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Well I hope everyone had a wonderful Thanksgiving. Wishing all our American family and friends a Happy Thanksgiving in November. All of us in Canada enjoy the U.S.A. Thanksgiving, as there are numerous sales to be found.

As the low temperatures are coming, most of us have begun to put our bikes away for the season. Ensure you check out the different ways to store your bike so you will have no issues next year.



Next month is the last month for the Chapter Challenge. The winning Chapter will be announced in December and will be reimbursed their Chapter Charter Fees.

Till next month, I hope you all have a safe and FUN Halloween.

Don't forget regularly check the CCD website and Facebook at <http://www.ccdistrict.ca> & <https://www.facebook.com/groups/1624039684328174/>

Gary McDermott and Kristina Magic
Central Canada District Directors



WINGING THRU THE DISTRICT



Life after riding (season).

Both Mother Nature and Father Time have told us (most, anyway) that our riding season is over and it's time to put the bikes away until the weather warms, or we can transport them somewhere more rider-friendly.

But is that the end of seeing our Chapter friends and extended families for the winter???

Never!!!

This is the time of year that most of us have more time to socialize with these great friends while enjoying some down time enjoying activities not normally associated with motorcycles. It's the time chapters are busy planning Christmas parties, movie nights, game nights, bowling and card tournaments, and countless other activities while telling tales and reliving our past riding excursions. Please share your fall and winter Chapter plans with other groups so we can all enjoy some great ideas.



This is also a great time to start our planning and dreaming for next year's trips, vacations, and explorations. As members of GWRRA, and especially our Central Canada District, we have an almost endless supply of amazing roads to travel while going to countless motorcycle events, both within and outside our organization. There are so many to choose from it is almost impossible to squeeze them all in, but if you planned things right and show some patience, then you can see and experience most events if you spread them out over a couple of seasons.

Locally, our members are already planning next year's events and making reservations for Wing Ding, Rendezvous, MI Rally, Americade, Colour Runs, and many other smaller events. I know this is the same story in all chapters, and with a bit of planning and some good luck we can travel with and meet other GWRRA members along the way.

So, don't let the weather and lack of riding get you down! Grab a 2019 calendar and start your planning now while you reminisce with friends about all the great experiences of 2018!

David Hay

Assistant District Director



From the East End of Ontario

Here we are, the first of November again. Where does the time go? It just seems as though we were planning our summer rides and now they are gone until next year.

Down here in the east end of the Province we are doing our fair share of succession planning with new Chapter Directors in On-Q and On-K starting in the New Year, We already had a Change in On-B earlier in the year. Congratulation to the new Chapter Directors, as we all know the more we share in the various jobs within the Chapter the easier things run. I know from my own personal experience, I have a GREAT TEAM in Chapter On-Q, and I have been blessed with fantastic support during both stints as Chapter Director. I just cannot stress the importance of members working together for the betterment of the Chapter and, in its extension, the District.

Later this month, On-Q will be hosting a First Aid/CPR refresher, and some of the members from On-K will be joining. The price is very reasonable compared to the cost of a Red Cross course or the St. Johns Training.

With Halloween already upon us, it won't be long before the Christmas Parties start and then before you know it - a new year, and another riding season will be fast approaching.

Until next time, Ride Safe

Paul and Sheila Haller

Central Canada District Assistants



MEDIC FIRST AID



We have had a good year for Medic First Aid in our new Central Canada District. Three courses so far with another pending. Great turn-outs at each one! Thank you to everyone for their support of this great GWRRA program.

Please remember that the contents of your first aid kits likely have an expiry date. Now is a good time to review the contents and update as necessary. There are a number of good vendors of quality kits. St. John Ambulance is one that I find to be a good kit, also affordable. You can check out their line-up here - https://on.shopsafetyproducts.ca/products.php?sid=1&cid=4&page=1&perpage=6&ordering=lowest_price. The Sports Kit is my current favorite.

Rear-End Collisions

Last month I commented on rear-end collisions and the words of wisdom from Mike Melton, SC-G Chapter Director and ARC instructor. "Check your mirrors, give yourself an out, and stay in gear ready to move".

Do you ever wonder why other drivers don't seem to see you? Should I add more lights? Could I possibly add more lights? (This last comment is for the benefit of RM in North Bay – could he possibly add any more!!!!).

One of the best videos on YouTube recently came from FortNine's Ryan - <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=x94PGgYKHQ0>

The information presented is consistent with information from a Wing World article from about a year ago.

Our eyes are not one of our most reliable senses! Our superpower of invisibility is not working to our benefit!!

2018 is Almost Over, and 2019 is Ahead

2018 has been a great riding year, and I am hoping for a couple of rides before I put the bike away for the winter.

My plans for 2019 are shaping up, and I will be returning to Tennessee in May for the TN-C Bean Supper and Steak-Out at Roan Mountain in May. Following that, I feel a need to get back to Austin, TX and returning through Nashville, TN for Wing Ding 41. I hope to also reconnect with my friends in South Carolina's SC-G.

Perhaps 2019 will be my year to finally see the Grand Canyon in Arizona! Where will you be going?

Garvin Cole

Assistant District Director
Medic First Aid Coordinator





RIDER EDUCATION



How to winterize your Wing or motorcycle in 5 steps.

With temperatures - and snow - falling a bit earlier this week, the dreaded garage season is almost here. To ensure that your bike starts up when the snow melts this coming spring, find here a condensed version of the "How To Winterize Your Wing or any bike in 5 easy steps."

I have done this myself for more than 15 years without any problem.

1-Fill up the bike, and do not forget the "Fuel stabilizer"

You do not need to drain your gas tank. Only fill up your tank and add the prescribed amount of fuel stabilizer. Any brand works very well up to 5 months or more. The Stabilizer will mix and run through the fuel system on your ride home. And when you get home, the engine will be warm, so you can then...

2-Change your oil and check your fluids

No explanation needed here: you'll have fresh oil and a new filter when you're ready to roll come springtime. And it goes without saying that if your coolant levels are low, add anti-freeze - not water. Once you're done, start the bike up again - this will circulate the oil through the engine and provide additional protection against corrosion. Now, there's some discussion about removing the spark plugs and squirting some oil down into the cylinders. We're going to say that if you're storing your bike for less than six months, this isn't a necessary step.

3-Maintain a charge on your battery

Experts recommend that you pick up a battery tender (12-volt Trigger charger) to be sure it keeps a constant appropriate charge over the winter. You can remove and store your battery in a clean, dry place. Personally, this is too much work because on the Wing you can lose all your electronic radio and GPS settings. What you can do is to connect the charger directly on the battery on the bike.

4-Protect your tires

You'll want to keep your tires in good shape; they can develop flat spots or even absorb moisture from your garage floor. Put your Wing on its center stand, not the kickstand. For a bike without a centre stand, you can use front and rear motorcycle stands. If you don't have any of those, putting plywood or pieces of carpet under the tires can help prevent moisture damage. I personally use a piece of Styrofoam under the front wheel only.

5-Put it away clean

Giving your bike a thorough wash before garaging it will not only ensure that it looks good when you take it out next year, it'll help keep the finish from corroding. Make sure that you dry your bike thoroughly; once that's done, wax the painted surfaces and apply a light coat of WD-40 to any other metal surfaces. (Be careful not to get that WD-40 on your windshield or brake discs or pads.) This will help protect the bike from corrosion. If your bike has a chain drive, it's a good idea to clean, adjust, and lube the chain. If you don't have a good motorcycle cover for your bike, it's a good idea to invest in one.

WARNING: *Do not start the bike over the winter.* This will only cause moisture to form in the engine, gas line, and tank, which can cause rust formation according to the expert technician.

And that's it. Nothing left to do now but wait until spring. And maybe curl up by the fireplace and read your Wing World magazine.

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MOTORIST AWARENESS



Distracted Driving



Distracted driving continues to be the number one cause of accidents and fatalities on our roads. About 26% of all car crashes involve phone use, including hands-free phone use (National Safety Council). 80% of collisions and 65% of near crashes have some form of driver inattention as contributing factors (National Highway Traffic Safety Administration).

All of Canada's provinces have laws in place banning the use of handheld devices, and new laws as they come out are including just about everything that would take a driver's eyes off the road, such as eating, drinking, smoking, reading, etc. The new laws are also increasing the penalties.

Beginning November 1, Manitoba has tripled their fine to \$672 for a first offence along with a mandatory 3-day license suspension when charged, and 5 demerit points if convicted.

In Ontario, beginning Jan 1, those convicted of distracted driving for the first time face a fine of up to \$1000 and three demerit points. Subsequent convictions result in even higher fines and license suspensions.

The following is a public health message against distracted driving:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=zfknB9CZiA8>

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Look twice, save a life.

A note from one of our readers:



This was taken during a get-together at Campbell's store in Metcalfe. We have been having regular weekly coffee or ice cream nights for quite some time, changing the location nearly every time, in addition to our monthly Wing Night dinners and other special events and rides.

This particular night was cool, but great weather otherwise, and about 10 or so came out including Michel. In this shot we have a partial view of one of the machines (2000 Valkyrie Interstate), Michel's 40th anniversary special, Scott's brand new 2018 Wing, and one of Ron's fleet, an ST 1300 police Special modified with more gadgets than I can comprehend.

We all had a great time and Pat and Paul the previous Chapters Directors came out as well. As usual we had a good time despite the fact that the store had no more ice cream (done for the season).

Bruce Harris

Chapter Director, ON-B, Ottawa

Editor's Note



The real art of conversation is not only to say the right thing at the right place, but to leave unsaid the wrong thing at the tempting moment.

Lady Dorothy Nevill
English author, 1826-1913

Helen Young
District Newsletter Editor



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