



Mid Michigan Riders

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DECEMBER ACTIVITIES

- 5 Christmas Party
Piazzano's
starts at 5 PM
dinner about 6 PM

Bring a yummy desert to share if you like.

There will be a \$10 gift exchange. Men bring a gift for a man and women bring a gift for a woman.

Also bring some sort of "surprise" gift wrapped in a brown paper bag for our auction.



PRESIDENTIAL RAMBLINGS Of Leon Clark

I figure God must ride a Goldwing! This opportunity to add a few extra miles, is probably going to come to an end next week. The weather man says a major front is going to pass through, making it difficult to get to and from Grandma's house for the holiday. All good things must come to an end.

With the holiday season quickly approaching, I find myself reflecting on the past year for a lot of different reasons. Health issues for Georgie have kept us in a constant state of unrest. The untimely passing of my lifelong friend, Mike, gave me a reason to look at the big picture and determine what truly is important to me, and the path that I should take with the time that I have left. I believe, now more than ever, that in order to move forward, I need to look back and remember how I got to where I am.

There are so many people that have influenced my life and that I want to pay tribute to before time gets away from me, and it's too late. I guess what I'm offering to all of you, is a suggestion. Cherish the past and those that made today possible, and remember as you go forward, to hold dear those influences, and don't take any of them for granted.

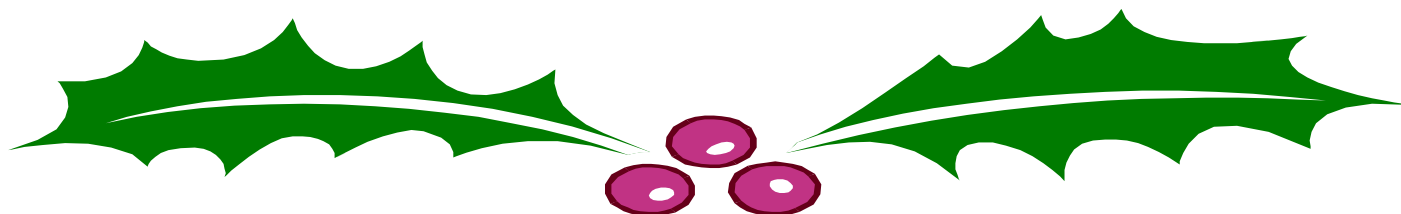
My time as President is up. I had a few goals for the club this past year, and some high hopes. I regret that for a lot of reasons, I didn't accomplish what I thought I might.

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PRESIDENTIAL RAMBLINGS con't.

My hope for the coming year, and the new president, is that they can move the club forward, without sacrificing the basic premise that the club was founded on. Maybe devise a method of raising a few bucks for the betterment of the Club, and continue to grow the membership.

Have a good holiday season, and we'll see you in the spring! Until then keep the oily side down, the wind in your hair, and a smile on your face.



VICE PRESIDENT'S THOUGHTS of Gene Hoover

We are headed to election time and I would like to thank everyone for their support.

In these tough times I hope we can continue to grow and provide members with more activities and support in our two wheeled adventures!

In an effort to provide a larger menu at the Christmas party, we would like to receive RSVP's, so please send Terri an email on your attendance.

With the New Year, we would like to provide some riding clinics and membership drives. If you can help, let Terri know and she will put you in touch with the right people.

Poor old Goldwing! Just sitting in the barn getting cold and dirty. Probably misses us putting her through her paces.

Until next time, thanks and have a good turkey day!



SECRETARY'S REPORT

by Gwen Fuller

November 18, 2009 club meeting minutes

Meeting was called to order by V.P. Gene at 6:35 PM

Minutes from October newsletter were amended as follows:

- 1) Correction Terri said the flags are approximately 4 x 7. Rod motion/2nd Bob L to amend. Passed amendment.
- 2) Flyers that are being placed in motorcycle shops should be 3-5 at a time. Amendment passed
- 3) March 28 dinner at Tony M's has to be changed. Tony M's is closed on Sunday. Motion made by Rod/2nd by Don to change to Aldaco's on Cedar St. Motion passed as amended

Treasurer Report by Beth Hoover

\$941.44 in checking and \$50.00 in Petty Cash. Beth stated she paid \$50.00 to state for dues for a non-profit organization. Motion made by Deb L/2nd by Rod to accept the treasurer's report as stated. Passed.

Committee Reports:

Christmas—report they went shopping for the party. We need 20 people at the party if we want a buffet. If less than 20 we will have to order off the Christmas menu from Piazzano's. Terri needs an RSVP by Nov. 27.

By-laws no meeting scheduled

Rally—will meet after the first of the year.

Nominations—Nancy announced 3 times for each office if there were any additions. No additions for each office. Nominations were closed. Norb motioned/2nd by Don to cast an unanimous vote for the uncontested officers' positions. Motion Passed. Norb motioned/2nd Deb L to destroy the ballots. Motion passed.

The new officers for the 2010 year are as follows:

President—Gene Hoover
Vice President—Rodney Chapin
Secretary—Gwen Fuller
Treasurer—Beth Hoover
Sgt. At Arms—Don Fuller
Road Captain—Warren Davis



Congratulations to our new officers.

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SECRETARY'S REPORT con't.

by Gwen Fuller

Safety—Dave

New Business:

Bob L and Deb L brought up for discussion to have each member fill out a new application each year, show your motorcycle endorsement on drivers license, and also show proof of insurance. The Road Captain would be responsible for this for member and also guest that ride with us. Bob L. and Terri are going to post this on the website.

Bob L. made a statement he heard we are incorporated. What does that mean? Gene is going to look into it.

Terri was looking into history of the club and at several times the club donated to charities. Terri talked to someone at Lansing City Rescue Mission and they are in need of clothes. It was suggested to the members to bring in items of clothing to the Christmas party and she will take them to the Mission.

Nancy motioned/2nd Deb L to purchase a turkey or ham for \$25.00 and deliver it to the Mission. Motion passed.

Dave sent an email to Terri to spread the word about the Motorcycle show in Novi, January 1, 2010. The show is from 12-8. Women get in for 1/2 price that day.

Old Business:

Bob L is checking into AMA.

50/50 drawing was won by Nancy Chapin for \$24.50
Incentive drawing was for \$30.00. Dan Ackley III was not present to win.

Meeting adjourned.

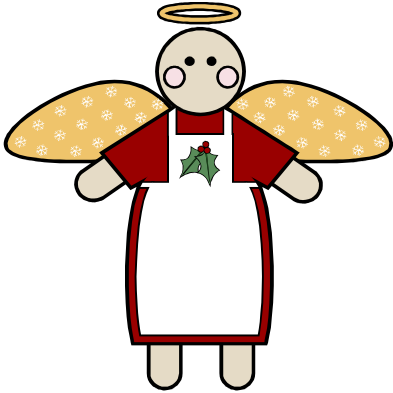
Mid Michigan Riders' Year in Review

- 1) Moved our PO Box to Eagle and saved \$20 a year
- 2) Bob L. created and hosts (at no cost to the club) a new website that has brought new members
- 3) Adopted a new club logo that is less costly to reproduce.
- 4) Have new club shirts with the new logo which has raised over \$50 for the club.
- 5) Bought and sold do rags that has brought in \$25 for the club.
- 6) Had a new club banner made (actually have 2)
- 7) Put together our 1st Annual Charity Run/Cookout and donated \$1,000 to the family of a Clinton County officer who died riding his motorcycle to work.
- 8) Held 40 club rides this year.
- 9) Club members participated on The Midnight Ride to the Bridge
- 10) Club members rode down to Pigeon Forge, TN and then went on to NC to ride The Dragon.
- 11) Had three unscheduled club rides.
- 12) Donated usable clothing and food to The Lansing City Rescue Mission
- 13) Held 18 breakfasts and dinners through the year that were separate from rides.
- 14) Had a club picnic
- 15) Went to Bike Time in Muskegon.
- 16) Added 15 new members this year.
- 17) New club flags for the bikes.

TREASURER'S REPORT

by Beth Hoover

It's been a month now and we haven't rode all month, I miss it already.



I can't wait until we can start riding again next year. We already have a lot of good ideas for rides and I'm sure we will have fun.

Hope everyone has a good Thanksgiving!

Petty Cash \$50.00

Beg. Chkg Bal.	\$1,198.27
Christmas Party	-\$196.83
St. of MI	-\$20.00
Newsletter	-\$50.00
50/50	+\$10.00

Ending Chkg Bal. \$941.44

MID MICHIGAN RIDERS, TEN YEARS AGO

by Nancy Chapin,

Historian

Bits & Pieces From the Mid Michigan Rider Chatter— Dec. 1999

Well 1999 was almost gone. All we had left to do was have our Christmas party and one more meeting. 2000 was coming. Everything was changing. New Officers and a change in the by-laws. Only one person from a household could be a MMR officer. The new officers were President—Bob Andrews, VP was Norb, Secretary was Marsha Gardner, Treasurer was Ken Lake, S@A was Rodney Chapin, Road Captain was Howard Sweet. We have a new website thanks to Bob Wolfe. Next May we're going to do a motorcycle safety course thanks to Howard Sweet and John Snyder. John was an AMA rep.

Nancy Chapin won the 50/50 drawing in November and took home \$23.50. Kay Locke's name was drawn for the incentive drawing but she lost \$40.00 because she wasn't at the meeting. The next drawing will be for \$45.00 in January, 2000.

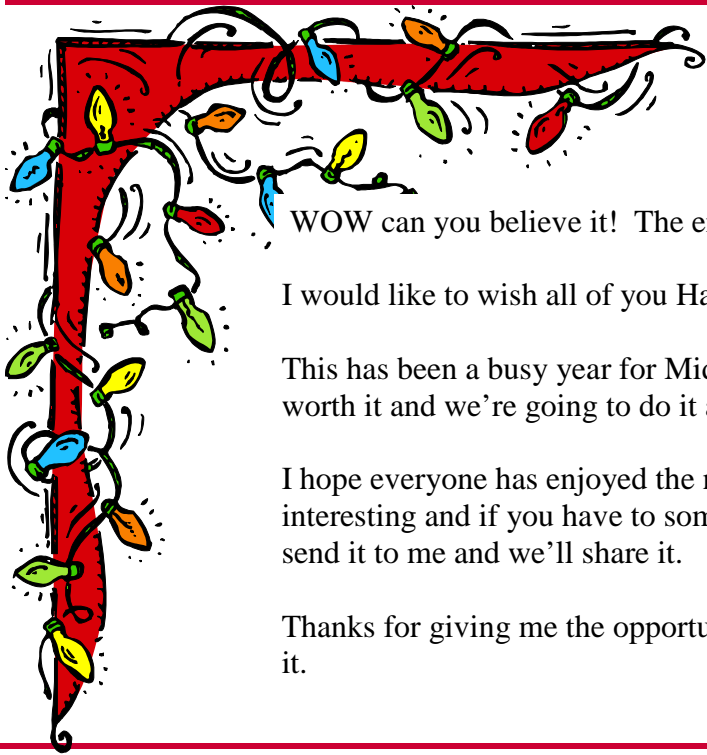
Bits & Pieces from the MMR November 1989 Newsletter

We were ready to have our Christmas party at the home of Harvey & June Phillips. We had a great time. Rodney was elected the President for 1990. Other officers were VP-Cal Hoover, Secretary-Shirley Hoover, Treasurer-Nancy Chapin, Road Captain-Howard Sweet and

Co-Road Captain-Don Richard. The secretary was no longer going to write the newsletter as in the past years. Steve Vaultier had volunteered to be our first Newsletter Editor.

Notice how closely our current activities match 1999-2000. (Even Nancy winning money)





WOW can you believe it! The end of the year. Where did it go?

I would like to wish all of you Happy Holidays and stay healthy and safe.

This has been a busy year for Mid Michigan and has taken a lot of work. But it was worth it and we're going to do it again in 2010.

I hope everyone has enjoyed the newsletter. I am always looking for things to make it interesting and if you have to something you would like the other members to see then send it to me and we'll share it.

Thanks for giving me the opportunity to create our 2009 newsletter. I've had fun doing it.

Granny's Mumblings

The Highland Festival in Alma, Hidden Lake Gardens in Tipton, Gilmore Museum by Galesburg, Huckleberry Railroad in Mt. Morris, the Toys for Tots ride, Muskegon Bike Time in Muskegon, Portland motocross in Portland, our Charity Rally/Cookout, the boat ride in Saugatuck, the Danish Festival in Greenville, the Midnight Ride to the Bridge, a trip to The Dragon in North Carolina, a car show in Frankenmuth, a shuffle ride to southern Michigan, a cider run to Fenton, a color tour by Gun Lake; these were some of our

rides this year. We even had some rides we had to cancel. We didn't make it to the syrup festival in Shepherd because of rain, we canceled our three day ride toward Oscoda, our three day color tour heading to The Tunnel of Trees was canceled due to rain and some of our ice cream rides weren't made because of weather. All in all, we had a good 2009 riding season.

Some of us rode more then others but we all had fun. That's what the club is about. Riding with friends, feeling the wind on your face (and sometimes the rain) and seeing places on two wheels (or more).

It has been a great year and I am happy to be part of such a great group of riders.

In the next couple of months, plans will be made for 2010 events. Put on your thinking caps and bring your ideas for more fun. Let's make this another busy year for Mid Michigan Riders.

Invite your friends along!

Granny with training wheels



January 1ST Event



We are getting a group together on New Years Day to go to the Novi Motorcycle Show.

Some of you might have a headache from the previous night's festivities so we will try to help you out and not get started too early.

We will meet at Cracker Barrel on Okemos Rd. at noon for lunch (or breakfast for some) and then we will car pool to Novi.

It is Ladies Day at the show and ladies get in for half price (with a coupon, We have coupons.)

So any of you that are interested, take a swig of the dog that bit ya, and meet us at Cracker Barrel.

FOR SALE:

1 size L women's heated vest \$35

1 women's snowpant, very warm \$50

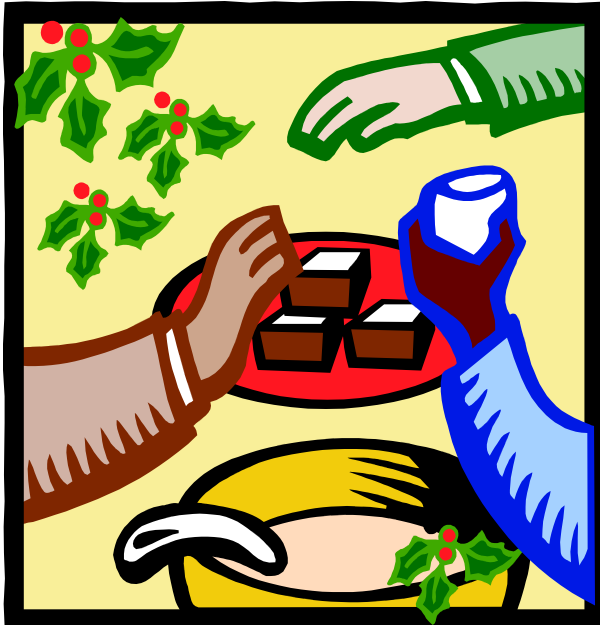
These pants zip down the sides
cost about \$150 new.

2 one piece rainsuits that zip up the front 1 size L and 1
size 2XL \$25 each

Contact Nancy Chapin

FAVORITE RECIPE

submitted by Terri



Whole-Grain Toast with Yogurt & Pistachios

Spread 2 Tablespoons of nonfat Greek yogurt on each of 2 slices whole-grain toast. Drizzle each with 1 Tablespoon of honey. Sprinkle each with 1 Tablespoon shelled pistachios. Serve immediately

DEC. ACTIVITIES

5 Christmas Party
Piazzanos
5 pm

JAN. ACTIVITIES

3 IHOP—Grand
River 9 AM
17 Sammy's—Jolly
5:00 PM
20 Gen. Member-
ship Mtg.
6:30 Piazzano's
31 Cancun—Grand
Ledge 5:00

FEB. ACTIVITIES

14 Millcreek
Depot
Leslie 9 AM
17 Gen. Mem.
Mtg
6:30
28 Fowlerville
Farms
5 PM

**DECEMBER Activi-
ties**

**5 Christmas Party
starts at 5 PM
Dinner at 6 PM**

**Bring a favorite des-
sert
Also \$10 gift (man for
man, woman for
woman)**

**Wrap a “surprise” in a
brown bag for the auc-
tion**



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December 2009

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
Superhero Flash was created in 1969		1	2	3	4	5 Christmas Party 5 PM Piazzano's
6	7	8	9	10	11	12
13	14	15	16	17	18	19
20 Gene's B-day	21	22	23 Deb M's B-day	24 Sharron's B-day	25 Christmas 	26
27	28	29	30	31		