



# The Highway Hobos Of NEW YORK CHAPTER H

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## THE HOBO RAG

### Hello Hobos,

Our sympathy and condolences go out to Jerry Peete and family (his cousin was on board) as well as all the other families and friends of those involved in the horrific crash of flight 3407. With the events of February 12<sup>th</sup> fresh in our minds it truly is a wakeup call to how precious and fragile life really is. While I believe most of us would admit how fortunate and lucky we are to participate in this game we call life, the question that remains is have we done all that we could with the time were allotted. Have we lived each day to its fullest? Have we accomplished all those goals that we once set out to do? Have we enjoyed the time that life has given us? Have we told our loved ones how special they are to us? Have we hugged our family and friends recently? It's times like these that remind us to do the things we have lost track of. The really important things that sometimes we take for granted. Make sure you partake in all this life has to offer. Enjoy every minute of pleasure and learn from every hardship. With so many places to commit our time, be sure to commit some to yourself. Sometimes events like this help us to reflect on what is most important in our lives. As Lee Ann Womack sings "when you get the choice to sit it out or dance, I hope you dance". I hope YOU dance.

We have a couple of changes to our calendar that I need to mention. One is our Mall Show is moving to April 18<sup>th</sup> and Tech Day will be April 25<sup>th</sup> at our house in Gasport. You can find more details at the online Hobo calendar.

Make it Fun, Keep it Safe,  
Garry & Shirley Sauls

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

Mar 1 <sup>st</sup>	Apr 5 <sup>th</sup>	May 3 <sup>rd</sup>
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.

Mar 7-14	Bike Week, Daytona, FL
Apr 26	Chapter Kickoff Breakfast, RI Chapter B, Greenwich, RI
May 8-16	Myrtle Beach Bike Week
May 17	Miracle network Ride, Syracuse, NY
Jun 1-6	Americade, Lake George, 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

### March Birthdays

Bonnie Peete, 6<sup>th</sup>  
Karen Newman, 17<sup>th</sup>  
Sheryl Reis, 25<sup>th</sup>

Marsha Masters, 14<sup>th</sup>  
Gene Ottman, 18<sup>th</sup>  
Tom Pieczynski, 28<sup>th</sup>

Bob Kelley, 14<sup>th</sup>  
Eric Wagner, 22<sup>nd</sup>

### March Anniversaries

None

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

- Mar 1<sup>st</sup> Chapter Gathering, Basket Factory, Middleport, 10am.
- Mar 18<sup>th</sup> Winter Fellowship, Santasiero's Rest., 1329 Niagara St., Buffalo, 6:30
- Mar 21<sup>st</sup> Training Day, Garry's Shop, E & R Machine, 211 Grand St., Lockport, 2:30.  
We'll have dinner afterwards.

## APRIL

- Apr 5<sup>th</sup> Chapter Gathering, Basket Factory, Middleport, 10am.
- Apr 15<sup>th</sup> Winter Fellowship, One Eyed Jacks Rest., 5983 S. Transit Rd.,  
Lockport, 6:30pm
- Apr 18<sup>th</sup> Motorist Awareness Mall Show, details to follow.
- Apr 25<sup>th</sup> Tech Day at Garry & Shirley's, 8453 East Ave., Gasport, 8am. Let Garry  
know what type of work you need on your bike so he can make sure we  
have all of the appropriate tools etc.
- Apr 29<sup>th</sup> First Dessert Ride of the Season, to Rudy's, 118 W. Center St.,  
Medina. Leave Kenyon's in Lockport at 6:30pm, 2 or 4 wheel

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## Myron's musings

At our February gathering, we discussed our general practice of leaving from our start point or any rest point. We agreed that we will generally use the GWRRRA recommended practice. The lead rider decides when there is a long gap in traffic and indicates to start moving. Then the Tail rider moves forward first, and stops, to indicate to others that the path remains clear to continue moving, without each bike making a stop at the curb. The stopped Tail rider keeps an eye out for traffic coming up the lane, and indicates for the group to wait when necessary. Here's where a Co-Rider can help with an extra pair of eyes. **The Tail bike is not permitted to stop in the traffic lane and hold up traffic!** When all bikes are out, the tail rider joins the group.

We also discussed adjusting the mirrors in a car with the standard 3 mirrors. If there's only one car behind you, both headlights should only be seen in one mirror at a time. You know your mirrors are adjusted properly if a passing car transitions so that one headlight is in the rear view mirror, and one is in the side view mirror. Our motorcycle group talks about adjusting car mirrors to get the widest vision so you can also see motorcycles better when you are driving a car. It is a fit with Kirk's safety signs "Motorcycles are Dying to be Seen".

In March, we'll talk more about "Anticipation". I previously forwarded an article to you from the New Hampshire District Newsletter February, 2009 by Duncan Saunders. He called it "Mindreading". We'll go over a few more examples of using our "anticipation" skills that should make us smoother riders individually, and as a group. Time can be your friend, and Time can be your enemy. Learn the difference.

Most of the time, the earlier you recognize a need for action, and the earlier you begin to take action, the safer you will be. What can happen when we approach a slower vehicle? On 2 lane or 4 lane roads? What actions can riders in the middle of the group take to prepare? The Leader? Or the Tail? What actions can we take when approaching an intersection? Or a car waiting to pull into traffic?

If you find yourself needing to use jerky braking, or quick steering corrections, or speeding to catch up, you need to improve your "Anticipation" skills.

I'm looking forward to a large group for our March Gathering. See you then.

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