



The Highway Hobos Of NEW YORK CHAPTER H

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THE HOBO RAG

Hello Hobos

Well it's now September. The convention in Syracuse was met with great pleasure. The riding was great in the area as I led 2 rides with several bikes. It's too bad the Kelleys were tied up with the COY. It was good to have the Kelleys back and they shared some great stories in their journey and the help they received from our California GWRRR family. The state was robbed again as NJ won the Regional COY. I truly believe that Ed and Dottie are happier than we are sadder that they lost. Dottie has also given up her Regional Trainer duties. They were passed along to the Guiles. I think they will do a good job. Not much good riding left. Just a couple of months. Connie and I will miss most of the dessert runs as I am now working 2 jobs until Oct 1st. For those of you that do not know, I am retiring from my federal job sooner as I have taken the Chief Inspectors job at Mercy Flight. I am working there part time until Oct. That's it for now. See you at the meeting.

Rick and Connie

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

Sep 11th Oct 2nd Nov 6th
Dec 3rd (party)

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Some Event Dates For The 2011 Season!



Sep 8-10 PA Convention, Hotel Carlisle, Carlisle, PA
Sep 11 Pediatric Brain Tumor Ride for Kids, Binghamton, NY
Sep 23-25 2011 NY District ride Out Weekend, Lake George, NY
Oct 13-16 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.

September Birthdays

Agnes Schoonover, 6th
Gary Abbey, 23rd

Kirk Walser, 8th
Bruce Krebs, 26th

Dorrie Hardenbrook, 14th

September Anniversaries

Jim & Joyce Keller

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

- Sep 6-14th Ride to Maine & back; led by the Foxes. Details to follow.
- Sep 7th Dessert Ride to Scooter's, 3711 W. Main St., Batavia. Meet at Kenyon's at 6:30; led by Garry & Shirley
- Sep 8-10th GW PA District Convention, Hotel Carlisle, Carlisle, PA
- Sep 11th Chapter Gathering, Basket Factory, Middleport, 10am
- Sep 15th Dessert Ride to the Lighthouse, 5885 E. Main, Olcott. Meet at Marsh's at 6:30; led by Bruce & Doreen
- Sep 16-18th Ride to the Thousand Islands; led by the Hardenbrooks. Details to Follow.
- Sep 21st Dessert Ride to Reid's, 150 Lake Ave., Lockport. Led by Bill & Caroline. Meet at Kenyon's at 6:30.
- Sep 29th Dessert Ride to Apple Granny's, 433 Center St., Lewiston. Led by Myron & Janice. Meet at Marsh's at 6:30.
- Oct 1st Progressive Dinner. Salads at Hardenbrook's; Main Dish at Kelley's; Dessert at Reis'. Details to follow.
- Oct 2nd Chapter Gathering, Basket Factory, Middleport, 10am
- Oct 5th Dessert Ride to Medina Country Club, led by Rick & Connie. Meet At Kenyon's at 6:00 (NOTE NEW TIME).
- Oct 13th Dessert Ride to Nina's, 2577 Millersport Hwy, Getzville. Led by Keith. Meet at Marsh's at 6:00.
- Oct 15th Fall Foliage Ride. Led by Paul & Linda. Details to follow. Will Be weather dependent.

POST THIS LISTING ON YOUR REFRIGERATOR!



Bruce's Blurbs

This month we have a guest contributor to our Rider Education column. *Jim Pearson, Rider Educator, Chapter W*

THE INVISIBLE MOTORCYCLIST

"I never saw him. He came out of nowhere!" That's probably the most common statements heard at a collision between an automobile and a motorcyclist. They're usually made by the operator of the auto because the motorcyclist is unconscious (or worse).

As riders we wonder, "How can *they* NOT see us? Are *they* just not looking?"

A lack of attention on the part of the driver does explain some of the car/bike collisions; the distracted driver, cell 'phones, unruly children, etc. All these can contribute **BUT** some responsibility belongs to the motorcyclist as well. I know. I know. That's heresy. Let me explain.

φ Motorcycles make up about 3% of the "normal" traffic flow.

φ People "see" what they expect to see; things like cars and trucks

φ Unless the rider does something to visually stand out, he can be easily overlooked.

φ Motorcycles **ARE** much harder to see than cars/trucks because of their smaller size. A motorcycle can easily be "lost" in the background even with the headlight on.

φ Many motorcycles are colors that lend themselves to blending into the environment. Particularly dark colored machines (black is the color of pavement after all). Many motorcyclist wear dark colored helmets (or no helmet at all, but we won't discuss those here) AND dark colored clothing. A number of studies in the US and abroad have shown that a light colored (white, silver, yellow) helmet is more noticeable (during daylight hours) than a dark colored (black, dark red, dark blue) helmet. Why? The driver sees this bright colored "orb" floating above the traffic (most riders heads are higher than the hoods/ windshields of cars). It's DIFFERENT.

Lastly (and sadly), most motorcyclists are not skilled in emergency maneuvers. Over 13% of the motorcyclists involved in fatal crashes made NO effort to avoid the collision. They didn't brake, they didn't swerve, they just rode right into the collision. That's because, after they've gotten their license, they don't practice those kinds of maneuvers regularly (or ever). Motorcycling is a SKILL. It takes practice.

So how can you NOT be the Invisible Motorcyclist?

φ Position your bike so it can be seen and identified in the traffic stream.

φ Wear bright colors

φ Consider getting a brightly colored bike

φ PRACTICE your emergency maneuvers

Or you could take the advice I got once from a very experienced rider. He told me not to "ride like I was invisible." He told me to ride like they can see me and are actively planning to do something to take me out."

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