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From the Chapter Director

Our last Chapter A meeting was held on Saturday, November 21, 2009, at Piccadilly's restaurant on Hurstbourne Lane. No new members were present but we had a lot of company. Chapter S and Chapter W were present to capture the Traveling Plaque. Chapter W won the draw *again*. Congratulations Chapter W. We had district staff present as well including Darrell and Terri Webb, the district webmaster, and Kristi Williams, the district treasurer, and her husband John Williams. Welcome. We are glad you all could join us.

Awards for the high mileage contest were distributed. Don and Renee Vier won third place with 10,734 miles. Mike and Mary Trice won second place with 12,811 miles. And Steve Kratzwald and Lani Sweatman won first place with 14,172 miles. Congratulations! And thank you to all who participated. An additional award was won by Jo Ladybug Rippy for first place for the women riders with 4,039 miles. Congratulations Jo.

Nominations for 2010 COY were turned in at the meeting. Six couples were nominated. Two couples declined. Four couples remain at this time. The COY nomination committee will review their applications and make a decision. The 2010 Chapter A Couple of the Year will be announced at the winter party in January, 2010. Thank you everyone for submitting a nomination.

We will not have a chapter meeting in December. Instead we will be having a chili cook off at Mike and Mary Trice's home. See the webpage for details.

Our winter party will be on Saturday, January 16, 2010, at the North Oldham Lions Club (same place as last year). It is on the third Saturday of the month and will take the place of our chapter meeting. The chapter will provide the main entrée, drinks, plates, napkins, and utensils. Help will be needed with the decorations and cleanup. Please bring a dish and we

will be having a gift exchange. The gift exchange is always a lot of fun but please no Christmas items. Please bring a gift you would like to take home yourself.

The ride for Toys for Tots will be Sunday, November 29, 2009. See the webpage for details.

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year everyone.

Ferry and Karen

Rider Education News

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IT IS ALL IN YOUR HEAD

Do you dread having to do a U-turn in a confined space or find yourself “duck-walking” your ‘Wing around? Do you find yourself making lots of small corrections as you go through curves instead of making nice, smooth arcs? Good news! It’s all in your head. No, I don’t mean like that. I mean that most of your control problems are all in your head or more specifically, how you position your head.

The single biggest error that most riders make is their failure to **LOOK WHERE THEY WANT TO GO**. I know that for most of us it has been drilled into our heads since we started walking, “Look where you’re going!” Usually that works pretty well but motorcycle handling is a bit different.

Motorcycles tend to go where you are looking and the failure of riders to smoothly negotiate curves or successfully make U-turns is their failure to turn their heads and focus on their desired destination in the roadway. Most riders when making a U-turn will focus on the roadside or ditch rather than the area much further behind them like the centerline of the roadway. I’ll say it again, motorcycles tend to go where you are looking. If you’re focused on the ditch, guess what? That is where you will go. A GoldWing Top Gun rider I know suggests that the rider should, “Look past their antennas or tail lights.” Another one told me, “Don’t look where you’re GOING; look where you WANT to go.”

Similarly, if the rider does not look as far through the curve as possible, they end up doing what Lee Parks, in his excellent book, TOTAL CONTROL, calls “50 pencing” (the British

50 Pence coin is faceted around its edge), basically converting the curve into a series of short, straight lines. Again, the cure is to TURN YOUR HEAD. Focus your attention as far through the curve as possible (keeping moving your focus as you progress through the curve), maintain a steady or increasing throttle and trust your tires (you do have good tires, don't you?). The majority of riders who crash in a curve (roughly 50%) follow the same process: (1) They fail to slow to an appropriate entry speed (that is a speed that will allow you to accelerate all the way through the curve), (2) They stop looking where they want to go (if they ever were), (3) They start looking where they want to land. One more time; motorcycles go where you look. If you think you're too fast as you enter a curve: (1) Keep looking at (or for) the exit of the curve, (2) Press the handlebar to lean the bike some more, (3) Hold your throttle steady and stay off your brakes, (4) Trust your tires.

If you go back and consider the things I've just talked about, you will see that the solutions to these very common problems are "all in your head." Some of the solution is how you position your head and some is how well you use the contents of your head. Safe riding is much more your eyes and brain rather than hands and feet.

Motorcycling requires considerably more concentration than does automobile driving because motorcycles are less stable and more vulnerable than cars. A pothole that is uncomfortable in a car can cause a motorcyclist to crash. A stone kicked up by a passing car that bounces off a car's windshield can knock a rider completely off their bike. Consequently, a motorcyclist has to be much more aware and focused.

Being a safe, smooth motorcyclist? It's all in your head.

JIM CULP
SC-A, CHAPTER EDUCATOR
MSF RiderCoach

Meet The Chapter: Say "Hello" to Steve and Becky Dineen

Steve "Hot Bikes" Dineen has been involved with motorcycles over 40 years. He owned several motorcycles as a teenager. Steve worked for Honda and Yamaha dealerships as a factory technician and then as a sales manager and on to general management in the mid 70's - mid 80's. He left the industry for awhile but continued riding. In 2000 Steve opened Hot Bikes in St. Matthews. Hot Bikes sold late model sport and touring bikes and sold parts and accessories and had a service team. He moved the store out to Hwy 22 in 2001. It closed in February of 2002.

Steve and Becky have been married almost 17 years. Steve's owned a Kawaski Concourse, a Ducati Monster and now rides an 1100 Honda Goldwing. We are proud of our "antique" Goldwing.

They have a grown son, Stephen, who is on his own plus two sons still at home. Patrick is turning 13years old in January and Christopher is 11years old. Both boys attend Kammerer Middle School. Becky is a self-employed headhunter in the financial services industry. Steve was in customer service at Humana until he was recently downsized back in October. While he's looking for employment he is taking on light service work and tune ups in his garage at home in Coldstream, out Hwy 22 in Northeastern Jefferson County. You can call Steve at 409-6404 or email them at stevehotbikesdineen@yahoo.com or dineenbecky@yahoo.com. If he doesn't answer the email right away, Becky will!

Both are looking forward to meeting more members at upcoming events.
Steve and Becky Dineen

Winterizing and Storing Tips By Steve "Hot Bikes" Dineen

You will be able to see me this Winter on my 1100 Goldwing. You may notice my silver helmet with the calendar girl in a red bathing suit as I pass you like you are standing still in your warm and toasty car. I plan to ride most days that don't start below freezing or have rain/sleet/snow in them! However, I'm in a minority. Since I started out many years ago as a motorcycle mechanic and owned many bikes I have picked up a few tips I'd like to share with you if you are planning on storing your motorcycle through the Winter. You will need something like a Battery Tender and a coolant tester (cheap ball type will do), gas stabilizer, oil and filter.

When the bike is cold perform the following:

- check coolant level with the float tester, add coolant to resevoir tank if needed
- air tires to specs
- check battery fluid level, clean terminals, install leads for Battery Tender
- lube all wire cables

When the bike is warm perform the following:

- change oil and filter
- pour in gas stabilizer and top off gas tank, run the engine for a few minutes to distribute
- connect Battery Tender to leads
- put bike on center stand in area to be stored
- put dust cover over bike

Kentucky District News

The GWRRA Home Office is promoting a member recruitment contest for all chapters within GWRRA during the off season and through next year. The chapter that brings back the most former members and/or new members by December 15, 2009, will receive their charter fee paid for 2010 and each member of the winning chapter will receive a \$10 discount on their Wing Ding registration. Also the chapter that has recruited the most new members by November 1, 2010, will receive their charter fee paid for 2011 and each chapter member will receive 50% off their Wing Ding registration for 2011.

December Celebrations



Birthdays

Lorrie Maxwell
Jan Rasey
Eric Winstead

Anniversaries

Elwood and Shirley Tipton
Don and Renee` Vier
Eric and Missy Winstead

December 2009 Ride Schedule

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1	2	3	4	5
6	7	8	9	10	11	12
13	14	15	16	17	18	19 No chapter meeting. Chili cook off at Mike & Mary's.
20	21	22	23	24 Christmas Eve	25 Christmas Day	26
27	28	29	30	31 New Year's Eve	1 New Year's Day Ride??	

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