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From the Chapter Director

Our last Chapter A meeting was held on Saturday, October 17, 2009, at Piccadilly's restaurant on Hurstbourne Lane. No new members or visitors this meeting but we had a good show rate. We covered the following topics.

Our chapter picnic was last month at Taylorsville Lake State Park. The weather turned out really nice. We had a good turnout. The food was tasty. And the bike games were a lot of fun. Thanks everyone for coming to the picnic and making it such a nice event. Check out the pictures on the webpage.

Chapter shirts are in and available for purchase. Prices are comparable to last year. We have a variety of short-sleeved, long-sleeved, and sweatshirts with our Chapter A logo. Thank you everyone for proudly wearing your GWRRA Chapter A shirts.

High mileage concluded with the October meeting. And the winner of the high mileage contest is The winners will be announced at the November meeting. I will say that for those who participated rode a combined total of 114,720 miles. There will be awards for first, second, and third place among all participants and first place among the women riders.

Rich asked for more information on how individuals are appointed as officers in GWRRA. A conversation then took place about how the last several Chapter Directors came to be chapter directors. We talked about volunteerism within the Chapter. We also talked about Couple of the Year which should include a nomination process. We will be taking nominations for Chapter A 2010 Couple of the Year at the next meeting.

Bruce, our rider educator, talked briefly about watching out for deer and leaves this time of year. Don talked about dealing with a flat tire. If you experience a flat, don't brake. Let up on the throttle and slowly pull over to the side of the road.

Mike and Mary have graciously invited the chapter to their home in early December for a chili cook off. Details including date, time, and directions to follow.

Chapter Z has been established in Somerset, Kentucky. A kick off meeting is planned for Saturday, November 7, 2009. Check out the message board for those who might be willing and/or able to attend.

Our meeting concluded with birthdays, anniversaries, door prizes, and 50/50.

Terry and Karen

Rider Education News

Winter Riding!

By Don Willi

Many of us will venture out and ride our motorcycles throughout the winter months. If you've been riding lately, you have noticed the cooler days coming and it has made you wear warmer clothes. I have been reading material on riding in the winter and I would like to share the following I've learned with you. Here are just a couple of precautions to take while riding this winter.

Prepare your motorcycle

- Most of us have a Windshield, if you don't, please get one. A windshield will keep the severe wind chill factor off of you. If you have one, you may want to raise it up during the winter months.
- Make sure your battery is fully charged. Many motorcycle batteries won't last more than two years. Winter riding puts even more strain on a battery. Use a product like Battery Tender to keep it charged.
- Use proper oil. Check your owner's manual and use the recommended winter oil.
- Check your coolant. Make sure you use the right antifreeze for your bike. Read your manual. Make sure to test your bikes anti-freeze to make sure it is sufficient for the temperatures you expect to ride in.
- Inspect your bike mechanically – brakes, tire pressure, lights etc.
A complete walk around inspection is great to do and will save you from breaking down on the very cold days when you just had to go for a ride.

Prepare yourself

- Riding a motorcycle in the winter can be a great experience. You are covered up much more than in the summer and better protected. Your overall movement is, however, somewhat restricted. Turning one's neck to see traffic on crossroads can be a bit of a challenge. People do not expect to see motorcycles in the winter so you have to be even more careful to make sure you are seen. We must be even more aware of the traffic around us during the winter months.
- Weather and road conditions - Making a decision to ride in the winter requires that you understand the increased risks over summer riding. If you plan to travel any distance from home, check out the weather forecasts over the route you'll be taking. It may be clear at home but icy and snowy elsewhere on your route.
- Clothing - A worthy pair of winter gloves should be a top priority. When you're cold, your body will concentrate on circulating warming blood to the vital organs first and leave your extremities to suffer. But since your hands operate the primary controls on a motorcycle, it's just as crucial to keep them warm and in working order. You need to cover your body and eliminate places where the cold air can easily enter. Dressing in Layers works very well to keep you warm. Thermal underwear – long underwear will work just great and there are products made specifically for motorcyclists like heated clothes.
- Gerbing heated clothes - One usually uses an electric vest and electric gloves. The vest is worn under your jacket. The vest and gloves are interconnected with wires that connect to a thermostat that is wired to your bike.
- Attitude – Make sure you are up to the ride and feeling good about the ride. Stop, think, then act! If you are not totally up to it, don't ride, there's always another day.

Winter riding can be fun, very peaceful, safe and give you something to do during the winter months when you are looking longingly at your bike. Just make sure that both you and your motorcycle are prepared. Happy and safe riding this winter!

Meet The Chapter: no article submitted

Kentucky District News

Please make welcome the new Kentucky District Directors Dave and Jeannie McKenzie from Wittensville, Kentucky. Thank you Dave and Jeannie for taking on this role and responsibilities. We appreciate your willingness to serve as our Kentucky District Directors.

Chapter A received \$20 from the district cookbook sale. Thank you to everyone who bought a cookbook.

Chapter Z in Somerset, Kentucky, is having their kick off meeting on Saturday, November 7, 2009. They also have the Traveling Plaque. It sounds like a road trip to Somerset.

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.

November Celebrations



Birthdays

Liz Broadway
Tom Snow

November 2009 Ride Schedule

| Sunday | Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday | Saturday |
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| 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 | 7 Chapter Z kick off meeting 100 in Somerset, KY |
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