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Can you guess who this is?

Friends for Fun, Safety & Knowledge





From the Directors Chair



What a fun Halloween! Georgia and I are joined our daughter, her husband and our 2 grandchild for some fun Sunday evening trick or treating in Nashua. I decided to be different this year and dressed up as a fat old man, oh wait, I don't need to dress up! ☺

As we turn the calendar page, we say a final good-bye to our official 2010 riding season. We were lucky in October; for the most part we had nice weather on Sundays. We had some excellent rides around the region taking in all nature had to offer this time of year. FYI, this is my favorite time of the year with the falls colors and crisp cool weather. Speaking of riding - I have already spent a fair amount of time drafting our 2011 ride schedule next year's schedule guarantees to be very different from any past years. New rides, routes destinations and things to see and do. But please start giving some thought to where you'd like to go and send your ideas along to me.

As I reminded you last month, please be careful riding, the streets are covered with leaves and pine needles. Add some morning frost and/or dew and it's a potentially dangerous combination. Something else to be careful about, some towns have started using a certain kind of paint in their cross-walks that when wet even the slightest, is like ice - very slippery! Ask me how I know.

Some bad news - the Ice Cream rides have come to an end this month but the good news - the breakfast get together start November 7th at Brothers in downtown Wakefield. See our web site for all the details and directions. As I mentioned last month, Georgia and I will miss the first breakfast because we'll be driving back from NH-A's Winter Extravaganza in Gorham, NH.

We'd like to congratulate Tom & Kathy Fallon and Leo McNamara for completing the GWRRA OCP training recently in Saco, ME. Nice job folks!!! I could be wrong but I believe MA Chapter A has had the most chapter members attend the OCP from all of the NE chapters, we have a total of 9.

For those of you looking for something to do in the off season, NH-A is starting their monthly winter season bowling/dinner get-togethers on November 13th at 4:00pm at the Leda bowling lanes in Nashua, NH (Rt 101, exit 7W off Rt 3). After bowling 2 strings (candle pin) everyone walks next door to the Grand Buffet for dinner. They will need a head count to reserve enough lanes so please RSVP to me by November 1st, thank-you. So far we have 7 folks from Chapter A going up including Georgia and I.

It's looking like our Winterfest party will be at Rick's in Billerica again this year on January 22nd. We should have things finalized by the November Chapter meeting.

So until next month, *Kevin*



VETERANS DAY

November 11, 2010

The New England Historical Date Book for November

A little something that reminds us about the wonderful history of our New England states and the people that have shaped that history. Some of it for fun and some with historical merit.

November 9, 1965 – Does this date mean anything to anybody????? It should I bet you remember where you were and what you were doing that very evening! HINT - most likely eating dinner, does that help? NO? Well it was the evening of the great northeast blackout. Caused when a single overloaded power line in Ontario went down.

November 15, 1940 – Sam Waterston of Law and Order fame was born in Cambridge, MA

November 17, 1820 – Capt. Nathaniel Brown Palmer of Stonington, CT is the first American to reach Antarctica.

November 18, 1923 – Alan B Shepard Jr. is born in Derry, NH

November 23, 1984 – Doug Flutie throws the Hail Mary pass to lead BC past the U of Miami

November 25





Rider Education

“Safety is for Life”



RIDER ED 'GIMME 5'

TOPIC: End of Season Cycle Maintenance

Whether the riding season in your area lasts only four or five months, or as long as ten months, most of us will let our motorcycles remain unriden for a long enough period of time that it is best to prepare it for a season of rest.

November typically brings weather throughout the northern tier of states that is not very good for motorcycling. Most parts of this great country of ours experience two or more months of weather that is not considered part of the riding season. The air temperature alone gets cold enough to cause hypothermia without adding the wind chill from sitting atop a motorcycle while blasting down the road at legal speeds – even at 45 mph. And many areas will have snow on the ground before the month is out. Some of you may be cold-blooded enough to prolong the season a few extra weeks, but for most, there is a period each year when your motorcycle becomes a lonesome friend sitting quietly in the garage.

Before you park it for a season of inactivity, this is a great time to get your end of season maintenance done. It is recommended that you change the oil and oil filter to remove contaminants – dirt, deposits, acids and moisture – that can lead to corrosion inside the engine. Other fluid levels should be checked for proper level. If the fluids are due for replacement based on miles ridden since the last change (check your manual and service history), this is a good time to do that and any other maintenance tasks that you may have been putting off.

Your mechanic likely is not very busy at this time of year. He (she) would probably appreciate your visit, too! And you know your bike will be better for it. Then when spring comes next year (it is not that far off, after all!), you'll be ready to go without a visit to the mechanic before planning your next big ride. After you get it back from your mechanic, fill the gas tank and add the appropriate amount of fuel stabilizer (such as Stabil) before parking your Wing. Wash and wax the bike and inflate the tires. The battery should be disconnected from the motorcycle (negative terminal first) and trickle charged at least every 30 days, per your Gold Wing Owner's Manual. (Refer to your battery charger manual for more charging details.) Take good care of your Wing, and your Wing will take good care of you!

Ride Smart & Be Safe!

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Thank You! Enjoy Safe Riding!
Judy & Bob Burns/RI District Directors/MA DD



SCHEDULING & EVENTS

Monthly Meeting



Bertucci's

45 Walkers Brook Road
Reading, MA

Next Meeting:
Tuesday Nov 16th @ 7:00pm
(meeting)

Up-Coming Ride/Events



BREAKFAST's

November 7th ~ Brother's ~
Wakefield, MA

November 21st ~ Deli King ~
Tewksbury, MA



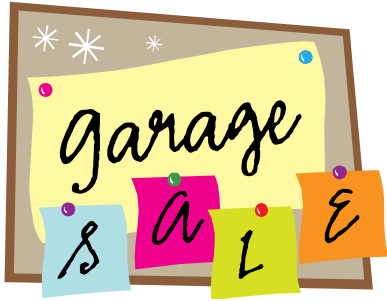
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The LeBlond's

Nov 29th



Sean & Kevin have found a few things in their sheds that he would like to give away, maybe for a small donation to the "Ride for Kids" or something like that.

1-Pair of foam bar grips. 5.5 inches long, one with a 7/16 hole, the other with an 13/16 hole (approximately). Both with Chrome on both ends. Don't know what they would fit.

2-Two Lower Cowls, one for a 1500, color green, but could be painted, brand new, never used, the other from an 1800, basic gray/silver with a few miles on it. Looks very good.

3-A horizontal chrome draw bar with ball. When I sold one of my 1500s, I forgot to put the bar on the hitch.

4-Bushtec trailer spare tire, tire could be replaced, rubber ok as a spare.

New:

2007 ESCAPE ELITE TRAILER

Silver/Titanium. Chrome wheels, Chrome tongue, front bra, spoiler with brake light, garment bag, spare tire. Approximately 11K miles. \$3995.00 firm. Joe (617) 387-3029 or jacjada@verizon.net



Congratulations to October's meeting winners!

<u>Item</u>	<u>Donor</u>	<u>Winner</u>
DD Gift Card	MaryBeth Traynor	Allan Smeltzer
Halloween Cookies	Dottie Wood	Mary Smeltzer
Bertucci's GC	K & G LeBlond	Carol Mahn
Popcorn	Sharon Scofield	PAO
HomeMade Bread	Allan & Mary Smeltzer	Bill d'Entremont
Pumpkin Dish w/Candy	Allan & Mary Smeltzer	Kathy Fallon
Candle	Rich & Dee Davison	Mike Lozzi
Spa Gift	Ed Porawski	Jack Bergeron
DD Gift Card	Bill d'Entremont	Rich Davison
50/50		Tom Fallon
10 free tickets October		Mike Lozzi
Picture Contest - 5 tix	PAO	Mike Lozzi



MODEL	NAME	COLOR	MSRP	Chapter A Pricing
	TPMS	METALLIC BLACK	\$22,899.00	\$ 19,999.00
	AUDIO & COMFORT PKG	METALLIC TITANIUM		
		METALLIC RED		
		PEARL YELLOW		
	TPMS	METALLIC BLACK	\$25,399.00	\$ 22,099.00
	AUDIO & COMFORT PKG	METALLIC TITANIUM		
	XM RADIO & NAV	METALLIC RED		
		PEARL YELLOW		
	TPMS	METALLIC BLACK	\$25,699.00	\$ 23,149.00
	AUDIO & COMFORT PKG	METALLIC TITANIUM		
	XM RADIO & NAV	METALLIC RED		
	ABS	PEARL YELLOW		
	TPMS	METALLIC BLACK	\$27,999.00	\$ 23,999.00
	AUDIO & COMFORT PKG	METALLIC TITANIUM		
	XM RADIO & NAV	METALLIC RED		
	ABS	PEARL YELLOW		
	AIRBAG			