



# The Highway Hobos Of NEW YORK CHAPTER H

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## THE HOBO RAG

### Hello Hobos

Well here it is already April and the weather is starting to be great. I hope all have had a ride or 2 on the bikes now that the salt is washed off. To Bob and Sandy, the mothballs didn't work and neither did the dryer sheets. I had balls by the tires, balls by the kickstand and balls on the seat. They made a nest the size of a basketball in the trunk. Still do not know how they got there. So the bike is in pieces till I do a thorough inspection. A reminder that Tech day has been moved to May 8<sup>th</sup> at my house and our Mall exhibit is on May 1<sup>st</sup> at the Boulevard Mall on Niagara Falls Blvd in Amherst. From 10am till about 8pm. Let me know if you are planning to attend and what time. We will also have a sigh up sheet at the April meeting on the 11<sup>th</sup> of April. Right now, parking lot practice is planned for the 18<sup>th</sup> of April @ 10am. More to follow on location. Our last winter fellowship dinner will be at La Costa Verde in Depew on Transit near Walden @ 6:30pm and even better will be the first desert ride @ 6pm on the 29<sup>th</sup> of April. For those of you that weren't there, the Cabin fever gathering at the Peete's house was great. There was lots of food and great conversation. Thanks to all that brought great food and to the Peete's for hosting it. Well, time to take some more parts off the bike.

Rick

See everyone at the next gathering at the Basket Factory in Middleport, 10am.

Apr 11 <sup>th</sup>	May 2 <sup>nd</sup>	Jun 6 <sup>th</sup>
Jul 11 <sup>th</sup>	Aug 1 <sup>st</sup>	Sep 12 <sup>th</sup>
Oct 3 <sup>rd</sup>	Nov 7 <sup>TH</sup>	Dec 4 <sup>th</sup> (party)

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## Some Event Dates For The 2010 Season!



Apr 30-May 1 East Coast Trike-in, Easton, MD  
May 7-16 Myrtle Beach Bik Week, Myrtle Beach, SC  
Jun 7-12 Americade, Lake George, NY  
Jun 12-20 Laconia Bike Week, Laconia, NH  
Jun 30-Jul 3 Wing Ding 32, Des Moines, Iowa  
Jul 6-8 Women on Wheels, 24<sup>th</sup> Annual International Ride-In, Stratton, VT  
Jul 9-11 Vintage Motorcycle Days, Mid-Ohio Sports Car Course, Lexington, OH  
Jul 22-24 New England Districts Rally – Gorham, NH  
Aug 5-7 NY/NJ Bi-State Rally, Bridgewater, NJ  
Aug 9-15 Sturgis Bike Week, Sturgis, SD  
Aug 26-28 Pennsylvania District Rally, Johnstown, PA  
Sep 20-Oct 2 Bikes, Blues & BBQ, Fayetteville, AK  
Oct 14-17 Biketoberfest, Daytona Beach, FL

If you have any events you'd like listed, let me know.

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### NOTES

Just a reminder: our food drive is still ongoing. Please bring canned goods/non-perishables to each meeting. Bill & Carolyn are collecting.

#### April Birthdays

Garry Sauls, 5<sup>th</sup>  
Shirley Sauls, 28<sup>th</sup>

Larry Friedman, 8<sup>th</sup>

Wayne Newman, 20<sup>th</sup>

#### April Anniversaries

None

## LISTING OF CHAPTER EVENTS YOU DON'T WANT TO MISS!

- Apr 11<sup>th</sup> Chapter Gathering at the Basket Factory, Middleport, 10am.
- Apr 18<sup>th</sup> Parking Lot Practice, Olcott Fire Hall, 10am
- Apr 21<sup>st</sup> Winter fellowship, LaCosta Verde, 5790 Transit Rd, Depew, 6:30pm
- Apr 29<sup>th</sup> 1sr Dessert Ride, to Gordie Harper's, Rt. 78, Newfane, meet at Marsh's at 6:00. Led by the Parsons.
- End Apr Deal's Gap. Myron & Bill will be taking a few days to sample the Twisties of the Blue Ridge area. If interested contact them for Dates and arrangements. Stag only.
- May 1<sup>st</sup> Motorist Awareness Display at Boulevard Mall, Amherst
- May 2<sup>nd</sup> Chapter Gathering at the Basket Factory, Middleport, 10am. Followed Immediately By Parking Lot Practice, Olcott Fire Hall
- May 5<sup>th</sup> Dessert Ride to Bill Greys, 8214 Main St., Williamsville. Meet at Kenyons at 6:30. Led by the Johnsons
- May 8<sup>th</sup> Tech Day at the Parson's, 1549 Youngstown-Lockport Rd., Youngstown, 8am, rain or shine. NOTE: Dinner will be chicken Bar-b-que , either delivered to the Parson's, or we will ride to Grand Island to the Peete's church, depending on how late the bike work runs.
- May 13<sup>th</sup> Dessert Ride to Paulters, Rt. 78, E. Amherst. Meet at Marsh's at 6:30. Led by Prices.
- May 15<sup>th</sup> Lilac Festival Ride, led by Walsers. Time & Place to follow.
- May 16<sup>th</sup> Season Kick-Off Ride to Mt. Morris Dam. Led by the Krebs. Details To come.
- May 19<sup>th</sup> Dessert Ride to Rudy's, 118 W. Center St., Medina. Meet at Kenyons At 6:30. Led by Kelleys.

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## Myron's musings



Myron has arranged for a stand-in contributor this month and next since he is unavailable. I want to thank Bruce Krebs for his help. Elaine

In last month's Myron's Musings, riding a bike was mentioned as an example or comparison to riding a motorcycle. We have all heard "Its just like riding a bicycle". Referring to falling off just get right back on the bike as this comes naturally.

Riding our motorcycle should be just as simple (except the falling off part). Of course they are bigger and faster and certainly more expensive. But riding should be second nature to drivers as well as riders.

First we need to have learned the rules of the road and our bikes are ready to hit the highways (no pun here). Next and most importantly we ourselves and our passenger must be prepared to take to the road.

When it comes to preparing driver and rider, this is both physical and mental preparation.

Drivers should always take a ride solo as to familiarize themselves with their machine. Remember, that the last Honda you operated may have been a snowblower not a motorcycle. Practice starts, stops, turns and just get comfortable with traffic.

Before taking that first ride with a passenger, talk to each other, first off the bike then in riding position. If an intercom is available use it, this works better than a hit to the side of the helmet.

When preparing to ride with a group we should make sure we and our bikes are fueled and ready to ride. Of course eating may be an option if that is what the ride is for.

As you can see, this article deals with preparation (not H) but you and your motorcycle.

So take some time and think back to your last riding season and think about some of the things that you encountered that bothered you. These could be your starts. You may have been wobbly, your turns may not have been smooth, lane placement while riding or at intersections also, near misses especially at intersections. How can you make yourself more visible to other drivers.

Before all your free time is spent in the saddle, look over articles that have been printed for our benefit, these can be found in Wing World and Myron's section.

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