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Thursday
March 1, 2012
6 PM Delmonico's



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From The Kitchen Table at 'The White House'

January has come and gone, and who would have thought that Roger would have a Polar Bear Ride the first part of the month and the temperature would not cooperate and get cold enough to have an official Polar Bear Ride. It was 46 degrees that day, but we had fun and a great meal. Carol and I rode 131 miles that day to eat only 5 miles from our house. Oh well, it's the journey not the destination, right? We had 15 Bikes with 20 Riders for this ride. We also had a good turn out for our two Ride-to-Eats at Beef O' Brady's and Dexter B-B-Q in Cape. And, at what other chapter meeting could you go to and end up attending a wedding?!? Congratulations go out to Dean and Tammy Mellstrom who got married at our January Chapter Meeting. May they have many years of happiness together.



The 7 that made it to Illinois Winter Warm-up had a fantastic time, even if some of us ended up getting stuck in a traffic jam caused by freezing rain on I 55 for 3 hours at Litchfield, IL. At the Warmup, Chapter I teamed up with Chapter Z in support of Walter and Jean Potwora. There was no doubt that they knew we were there. What do grass skirts, coconut bras, topless, makeup, with men wearing it get you? The answer: 1st place in the Skit competition at the Warm-up! Our friends from Illinois Chapter Q took that honor. Congrats to them, they deserve it. I can say they were the most eye-catching, but not in a pretty way.

We are going to have a very busy month in February, also. Chapter P in Sullivan will be having their annual Fish Fry on **Feb. 4th**; then on **Feb. 5th** Picky is having a 'Hot Chocolate Run' leaving from Jackson Wal-Mart at 12:30 PM; **Feb. 9th** our Ride-to-Eat is at the Olive Garden in Cape; **Feb 11th** is Training afternoon with Valentine's Party and Pot Luck Dinner to follow at the Fruitland Fire Department; **Feb. 18th** Picky is having a 'Remember When Ride' -- leave Rhodes 101 at Hwy 34/72 Junction 12 noon; **Feb. 23rd** Ride-to-Eat at Jay's B-B-Q in Marble Hill; and then, on **Feb. 27th** we will pay back to Fruitland Fire Department for use of their facilities with a Pot Luck Dinner. We will start serving around 6:00 PM, so bring your best Pot and share with everyone.

Let's not forget about Spring Fling on **March 3rd** at Lake of the Ozarks. It is being held at the Inn at the Grand Glaize; it's a Fiesta this year Ole'. We are planning on doing a simple skit. It has to be simple for me to be in it. If you are interested in participating, please contact Carol. I am sure we will have a good time.

'Remember the more you get involved, the more fun you have.'

George & Carol White

THINGS OVERLOOKED

Winter gives me time to sit and reflect on things that should be done. Most thoughts are on having my bike and equipment in operational order. Why wait till the last minute? Maybe a ride will pop up, and guess what, you haven't fixed those brakes. Do you take a chance and ride, only to wear the metal of the pads into your rotor?

Time to consider what needs to be checked. Some things are frequently overlooked. I know the Goldwing is the Cadillac of motorcycles, but it's still a mechanical machine. So, lets look at the overlooked items.

Brakes... The thing still stops, so why check them? As I mentioned above, the brakes could be worn to the metal and ready to rub into the disc. Brakes, for a set, are a whole lot cheaper than buying the brakes and a rotor or two!!

Brake calipers... Changing your brakes? Make sure the calipers move freely, and lube the pins with a high temperature grease. Auto stores sell little packets of grease just for this.

Tires... Maybe ya need a new tire. Ever consider checking the tire valve stem, and replacing it? Just a few more pennies and it could be the difference between having a problem out on the road.

Air filter... Most overlooked item on the Gold Wing -- mostly because of the expense for labor to install it. Not a biggie. Take a little time and do it yourself this winter.

Brake reservoirs... Check them and fill them. DOT 4 fluid. Guess what? As your pads wear down it requires more fluid to make up for that space. Remember when you replace pads and press the caliper plungers back, remove your reservoir lid to allow the fluid somewhere to go. May have to suck a little out of your reservoir. A reservoir fluid change and brake bleed may not be a bad idea either.

Spark plugs... Plugs seem to last forever nowadays. But guess what?? For 12-15 bucks you can rest assured that you have done at least that much to keep the motor running great.

Antifreeze... Who changes that, right? Kinda what I thought till I had mine changed. It was nasty brown and should have been a pretty green just like our shirts. I kept checking the reservoir and it looked green to me, but wasn't. Its not rocket science, changing antifreeze; but I went ahead and had mine done at the Honda dealer just to insure I got it done right. Guess I waited a little long. Had it done around 130,000 (somethin' else overlooked).

Rear end grease... No problems with that, but changed it anyway. A little time draining it; one small bottle from the Honda dealer; and, I rest assured that it was changed and is up to level.

Battery... Keep it charged up this winter and maintained. Clean the posts and wipe the dust off the outside. Make sure the water level is correct if you don't have the gel type.

Air pressure in the tires... Can't say enough about this. Keep them aired up. Tires will decrease in pressure, with time. Atmospheric pressure and temperatures will affect pressure also.

Mechanical pivot points... Lube these with a good lubricant: kick stands, center stands, clutch levers, hinges, etc. Shoot a little silicone lube into your ignition switch and trunk locks.

I know I've probably missed a few things, but you get my meaning. Keep those bikes in good shape. Keep them safe!

Winter is a good time to work on these things. Maybe the Maintenance Day, coming in March, would be a great time to accomplish these tasks: these, "THINGS OVERLOOKED"!!! Whew!!!! Got another one written.....

Your Tech. Coordinator, Picky

HOT CHOCOLATE RUN

Hey, Everyone!!! Lets have a Hot Chocolate run!!!

Lets leave Jackson Wal-Mart on February 5th @ 12: 30 pm and take a little ride around the area. Lets get together, ride, and hunt down some local quick shops that may have hot chocolate!



Motorcycles Tips For The Road

Remember that motorcycles can be easy to miss.

Motorcycles are already more difficult to spot than cars because of their smaller profiles, and drivers are conditioned to look for other cars, not motorcyclists.

Traffic, weather, and road conditions require motorcyclists to react differently than drivers, so it is often difficult to judge and predict when riders may take evasive action.

This means drivers must always be aware of their surroundings. Remember: Check twice, save a life.

Know when crashes are likely to occur.

You are more likely to be involved in an accident with a motorcycle when:

- You are making a left turn in front of a rider.
- A motorcyclist is riding in your blind spot.
- There are hazardous road conditions. Potholes, wet leaves, railroad tracks, and other obstructions may force a motorcyclist to take an action you don't expect.
- You have an obstructed line of sight. Sport utility vehicles, delivery vans, and large trucks may block motorcyclists from your view.

Be more aware of motorcyclists.

Remember that motorcyclists have the same privileges of other drivers. Be sure to give riders a full lane of travel, and always keep a close watch for motorcyclists--especially at intersections and on highways.

Anticipate a motorcyclist's maneuvers. A piece of road debris that poses no threat to a car may be deadly for a motorcyclist. Predict evasive moves a motorcyclist might take by always being aware of your surroundings. Also, don't follow motorcycles too closely. Allow enough room for the motorcyclist to take evasive actions.

Advice to Riders

Keeping these ideas in mind can help prevent accidents with automobile drivers.

Help drivers know you're there.

Don't assume you are visible to a driver. As a motorcyclist, it is your responsibility to make your presence known to drivers. Select and wear an appropriate helmet with retro-reflective materials. A

DOT-approved motorcycle helmet is your most valuable piece of protective gear and should be visible to drivers. Wear bright, contrasting protective clothing. If you wear dark clothing, wear a fluorescent vest.

Use headlights while riding on the highway, and use high beams rather than low beams. Also consider a modulating headlight.

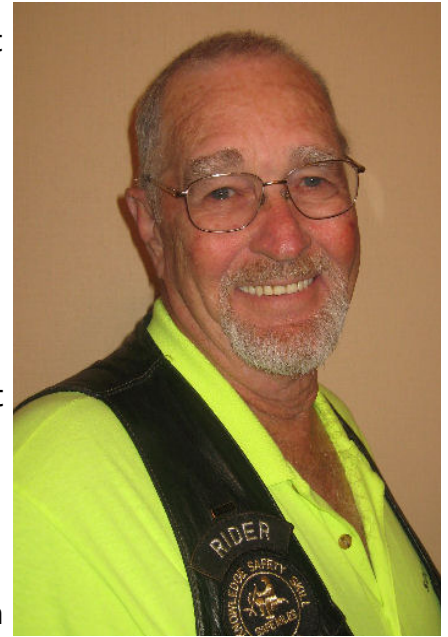
Proper lane position is important. It helps drivers see you and protects your riding space. Remember, if you can see a driver in the side-view mirror, the driver can see you. Don't "hide" in a driver's blind spot, and always signal before making a move. Never weave between lanes.

Remember, there is no one safe place to ride. Use lane positioning to be seen and to provide extra space for emergency braking situations or avoidance maneuvers. Never share a lane with a car. Drivers may not expect you alongside their cars and may not be aware of your presence.

Know when crashes are likely to happen. You are more likely to be involved in an accident when:

- A car is making a left turn in front of you.
- You are riding in a driver's blind spot. Drivers may not know you're there, and they sometimes fail to check their blind spots before changing lanes or making a turn.
- There are hazardous road conditions. Potholes, wet leaves, railroad tracks, and other road obstructions may force you to make a move a driver does not anticipate.

You are obstructed from the driver's line of sight. Sport utility vehicles, delivery vans, and large trucks can block a motorcycle from a driver's view. This means you may seem to appear suddenly.



Rider Educators Ernie and Cindy

FIX 'ER UP TIME

March 17th, at 12 noon, weather permitting, we'll have our annual Maintenance Day at my home (Picky). Hopefully, we can have some good weather for this!! Bring some hot dogs, chili, stew, chips, drinks, or whatever, and we'll have some snackin' goin' on afterward or during. I'll build a fire, no not a BONFIRE, and we'll have a maintenance/get together. Everyone is welcome. If ya don't want to work on your bikes, just come on out anyway and watch, or make fun of the ones working on theirs. Bring some basic tools and your parts, oil, filters, spark plugs, Christmas chrome, etc., and we'll get those bikes ready for the 2012 riding season. Don't forget your trailers. They may need a little attention, too. I'll have a way to dispose of oil and other trash.

For those of you that have mentioned something about changing your air filters, let me know; and if you want, we'll schedule a day to do this for you. I'll be glad to help you change it. Not much time allowed during the Maintenance Day; but if several of you would want to do this, we can have another maintenance day and get those changed out. If you are wondering when they should be changed out, I changed mine at 18,000 and it wasn't dirty at all. Changed again around 60,000, and it was filthy!! So, probably 40 to 50,000 on a filter, would be about the right time to consider changing it.

REMEMBER WHEN ???

Mark you calendars now, February 18th. We'll leave Rhodes 101 at Hwy 34/72 junction 12 noon, for a brief ride through Cape county. Hopefully the Weather Gods will be with us that day. If not, we'll move it to another day! I'll be leading a ride through the county and giving a little, Known/unknown, history of several locations. For example. Did you know that one of our small towns hosted a big whiskey distillery and was a major transportation center for traveling to Arkansas? Do you know there are still small town train depots that are still standing. Maybe you'd like to see a Hanging Tree!!! Just a couple of oddball things that may spark your interest. Could be some of you can add to my history lesson, too!! Lots of the history will be told over the CB, so get your headsets tuned up!

Picky



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Missouri District Spring Fling 2012 Mexican Fiesta



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Lake of the Ozarks, MO
March 3, 2012
Cost: \$10.00**



For Reservations

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Room Rate \$ 61.00 + Tax

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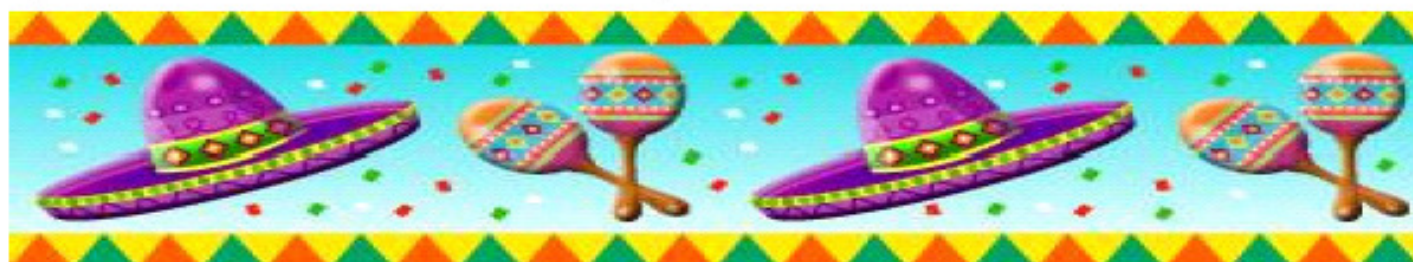


Registration opens at 9 am

*Games *Seminars *Swap Meet

*Costume Competition

Couple of the Year Selection



MISSOURI DISTRICT
“Wing the Ozarks”

“It's Good To Be Back”

May 31 – June 2, 2012
Branson, MO

Hosted by AmazINN & Southern Oaks Inn



Full Rally Registration Includes:

- Free Spaghetti Dinner Thursday evening
- Observation Runs
- Seminars
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- Bike Show
- Trade Show
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- Chapter Competitions
- Master's Gathering
- Free Lunch Friday & Saturday
- Free Ice Cream Social
- 2 Meal Vouchers per person

If Pre-Registered by May 15, 2012 you also receive:

- DUB Card (Entry into \$250 Drawing)
- Rally Pin to first 250 Pre Registered

Rally Lodging (on site)



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Wednesday, May 30, 2012

10 am–6 pm

&

Thursday, May 31, 2012

9 am–1 pm

Contact John & Nancy Hofmann

by May 15 if interested.

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February 2012

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
**Meet at Jackson Walmart & everyone ride together Otherwise go right to the location			1	2 Chapter I Delmonico's Jackson 6 PM Meeting 7 PM Bill & Joyce Barnett Becky Tinsley	3	4 Chapter P Fish Fry Sullivan, MO TBA
5 Hot Chocolate Ride ** 12:30 PM	6 DeDe Bethune Joe Byrum	7	8	9 Olive Garden 6 PM	10	11 Seminars/ Valentine Party, Potluck Dinner Fruitland Fire-house TBA
12	13 Bruce DeField	14 <i>Be My Valentine!</i>	15	16	17 Karen Mogelnicki	18 Cape County Ride Hwy 34/72 Junction 12 PM
19	20	21	22	23 Jay's Marble Hill ** 6 PM	24	25
26	27 Potluck Dinner For Firemen Fruitland Fire House Serve 6 PM Carol White	28	29 Ernie Deason			

March 2012

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4	5	6	7 Dennis Wyckoff	8 Branding Iron 6 PM	9	10
11	12	13	14	15	16 Cindy Deason	17 Maintenance Day Picky's
18	19	20	21 Mr & Mrs Mike Biri Dean Mellstrom	22 Sandy's Place 6 PM	23	24
25 Ronnie Sams	26 Bud Donze	27	28	29	30	31

2012 Schedule

February 4	Chapter P Fish Fry, Sullivan, MO
February 5	Dave Bollinger – Hot Chocolate Run — 12:30 PM
February 11	Seminars/Valentines Party, Potluck Dinner, Fruitland Fire House (TBA)
February 18	Dave Bollinger – Cape County Ride — Noon
February 27	Potluck Dinner for the Firemen at the Fruitland Fire House, serve 6:00 PM
March 3	MO Dist Spring Fling, Inn at Grand Glaize, Lake of the Ozarks, MO
March 17	Dave Bollinger – Maintenance Day
April 7	Blessing of the Bikes
April 14	Ernie – Ride (TBA)
April 28	Ernie – Ride (TBA)
May 3,4,5,6	Roger – Crawfish Ride
May 11,12	Art – Ride to Arthur
May 18,19,20	Niehaus Customer Appreciation Days, Litchfield, IL
May 19	Jack – Ride to Bunker (time TBA)
May 26 & 28	Roger (MAD) – I55 Coffee Break (times TBA)
May 31 & June 1,2	MO Dist Rally, Branson, MO
June 1,2	Stone Ponies – Overnight Ride, Land Between the Lakes
June 8,9,10	Stone Ponies – Traveling Picnic, Knoxville, TN
June 16	Stone Ponies – Ride to Cairo, Grand Chain, Paducah
June 21,22,23	Stone Ponies – Overnight Ride, Mountain View, AR
June 30	Stone Ponies – Ride, New Harmony, IN
July 4,5,6,7	Wing Ding, Fort Wayne, IN
July 21,22	Dicky & Judy – Overnight Ride, Current River, Van Buren
August 4	Art – Ride the Rails
August 11	CHAPTER I FUN RUN, Cape County Park
August 16-19	Art & Dave, Pine Top Ride, IN
August 26	Art – Ride, Tale of Four Bridges
September 14,15,16	Southern IL Ride In, DuQuoin, IL
October 5,6,7	Switchback to Arkansas, Marble Falls, AR
October 27	Roger – Ride (TBA)
October 27	Dave & Linda – Evening Bon Fire
November 3	MO OP's Meeting
November 18	Put Up Christmas Decorations, Cape County Park
December ?	Christmas Party
December ?	Christmas Boxes