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It's the engine rev heard around the world! 2011 is going to be the start of the most exciting times in GWRRA of Tennessee. This year will bring more visitation, events, trips, for us to enjoy. Starting with the traveling plaques. The Mid. Tennessee Plaque is at Chapter Z Columbia, TN January 8th. The Tennessee Traveling Plaque is at Chapter C Kingsport, TN January 18th.

The winter event Winter Fiesta is February 12th at Fall Creek Falls. We can travel up Friday Night

and get a room or go up Saturday Morning and return home Saturday night. It's up to you. Barbara and I will talk to you at our meeting.

April 14-16th is Spring Fling at Sevier County Fairground, Sevierville, TN. The host hotel is Wilderness of the Smokies. This is 3 days of fun and riding. More information as time gets closer.

Then July 6-9th Wing Ding 33 Knoxville, TN. When all the wingers from around the world meet for a weeks worth of fun. I know we can not make all of these events. But, we will have fun in what ever we do.

I want everyone to think about having our first Fun Day. This helps us to raise money for our chapter. This will be on a Saturday, it would run from 8:00am til 2:00pm. We would have games, poker run, silent auction, food, etc. I will need everyone's help. We will discuss this at our January meeting. Our meeting is January 22nd, eat at 8:00am meet at 9:00am. Hope to see you there.

I have sent out and passed out your member card, If you did not get one please let me know. This card will let you get 15% off parts and merchandise at Honda of Cool Springs as long as you are an active member of Chapter H. I am working to improve the quality of your membership along with the benefits you get from GWRRA. My commitment to you this year is to have fun, ride safe, and enjoy ourselves. You all make this chapter I work for you. This year I would like everyone to find a friend and bring him to our meetings. We want to ride with our friends. I am going bring back the participation award. This award will be given at our Christmas Party. It will be \$200.00. I will give you more details at our January meeting. Ride Safe.

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TOPIC: It's All About the Traction

We turned the calendar to December and, suddenly, winter was here! The signs of winter were everywhere: the cold temperatures, snow flurries, freezing rain, and ice on puddles. In winter we see the most driving problems (accidents and spin outs) when conditions include freezing rain and black ice. It does not matter that we are driving our four-wheeled vehicles. When the road surface is icy, traction is greatly reduced. So when there is ice on the road, the best thing to do is stay home. If you have to drive in icy conditions, go slowly and smoothly. No, check that. Go VERY slowly, and VERY smoothly!

As we know from our motorcycle training, when we lose traction, we lose braking and steering control of our vehicle. The same applies to a car. Even with four tires on the ground, it is easy to lose control of a vehicle on ice. To increase traction in icy conditions, look for surfaces with more texture. This can be the unpaved shoulder of the road where gravel can provide more resistance to sliding and skidding tires. Crusty snow gives more traction, too. This can sometimes be present in the center of the lane (the middle track) where tires seldom crush and pack it down. Almost any surface provides better traction than ice! If you have the choice to drive on ice or another surface, try to move your vehicle *smoothly* onto the other surface.

Keep in mind that accelerating, braking and steering inputs should all be made smoothly to maintain traction and control of your vehicle. Use a light touch on the accelerator. You will not be able to accelerate rapidly on ice anyway, so just plan to keep speeds down. With the limited traction available on ice, stepping on the gas will just cause tire spin. Give yourself plenty of time slow down before entering curves, and maintain a steady speed through the turn.

Increase your following distance behind other cars to allow more time to stop. You will need it when ice on the ground limits your traction. The additional space will also give you a cushion if the vehicle in front of you loses control and goes into a spin. That space can give you room to maneuver and time to react so you can avoid a collision.

Consider using your emergency flashers for added conspicuity and to warn others of the problem. They might not be as aware of the conditions as you are. As always, it is important to scan aggressively all around you for hazards and other drivers who might lose control. Think constantly about your best escape route or your reaction to various situations that might arise. Keep alert to your safest options.

Learn how your vehicle handles on ice in an empty icy parking lot. It is important to see and feel how it reacts when you are traveling at low speed and step on the brake or turn the wheel. It will be different than driving on dry pavement. By learning how it behaves, you are better prepared to take the right action in a surprise situation on the road. Just like a motorcycle training class, you want to practice in a safe space. And remember, it's all about the traction!

Ride Smart & Be Safe!

Bruce & Melissa Thayer
Former MI Asst. District Rider Educators

BIRTHDAYS

David Jordan

Riding the Blue Ridge Parkway

Steve Freeman



It was late in October and the leaves had started changing. I looked at the weather in Ashville NC and riding weather looked ok. I started making my plans to ride the Blue Ride Parkway around Ashville, NC. I wanted as little traffic as possible so I decided to make the trip in the middle of the week. I decided to ride the mountains with my wife and try to make it as pleasant as possible. I have a trailer so I trailer my 2001 Goldwing to Ashville. We left on a Monday morning and made it to Ashville about 12:00. I had made plans to ride the area once we had checked into our Red Roof Inn motel room. We checked in to an almost empty motel and got the bike off the trailer. We headed into Ashville and over to the Biltmore to see what we could see. We only got as far as the ticket and gift shop area. We headed back into Ashville and we ready to hit the Blue Ridge Parkway within an hour. Somehow we found ourselves riding up a road out of town almost straight up to the parkway. It was interesting. Once we hit the parkway we went to the closest visitor center for information. On the advise of the ranger we decided to ride 30 miles to the highest point on the parkway, Mt. Mitchell State Park. Once your at the top you have to walk on a steep incline to the observation deck. At the top you will have a 360 degree view of the mountains. This is also the burial site for a professor that died exploring the mountain. We made our way down to the restraurant and had a bite to eat before we headed back to the motel. The sun was just setting as we left the parking lot and I got a great shot of the sun setting behind the mountains. We wanted to take a short cut to get back to Ashville so we went on down the parkway to find a road that lead us over to the interstate. Well I thought I had been on some winding roads but this one was on a whole new level. We finally made it to the interstate and were about 25 miles from our overnight home. We made it, finally and arrived about 9:00 that very cool night. Now my plan originally was to ride 200 miles north on the parkway turn around and ride back to Ashville on the same day. Well after our little ride the night before I changed the plan. I decided to ride from Ashville south to Cherokee NC and onto Gatlinburg the next day. My wife drove the car and we stopped at many observation points on our way. The temp was about 60 and sunny. Perfect for seeing the changing of the colors. Only problem was the leaves had not started changing much around Ashville. It was still nice though. Once we got over into the Smokey mountains we saw a lot more color. We made our way into Cherokee NC and looked around for a short while before we decided to head to Gatlinburg. I went over to Subway and picked up a couple of sandwiches and we ate them at a rest area along the road next to a stream.

Blue Ridge Parkway Cont.

The weather decided not to cooperate any more and we started getting rain outside of town. We checked in about dusk and it rained all night. The next morning we headed out to Pigeon Forge and took 321 over to Townsend turned right and made our way down to the Foothills Parkway. I really like riding the 20 or so miles on the Foothills Parkway. Once we made it over to Hwy 129 (Tail of the Dragon) we rode down to Deals Gap and had some lunch. The weather was great. We retraced our tracks back to Townsend but decided to take river roads back into Gatlinburg. We made it back in the late afternoon, secured the bike to the trailer and made our way back home to Nashville. I learned from this trip that if your going to ride the Blue Ridge Parkway plan on an average speed under 40. The Parkway is for the slow patient rider.

Steve Freeman 12/19/2010



Ingredients

1 pound hot dogs (not cheese filled)
 6 Tablespoons flour
 3/4 stick corn oil margarine or 6 T. oil
 2 cloves garlic -- minced or smashed
 1 large onion -- chopped
 1 small green pepper -- chopped
 Parsley -- minced (optional)
 6 medium white potatoes -- peeled
 1 chicken bouillon cube
 salt and pepper to taste

Procedures

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HOT DOG STEW

In a very large skillet, or a medium dutch oven, make a light roux with margarine and flour. Add onion, garlic, and pepper and saute until limp. Add potatoes, cut in chunks, stirring around a little. Add water to cover; bring to boil, reduce to simmer. Add hot dogs, cut in chunks, stir, cover. Watch carefully until done to suit, (the potatoes should be falling apart), adding water if necessary. Salt and pepper to taste. A dab of yellow mustard on the side of the plate is good.



Christmas Time at Chapter H

'Good food, lots of conversation and New Friends, were the things I took home from the Christmas party. First, The food was wonderful and lots of it! Big bottles of BBQ sauce and lots of appetizers. Conversation was abundant and I learned about all that I spoke with. We missed Lou Ann (Tims wife) she was under the weather. I was very glad to see Cathy out looking just fine. Steve Freeman & Jim O Dowd have told us all along that they have wives and low and behold They do!! They were there too. Go Wives! There was lots of laughing and stories of the Christmas of long, long ago. Hope to have more of these good times on the rides this year. So think of all the good places you would like to ride to and let us hear from you.

Barbara Jordan





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