



The Highway Hobos Of NEW YORK CHAPTER H

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THE HOBO RAG

Hello Hobos,

Well the riding season is about half over and the weather hasn't cooperated very well with our endeavors. While it hasn't been a total washout, you had to be good at dodging rain showers. We have only been able to ride to about half of our dessert rides. So maybe as August ushers in the weather will turn in our favor and the last half of the season will be better than the first.

Speaking of rides, we have a couple of openings in our Aug. schedule for someone to step up and lead a day ride. One is the morning before Peete's pool party the other could be before or after Schoonover's picnic. It takes everyone's involvement to keep the group moving smoothly. A few of us can't carry the load for all of us. So please get on board, chip in and help us out.

Our big event for August is the Bi-State Rally in Norwich, NY. It's shaping up to be one of the biggest state rallies that I can remember. There are at least a dozen vendors lined up and a schedule of activities that will keep you as busy as you like. We are helping with decorations for the banquet and setting up the basket raffle. Our basket theme is Welcome to Our Country, with Red, White and Blue as our color scheme. We are asking everyone to donate one item to fill up our Honda basket. If you haven't already done so please get it to me by the Aug. meeting.

We also have a couple of day rides, a mystery ride, along with picnics and pool parties to keep us busy for the month. So keep your pocket schedules handy and we'll see you soon.

Make it Fun, Keep it Safe,
Garry & Shirley

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

Aug 2nd Sep 13th Oct 4th
Nov 1st Dec 5th(party)

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Some Event Dates For The 2009 Season!



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

Aug 6-8 NY District Rally, Norwich, NY
Aug 20-23 PA District Rally, Johnstown, PA

NOTES

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

August Birthdays

Connie Parson, 14th
Shirley Gawron, 22nd

Donna Fallesen, 16th
Sandy Kelley, 26th

Kathy Corby, 21st
Elaine Price, 26th

August Anniversaries

Bill & Sheryl Reis, 8th

Wayne & Kathleen Reis, 11th

Wayne & Karen Newman, 26th

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

Remember, dessert rides are 2 or 4 wheel.

- Aug 2nd Chapter Gathering, Basket Factory, Middleport, 10am.
- Aug 5th Dessert Ride to Black North Inn, 14362 Ontario St., Kent; Kenyon's 6:30, Led by Bill & Dorrie
- Aug 6-8th NY/NJ BiState Rally, Norwich, NY
- Aug 13th Dessert Ride to Paulter's, 6343 Transit Rd., E. Amherst; Marsh's, 6:30, led by Bill & Kathy
- Aug 15th Day Ride South, & Picnic at Seamans' Camp, Dale, NY, Kenyons, 9am, bring a dish to pass. Led by Roy & Barb Seamans
- Aug 16th Pool Party/BBQ at Peete's, 15 Whitney Lane, Grand Island, meet there at 1pm, bring a dish to pass.
- Aug 19th Dessert Ride to Georges, 5808 Herman Hill Rd., N. Boston, Kenyons, 6:30, led by Rick & Connie
- Aug 22nd Red Knights Dice Run, 9am, Marilla Fire Dept. is both start and finish
- Aug 23rd Picnic at Schoonover's, 3237 Manor Dr., Youngstown, meet there at 1pm, bring a dish to pass
- Aug 27th Dessert Ride to Gordy Harper's, Rt. 78, Newfane, Marsh's, 6:30, led by Bob & Sandy
- Aug 29th Mystery Ride starting from Altoon's, Rt. 400 & Rt. 78, 8am for breakfast or 9am for the ride, led by Paul

POST THIS LISTING ON YOUR REFRIGERATOR!



Myron's musings

Ahhh. Here we are just back from a three day trip to Pa., Md., & W Va. to experience some of their beautiful motorcycle roads. Some of the better known routes include Rt 219, Rt 220, but some of the best we hit were Rt 50 and Rt 46, in addition to numerous other lesser know roads. Some of the roads were narrow two lane in the middle of forested areas where we just meandered at 40 mph. We were in the shadows of tall overgrown tree covered areas, and it was like driving at dusk. Some were those wonderful meandering curves posted at 40 mph in a 55 mph zone, on wide roads with good visibility. And some (like Rt 46) were just a little piece of heaven for those who like it tight and challenging. It gave us a chance to practice our cornering skills in a variety of conditions, including rain.

Here are some of the things that come to mind.

- 1) As you approach a corner, Scan and Evaluate the conditions to **set a safe entry speed**. A safe entry speed is slow enough that you can give it gas while you go through the corner. I think this is the most important part of safe cornering. Some of the things you look for include Speed caution signs, Camber, Texture, Coloration differences, Radius, Changing Radius, dampness, and composition.
- 2) Can you stop within the distance you can see? If not? Slow down!
- 3) Have you geared down appropriately? Higher engine speeds give you an audible indication of appropriate speed. For GL1500's and GL1800's, I recommend 4th gear for Caution signs showing 30 or 35 mph. Use 3rd gear for Caution signs showing 20-25 mph. It doesn't matter if your engine will pull through in a higher gear!
- 4) As you near the corner, and continue through the corner, keep your eyes focused on the "Vanishing Point" (where you want to be later), add a little throttle, and use your peripheral vision to maintain control of your position within the lane.
- 5) Stay wide and Turn-In later, rather than sooner. It gives you a smoother line and reduces the chance of running wide and going off road. If you have good visibility, use the Outside-Inside-Outside line. If you have limited visibility, stay wide all the way around the corner.
- 6) Watch for gravel being pulled up onto the roadway, especially on tight Right hand turns where there is no paved shoulder.

Here's one of the conditions we ran into during the wet portion of our ride. A downhill curved section of road been "repaired" as follows. About every 50 feet was a section 18-24 inches wide that had been dug up, and filled with concrete. The surface of the concrete had been troweled as smooth as a mirror, and the light rain just glistened off the surface. As we were heeled over rounding this corner, you'd get a little slip of the tires for each concrete section, then an immediate catch on the not-repaired section. It was a little disconcerting at the least to be on Slip-Stick pavement like that. It's been my experience that normal concrete has less traction in the wet than asphalt, and that shiny pavement of any sort has less traction than no-shiny pavement. As the road conditions change, so should your speed.

I won't be at the August meeting, but please feel free to discuss these topics among yourselves.

Myron

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