



The Highway Hobos Of NEW YORK CHAPTER H

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THE HOBO RAG

Hello Hobos

The riding season has just about come to an end for most of us. Some of us have already winterized our mechanical stallions and put them into their stalls for a much deserved rest. At this time the sun is also setting on our leadership ride and a new moon is rising for our next leaders. We have had an awesome ride with everyone's help but now its time to turn over the reins. We would like to thank all of our leadership people and members for all of their help over the last two years. We hope you have enjoyed this trail ride as much as we have and will continue the adventure with the enthusiasm we have for the next phase. Without you we couldn't have or wouldn't have even wanted too lead this Chapter. We challenge each of you to continue the support you have shown us over our term. We, as our predecessors did, will return to the ranks and support and serve in any way we can. Our new job will be to help and guide our new Directors Rick & Connie Parson and Asst. Directors Keith & Elaine Price as well as all of their leadership. The task before us, is to make them as successful as you have made us in the past. We've had a lot of Fun with the trivia contests, jokes and costumes at our monthly meetings. We hope you enjoyed our humor. Our motto has always been to **Make it Fun** and **Keep it Safe**, because the more fun we are having the more you'll want to have. So please let the Fun, Friends and Fellowship continue for many years to come. Also with this year end newsletter we would like to wish all of our extended family a Happy Holiday Season. Let each one of us enjoy every moment we have and at the same time look forward to a **Fun** filled 2010. May God bless you all.

Make it Fun, Keep it Safe,
Garry and Shirley

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

Dec 5 th (party)	Jan 3 rd	Feb 7 th
Mar 7 th	Apr 11 th	May 2 nd
Jun 6 th	Jul 11 th	Aug 1 st
Sep 12 th	Oct 3 rd	Nov 7 th
Dec 4 th (party)		

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Some Event Dates For The 2010 Season!



Jan 7-9 Winter Thing – Ocean City, Maryland
Jun 7-10 Americade, Lake George, NY
Jun 30-Jul 3 Wing Ding 32, Des Moines, Iowa
Jul 22-24 New England Districts Rally – Gorham, NH
Aug 5-7 NY/NJ Bi-State Rally, Bridgewater, NJ
Aug 26-28 Pennsylvania District Rally, Johnstown, PA

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

NOTES

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

Region B is having a quilt raffle. The quilt will have a square representing each of the 11 Districts within the region, plus 1 for the Region itself. Tickets are \$1 each. The drawing will be held at the 2010 Maryland District Winter Thing, Jan 9, 2010. Please see Elaine for tickets.

December Birthdays

Renee' Ottman, 3rd
Bill Johnson, 20th

MaryAnn Kosowski, 11th
Vicki Ochtyun, 29th

Diane Martinez, 13th

December Anniversaries

Myron & Janice Fox, 17th

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

- Dec 5th Chapter Holiday Party at the Basket Factory, Middleport. Attitude adjustment at 6pm, dinner at 7pm. We will have our annual ornament exchange (optional), bring one to get one. We'll also collect gifts for a needy family or two. If you would like to donate, contact Garry or Shirley for the ages & sizes. Also, if you haven't signed up for the Dinner, contact Garry soon.
- Jan 3rd Chapter Gathering at the Basket Factory, Middleport, 10am.
- Jan 7-9th Maryland District Rally, Winterthing, Ocean City, MD
- Jan 13th Winter Fellowship at Chef's Rest. 291 Seneca St., Buffalo, 6:30pm.
- Jan 16th NY District Meeting, North Syracuse Fire Hall, Syracuse, 9:30-4:00. If you are interested in attending, contact Rick or Keith for possible Car-pooling.
- Jan 29-31st International Motorcycle Show, IX Center, Cleveland, OH
- Feb 7th Chapter Gathering at the Basket Factory, Middleport, 10am
- Feb 13th Cabin Fever at the Walser's, 4546 Thrall Rd., Lockport, more Details later.
- Feb 17th Winter Fellowship at Syro's Rest., 869 Cayuga, Lewiston, 6:30pm.
- Mar 6th Medic First Aid Course, E & R Machine, 211 Grand, Lockport, Details to follow.
- Mar 7th Chapter Gathering at the Basket Factory, Middleport, 10am.
- Mar 14th Cabin Fever at the Peete's, 15 Whitney Lane, Grand Island, details Later.

POST THIS LISTING ON YOUR REFRIGERATOR!



Myron's musings

Well, here we are in December and you've been reminded to practice your motorcycle riding skills all winter long. What does that mean? Many of the things that make you safe while riding a cycle are the same things that make you safe while driving your 4 wheeler.

Can you stop within the distance you can see?

Are you following vehicles that give you the best visibility?

Are you following at a safe distance? (and remember that my opinion is 1 ½ seconds is max for multi lane high density traffic)

Are you looking far enough ahead to anticipate changes in traffic speed?

Do you look for changes in other vehicles speed to indicate possible turns in front of you?

Do you treat green lights as an advisory that the intersection might be clear, but might not?

Well here's a tool I'm going to ask you to make right now, put it in your car, and use it some of the times over the winter until you judge that it's no longer necessary. It's the kind of thing you can use in the car, but not on the cycle.

Go ahead right now and get some type of baseball cap, or something with a brim.

Get a straw, and some duct tape.

Tape the straw under the brim so it creates a pointer forward above your field of view. Trim the length of the straw so it doesn't stick out too far.

Voila! You now have a tool that lets you know where your head is pointed, which will often be different than where your eyes are pointed.

While in the car, with your "Pointing Tool" on, keep your head pointed in the direction that you want to be 5-10 seconds down the road. If you're making a left turn from a dead stop, your head should be pointed way down the road to the left (before you start moving), not just your eyes. More important is traveling down a road with curves, including those expressway ramps. Look way ahead, and use your peripheral vision to remain within the lane lines. Use the pointer to be sure your head is pointed to the "Vanishing Point" where you can't see around the corner anymore. While your head is pointed way down the road, use your eyes only to scan back toward yourself, and alongside the road on both sides.

You know you've mastered this skill when you can go down a curvy road, keep your eyes focused under the pointer to the "Vanishing Point", and then use your peripheral vision to make deliberate mid corner position changes within the lane. First a little more to the left side of your lane, then more to the right side of your lane. When you've reached this level of proficiency, it's OK to take the "Pointing Tool" off.

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