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## Chapter Meeting Saturday August 18

Our regular scheduled monthly meeting is the 3<sup>rd</sup> Saturday of the month at the Piccadilly Cafeteria 133 S Hurstbourne Lane. Eat at 5:30 PM, Meet at 6:30 PM

## August Chapter Update

Mike & Kathy Lebre

Hello everyone, we had a nice turn out for our last get-together with 17 people showing up and 1 visitor. Hope you all have had a safe and fun summer so far and are making sure the heat doesn't leave you feeling down and out.

The heat is taking a toll on the riding schedule as a lot of people are finding it hard to take the heat when riding, I know I am, so lets hope the heat takes a turn for a little cooler here soon so we can get out there and enjoy the rest of the summer, and speaking of summer don't forget the Bluegrass Blast coming up August 23, 24 and 25 at The Center, light #15, in Somerset Ky. This should be a great Bluegrass Blast, with a new location, a new INDOOR vender area and new and fun roads to ride. Hope to see many of you there.

Remember the Logo Contest for our 2008 Rally pin, will be held at the Blast, so if you have any IDEAS, bring your drawing(s) to the Bluegrass Blast and enter the contest.

Plus there will be the different Seminars, Indoor games, Bike shows, Light show classification and Derby City Wing Riders Newsletter, August 2007

the Light Parade. So lets go down and have a great time.

Also a thank you goes to all of you that sold tickets for the Bluegrass Blast, as a portion of the money comes back to the chapter.

A \$100 donation has been sent to the American Cancer Society in remembrance of Sue Maxwell whom we lost last month. A special thanks from Ken for all the kindness and support that you showed them during this difficult time.

## Rider Education

### Tires Pressures – The Inside Story

From RideMyOwn.Com

#### Performance Factor

A tire is a pneumatic system, which supports a vehicle's load. It does this by using a compressed gas (usually air) inside to create tension in the carcass. It is important to realize that a tire carcass has a high-tension strength, but has little or no compression strength. It is the air pressure that creates tension in the carcass and allows the tire to function as a load-carrying device. That's why inflation is so important.

The tire does not support the load-the air pressure does. The manufacturer's ratings for the maximum load and inflation pressure are critical tire design elements. If not observed, the handling and performance of your motorcycle will be greatly affected.

Two points to remember:

1. A tire must transmit handling (acceleration, braking, cornering) to the road.
2. A tire also acts as a spring between the rim and the road. This spring characteristic is very important to the vehicle's ride.

### **Under/Over inflation**

Under inflated tires can result in imprecise cornering, reduce ability to support the load (traction), higher running temperatures, irregular tread wear at the edge of the contact patch, fatigue cracking, overstressing and splitting in the sidewall.

**Special Note:** If splitting happens on the inside of the tire and is hidden from your sight, then it can spread and eventually result in a blister and blow out of the sidewall. This sudden deflation may cause loss of control with serious consequences.

Over inflating tires does not increase load carrying capacity, but will result in a hard ride through the transmitting of shock loads to the suspension, reduces the a tire's ability to withstand road impacts, and cause accelerated tire wear in the center of the contact patch.

### **Temperature Effects**

Air pressure is affected by temperature. The air under pressure in a tire is no exception. Typically, an inflation pressure can change by 1 psi for every 10 degrees Fahrenheit of temperature change. Higher temperature means increased pressure.

For example, if a tire is inflated to 35 psi on an 80-degree day in July, it could have an inflation pressure of 23 psi on a 20-degree day 6 months later in January. This represents a normal loss of 6 psi over the six months and an additional loss of 6 psi due to the 60-degree temperature change. At 23 psi, this tire is severely under-inflated.

If the rear tire is inflated to 40 psi on a summer morning with a temp of 60 and a high of 90-degrees--tire pressures can reach around 44 psi possibly exceeding the tire's maximum rating.

### **Checking Tire Pressure**

How does one go about checking tire Pressure?

Several factors determine recommended tire pressure: Weight, ambient temperature, road conditions, and comfort (handling) Each factor must be considered when adjusting tire pressure.

Check cold tire pressure frequently with a good quality gauge that holds a reading, and always before extended trips.

Check your pressures daily when you are on a trip and remember that every 1 psi of air lost is approximately equivalent to losing 60 or 70 pounds of load carrying capacity.

### **Heavier loads-dual riding and/or luggage**

For high-speed, fully loaded or dual-riding touring motorcycle applications, inflate front tires to maximum recommended by vehicle manufacturer for OEM fitment and rear tires to maximum load inflation pressure on sidewall. Notice that that front tire is inflated to the motorcycle manufacturer recommendation, not the sidewall. This is the optimal pressure for best braking performance under the load conditions tested by the manufacturer.

Another rule-of-thumb is to increase both front and rear tire pressure by 2 psi for every 100 lb. (up to maximum motorcycle load capacity stated in the owner's manual.) All increases to tire pressures are usually within 4 psi of motorcycle manufacturer recommendation for an unladen motorcycle but never exceed maximum pressure stated on tire.

### **Making life simple**

Check the tire pressure in the morning before a ride. If the ambient temperature is between 50 to 60 degrees; set the psi to motorcycle manufacturers specs for OEM tires. Any variance in conditions usually takes care of its self after that with the exception of extreme load changes and adjustments for rain, snow, dirt, or grass.

### **What if my tires are not OEM?**

Call the Tire manufacturer and say the following:

Hi my name is [that would be you]. I recently bought your [Model] tires for my [make, model, year] and was wondering what the recommended inflation is with an ambient temperature of 50-degrees Fahrenheit and [ x pounds—that's your weight] of load.

After he/she recovers from the shock of your remarkable intelligence, you will have your baseline for making adjustments to tire pressure.

**Thanks to Dunlap and Metzeler for providing technical data.**



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**Birthdays and Anniversaries August**

Weird, we have no recorded birthdays or anniversaries in our chapter for August...




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**Chapter Rides and Events**

**August 19, Sunday:** Law Enforcement Memorial Poker Run, meet at DQ Bluegrass at 11:00 AM and ride to HD of Louisville. Registration 12:00 -

2:00 PM. \$20 per hand proceeds to supporting law enforcement hero's and families

**August 21, Tuesday:** Dessert Ride, Homemade Pie Kitchen, meet at the Pie Kitchen on Bardstown Rd next to McDonalds near Fairgrounds Rd. Same shopping center as Beef O Brady's and newly remodeled Fern Creek McDonalds. Be there at 6:30 PM dessert then ride

**August 30, Thursday:** Dessert Ride to Golden Twist in Hamburg, IN, meet DQ Bluegrass Pkwy at 6:30 PM

September 9, Saturday: Ride to French Lick, we will visit the winery and the new hotel and casino. Meet DQ Bluegrass Pkwy at 11:00 AM

September 16, Sunday: Breakfast ride to Nice Restaurant in New Albany. You don't want to miss the best French toast in the world... Be at the DQ Bluegrass Pkwy at 7:30 AM

September 22, Saturday: Ride to Mammoth Cave Park. We will stop at Chrome Crazy in Park City and have lunch at the Mammoth Cave Hotel in the Park. Meet at 11:00 AM DQ Bluegrass Pkwy and remember Mammoth Cave is in the Central Time Zone so they are an hour behind us.

**District and Regional Rallies and Events**

**August 24 – 26,** Bluegrass Blast will be held at The Center in Somerset Kentucky.



You can check out The Center at: [www.centertech.com](http://www.centertech.com)

under independence. From the hour the Pilgrims landed, to the present day, events, occurrences, and tendencies prove



One of the largest amateur sporting events to come to Kentucky will be here on August 26, 2007. Here is your chance to be part of the excitement. We are looking for GoldWing drivers who have experience riding two up to drive race officials during the 112 mile bicycle leg of the race.

Volunteers will become part of the Ironman staff and receive official staff shirts. For your participation a donation by the World Triathlon Association will be made to your GWRRA chapter.

Be part of something big and make money for our chapter. Contact Jim Rippy at 502-418-2742 by phone or [redrider@gwrrakya.org](mailto:redrider@gwrrakya.org) by email and sign up.



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### Favorite Roads Web site

Check out this web site. It's a compilation of favorite roads all over the U.S. Not only can you read about these roads, but you can add your own to the web site. The URL is [www.motocycleroads.com](http://www.motocycleroads.com) and is available as a link from our own chapter web site. If you haven't been to our chapter web site at [www.gwrrakya.org](http://www.gwrrakya.org) please check that out as well.

