



**G.W.R.R.A.**  
**MI - Chapter O**  
*Lakeshore Wings*  
Holland MI  
Region D  
November 2011



## **Kortman Kaleidoscope**

*Glenn & Becky*

*Kortman, CD*

It is amazing that the riding season has come and gone. As we go forward our chances of riding are slim, but not impossible. Many of the farmers are gathering their crops, which can lead to dangerous situations for motorcyclists. In fact, on a ride last month we encountered a farmer gathering soy beans; the dust was amazingly thick. Becky & I come upon a hay bale last year in the middle of the road over a rise of a hill, surprise, surprise. Enjoy squeaking in those last rides, be careful and see you at a dinner.

## **Medic First Aid Class**

8 AM, Saturday, November 19, at Dick & Jean's home. Cost is \$25 per student. See Jim V. for signing up and payment.

## **CRAZY FOR YOU**

Grand Rapids Christian High School is performing the musical "Crazy For You" on Nov. 11, 12, 17, 18, 19. Performances will take place at the school's auditorium - the DeVos Center For Arts and Worship, 2300 Plymouth Ave SE. Tickets can be purchased from the box office 616 574 5608.

"Crazy For You" premiered in 1993 and is based on the Gershwin musical "Girl Crazy", using music written by the famous Gershwin brothers, George and Ira. Great songs like "Embraceable You", "I Got Rhythm", "Nice work If You Can Get It", "They Can't Take That Away From Me", "But Not For Me", "Tonight's the Night", and more.

So come on over to my "house", I'm sure you will enjoy yourselves.

Randy Van Wingerden

Director of Choirs

Grand Rapids Christian High School

## **DO YOU KNOW WHAT WILL BE HAPPING IN ABOUT 6 WEEKS?**

I'll tell you what – Chapter O's Christmas Party, yep, you read that right. Where has the summer gone? Just a quick update on our Christmas Party: this year it will be held at Main Street Pub in Allendale on December 10. We have a lot planned for your enjoyment. For some of our newest members, let me tell you a little about what we are going to do.

For many years we did a gift exchange, but in the last few years the chapter has decided to give to those less fortunate. We will be collecting non-perishable food to be donated. If you have a suggestion place for donations, please let us know and out of all the entries we will pick a destination

We will have a wonderful buffet dinner; garden salad, 2 entrees, and 3 sides.

Remember all those chips / reward points we have been saving all year? Now we are going to get to use them. We will have a silent auction for some really good stuff. A “Joe Rocket Goldwing Jacket”, “A Wingless Week-end package” with 2 paid registrations and a 1 night stay, some gift certificates Chapter O shirts & hats and much more. So, remember to bring all your tokens!

We are also in need of some prize donations. Some suggestions are- If you know of a vendor that would like to donate something or a gift certificate, if you want to purchase something to donate OR you can even donate a bake good. What Goldwinger would pass up a plate of homemade fudge, homemade cookies, homemade pie, or homemade candy?

As in the past we will have a Christmas card exchange. I don't know about you, but in this high age of e-mail, facebook & twitter, we still like to give and receive a real Christmas card. If you are not a Christmas card person, that's OK, but for those that wish to participate please bring your Christmas cards to exchange.

Glenn & Becky have a fun game to play. I heard it is supposed to be better than last year.

And of course we will be selling tickets for a 50/50 drawing. Only difference is **ALL** the moneys will be returned in several drawings to be determined by the amount taken in.

So mark your calendar for December 10 at 6:30 and don't forget to fill out your registration form and plan on having a fun night.

## **Rider Education**      End of Season Cycle Maintenance

Whether the riding season in your area lasts only four or five months, or as long as ten months, most of us will let our motorcycles remain un-ridden for a long enough period of time that it is best to prepare it for a season of rest.

November typically brings weather throughout the northern tier of states that is not very good for motorcycling. Most parts of this great country of ours experience two or more months of weather that is not considered part of the riding season. The air temperature alone gets cold enough to cause hypothermia without adding the wind chill from sitting atop a motorcycle while blasting down the road at legal speeds – even at 45 mph. And many areas will have snow on the ground before the month is out. Some of you may be cold-blooded enough to prolong the season a few extra weeks, but for most, there is a period each year when your motorcycle becomes a lonesome friend sitting quietly in the garage.

Before you park it for a season of inactivity, this is a great time to get your end of season maintenance done. It is recommended that you change the oil and oil filter to remove contaminants – dirt, deposits, acids and moisture – that can lead to corrosion inside the engine. Other fluid levels should be checked for proper level. If the fluids are due for replacement based on miles ridden since the last change (check your manual and service history), this is a good time to do that and any other maintenance tasks that you may have been putting off.

Your mechanic likely is not very busy at this time of year. He (she) would probably appreciate your visit, too! And you know your bike will be better for it. Then when spring comes next year (it is not that far off, after all!), you'll be ready to go without a visit to the mechanic before planning

your next big ride. After you get it back from your mechanic, fill the gas tank and add the appropriate amount of fuel stabilizer (such as Stabil) before parking your Wing. Wash and wax the bike and inflate the tires. The battery should be disconnected from the motorcycle (negative terminal first) and trickle charged at least every 30 days, per your Gold Wing Owner's Manual. (Refer to your battery charger manual for more charging details.) Take good care of your Wing, and your Wing will take good care of you!

*Ride Smart & Be Safe!*

Bruce & Melissa Thayer  
 Former MI Asst. District Rider Educators  
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## CHAPTER O – CARE CORNER

Bruce H. – Cancer  
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SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
		1	2 Walker Roadhouse Dinner	3	4	5
6	7	8	9 Grand Villa Dungeon Dinner	10	11 Lisa R. B-day	12 <b>9AM CHAPTER GATHERING</b> Main St. Pub – Allendale
13	14	15	16 Walker Roadhouse Dinner	17 Glenn b-day	18 Newsletter deadline	19 Medic First Aid Class Dick & Jean's 8 AM
20	21	22	23	24 Thanksgiving Tom A b-day Judy M b-day	25	26
27	28	29	30 Los Azteca's Allendale Dinner			

## MARK YOUR CALENDARS

DINNER – Wednesday rides during the winter months meet at the restaurants. We have a list of suggested restaurants. One restaurant is selected for the 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesdays of the month. Since we still have to eat and we enjoy each other's company; we meet on the other Wednesdays of the month. Location to be determined by suggestion the week before, call an officer for details.

### November

- 2 DINNER Walker Roadhouse 3272 Remembrance Road Northwest, Grand Rapids, MI 49534 (616) 791-9922 [thewalkerroadhouse.com](http://thewalkerroadhouse.com)
- 9 DINNER – The Dungeon, 3594 Chicago Drive, Grandville
- 12 Monthly gathering- this month we will be selecting our menu for the Christmas Party.
- 11,12,17,18,& 19 CRAZY FOR YOU Musical
- 19 MFA class at Dick & Jean's
- 16 DINNER Walker Roadhouse 3272 Remembrance Road Northwest, Grand Rapids, MI 49534 (616) 791-9922 [thewalkerroadhouse.com](http://thewalkerroadhouse.com)
- 30 DINNER – Los Azteca's Mexican Bar & Grill, 5118 Lake Michigan Drive, Allendale, MI

### December

- 10 Gathering at Main St. Pub 9 AM
- 10 Christmas Party at Main St. Pub, 6:30 PM in the basement (an elevator is available)

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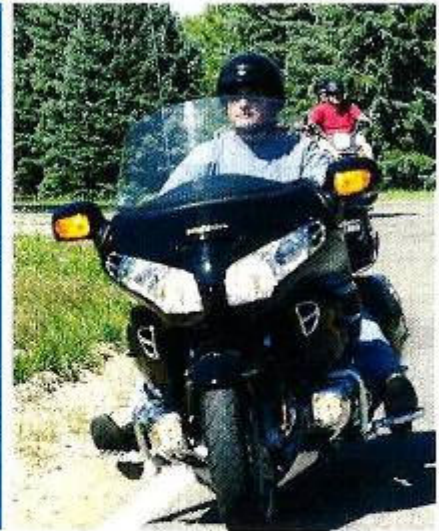
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