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Thoughts from your Chapter Director

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Greeting Pod Members,

Well we got through the first month of the year and finally we got some snow too. I hope everyone was safe during our snow, it was a pretty bad scene out there most of the time with the slick roads, but that is behind us now too. We have our January Chapter Gathering coming up the 28th with Chapter I's Casino Night that same night, finishing out the first month of the year and moving us into February. With winter, of course, things are going to be a bit slow for us. However don't get all gloomy on me because we still have things to do.

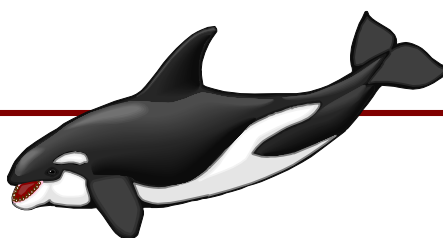
First is Chapter B's Gathering on the 5th and our Dinner Social on the 7th. The dinner will be at the Super Wok on Mile Hill Drive next to the old Good Year Tire Store or where Popeye's use to be, which ever might ring a bell. They have a nice dining atmosphere and very good food, with the time 630 pm. We then have the GWRRRA District Rider Education training Day on the 11th. There will be a lot of very interesting training sessions for you to pick from. Also our Chapter is doing the lunch, like we did at the leadership training as a fund raiser for us. So we will be looking for help during the lunch time with serving and what not. Remember keep your receipt for your registration because the Chapter will reimburse you for this training.

Next we will be having our team meeting at Mike and Barb's on the 14th. I had to cancel January's meeting because of the weather. If you haven't attended a team meeting before please join us, it helps folks understand what we try and accomplish and you get to put your 2 cents in too. We will be having something like our 4th Annual Breakfast/Brunch at the Clearwater Casino in Suquamish the 19th. The plan is to meet there at 1000. We will finish out the month with our Chapter Gathering on the 25th so ya'll come.

Please remember if you are riding out there to be careful as the road conditions can change in an instant. There's now lots of sand and gravel out there which is not a motorcyclist best friends. Also dress warm so you do not experience hypothermia.

Well see ya down the road.

Your CD, Ken



Safety and Education

Torrance, CA: American Honda Motor Co., Inc. has notified the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA) that a potential defect relating to motor vehicles safety exists in the secondary master cylinder on certain 2001-2012 model year GL 1800 motorcycles.

Situation:

The compensating port hole inside the secondary master cylinder (part of the combined-braking system) can become blocked due to (1) stacking of tolerances in manufacturing and (2) sufficient swelling of the primary pressure cup inside the master cylinder. If the compensating port hole becomes completely block, the rear wheel brake caliper can drag after the rider releases the brake input. If this occurs, the rear brake temperature and pressure progressively increase. Unexpected braking increases the risk of a crash and continued riding with the brake engaged can generate enough heat to cause the rear brake to catch fire.

Inspection and Repair:

Honda motorcycle dealers will inspect the secondary master cylinder of all affected motorcycles in dealership stock or sold to customers (consumers and commercial entities). If an inspection indicates that the compensator port hole can become blocked due to this problem, the dealer will replace the secondary master cylinder. Registered owners of affected motorcycles will be contacted by mail and asked to take their motorcycle to a Honda dealer. The dealer will inspect the motorcycle, and if necessary, replace the secondary master cylinder, free of charge.

Additional Details:

Honda motorcycle dealers will immediately receive a transmittal of complete repair instructions. Replacement secondary master cylinders in the U.S. will initially be made available through American Honda's dealer technical support hotline. Upon approval by NHTSA, American Honda will mail a letter to all registered owners, and also post a copy of the letter on the Honda Brand website: powersports.honda.com. Target dates for website posting are before the end of December 2011, and mail receipt by registered customers should occur before the end of January 2012. Honda apologizes for any inconvenience this creates, but feels the safety of our customers is the highest priority. Honda encourages every customer to contact their dealer to schedule an appointment upon receiving the SAFETY RECALL letter.

Read more: http://www.motorcyclecruiser.com/newsandupdates/1112_crup_gl1800_brake_recall/index.html#ixzz1jXeWNwaX



First Aid Sequence of Actions

I would like to share with you an article, written by James Davis, pertaining to the importance of knowing the proper sequence of actions while administering to a severely injured accident victim.

James states: At a recent meeting of the Houston Chapter of the Lone Star Ladies, there was a discussion of the first thing you should do when encountering an accident victim. The discussion left me very uncomfortable. The reason for this is that I heard suggestions that ranged from; starting CPR immediately to making sure the victim can breathe. I, on the other hand, suggested that the very first thing that should be done is to arrange to have 911 called.

The members unanimously found fault with that suggestion. While I understand their desire and goodwill in the matter, I think it is important to think this through a little more carefully than we did at this meeting.

Let's say you come upon a scene in which there is obvious major trauma to someone. You discover that the person's heart has stopped beating. Traditional thinking is that you start CPR immediately. The logic is that failure to do so could very well allow the victim to die needlessly because oxygenated blood is not getting to the brain.

While that is true, and even if you are fully trained and qualified to administer CPR and first aid, it seems to me that without trained EMS help, along with transportation and other life-supporting facilities to help you, the odds are overwhelming the victim will die anyway. Maybe in five minutes or five hours but it will almost certainly happen. (Recall that if his heart has stopped he is already "dead" and all you are trying to do with CPR is keep it from being a permanent status.)

It is a fact that most trauma cases require multiple simultaneous EMS efforts. While you administer CPR, for example, you cannot also be stopping the loss of blood from an amputated leg. The femoral (leg) artery is the largest artery in the human body. A severed untreated femoral artery can cause loss of consciousness in about thirty seconds and death within three minutes. A severed untreated brachial (arm) artery may take a little longer, but will have the same results.

A one minute 911 phone call to get a trained and equipped EMS unit out to the scene costs one minute. If you spend ten minutes doing CPR before someone calls 911, that costs the victim ten minutes of pure oxygen, pain killers, whole blood, and transportation to the hospital. If there are more than one of you at the scene, the first thing you should do, is insure that someone places a 911 call. If it turns out that 911 is not actually needed, you can always call them back. But you can never recover lost time for a major trauma victim. You are, after all, trying to save his/her life and trying to buy time. Why give time away unnecessarily?

There is a significant exception to the above: If the victim is a child whose heart has stopped or who has stopped breathing, then the child's chances of survival increase if you begin immediate life support-but this is a tough call.

Ride Safe, Have Fun

Joe Mazza

Assistant International Director, Rider Education Program

Greetings

Here we are starting another year, calendars are full of things to do.

If anyone has any suggestions, rides they would like to do, please let us know. Due to the snow and ice, the core meeting for Jan, at Jack and Colleens, was canceled, Ken sent out some emails, keeping us updated.

Were hoping it warms up soon, it would be nice to get out and be safe.

Hopefully, the weather will be good enough for the District Riders Ed. Meeting in Feb. It would be nice to see more of our Chapter Members join in, you can always learn something new and it's fun to get together as a group.

Well, let's hope the rest of Jan and Feb. is better than the first couple of weeks, we've had this month.

Personally, I'm getting cabin fever and a bit tired of the cold.

Hope to see you at the Jan. meeting.

Mike and Barbra Berreman

ACD

Greetings to the Pod

Hello everyone and Happy New Year. Winter is here and our yard looks like a winter wonderland. A few of us did manage to get out for a ride a couple of Sundays ago and it was really nice, not too cold, not too wet, just one of those not too days, a good day for a ride. This month our dinner social was at the Blazing Onion in Gig Harbor and there were 10 of us from the Chapter and 1 guest at the event. I know I had a good time and I think that everyone there did too. Coming up on the 28th is our Chapter gathering and then chapter I's Casino Night. Meet at the Tremont 76 at 3:00 pm to car pool to the event. Also coming up in Feb. is the District Rider Ed. Training. We hope that everyone is staying warm, dry, and healthy this winter and hope to see you at the Chapter Gathering.

Remember to stay safe, have fun, and find someone to invite along.

Patrick & Debbie Holmes ACD's

Dinner Social

On Tuesday, Jan 10th, Barbra and I headed to Gig Harbor for our Chapter's Dinner Social, at the Blazing Onion. This was a pick by Debbie and Pat Holmes and it was a great choice.

We were in town so we ended up getting there a little early, the first, can you believe that.

We were joined by Gayle and Mike Mayer and their guest, Vicky and John Parsons, Vern and Rita Walker, Pat and Debbie Holmes and then in walked Jack Davies. Including us, we had a party of 12.

For those that didn't make it, you missed out on some very tasty food. They're menu had about anything you'd want beside some nice looking desserts and of course beverages of your choice. On a scale 1-10, pretty much a 10!!, we'll go back.

It was a small group but we all had a nice visit.

Hope to see more of us at the next one.

Mike and Barbra Berreman
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Chapter O Gathering

On the 4th Saturday of each month at the Airport Diner, located at the Bremerton Municipal Airport on State Route 3.

Breakfast starts at 8:00 AM followed by the Meeting at 9:00 AM.

See WWW.GWRRR.ORG for other location and times of other chapter meetings.

Chapter Gatherings

WA-A	Seattle	4th Sat	WA-N	Spokane	3rd Sun
WA-B	Bremerton	1st Sun	WA-O	Port Orchard	4th Sat
WA-C	Everett	2nd Sat	WA-P	Longview	3rd Sat
WA-D	Aberdeen	2nd Sun	WA-Q	Puyallup	1st Fri
WA-E	Bellevue	3rd Sat	WA-R	Walla Walla	1st Sat
WA-F	Tacoma	4th Sun	WA-V	Auburn	1st Thu
WA-H	Lynden	2nd Tue	WA-Y	Enumclaw	2nd Fri
WA-I	Olympia	3rd Sun	WA-Z	Centralia	2nd Sat
WA-L	Kennewick	2nd Sat	WA-X	Vancouver	1st Sat
WA-M	Yakima	1st Sat			

WA"O" Calendar of events for February 2011

eSunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1	2 Peggy Schmidt's birthday Don & Merilee Rees anniversary	3	4 Wilma Laird's birthday
5 "WA"B" Gathering	6	7 Dinner Social Super Wok 6:30 pm Mile Hill Drive Port Orchard	8	9	10	11 Rider Ed District Training Buckley WA Tremont 76 at 0630, car pooling
12	13	14 Team meeting Mike and Barb Berreman's 6:30 pm	15	16	17	18 Judy Scott's birthday
19 Clearwater Casino Brunch, Suquamish. Meet there at 1000 Diane Taber's birthday Vern Walker's birthday	20	21	22	23	24 Bruce Miller's birthday	25 WA"O" Gathering at the Airport Diner 8:00 social 9:00 meeting
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