



# The Highway Hobos Of NEW YORK CHAPTER H

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**OCTOBER 2009**

## **THE HOBO RAG**

### **Hello Hobos,**

Well in the last month we have had some of the best riding weather of the whole season. We've been fortunate enough to have a stretch of good weather for our dessert rides and events. The Mystery Ride, NYS Ride Out, Watkins Glen Ride, 1000 Islands Weekend were all great events as well as the highlight of meeting Chapter W at Lugia's for one of our dessert rides. We can only hope that the awesome weather continues to cooperate for the balance of our riding season. We still have at least a full month of riding to squeeze in before thinking about putting up the bike for a long winters nap.

During this period, as always, we have to be aware of those four wheel demons on the road, but now we have to pay special attention to our furry four legged friends and the leaves covering up all the potential hazards on the roadways. Please ride smart and ride safe. Also remember that as we start our last month of dessert rides, they are 2 or 4 wheel rides. On four wheel nights we just meet at the destination around 7 pm. We have some new interesting places in October. One of them is Grover's Grill on Oct. 21 and the other is our last dessert ride of the season at Pour Boyz on Oct. 29. There is one day ride planned for Oct 18<sup>th</sup>, a Fall Foliage Tour. Let's hope for a nice sunny day to show off all the wonderful colors. \*\*\* Is anyone interested in hosting this year's Halloween Party? Last year we had a great party even though it was a little cool. Also, start collecting all those priceless goodies for our annual Chinese auction at the November Meeting.

Make it Fun, Keep it Safe,  
Garry & Shirley

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

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 2010 Season!



Jan 7-9 Winter Thing – Ocean City, Maryland  
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.

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## NOTES

Just a reminder: our summer food drive is still ongoing. Please bring canned goods/non-perishables to each meeting. Bill & Carolyn are collecting.

### October Birthdays

Jim Keller, 9th

### October Anniversaries

Rick & Connie Parson, 6<sup>th</sup>

Barb & Tony Spector, 20th

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

Remember, dessert rides are 2 or 4 wheel.

- Oct 4<sup>th</sup> Chapter Gathering at the Basket Factory, Middleport. 10am.
- Oct 7<sup>th</sup> Dessert Ride to Country Club Rest, 535 Main St., Medina, meet At Kenyons at 6:30
- Oct 15<sup>th</sup> Dessert Ride to Waterstreet Landing, S. Water St., Lewiston, Meet at Marsh's at 6:40
- Oct 18<sup>th</sup> Day Ride to view Fall Foliage, details to be announced, led by Gene & Renee'
- Oct 21<sup>st</sup> Dessert Ride to Grovers Bar & Grill, 9160 Transit Rd., E. Amherst, Meet at Kenyons at 6:30, led by Bill & Carolyn
- Oct 29<sup>th</sup> Last dessert ride of the year, to Pour Boys Grill, 6241 S. Transit, Lockport, meet at Marsh's at 6:30, led by Garry & Shirley

**POST THIS LISTING ON YOUR REFRIGERATOR!**



# Myron's musings

## **Braking, When you need it, When to avoid it.**

We've talked about maximum braking before, and I hope some of you may have even gone out to practice your skills at using hard front braking. That's where most of the braking occurs in emergency braking. Here's a practice you can do when you're alone, and on a straight and empty road. Accelerate up to 50 mph, be sure no vehicles are following, and then *squeeze* your front brake only, harder and harder, but don't come to a full stop. 10-15 mph is close enough.

Repeat until you can consistently get significant stopping with the front brake only. Then go back and do it again, using both the front and rear brakes. Remember that Wing's have integrated brakes so hitting the rear pedal also causes some front braking. **Using both brakes will cause the fastest stopping**, and is recommended all the time.

**Perhaps the most important safety maneuver to practice is hard braking in corners**, and you should practice it often. I suggest starting in a residential area, or a huge empty parking lot. You'll want to work up to about 30 mph, and be leaned into a corner. When you apply light braking, it will want to straighten up the bike and slow you down. As you straighten up and continue slowing down, brake harder. By the time you are almost fully straightened up, you should be at full braking, **and still within your lane**. This is the most important safety tip you need to practice.

When you've mastered low speeds, it's time to practice at your normal riding speeds. That's when it's nice to have an expressway cloverleaf like we do here in Rochester at Rt 390 and Rt 33. Then you can just go around and around. As you approach a corner, look behind to be sure there isn't anyone that might run into you. Enter the corner fast enough to be leaned over. Then apply small amounts of front and rear brake. As you slow down, and the bike moves more upright, brake harder, until you're vertical and applying that full braking from the practice above.

Any time you brake in traffic, and especially if you start hard braking, glance in the rear view mirrors to be sure the vehicles behind you are also braking appropriately.

**Now let's look at the situations where you need to avoid hard braking, or braking at all.**

1. You are cruising along at 55 mph, and you see that the road ahead is changing from pavement to gravel. It's OK to brake and slow to a comfortable speed prior to hitting the gravel. Then just coast along with no hard acceleration, or hard braking. The front end might wander with the gravel, but you'll get used to it. And when you do brake on gravel, use just the rear brake.
2. You are cruising along at speed and come across rain grooves, or "milled" pavement getting ready for new paving. The front wheel may wiggle with the grooves, especially if you're in a corner and leaned over. Don't worry about it. Just keep your arms loose, and let the wiggle manage itself. Keep a steady throttle. The last thing you want to do is upset the tires with hard braking. That is more likely to make you go down.

3. You're cornering and leaned over when you see sand or gravel in the road ahead. It's OK to brake before the sand, but not in it. Before entering the sand, move to the outside line where car tires are more likely to have cleared out a path in the sand. Keep a steady throttle, or pull in the clutch, so the tires only have to contend with cornering forces. **If the rear end starts to slide out, keep calm, keep aiming the front tire in the proper direction, but DO NOT APPLY BRAKE, and DO NOT BACK OFF THE GAS because it's the same as adding rear brake.**

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