

# GWRRA NEWSLETTER CHAPTER V



2015



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Bob Thill & Barb Sampson



*2016 Couple of the Year*

Glenn and Sue Wegner



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Chapter V meets the third Wednesday of each month. The location of our meeting is the Memorial Park Building, 150 Park St, Freeland, Michigan



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Riding with CD Bob

Happy Thanksgiving, well, it was when I was writing this. The best news for Chapter V, Craig Allen is out of the hospital and attended our November Gathering. Welcome back Craig!

Speaking of recoveries, our 2016 Individual of the year, Otto Schunemann, is recovering nicely from his hip replacement surgery, and promises to be ready for next Spring's riding season. Way to go Otto! (Otto was named individual of the year at our November gathering)

Our Thanksgiving Dinner/ November Gathering was a success. Our thanks go to Dennis and Cassie Lange and Glenn and Sue Wegner for cooking the turkeys, and to all who brought great dishes and desserts.

Chapter Y's mascot Lucky, spent the Thanksgiving weekend with us and will be at our Christmas Gathering. He was joined by Kazoo, V2's outer space mascot, and he too will be at our Christmas Gathering on December 16.

We had a nice canned food donation to hidden Harvest of Saginaw, and for that they were very grateful. Our Christmas donation will be shared with Bay and Saginaw county veterans.

The snow we received didn't last long and a few, I am sure, got in a last ride, either before it happened, or after the snow melted. We did have some nice November riding weather.

We had our first Meet and Eat of the season at Backwoods Bar and Grill, with more to follow. We also have our combined Christmas and Card Party scheduled for December 12 at Dennis and Cassie Lange's. Also coming up is the annual Christmas Eve Breakfast co-sponsored with Chapter V2 at Krysiaks Restaurant in Bay City on December 24<sup>th</sup> at 9am.

Stay tuned for news on Wingless Weekend with the Theme; Mardi Gras. Should be fun.

Remember our motto; "The Chapter that has the Most FUN."

Hope so see all at our upcoming events.



# Welcome to Barbs Page December 2015

**Goodies, Patches, and News you can use current inventory is:**

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**Effective December 2015 Sales and Gift of all chapter items will be listed above and provided at each meeting.**

\*\*\*\*Please inform Barb or Bob, Chapter V CD's or Doug and Rowena, Chapter V ACD's of any chapter function you have attended so your name will be entered in to the drawing at our anniversary party in 2016. \*\*\*\*

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# Winter Storage

Total Motorcycle's 10 Step Guide to Winterizing your motorcycle



## Storing your bike for winter

Well, it's that time of year again! Soon the snow will be falling and the motorcycles will be tucked away for the winter. Some preparation now will ensure that you are out riding in the spring instead of waiting in the dealer's lineup.

### 1. Location - where are you going to put it?



One solution may be to ask your dealer if he [offers](#) a storage program. This is ideal because he will often prep, store, and have the bike ready to ride when you are ready again. If you decide to store it yourself, you will need a place that is dry and out of harm's way.

When possible, choose a location away from windows. The ultraviolet light can fade paint and plastic parts. Direct sunlight can raise the ambient temperature of the storage area which will promote condensation when the sun goes down, so cover plain glass with some sort of opaque material. Also, cover your bike with a specially [designed](#) bike cover not a sheet or a tarp. Why? Because a sheet absorbs moisture and hold it against metal surfaces and then rust forms. Also, damp fabric will breed mildew and this may attack the seat material. A tarp prevents moisture from getting in but it also prevents it from getting out. Moisture trapped will condense on the bike and then the rust monster is back!

A specially designed motorcycle cover is made of a mildew resistant material. The material is slightly porous, so it can breathe.



### 2. Change The Oil

*Tip: Just like [cars](#) a colder winter grade oil will allow your bike to start easier in colder weather. If your motorcycle runs ok with a cold winter grade oil (5w30) then changing the oil to this grade will help startup and running in spring.*

Even if the oil is not due for a change, byproducts of combustion produce acids in the oil which will harm the inner metal surfaces. Warm the engine to its normal operating temperature, as warm oil drains much faster and more completely.

While you are at it, why not change the filter too? Add fresh motorcycle grade oil. Remember to dispose of the drained oil and old filter in a responsible manner. What to do with the old oil? Recycle it. Most stores you have [purchased](#) the oil from will take it back free of charge to be recycled.



### 3. Add Fuel Stabilizer And Drain Carbs

*Tip: You only need to drain the carbs if your motorcycle will be stored more than 4 months. Otherwise just add fuel stabilizer to the gas tank, run the bike for 10 minutes so it mixes and gets into the carbs.*

Fill the tank with fresh fuel, but do not overfill. The correct level is when the fuel just touches the bottom of the filler neck. This gives enough room for the fuel to expand without overflowing the tank when temperature rises.

Shut off the fuel petcock and drain the carburetors and the fuel lines. Add winterizing fuel conditioner to prevent the fuel from going stale, and help prevent moisture accumulation. Stale fuel occurs when aromatics (the lighter additives) evaporate leaving a thicker, sour smelling liquid. If left long enough, it will turn into a gum, plugging the jets and passages inside your carbs!



### 4. Lube the cylinder(s)

*Tip: You only need to do this if your motorcycle will be stored a very long time (6 months or more)*

Because gasoline is an excellent solvent and the oil scraper ring has done its job, most of the oil from the cylinder walls have been removed since the last time the engine was run. If the cylinder wall is left unprotected for a long period of time, it will rust and cause premature piston and ring wear. Remove the spark plugs and pour a tablespoon (5 cc) of clean engine oil or spray fogging oil into each cylinder. Be sure to switch off the fuel before you crank the engine or else you may refill the drained carbs! Also, ground the ignition leads to prevent sparks igniting any fuel residue. Turn the engine over several revolutions to spread the oil around and then reinstall the plugs. Refitting the plugs before cranking the engine could result in a hydraulic lock if too much oil was used in the cylinder.

## 5. Battery Storage

The battery must be removed from the motorcycle when it is in storage. Motorcycles often have a small current drain even when the ignition is switched off (dark current), and a discharged battery will sulfate and no longer be able to sustain a charge.

A conventional battery should be checked for electrolyte level. Add distilled water to any of the cells that are low and then charge the battery.

Battery charging should be performed at least every two weeks using a charger that has an output of 10% of the battery ampere hour rating. For example if the battery has an AH rating of 12 (e.g. 12N12A-4A-1 where the 12A is 12 amp hours), then the charge rate of that battery should not exceed 1.2 amps. A higher charge will cause the battery to overheat. Charge the battery away from open flame or sparks as the gas (hydrogen) given off a battery can be explosive. Elevate the battery and keep it from freezing. Exercise the proper caution appropriate to caustic substances.



## 6. Surface Preparation

Waxing and polishing the motorcycle might seem like a waste of time since you are putting it away and no one will see it. But applying wax is a very important part of storing a motorcycle. Wax will act as a barrier against rust and moisture.

Don't forget to spray any other metal surfaces (such as the frame or engine) with a very light spray of WD-40. This will keep these areas shiny and protect from corrosion as well.

## 7. Exhaust and Mufflers

Exhausts/Mufflers are known to rust fast when they are not used. So making sure they are properly stored for the winter on your bike will save them from an early rusty death. Spray a light oil (such as WD40) into the muffler ends and drain holes. Lightly stick a plastic bag ([shopping](#) bag is fine) into the end of each muffler hole (to keep moisture from getting inside the exhaust). Then cover each muffler with another plastic bag to keep outside moisture off.



## 8. Tires

Check both front and rear tires with your air pressure gauge. Make sure each tire is properly inflated to the maximum recommend pressure. As it gets colder, air condenses in your tire so it is important to pump them up as to keep your tires healthy. Rubber is a flexible material and does not like to freeze (it cracks when it freezes). Placing 1/4"-1/2" piece of cardboard or wood board under each tire will help keep the rubber raised up from a freezing floor.

DO NOT use a tire dressing on tires (such as Armor-All or tire cleaning foam) as this will make the tires hard and slippery.

## 9. [Service](#) all fluids



If the brake or clutch fluids haven't been changed in the last two years or 18,000 km (11,000 [miles](#)), do it now. The fluids used in these systems are "hygroscopic" which means that they absorb moisture. The contaminated fluid will cause corrosion inside the systems which may give problems when the motorcycle is used next spring. Be sure to use the correct fluids and note the warnings and instructions in the service manual. If you don't have the experience to service these systems, contact your dealer, he will be happy to assist you.

If your motorcycle is liquid cooled, the coolant requires changing every two years or 24,000 kms (15,000 miles). Make sure that the engine is cool enough to rest your hand on it before draining the system and please dispose of the coolant responsibly. Coolant/antifreeze is available from your dealer and has been developed to provide the correct [protection](#) for your motorcycle engine. Mixed 50/50 with distilled water will ensure a clean system for the next two years or 24,000 kms (15,000 miles).

## 10. Cover it.

Now you can cover the bike with the cycle cover and look forward to the first warm day of spring.







# Chapter V Monthly Snapshot

## December 2015

Happy Birthday Bob Thill

When - Sunday December 6, 2015

### Team (Staff) Meeting

When - Monday - December 7

Where - to be determined

Happy Anniversary Dick and Ginger Arthur

When - Wednesday December 9, 2015

Happy Birthday JoAnn Luenberger

When - Thursday December 10, 2015

Happy Birthday Val Mutchler- Sweterlitsch

When - Thursday December 10, 2015

Happy Anniversary Kim and Sandy Barger

When - Thursday December 10, 2015

Happy Anniversary Chris and Pam Coughlin

When - Friday December 11, 2015

### Chapter V Christmas/Card Party

When - Saturday December 12, 2015 @ 6PM

Description - Chapter V's combined Christmas/Card Party, held at Dennis and Cassie Lange's house. Please bring a dish to pass, and a gift valued at \$10, marked M for man and W for women.

### Chapter V Gathering

When - Wednesday December 16 at 6PM.

Description - Chapter V Christmas Dinner Gathering. Begins at 6PM, Gathering at 7PM. Please bring a dish to pass. Sue Wegner will provide the meat. We meet at the Titabawassee township Park Memorial Building at 150 Park St. Freeland, Mi. Chapter V will provide the meat for the dinner.

### Meet and Eat

When - Sunday December 20, 2015 @3PM

Where - China Palace Midland, Mi. Join us for a get together for a nice meal and conversation.

Happy Birthday Kathy Marshall

When - Monday December 21

### Christmas Eve Breakfast

When - Thursday December 24 at 9AM at Krysiak's restaurant, Bay City, Mi. 9AM. Join us as we celebrate Christmas with Chapter V2. Please bring a perishable food item to be given to Veteran's Food Pantry of Bay and Saginaw Counties. Chapter V's share of the 50/50 drawing will also be given to the Veteran's food Pantry.

### Merry Christmas

When - Friday December 25. Chapter V wishes all a very Merry Christmas. Have a safe holiday. Enjoy family and friends.

Happy Birthday Sandy Barger

When - Saturday December 26, 2015

Happy Birthday Glenn Wegner (according to Sue -my wonderful husband)

When - Wednesday December 30, 2015

Happy Birthday Colleen Badour

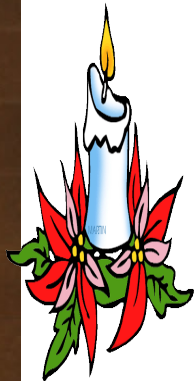
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Happy Birthday Renee Allen

When - Thursday December 31, 2015

Happy New Year to all From Chapter V

When - January 1, 2016





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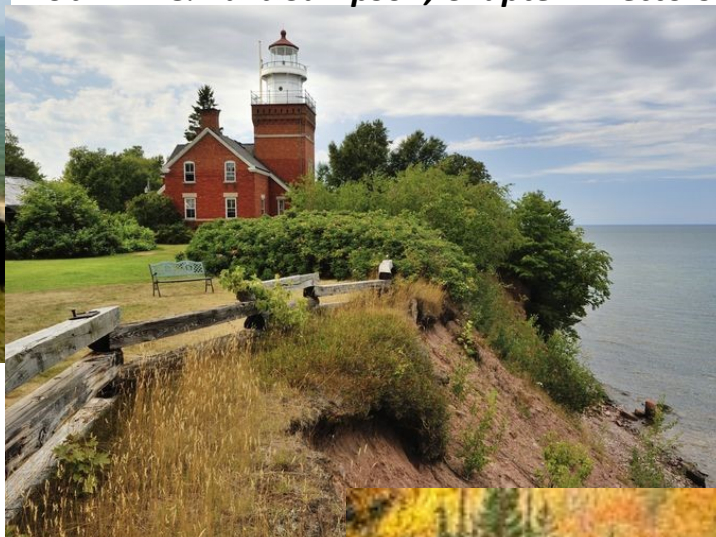
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Otto Schunemann



This is some of the beauty that is our state. While the snow flies and our motorcycles rest, let's look forward to some of the places we may want to visit next season. Our ride coordinator and the road captains are anxious to lead you to some of the beautiful views our state has to offer, let's help them with this

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*For unto you is born this day in the city of David a Savior, which is Christ the Lord*



From Bob and Barb to all the friends and members of Chapter V:

*Merry Christmas and a very Blessed  
New Year*