



# Great Lakes Region D

*Trio of Friends for Fun*



## *“Gold Wing Road Riders Association” Press Release*

*The “Gold Wing Road Riders Association” is coming to Coldwater, Michigan for their annual Region D Motorcycle Rally/Convention on Thursday, September 16<sup>th</sup> through Saturday the 18<sup>th</sup>. The event will be held at the Branch County Fairgrounds with registration opening at noon on Thursday and at 8:00 am on Friday & Saturday.*

*This is the first of a two year commitment with the Branch County Fairgrounds to have our Region D event in Coldwater. Region D consists of the GWRRRA Members from the States of Indiana, Michigan and Ohio. The “Theme for this year’s event is “Pirates of the Great Lakes” so if you see some crazy folks dressed up like Pirates don’t be alarmed, it is just those crazy Goldwingers.*

*The Gold Wing Road Riders Association is a family oriented motorcycle association and we invite you and your family to come join us and have some good clean fun. Accessorize your motorcycle with products from one of our several dozen on-site vendors. Give your motorcycle that custom look with Chrome accessories, Pin striping, Airbrushing or the latest in LED lighting and to meet and make many new friends.*

*We welcome everyone to participate in our planned activities either within the Fairgrounds or in and around the City of Coldwater. We will be having a “Block Party” up town on Friday starting at 6:00 PM in conjunction with the Art and Apple festival. Many of our participants will be bringing their Motorcycles, Trike conversions and/or sidecar units up town and parking them on Chicago and Monroe Streets for the people of Coldwater to come and look at. We will have a Motorist Awareness table set up and our Rider Education folks will be handing out information and answering questions. The GWRRRA Members are very friendly people and love to show off and talk about their motorcycles and the trips they have taken on them, so bring the kids and join us for a good social get-together.*

*Then on Saturday you are welcome to watch the “free” motorcycle riding skill events like “Top Gun” which will take place on Saturday morning at 10:30 AM in the Dearth Center Parking lot, or the “Amazing Team Challenge” which will take place on Saturday from 1:00 PM until 3:00 PM at the same location. These events will include some lady riders who are very good riders and they have a saying “Ride it like a girl”, so you ladies may want to come watch these gals show some of the guys how it’s done. Some bleacher style seating will be available or you can bring your lawn chairs and don’t forget the camera.*

*We will be closing registration at 3:00 PM on Saturday afternoon and the local folks are welcome to come in and look around or visit the vendors until 5:30 PM. We do request that anyone that is not registered to leave the Fairgrounds at that time for security reasons.*

*Finally, on Saturday Night at dusk we invite everyone to come and watch as hundreds of Motorcycles will cruise slowly around and through downtown Coldwater for our traditional “Grand Light Parade” which will end at the Dearth Center Parking lot at the Fairgrounds. Check your local newspaper for the planned route of the “Grand Light Parade” that will be escorted by the Coldwater Police Department.*

*After the Parade ends back at the Dearth Center parking lot, we will set up and have a spectacular “Motorcycle Light Show”. This is for everyone to watch, we will have a sound system set up with an announcer telling who the contestants or participants are, where they are from and who the winners of each class are. You are all welcome and it is a “free & fun time” for the whole family, so come join us.*

*When the “Light Show” festivities are over, the participants will light up their motorcycles for you to get up close and look at if you wish to do so. For safety sake, watch the children because the exhaust systems on the motorcycles could still be hot.*

*The Rally/Convention is open to the general public; however there is a registration fee.*

*A full three day pre-registration package is available at \$20 for members, \$25 for non members. These prices will be good until September 1, 2010.*

*On- site Full Registration is \$25.00 for Members and \$30.00 for non-members .One day passes are \$18 for GWRRA Members and \$20 for non members. Children 15 and under are free when accompanied by a registered adult.*

*For pre-registration and more information go to [www.gwrri-regiond.org](http://www.gwrri-regiond.org) or call Ron or Dianna at 517 851-7276*

*We would like to take this opportunity to thank the Branch County Fairgrounds, the City of Coldwater including the Police Department, all the local businesses, the Branch County Tourism Bureau, the Branch County Area Chamber of Commerce and the people of the Coldwater area for allowing us to come into your community and for making us feel welcome and for helping make this event successful.*

*We do reserve the right to control who enters and/or participates in the events and for safety reasons where people sit and/or position themselves during riding events.*

*We thank you all*

*The Members of the Gold Wing Road Riders Association  
Ron & Dianna Miller – Region D Directors & the Region D Team*