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THE HOBO RAG

Hello Hobos,

I was just reminded that my newsletter article is late again. (sorry Elaine) So this month it's going to be short & sweet. It is amazing how fast a month goes by when you have to write something. Talking about how fast a month goes, where did June go? It seemed like I blinked and it was over. I'm sure the rest of the summer will go the same way. Next on the horizon is Wing-Ding in Tulsa, Ok. I know that Keith & Elaine and Bob & Sandy are going so I want to wish them a Yee Haw good time. Also the 29th thru July 5th Shirley and I will be away on vacation, so if you need to get a hold of me call my cell.

Don't forget our next meeting is a week later than usual. Its July 12th 10:00 am at the Basket Factory in Middleport, NY. The Bi-state Rally will be sneaking up on us soon. We need items for our basket like we discussed at the last meeting. Also the late breaking news is that Bob & Sandy Kelley our Chapter Couple of the Year are entering the NY District Couple of the Year selection process. We'll make sure we are all there to support them for this honor. Well that's all I have for now. See you soon.

Make it Fun, Keep it Safe,
Garry & Shirley

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

Jul 12 th	Aug 2 nd	Sep 13 th
Oct 4 th	Nov 1 st	Dec 5 th (party)

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Some Event Dates For The 2009 Season!



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

Jul 2-5	Wing Ding, Tulsa, OK
Jul 11	Carousel Ride, NY Chapter Y, Endicott, NY
Jul 16-18	New England Rally, Sekonk, MA
July 19	Ride for Kids, Utica, NY
Jul 23-26	Region K Rally, Belleville, ON
Aug 6-8	NY District Rally, Norwich, NY
Aug 20-23	PA District Rally, Johnstown, PA

NOTES

July Birthdays

Barb Seamans, 4th
Lou DiPasque, 13th
Joyce Keller, 24th

Dawn Wagner, 10th
Janice Fox, 15th
Carolyn Johnson, 29th

Donna Walser, 10th
Mike Kosowski, 24th
Kathleen Reis, 30th

July Anniversaries

Lee & Phyllis Odom, 14th

Gary & Karen Abbey, 19th

Jerry & Bonnie Peete, 31st

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

Remember, dessert rides are 2 or 4 wheel.

- Jul 1st Dessert Ride, destination to be determined, Kenyon's, 6:30
- Jul 2-5 Wing Ding, Tulsa, OK
- Jul 9th Dessert ride to Taffy's, 3261 Orchard Park Rd., Orchard Park, Marsh's 6:30, led by Rick & Connie
- Jul 12th Chapter Gathering, Basket Factory, Middleport, 10am.
- Jul 15th Dessert Ride to Lighthouse Grill, 5885 E. Main, Olcott; Kenyon's 6:30, led by Bill & Carolyn
- Jul 16-18th New England Rally, Sekonk, MA
- Jul 23rd Dessert Ride to Brownie's, 186 Harbor, Wilson; Marsh's 6:30, led by Kirk & Dona
- Jul 26th Breakfast in the Park at Pendleton Town Park, 6570 Campbell Blvd., 10am
Bring a breakfast item to share (plus whatever you need to cook it in). There will be grills, electric power & coffee. Rain or shine. Keith will lead a ride afterward if weather permits.
- Jul 29th Dessert Ride to Bubba Lou's, 11661 Main St., Clarence; Kenyon's 6:30 led by Paul

AUGUST

- 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

POST THIS LISTING ON YOUR REFRIGERATOR!



Myron's musings

Hey! This is supposed to be summer, not Tropical Rain season. Where's the sun?

Let's talk about what's different in the wet. That first light rain after a dry spell can be especially hazardous, because it makes the accumulated oil droppings come up to the surface. Go slower than normal.

Those intersections at high traffic density areas (where you usually see a dark color in the middle of the lane) can become as slippery as snot on a doorknob. Stay away from them.

After a good long rain, you shouldn't notice any difference in traction, if you're driving your normal reasonable self.

A tip for good visibility is to keep your windshield clean and polished with your favorite product. It permits the drops to run off much easier.

If you've practiced your braking on dry roads, practice again on wet.

If you've practiced riding those tar strips in the dry, do it again in the wet. Boy! They move my bike quite a bit more.

Let's talk about improving our skills in lane position control at intersections. When we ride in stagger formation, it's a real demonstration of higher level skill to maintain a constant tire track in intersection corners. Yellow line to Yellow line. White line to White line. Sure it's easier to wander on intersection corners and use the whole lane width. But in a way, it shows you aren't in control as well as you could be. Here's something to practice. Find a residential area where there's lots of opportunity to make left and right intersection turns. Then make a lot of left and rights while maintaining a constant tire track. Come to a stop, then turn left or right.

From the left side tire track (Yellow line), follow the path the left side tire of a car would take. (It doesn't cross over to the right tire side as some cyclists do). Then do the same by following the right side tire track (White Line). Just imagine you're following a car, and maintain the same track a car tire would. Yellow line to Yellow line. White line to White line. Repeat for 10-15 minutes or until you're satisfied for the day. Do it again another day, until you're confident that you have mastered this technique. Every time we ride together in stagger formation, you'll have a chance to use those skills.

It does take more concentration and balance. When done successfully, you'll have a feeling of pride to know you're mastering more of the cycling experience.

Can you pass this motorcycle license road test like a beginner did? How about just the part that requires you to do two complete left circles, then two right circles, then two figure eights, all in sequence, with no feet down? In 1966 when I first came to Rochester, I had to do that test on a Rochester residential city street, while traffic was present, and time the circles and figure eights between cars. How many of us can pass that test today in a designated parking lot? Practice. Practice. Practice. Maybe we'll try that test before the end of the riding season.

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