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Hello friends,



Well, the summer days are turning crisper and all the colors of fall are starting to appear warmly around us. A beautiful season for riding the countryside! Hope everyone can find some time to (safely) enjoy these beautiful autumn afternoons we've been having lately. And spooky season is around the corner already!

Looks like the fall is also unfortunately bringing more worry in the wind. No doubt everyone's been paying close attention to the media lately, and the reports and new restrictions related to a "second wave" of this COVID-19 pandemic are particularly worrisome in Ontario and Quebec. Alarming, but we know the impact can be kept under control by every individual doing their part. The newest restrictions on private social gatherings in Ontario will no doubt affect, possibly even cancel, many of the activities people have planned for the next while. GWRRA has not placed an official ban on activities, and each Chapter has the responsibility of ensuring that anything organized these days is planned and executed to keep everyone protected, safe, and within government legislation. No easy task by any means – your work is respectfully appreciated!

On that note, the creative ways that Chapters have been providing safe in-person, on-bike, or online activities all summer is outstanding! These ideas need to be shared with other Chapters! Please find a few minutes, or ask members of your Team, to send us an email to brag about the Chapter activities you've attended or organized. Tell us about the experience and what it took to put it together in these tricky times. What worked and/or how might you improve or modify it for next time? We'll compile the contributions and share them with the whole District, then send it off to the GWRRA Directors of MEP. For those that would rather share their ideas face-to-face, let us know and we'll arrange an online chat or a phone call!

Stay safe everyone, and happy fall riding!

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On behalf of the Directors of GWRRA Jere & Sherry Goodman, we are thrilled to share that **Kevin Bramhoff and Karin Young** are the new Director's Assistants overseeing and supporting Canada. Kevin is very knowledgeable about and in tune with the needs of our Canadian Districts & Chapters. Kevin's most recent role is GWRRA North West Coast District Director, and formerly the Chapter Director of BC-C, Chilliwack. Bob and I had the opportunity to meet with Kevin online a couple times and look forward to the networking and future collaborations. We wish them big congratulations and thanks for stepping to this level of leadership.

Dar and Bob





RIDER EDUCATION



How to winterize your Wing or motorcycle in 5 steps.

With temperatures dropping soon, 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 *How To Winterize Your Wing or any bike in 5 easy steps.*

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.

Ride Safe Always

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"The only way to discover the limits of the possible is to go beyond them into the impossible."

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