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FROM THE DIRECTORS CHAIR

Hi:

We are now halfway through January. So far, so good on the weather. I know a few of you have ridden your bikes. I, for one, am keeping my fingers crossed for continued decent weather.

We just had the End of Year Party this past Saturday. I thank everyone for coming. It was nice to visit, have good food, win a few prizes and do a little dancing. You can check dunelandhog.com (gallery) for all the pictures. Please feel free to download any you may want to print or keep on your computer and the posed photo's that Chris took will be able to be printed up to an 8 x 10 size.



Our high mileage winners were Ken Bunton with 18,725 miles; Linda Klumb with 19,789 miles. They each won a \$50 chrome card from Valpo Harley. Low mileage went to Francis Rooney with 185 miles and Eileen Wayte with 2,628 miles. They won a \$5 gas card to get them started for next year. Chuck Hansen won our membership award and a \$50 chrome card while Ginny Driscoll won the director award. With this she gets a beautiful plaque and a \$50 chrome card. Sheila Tucker won a \$20 chrome card because she was the first to mention the 'visitor' to our Matie's photo. Congratulations to all of these winners as well as the winners in our raffle. Chris and Sheila Tucker put together some amazing packages.

Upcoming events include the LOH meeting on January 17th, the next dinner ride on the 18th and we will have to let you know where that will be. Our next social is February 1st and the International Motorcycle Show at the Rosemont Horizon is on Sunday February 12th. We will be getting an email out about it to find out who wants to go and drive. A nooner comes up on Valentine's Day and a dinner ride on the 15th (TBD). For all the up-to-date information go to dunelandhog.com (events).

We hope to see you at some or all of these upcoming events. This is the time of year that getting out of the house to spend time with friends is good for your sanity!

Take care, Linda (Life is good!)

Don't forget that the chapter is picking up the tab for one of the monthly socials this spring.

ASST. DIRECTOR

Hello Everyone!!!!!!!!!!!!!!

I know we are all hoping this great weather lasts and turns into riding time soon.

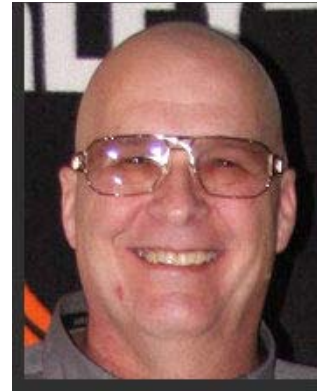
I am sure we all are looking forward to a great riding season. We are going to be working on trying to get more club participation in many of the club events.

As in any group or organization without help and people to come and join in, club events are not as much fun.

Please give us [The Board] any and all suggestions you may have. WE NEED ALL OF US!!!!!!!!!!!!!!

Ideas for a spring breakout party and ride would be nice. As always ride safe and this is a good time of the year to get that set of wheels ready.

Les Your Assistant Director



FROM THE SECRETARIAL POOL

FIVE RULES FOR MEN TO FOLLOW TO A HAPPY LIFE:

1. It's important to have a woman who helps at home, cooks from time to time, cleans up, and has a job.
2. It's important to have a woman who can make you laugh.
3. It's important to have a woman who you can trust, and doesn't lie to you.
4. It's important to have a woman who is good in bed, and likes to be with you.
5. It's very, very important that these four women do not know each other.



SAFETY

How to: Winterize your bike by Michael Ross

Winter is fast approaching and if you live in a frigid climate it's time to store your bike for the season. In storing your bike for a few months over the winter, your main concern is to avoid corrosion while in storage and the goal is to have a bike that is ready to go when you are.

The most crucial areas in need of protection are the piston rings, cylinder walls, and valve seats. The enemy here is moisture, which can enter the engine from any of a number of places and cause serious damage. Since it's not really practical to try and close up all of the possible areas of entry, we will concentrate on moisture proofing instead.

The first step is to warm-up the engine. This drives off any moisture that may have accumulated already and it makes it easier to get a good coating of oil in each cylinder. Turn the bike off and remove the spark plugs. Then, using a turkey baster, suck up 25cc's of engine oil and squirt the oil into each plug hole. Turn the engine over by hand (put it in top gear and turn the rear wheel) with the plugs still out to coat the cylinder walls, piston rings and valve seats. Then replace the plugs and drain the existing crankcase oil.

Next, fill the crankcase with fresh oil. I suggest you retain the old filter and plan on dropping this oil come Spring, but if you decide to use this oil after the thaw, you will want to change the filter now. The hard part of prepping your bike is now done and you can breathe a little easier knowing that moisture will not rust the piston rings to the cylinder wall. I just over hauled an engine that had been left unattended for a year and the cylinder wall was so badly pitted with rust that it had to be bored out 1 mm before I got down to good metal. Likewise the valve seats were a mess and I had to replace the head.

But we aren't out of the woods yet.

The next step is to protect the inside of the fuel tank from rusting. Fill the tank to the top with fuel that has been treated with a fuel stabilizer. I have had good luck with a product called Sta-Bil, which you can get at any marine supply store, but any type will do. You also want to drain the float bowls by unscrewing the small screw on the carb float bowl. Any fuel left in the bowls for more than two months will turn into a jet-clogging sludge that will cost you a carb overhaul to remove. If you have a fuel injected bike then you can skip this step and move on to the next.

Because batteries self-discharge, it is necessary to keep it charged up when the bike is stored. The best way to care for your stored battery is to hook a Super Smart Battery Tender to it. The Battery Tender is one of the latest generation of "smart chargers." It will maintain the charge in your battery without any other attention from you for years. The battery can also be left in the bike. If the posts on your battery are corroded, now would be a good time to remove the battery bolts and clean them up. A little grease on the threads of the bolts will keep them corrosion free all season. Make sure you top off the electrolyte with water if your bike does not a maintenance free battery.

Get the bike, the rear of the bike anyway, off the ground. If you're lucky and your bike has a center stand, use it. Wipe all the bird doo-doo off and give the chrome the once over with a coat of polish to keep it from pitting. Wax the tank and squirt some rubber protector on the rubber parts to keep them from drying out. Make sure you wipe any smashed bugs off your fork tubes before you throw a tarp over the whole thing.

If you live where it gets really cold then you should make sure your coolant has enough anti-freeze in it to keep the system from freezing. It's easy to check the coolant with a hydrometer that is made specifically for this purpose. Bikes don't have freeze plugs like cars, and a cracked cylinder head is a very ugly sight indeed.

That's about it. If you live in an area where rodents will crawl up the tailpipe looking for a place to nest, there are rubber plugs available that you can buy to keep them out. They are made for dirt bikes, but will fit any street bike. Also, when you're ready to bring your bike out storage, you might consider changing the brake fluid. It can pick up water from the atmosphere and it's a good idea to change it annually any way.

If you have performed all of the above steps you can be sure that the bike you store for the winter will start and run perfectly come spring.

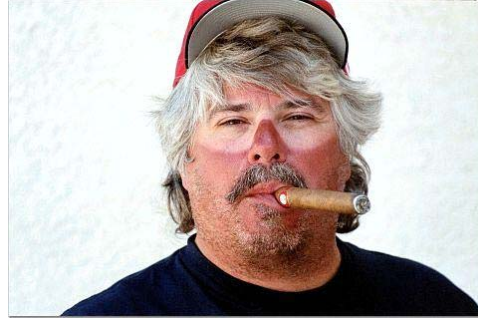


Mike Ross is a roadracer, writer and instructor at the Motorcycle Mechanics Institute. His columns will be appearing in the Superbike garage each month.

EDITOR

Welcome to 2012. I love global climate change, it's January and I've already have a couple hundred miles under my belt.

As I write this I'm 100 days from leaving for Nevada, I'm sure the time will fly by as we plan chapter events with our all our friends.



Join us for the Nooners on the 2nd and 4th Tuesdays of the month, and for our dinner rides on the 3rd Wednesday. Bring us your ideas of where you would like to go for future rides.

We welcome all suggestions, this is YOUR chapter, lets us know what you would like to do.



Bob & Brian Wright
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Bob & Brian Wright, Ride Like a Pro Indiana, are offering a Duneland Hog class at a special rate. They haven't set their summer schedule yet but wanted to send this offer for our consideration as we plan the summer rides and events.

Their normal charge per rider is \$156.00 per class, the odd \$6.00 covers their insurance cost per rider. They would like to offer the chapter, for members only, a group rate of \$106.00 per rider for one class this summer with the date to be determined after they set their schedule. They will be scheduling a minimum of two classes per month beginning in May and ending in October. In order to do the group rate they would require a minimum of 6 riders and limit the class to 10, possibly 12 riders at the max.

This class is more intense than the ABATE ERC and they guarantee that everyone will leave a better rider than when they started. Let one of the officers know if you would be interested and maybe we can set a class up for this summer.

LADIES OF HARLEY

To all LOH & Duneland Hog Members,

A note about the family we adopted for Christmas. The family was overjoyed! They were not expecting all the gifts and toys that were donated. The club raised \$747. We were able to get the kids new coats, and new clothes. A Wii game was purchased for the whole family to enjoy.

I want to thank everyone that donated all the other items that we took to the family. A Christmas Tree and lights, knitted hats, gloves, and scarf's. Carpet, couch, tv hutch, tv, futon, also many other household items and clothing. A big hug to all the stocking stuffers, Thank-you.

Also a LOH hug to those who helped deliver everything on the two Saturdays before Christmas.

They had the tree up and glowing waiting for gifts. The kids came running outside barefoot to help carry in the presents and put them under the tree. The kids were jumping up and down trying to find out which gift was theirs. It brought a tear to my eye as we drove away.

My little elf Arlean was there to the end helping to wrap presents.

Thank-you, Thank-you, Thank-you for helping a very needy family have a MERRY CHRISTMAS!!!!!!

Marsha LOH Officer



STUFF FOR SALE



FOR SALE: Parts off my 2008 electra glide police bike. 1 pr. Saddlebags \$300; Touring seat (excellent cond.) \$150; set of Harley guard rail bags \$50. Linda Esserman 926-1286

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CALENDAR



Reoccurring events:

Saturday: Breakfast at Broadway Café at 9 am Pickup ride from Dealer after.

UPCOMING EVENTS:

JANUARY 10	TUESDAY NOONER QUAKER STEAK AND LUBE
JANUARY 17	LOH MEETING
JANUARY 18	DINNER RIDE
JANUARY 24	TUESDAY NOONER
FEBRUARY 1	MONTHLY SOCIAL
FEBRUARY 10-12	INTERNATIONAL MOTORCYCLE SHOW, ROSEMONT
FEBRUARY 14	TUESDAY NOONER
MARCH 9 - 18	DAYTONA BIKE WEEK
MARCH 28 - APRIL 1	ARIZONA BIKE WEEK (SCOTSDALE)
APRIL 25 - 29	LAUGHLIN (NV) RIVER RUN
MAY 2 - 6	THUNDER BEACH SPRING RALLY (PANAMA CITY, FL)
MAY 11 - 20	MYRTLE BEACH BIKE WEEK
AUGUST 6 -12	STURGIS MOTORCYCLE RALLY
SEPTEMBER 27 - 30	LAS VEGAS BIKEFEST
OCTOBER 18 - 21	BIKETOBERFEST





RAY IS ON THE ROAD AGAIN

Ray Ojeda is now retired and traveling for the winter. He is sending updates on his travels that I thought everyone might like to read. The following is from Ray dated 12-19-2011



Let the sun shine!

Well I made it to southern Florida where the temps are in the 70's most of the time. The opportunity to golf has been fantastic. I am staying with my friends Gary and Michelle, they have been very gracious hosts. I am now beginning to tire of living from the trailer and feel the need for a stable household. So I am searching for a vacation rental somewhere in this area. I have placed the trailer in storage area temporarily.

I did enjoy the chance to golf where our golf idols play (TPC Sawgrass) and experience what they do. It is pure obscene opulence but it was fun.

I have had the Harley out a few times visiting places like Madison and St Augustine both beautiful areas. Seeing the calmness of the Atlantic ocean with it's quite sea breeze is quite relaxing. My next journey will be on the Harley to the Keys to experience the Jimmy Buffet lifestyle.

I hate myself for rubbing in the life in paradise to all of my friends that are watching glistening snowflakes fall through the freezing gray clouds. Sorry!

Love you all

HAPPY NEW YEAR



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