



The Highway Hobos Of NEW YORK CHAPTER H

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THE HOBO RAG

Hello Hobos,

We are fast approaching the end of the riding season. This always comes with the depressing thoughts of winter and that awful "S" word. The lack of riding for 4-5 months is disturbing but now is a good time to think back about all the good riding we did this year. Yea I know what you're thinking, "What's this guy crazy we didn't have a very good summer for riding and most of our rides got canceled or rained on". But I always believe the glass is half full and not half empty. Let's try to remember the Campout, the West Virginia ride, the State Rally, the day ride with AES tour, the 1000 Islands weekend, the Mystery Ride, not to mention the dessert rides we were able to get in. Also let's not forget all the friendship, fellowship and fun we had even when we weren't riding, like Tech Day, Training Day, The Mall Show, the picnics and pool parties. All in all we had pretty good year. You might say not as good as some but better than others. While we are on this train of thought our annual planning meeting is coming up Nov 8th at Bob & Sandy Kelley's house. Now is the time to start making your list of possible day rides or weekend rides and dessert ride destinations. Come with some fresh new ideas for next year's schedule. It's a great time to change things up and suggest something different to our new leaders next year, Rick & Connie Parson. I'm sure they will come up with some exciting new plans of their own. But it's all of our jobs to pitch in and help out and keep this great chapter going strong. So come with your suggestions and your willingness to lead a ride or two. The more helping hands the easier it will be for all of us. The main reason for having a planning meeting is so everyone has input into what we do as a chapter. This year we moved up the meeting so we can try to get the events on our annual calendar. That way you will have one more reminder of what we are up to for the whole year. So I will expect all hands on deck and everyone ready to work so we can keep this ship sailing smoothly. Roughly translated that means please try to attend, come prepared with your ideas, stay focused on the task and please be patient because it can be a very confusing meeting. We really appreciate all of YOUR help.

Make it Fun, Keep it Safe,
Garry & Shirley

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

Nov 1st Dec 5th(party)

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Some Event Dates For The 2010 Season!



Jan 7-9 Winter Thing – Ocean City, Maryland
Jun 7-10 Americade, Lake George, NY
Jun 30-Jul 3 Wing Ding 32, Des Moines, Iowa
Jul 22-24 New England Districts Rally – Gorham, NH
Aug 5-7 NY/NJ Bi-State Rally, Bridgewater, NJ
Aug 20-22 Pennsylvania District Rally, Johnstown, PA

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.

Carolyn will be starting work on next year's Chapter Calendar shortly, and has asked that any photos you want included be gotten to her by November's meeting. If you can put your photos on a disk she'd appreciate it.

Region B is having a quilt raffle. The quilt will have a square representing each of the 11 Districts within the region, plus 1 for the Region itself. Tickets are \$1 each. The drawing will be held at the 2010 Maryland District Winter Thing, Jan 9, 2010. Please see Elaine for tickets.

November Birthdays

Myron Fox, 4th
Wayne Reis, 18th

Cyndie Smith, 5th

Lee Odom, 16th

November Anniversaries

Roy & Barb Seamans, 4th

Bill & Dorrie Hardenbrook, 8th

Mike & Mary Ann Kosowski

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

- Nov 1st Chapter Gathering at the Basket Factory, Middleport. 10am. This is our annual Chinese Auction so be sure to bring lots of items (both bike and non bike) that need new homes.
- Nov 8th 2010 Ride Planning Meeting at the Kelley's, 8594 Mountain Rd., Gasport, 2pm. It's a pot luck, so bring a dish to pass. Kelley's will supply the meat: meatloaf. Come prepared to suggest ride destinations, restaurants, etc; and be prepared to volunteer to lead a ride, or maybe host a party.
- Nov 13th Friday the 13th Celebration in Port Dover, Ontario. See Paul Bruski if interested in attending.
- Nov 18th Winter Fellowship at Andersons, 6231 Robinson Rd., Lockport, meet there at 6:30

DECEMBER

- Dec 5th Chapter Holiday Party at the Basket Factory, Middleport. Attitude adjustment at 6pm, dinner at 7pm. We will have our annual ornament exchange (optional), bring one to get one. We'll also collect gifts for a needy family or two. Details to come out soon.

POST THIS LISTING ON YOUR REFRIGERATOR!



Myron's musings



Getting ready for winter

First let's cover the standard things in preparation for cold weather riding.

TCLOCK - especially check the Tire Air Pressures, even in your car or truck. Even if your tires don't leak, the cold weather makes them lose about 4 psi. Check and set your normal pressure. Cold weather riding means be prepared with sufficient layers of apparel, and/or heated garments. Cold riders just aren't as alert, and are more likely to make errors in judgment. Get good insulated gloves.

If you take a fall color tour, enjoy leaves on the trees. Don't fall on leaves in the road.

If you're inclined to enjoy brisk riding speeds with significant lean angles, remember that cold tires on cold pavement don't stick as well as warm tires on warm roads. Back off on the speed part.

Those cold tires on cold roads also don't stop as well as they did in summer temperatures. Leave more braking room for controlled stops. And be prepared for tire slip during emergency braking. If you do get some slip, back off the brakes immediately to get directional control, then squeeze the brakes again, but not as hard.

Recommendations for Winterizing the bike for storage.

Clean it up, apply your last wax, especially clean the rims and underside of accumulations.

Stabil in the tank, then fill with gas, then take a 20 minute ride before storage.

Remove plugs and spray a fogger, or give it a little oil, then put in plugs and turn it over.

(Although I skip this part because it has to be ridden into the shed)

Fresh Fluids - Oil, Brake & Clutch. (at least the Oil)

Battery out of the bike on a tender, or plugged into a tender in the bike.

On the centerstand

Record your mileage at the end of October and E-Mail it to me. I'll use your end of last year as the start of this year unless you tell me differently. If you have more than one bike, give the mileage for each of them. Someone has to win the "Iron Butt" award.

Start you planning for next year.

What's that new place you think we out to visit on ride night?

Where's the Day Ride you think we ought to go? Maybe you're willing to lead us there?

Are you up to a ride of two or more days? Or a Week? Where to?

See you in November.

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