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THE HOBO RAG

Hello Hobos,

Not just do the Hobos have a full ride and event schedule, but also there are numerous events occurring this year throughout our region. Starting on May 10th and running through the 19th Region B is presenting a Caribbean cruise to Bermuda. This time you can bring your Wing along and ride it in the islands. Space is limited so check out the January edition of the Region B newsletter, the "Beacon", if interested. You can find editions of the "Beacon" on the Region B website.

On July 26 – 28 the All New England District Convention is being held in the beautiful Killington area of Vermont. Featuring a "Speakeasy" night, the convention also features the rides in rural Vermont, which is a joy. Check out www.newenglanddistrictsrally.com for more information

In August (16-18) we have our own Bi-State Convention in Rockaway NJ. Just announced, and I hope to have much more information about it after I return from the District meeting in Syracuse.

The Pennsylvania District Convention is moving to Gettysburg on September 6th through the 8th. The Gettysburg battlefield, where over 50,000 soldiers were killed or wounded during the Civil War closely retains the appearance that it had almost 150 years ago.

The Region is holding a campout on October 19-20 in Cape May, NJ on the "Jersey Shores". Come and relax or visit such attractions as the Cape May Zoo or the Wildwood Naval Air Museum. Jorge and Julia Perez are the contact people for the campout.

Finally here's a heads-up about Wing Ding next year. It will be held in Greenville S.C., July 3-6, 2013.

So between our own calendar, the District and the Region, there is no reason to say – "I am bored, there's no place to ride."

Keith

See everyone at the next gathering Feb 5th at the Basket Factory in Middleport, 10am

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Birthdays & Anniversaries



Birthdays

- Linda Ferdinand, Feb 3
- Marie McNichol, Feb 6
- Rick Parson, Feb 9
- Shirley Collins, Feb 9
- Bill Reis, Feb 14
- Barb Spector, Feb 19
- Tony Spector, Feb 22



Anniversaries

None this month.



Bruce's Blurbs



At this time of year driving on ice and snow is of major concern to most drivers. When riding our motorcycles we also should be concerned for the same reason, lack of traction. The outcome may be different, but in both cases our lives may be put in jeopardy.

With the motorcycle there are many contributing factors. Condition of the tires, are the first item of concern. The tread depth and air pressure should be checked on a routine basis. The tire composition may also have an impact on the ride and control of your bike as well.

The next item of major importance is the road surface. Consider the following, which is found in the Proficient Motorcycling book written by David L. Hough.

Hard rubber has less traction than soft rubber because compliant rubber can quickly squish into the surface irregularities. That's also why too much pressure in a tire reduces traction. If a tire is over inflated, it can't as easily squish into conformity with the pavement. Lower pressure improves traction, which is an advantage for unpaved roads but would overheat the tire carcass at highway speeds. So tire pressure is a compromise between traction and reliability.

With correct pressure in your tires for highway speeds, the total contact patch area of both your tires is about the same size as the palm of one hand. Considering that tire traction is the connection between the bike and the road, we should never scrimp on tires, and we should check frequently to ensure that tire pressures are correct for the load we intend to carry.

Bruce A. Krebs
Chapter H Educator

Some Events for the 2012 Season!



- March 9 – 18 **Bike Week**, Daytona, FL
- March 17 **GWRRA NY District Meeting and Western NY Training Day**, Includes Rider Ed. and Leadership Training Seminars, possibly CPR/FA Class and social (fun) time. Holiday Inn, Batavia, NY
- May 10 – 19 **Region B Cruise to Bermuda/Caribbean from Cape Liberty, NJ.** Take your bikes and trikes with you on the ship.
- June 5 – 9 **Americade**, Lake George, NY
- July 4 – 7 **Wing Ding**, Ft. Wayne, IN
- July 26 – 28 **New England Districts Convention**, Rutland, VT
- August 16-18 **Bi-State Convention**, The Holiday Inn – Budd Lake-Rockaway, 1000 International Drive North, Mount Olive, New Jersey. Hotel has agreed to a rate of \$90 per night including full breakfast. For reservations, phone (973) 448-1100 and identify yourself as a member of GWRRA to receive discounted group rate. On-line reservations for the convention will be available at the NJ District Website.
- October 19 – 21 **Region B Campout at the Jersey Shore**, Holly Shores Camping Resort (www.hollyshores.com), Cape May, NJ. Contact Jorge (jperez@lmold.com) and Julia Perez for details.

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

Chapter Events You Don't Want To Miss (post this on your refrigerator)

- Feb 5 Chapter Gathering at the Basket Factory, Middleport, 10:00am.
- Feb 11 Medic First Aid (this is the whole course)
Cost is \$30.00 (cash please) per attendee.
E & R Machine, 211 Grand St., Lockport, NY 14094
Parking lot is on west side of building. Please come in side entrance door.
- Feb 18 Cabin Fever at the Walzers, 4546 Thrall Rd., Lockport, NY, 4:00pm.
- Feb 29 Winter Fellowship at Santasiero's, 1329 Niagara St. (Niagara at Lafayette), Buffalo, 6:30pm
- Mar 4 Chapter Gathering at the Basket Factory, Middleport, 10:00am.
- Mar 17 Cabin Fever at the Price's, "Wear'n O' the Green" party, plus Rider Ed Seminar.
4794 Meyer Rd., North Tonawanda, NY
- Mar 28 Winter Fellowship at One-Eyed Jack's, 5983 South Transit, Lockport, 6:30pm.
- Apr 1 Chapter Gathering at the Basket Factory, Middleport, 10:00am.
- Apr 13 Port Dover – "Friday the 13th", contact Paul and Linda
- Apr 14 Cabin Fever at the Fox's, 250 Carmas Dr., Rochester, NY, 4:00pm.
- Apr 25 Winter Fellowship at Caryville Inn, 25 Main St., Oakfield, NY, 6:30pm.
- Apr 28 Tech Day at Parson's, 1549 Youngstown-Lockport Rd., Youngstown, NY

Notes

News from the Snowbirds

Here is some additional information from Sandy.

We met at Solomon's Castle in Ona, FL. for lunch. Here are the Seamans, Warren & Joyce Hutchins who used to live in Gasport and rode with both the Hobos and Batavia Big Bikers, (they now live in Constable, NY near Malone) and a friend from St. Cloud, Ted Greene. He is standing next to Roy and also has a GoldWing. Warren and Joyce are in the front row. I have also attached a picture of the castle.



Food Drive

Just a reminder, our food drive is ongoing. Please bring canned goods/no-perishables to each meeting. Bill and Carolyn are collecting.

For Sale

1985 Timeout tent camper, always kept inside, like new condition, asking \$1,500. Make offer. Jack Schoonover, 716-745-9984.

For Sale: UTOPIA Back rest for GL1800. Excellent condition. \$50.00. Contact Rick at 716-791-1303.

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