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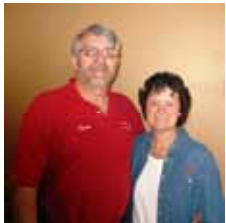
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## BARBER'S BABBLE

### The Way to Happiness

Keep your heart free from hate,  
Your mind free from worry.  
Live simply,  
Expect little.  
Give much,  
Trust God.  
Forget self – think of others  
Do as you would be done by.  
Thank God for all your blessings.  
Do all you can for people with no thought of personal gain.  
Fill you life with love.  
By following these guidelines you will be well on your way to happiness.

I read this somewhere and thought that these were great words to live by...try it, you may like it!

Denny & Connie



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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: 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 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.

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1	2 <b><u>Birthday</u></b> Joan Smallenburg	3	4 <b><u>Dinner</u></b> Hudsonville Grille <b><u>Birthday</u></b> Randy Van Wingerden	5	6	7
8	9 <b><u>Anniv.</u></b> Tom & Toni Guy	10	11 <b><u>Birthday</u></b> Sharon Wilson	12 <b><u>Birthday</u></b> Vicky Morris Iva Barresi	13	14 <b>Breakfast Gathering At Chapter N</b>
15	16	17	18 <b><u>Dinner</u></b> Hudsonville Grille	19	20	21
22	23	24	25 <b><u>Birthday</u></b> Barb Stuckey Jack Wesseldyke	26	27	28
29	30	31				

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

- Mar 4            Hudsonville Grille  
Mar 14          Breakfast Gathering with Chapter N  
Mar 18          Hudsonville Grille  
April 1          First dinner ride

**MARCH** - Dinner get togethers are on the first & third Wednesday night of the month. We meet at 6:15 at a restaurant as a chapter event - if you do not want supper, come join us for dessert.. but what about the second & fourth Wednesday? Well, we have to eat then too, so we have a supper get together with whoever wants to show up. (As this is not a scheduled chapter event we do not have a 50-50 drawing) And as this is not a predetermined location, you will have to call Denny or Mike to find out the location.

**March 4** - Dinner at Hudsonville Grille. 4676 32<sup>nd</sup> Ave Hudsonville (just north of 196) Dinner at 6:15.

**March 14** - Chapter gathering with Chapter N. This will be fun. We will be the guest of Chapter N at their new meeting place. It is Uncle Marks Restaurant, 1910 E Apple Ave, in Muskegon. Breakfast at 9:00 meeting to follow. Maybe we can meet some place near the restaurant and all arrive together. Be sure to wear your colors!

And in April Chapter N will be our guests.

**March 18** - Dinner at Hudsonville Grille

**April 1** - This is not an April Fools joke! Can you believe it is the **FIRST** official ride of the season? 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.

**Advanced notice** - **April 26** - Holland Blessing of the Bikes at Ottawa county fairground more in the next newsletter. (I'm selling my 1100 V-Star if anyone is interested)

**May 1,2** - Chapter O will be camping at Mecosta Pines, in Morley. If you are interested in going, please call Cary & Mary for details.. 616-530-6418

**Just a reminder** We are about the only chapter that doesn't put on a fund raiser, so for us to have monies for our needs, everyone has to pitch in. Three events that support Chapter O, As a chapter we enjoy riding as much as possible and of course eating out. One of the ways of supporting our chapter is buying 50-50 tickets at all our chapter scheduled events. Our Breakfast gatherings, Wednesday night rides and Wednesday winter supper nights. 50 % of this money goes to the chapter and some lucky person wins the other 50%! This is only a portion of our treasury. Second, it is very important we all do our part selling bike tickets. As this is our **ONLY money making event** for our chapter, it is imperative we all do our share. As a chapter we earn a portion of every ticket sold. What does the chapter do with the money? Flowers & fruit baskets for family deaths & member hospital stays, birthday & anniversary cards & postage for members, printing of hard

copies of the newsletter & postage, end of the season steak fry, meat & beverage & table ware for Chapter O events like the annual bonfire, card party and the Christmas party. Third, our advertisers also help contribute.. When using their services, please mention you saw their ad in the Chapter O newsletter.

**Forget yourself for others.  
And others will not forget you!**

**Life can only be understood by looking backward,  
But it must be lived by looking forward.**

## **TRIVIA TIME**

What percentage of people actually keep their New Year's resolutions longer than six months?

Turn your answer in to me (barber\_74@hotmail.com or 616-786-4918) before March 20 and you will be eligible to win a prize if you have the correct answer and your name is drawn.

Good Luck!  
Connie Barber

# A TALE TO TELL

BY Dick Wynsma



With today's job market as bad as it is we all know someone that has been laid off, down sized or their employer just plain shut the door. This leaves families with a lot less to live on. Some possibly having to give up a car or even lose their home. Times are tuff. I'm sure that you have been asked this question. "Are you still working?" Most of you know that I work in the auto industry as a machine builder. We build machines from the ground up to assemble interior parts for various cars. Our normal week has always been 50 – 55 hours per week. I'm often asked "How many hours are you working?" My answer would be something like this. Most of the time I'm on 10s, but only 8 or 9 on Friday and Saturday only if I can't get out of it. The reason I think they ask is to see how the auto world is doing. Many times they also want to know what make of car we are building the machines for. This must tell them what type people are spending their money buying cars. Such as Fords and Chevys would be purchased by Joe Six Pack. Cadillacs and Lincolns by people want the very best and don't have to ask how much the payment will be. Old geezers, of course would buy Buicks. You will find them in the fast lane going slow, and so on. Lately I seem to be getting this question more often from people that have no idea what line of work I'm in. At first I thought that it was out of concern for us because so many people are having problems, then I realized that when they ask me "Are you still working?" they are really asking me are you retired, or are you still working? It is bad enough to feel as old as I am, but now people seem to be telling me that I look older than I am. How can I change this? I could ask Jean to dye her hair; this might make me look younger! NO THAT'S A BAD IDEA! I could use Greason Formula on my beard or shave it off. No maybe I should just go out and buy a Buick!

## **Wednesday Night 50/50 Raffle:**

Jan 7 – Glenn & Becky Kortman  
Feb 4 – Glenn & Becky Kortman

Jan 22 – John & Deb Oppenhuizen  
Feb 18 - Denny & Connie Barber

## **January Breakfast Gathering:**

Chapter Pride – Bruce Bullard  
Progressive - Ron Mescke  
50/50 Raffle – John & Jan Boockmeier  
Goldwing Raffle – John Stuckey

## **February Breakfast Gathering:**

Chapter Pride – Dick Wynsma  
Progressive - Tom Anys  
50/50 Raffle – Ron Meschke  
Goldwing Raffle – Jan Rosales

# THE SAFETY CORNER

By Tom Anys



## **How much time can you afford to gamble?**

Everybody likes to do things, other than driving while driving. Whether it is in a car or on a motorcycle. Number one on a motorcycle is looking at the scenery. Look at some scenery out in the desert on the long straight low traffic road and I'd be willing to gamble a couple of seconds. Try and look at the beautiful scenery going through the mountains with lots of opposing traffic, no guardrails, a foot wide shoulder before dropping down to nowhere, and I'd be willing to gamble, say maybe .5 seconds looking.

The million dollar highway in Colorado comes to mind.

At 60 mph, you are moving 88 feet per second. Cell phones, radios, ipods, gps. How much time are you willing to gamble?

One of my favorites, is riding behind 2 people in a car, who are obviously in a deep conversation. I know that the polite thing to do while talking, is to look directly at the other person, but the driver should not have his head 90 degrees to the road every few seconds. Big gamble.

I love some of the tv shows and movies where the drivers head is 90 degrees to the road for several seconds at a time while the scenery is buzzing by in the background. Now that is a good example to set for our young, learning drivers!

So the next time you are out driving, and are about to do something other than driving, while driving; ask yourself, "how much time am I willing to gamble on this?"

By Tom Anys

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