



The Highway Hobos Of NEW YORK CHAPTER H

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THE HOBO RAG

Hello Hobos

I hope everyone in our extended Chapter family had a really great Christmas and a very Happy New Year. The first thing that I want to do is thank the outgoing Chapter Officers. First off is Garry and Shirley Sauls. The last 2 years have been very exciting. I would always wonder what test or costume Garry would come up with. I am trying to get him on retainer for this year. He made me laugh every time. He will be a very hard act to follow. Next is Chapter COY couple Bob and Sandy Kelly. They have made a fantastic COY couple and their trip to the next level is going to be exciting and we wish them the best of luck at the Regional Competition. The 50/50 super ticket sellers will also be leaving their job this year. I want to thank Bill and Carolyn Johnson for all the years of selling the 50/50. They did a terrific job. And last but definitely not least a special thank you to Keith and Elaine Price for stepping up to be the Assistant Chapter directors for the next two years. Everyone else has agreed to stay on board and I am very grateful for that. I have already received a check from Marsh's for the next year. We had a wonderful Christmas Party, the food was really good and the cookies were so bad... By the way thanks to all who baked and brought the cookies. So, now what! It's only January. But, it's too cold, too salty, and too snowy (or maybe not) to ride. You could always pull out a map and find a new destination, assemble a new goody or polish something. But most of all you can keep smiling because spring is coming.....Have a great January!

Rick and Connie

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

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.

January Birthdays

Keith Price, 9th
Roy Seamans, 21st

Mike Kropf, 18th

Jack Schoonover, 19th

January Anniversaries

None

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

- 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.
- Mar 17th Winter Fellowship at Santisero's, 1329 Niagara St, Buffalo, 6:30pm.
- Apr 11th Chapter Gathering at the Basket Factory, Middleport, 10am.
- Apr 18th Parking Lot Practice, Olcott Fire Hall, 10am

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Myron's musings

OK, by now the snow has hit our streets. You might have had some practice driving your car in our slippery conditions, and seeing just how well you can handle a little sliding. That has happened to you hasn't it? No reason to freak out while sliding, just calmly keep the front end pointed in the direction you want to go, slightly on the gas, or just coast along till you're in control. Then slow down a little after you're in control.

Wow! That's just like the advice for riding a motorcycle that's sliding!

You might have jammed on the brakes while sliding your car, and noticed that you lose total control over steering. And you slide straight into whatever is straight in front of you. Braking after a slide has started usually doesn't come out well on cycles either.

Think about going out in your car to an empty snow covered parking lot just to skid around a little. Stay away from light poles and those hard concrete bases, and edge curbs. Go fast enough around a corner to cause some skidding, and then get it back in control. The things you practice till you get good at, will become more natural and automatic when you really need them.

In January we'll talk about that Head Pointing Tool from December, and how it relates to your perception. Ever seen one of those pictures that look like they are in 3-D if you stare at them just the right way. Some people can see the 3-D, and some can't. I'll tell you why, and how it relates to your depth perception for driving and riding. If you're one of those people who can't see the 3-D, you'll probably have a more difficult time estimating closing distances.

Have a Merry Christmas and a Happy New year.

Myron

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