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OUR NEW CHAPTER DIRECTORS

It is with the greatest of pleasure that I welcome Susan and Ron Kolodij as our new Chapter Directors. I know they will be a great asset to our Chapter. They will be assisted by Carol and James Scobie as Assistant Chapter Directors who have a little experience in that area. Andy Campbell has agreed to stay on as treasurer; Arthur Smith will continue maintaining our web site as

Webmaster and Toni Gumbinger will continue as Chapter Educator while we welcome Michel Lavoie who has agreed to be Assistant Chapter Educator. Good Luck to all our new Chapter Officers.



It took some effort to get our new CDs cleaned up for the job but they're looking good now.

THANK YOU MEMBERS

Janet and I would like to thank all members of the Chapter who have supported us over the last two years. You were there for the

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Christmas Parties. You were there for the Chili Nights. You were especially there for our 25th Anniversary Celebrations and you were there any other time we needed you.

Thank You!

I would especially like to thank the Assistant Chapter Directors Pat & Paul and Sue & Ron who were always there to help on all occasions as was Arthur, our Webmaster, Andy our Treasurer and Toni our Chapter Educator.

Thank You!

Our congratulations go to Pat and Paul Taylor the new Assistant District Directors for Eastern Ontario.



I sure hope we can get them cleaned up for the job.

AS WE BEGIN OUR NEXT 25 YEARS

As I reflect on 25 years of existence for this Chapter it's hard not to wonder what the next 25 years will bring. Will the Chapter still be in existence? Will the Goldwing, as we know it, still be manufactured?

As many of you know the 2010 model year will be the last year of manufacture in the USA. The 2011 model will be built in a brand new state of the art facility in Japan. Will that be good or bad? Depends on what you read and whom you talk to. The original 1975 1000cc Goldwing was built in Japan with very few issues. It was not until May 1981 that US manufacturing started with the 1100cc Goldwing. The reliability

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of these motorcycles has been consistent over the whole spectrum with certain model years having minor recalls and defects that were always fixable. The most recent that comes to mind was the frame recall for the 2002-2004 1800s of which mine was included. Is this something that may have contributed to moving production to Japan? I'm not sure but my bike continued to run great up until I traded it with over 88,000 kilometers on the odometer. I'm sure the new owner will put many more kilometers on with few problems.

It is my hope that the Chapter will be in existence for a long time to come regardless of motorcycle brand affiliation. After all it is the people who make up the Chapter and the brand of motorcycle they ride is irrelevant. Most people who ride Goldwings have switched from another brand and some may switch back to a previous brand, which is fine because we are all individuals with our own likes and dislikes. The one thing we all have in common is our love of motorcycling and the open road. We always greet a member by name at our events regardless of what vehicle carried them there.

COFFEE RIDE AND MEETS

This year we changed our meet and greet to coffee rides and meets and had them on a weekly basis. We will be looking for feedback and suggestions as to keep this format or revert to the previous or do something completely different. It's your Chapter so let your Directors know.

DECEMBER WING NIGHT

Again this year Danielle & Gerry Lecavalier have generously offered an alternative to going to a restaurant for the December Wing Night.....

They have invited everyone to their house in Hammond for the 3rd annual **pot-luck supper**, on **Saturday, December 27th**.

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Arrival Time: Anytime after 4:00 p.m.

Supper: 6:00 p.m.

Address: 3085 Bouvier Rd. (Between Russell & DuGolf), Hammond

Please call or email if you need directions

Phone # (613) 487-9655

Email: d_g_lecavalier@hotmail.com

(during the week only)

Please bring a 'hot dish', and folding chairs if you have one or two, lawn chairs don't work well at the table. A caesar salad will be provided. The chapter will provide a cake, soft drinks, coffee, and tea. **BYOB.**

Gerry will have a huge bonfire going outside again this year. Marshmallow toasting was one of the highlights last year.

Please RSVP to either [Danielle & Gerry](#), or [Keith & Janet](#), if possible, by Monday, December 22. Sounds like it will be another great year-end party.....hope to see you all there.



Having fun at the Christmas Party!

JOKE CORNER

RED SKELTON'S RECIPE FOR THE PERFECT MARRIAGE

1. Two times a week, we go to a nice restaurant, have a little beverage, good food and companion-ship. She goes on Tuesdays, I go on Fridays.

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2. We also sleep in separate beds. Hers is in California and mine is in Texas.

3. I take my wife everywhere... But she keeps finding her way back.

4. I asked my wife where she wanted to go for our anniversary. "Somewhere I haven't been in a long time!", she said. So I suggested the kitchen.

5. We always hold hands. If I let go, she shops.

6. She has an electric blender, electric toaster and electric bread maker. She said "There are too many gadgets and no place to sit down!" So I bought her an electric chair.

7. My wife told me the car wasn't running well because there was water in the carburetor. I asked where the car was; she told me "In the lake."

8. She got a mudpack and looked great for two days. Then the mud fell off.

9. She ran after the garbage truck, yelling "Am I too late for the garbage?".... The driver said "No, jump in!"

10. Remember: Marriage is the number one cause of divorce.

11. I married Miss Right. I just didn't know her first name was Always.

12. I haven't spoken to my wife in 18 months. I don't like to interrupt her.

13. The last fight was my fault though. My wife asked "What's on the TV?" I said 'Dust!'

Can't you just hear him say all of these? I love it.....this is the good old days when humor didn't have to start with a four letter word... just clean and simple fun.

REGION K RENDEZVOUS 2009

[Rendezvous 2009](#) will be held in Belleville, Ontario, Canada from Friday, July 24 to Saturday, July 25, 2009. Planning is tentative, but it is expected that a welcome reception will be held on Thursday evening, July 23 and a departure breakfast may be held on Sunday, July 26.

For further information, please contact our co-chairs:

[Paul & Sheila Haller or Terry Archbold](#)
Rendezvous 2009 is hosted by [Chapter ON-Q - Quinte](#) in Belleville and Prince Edward County.

CHAPTER SAFETY CORNER



Toni Gumbinger – Chapter Educator

Understand Your Suspension Adjustments.

This tip, and all of our tips-of-the-week, are general principles provided for your consideration. They are not hard and fast rules that should be applied without thinking in all circumstances. Always use your judgment and take all current safety factors into account while riding.

What's The Problem?

(Note: This tip applies to modern bikes only; collectors of vintage bikes will know what suspension capabilities they have - often none.)

Many riders ignore one of their bike's important components - the suspension. Suspension performance can be the cause of and the solution to a variety of problems. The more obvious signs of a suspension

problem include:

*Loss of traction related to road conditions;
Loss of traction when turning;
Difficulty holding line in curves; tendency to turn wide; and
Excessive tendency to lock wheels when braking.*

Potentially more serious than the above, but less obviously related to suspension problems, are:

A rough ride, where every minor bump on the road sends a jarring impact through the bike and into your body;

An overly-soft ride, where the bike seems to float up and down like a roller coaster car as it passes over road imperfections;

Excessive springiness, where the bike feels like a pogo stick, oscillating up and down without end; and

Major changes in the above suspension performance when carrying a passenger or a heavy load.

Introduction to Suspension

Your suspension consists of two principal components, the front and the rear shocks and springs. Usually, preload and damping are adjusted by separate controls located on or near the rear shock absorber. Your owner's manual will specify the location of the controls, and it will contain a table of suggested setting values for various combinations of rider's weight and preferred ride firmness.

Front Suspension

On many modern sports and touring bikes the front suspension is also adjustable. On many older bikes, and many cruisers, it is not. (We are speaking of suspension adjustments *you* can make. All bikes' front suspensions can be adjusted at the shop by changing the springs or fork oil.)

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Again, read your owner's manual. Adjustable front suspensions are often controlled by twin bolts where the front forks protrude upward through the handlebar mount.

Conclusion

Take the time to read your owner's manual about your suspension. Chances are, some adjustments are available, and are preset to an average rider whose weight and riding style is different than yours. Experiment with other settings, changing only one setting at a time, and by a small amount at a time, until you find the combination that feels right for you.

BIRTH AND ANNIVERSARY DATES

We send out our best wishes to all those members and their partners that have had a birthday or anniversary throughout the year that we failed to mention. Some of you are still not on the list. Send in your dates to Pat at pugly@rogers.com

For December we missed a birthday for Deb Campbell on the 3rd and Bob and Linda Hadley celebrated their Anniversary on the 4th - sorry we missed you.

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A few birthdays coming up: on the 21st Roch and Rainer, Steve S. on the 26th and Toni on the 28th.

Pat and Paul will be celebrating their anniversary on the 29th

Best wishes to everyone.

WING DING 2009

The Gold Wing Road Riders Association (GWRRA) is pleased to announce its 31st annual [Wing Ding](#) will be in Tulsa Oklahoma, next year. The international convention opens Thursday, July 2, and runs through Sunday, July 5, 2009, at Tulsa's Expo Square. Wing Ding is the world's largest convention of owners of Honda Gold Wing and Valkyrie motorcycles. A previous visit to Tulsa was held in 1991. More than 10,000 Gold Wing motorcycle owners and riders are expected to attend Wing Ding 31, which could generate between \$10-15 million in direct economic impact to the area. Visit GWRRA's websites: www.gwrra.org and www.wing-ding.org or call (800) 843-9460 or (623) 581-2500 (in Phoenix) for more information.



[Advance, discounted tickets](#) for the International Motorcycle Supershow in Toronto are available online at the Supershow's website. Also, a [discount coupon](#) is available for visitors all day Friday and on Saturday evening.