



The Highway Hobos Of NEW YORK CHAPTER H

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THE HOBO RAG

It is said that life is a circle or rather a procession of circles. Little of life is new but actually is a repetition of what has happened before. This must be true. After all aren't Lava lamps back in fashion again and once again I have become your Chapter Director. I hope that I do as good a job as those who have held the job in the intervening ten years since I stepped down. It certainly is a more complex job than it was all those years ago. I expect to need to seek advice from our former Directors in the coming months.

I would like to thank those members who have volunteered to be your Chapter Team both past and present. Bill Hardenbrook has stepped up to be your Assistant Director, Agnes has, once again, continued as Treasurer. Also staying are Bruce as Educator and Myron as Ride Coordinator, Bonnie as Sunshine, and Jerry as 50/50 Coordinator. New to positions are Sandy who becomes Membership Enhancement Coordinator, Ted Wenzka has taken the position of Newsletter Editor, and Elaine now is the Chapter Secretary.

Even though the riding season is over our calendar of events still goes on. Our January meeting is delayed a week to Jan 8. Our first Winter Fellowship of the year will be on Jan 18 at Cammeratta's Restaurant at 6:30 PM. The annual NY District Meeting will be held at the N. Syracuse Fire Hall on Jan 21. When I return from the meeting I will have details of upcoming District events including the Bi-State Convention in New Jersey this summer.

Don't hibernate like an old bear this winter. Come out and enjoy your fellow Hobo's and above all else be safe this winter.

Keith & Elaine

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

Jan 8 th	Feb 5 th	Mar 4 th
Apr 1 st	May 6 th	Jun 3 rd
Jul 1 st	Aug 5 th	Sep 9 th
Oct 7 th	Nov 4 th	Dec 1 st (party)

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Northeast Region Director - Ed & Dottie Bahrenburg
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Some Event Dates For The 2012 Season!



Jan 20-22	International Motorcycle Show, Jacob Javits Conv. Center, NYC, NY
Jan 21	NY District Meeting, Syracuse, NY
Jan 26-28	Maryland District's Winterthing, Ocean City, MD
Jan 27-29	International Motorcycle Show, I-X Center, Cleveland, OH
Mar 9-18	Bike Week, Daytona, FL
May 10-19	Region B Cruise to Bermuda/Caribbean from Cape Liberty, NJ. Takes your bikes & trikes With you on the ship.
Jun 5-9	Americade, Lake George, NY
Jul 4-7	Wing Ding, Ft. Wayne, IN
Jul 26-28	New England Districts Convention, Rutland, VT
Oct 19-21	Region B Campout at the Jersey Shore, Holly Shores Camping Resort, Cape May, NJ

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.

For Sale: 1985 Timeout tent camper, always kept inside, like new condition, asking \$1500. Make offer. Jack Schoonover, 716-745-9984.

January Birthdays

Keith Price, 9th
Roy Seamans, 21st

Mike Korpff, 18th

Jack Schoonover, 19th

January Anniversaries

None

EDITOR'S NOTE: This is my last issue of the newsletter. Ted Wenzka has volunteered to take over (YIPEE!! Thanks Ted.) He'll bring some fresh ideas and new styles to the "Hobo Rag". If you have any ads or notices that you'd like published, send them to him at wenzka@verizon.net by the 15th of the month. Elaine

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

- Jan 8th Chapter Gathering at the Basket Factory, Middleport, 10am.
- Jan 13th Friday the 13th celebration at Port Dover, Ontario. If interested contact Paul.
- Jan 18th Winter Fellowship at Cammarata's Restaurant, 6336 Robinson Rd., Lockport; 6:30
- Jan 21st GWRRA NY District Meeting, N. Syracuse Fire House, 109 Chestnut Street, N. Syracuse, 9am.
- Jan 21-22nd Officer Certification Program (OCP) training course will begin Immediately following the District Meeting and go through the next Day. This course is required for new CDs, and ACDs, and is a good Thing to have for any other officer or anyone who wants to know more About GWRRA.
- Feb 5th Chapter Gathering, Basket Factory, Middleport, 10am.
- Feb 11th Medic First Aid Course, to be held at Garry's shop, more details to To follow.
- Feb 18th Cabin Fever at the Walzers, 4pm, details to follow.
- Feb 29th Winter Fellowship at Santasiero's, 1329 Niagara St., Buffalo, 6:30 pm.
- Mar 4th Chapter Gathering, Basket Factory, Middleport, 10am.
- Mar 17th Cabin Fever at the Price's, Wear'n O' the Green party, plus Rider Ed Seminar. Details to follow.
- Mar 28th Winter Fellowship at One Eyed Jack's, 5983 S. Transit, Lockport, 6:30.
- Apr 1st Chapter Gathering, Basket Factory, Middleport, 10am.

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Bruce's Blurbs

Now that Christmas has passed, and hopefully your wish list was filled either by Santa or loved ones, it is time to look forward to the next riding season with a whole new list. Start thinking of those items that may need to be replaced or updated for you and your machine.

One of the first items to consider replacing is the helmet. Although the helmet may not appear to be damaged, the protection that it provides may have deteriorated over the years. The chinstrap may be frayed or loose at the attachment points. The shell could also be damaged when falling off the bike or from extreme heat. The inside material also may break down from normal wear as well as perspiration.

Next think about making yourself more visible. Many accidents have occurred because the driver of the vehicle striking a motorcycle has stated *"I did not see the motorcycle"*.

With this thought in mind the cost of a new jacket is a minor concern. The High-Vis color is one that may help to detour an accident in the future. Not only is the jacket color of major importance, helmets of lighter colors may be a benefit. For those interested in other items that provide more visibility, gloves and vests can be purchased.

When dealing with making ourselves more noticeable, give some thought to adding additional safety chrome in the form of more lights. If adding driving lights, first check with vehicle and traffic laws as to stay within in the guidelines by not having too many.

And when it comes to driving, make sure to check your tires.

Now may be the best time to start putting together a shopping or wish list for the upcoming season as to get the best price.

Bruce A Krebs
Chapter H Educator

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