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A Little **BS** (That's Bruce & Sherry!)



Chapter I Shows Up In Force!

Combine great riding weather with good friends and you got Chapter I at its best. Wow, the Arkansas Switchback ride had 22 Chapter I participants, and that ride was followed up with a record 19 bike turnout for the Fall Color ride. Then the day ended with 46 in attendance at the annual Bonfire. Not only is Chapter I having some fantastic attendance at the weekly rides, it also is having fantastic attendance at the monthly gathering! It just goes to show what happens when you put together people that have two things in common...a great motorcycle, and the desire to have FUN.

Well, we still have some fun events coming up that will assure this great attendance will continue!

We have the NAKED tree ride just around the corner... now I don't know about you, but I'll bet there are a bunch of people looking forward to this event. At least that's what I figure from all the talk about this ride!

On November 20, at noon, we have the opportunity to make the motorist public aware we share the road with them by placing a motorcycle related Christmas display in the North County Park. Typically 45,000-50,000 cars pass by this display during the month. If this prevents just one accident, it's worth the time and effort involved. After the display is installed, we usually have lunch, or at least we go for ice cream. So, you know if food is involved, it will be well attended.

Then there is the Christmas basket gathering on Dec 10. For those new members who haven't had the opportunity to participate, this is when the Chapter gathers at the Fruitland Fire Department and assembles 36 large boxes full of food. These boxes are divided equally between 12 needy families. The families are chosen because they are having a very difficult time and have "fallen through the cracks" and may not be getting any other assistance. It's a time when Chapter I members share some of the bounty we have received with someone who may not be as fortunate during the Holiday Season.

The Chapter I Christmas party is always a big hit. Bring together some fantastic catered meat and fixins', along with a good game of Dirty Santa, and you have the makings of a great party. PLUS give away some cash and you know attendance will be overflowing! More info will follow on this FUN time!

Put the above together with a few additional rides, additional opportunities to eat and gather with friends, and Chapter I will have a fun ending to a GREAT YEAR!

"It's the Journey, not the Destination!"

Bruce & Sherry Watkins
Chapter I Directors

From The Kitchen Table at 'The White House'

Well 2011 is almost gone with Thanksgiving and Christmas just around the corner, and then we have a couple of cold months that we can fix all the little things on our bikes, and clean and polish the rest of it. And, as you already know, Bruce and Sherry will be stepping down as Chapter I Directors with the start of the New Year and start a new page of their GWRRA Experience as Missouri District Directors. We wish them all the best at their new position and want to remind them that they are still part of Chapter I. And, along with that, Carol and I will attempt to step up and take over what all the past directors have accomplished, and hopefully have as much fun and miles ridden as in the past. We will be throwing in some seminars along the way; hope to do this while we are stuck inside this winter. We will keep what is working the same, and throw in some new ideas and watch and see if they work; it might take some fine tuning as we go along, so be patient with us. Along those lines some of you have already committed to assisting Carol and myself by accepting some of the positions; and just because you have not been hit up yet, does not mean you are safe from either of us. We would like input from each and every one of the chapter members. We are open to any help and suggestions you have; let's just keep them positive.

And if the last few rides and social functions are any indications, we will be one of the larger chapters in Missouri; and along with that comes more possibility of meeting new riders, making life long friends, and riding compadres. With this comes some growing pains; but you know what, that's better than having a chapter in decline. With everyone's help, we will make all new members feel as welcome as you did to Carol, Jared, and myself. I have always said the very first meeting we attended, we were met with a herd of Hugs and Hellos; and, Carol and I both agreed that we had never felt more welcome at any other club or organization than we did at that first meeting. We knew we had found a Home Chapter and a great bunch of people to ride with and share friendship with. We all have different personalities with one thing in common -- we like to ride motorcycles, and I mean ride.

George & Carol White
Assistant Directors



Lost & Found

by Marlene Cloude



I recently thought I'd lost my cell phone while on the Switchback to Arkansas Goldwing Chapter gathering at The Hub Motorcycle Resort. It's not a fancy, schmancy type with GPS in it, so finding it that way was not an option. I also had it on vibrate, so calling it and having it ring until we located it didn't work either.

Luckily for me, we found it in the last place we thought to look – my storage pouch behind Roger's backrest. As my cell phone's life flashed before me, I was horror struck by the loss of names, addresses, information, and pictures. There was no way to reconstruct my database. Worse yet, neither of us really knew what the process was in the event a cell phone was lost or stolen. As it turns out, it's kind of like a credit card. If you don't report it, you are liable for all charges! We found that in our case, we can go online and suspend service. Anyone in possession of the phone heard a message that said they could not use it and were then provided a customer service telephone number to call. We were also able to see online that there was no usage on my phone. That was a relief.

Since this little lapse, I have now registered my phone and Rogers' on missingphones.org, a PCMag recommended site. I suspect the only way it works is (1) if other people know about it, find your phone, check the site, and then return it and (2) if you take the time to register your phone. The PCMag article also gives helpful hints on what one should do BEFORE losing your phone. If you didn't check it out before, here is the link:

<http://www.pcmag.com/article2/0,2817,2363526,00.asp#fbid=9rbgSikrHTN>

One other thing you may want to consider doing – besides admitting that it could just be a matter of time before you lose/break a cell phone – is to write down or type a list of all your contacts and their contact info from your cell phone. There are some providers who will back up this info to their servers, but there is a monthly charge for this. Manual resources for you to do it yourself can cost upwards of \$30 and aren't very reliable when it comes time to download the info back to a new phone. When Roger's last phone crapped out on him, he was lucky enough to have access to his contact list. The first thing he did was type it out for future use.

Here's another tidbit that could ease your worries regarding your digital camera. We type: IF FOUND, PLEASE RETURN TO ROGER RILEY, (with our address and telephone number) on our computer screen and take a picture of it. Then we never erase that picture from the memory and/or card in the camera. If we would lose it, we hope that whoever finds it will contact us to return it. We've found a couple of cameras and would have done so if some sort of identifier was available.

Hopefully, these bits of information will ease your stress and worries if you ever find yourself in a lost and found situation.

Switchback to Arkansas 2011

The ride to Arkansas was on October 7-9 at the hub in Marble Falls, Ark. Friday morning Roger & Marlene and Johnnie & I left Jackson at 7 AM. We picked up Tom & Karen and Mike & Sue at Dutchtown, MO. The four bikes continued on to Poplar Bluff where we stopped for breakfast at Perkins restaurant. Dick & DeDe from Charleston joined us at Bluff.

We left Bluff and headed southwest and picked up Hwy 160. While traveling on 160, we came up on a motorcycle accident. A bike had pulled out in front of a pickup. The lady driving the pickup had her blinker on, and the biker thought she was turning and pulled out. She didn't turn as expected. The biker was unhurt; the bike wasn't in riding condition anymore. The guys in our group moved the bike out of the roadway and over to the side. It was still laying on its side when we pulled up. The driver of the truck was more nervous than hurt. With no cell phone coverage, we couldn't call 911. The biker had gone to his house to call the police. We left after he said everything was being taken care of. We stopped for lunch near the state line. After lunch, the rest of the trip was uneventful, (thank goodness).

We arrived in Marble Falls about 4:30. There we joined the 4 couples from Chapter I that had arrived Thursday. The Hub motel caters to motorcycles. There were all sorts of bikes, trikes, and even a stallion. A restaurant is right next door, so we didn't have to go far to eat. Friday night was game night. The game was a trivia contest. Each table had 4 to 8 players. Our table consisted of the Rileys, the Albees, the Deasons, and the Haupt's. The rest of the chapter members were at another table. When the trivia game was over, our table came in first. Our other table was second. So Chapter I had a very good showing for the trivia contest.

After the game, we went back to the hotel. In back, some one had built a bonfire (not Picky). So, everyone sat around the bonfire and talked and discussed where the Sat. rides would take us. There were at least 2 rides Saturday. One was to Russellville to check out the Honda shop. The other was a ride in the country side and to enjoy some switchbacks. That was the ride we chose. We had a great ride, fantastic scenery, and some really great switchbacks. We also rode some of the Pig trail. Compared to the dragon, I think the pig trail has tighter twists, turns and switchbacks. Lunch was at a nice general country store. The food was good, but their cream pies were delicious, (especially the chocolate cream pie). After riding some of the pig trail, Kathie and I made a detour just off HWY 21. Rest of the group returned to the motel. We stopped at a community named Brashear; part of my family moved there in the early 1700's. We found a grave yard and took some pictures of the tombstones. We then re-



turned to the motel.

Someone thought hot dogs and marshmallows was a good idea. It was. We grilled hot dogs and marshmallows and talked over the fire. Plans were made about the time to leave Sunday morning. Our group planned on leaving about 8 AM, and eating breakfast on the road. We found a nice restaurant a little ways down the road. A buffet, reasonably priced, with just about everything, including chocolate gravy (I have never had it, but it was delicious and now I have the recipe). The ride was uneventful until the last leg. After stopping for a short break and gas the last time, we started the rest of the trip home. (Somehow a Harley got mixed up with our group; boy was he loud.) Soon we heard sirens and saw flashing lights behind us. On a road with very little shoulder, it is hard to pull over on a bike; so we pulled over as far as safely possible and slowed down. Three police cars, two ambulances and other emergency vehicles passed us. Dave said he wondered if we would have to take another route. It seemed a very bad accident was ahead of us. When we came to the accident, traffic was down to one lane. A truck had rear ended a car. The trunk of the car looked like it was in the backseat. That truck must have been traveling fast. The injuries didn't look that severe, but we couldn't tell for sure; the police were just keeping traffic moving.

After passing the accident, the rest of the ride was uneventful (thank goodness), and we arrived home about 3 PM. We had a great time at the hub. In fact, most of the group has already made their reservations for next year. We had 22 Chapter I members there. If you didn't make it this year, try to go next year. I guarantee you will have as great a time as we all did. A great time meeting other chapters and riding the roadways of Arkansas with them and making new friends.

Johnnie & Kathie Haupt
Chapter I Ride Coordinators

Winter will be here soon and as the days get colder, most motorists are not expecting to see motorcycles on the highway. When we get one of those exceptional, Indian Summer sunny days, it is hard to let it pass without putting in a few miles on two wheels. If you do take advantage of the nicer weather, remember that you are even more vulnerable.



Be sure to wear the brightest clothing you have. Be even more vigilant about staying out of vehicle blind spots and keep your eyes on your rearview mirrors at stop lights.

We have had a couple of M.A.D. events in the past few weeks. "Party for the Good" took place September 30th, at the Osage Center. A huge thank you to those of you who



helped package a portion of the 11,000 weekend meals for children. We had a great time working together, enjoying the music and camaraderie of others for a good cause. Our Chapter safety green shirts attracted a lot of attention and definitely showed that riders are actively involved in the community - on and off the roadway.

You probably don't think of something like the Color Ride on Oct 22nd as being a motorist awareness event, but it is! We had 17 bikes turn out, most two up, and several of the riders dressed in safety yellow riding jackets, sweatshirts and shirts. When we stopped for



lunch and later for ice cream, our Chapter I shirts were a neon beacon saying "look at us". And that is what we want - motorists to look, be aware and realize we are on the highways and byways, also.

Until next month, have fun, stay warm, be safe; and, make sure other drivers see you.

Roger Riley
M.A.D. Coordinator

To "NOOK" or "Not to NOOK" (That is the ????) by Sue Chaplin

Since I purchased my Nook Color, a reader's tablet available through Barnes & Noble, I have had a lot of people ask me how I like it, and if I can I use it on the Goldwing. So, this is not a marketing scheme. I am only trying to provide information with regard to my experience with the Nook Color.

Well, I will start with telling you, I love it!

I really enjoy riding on the Gold Wing, but when we go on long trips, sometimes I get tired of the scenery. I used to try and read a book. But, I got weary of fighting the wind and torn pages, so I started exploring devices that I could use while riding. I wanted something I could read, play games, check email and have access to the internet, if needed. YES! I can read and play games while riding on the back of our Goldwing.

The Kindle was out because it is a reader only. A Blackberry would work, but you had to buy a monthly plan. I looked at the Apple iPad, but it was too large and heavy and again I would have to purchase a plan. (Although, the iPod 2 is smaller and lighter, I believe.)

So, I looked at the Nook Color which DeDe owned and let me look at. I was impressed with it. It provided me with everything I wanted and more – plus, I didn't need to purchase a monthly plan.

The down fall is that it takes a few seconds to power up and it is an unprotected wireless connection.

I plan ahead and download whatever books or games I want before I leave on a long trip. I do still check email while we travel. I do not keep my Nook Color online, unless I want to check mail and turn it off. It does have the Pandora music application on it, so, I can download and listen to music. I can also download photos; and, it is a virtual reader. The kids have fun listening to books and looking at the pictures on my Nook Color. You can also share books with other people who have a Nook Color. I did not find the books to be any more expensive downloading online. Plus, I don't have the expense of gas to drive to buy a book; and there is no tax. I did purchase a replacement plan and

a screen protector, which added to the cost. If I drop my Nook Color while on the motorcycle they will replace it for me.

I hope this was helpful to anyone who has pondered the question whether to Nook or Not.



Wheel Traps

Well, what would you call them?

As agile as we know our motorcycles are, there are times when two wheels simply are not up to the tasks we present to them - unless we know HOW.

For example, assume you are riding along and notice that there is a trough in the middle of the road extending for as far as the eye can see. It also just happens to be about four inches wide and about one inch deep. Like a magnet, that trough sucks your front wheel into it, the rear wheel obligingly joins it, and suddenly your wheels are trapped. You cannot steer out of it.

OK, OK, I can hear it now: 'Get real!'

Fine, so it's not down the center of the road. It's along the side, and some people would call it a rain gutter.

Or it is down the middle of the road, but it only has one side - they resurfaced the road, one lane higher than the one next to it.

Or you eased off the pavement and there was about a one inch drop to the apron beyond.

Or you are on a surface street and pull over to the curb and your front tire slides right up against the curb, parallel to it.

You get the picture. There are all kinds of traps out there that we don't normally have to deal with, but that can be encountered at any time; and you will have no choice but to deal with them.

In every case I described above, the problem is that you must either ride up and over one side of the obstacle, or you must turn away from that obstacle - both of which turn out to be more difficult than first expected.

The problem, of course, is that you often simply cannot turn your wheel because it *IS* trapped. An effort to turn away from the curb that your front tire is hugging, finds that the rear edge of the tire must push against the curb in order for the front edge to turn away from it. A mere one inch of height is sufficient to stop you cold - your bike will fall over before you can turn the wheel.

In this particular case you have no choice but to stop completely, lean the bike away from the trap, and walk the bike free.

- Never get within 6" of a raised surface that runs parallel to the direction you are moving!

If the surface is only 1" high you can ride over it

without much concern, so long as you approach it at any meaningful angle. (Greater than 20 degrees.) Anything higher than about 1" and you must put as great an angle of attack to it as possible. Ideally you want to cross over it with a 90 degree (perpendicular) angle.

- Always approach a trap that you must cross over with more than a 20 degree attack angle.

It is not so much that you should fear that your front tire will fail to get over the trap, it is that you must be concerned about getting your rear tire over it. What happens if your attack angle is low, is that you instinctively turn your front wheel into the trap to get over it, so it does; but your rear tire, having a lower attack angle, slides along the trap rather than going over it. This immediately twists your bike into the turn and presents an ever-increasing attack angle for that rear tire. At some point (quickly), the attack angle will be sufficient and the rear tire will grab and ride over the obstacle. Unfortunately, while it was sliding along, you and your bike turned the front wheel in the direction of the slide. Thus, when that rear tire grabs, it is analogous to the classic conditions of a highside. About 2/3s of a second later, you will hit the ground.

- Before trying to ride over a trap that is relatively close to you, turn away from it and then towards it in order to build the largest attack angle possible.

About 1/2 second before your front tire hits the obstacle, accelerate. That unloads your front shocks. At the same time, shift your weight to your pegs and lift your butt off the seat. When the rear tire hits the trap, the rear-end of the bike will get quite a vertical jolt - possibly enough to throw you off the seat and cause you to have to fight for control if you have not already raised that derriere.



Rider Educators
Ernie and Cindy Deason

THING-A-MABOBS, WIGGETTS AND GADGETS

We all have them!! Little items that help us get through the day. They may be minor things, but aid us in making a tedious job just a little easier.

Last month I quickly mentioned this in my presentation and would like to extend it into this month's newsletter write-up. Ol' man winter will soon be upon us, and riding season will practically slow down to a halt. This happening will allow more time to sit and think about what I'm gonna ask of YOU!!!!!!

Instead of having so many technical things to discuss in our meetings, I'd like to simplify things somewhat, and get down to things that everyone would like to hear. Not everything discussed will interest all, but you may pick up on something you never even thought about. Also, consider our new members. It may seem repetitious to you, but new to them, and will help them in the future.

So,... Guys, think about things that make working on your bikes, cleaning them, tools you may have made, simplifying packing for trips, dressing for a trip, anything thing that may be of interest to others. It doesn't matter how small you think it is, it could be that someone had never heard of doing that!!!

AND GALS, I'm not leaving you on the sidelines. You have handy items that make a road trip a little easier, also. I've seen some of you cleaning bikes. You may have a great way

of doing this. There may be a pouch you use that takes up less space when packing. You could be wearing something that keeps your hair from going into total shock, after you remove the helmet. Anything and everything is welcome.

Let me know of these items, or e-mail me, and I'll see they get posted in the newsletter. I may even ask you to do my monthly presentation on the subject. I already have someone with a great idea, scheduled for next month that may be of interest to you Trike riders!!!! He has made a simple gadget that will.....Oh well, you'll just have to come to the meeting to find out. HUH!!!!!!!!!!

Lets pass and share some of this information to others and also our new riders in the bunch. Remember cold weather riding is coming up and there are great ideas on how to survive riding in that type weather.

Have a great Fall. Be careful on the roads!!!!!!

**Your Tech. coordinator,
Picky**



Magi Flight last month

As most of you know, I have always had a fear of flying. I would never get on a plane. When Belinda set up a date for anyone to go flying, my first thought was not me; but Belinda and Dean kept saying that I would love it. Well, I took them at their word and thought, better now than never. It was the most wonderful experience I have had. The instructor is very good. He made me feel very comfortable. They explain everything to you. He told me that he would just do a short flight, and if I was OK, he would go on. Well, I told him to 'keep going, this is great'. He told me it is just like riding a motorcycle, but you are in the air. I thought, 'OK, we will see'; and much to my surprise, it is just like that. When we got in the air and I could see all the beautiful trees and sky, I was just amazed at how I felt. It is the most wonderful sight. This is well worth anybody's time to do this. I want to go again when it is sunny out. The people that run this are very nice, and they are very considerate of you and how you are doing. Thank you, Belinda and Dean, for having this for us. It was a wonderful time, and I am ready to go flying again.

Cindy Deason



Riding Course

I want to thank everyone for coming out Sunday and making the riding course a success. We had a great turnout, and it looked like everyone had a great time. We even got Linda to ride the trikes and scooter through the course, and she did a fantastic job. As Belinda calls them our scooter clowns, Dave and Roger both got on the scooter at the same time and rode around and had a great time. Johnnie got to ride the trike and see if he will like one. I want to thank an old member for helping us lay out the course, Wayne Godwin. We even got Sue to ride around on the scooter; she looked like she was having lots of fun, thanks to Marlene for bringing her scooter. It was even mentioned that we should do this more often to hone our skills. We even had some new people there that was having fun, and talking to them about our club and coming to the meetings.



Thank you everyone for all you help in doing this and having fun.

Thank you,
Ernie and Cindy Deason



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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
**Meet at Jackson Walmart & everyone ride together Otherwise go right to the location		1	2	3 Chapter I Delmonico's Jackson 6 PM Meeting 7 PM	4	5 DQ Poker Run ** 10 AM Mark Fulgham David Thompson
6	7	8	9	10 Bayou Pocahontas, MO ** 6 PM	11	12 Mike Biri Ride ** 11 AM
13	14	15	16	17	18	19 Naked Tree Ride ** 12:30 PM
20	21	22	23 Art Myracle	24 Happy Turkey Day!	25	26
27 Ray Snider	28 Tom & Karen Mogelnicki	29	30			

December 2011

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
**Meet at Jackson Walmart & everyone ride together Otherwise go right to the location				1 Chapter I Delmonico's Jackson 6 PM Meeting 7 PM	2	3 Cold Weather Ride Foxes Fleas ** 11 AM Chapter I Christmas Party Fruitland Fire Station 6 PM More info to come
4	5	6	7 David & Connie Thompson	8 Texas Roadhouse 6 PM	9 Marlene Cloude	10 Chapter Christmas Baskets & Pot Luck Lunch 11 AM Fruitland Fire Station
11	12	13	14	15	16	17
18	19	20	21 Mr. & Mrs Romey Brockett	22 Sandy's Place Cape Girardeau Airport 6 PM	23 Dick & Judy McClard Charley Tinsley	24 Dennis & Paula Wyckoff
25	26	27	28	29	30 Gail Byrum	31 Romey Brockett

Chapter I Calendar of Events

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| November 5 | DQ Poker Run — 10 AM |
| November 12 | Mike Biri Ride — 11 AM |
| November 19 | Naked Tree Ride — 12:30 PM |
| December 3 | Cold Weather Ride Foxes Flea's — 11 AM |
| December 3 | Chapter I Christmas Party, Fruitland Fire Station — 6 PM More details to follow |
| December 10 | Chapter Christmas Baskets & Pot Luck Lunch, Fruitland Fire Station — 11 AM |

