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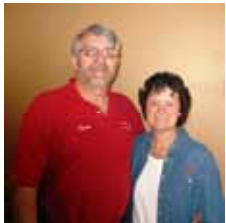
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COUPLE OF THE YEAR

BARBER'S BABBLE

Well here it is the end of April and did we ever get the April showers! Thank you to everyone that helped out at the Blessing of the Bikes. It goes without saying many hands makes light work. It was a fairly good turnout considering the wet weather. Hopefully May will be a little drier than this month. We sold 150 Goldwing Raffle tickets at the Blessing a big THANK YOU for all that helped in the ticket sales. And a big THANKS to Herm for supplying the tent and to John and Jan B. for the tables and chairs. And last but not least THANK YOU to John B. and Wayne H. for the trike corral with a personal note from me to John B and Wayne H for taking care of all the arrangements for our wonderful spot at the Blessing. Please, everyone give them a big hug for their hard work.

Till we ride again!

Denny & Connie



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

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
					1	2 <u>Birthday</u> Wayne Harmsen
3	4	5	6 <u>Dinner</u> Rainbow Grill Mike B.	7 <u>Birthday</u> Arlan Potgeter	8	9 <u>Breakfast Gathering</u>
10	11	12	13 <u>Dinner</u> Terra Verde Herm P <u>Birthday</u> Carl Briggs Gina Wesseldyke	14 <u>Birthday</u> Debra Oppenhuizen	15	16
17 <u>Anniversary</u> Lyle & Pam Blansham	18	19	20 <u>Dinner</u> Bunker Hill Merritt Z.	21 <u>Anniversery</u> Glenn & Becky Kortman Jack & Gina Wesseldyke <u>Birthday</u> Teresa Boerma	22	23
24	25 MEMORIAL DAY	26	27 <u>Dinner</u> Stable Inn Steve S. <u>Birthday</u> Carole Schroll	28 <u>Anniversay</u> Russ & Jean Wierenga	29	30 <u>Birthday</u> Laurie Bursma
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FOR A CURRENT AND UPDATED CALENDAR VISIT OUR WEB SITE AT 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 Becky Kortman

May 1-2	Camping at Mecosta Pines
May 9	Breakfast meeting
May 15-17	Neihaus Appreciation Days
May 17	Blessing of the Bikes at Baldwin
June 13	Breakfast meeting
June 24	First brown bag & dessert auction

May 1,2 - Chapter O and friends are going **camping at Mecosta Pines** in Morley. We have many laughs, make memories, eat too much food, good weather (sometimes not so good) great friends, and a nice relaxing night about the fire. Sound like something you might want to do? Call Carl & Mary. 616-530-6418

May 15,16,17 - The annual run to **Neinhaus Appreciation Days**. Need information call Denny?

May 9 - Breakfast meeting at the Yellow Jacket 9:00am meeting to follow

May 17 - **Blessing of the Bikes** at Baldwin Does anyone want to lead a ride up there? We can discuss it at the breakfast meeting.

June 13 - Breakfast meeting at the Yellow Jacket 9:00 am meeting to follow

June 24 - First brown bag & Dessert Auction of the season. On the last Wednesday of the months of **June, July & August** we have a brown bag ride. More details next month.

Just FYI: Bob & Jan and Carl & Mary have reservations at Mecosta Pines the second week of July. If you are interested, you should make reservations **NOW** as they fill up real fast in the summer months. As it is their peak season, and you just want to go up for a visit and sit around the fire, there will be a visitor charge BUT if you are 60 or older it is FREE. Call Mary for all details 530-6418

⇒ We received our reservation letter from **Mackinac Motor Lodge**. If you asked them last year to hold a room for you this year for the week-end of the midnight ride and did not receive a letter yet, give them a call. Also, if you want a room, give them a call at 1-231-436-5741, be sure to tell them you are with Chapter O. **(They are also one our advertisers.)**

Reminder 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. 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.

Got any ideas for this summer? Are you going on a long ride, to a festival, overnight trip, or to a special event? Want to invite friends to go along? Let me know and I will put it on the calendar page.

THE SAFETY CORNER

By Tom Anys



Sharing of lessons learned. "INFERRED LAWS"

1. A red light is not actually red, until the third car runs it
2. A green light is not truly green until the third car runs the red light
3. If you see a car with a turn signal flashing, it most likely has been flashing since the car was first sold
4. stop signs are suggestions
5. all driveways have the "right of way"
6. Never be in a position which may cause another driver to make a common mistake.
7. Reduce relative motion to other vehicles to a minimum so as to fit into the flow.
8. If you can't see the driver of another vehicle, the driver of that vehicle can't see you.
9. Being passed is generally safer than passing.
10. An impatient rider may soon become an impatient.
11. The only thing that matters is the road and the environment from which traffic may enter the road. If one wants to look at the view, stop.
12. If it's not about riding, don't think about it.
13. Other drivers will value my safety to the extent that I seem to value my safety.
14. Roads dictate traffic flow. Look far enough ahead to have time to ponder the traffic flow that will develop.
10. Other drivers depend on me to behave in a predictable and sane way.
11. There are some places one shouldn't ride.
12. Avoiding a situation is much more effective than getting out of one.
13. People will generally leave as much space behind me as I have ahead of me.
14. If I crash, it will be my fault
15. Never prove a cager wrong. They have more steel to prove they are right.
16. If no cars pass you, slow down. If a lot of cars pass you, speed up.
17. If you are driving a car and see an opening for the motorcycle behind you to pass and get through, it is your soul duty to close that window and box them in.

Wednesday Night 50/50 Raffle:

April 1 – Bernie & Dawn Van Tuinen

April 15 – Steve & Barb Siegel

April 29 – Steve & Bark Siegel

April 8 – Iva Barresi

April 22 – Herm & Lori Patow

April Breakfast Gathering at Chapter N:

Chapter Pride – Mary Briggs

Progressive – Jean Wynsma

50/50 Raffle – Chapter N – Brad Getting

Goldwing Raffle – Chapter N – Robert Huth

WINNER OF THE TRIVIA QUESTION: Toni Guy

Congratulations!!! I did have two entries – John Kortman (son of Glenn & Becky) and Toni.
Thank you for participating.

If you have anything that you want to sell – remember to get me your ad and we will put it in our newsletter!

Tulip Time is May 2 – 9. I know that Jan Boockmeier is a Dutch dancer. Check her out!!!!
There are a lot of other things going on – Craft Sale on Sat 5/2 and Sun. 5/3 in Centennial Park
Parades on Wed., Thurs, and Saturday May 6, 7, 9 – Dutch Dancing every night
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