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# Roadbed News

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## Another, come and going...

By John "Santa" Gooch

Amy, Elizabeth and a new trike

I sit here and it is raining outside, temperature in the 40's and the leaves are quickly disappearing from the trees but not from the ground. November is here, the nasty ol' weatherman is using the four letter word most of us in Michigan either hate or love each winter and for most riders, the riding season is coming to a close.

Now don't get me wrong, we still ride, but a whole lot less than usual. Some intrepid souls will ride all year round and good for them. One guy told me after his bike slipped out from under him four times between his driveway and the stop sign at the corner, he decided it was time to take the cage. I don't know if that was bragging or admitting he wasn't too bright but still, he tried.

It's time to start thinking about what to do to the bike over the winter for some, others are planning winter trips to places they can ride and still others just put it away nice and comfortable and dream of next year. I find myself in a mixture of that this year too. Between the Shingles and five kidney stones I haven't done a whole lot of riding. Didn't stop me from doing ministry but did keep me on four wheels instead of two. That will shortly be remedied, got plans, getting a new ride, getting the last stone cut out or whatever



they decide but looking forward to what He has in mind next.

All in all it has been a good year hasn't it? I mean we lost some good friends and all but most of riding was good, weather cooperated, we hit lots of events and rodeo's this year. Tony and Janice are working in well, we are quickly getting the coffee shop running and will be back to the clubhouses in short order. I have seen a lot of people change over the year, some going onto three wheels, some dancing with the changes but still looking for the next run or party or whatever. The Long Rider's contest ended a couple days ago with some having put on some serious miles.

I pray yours has been a good one too. There are still opportunities I know but as they become fewer and fewer, think about the good times and good friends of this past summer. Some won't be with us next

year likely, don't forget to tell them how much you love and enjoy 'em now.

I know some of my priorities are changing too. My GrandDaughter is the apple of my eye and I want to spend more time with her. Hopefully she will like to ride with "Bopop" and "Mimi" and we can bring her along, but if not (I never thought I'd say this...) I might have to miss a ride or two.

Now's the time to get things in order my friends! Life is speeding by and we need to make the best of what is to come and appreciate what has gone by. I look forward to seeing more of you around the clubhouse cuz we missed one another an awful lot on the road this year! Shop's open, coffee is on, wrenches are ready...

## Again, Lord?

Earlier this year I talked about a passage out of the bible from Ecclesiastes chapter 3: verse 1 thru 9. I could write it out here but what fun would that be when you could look it up- LOL! It speaks about how God *predetermines the events of life*; 'To everything there is a season, a time for every purpose under heaven...'

Sometimes, this is hard to live with when things don't go the way we think they should- or better yet, when life throws that proverbial curve ball. Recently, this happened to my wife and I and it has thrown us for a spiritual loop. Long story short, she was asked to speak to the Vice-President of Administration and given oppor-

tunity for promotion. Which, by itself is great news, but there was a hitch, the promotion is to the office in North Carolina!

How do you deal with life when this happens? Have faith, because remember what the verse said about God *predetermines the events of life*- it has already been played out. Faith is simple, I didn't say easy, I said simple. You see, in the Bible, Jacob later on in life learned that 'wrestling' with God is very painful {a good read in your Bible: Genesis 32: entire chapter}. God's will, will be done.

Another great verse to read is the following:

*Jeremiah 10:23, I know, O LORD, that a man's life is not*

by Tony "Hero" Bender

*his own; it is not for man to direct his steps.*"

This was the lesson Jacob would eventually learn. You see, Jacob was probably spoiled; as one of two non-identical twins, he was his mother's favorite. He was not someone who was used to change, but he was forced to make changes against his will. Faith did not come easy to him. He relied on his wits, but, smart as he was, he found himself vulnerable time and time again, and fighting fear was a battle for him. I - like Jacob- battle fear and anxiety on a daily basis and this promotion has not been easy to discern.

Like Jacob, we are struggling with our future; the struggle isn't about 'things' but about yielding our will to God. We are finally crying out to God, "What do you really want from me? What do you want us to stay here and take over Roadbed Ministries? Do you want us to go to North Carolina, perhaps start another Roadbed? What do you want God?"

The reply is a simple and gentle, "I want only you."

*Editor's Note:*

*Stay tuned, we will see what God's gonna do with Tony and Janice!!*



## HeBrews Coffee Shop

by "Gofor"



Nothing but the best beans for you guys!

Ever plan something and think, "This won't take any time at all..."? Well I sure have and the latest installment of that was the coffee shop! Now we started with good intentions, with Cappuccino Joe's being gone, DC Cage history, PJ's closed, we thought it was time to start one of our own so everybody would still have a place to hang out, have a good cup of coffee and keep in touch. I mean we've had everything all along, we just needed to get the right permits right? Wow!

Getting a license from Kent County to open a coffee shop is not as simple as I thought! Lots of paper work, fees, drawings, procedures, training and inspections all so people can drink coffee and not die of

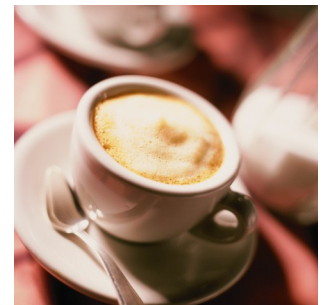
some bug I can't even pronounce!! I mean it's legit and all but holy cow, for a cup of coffee? YES!

Well hopefully by the time you read this it will be done. We got the right coffee makers, a slick new Espresso machine for those latte's and caps, a Keurig machine for K-cup singles and flavors, a two pot Bunn for brewed, a Toddy for making cold brew and even a fresh squeeze for those lemonade fans! Amy got a good blender for iced coffees and hopefully you can stop by and enjoy some!

We are working on the hours, we will be open in the morning for you start the day types and have evening hours for those after the meeting and ride types, we just aren't

sure about the in-between times and all yet. The pool tables will be open, there are areas to sit and just talk and enjoy, we will have outdoor seating to enjoy the bike traffic. Classrooms will be available for meetings too. Sodas will be available but no food, too much hassle.

Come on in and try a coffee, prices will be right and you might find the conversation entertaining to boot. And yes, the name is deliberate...



**Contest Winners**

**Iron Butt**  
Dave - 1,100 in 16 hours

**Scavenger Hunt**  
Starr - 97 points  
Ralph - 53 points

**Long Riders**

**Working Stiff:** Don Koolen, 14,022 mi.  
**Men's Retired:** Tom Sutton, 11,028 mi.  
**Backseater:** Bonnie Koolen, 10,373 mi.  
**Ladies:** Stacey Sutton, 9,620  
**Ladies' Retired:** Joni Farnol, 10,853

Well done everybody!

*Special Thanks to all who came out in to support Roadbed for ice cream at Bailey's Grove!*

**Introducing: Roadbed's Capital Campaign!**

Do you attend and enjoy Roadbed's different events and activities? Some people think of them as "fund raisers" but they actually cost more to do than they raise. But we still do them because it's fun and brings people together!

Well in this day and age, that takes funding, funds to pay the bills, to make sure equipment operates etc., etc. and so on. It also takes funds if you want to expand, offer new or more services or just make necessary plans for the repair and maintenance of what you have!

We have kicked off a "capital campaign" to raise funds for Roadbed. We have info on Facebook and you will see more here, we have an informational brochure and all but to understand what we need, people ask, "Well, where does your funding come from now anyways?"

Interesting question so...

- Did you know that every penny charged for the HOHO pictures goes to the photographers for their work and materials on the pictures? It costs Roadbed almost \$200 to provide this service via the set and all.
- Did you know that events like the Long Riders Contest, Pray in the New Year and PMS raise no funds to support Roadbed? The cost of awards, foods and the like far exceed any monies brought in.
- Did you know that events like the Pig Roast, Salsa Contest and Chili Cook-Off actually cost Roadbed? The Pig Roast costs almost twice as much to do as funds raised, the entry fees for the other contests don't cover award

costs with the remainder picked up by Roadbed.

- Did you know Roadbed annually does 20-30 Holiday food baskets at Thanksgiving and Christmas? Enough food to provide breakfast, the holiday meal (including dessert) and a little more are packaged including gift certificates, to purchase ham, turkey, chicken or whatever meat desired, is provided. Generous gifts provide almost all of it but whatever isn't, Roadbed supplies.
- When you are broken down, in need of a tire or repair, when you can't afford that part and Roadbed has it, that's not the time to worry about "How am I going to pay for it." Roadbed covers the cost of these type things because we all need help sometime. Have you ever been helped by Roadbed when you couldn't afford otherwise?

•In the past Roadbed has never charged for use of its facilities or staff for funerals, pre-marital counseling, weddings or memorial services. These are all covered for a donation or free when families can't afford it. Very seldom are costs actually covered but

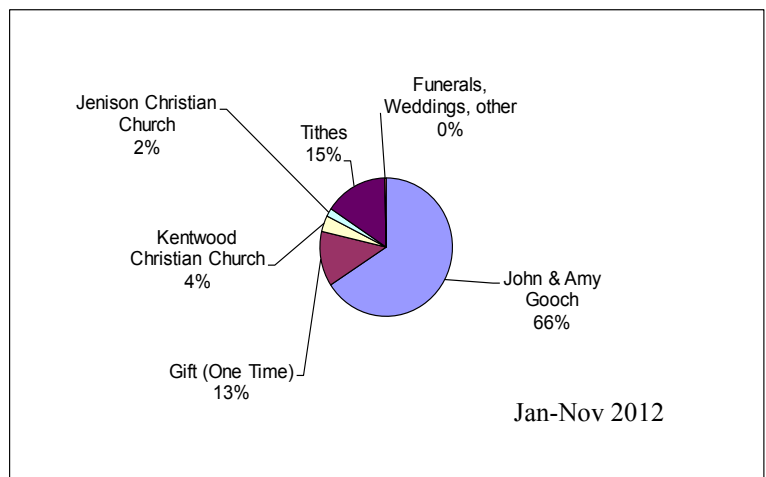
no one is ever turned away if at all possible!

Just so you know, the chart below shows the source of our income and its percentage so far this year. It's not a boast or complaint, just info for you to think about because we want to do more, lots more but we can't do it without help!

We have also received awesome gifts of tools and equipment and can't forget the donated parts, but still you can't pay a gas or electric bill with those, or expand a food pantry for that matter.

If you think you would like to help, let us know, talk with us. No amount is too small because they all add up in the end! We have plans for the house next door, the economy isn't getting better but worse, need doesn't take a holiday and hungry bellies still hurt. And if we don't pull together, one day we won't be there when the need is the greatest...

More info to come.



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### *Upcoming Events*

*Nov. 22nd—Thanksgiving*

*Dec. 25th—Christmas*

*Dec. 31st—Pray in the New Year*

*Jan. 19th—Chili Cook-Off*

*Feb. 16th—PMS*

*Ministry hours: Mon.—Closed, Tues—Thurs, 3-9:30 PM, Fri—1PM til  
Midnight, Saturday—11AM—Midnight, Sunday—1:30—9PM*

*Don't forget, services every Sunday evening at 6PM unless otherwise posted*

*Coffee Shop hours to be announced.*

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feedback. Let us know how we are doing.

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