



GWRRA CHAPTER O

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Holland, MI
Region D
May 2006



Patow's Ponderings

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What a great start to our riding season. Three beautiful Wednesday night rides in a row! Sunshine, good food, and great friends.

We still have open dates on our ride calendar. Check with Steve and Barb Siegel to sign up to lead a ride.

Thanks to Hank and Carol for hosting the bike clean-up day. About a dozen bikes were there. We hear they roasted hot dogs, talked a lot, exchanged notes, and just enjoyed the company. Not sure much bike cleaning got done!

Keep up the good work selling the raffle tickets. Please turn them in to me as soon as you can. This helps me to keep them organized and get them ready to be returned to the state staff. Don't forget to profit from the ticket sales helps pay for the steak fry and the Christmas party among many other things.

Lori and I want to thank you all for your concern about my father's health. He is doing a little better but has a long road ahead. We appreciate your friendship.

HERM & LORI

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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 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 68th St. Allendale Mi. at 6:30. November – March: Dinner is on the 1st and 3rd Wednesday. Location to be announced.

May

S	M	T	W	T	F	S
	1	2	3 <u>Diner Ride</u> Herm Patow Yellow Jacket 616-997-0548	4	5	6
7 <u>Birthday</u> Arlan Potgetter	8	9	10 <u>Diner Ride</u> Denny Barber 616-786-4918 Bruce Bullard 616-786-9046	11	12 -Indiana District Rally-	13 <u>Birthday</u> Carl Briggs
14 <u>Mothers Day</u> Indiana District Rally	15	16	17 <u>Anniversary</u> Lyle & Pam Blanshan	18	19 Niehaus Open House	20 Chapter G-2 Chicken Run Chapter R-2 Ice cream run
21 Niehaus Open House	22	23	24	25	26	27 <u>Birthday</u> Carole Scholl Chapter U-2 Fun Ride Mt. Pleasant
28 <u>Anniversary</u> Russ & Jean Wierenga	29	30 <u>Birthday</u> Lourie Bursma	31 <u>Diner Ride</u> George Eisen 616-791-7536			

FOR A CURRENT AND UPDATED CALENDAR VISIT OUR WED SITE AT 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

A MOTHERS PRAYER

Oh give me patience when wee hands
Tug at me with their small demands
And give me gentle and smiling eyes;
Keep my lips from hasty replies
And let not weariness, confusion or noise
Obscure my vision of life's fleeting joys,
So when in years to come my house is still
No bitter memories its rooms may fill.

2006

GETTING TO KNOW CHAPTER "O"



**HERM & LORI PATOW
COOPERSVILLE, MI**

1800 Honda Goldwing
1400 Suzuki Intruder

**Herm is a construction jobsite supervisor

**Lori is a job coach at Kent Transition Center

Together they have 4 children, Herm has 2 sons and Lori has a daughter and a son. They have 1 grandchild.

Herm has been riding since he was 5 years old and Lori only started riding since she met Herm..

Some of the places they have been on their bike: Key West, Yellowstone, Glacier Park, Zion, Grand Canyon, Colorado & Nova Scotia.

We would like the Chapter to know - We would like to thank everybody in Chapter O for being such a great family of FRIENDS!!!!.

Position(s) held currently or in the past:

Current Chapter Directors, Past asst CD

Past rider education



A TALE TO TELL BY DICK

I have heard **tail** that there is a new bike in chapter O. I know there is more than one, **butt** the one that I want to **tail** about is looking for a name to be called. It is very common for owners of a new ride to want to dress up their wheels with bright lights front & **rear** and chrome from top to **bottom**. Give it a cool sounding name. Put their **buns** on the seat and be admired by everyone. I have heard some of the suggested names, **butt** they have all been turned down by the co-rider. I have an idea. Lets have a contest to name this pride and joy. The winner would not only have bragging rights, **butt** would have the privilege of riding **behind** this bike for the rest of the riding season. This contest will be really **big**, **butt** please submit all of your entries to me, **butt** don't forget to include your name. You could be the winner. I will be conducting this contest; **butt** the co-rider will have to pick the winner. Please no entries referring to **butt**, **rear**, **behind**.... You get the picture? Now get busy...

First Impressions

There is a saying that goes like this: **YOU WILL NEVER HAVE A SECOND CHANCE TO MAKE A GOOD FIRST IMPRESSION.** There is no denying, this statement is 100% true. I'm proud to say I know Chapter O makes a good first impression. I know this because some of our newest members have told me that after riding with other area chapters they never got that warm fuzzy feeling, but now found what they were looking for - right here in Chapter O. Their finding us, us making a good first impression equals **GREAT NEW FRIENDS.** So let's take a look at some of the things we have done and can do that make this happen. When a new couple arrives at the school or at our breakfast they see a lot of faces, but no one they know. Being a bit shy they just stand around by their bike. Many of us are outgoing and go over and introduce ourselves and welcome them. Some of us however are also a bit shy and have a problem being the one to make that first move. That's when someone needs to take the new people around and make the introductions to get the ball rolling. The new arrival needs to know where we are riding to and how long of a ride to expect. If the ride is a brown bag, ask if they bought food. If not offer to share yours or to stop with them to buy something to eat. In conversation, ask them if this is their first group ride. Explain that we ride staggered and that we chitchat on channel 15. Once we arrive at the restaurant, usually the new couple will try to sit on the end of the table. We won't let this happen, put them in the middle where there is more people to talk to. Tell them about our 50/50 before they are put on the spot to buy tickets. Be sure Herm & Lori get their name, address & telephone number so they can get on the newsletter list. Inform and invite them on up coming rides and events. Most of all make sure they know there is always a group that will be stopping for ice cream on the way home. No matter what the weather is. Giving a first impression like this, you will never wish that you had a second chance. You will have made new friends that will come back because they have found what they were looking for. How can they resist?

DICK

IN CASE YOU MISSED IT

The following is taken from an article in the April 2006 issue of Wing World.

AVOID LOSING YOUR GOLD WING'S KEY.

1. Always carry a spare key on your person when you travel far from home.
2. All 1975-2000 Gold Wing keys had numbers engraved on them for easy duplication.
3. The keys for all 1975-2000 Gold Wings, (GL1000s, GL1000s, GL1200s, and GL1500s) could be made by most Honda dealers and locksmiths if you know the key number. Key numbers are no longer engraved on the key itself on the GL1800s. Many owners never wrote down the number!
4. With the advent of the GL1500s integrated locking system, it became possible to lock your bike's keys inside its trunk or saddlebag. Getting into the system is possible, but it's a hassle. (We'd tell you how, but the wrong eyes might see the instructions!)
5. Few Honda dealers' stock replacement GL1800 electronic remotes – and they're costly. However, replacement remotes for the GL1800 can be purchased inexpensively at your local Honda automobile dealer and elsewhere on the internet. The remote you need is for a **1999 Honda CRX**. They should be less than \$50.00. On another note, replacement ignition keys can be made at Wal-Mart® for about \$1.00. Ask for **AXXESS #27** key blank. Wal-Mart® does not list Honda GL1800s; so just insist that they make the key with the **AXXESS #27** key blank.

Comment:

I did go to Wal-Mart® to purchase a spare ignition key. The Wal-Mart® in Grandville has the blanks and when cut, mine worked great. You can get the key with the soft top or the standard key type. I got the standard key type so I can carry it in my wallet. The cost is as stated above, \$1.00 plus tax. Cheap protection huh?



WHAT WE ARE DOING

Tom, Gayan, Pat, and Kathy's biker vacation

We started out in our truck pulling the Gold Wing's in the trailer at 6:30am Saturday 3-19-06. It was 39 degrees and cloudy. We arrived at Sweetwater TN 75 degrees. We immediately unloaded the bikes and went to dinner.

Sunday we got up early and rode to Jacksonville FL 550 miles that first day. After not riding for months, it felt Great!

Monday we rode to Homestead FL, the weather was warm and sunny. What a difference from where we live!

Tuesday we went to Vero Beach and ate at a fun bar and grill on the ocean. We then continued to the Florida Keys. We stopped along the way and bought tee shirts and stayed until almost dark then rode back to Homestead FL, where we stayed a second night.

Wednesday we rode down alligator alley, then stopped for lunch in Naples and ended our day in Sarasota FL.

Thursday we stayed in Lake City FL. During the day we rode to Saint George Florida and rode some long bridges to get there and had lunch on a deck overlooking the Gulf. What a view!

Friday night we stayed in Thomasville Georgia. The weather started to turn colder. Reality, is we had to head back north. We arrived back in Sweetwater TN Saturday afternoon with little snowflakes in the air. YUK! It was cold. We loaded up the bikes and the next morning drove home.

Each day, we put on a lot of miles, but also made stop's along the way that were memorable. Great eating places and wonderful view's. We had a lot of fun, and put on almost 2744 miles. What a nice start to getting a lot of miles on the bike this year.

Great Weekend Ride!

On Sunday, April 9 Denny and Connie Barber lead a great ride. We had 10 bikes with 17 people. We all met at the Wal-Mart parking lot in Holland about 1:30, left from there and headed south. We took some great back roads to South Haven. I think Denny got lost a couple of times but he done good and got us back on track. We made a pit stop before heading back. The day was just great for riding. Of course everyone was dressed for the weather. The temperature hung in between 48° and 52°, the sun was out all day. Being the first ride of the year for most of us, we quickly were reminded of the pungent smells of country travel. I know the farmers don't have a problem with it, but for some of us city folk it sure can bring a tear to your eye. I know this was the first in a great list of rides we can take this summer. Remember, if you want to lead a ride or have an idea about where to go, feel free to sign up. As always, we don't need much of an excuse to hop on our great machines and head out for who knows where.

CONGRATULATIONS ARE IN ORDER

Paul and Debbie are the new proud owners of a purple 1500 GOLD WING.

MARK YOUR CALENDAR

- May 20 Chapter G-2 Heartland Wingers CHICKEN RUN
- May 21 BALDWIN BLESSING OF THE BIKES
Dick will be leading a ride to the NEWAYGO
SPORTSMANS CLUB for breakfast. Leaving from the
parking lot at Wilson and Lake Michigan Drive (northwest
corner) at 8:30 am.
- August 18 MIDNIGHT RIDE
- December 2 CHRISTMAS PARTY at Classroom Diner

GOLDWING ROAD RIDERS ASSOCIATION

CHAPTER G-2 HEARTLAND WINGERS

HOME OF THE CHICKEN RUN

(our only fund-raising event of the year)

SATURDAY, MAY 20, 2006

**HARADINE PARK -CARSON CITY,
MI**

(On M-57, 20 miles east of Greenville)

NEW
LOCATION!

NEW
LOCATION!

I said to myself, "Self-I said, better put this Chicken Run date on my 2006 Calendar!"



SAFETY

FUN

KNOWLEDGE



**TIME: 9 AM , RIDER ED, GAMES, 50/50, DOOR PRIZES.
DINNER APPROX 11:30 AM. FEATURING TONY'S
SPECIAL RECIPE GRILLED CHICKEN. FUN RUN TO —
R-2'S ICE CREAM SOCIAL AFTER DINNER.**

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