



The Winger



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Happy New Year from Chapter W staff



by Larry Helber, CD

"Life isn't about waiting for the storm to pass it is about learning how to dance in the rain."



The above quote is one of my favorites and it has gotten me through some interesting times. It has special meaning as I work my way through the holidays, electronic paperwork from GWRRA and other end of the year tasks and discoveries.

Last month Greg and Dee ended their term as Chapter Directors and now it is my duty to step up in their place, grab the handlebars and guide the chapter for the next few years. Along with the Eames many of the other officers also completed the end of



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CD

their ride, so starting this month there will be a lot of new people filling some pretty big roles. Please bear with us as we get acclimated in our new jobs. When you do see these people please thank them for their service. It takes a lot of volunteer time to keep our chapter running and each one of these people have said "I'll help".

First I would like to introduce Chuck Burometto and his wife, Lisa, accepted the role of Assistant Chapter Director and is willing assume the role of Chapter Director at the end of my tenure. Chuck

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Don't forget the coffee klatch and game night.
See Ride Schedule for time and place.

**The next Gathering will be
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Dinner Meeting schedule:

Meet and eat at 6:00 PM

– Meeting about 7:00 PM

January Ride Schedule



Mike and Cindy
Lewis
Ride Coordinators

Please note. The Tuesday night rides will meet at the restaurant at 6:30 PM.

- Jan. 4th, Sat., Breakfast at Panorama, 730 Elmgrove Rd., Gates 8:00 A.M.
- Jan. 7th, Tue., Great Northern Pizza, 683 Pittsford-Victor Rd., meet there 6:30 P.M.
- Jan. 10th, Fri., Game Night Fideli's, 105 Camille Dr., Greece, 7:00 P.M.
- Jan. 12th, Sun., Coffee Klatch, Larry Helber, 201 Valley Rd., 10:00 A.M.
- Jan. 14th, Tue., Colby's Ice Cream, Bakery & BBQ, 7272 W. Henrietta Rd., meet there 6:30 P.M.
- Jan. 16th, Thu., Gathering at Panorama, 730 Elmgrove Rd., Gates, 6 P.M. dinner, 7:00 P.M. meeting
- Jan. 19th, Sun., Post Holiday Party, Liberty Lodge, 850 Maple Dr., Webster, 3:30 P.M.
- Jan. 21st, Tue., Jeremiah's, 220 Buffalo Rd., meet there 6:30 P.M.
- Jan. 25th, Sat, District meeting, Syracuse
- Jan. 28th, Tue., Hicks & McCarthy, 23 S. Main St., Pittsford, meet there 6:30 P.M.
- Jan. 31st, Fri., Game Night, Eames' house, 446 Pitts-Hen TL Rd., 7:00 P.M.
- Feb. 1st, Sat., Breakfast at Panorama, 790 Elmgrove Rd., Gates, 8:00 A.M.
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and Lisa joined the chapter this past year and have been very active. Chuck is very enthusiastic about his new role and more than willing to help out in any way that he can. I look forward to working and getting to know him better over the next couple of years. The most enjoyable talent they bring to the club is their son Charles who is a delight to see at our many activities. Please help welcome them into our chapter and their new roles.

I was very relieved when Charlie and Barb said they were willing to stay on as ACDs. They are a tremendous asset to the chapter they will do a lot to make my job much easier. Just their presence makes a task easier. Barb is always willing to assist and Charlie will keep it light and fun. I am looking forward to continuing the tradition.

Lyle Nudd will be our new Ride Safety Coordinator. The Pearsons are still going to be involved in many of the chapter and district educational events but Lyle will be responsible for our more regular activities. Lyle is very knowledgeable about most things motorcycle and has spent many long hours in the saddle. I feel his experiences will be a big asset as he shares them with us.



Larry Helber and his Classic Wing

Lynn Wood accepted the position as Treasurer and will be responsible for keeping our checkbook balanced. I have enjoyed every minute that I have spent with Lynn. Over the past few years I have enjoyed many meals and quite a few miles enjoying his company. He always has something nice to say and has a positive “will do” attitude. Lynn will have one of the enviable jobs because people won’t be running away when he approaches. They may have hopes of receiving a reimbursement check instead of a task. Finally after much arm twisting Dave Hockenberry has agreed to assume the role of Membership Enhancement Coordinator. He told me that he liked being just a member but his friendly personality and always ready for a chuckle attitude seems like a perfect fit for the job. Besides I like the idea of having another Classic Wing rider onboard. Thank you for thinking it over Dave.

Mike and Cindy Lewis are staying on as the Ride Coordinators. I worked with them for a while already and am very impressed at the wonderful job those two are doing getting all of our many activities scheduled and organized. It is quite an undertaking and takes a lot of organization but you know you are going to always

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get a smile from Cindy and a laugh from Mike. I am looking forward to continue working with them. Don't forget next month is our summer ride planning meeting. Get your ideas submitted or plan on attending the meeting. Everyones input is welcome.

I have one more valuable member of my team, that is you, the many riders and co-riders that call Chapter W home. I am going to rely on you to let me know what you would like to do as a chapter (FYI Suggestions are more effective than complaints.) There are a lot of fun and activities that occur behind the scenes. When you can, offer to help out or say 'yes' when asked. You will be glad you did. Finally, participate. We strive to have a lot of activities at a variety of different times so there should be something everyone can enjoy. When you are there you bring your own special personality to the group and makes it more enjoyable for everyone involved.

Once again I would like to publicly thank each person for becoming a member of my team. Greg and Dee left some very big shoes to fill and I am going to rely on them to carry on the tradition.

Soon after I had joined GWRRA I was diagnosed with stage 3 prostate cancer. I'll never forget sitting at one of the gatherings a little dumb founded after hearing the news Barb noticed it and leaned over and asked what was wrong. When I told her she related her own story followed by several other members at the table offering their accounts followed by many offers of support, assistance and prayers. I felt comforted and accepted into a unique family. Your support made me feel so much better during a very troubling time. Most of the above members of my team were active in helping me through that rough time. Their support was one of the main reasons why I was willing to take on this role. I wanted to do something to give back in a small way for the goodness you provided for me.

Sadly I have recently learned that I am experiencing a recurrence. They have caught it early but the next steps is still unknown. Once again, Barb leaned over and reminded me of the wonderful support this family of ours has. I am still planning on being around for a long time and I refuse to let it define me but I am asking for your thoughts and prayers as we move forward into 2014.

And now it is time to enjoy our winter activities and get ready for spring!



BIRTHDAY GREETINGS JANUARY

- Dennis Hewett 4th
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Rider Education News

by Jim Pearson, Ride Educator



Jim Pearson,
Ride Educator

It's All About Traction

As I sat here trying to think of something meaningful for this time of year, I realized that it might be a good idea to shift gears and think more of proper skills to use in the winter when driving our four wheeled vehicles. I came across the article below and felt that it is appropriate for this time of year.



When we turned the calendar to December and, suddenly, winter was here! The signs of winter were everywhere: the cold temperatures, snow flurries, freezing rain, and ice puddles. In winter we see the most driving problems, (accidents and spin outs), when conditions including freezing rain and black ice. It does not matter that we are driving our four-wheeled vehicles. When the road surface is icy, traction is greatly reduced. So when there is ice on the road, the best thing to do is stay home.

If you have to drive in icy conditions, go slowly and smoothly. No, check that. Go VERY slowly, and VERY smoothly! As we know from our motorcycle training, when we lose traction, we lose braking and steering control of our vehicle. The same applies to a car. Even with four tires on the ground, it is easy to lose control of a vehicle on ice. To increase traction in icy conditions, look for surfaces with more texture. Many of Michigan's two-lane roads have unpaved shoulders. The rougher surface on the shoulder will provide better grip for your tires. Keep in mind that accelerating, braking and steering should all be done smoothly to maintain control. Use a light touch on the accelerator. You will not be able to accelerate rapidly on ice anyway, so just plan to keep speeds down. Slow down before entering curves, and keep a steady speed through the turn. Increase our following distance behind other cars to allow more time to stop. Consider using your emergency flashers for added conspicuity. As always, it is important to look ahead and think constantly about your best escape route or reaction to various situations. Keep alert to your best options.

You can practice these tips in an empty parking lot at slow speeds, and learn how your vehicle responds. Just like a motorcycle training class, you want to practice

in a safe space. And remember, it's all about traction!

From MI District Rider Ed Team "Gimme 5"

On a final note, I will be stepping down as Chapter Ride Educator. I want to express my appreciation of the support I have received from our membership. I will continue to assist our new Chapter Educator wherever possible. When Greg approached me three years ago, he had a vision of having all active riders

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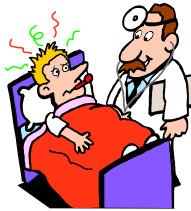
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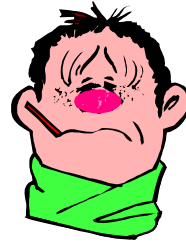
Sympathy to Joanne and Les Johnston. Joanne's mother passed away last month.

Health Tips for All

January is the start of the New Year and time to incorporate healthy habits to keep you strong, flexible and fit. Stay motivated. The riding season is only

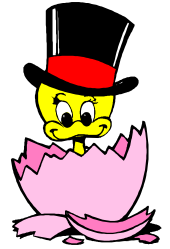


weeks away (less short for the snowbirds) and fitness will add to your riding enjoyment!



As always, if you know someone associated with Chapter W who is ill, having surgery, or has passed away, please notify Tim or Mary Ann so that we can send the proper acknowledgement.

Tim and Mary Ann Glasow @ 585-225-8916 or trglasow@frontiernet.net



Remember this?

Chapter "W" is going to do it again.



In order to do it, we need your help. See Greg and ask him what you can do to make this Ride-In bigger and better than our last one.

Planning Meetings will be held at Greg & Dee's the first Monday of every month until May.

NOTICE >

Because there are no new items to be discussed there will be no planning meeting on Monday 1/6 as scheduled. The next planning meeting will be on Monday 2/3.

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participate in the Levels program. I am extremely proud to state that we have had 47 members sign up for the Levels program. We currently have 22 members at Level 1, 5 members currently at Level 2, 1 member at Level 3, and 9 members at Level 4. We also have 4 members who were at Level 2 but are no longer current, 5 members who were at Level 3 but are no longer current, and 1 member at Level 4 who is no longer current. I would like to ask that all members take a look at what they need to renew to keep their Level current or to re-establish their current Level. In the near future, I will be sending out a Spreadsheet to the Chapter membership. This spreadsheet reflects all of the courses taken and also reflects any courses which need to be renewed (in Red).

Lyle Nudd is the new Chapter W Rider Education Director.

Lyle brings many years and miles of experience on GoldWing motorcycles to this position.

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This is what I saw when I went outside this morning. I turned around and went back inside. See you in the spring.

Al Skiles, Winger editor

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The Winger Motto: It may not be news but if it fits, we print

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