



# The Highway Hobos Of NEW YORK CHAPTER H

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**JUNE 2009**

## THE HOBO RAG

### Hello Hobos,

As we really get into the meat of the riding season I would like to remind everyone to Ride Aware and Take a Sec, Double Check as our lawn signs say. Being Alert could save your life as well as someone else's.

This month on top of our always well attended regular meeting and our dessert rides each week, we have two special events. The first is our Annual Campout Weekend with the Ottman's. Leave it to Gene & Renee' to always keep us entertained and provide a fun filled weekend with plenty of surprises. It all starts Friday June 12<sup>th</sup> with setting up tent city and ends Sunday with breakfast. Gene has a ride planned for Saturday but he's not saying where so be prepared. The other event is Myron's Ride the Twists' to West Virginia and back. That is Friday June 19<sup>th</sup> to Sunday June 21<sup>st</sup>. Only Myron knows what he has in store for us on this fun filled riding weekend. I'm sure it will be a blast.

Also it has been announced that rooms for the Bi-State Rally are almost totally booked and they might have to limit the number going to banquet. A lot more vendors are lined up and the event list looks endless. Sounds like it's going to be a great time. So PLEASE get your registration for the Bi-State Rally in as SOON as possible. You don't want to miss out on anything. I have the forms or you can get them at [www.gwrra-ny.org/rally2009](http://www.gwrra-ny.org/rally2009). Many thanks should go out to Ed & Dottie Bahrenburg from NY District and Jorge & Julia Perez from NJ District for all the planning/hosting of this years rally.

Make it Fun, Keep it Safe,  
Garry & Shirley

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

Jun 7 <sup>th</sup>	Jul 12 <sup>th</sup>	Aug 2 <sup>nd</sup>
Sep 13 <sup>th</sup>	Oct 4 <sup>th</sup>	Nov 1 <sup>st</sup>
Dec 5 <sup>th</sup> (party)		

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# Some Event Dates For The 2009 Season!



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

Jun 1-6	Americade, Lake George, NY
Jun 6	GWRRA Breakfast at Americade, Elks Lodge, 32 Cronin Rd., Queensbury, NY
Jun 11-13	Ohio Buckeye Rally, Wayne Co. Fairgrounds, Wooster, OH
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

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## NOTES

### June Birthdays

Eliana Reis, 1<sup>st</sup>  
Karen Abbey, 19<sup>th</sup>

Jim Masters, 2<sup>nd</sup>  
Dave Gombert, 21<sup>st</sup>

Bill Hardenbrook, 16<sup>th</sup>

### June Anniversaries

Keith & Elaine Price, 4<sup>th</sup>  
Bill & Kathy Cronberger, 25<sup>th</sup>

Eric & Dawn Wagner, 14<sup>th</sup>  
Bob & Sandy Kelley, 27<sup>th</sup>

Bill & Carolyn Johnson, 15<sup>th</sup>  
Jack & Agnes Schoonover, 29<sup>th</sup>

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

Remember, dessert rides are 2 or 4 wheel.

Jun 1-6<sup>th</sup> Americade, Lake George, NY

Jun 3<sup>rd</sup> Dessert Ride, destination to be determined, Kenyons, 6:30pm

Jun 6<sup>th</sup> GWRRA Breakfast at Americade, Elks Lodge, 32 Cronin Rd., Queensbury

Jun 7<sup>th</sup> Chapter Gathering, Basket Factory, Middleport, 10am.

Jun 11<sup>th</sup> Dessert Ride, to Widewaters Drive-in, Market St., Lockport, Marsh's, 6:30pm, led by Paul

Jun 12-14 Campout at Ottmans, 35 Martha St., Spencerport, arrive anytime Friday afternoon. Mystery ride Saturday.

Jun 17<sup>th</sup> Dessert Ride to Brown's Berry Patch, 14264 Route 18, Kenyons, 6:30, led by Bill & Dorrie

Jun 19-21 Ride the Twisties of PA & WV. Led by Myron & Janice. Contact him for hotels, and meeting place & time.

Jun 25<sup>th</sup> Dessert Ride to Mississippi Mud's, 313 Niagara St., Tonawanda, Marsh's 6:30, led by Garry & Shirley

## JULY

Jul 1<sup>st</sup> Dessert Ride, destination to be determined, Kenyon's, 6:30

Jul 2-5 Wing Ding, Tulsa, OK

Jul 9<sup>th</sup> Dessert ride to Taffy's, 3261 Orchard Pard Rd., Orchard Park, Marsh's 6:30, led by Rick & Connie

Jul 12<sup>th</sup> Chapter Gathering, Basket Factory, Middleport, 10am.

**POST THIS LISTING ON YOUR REFRIGERATOR!**



## Myron's musings

We've certainly had a much better spell of good weather, and a chance to do some riding. Here's some of the things that I've been reminded of during that riding.

When "Reading the Road", we talked last month about looking for changes in texture and color of the road as signs that something might be different. Sometimes different is good, and sometimes different is bad. We travel in and through farm country, and often see those patches of tan or brown in the road where tractors travel from field to field. Riding through a little dirt (or other brown stuff) usually doesn't present a problem (unless you consider dust a problem). But what does it mean when the roads are damp to wet, and that brown stuff is shiny? There's nothing like wet clay to add excitement to your ride. Can you tell me what color a wet, dirt covered road, is at night? Take that as a caution to travel slower at night in farm land.

Janice & I experienced a cautious ride home from one of our desert nights. It was dry and daylight coming out, but near pitch black and drizzly coming home. I'd suggest an economic stimulus and safety plan would be to just re-paint the stripes on many of our roads. Picture that the center and side marker stripes on that night were no more than dark grey lines on black pavement, even with good headlights, and newly replaced driving lights. We could see the "Curve" signs, and which direction the few oncoming headlights are coming from. But not much more. Of course we slowed from 60 to 55, then to 50mph (sometimes even slower) to be sure we made it home safely. But I was wandering too much within the lane trying to follow the dimly lit road.

And then a reminder hit me that made our ride much smoother. **Turn your head in the direction of the curve**, even though it's only a black abyss. **Scan with eyes only, and use your peripheral vision** to track those dim paint markings. **Go at a speed where you can still stop within the distance you can see.** And guess what? Tracking down the center of our lane was much more consistent. And it took the edge off of wandering from side to side, wondering just how close to the edge we might be. This is the same technique I use (and have suggested to you) when driving blinded by oncoming lights, with a windshield spotted with raindrops. But I applied it to a new situation. And it worked!

At our next meeting, you'll hear me sharing stories from my co-workers. After we discuss a topic at gatherings, I also share those with my co-workers. I'll let you know how one non-believer in using the horn discovered their value. Keep your thumb on the button. And I'll let you know about the biker with a Bright yellow jacket and matching full face helmet who was amazed that he was invisible to others. And about the rider who's changed habits when riding in the "Danger Zones" we've talked about. (Move away from congestion, stay away from the sides of cars).

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