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From the Director's Track

The riding season is off to a slow start with rain, rain and more rain. Hopefully this will soon be behind us and we can do more than the few rides we have gotten in between storms.

June is the official kickoff of the vacation season and there is nothing more fun then taking a *motorcycle vacation*. For those of you who have taken those long trips on your bikes, you know the endless list of preparedness before you start out. Everything on the bike must be checked and then there are the maps...the hotels...the reservations...the time allowed to spend here or there and still make it to all the places you want to see and visit. How many clothes to pack and for what type of weather...and it just goes on.

Renee and I have made many such trips on our Wing. Most trips, fourteen to seventeen days in length and we thought we were well prepared before we left home. Not always so. For those of you who have been around for a few years, you have heard us tell this story. For others, allow us to relay the story once again.

In August of 2003, Renee and I headed for

Springfield Missouri to attend the National Motorcycle Drill Team competition. (Yes it was really great to see and loads of fun.) We left home around midday with the temperature in the 90's and the heat index even higher. Riding, the heat did not seem bad at all and actually it was a very comfortable ride. Even though it didn't feel hot until we stopped for gas or to take a short break we knew we needed to drink extra water so at each stop we did exactly that.

We arrived in a small town around dinner time where we had planned to stay for the night before continuing on to Springfield. We unloaded the things we would need for the night from the trailer, showered, had a nice dinner and were lounging in the hotel room when almost at the exact same moment we both developed severe leg and foot cramps. We are talking painful, severe cramping! It had been hours since we had been on the bike. We had both felt fine, relaxed and then suddenly they hit. Here we are jumping around the room, hopping up and down, trying to walk back and forth, pounding fist into our calves... doing everything we can think of to get these horrible cramps to ease up, all to no avail. With cramping so bad that you want to cry out in pain, I

had to somehow get my feet into a pair of tennis shoes and then walk about a half mile to a mini mart to purchase Gatorade. It took about an hour for the Gatorade to fix our problem. Lesson learned. It takes more than just water. We needed to replenish our electrolytes.

Whether you are planning a motorcycle vacation this summer or on a Chapter ride on a warm day don't forget to carry some kind of sport drink. And drink more once you reach your destination, be it home or a hotel room.

Our next chapter meeting is June 19th. Until then, ride safe, ride often.

Don and Renee

Words of Wisdom

Remember, you get out of a GWRRA chapter only what you put into it...so **be active!**

May High Mileage Winners



Joann



Bev and Tony

May Meeting Highlights

May meeting was also our Chapter picnic. For a change we had nice weather. Great food, fun games, fun day. We chose rides for July and discussed the upcoming Heritage Honda rally/fund raiser which was held over Memorial Day weekend. The **Kentucky Ride In**, held June 25th thru 27th at the Tunnel Road campground was also discussed. For those of you who have never attended, not only will our chapter be represented but a large number of the other Kentucky chapters have members attend as well. If you cannot camp, ride down and enjoy the festivities with fellow members Friday night and/or during the day on Saturday. Bill and Linda will be bringing their corn hole game again this year and we always have fun riding on Saturday and sitting around the campfire at night. There is **no charge** and they have a free dinner on Saturday night. Just bring your own preferred drink. You will have to register so they know how many to expect for Saturday dinner. If you would like to join in the fun, get those registration forms mailed to Jack. There is a link to the forms on the web site under 2010 Rallies and Events – Kentucky Ride In.

Chapter A attended the Heritage Honda Rally/ Fund raiser. It was a fun and interesting day. A radio show carried on Sirius and XM radio interviewed Don concerning Chapter A. They also had a *call in* with Don and he spoke with someone from California asking about Derby City Wing Riders and Heritage Honda. Several Chapter A members won door prizes and **two** of our members won the new *wheel balancers* valued at \$250! Chapter A's fundraising surpassed our expectations. A **huge thank you** to all that and participated.

Reminder

The Kentucky Blast is coming up, August 5th thru 7th. If you get your registration post marked by June 15th, you are automatically entered in a drawing for \$200. Link to the Blast registration form is under 2010 Rallies and Events on the Chapter web site.

Always Good Advice



June Anniversaries



Mike and Carol Reilly

June Birthdays



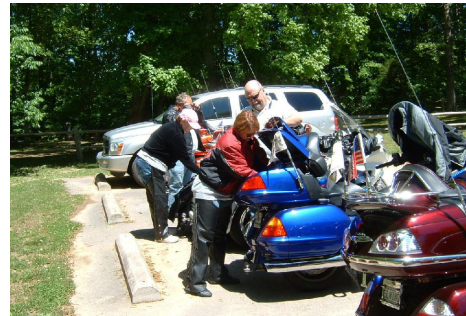
Tony Blunk
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Carol Reilly
Jo Rippy

June Rides

June 2nd – Dessert Ride – Banana Moon
June 6th – Spring Mill
June 12th – Chrome Crazy
June 16th – Dessert Ride – Widow’s Walk
June 20th – Huber’s
June 25th & 26th – Kentucky Ride In
June 30th – Dessert Ride – Homemade Pie and Ice Cream

July Rides

July 10th – Hall’s
July 14th – Dessert Ride – Zestos
July 18th – Jane’s Saddlebag
July 24th – Old Fort Harrod
July 28th – Dessert Ride – Baskin Robbins



From the Educator's Headlights

"A Rare Occasion"

With the technology of today's tubeless tires motorcycle tires are rarely a factor in crashes. However they are a factor. Less than 3 percent of all motorcycle crashes are due to mechanical failure. I could not find a statistic as far as tire failure caused crashes, but it is definitely less than 3 percent. I have stated in previous articles my opinion on tires and their role, no pun intended, on our safety. The only thing between us and the pavement is our tires. The "T" in T-Clock stands for what? That's right....TIRES!!!!

Motorcycle tires are not going to pop or explode like a normal passenger or truck tire. A motorcycle tire is going to loose pressure, usually due to a puncture or faulty valve stem, and depending on the severity of the leak, is going to dictate the challenges that lay ahead in the next several seconds. A slow leak will be detectable in a wobble or "not feeling right" handling characteristic of your bike. If you ever have this sensation pull over and check your equipment, a better safe than sorry cliché can be applied here. If a tire is cut or punctured causing a sudden loss of pressure how will you handle it? I cannot speak from experience on this subject. My opinions and advice come from my reading motorcycle safety articles over the years and stories from my motorcycle riding peers. With that being said, if you have a story and or experience that applies to this months article, please share with me and thanks in advance for doing so.

My advice is as follows:

1. Determine which tire has lost pressure. Chances are that it will be obvious, however, reading this may help calm you in a future ride.
2. Apply no brake if possible. If braking is necessary refer to bullet point 1 and apply brake to the still inflated tire. With our integrated braking

systems on our Wings this is impossible with a rear tire failure so apply as little brake as possible.

3. If the front tire has lost pressure you have lost most of your steering. Try to shift as much weight to the rear tire to regain as much steering as possible.
4. If it is the rear tire that has lost pressure stay in your seat as you are and ride it out as straight up and controlled as possible.
5. Try to guide your bike to a safe spot off the road to assess damage and a repair strategy.

Till next time, keep it safe and enjoy the ride!!!

Bill and Linda

National

Wing Ding 32
June 30th –July 3rd
Iowa Events Center
Des Moines, IA
Registration link:
<http://www.wing-ding.org/>

Kentucky District

The District Traveling Plaque is with Chapter H.
Next meeting is Friday, June 4th
Beef O' Brady's
1637 Midland Trail
Shelbyville, KY
Eat 6 – Meet 7

The COY Duck is with Chapter N.
Next meeting is Friday, June 11th
Vanessa's Heavenly Temptations
119-A S. Main St. Dry Ridge, KY 41035
Eat @ 6:30 PM, Meet @ 7:30

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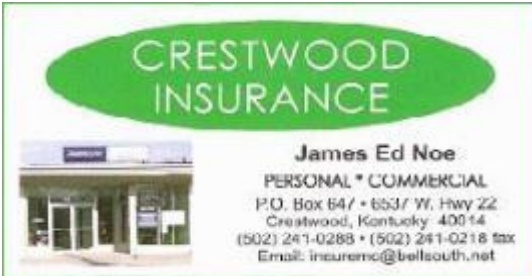


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