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Motorcycle Winter Storage Tips Posted on October 17, 2011

Although I never want to admit it to myself, there comes a time for us northerners to put our bikes away when the roads freeze and the snow flies. Below are some tips to keep your ride comfy for the winter and ready to roll come springtime!

- 1) Check your bike over. It's time to give your bike a good once over and see if there are any mechanical issues that need addressing, like loose bolts, frayed wires and broken spokes.
 - 2) Add fuel stabilizer to the fuel tank. Fill up the gas tank completely. This prevents condensation from introducing water to your fuel tank. Start the engine and let it run for a few minutes. If your bike has a carburetor, shut off the petcock and drain the fuel from the carburetor bowls.
 - 3) Change the oil and filter. Don't let your bearings sit in dirty, contaminated oil all winter!
 - 4) Fog the cylinders. Engine fogger is a spray that coats and protects the cylinder walls. Follow the instructions on the can.
- chain should be cleaned and lubed at this time. You may also wish to polish any aluminum and stainless surfaces. Treat any leather.



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- 5) Check the battery and clean the terminals. Remove the battery from the bike and connect it to a tender or maintenance charger. This will keep it on a constant low charge and will be ready to go for spring.
- 6) Check all other fluid levels. Lube suspension, pivot points, cables and drive shaft.
- 7) Wash your bike and wax to protect the finish. Dry it completely. The chain should be cleaned and lubed at this time. You may also wish to polish any aluminum and stainless surfaces. Treat any leather.
- 8) Storage space. The best places for storage are those that are heated and well-ventilated. If you are storing your bike on a concrete surface, it's best to place carpeting or cardboard underneath. Avoid storage spaces near furnaces or freezers, as Ozone can deteriorate rubber.
- 9) Cover your bike and secure it a locked area. Cover your bike with a breathable dust cover
- 10) Don't be tempted to run your bike during storage. If you start your bike you can never get it hot enough to keep condensation out of the oil. To achieve operating temperature you would have to get your bike out on the highway for an hour...probably won't happen with 10" of snow on the ground. Plus, you'll have to refof your cylinders! Wiley

Taken from West End Motorsports Blog

CONGRATULATIONS TO WILD BILL!

ANOTHER NEW GRANDBABY!

PRESIDENTIAL RAMBLINGS Of Gene Hoover

Well we had a blast with GWT on the color tour, another 712 miles on the darksider tire and I think it handles better and better all the time! Oh that 712 miles was in 3 days of riding and Beth was on her super Suzuki all the way! We also got a sneak peak at Don and Gwen's home away from home. Thanks you guys. We are into election time so lets put our heads together and plan for better year next year. We need ideas from the membership as where to go/what to do to create more fun for the group.

VICE PRESIDENT'S THOUGHTS of Rodney Chapin (Moose)

Notes From The V.P

The color tour was great, we ended up going with the GWTA. That's group Beth's parents belongs to as no one called Don about going to his ride. We had a great time, took us a lot of miles to get to Gaylord and the motel. Don took us on a good ride on Saturday. Seen a lighthouse and he even took us to a huge pit, and his & Gwen's cabin. We all had a great time. We had our meeting last night. Gene was a no show so I took over the meeting. Not too many members were there but we did get some nominations for officers for next year, sure Erika will put them in her report. Hope to see everyone soon.

Rodney



History of Veterans Day

In 1919, President Woodrow Wilson proclaimed November 11 as Armistice Day to remind Americans of the tragedies of war. The fighting in World War I had ended a year earlier, at 11 A.M., November 11, 1918 (the eleventh hour of the eleventh day of the eleventh month).

Two years later on Armistice Day, an unknown American World War I soldier was buried at Arlington National Cemetery in Washington, D.C., in the Tomb of the Unknowns. Thousands of people came to watch the elaborate ceremonies that took place. Similar ceremonies had taken place the previous year in England and France: an unknown English soldier was buried in Westminster Abbey in London, and an unknown French soldier was buried at the Arc de Triomphe in Paris.

In 1926, Congress passed a resolution calling for the observance of Armistice Day in schools, churches, and other suitable places. Twelve years later the day was designated as a national holiday. In 1939, a year after Armistice Day became a national holiday, World War II broke out in Europe. The start of this war ended the idealistic hopes that World War I was “the war to end all wars.” Over four hundred thousand American troops died in World War II.

After the Korean War (1950–1953), during which over 36,000 Americans died, Congress considered making Armistice Day a day to commemorate veterans of all wars, not only those who served in World War I. In 1954, President Eisenhower signed a bill proclaiming the holiday a remembrance of all wars and changing its name to Veterans Day.

A law passed in 1968 moved the Veterans Day celebration to the fourth Monday in October. However, the original date, November 11, was historically significant to many Americans, and ten years later the observation of Veterans Day returned to its original date.

In 1958, two more unidentified American soldiers were laid to rest next to the unknown soldier of World War I. One of the soldiers was killed in World War II, and the other in the Korean War. In 1984, a fourth unknown serviceman was added to the tomb. He had died in the Vietnam War. However, in 1998, the identity of the Vietnam War soldier was discovered through DNA testing, and his remains were returned to his family. The crypt reserved for the unknown soldier from the Vietnam War is now empty.

Veterans Day celebrations include parades and speeches held in towns and cities throughout the United States. The focal point for national ceremonies, however, continues to be the Tomb of the Unknowns in Arlington National Cemetery and the amphitheater surrounding it. Every year, special services begin at 11 A.M. with two minutes of silence. After the playing of “Taps,” the president places a wreath at the tomb. A color guard procession and several speeches, one of them usually by the president, follow it. Approximately 5,000 people attend the ceremony annually.



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Mid – Michigan Riders Motorcycle Club

Meeting Minutes for October 19, 2011

Meeting was called to order at 6:31 PM by Vice-President Rodney Chapin

Club Officers Present:

Vice President Rodney Chapin
Secretary Erika McKenzie
Treasurer Beth Hoover
Sgt At Arms Don Fuller
Road Captain Bill McKenzie
Historian Nancy Chapin

Members in Attendance:

Robert Loucks
Gwen Fuller
Norbert

Vice-President thanked everyone for coming.

SECRETARY'S REPORT:

Motion to accept was made by Bob Loucks
Seconded by Don Fuller
Motion passed with a Unanimous vote

TREASURER'S REPORT:

Treasurer Beth Hoover stated no changes since last month with the addition of 50/50 from last month's meeting

Motion to accept was made by Don Fuller
Seconded by William McKenzie
Motion passed with a unanimous vote.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Prepared by Secretary Erika McKenzie

Christmas Committee: Beth stated she, Gene and Deb would get together to discuss and advise next month.

Membership Committee: Nothing to report.

OLD BUSINESS: No one made any suggestions for Old Business.

NEW BUSINESS:

• Nominations for Club Officers:

President: Gene Hoover & Bob Loucks

Vice President: Don Fuller

Secretary: Gwen Fuller

Treasurer: Beth Hoover

Sergeant at Arms: Rodney Chapin

Road Captain: Gene Hoover

• Rodney asked if the Newsletter Editor could be an elected position. Norb pointed out that it needed to be written into the by-laws for it to become an elected position. Per the current By-Laws, the Newsletter Editor and Historian are appointed by the President.

• Nancy brought up the mailbox as a concern. Who is responsible for picking up the mail? Norb made a motion to table until new officers are in place. Don Fuller Seconded the motion. 8 yes to table, 1 no to discuss now. Motion carries.

Break for Dinner by Vice-President Chapin at 6:48 PM

Call to Order: 7:20 PM by Vice-President Chapin

OTHER BUSINESS:

50/50 Drawing: Raised \$26.00. The winning ticket # was: 785912 Winning Ticket holder: Rodney Chapin

Incentive Drawing: \$10.00 – Rodney Chapin

Motion to adjourn made by Don Fuller

Seconded by Erika McKenzie

Motion passed with a unanimous vote.

Meeting adjourned at 7:29 PM by Vice - President Rodney Chapin

NOVEMBER ACTIVITIES

16 General Meeting
6:30 Piazzano's

DECEMBER

3 Christmas Party

EDITOR'S OPINION

by Terri Sweet

Hoping everybody is still finding time to get some riding in. I know it is getting chilly so put on some extra clothes and get out there.

I wanted to let everyone know that the December newsletter will be my last. I am taking a step back from some of the things I do but then I add a couple more.

I appreciate the opportunity to do this newsletter and it has been fun but I am finding it harder and harder to fit it in with everything else. So I am hoping the Newsletter Editor position will be passed on to someone that has more time to provide the members with a better newsletter.



FOR SALE:

1 women's snow pant, very warm \$50

These pants zip down the sides
cost about \$150 new.

Contact Nancy Chapin

TREASURER'S REPORT

by Beth Hoover

Well the season is about over, not sure how many more days we will have nice enough to ride, but we had a beautiful weekend for the color tour, wish more members could have gone. We had a really good time even though Gene and I had to put our little Faith down just before we left.

Ride safe and stay warm!

Beth

MID MICHIGAN RIDERS, TEN YEARS AGO

by Nancy Chapin,
Historian

Bits & Pieces From The November 2001 Rider Chatter

We had a great color tour as always. The last ride of the year is the color tour and 2001 was a good ride. All kinds of weather (there was sun) (we had rain a lot of rain) and(cool autumn temperature more like cold) also some breezes (more like heavy wind) We had a gourmet dinner in the lobby of the motel and after our dinner we went to the the Little River Casino where we had 1 big winner and he even bought breakfast for the group the next morning/ It was a nice color tour. At the November meeting we had our elections so we had new officers for the 2002 year.

New officers were (Pres Mark Lerner) (V.P Rodney Chapin) (Sect Sharron Wolfe)

(Treasurer Joe Thurby) (Road Captain Norb Mankiewicz) and (Sgt At Arms Don Fuller) .

We had our Breakfast & Dinner set for the winter months and the Christmas party was coming soon .

Bits & Pieces From our November 1991 Newsletter

We had a busy October/ Dinner rides. a weekend color tour led by Howard Sweet and a one day color tour led by Dennis & Cherrie Norton that they put together. They were both good rides. The weekend was a bit chilly but there were 5 bikes and 1 car and on the Sunday ride we had 7 bikes and warmer weather. Our first summer long tour was winding down. 1991 was a good riding year

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