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Gathering:

3rd Sunday of the
month

Eat N Park Restaurant
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8:30 Breakfast
10:00 Meeting

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It's Miller Time

By Marty & Karen Miller
Chapter Directors

Can you believe its 2 weeks from Christmas? As I write this it is snowing outside so we should have a white Christmas. We had our annual Christmas party on Sunday at the American Legion in Carnegie and we had a great time. We had tons of Chinese auction items and everyone went home with something. Everyone ate and ate and then we had desert and cookies. Hopefully everyone had a great time and was stuffed when they left. We will be having a meeting this Sunday the 19th at our gathering spot Eat N Park. We announced our 2011 COY Andy and Hilda Lucas. I know they will make a great couple.

It's the time of the year when we will be doing our ride schedule for next year so if you have any wanted or favorite rides please come to the meeting and we will try to get it on the calendar. We will be having our ride meeting at the Eat N Park in Robinson on Monday January 10th at 6:30 pm in one of the rooms we use.

In the interest of safety I would love to have everyone enrolled in at least a level one. Level one is just a commitment to be a safe rider. Andy and I also have some DVD's for you to watch if you are interested. They include trailering and co-rider seminars from years past. If you never seen these you may learn one thing by watching them.

Condolence

go out to Pat Hohn who lost Ed at the end of November. Ed was with the chapter when I joined in 2002. He was a MSF instructor and was a good friend. Condolences also go out to Barb Locke who lost Norm suddenly the day after our last meeting. Norm was a close friend and he will be missed. Norm and Barb had just came back from a cruise with Andy, Hilda, Larry and Pat. I can only imagine what that group was like on that ship. Both of them will be deeply missed.

Sick bay

Howies wife Shirley will be having surgery on her knee this week so prayers go out to her for a speedy recovery.

It's Miller Time Continued

Newsletters

Any newsletter articles can be sent to Suzanne at Suzymomto4@aol.com

State raffle tickets

I have received our state rally tickets and will be distributing the in the future. These tickets will be base on the Big Four number and you have a month of chances to win \$\$\$ and you get two numbers on each ticket. So really one ticket gives you 60 chances to win for \$5. Everyone wanted a state lottery number ticket and our directors listened and gave it to us.



Lucas' Educational Corner

Motorcycle & Accessories Storage

When placing your motorcycle and accessories away for the winter, all clothing should be clean and put on hangers.

Do you have a reflective vest? Do not fold them, but hang them and your jackets on hangers. Do not hang two reflective vests side by side. The material can still together.

Helmet lining may be cleaned with a mild soap and place in a warm place to dry. Check the strap for fraying. If in doubt, due to the fact you have dropped it a couple of times, replace it. Some helmets may be made from petroleum based products. They may deteriorate with time. Some newer helmets are made of composite materials and will be around a lot longer. To get the information about your helmet contact the manufacturer or Snell Foundation if it is Snell approved.

Drain your engine and remove old contaminated oil. Even if you only have 100 miles since your latest change, oil is contaminated with acids and combustion blow by. This is not good for the aluminum case.

In your gas tank add fuel stabilizer and fill the gas to the top so condensation cannot form when there are warm days to cold days.

Do you fill the air in your tires from a (so-called filling station) tire pressure stand? Ever notice how much moisture is in the air line? We have a lot of humidity in our area and the air pump station has a lot in their lines. This results in water inside the tires and no way out. Not a good thing for any wheel made of steel or aluminum. Have a tire dealer fill you tires or your motorcycle dealer. They have water filters on their lines to prevent their air tools from getting water in them.

Lucas' Educational Corner (cont.)

You can make blocking to bring your tires off the ground. The block needs to be about 12 ¼ inches tall. Place it under the motor while the GoldWing is on the center stand. Both tires will be off the floor and no flat spot will occur.

Cover the Wing with a breathable material. With temperature, rising and falling, condensation occurs and that brings moisture. With a light cloth or cotton sheet, the moisture can evaporate and leave the Wing dry.

Battery tender or equivalent helps to keep the battery charged during the storage time. Check the cells and fill to the full level. Check periodically to make certain they stay filled.

Critters – remember to protect everything from those little varmints. I know of a few friends who have had replace the entire wiring for their motorcycles.

Last but not least, remember the first aid kit. Check for items you may have used and replace them. Latex (or non-latex) gloves should be replaces in the spring when you bring the bike back out of storage.

The old saying “ An ounce of prevention is worth a pound of cure.” These are some tips on tucking in the GoldWing, which will help when you are ready to go next year



***January Birthdays and
Anniversaries***

*Larry Meyer January 3rd
Karen Miller January 12th*

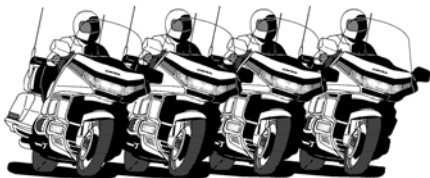
***Happy Birthday
To you both***

***Congratulations
To
Marty & Karen Miller
On the birth of their
Granddaughter***

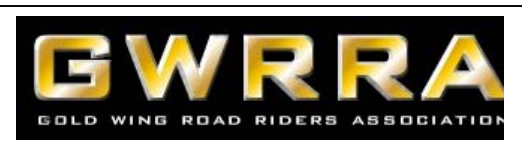
***Mayak Marie
November 1, 2010
8 lbs. 7 oz.
19 inches
12:48pm***

Wing Ding 2011

Wing Ding 33 will be held in Knoxville, TN on July 6-9, 2011. Check the GWRRA home page for details, registration information and housing arrangements (click on the picture of Knoxville).



As you all know by now, next year's **Keystone State Convention** will be held at the **Hotel Carlisle**, in Carlisle, PA. Our theme for the 2011 convention will be the "Hillbillies". The dates have been changed to **September 8, 9, and 10th**. They have been able to secure rooms for the membership for \$69 a night. Please be sure to make your reservations as soon as possible at 1-800-692-7315. Be sure to tell them you are with the Gold Wing Road Riders Association.



Shirley Hoak
has been supplying
centerpieces and other craft
items
to be raffled off with the
full benefits
going to the groups Ride for Kids
donation

At the last meeting in November
The Thanksgiving centerpiece was
won

By Andy and Hilda Lucas

Thanks so much for all that you
have done to help raise funds for
the PBTF.

Humor of The Month

The Farmer

Cletus is passing by Billy Bob's hay barn one day when, through a gap in the door, he sees Billy Bob doing a slow and sensual striptease in front of an old green John Deere.

Buttocks clenched, he performs a slow pirouette and gently slides off first the right strap of his overalls, followed by the left.

He then hunches his shoulders forward and in a classic striptease move, he lets his overalls fall down to his hips revealing a torn and frayed plaid shirt.

Grabbing both sides of his shirt he rips it apart to reveal his stained tee shirt underneath.

With a final flourish he tears the tee shirt from his body and hurls his baseball cap onto a pile of hay.

Having seen enough Cletus rushes in and says, "What the heck are you doing Billy Bob?"

"Jeez, Cletus, ya scared the snot out of me." Says an obviously embarrassed Billy Bob. "But me and the old lady have been having trouble lately in the bedroom department, and the therapist suggested I do something sexy to a tractor."

This article was taken from USA Today

NTSB pushes for stricter motorcycle helmet laws

By [Larry Copeland](#), USA TODAY

The [National Transportation Safety Board](#), the independent federal agency charged with determining the probable cause of transportation accidents and promoting safety, is urging states to enact mandatory helmet laws for all motorcycle riders. More than 12 motorcyclists die in crashes in the USA each day, and the leading cause of death in those fatalities is head injuries, [NTSB](#) Vice Chairman Christopher Hart said Tuesday in urging states without laws covering all riders to adopt them.

Currently, 47 states and the District of Columbia have motorcycle helmet law. However, only 20 states and the District require them for all riders; the other 27 states require helmets only for some riders, usually those under 18, according to the Governors Highway Safety Association, which has studied helmet use extensively. Three states — Illinois, Iowa and New Hampshire — have no helmet law.

Motorcycles comprise just 3% of vehicles on the nation's road but are involved in 13% of fatalities, Hart said. He said helmets that meet federal Department of Transportation regulations are 37% effective in preventing motorcycle fatalities. He said the "novelty helmets" preferred by some riders have less padding against impact and penetration, and are more easily lost in crashes. For years, motorcycle deaths have climbed steadily even as nearly every other category of traffic fatality has declined. However, last year for the first time in 11 years, motorcycle fatalities dropped — a decline that some experts attribute to the economy.

Motorcycle enthusiasts aren't welcoming NTSB's effort. "It's a little alarming and a little disturbing that they would pursue motorcycle helmet laws after an 11-year, record-breaking motorcycle death drop," said Jeff Hennie, vice president of the Washington, D.C.-based Motorcycle Riders Foundation, which has over 250,000 members. "We're making so much progress in the areas of rider education and motorist awareness, to call on the states to adopt motorcycle helmet laws, it seems like a jump in the wrong direction," Hennie said. The trend in recent years has been for states to repeal universal helmet laws, said Jonathan Adkins spokesman for the Governors Highway Safety Association. "The NTSB is extremely well thought-of and very credible," Adkins said. "The fact that they're weighing in on this issue is very helpful, and frankly, very brave. They will take some heat for it. There's really been no positive movement. But there's no argument that motorcycle helmet laws will reduce fatalities."

