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# **OCTOBER 2013 NEWSLETTER**

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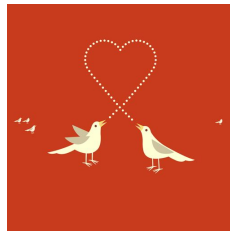
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### **IMPORTANT UPCOMING DATES**

- Oct 9 - Monthly Gathering @ Euclid @ 6PM (dinner)  
followed by meeting at 7PM**
- Oct 19 - Covered Dish Supper @ Brian & Laurie  
O'Brien's home at 6PM**
- Oct 23 - Dinner Ride @ Good Golly's @ 6:30PM**

### **ANNIVERSARIES**

- Oct 16 - Ted & Fran Holz**  
**Oct 30 - Will & Sally Williams**



### **BIRTHDAYS**

- Oct 1 - Sharon Jedra**  
**Oct 2 - Lisa Nickal**  
**Oct 4 - Sally Williams**  
**Oct 11 - Pam Pearson**  
**Oct 14 - John Van Deusen**  
**Oct 19 - Jim Tillotson**  
**Oct 26 - Judi Lotito**  
**Oct 26 - Lind Tillotson**  
**Oct 28 - Duke Barber**





*...to our Chapter Directors.....*

Hi everyone. We are beginning to wind down our riding season. We had our last scheduled ride to the Grape Festival on September 28<sup>th</sup>. Chris and I were not able to participate in this ride and hope that everyone who did had a great time. I am still hoping to get some fall scenic riding in before the bike goes into its winter hibernation.

The Progressive Dinner Ride was held on September 14<sup>th</sup>. Chris and I enjoyed the event very much. Thankfully the weather was good enough to be able to ride on two wheels. We had 14 people attending. Chris and I would like to thank Rick and Pam for the great soup and salad, Keith and Alice for a delicious main course of lasagna, and then Bill and Julie for a wonderful selection of desserts.

The next ride on our Chapter's schedule was the Ride Out, which was held in Lake George on September 20<sup>th</sup> and 21<sup>st</sup>. Sixteen members of our Chapter attended this ride. Rick presented Paul and Suzette Wood, the outgoing District Directors, with our Chapter's thank you gift at the Ride Out. I received an email from Paul and Suzette thanking our Chapter for the generous "retirement" gifts and stating that they meant a lot to them. I understand that all who participated in the Ride Out had a great time.

The dinner ride scheduled for September 25<sup>th</sup> at Twin Trees III went very well. We had 20 people attend. The restaurant was very accommodating, the food was great, and everyone had a good time.

The Christmas Party Committee is meeting this week. We hope to make a decision as to the date and location for this event before the next gathering, which is scheduled for Wednesday, October 9.

Hope to see you all there!

Bob and Chris Makai  
Chapter Directors

 DETOUR

*...to our Assistant Chapter Directors.....*

### **“Another First”**

From September 20th to the 22nd Lisa and I attended our first NY District Ride Out hosted by NY Chapter N in Lake George, NY. This was just another first for Lisa and me this year with NY Chapter D and all of our newfound friends of GWRRA. But first and foremost we would like to give a GREAT BIG thank-you to Chapter N for a job well done!

After a late start on Friday afternoon, we had a terrific ride thru the Adirondacks and arrived in Lake George to a great welcome from members of Chapter D. We unpacked and settled in to our cabin for the evening. Bright and early Saturday morning, with breakfast on board we all gathered at the designated line-up for an organized ride along Lake George, over the “new” Crown Point Bridge into Vermont to Dankin Farms. The weather and the colors of Autumn surrounded us for a beautiful ride. It was inspiring to see so many riders, that two groups had to be organized. Our group alone had twenty two bikes! I must give credit to our Rider Education Trainers and all our GWRRA Ride Captains and Tail Rides because the education and training showed in earnest as we traveled the countryside. It is not an easy task to safely control so many bikes, which stretched at least a mile or more, without the use of law enforcement for traffic control and still look like a precision drill team. Lisa and I were very proud to see such safety and communication within our organization!

The afternoon was equally exciting! As we continued our journey across the Vermont countryside our destination would be the Ticonderoga Ferry! Crossing Lake Champlain on a ferry with 22 plus Goldwings (and a few cars), pulled by a cable was another first! With our safe passage and 155-mile journey complete, we were treated to a spectacular Bar-B-Que, music and raffles. Good food, good fun and good friends! Can a day of great riding end any better?

Well the weekend ended just as it had began! The rain expected for Sunday's ride home petered out during the night Saturday. With the rush of a little cooler air, all we needed for the ride home was an extra layer under our riding jacket and a good breakfast. The breakfast put on by the Elks Club was something just short of a Five-Star gourmet buffet. What a way to end a super “District Ride Out 2013”! Lisa and I will certainly be marking our calendar for 2014. Well done NY Chapter N, well done!

Lisa and I do have to offer one sad note, as we all said a “Good Bye” to Paul and Suzette as NY District Directors. They will be missed! We offer a welcoming smile to our new NY District Directors Steve and Katy Nutting!

Bill and Lisa Nickal  
Assistant Chapter Directors 2013



## *...Chapter Rider Educator....*



# Fall Riding

**W**ell it's getting that time of year when it gets cooler as the sun goes down (much earlier now), leaves are falling and daylight is getting less and less with each day. :(

Thinking about your pre-ride and things you may need to take for your ride, you may want to pack some extra clothing. As we know this time of the year it gets much cooler as the sun goes down. If you don't have an extra shirt or heavier pair of gloves, you could be in for some not-so-fun riding, if the cold sets into your body causing hypothermia.

### **Hypothermia:**

Shivering is your body's automatic defense against cold temperature — an attempt to warm itself. Constant shivering is a key sign of hypothermia. Signs and symptoms of moderate to severe hypothermia include:

- Shivering
- Clumsiness or lack of coordination
- Slurred speech or mumbling
- Stumbling
- Confusion or difficulty thinking
- Poor decision making, such as trying to remove warm clothes
- Drowsiness or very low energy
- Apathy or lack of concern about one's condition
- Progressive loss of consciousness
- Weak pulse
- Slow, shallow breathing

A person with hypothermia usually isn't aware of his or her condition, because the symptoms often begin gradually and because the confused thinking associated with hypothermia, prevents self-awareness.

If you encounter any of these signs and or symptoms, you need to find a place to stop and warm up. If you don't you could end up in the hospital, and your bike in the "body shop" and nobody wants that.

### **Falling leaves:**

While its fun to ride thru leaves on the road - they can be hazardous if they are wet. This condition could be like riding on ice. The wet leaves on the road, or the road with leaves on it, are very, very, slippery. You need to use great caution if you find yourself riding in these

conditions. Slow down, use light braking when coming to a stop, (remember head and eyes up), "Straight Square Squeeze" while braking, left foot down with good footing and in 1st gear with right on the brake.

We have a few weeks of riding left so Ride Safe & Smart. Think about the above and you will enjoy the end of riding season much more. Oh yes, **REMEMBER >>>>>> All The Gear All The Time! Need I say more!!!!**

Ride Safe, Ride Smart

Rick & Pam  
Rider Educators  
Chapter D

Check out this link to GWRRA's Motorist Awareness page:

<http://gwrro.org/regional/ridered/MAD/index.html>



### **Ethanol Gas – Why is it so Bad?**

Why is Ethanol gasoline the so bad in the world of motorcycling? Ethanol is the scourge of owners of motorcycles, boats, and many other gasoline-operated vehicles and implements. **E10 (10% ethanol)** is pretty much the only available gasoline in most of the country now, with a few stations offering ethanol-free gas, at a much more expensive price mind you! And **E15 (15% ethanol)** is coming soon, recently approved by the EPA for 2001 and newer cars - even though the car manufacturers don't want it, and it is not approved for use by any motorcycle manufacturer either. You can thank the ethanol lobby for ethanol fuel!

"E15 won't be a problem - I'll just select my regular E10 on the pump," you may say. Well, there is a problem - the pipes and hose of the fuel pump contain about 3/4 gallon of whatever was last dispensed - and that could be E15. 3/4 gallon isn't much when you're pumping 15 gallons into your car, but when you're only pumping a few gallons into your bike, which doesn't like ethanol to begin with, 3/4 gallon makes a big difference!

So what's the problem with ethanol you ask? The biggest problem is the separation. Like brake fluid, ethanol is **hygroscopic**, which means it bonds very easily to water. If there is moisture in the air (which there always is especially in Central NY), the moisture bonds with the ethanol. The combination of water and ethanol is heavier than gasoline, so it falls to the bottom of the gas tank, where the pickup is. Let your bike sit for any length of time, particularly with a partially full gas tank (because the air space left will contain moisture, and will expand and contract with heat, sucking in more moisture-laden air), and your tank will have a layer of water/ethanol mixture on the bottom. This is called **phase separation**. Guess what gets sucked into your engine the next time you start it? You guessed it, the water/ethanol mixture! It will burn in your engine, but it will burn much leaner and hotter, with the potential for serious



engine damage as a result.

So here is the damage, ethanol is particularly corrosive to plastics, rubber, aluminum and fiberglass when compared to straight gasoline. If you have a vintage bike with a fiberglass tank, and are running E10 gasoline in it, the tank is likely swollen and on its way to failure as the ethanol breaks down the fiberglass. Many bikes have developed leaks and problems from swollen gaskets and failed rubber hoses and seals, all as a result of E10!

When E10 is allowed to sit for a long time (like storage over winter), particularly somewhere where air can get in, like a normal vented gas tank, the volatile portion of the fuel will eventually evaporate. What's left is milky goo. This goo eventually hardens into an amber solid mass, which then cracks into tiny pieces - heading directly into your carburetor to clog jets and cause failures.

Two stroke engines definitely have problems with E10: ethanol breaks down the lubrication provided by the fuel/oil mixture, leading to engine seizures!

So what is the solution? Well, you can check out the web site <http://pure-gas.org> to try to find a gas station near you that sells ethanol-free gas. Hint: many boat marinas sell ethanol-free gas, because with the added moisture in a boating environment, E10 plays havoc with boat engines.

Or...you can make your own ethanol-free gas. Read the excellent article "Removing Ethanol from E10 Fuel" by Dave Searle in the December 2012 issue of [Motorcycle Consumer News](#).

Submitted by Bill Nickal

 ***...to our Membership Enhancement Coordinator...***

As we enter into October, our riding days will dwindle down. We have had some great rides..... either individually or as a group this past riding season. We had some of our newest members join us at our last dinner ride to Twin Trees 3... Scott & Dawn Rempel and also Mike & Betty Goldsworthy. We also enjoyed having some of our newest members join us for our "Grapefest Ride" down to Naples. Joining us were Bob & Valerie Weiss and also Mike & Betty Goldsworthy. It's great seeing these new folks jump right in and take part in our activities. There is life beyond gatherings!!! As new names come my way, I do reach out and invite them to be a part of our family. Don't hesitate to pass along the names of potential members to me OR you can also pass along the link that will direct them to the Free 2 Month Trial Membership: <http://www.gwrra.org/freetrial.html>

I don't need you to remind me of my age.  
I have a bladder to do that for me!  
~ Stephen Fry ~

Thank You!  
Trish Thayer  
Chapter D – MEC



**.....to Member Ads.....**

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