (still raining), so back to the vendors. That evening was the closing ceremonies at an amusement park. There was a buffet dinner, awards given out, and a big fireworks display. As a side note: The oldest couple at Americade was in their 90's and still riding. Americade did a super job with this rally, well organized, planned and executed. The staff was helpful and friendly to everyone.

For most of us, our evenings were spent setting on the motel veranda watching all the different motorcycles fly by. What a variety! We even saw a guy riding a three wheeled cooler (no kidding). Someone hollered "do a wheelie", needless to say he tried and failed, we all had a good laugh over that. Thanks to Tom for finding this motel. It was great. The staff made our stay a pleasant one.

### Day 7 and 8

Heading back home. We were all up and on the road by 6 a.m. We decided to take the southwestern route home. Through New York, Pennsylvania, Ohio, and into Michigan. Tom and Gayan, Pat and Kathy decided to head straight home. They left us at a rest stop. That day we rode to just north of Cleveland and found a motel, had dinner and turned in for good nights sleep. Sunday we were up and on the road early. The ride home was wonderful and uneventful except for a deer popping up now and then. The weather was great.

If any of you get a chance to go to Americade, please do so. This ride was a ride of a lifetime for Sharon and I. We would not have missed this for the world. The people we traveled with are the best and helped make this a fun and memorable experience. Our hats off to Steve and Barb Siegle for getting us there and back again with fun and humor. Our trike clocked over 2300 miles during the week. Lets do it again!

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**Hank VanKampen**

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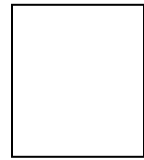
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