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Next Chapter Gathering

Monday, Dec 3, 2012 @ 7:00 p.m.

Folks start showing up at 6:45 p.m.

Columbine Room, Clements Community Ctr
1580 Yarrow Street, Lakewood, Colorado

Gathering Refreshments & Coffee

Refreshments: **Cookie Exchange**

Coffee: Steve & Tami Bender

Words for Gold Wingers!

by Fred & Linda Fisher, Directors

Greetings from your Directors!

As I am writing this article, it is early on Thanksgiving Day. This is a day where we may gather with friends and family or just relax alone in front of the TV and watch some football. We might even work in some time for a nap. Not that I've ever done that.



A tradition started in 1621 by the Pilgrims in Plymouth Massachusetts. It is a day to give thanks for those things we have. In our case, we will continue a family tradition of delivering meals to the needy, something we have been doing the past 10 years. We started doing this to show the Grandkids that as bad as they thought things were at home, they could be worse. A point they now understand, and at 17 and 19 years old, they continue to enthusiastically support the event every year.

Speaking of Thanksgiving, that means turkey. We have had a bit the past month with the annual Chapter E Turkey Dinner on November 3rd, and the Chapter G Turkey Bingo on November 17th. Both events were well attended by Chapter L folks, and plenty of turkey and other food items in which to partake.

We also had another eating event on November 14th, our not-so-regular monthly Dinner Ride. Due to some needed schedule changes, we combined our dinner ride with some of the other Chapters and had dinner, and a Chapter J meeting, at Dora's Mexican Restaurant in Aurora. Since Chapter J had captured the Chapter I mascot the week before, Chapter I had a large contingent show up there also.

Upcoming events include the Multi-Chapter Christmas event on December 8th at the Runway Grill in Broomfield, and a Multi-Chapter Bowling Event on January 12th (details coming soon). Details on these and many other events can be found on the Chapter L web page calendar, and on

the NEW District web page calendar. Please take a moment to check out the new District calendar. It is filled with information on all kinds of events around the District.

As I said in the last newsletter, our 2013 Ride Guide is in the works. In it are listings for Member Contact Information and Emergency Contacts. Please take a minute to look at your contact information in the book. If it is incorrect, missing, needs updated, or for some reason you do not want it to appear in the book, please let me or Randall Drake know.

I am working on a time and place to have a Chapter L ride planning meeting. I'd like to get everyone

together to plan a ride calendar at a separate time, rather than attempting to do it at the monthly meetings. I'll work with our Ride Coordinator, Becky Ackerman and set something up and probably email information to you. Keep an eye open for a notice. We will also schedule our Chapter fundraiser at that time. It's been a few years since we have had one and we need to give our balance sheet a little boost.

Our December 3rd gathering is our Annual Cookie Exchange. Bring bags containing ½ dozen cookies (or other treats) and we will do the exchange at the meeting break. Hope to see everyone there.

Until later.....Ride Safe.....Always.

Winter Storage

by Bob King, Rider Educator

Total Motorcycle's 10 Step Guide to Winterizing your motorcycle.



Outside a single white snowflake falls... Disbelief falls on your face as another snowflake falls... Then you realize, another riding year over and it's time to put the bike away for the winter. This is the time to get in that last few riding days and put our bikes properly away for the winter so they are ready for the next riding season to start again.

This would be the wrong way to store your bike for the winter.



Storing your bike for winter

Well, it's that time of year again! Soon the snow will be falling and the motorcycles will be tucked away for the winter

And each spring your dealer's phone will ring off the wall with customers who did not store the ol' bike properly and now wonder why it won't run.

Some preparation now will ensure that you are out riding in the spring instead of waiting in the dealer's lineup.

1. Location - where are you going to put it?

One solution may be to ask your dealer if he offers a storage program. This is ideal because he will often prep, store, and have the bike ready to ride when you are ready again. If you decide to store it yourself, you will need a place that is dry and out of harm's way.

When possible, chose a location away from windows. The ultraviolet light can fade paint and plastic parts. Direct sunlight can raise the ambient temperature of the storage area which will promote condensation when the sun goes down, so cover plain glass with some sort of opaque material. Also, cover your bike with a specially designed bike cover not a sheet or a tarp. Why? Because a sheet absorbs moisture and hold it against metal surfaces and then rust forms. Also, damp fabric will breed mildew and this may attack the seat material. A tarp prevents moisture from getting in but it also prevents it from getting out. Moisture trapped will condense on the bike and then the rust monster is back!

A specially designed motorcycle cover is made of a mildew resistant material. The material is slightly porous, so it can breathe.

2. Change the Oil

Even if the oil is not due for a change, byproducts of combustion produce acids in the oil which will harm the inner metal surfaces. Warm the engine to its normal operating temperature, as warm oil drains much faster and more completely.

While you are at it, why not change the filter too? Add fresh motorcycle grade oil. Remember to dispose of the drained oil and old filter in a responsible manner. What to do with the old oil? Recycle it.

3. Add Fuel Stabilizer And Drain Carbs

Tip: You only need to drain the carbs if your motorcycle will be stored more than 4 months. Otherwise just add fuel stabilizer to the gas tank, run the bike for 10 minutes so it mixes and gets into the carbs.

Fill the tank with fresh fuel, but do not overfill. The correct level is when the fuel just touches the bottom of the filler neck. This gives enough room for the fuel to expand without overflowing the tank when temperature rises.

Shut off the fuel petcock and drain the carburetors and the fuel lines. Add winterizing fuel conditioner to prevent the fuel from going stale, and help prevent moisture accumulation. Stale fuel occurs when aromatics (the lighter additives) evaporate leaving a thicker, sour smelling liquid. If left long enough, it will turn into a gum, plugging the jets and passages inside your carbs!

4. Lube the cylinder(s)

Tip: You only need to do this if your motorcycle will be stored a very long time (6 months or more)

Because gasoline is an excellent solvent and the oil scraper ring has done its job, most of the oil from the cylinder walls have been removed since the last time the engine was run. If the cylinder wall is left unprotected for a long period of time, it will rust and cause premature piston and ring wear.

Remove the spark plugs and pour a tablespoon (5 cc) of clean engine oil or spray fogging oil into each cylinder. Be sure to switch off the fuel before you crank the engine or else you may refill the drained carbs! Also, ground the ignition leads to prevent sparks igniting any fuel residue. Turn the engine over several revolutions to spread the oil around and then reinstall the plugs. Refitting the plugs before cranking the engine could result in a hydraulic lock if too much oil was used in the cylinder.

5. Battery Storage

The battery must be removed from the motorcycle when it is in storage. Motorcycles often have a small current drain even when the ignition is switched off (dark current), and a discharged battery will sulfate and no longer be able to sustain a charge.

A conventional battery should be checked for electrolyte level. Add distilled water to any of the cells that are low and then charge the battery.

Battery charging should be performed at least every two weeks using a charger that has an output of 10% of the battery ampere hour rating. For example if the battery has an AH rating of 12 (e.g. 12N12A-4A-1 where the 12A is 12 amp hours), then the charge rate of that battery should not exceed 1.2 amps. A higher charge will cause the battery to overheat. Charge the battery away from open flame or sparks as the gas (hydrogen) given off a battery can be explosive. Elevate the battery and keep it from freezing. Exercise the proper caution appropriate to caustic substances.

6. Surface Preparation

Waxing and polishing the motorcycle might seem like a waste of time since you are putting it away and no one will see it. But applying wax is a very important part of storing a motorcycle. Wax will act as a barrier against rust and moisture.

Don't forget to spray any other metal surfaces (such as the frame or engine) with a very light spray of WD-40. This will keep these areas shiny and protect from corrosion as well.

7. Exhaust and Mufflers

Exhausts/Mufflers are known to rust fast when they are not used. So making sure they are properly stored for the winter on your bike will save them from an early rusty death. Spray a light oil (such as WD40) into the muffler ends and drain holes. Lightly stick a plastic bag (shopping bag is fine) into the end of each muffler hole (to keep moisture from getting inside the exhaust). Then cover each muffler with another plastic bag to keep outside moisture off.

8. Tires

Check both front and rear tires with your air pressure gauge. Make sure each tire is properly inflated to the maximum recommended pressure. As it gets colder, air condenses in your tire so it is important to pump them up as to keep your tires healthy. Rubber is a flexible material and does not like to freeze (it cracks when it freezes). Placing 1/4"-1/2" piece of cardboard or wood

board under each tire will help keep the rubber raised up from a freezing floor.

9. Service all fluids

If the brake or clutch fluids haven't been changed in the last two years or 18,000 km (11,000 miles), do it now. The fluids used in these systems are "hygroscopic" which means that they absorb moisture. The contaminated fluid will cause corrosion inside the systems which may give problems when the motorcycle is used next spring. Be sure to use the correct fluids and note the warnings and instructions in the service manual. If you don't have the experience to service these systems, contact your dealer, he will be happy to assist you.

If your motorcycle is liquid cooled, the coolant requires changing every two years or 24,000 kms (15,000 miles). Make sure that the engine is cool enough to rest your hand on it before draining the system and please dispose of the coolant responsibly. Coolant/antifreeze is available from your dealer and has been developed to provide the correct protection for your motorcycle engine. Mixed 50/50 with distilled water will ensure a clean system for the next two years or 24,000 kms (15,000 miles).

Rider Education Levels Program (reprinted from October 2012)

by Bob King, Rider Educator



GWRA's Rider Education Levels Program is a great way to make a commitment to riding safely and obtaining education. The following lists our Chapter members who are eligible and ready to progress within the Levels Program.

Ready for Levels Advancement

Steve Bender	to Level IV
Tami Bender	to Level IV
Ronald Evers	
Laura Hudson	to Level II
Sherry Smith	to Level IV

REMINDER

Our District Director announced at this year's convention that effective immediately the District will pay for patches and processing through all four levels of the Rider Education Program. So, what are you waiting for? Get enrolled in the Program!

Birthdays and Anniversaries

Happy December Birthday to:

- Anne Williamson (Dec 21)
- Carl Williams (Dec 23)
- Janet Spencer (Dec 23)
- Greg Green (Dec 26)



Happy December Anniversary to:

- Steve & Teresa Randolph (Dec 27)

Future Events

Dec 2012Mon, 3rd

Chapter L Gathering, 7:00 p.m., Clements Community Center

Refreshments – Cookie ExchangeSat, 8th

Multi-Chapter Christmas Party, Runway Grill in Broomfield (see flyer attached)

Wed, 17thDinner Ride – **Happy Holidays!**

Various

Other GWRRA Gatherings. Please refer to your 2012 Ride Guide

Jan 2013Mon, 7th

Chapter L Gathering, 7:00 p.m., Clements Community Center

Refreshments – Randy & Marsha JensenWed, 16th

Chapter L Dinner Ride, 6:30 p.m. – ??????????

Sat, 26th

Annual District Officer's Conference

Various

Other GWRRA Gatherings. Please refer to your 2012 Ride Guide



Chapter L Officers and Staff

Directors	Fred & Linda Fisher	720-922-0789
Assistant Directors	Dennis & Anne Williamson	303-239-8187
Rider Educator	Bob King	303-463-4548
Treasurer	Mike Ackerman	303-988-0413
Chapter of the Year Coordinator	Dennis & Anne Williamson	303-239-8187
Couple of the Year (COY)	Kenny & Lis Simons	720-685-0188
Individual of the Year (IOY)	Bob King	303-463-4548
Awards & Recognition	Judy Williams	303-200-0262
Newsletter & Ride Book Editor	Randall & Janet Drake	303-933-6073
Membership Enhancement	VACANT	
Storekeeper	Dan & Vicky Kirk	303-358-6249
Ride Coordinator	Becky Ackerman	303-988-0413

Colorado Chapters and District Staff

Colorado Chapter Directors

Chapter A	Kraig & Linda White	303-877-5709
Chapter B	Dave & Sandra Geer	970-270-1508
Chapter C	Les & Sharon Brown	719-372-6498
Chapter E	Bill Weiss & Lisa Capano	720-890-8122
Chapter G	Dick & Fran Williamson	970-347-8855
Chapter I	Butch & Linda Shelley	719-495-5741
Chapter J	John & Barb Pons	303-396-5520
Chapter N	Diana & Dave Bradley	719-671-6235
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Colorado District Staff

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District Trainer	Garry Howland	303-690-3788
Special Events & Couple of the Year Coordinators	Carl & Judy Williams	303-337-2740
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Motorist Awareness-East	Kraig & Linda White	720-685-0188
Motorist Awareness-West	Nick & Ginny Hoppner	303-877-5709
Couple of the Year (2012-13)	John & Barb Pons	970-964-4379
Individual of the Year (2011-12)	None Selected	303-396-5520
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Region Store	Gay & David Redline		303-549-0506
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Couple of the Year (12-13)	Mike & Ruth Burke	mburke24@sbcglobal.net	209-536-1318
Individual of the Year (12-13)	Rocco (Don't know last name)	iprocco3@gmail.com	916-743-2358
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