



Palmetto Wings Pipeline



FROM THE DIRECTORS:

Wow. What a cold start to the new year, but a good start.

We attended the district officers meeting and the OCP class last month. Both were very interesting and informative. Sounds like we are on the right track. We just want to have fun.

We were proud to give Meals on Wheels a check last month, and Julie, the representative, seemed to be very thankful to get it. It seems as if y'all want to continue to support Meals on Wheels as our charity this year. If you have any other suggestions, please speak up at the meeting in February, we will announce the charity at our March meeting.

We both have to work on February 8th, but y'all will be in good hands with Tim and Miriam and the rest of the gang. They always do a great job.

Don't forget Tuesday night gatherings. You never know what you may learn about someone.

We have some members hurting due to circumstances in their families. Let's remember them. And last but not least, don't forget your Valentine next week!

We will see y'all in March.

Kim & Keith Stidham

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Chapter Gathering
2nd Saturday of the month,
Carolina Fine Foods,
625 SE Main St., Simpsonville, SC
5:30 to Eat/6:30 to Meet

FROM THE DISTRICT RIDER EDUCATORS:

COLD WEATHER RIDING

As the weather turns cooler, riding conditions change. As riders we have to adapt to changing conditions all the time, but fall and winter riding requires special attention.

If you ride all year round, you will have experienced the very different grip levels available. When the weather was warm/hot during the summer month, and the tires were up to temperature, it was easy. But as the asphalt cools and moisture is seen on the surface for months on end, riding becomes much more hazardous

Besides winter riding gear, the savvy rider applies a different set of rules:

Braking

- In wet or slippery conditions, apply 50:50 brake pressures (gradually).
- Leave double the normal stopping distance to vehicles in front.
- Never grab the brakes, apply them smoothly.
- Regularly clean the brake rotors.
- Brake in a straight line only (no lean angles).
- During rain, gently touch the brake levers occasionally to clear moisture from the braking surfaces (primarily applies to rotors).

Accelerating

- Throttle applications should be gradual and only when the bike is vertical. If the rear wheel loses traction during acceleration from a corner, close the throttle as gradually as possible (to avoid high-sides).

Wind Direction

- Always allow for changes in wind direction—either due to the weather or chosen route changing direction.
- Be extra careful when overtaking large semi-trailers, and when travelling under bridges—side winds can be very strong.
- Be aware of the cold; hypothermia is due to the body's loss of core temperature through heat dissipation—such as when riding a motorcycle in 55 mph winds and cold temperatures.

Standing Water

- Avoid riding through puddles of water on an unknown route (how deep is the hole?).
- On regular roads, move to the side when being passed in the opposite direction by other vehicles, particularly large trucks; large quantities of water can be sprayed onto the motorcyclist's side of the road as trucks pass.
- Aquaplaning can occur as the tires plane along on top of the water. It is very important that the rider does not overreact should he experience aquaplaning: the tire will often regain grip suddenly when less water is in contact.

General Safeguards

- Regularly clean the helmet's visor—inside and out.
- Corner slowly and carefully.
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Although wind and rain are the most likely inclement weather characteristics a classic motorcycle rider will face during the colder months, snow or ice is also possible.

During periods of snow and icy conditions, motorcycle riding is both unpleasant and dangerous. If riding in these conditions, it is very important to ride slowly and carefully: no sudden applications of throttle or brakes, no large lean angles. In addition, the rider should sit further forward to apply more front end weight when entering a corner. Anticipate skids, front and rear, and be prepared to respond accordingly.

Remember to always wear the proper riding gear, and always be prepared for any situation that may come your way.

Jerry & Teresa Hill

"HAPPENINGS" FROM THE HORMELLS

Assistant Chapter Directors Tim & Miriam Hormell

1-11-14 Six chapter "E" members attended the District Officers Meeting in Lexington, SC. Kim represented us well in her presentation about Chapter "E".

1-18-14. Five chapter "E" members attended the OCP leadership training class in Belton, SC.

1-25-14 The plaque was captured in Myrtle Beach, SC by chapter A of Anderson. The next Plaque attack will be 2-22-14 at the Harbor Inn Seafood Restaurant in Anderson, SC.



Well folks with all this cold weather-snow and ice, I hope that you stayed warm and safe.

January is gone and February is here so let's see what is going on. Ah! valentine's day where love abounds and hearts aglow, we hope that there is going to be no more snow. So here is your Valentine's poem this year; we hope this will bring you a little cheer!

As time goes by from year to year,
One thing is surely true, my dear;
Though decades come and decades go,
Just seeing you sets me aglow.

Time shifts my body; I start to sag,
When I pass a mirror, it can make me gag.
My joints all ache; I can hardly move;
Still a smile from you, and I'm in the groove.

Getting older can be a pain,
But with you along, I can't complain.
Despite the things that we go through,
I know I'll never stop loving you.

Your loving heart turns life to play,
As we laugh at times from day to day.
So I write this poem, and I'll hang my sign,
Saying "I hope you will always be mine"

From MEC Corner:

We have come to the end of another month. We had a very busy month with a lot activity starting with our Frost Bite ride on January 1st. This was great, it was 38 degrees when we started and 48 when I returned home. We had 15 bikes and trikes with 19 riders.

We had 2 other rides, one led by Carl Hallman on January 12 with 8 bikes and they rode about 150 miles. The 2nd ride was led by Skip Wiggins on Jan 20, with 8 bikes and 9 riders. We thank both Carl and Skip for taking their time to plan and lead these rides. Looking forward many more rides.

Our friendship dinners were great:

January 7th we went to the Lazy chicken with 10 members attending.

January 14th we went to Chiefs with 18 members and 2 visitors.

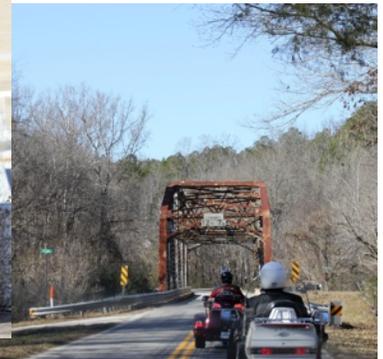
January 21st we went to Charlie's Barbaque with 16 members and 4 visitors.

January 28th we were supposed to go to K&W (you know that stands for canes and walkers) but ole man weather put a stop to that with snow in the south.

On January 11th we had our monthly meeting at Carolina Fine Foods and a great time was had by all. We had 45 members and 6 visitors. Sandra was her usual great self with her questions and gifts. If you do not attend these meetings you are missing out on the things that make our chapter meetings better than all others.

Make sure to check you membership cards to make sure they are current so we can continue to have our "fun, knowledge and safety."

Peggy Holder



MLK Day Ride - January 20, 2014



February Birthdays

Keith Stidham - Feb 4

Linda Stidham - Feb. 8

Wanda Hamilton - Feb. 12

Kitty Toth - Feb. 14

February Anniversaries

Frank & Polly Wells - Feb. 4

Pat & Kitty Toth - Feb. 6

Charles & Betty Coleman - 2/25

