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Coordinator:

Michel Dozois

Ride for Dad

Liaison:

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Mid-winter Potluck

Dinner:

Jean & Sylvie

Chaisson

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Editor's Note



After a successful season it is time to hibernate for the winter. If anyone is planning any southern rides, please send along pictures for our next edition.

Birthdays

Happy Birthday



December 6: Mark Popov
December 17: Robert Godin
January 8: Mark Bornais
January 23: David Rogers
January 29: Susan Young

Announcement



The site is up and running. Please visit us at:

www.bmwmcottawa.ca

Contact the webmaster at: mdozois@rogers.com

Tire Survey / Information



Courtesy of email from Don Dobson:

What tires i.e. manufacturer and model do you have on your bike?

- Metzler ME88's
- Metzeler ME880
- Metzler ME880

What other tires have you tried? Would you try them again?

- NONE
- Bridgestone. No

Where do you buy your tires?

- Motor Sport World and Moto International.(at the Mtl Show)
- Moto Internationale at the Montreal Motorcycle Show

What is the cost / price for tires e.g. front, rear? Installation?

- Can't remember.
- Installation at MSW is about \$35.00 and at Goodtime is about \$50
- MSW seem to have pretty good prices for a local dealer

What is your expected wear / life from your preferred tire?

- Not Sure
- life of the tires is directly related to how well the pressures are maintained. average wear would be 18-20k front and 16-18k rear. Tire pressure should be: front 38-40 psi: and rear 40-46 psi depending on load.

Expect to be getting up to 30K front and 20K rear.

New Executives

Your new executives are:

- President -- Don Dobson
- Vice President -- Raymond Pelletier
- Treasurer -- Larry Clements
- Membership -- Ginette Easey

Directors:

- Andre Gareau
- Patti Griffin
- France Latreille (Regalia)

Immediate Past President and Ride Captain:

- Michel Dozois

Volunteers:

- Jean & Sylvia Chaisson -- February Potluck
- Jill Martin & Lori Reith -- August Picnic

Picnic Pics 05



Just for Laughs

Borrowed from the Harley email digest:

Top Ten Reasons Why Harley Riders Don't Wave Back

10. Afraid it will invalidate warranty.
9. Leather and studs make it too heavy to raise arm.
8. Refuse to wave to anyone whose bike is already paid for.
7. Afraid to let go of handlebars because they might vibrate off.
6. Rushing wind would blow scabs off the new tattoos.
5. Angry because just took out second mortgage to pay luxury tax on new Harley.
4. Just discovered the fine print in owner's manual and realized H-D is partially owned by Honda.
3. Can't tell if other riders are waving or just reaching to cover their ears like everyone else.
2. Remembers the last time a Harley rider waved back, he impaled his hand on spiked helmet.
1. They're too tired from spending hours polishing all that chrome to lift their arms.

Top Ten Reasons Why Gold Wing Riders Don't Wave Back

10. Wasn't sure whether other rider was waving or making an obscene gesture.
9. Afraid might get frostbite if hand is removed from heated grip.
8. Has arthritis and the past 400 miles have made it difficult to raise arm.
7. Reflection from etched windshield momentarily blinded him.
6. The espresso machine just finished.
5. Was actually asleep when other rider waved.
4. Was in a three-way conference call with stockbroker and accessories dealer.
3. Was distracted by odd shaped blip on radar screen.
2. Was simultaneously adjusting the air suspension, seat height, programmable CD player, seat temperature and satellite navigation system.
1. Couldn't find the "auto wave back" button on dashboard.

Top 10 Reasons Sportbikers Don't Wave back:

10. They have not been riding long enough to know they're supposed to.
9. They're going too fast to have time enough to register the movement and respond.
8. You weren't wearing bright enough gear.
7. If they stick their arm out going that fast they'll rip it out of the socket.
6. They're too occupied with trying to get rid of their chicken strips.
5. They look way too cool with both hands on the bars or they don't want to unbalance themselves while standing on the tank.
4. Their skin tight-Kevlar- ballistic- nylon-kangaroo- leather suits prevent any position other than fetal.
3. Raising an arm allows bugs into the armholes of their tank tops.
2. It's too hard to do one-handed stoppies.
1. They were too busy slipping their flip-flop back on.

Top Ten Reasons Why BMW Riders Don't Wave Back

10. New Aerostich suit too stiff to raise arm.
9. Removing a hand from the bars is considered "bad form."
8. Your bike isn't weird enough looking to justify acknowledgement.
7. Too sore from an 800-mile day on a stock "comfort" seat.
6. Too busy programming the GPS, monitoring radar, listening to ipod, XM, or talking on the cell phone.
5. He's an Iron Butt rider and you're not!.
4. Wires from Gerbings is too short.
3. You're not riding the "right kind" of BMW.
2. You haven't been properly introduced.
1. Afraid it will be misinterpreted as a friendly gesture.

And with that parting shot, see you in the spring. We're hitting the road for 6 months!! :)