



The Highway Hobos Of NEW YORK CHAPTER H

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THE HOBO RAG

Hello Hobos

It is now July and the weather does not seem to be cooperating. At Americade it was probably a 50-50 mix of rain including some pretty heavy rains a couple of times. Connie and I joined Keith and Elaine at the GWRRR booth at Americade on Tuesday. It is always nice to talk to other motorcyclists about GWRRR. We then met Bob and Sandy and the 6 of us got together for dinner. It does seem as though the vendors were not as numerous either in Lake George or up at Warrensburg. Also there was now showing or demo rides by Honda. Not sure what the reasoning is behind that. I hope everyone has a great 4th and stays safe. And just a reminder, because of the 4th, the meeting is on the 11th. When we got home from Lake George, I found out 5 bikers were killed in traffic accidents that weekend. It seems 4 were the riders fault. On the other hand, I read that motorcycle fatalities are actually on the decrease with a 10% drop. That is good news. Not sure if it is the public paying more attention or the bikers getting more training. And another reminder, bottles and throttles do not mix. Have a great July. Rick and Connie

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

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!



- Jun 30-Jul 3 Wing Ding 32, Des Moines, Iowa
Jul 6-8 Women on Wheels, 24th Annual International Ride-In, Stratton, VT
Jul 9-11 Vintage Motorcycle Days, Mid-Ohio Sports Car Course, Lexington, OH
Jul 22-24 New England Districts Convention – Gorham, NH
Aug 5-7 NY/NJ Bi-State Convention, Bridgewater, NJ
Aug 9-15 Sturgis Bike Week, Sturgis, SD
Aug 26-28 Pennsylvania District Convention, Johnstown, PA
Sep 20-Oct 2 Bikes, Blues & BBQ, Fayetteville, AK
Oct 14-17 Biketoberfest, Daytona Beach, FL

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. Also black leather motorcycle jacket with removable fur collar size med. Also chaps size med. Coat and chaps are like new condition, worn just a couple of times. Make offer. Jack Schoonover, 716-745-9984.

The following chapter members completed the ARC course in Rochester on the 19th of June. They were the Sauls, Kellys, Krebs, Parsons, Kirk Walser, John Ochtyun, Bill Johnson, Keith Price and Paul Bruski. It is great that we can show a commitment to our riding safety. Also, a great thanks to Myron for setting up the facilities and providing the water for what was a very hot day.

July Birthdays

Barb Seamans, 4th
Janice Fox, 15th
Kathleen Reis, 30th

Donna Walser, 19th
Mike Kosowski, 24th

Lou DiPasqua, 13th
Carolyn Johnson, 29th

July Anniversaries

Mike & Becky Kropf, 10th
Doreen & Bruce Krebs, 25th

Lee & Phyllis Odom, 14th
Bonnie & Jerry Peete, 31st

Gary & Karen Abbey, 19th

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

- Jul 7th Dessert Ride to Lugia's, 4719 Lyell Rd., Spencerport (dessert only), Meet at Kenyon's at 6:30, led by Myron
- Jul 10th Day Ride to Esperanza in the Finger Lakes, needs leader, meet at Kenyons at 9am.
- Jul 11th Chapter Gathering, Basket Factory, Middleport, 10am
- Jul 15th Dessert Ride to Hoover's, 6035 Ward Rd., Sanborn, meet at Marsh's At 6:30, led by Prices
- Jul 16-18 Chapter Campout at Hardenbrooks, 16212 Carr Rd., Kendall. Will Include a day ride to the Curtis Wright Museum
- Jul 21st Dessert Ride to Bubbalo's, 11661 Main, Clarence, meet at Kenyons at 6:30pm, led by Paul
- July 22-24 New England Convention, Gorham, NH
- Jul 25th Jet Boat Ride and Picnic. If you haven't signed up for the boat ride, Contact Wayne Reis, 716-439-0670. Picnic will be at Parson's After the ride.
- Jul 29th Dessert ride to Pizza, Wings & Things, 1693 Quaker Rd., Barker, Meet at Marsh's at 6:30, led by Kelleys
- Jul 31st Pool Party & Picnic at the Peete's, 15 Whitney Lane, Grand Island Details to follow.
- Aug 1st Chapter Gathering, Basket Factory, Middleport, 10am
- Aug 4th Dessert Ride, destination to be determined by attendees, meet at Kenyons, at 6:30 pm.

POST THIS LISTING ON YOUR REFRIGERATOR!



Myron's musings

Myron's Musings, Let's Go Play with the Road

In June I wrote about the Riders Workshop, but didn't get to talk about it because of the more important topic about First Responder experience. I hope you all remember that a rider that has rolled off the bike should just stay flat on the ground, with the helmet on, until EMT's arrive to take it off.

Now let's talk about Playing with the Road every time you're out for a ride, one up, or two up. Practice, Practice, Practice, makes a better and more consistent rider. You can begin with smooth starts, making steady progress without wobble. How smooth are your gear changes? Brake every time with both brakes, then when coming to a stop, do you transition from both brakes to just the rear brake? And stop without front end rebound? Just get out and make a U-Turn every now and then, maybe even two in a row to continue in the same direction. Once in a while, make one or more right handed U-Turns.

Here's where you can play with the road to improve your aiming skills, and be prepared to make quick lane position adjustments. There's a twig, or a paper cup ahead, or just a dark spot in the road. Treat it as a hazard, and perform a swerve. When we ride staggered, try to keep a constant distance from the right or left lane lines. Often on the right side, there may be a tar stripe about 1 ft away from the lane line. Can you stay within that 1 ft range? Or maybe it's just some row of rough pavement you can avoid. The key is that it keeps your brain more involved, and practiced at going where you want to be. That skill will help when there's a real hazard to avoid.

When you do ride one up on country roads, or for any single file riding, keep to the left of your lane most of the time, and especially all the way around on right hand corners where you get better visibility to what's ahead. (You know I don't subscribe to the Outside-Inside-Outside practice of cornering). As you approach a hill crest and you can't see a vehicle rooftop in the oncoming lane, you just don't know what is coming. So move to the center of your lane to be prepared for an approaching vehicle who's crowding your lane. When approaching a left hand corner, move to the right side of your lane to improve your visibility. And stay to the right all the way around.

Want smoother shifting? Do more shifting. Every time you go uphill, downshift. Then upshift when appropriate. It has nothing to do with a GL1800 that can pull from 15 mph in 5th gear. It's just to get practice shifting to make you smoother.

See you at the gathering.

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