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# **NOVEMBER 2011 NEWSLETTER**

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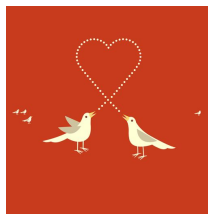
### **IMPORTANT UPCOMING DATES**

**Nov 9 - Monthly Gathering @ Euclid Hotel; Dinner @  
6PM (optional); Gathering @ 7PM**

**Nov 12 - Tour Committee Meeting; 4:00PM at Van  
Deusen's home**

**Nov 17 - Dinner Ride to Port Byron Diner; 6:30PM**

**Dec 8 - Chapter D Christmas Party; Euclid Restaurant;  
6:00PM**



### **ANNIVERSARIES**

**Nov 18 - Brian & Laurie O'Brien**

**Nov 19 - Al & Linda Yerdon**



### **BIRTHDAYS**

**Nov 9 - Allen Boynton**

**Nov 13 - Lorraine Lawton**

**Nov 21 - Janet Morey**

**Nov 23 - Shirley Hammond**

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

The Christmas Party will soon be approaching. We have included the particulars in an ad that appears below. We will need to determine an accurate count of attendees for the Euclid. If you plan on attending the Christmas Party and will be at the November gathering, you can make payment then. If not, please send payment as indicated in the ad. This event is always a great time and a good way to close out the year for our Chapter.

GWRRRA NY Chapter D Christmas Party  
Thursday, December 8, 2011 @ Euclid Restaurant 6:00PM

Price of \$12.00 per person includes:  
Fried Chicken, Roast Beef, Au Gratin Potatoes, Bake Ziti, Chef Salad, Rolls and  
Butter, Coffee, Tea

Entertainment: Dr. Paul

Please Bring:  
One dozen of your favorite Christmas Cookies and/or a food pantry item  
Chinese Auction Gift Item \$20.00 max limit (men bring men's gift, women bring  
women's gift)

Make Payment To: Jim Tillotson  
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(If you use the mail, please indicate who you are paying for)

Laurie O'Brien has advised us that the chapter shirts have arrived. She would like to get these distributed to those that requested them as soon as possible. Please bring payment to the November gathering. Pricing is listed below in her article.

We recently had our first Ride Committee meeting to plan for 2012. Some very good suggestions were made and we will continue to work on these as well as any new suggestions that anyone may have. Of particular significance due to the time frame, it has been suggested that we have a "Game Night" during the Winter months (most likely in January). This game night would include either board games, cards, or electronic games such as Wii bowling. Is there anyone that would like to host this event? Also suggested is an event similar to the one held last year in February at the Chittenango Fire House that would combine a Rider Ed activity with some kind of meal. John Van Deusen has again volunteered to arrange for use of the fire house and to help plan a Rider Ed activity. Also of interest, the Pennsylvania Convention will be held in September in Gettysburg. This is a great place to visit and the trip could be combined with a stop at Bill's Bike Barn in Bloomsburg, PA. We look forward to

hearing your ideas and hope that you will consider volunteering to plan a ride and/or attend the next Ride Committee on November 12th.

A few items from the District and National:

- OCP (Officer Certification) class will be held in Berwick, PA Nov 12 & 13.
- “Winter Thing” in Maryland will be Jan 26-29 at the Clarion Resort in Ocean City, MD
- The Lake George Ride Out sponsored by NY-N had 120 attendees this year.

We look forward to seeing you at the Gathering next Wednesday!

Bill & Julie Spencer

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

It is beginning to look a lot like riding season is over. I am still hoping for a warm spell so I can get a fall ride in. Now I start to plan what I will do to my bike this year. I have some maintenance on my forks and maybe new brakes. I hope it will keep me busy through the long winter. I am going to try to keep my self in good shape by keeping active. We all need to think about keeping ourselves in shape and healthy. It is important that we keep in shape for the next riding season. Remember there is our Christmas party and Winter Thing 2012 still to come.

Bob Makai

 ***...to our Pins, Patches, Shirts, and, Hats Director...***

2011 Pricing for Chapter Shirts recently ordered and received: (Please pay Laurie as follows)

<u>Dark Burgundy Polos</u>	<u>Blue T Shirts</u>		<u>Ladies Blue Polo</u>
S-XL \$21.00	Short Sleeve	Long Sleeve	\$27.00
2XL \$23.00	S-XL \$ 9.50	S-XL \$15.00	(Being discontinued)
3XL \$25.00	2XL \$11.00	2XL \$16.00	
Tall \$2.00 more	3XL \$12.00	3XL \$17.50	

Laurie O'Brien

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*...to our Chapter Technical Director...*

## Taking Care of Your Apparel

A bit of TLC and elbow grease that you put into the care of your riding gear will not only extend its life but will keep it maintained to provide you with maximum protection. Now is the perfect time to get all of your riding gear cleaned and ready for next season. Make sure before you begin to clean everything that you read all the manufacturer's labels.

We will take it from the top and work down.

### 1) Helmet

- a. Exterior – wipe down the outer shell with mild soap and water and dry with a soft cloth. To remove minor scuffs and scratches, you can try using a fine rubbing compound. You can then use a clear coat wax on your helmet for a final, glossy shine.
- b. Interior – Time to address all the sweaty days of summer that have built up on the liner. The salts and oils in perspiration will break down the foam padding inside your helmet if you don't occasionally wash them out. Hand wash interior foam padding with mild soap and warm water. Rinse with cold water, then let dry. Do not use heat to dry the padding as it may distort the shape of the foam. During the season in between washings, you can spray in "Helmet Fresh". Spray it in, blot, and let air dry. This intermittent treatment will kill mold and bacteria that can cause helmet odors.
- c. Vent System - Most helmets have vent systems to allow air flow. These can over time become plugged with bugs and debris. Clean out the vents with a small brush, remove internal padding, and use compressed air to finish cleaning the vents.
- d. Face Shields - Use plain old soap and water, then dry with a soft cloth. If you notice any fine scratches on the shield, you can try using a plastic polish to remove them.
- e. Moving Parts – Periodically check to see if you have any loose screws. Helmets with lifting visors or face shields or flip-front helmets should have the screws checked at the pivot mechanisms.
- f. Retention System – Periodically check the chin strap. Look for fraying or broken stitching that could cause the strap to fail in an accident.
- g. Spare Helmet – Make sure that everything that is done to your best helmet is also done to your backup helmet.
- h. Storage – It is suggested that you store your helmet in a helmet bag away from heat and moisture where it cannot get banged around.

### 2) Leather Jacket & Chaps

Proper leather care is very important in order to prolong the life of your leathers. Leathers are made from animal hides and as such will deteriorate if not properly treated for decay. Leather cleaning and conditioning is needed to replenish the leather's oils lost during every day wear and exposure to the elements. These oils lubricate the fibers to keep your leathers soft and supple.

- a. Cleaning the Leather - The leather needs to be cleaned. This can be done with a PH balanced cleaner. Apply the cleaner on a damp cloth and scrub down the entire outside of the jacket and chaps. Be sure to pay attention to the stitching. Once washed, wipe down with a damp cloth, wipe dry and let air dry.
- b. Conditioning the Leather - There are many conditioners that come in spray form, pastes, creams, liquids and oils.
  - LANOLIN - Softens leather but is greasy and easily rubs off the surface.
  - MINK OIL – Excellent conditioner and water repellent but can turn light colored leather dark.
  - PURE NEAT’S-FOOT OIL - Make sure you do not use the NEAT’s foot oil compound. This compound contains thinners made of petroleum products.
  - BEE’S WAX – A natural water repellent but can clog the pores, trapping in dirt and moisture.
  - PINE PITCH – A natural water repellent. Silicone is a water repellent but can discolor the natural oils in leather. This is also electrostatic so it will attract dust and dirt.

Whatever conditioner you choose, make sure you read the labels first. Apply the conditioner with a clean cloth and gently work into the leather. If the leather is extra dry, wait 30 minutes, then apply a second coat. Let set for 30 minutes and buff leather with a clean cloth.

Your leather riding gear should be conditioned 3 to 4 times a season. Once finished with treatment, hang up the gear but do not store in plastic or a non-porous cover. Have chaps folded inside out and hang on a heavy plastic hanger.

### **3) Textile Jackets & Pants**

The materials in these clothes now makes it easier to care for them.

- a. You may dry clean your jacket and pants but this can only be done with “P” dry clean. The P stands for percoethylene which is a special agent for synthetic material.
- b. For most cleaning, machine washing is acceptable. Close all zippers, remove all liners, check all pockets for forgotten objects and remove all armor. Machine wash, warm water, regular cycle, mild detergent. Do not use bleach or fabric softeners as these will break down the integral waterproofing. Once washed, you will occasionally need to reapply the Durable Water Repellent product. You want a DWR product that has a fluoropolymer water repellent in it, such as Granger’s Superproof, Scotchgard, Reviving or Techtron. Do not use silicone or an oil-based product.

### **4) Mesh Pants & Jackets**

These new materials and vent systems have been a lifesaver with the summer heat. Unfortunately, they can absorb odors and become pretty ripe.

The best way to care for these is:

- a) Remove all armor and liners and check all pockets.
- b) Close all zippers, check for rips, bad seams or broken snaps.

- c) Set washer on gentle cycle.
- d) Wash with mild detergent.
- e) Dry by hanging in well ventilated area. DO NOT DRY in a dryer.

## 5) Smooth Leather Motorcycle Boots

Caring for your boots is a three-part process: Cleaning, Conditioning and Waterproofing

- a) Cleaning – Remove laces, liners and removable insoles. Apply a small amount of cleaner to a damp cloth and work into the boots. Apply cleaner to brush and scrub between the sole and leather upper. Also use the brush to get around any buckles, lace hooks and gussets. Once cleaned, wipe down with a damp cloth, then a dry cloth and let air dry.
- b) Conditioning – Apply leather conditioner with a clean, dry cloth and allow to soak in over 30 minutes. Remember to apply to the tongue. Wipe off excess after 30 minutes.
- c) Waterproofing – This is needed for obvious reasons. A water-based waterproofing or water repellent product should be more than adequate. A few brand names of these products are Aquaseal Cream, Wixwax Aqueous Boot Wax and Granger's Conditioning Cream with Fluorochemical.

If you would like a bit of shine on your boots as well as waterproofing, then use products with beeswax or mink oil. When water no longer beads up on your boots, it is time to reapply.

## 6) Waterproof Touring Boots

Many of the new touring boots are treated with a permanent polyurethane coating. No treatment needed.

## 7) Motorcycle Gloves

- a) Cleaning an all smooth leather glove: Put the gloves on and rub your hands together and get in the web spaces. Wipe with a damp cloth, then a dry cloth. Allow to air dry.
- b) Conditioning - Place the gloves on again and apply the conditioner to the gloves like you are washing your hands. Let soak in a few minutes, then wipe off excess with a dry cloth.

Gloves made of textile and leather can be tricky to wash since many leather dyes run when they get wet and will stain the textile material.

If the dyes don't run on your leather/textile dirty gloves then go ahead and handwash them. Pat out excess water and let air dry, don't wring out the gloves. Once dry, apply a light coat of leather conditioner to the leather parts. If you think the dyes will run, then wipe down with damp cloth on textile parts and leather cleaner to leather parts. Let all areas dry, then apply light coat of leather conditioner.

I hope this answers all questions you might have concerning care of your riding gear. Work on this in late fall and you will be ready to go in the spring time.

*Written by William Downey, Tech Advisor*

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*...to our Rider Ed Directors...*

## Preparing for Winter Weather

As we progress from Fall to Winter, we need to switch gears and direct our attention to preparing ourselves and vehicles for winter. Starting off, never warm up your vehicle in an enclosed area. Remember, as we have seen in the news lately, carbon monoxide is a silent killer. Like your motorcycle, it is just as important to check your tire pressure. Never mix radial tires with other types of tires. Keep your fuel tank at least 1/2 full. If possible avoid using your emergency brake in cold, rainy, snowy weather. You may find that it can freeze up on you. Keep up on your oil changes, replace your windshield wipers if they are leaving streaks, keep your windshield washer fluid topped off and lubricate your locks and hinges. How old is your battery? Cold weather puts a drain on older batteries. If you bought a 36 month battery and it's over 36 months, chances are you are going to need a new battery. Have emergency items stowed in your vehicle like gloves, hats, blanket, road flares, snow shovel, a small bag of rock salt or kitty litter, nonperishable food items, and flash light with extra batteries. They could come in handy, should you become stuck.

Going on a trip? Watch the weather reports. Bring along extra food, water and medications in case you become snow bound. Make sure your cellular phone is fully charged and you have all your emergency phone numbers. If you become snow bound stay with your vehicle. It provides you with shelter and it will be easier for rescuers to locate you. Don't walk out into the storm or over exert yourself. Attaching a bright colored item on your antenna or cloth rolled up into your window signals a car in distress. Make sure your exhaust pipe stays clear of ice and snow. A blocked exhaust pipe can back up carbon monoxide into your vehicle. If possible, run your engine as little as possible, just enough to get the chill out. To help keep warm, use whatever is available, such as newspaper and floor mats for extra insulation.

We live in an area where the snow can fly for the greater part of 5 months. Take the time to get your vehicle and yourself fitted for winter. P.S. Don't forget to grab your Gold Book off your bike before putting it away.

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