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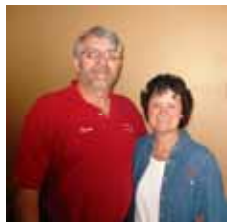
## BARBER'S BABBLE

Well we are almost done with 2009. Connie and I want to extend our Holiday Greetings to you all since the next newsletter does not come out again until 2010! November and December are festive but also sad since we need to put our "babies" to bed for the winter months.

The Christmas party is just around the corner, we need to know what people are going to bring for a dish to pass. You can either email or call us with your choice. There will also be a sign up sheet at the November Gathering.

To our Snow Bunnies, I hope you have a great winter down south! All we ask that you remember those of us stuck here in all this white stuff (try not to laugh too hard)

Until we meet again!



**Herm & Lori Patow**  
**Chapter "O" 2009**  
**COUPLE OF THE YEAR**



Denny & Connie

### 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.

# 2009

# NOVEMBER

# 2009

| Sunday  | Monday  | Tuesday   | Wednesday   | Thursday  | Friday | Saturday   |
|---|---|---|---|---|--------|--|
| 1<br><b><u>Anniversary</u></b><br>Jack &<br>Cyndie<br>Wood<br>Ron & Lori<br>Walters | 2<br><b><u>Birthday</u></b><br>Cyndie<br>Wood | 3   | 4<br><b><u>Dinner</u></b><br>Mancino's<br>Grand<br>Haven  | 5   | 6      | 7  |
| 8   | 9   | 10<br><b><u>Birthday</u></b><br>Jack Wood                   | 11  | 12<br><b><u>Birthday</u></b><br>Mary Lou<br>Pilafas | 13     | 14<br><b>Breakfast<br/>Gathering</b>                           |
| 15  | 16  | 17<br><b><u>Birthday</u></b><br>Glenn<br>Kortman            | 18<br><b><u>Dinner</u></b><br>Mancino's<br>Grand<br>Haven | 19  | 20     | 21<br><b><u>Anniversary</u></b><br>Tory &<br>Teresa<br>Boerema |
| 22  | 23  | 24<br><b><u>Birthday</u></b><br>Tom Anys<br>Judy<br>Meschke | 25  | 26<br><b>THANKS-<br/>GIVING<br/>DAY</b>             | 27     | 28<br><b><u>Birthday</u></b><br>Russ<br>Wierenga               |
| 29  | 30  |   |   |   |        |  |
|   |   |   |   |   |        |  |

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  
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2009

DECEMBER

2009

| Sunday   | Monday   | Tuesday   | Wednesday                                 | Thursday | Friday                      | Saturday  |
|--|--|---|---|----------|-----------------------------|---|
|  |  | 1   | 2<br><b><u>Dinner</u></b><br>Los Azteces  | 3        | 4                           | 5   |
| 6  | 7  | 8<br><b><u>Anniversary</u></b><br>John & Barb<br>Stuckey<br>CJ & Carole<br>Shroll | 9   | 10       | 11                          | 12<br><b>Breakfast<br/>Gathering<br/>Christmas<br/>Party<br/><u>Birthday</u></b><br>Carol Van<br>Kampen |
| 13   | 14   | 15  | 16<br><b><u>Dinner</u></b><br>Los Azteces | 17       | 18                          | 19  |
| 20   | 21   | 22  | 23  | 24       | 25<br><b>CHRIST<br/>MAS</b> | 26  |
| 27<br><b><u>Birthday</u></b><br>Carol<br>Ruggles | 28<br><b><u>Anniversary</u></b><br>George &<br>Sandi Eisen | 29  | 30  | 31       |                             |   |
|  |  |   |   |          |                             |   |

# MARK YOUR CALENDAR

By Becky Kortman

## November

- 4 Mancino's of Grand Haven
- 14 Breakfast Meeting
- 18 Mancino's of Grand Haven

## December

- 2 Los Azteces in Allendale (formally Bono's)
- 12 Breakfast Meeting
- 12 Christmas Party
- 16 Los Azteces

The winter months we officially meet on the 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesdays for dinner at the restaurant at 6:30 p.m. We eat on the other Wednesdays also and therefore, we miss our friends and meet on the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Wednesdays at a location chosen on the Wednesday before. If you don't have email and would like to attend those "off" dinners please call Denny or Glenn.

Mancino's of Grand Haven – located on US 31 East side of road between Lincoln and Ferris, on the 4<sup>th</sup> ONLY we will receive a 20% discount due to the scheduling conflict in September. We have the option of menu on the 4<sup>th</sup> and on the 18<sup>th</sup> we can decide to continue with the menu or have them make a buffet for us (we will talk about it on the 4<sup>th</sup>).

Los Azteces in Allendale – located on M45 (Lake Michigan Dr) on the South side, between 52<sup>nd</sup> and 48<sup>th</sup>.

Breakfast Meetings are held at the Yellow Jacket on Lake Michigan Drive and 120<sup>th</sup> in Grand Haven, MI. We meet at 9 a.m. on the second Saturday of the month for breakfast buffet and a short meeting. We hope to see you there.

Chapter O's Christmas Party – You should be receiving an official invite that has all the details, if you don't receive one please call Connie or Becky for more details. The party is on the 12<sup>th</sup> of December at the VFW in Coopersville- located on the North side of the round about on 68<sup>th</sup> St. about ½ mile down on the West side of the road. We have been there for a couple of years. This is always a FUN event and would love to have all of you there!

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

- |                                    |                                       |
|------------------------------------|---------------------------------------|
| September 30 – Ron & Lori Walters  | October 7 – Wayne & Linda Harmsen     |
| October 14 – Denny & Connie Barber | October 21 – Arlan & Dorothy Potgeter |
| October 28 – Steve & Barb Siegel   |                                       |

### **October Breakfast Gathering:**

- Chapter Pride – John Stuckey
- Progressive – Bruce Bullard – but he was not there – so sorry!!

50/50 Raffle – Jan Rosales

# **THE SAFETY CORNER**

By Tom Anys



## **Respecting Your Co-Rider**

By Mike Stiger – Wing World Magazine – Nov 2009

Have you ever looked at things from a Co-Rider's point of view?

Riders imagine this: You're confined to a rear seat, your forward vision is obscured, traffic conflicts all around you, and you're completely helpless to do anything about it. Most Riders would find this to be a very uncomfortable situation to be in. However, this is the reality of the Co-Rider.

- They feel that shaky, leaning stop from you not squaring the handlebars and looking ahead
- They hear the scrape from below when you brake in the curve.
- They feel that sudden steering input because you weren't correctly scanning the road ahead, which would have given you time to smoothly avoid the debris in the road.
- Or, my personal favorite, you have mechanical problems on the road that could have been avoided with a good pre-ride check, and they somehow get part of the blame.

In fact, the Co-Rider are the "Brave Ones".

Experience what it is like by being one yourself. Have an "I Do Too" ride with your chapter. This is where a group of Riders get together and take turns being the Co-Rider on the back of someone else's bike. It's a lot of fun and very educational. It's true, Riders make the worst Co-Riders.

There is a quote from Pete Woodruff, "Co-Riders are the bravest Members in our Association; 83% of them ride behind untrained motorcyclist". The Rider Education database statistics reflect this fact: Around 34% of our membership participates in the Levels Program; of those, 50% are at Level 1. That means only 17% of GWRRA Membership has documented that they have taken a Rider Course.

Being an average Rider isn't good enough when you have a Co-Rider onboard. You need to give them the utmost respect and strive to be the best you can be.

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