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Couple of the Year

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FROM THE DIRECTORS:

Happy New Year Chapter E

As we approach a new year, we are thankful for 2014 and all the good times we had. We are praying and expecting better things for 2015.

We had a great turn out for the Christmas Party. Thanks to Carl and LaRue for arranging everything. Hopefully we can have our gathering there next year also, hint hint.

The Meals on Wheels representative will be at our January 10th meeting to receive a check. Also, we need to discuss the charity we would like to sponsor this coming year. So, please come out and voice your opinion.

If anyone is interested in going to the Chapter Conference on January 10th, please call us at 979-6946. We are going to the conference but will be back for our regular chapter meeting at 5:30.

Kim & Keith Stidham



By the time this newsletter reaches everyone we will have all celebrated Christmas and the beginning of A New Year. I hope all had a Merry Christmas, and are looking for a better year in 2015. I know we are. It has been a pleasure serving as your rider educator.

With that having been said, here are few winter tips for those of us are still riding.

Respect the roads

From the autumn storms, when rain falls on roads which have accumulated grease and oil all summer, to the treacherous black ice of winter frosts, the riding conditions in winter demand your utmost respect. The simple advice is to take it easy. Save your carefree open-road riding for those glorious summer mornings. In winter the conditions need as much care as you can muster. Not only will there be much less grip on wet and icy roads, you will also be challenged by the wind and the rain as you ride along. So use your lane, and give yourself space to adapt, adjust, and slow down. And if you have a long ride ahead, plan to stop and warm up along the way.

Stop, revive, and survive

It's worth remembering that poor conditions affect everyone else around you too. Motorists, who struggle to see bikes at the best of times, are even less likely to see you when their windows are misted up. Even pedestrians become a real hazard, as they bow their heads to the rain or hunch up against the cold, leaving them prone to walk out in front of you without looking properly.

Wet Roads

Increase the breaking distance between you and other vehicles to account for wet and greasy road conditions. By increasing your distance you will get minimal spray of other vehicles and will be able to judge and anticipate other road users driving much easier. Watch out for wet leaves on the road. These can make the surface slippery and could make you lose control.

Vision

Bad weather such as fog or even low winter sun can restrict your view. Be aware of the hazards; ride to suit the road conditions.

Rider Visibility

Bikers need to be as visible as possible to other road users. By wearing reflective clothing it helps other road users to see you, especially on dark mornings and early evenings. By making contact with drivers using their mirrors, this also makes you visible to the driver.

Signal earlier

Signal earlier to give as much notice as possible to other road users of your intentions.

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Lights

Check your lights regularly to make sure they are working. Also ensure your lights are visible and clear of dirt.

Tires

Check your tire pressure to ensure it's suitable for winter riding.

Mirrors

In winter months, use anti-misting spray on your visor and mirrors.

Strong winds

Try to avoid riding in strong winds, however if it is absolutely necessary then be aware of hazardous objects being swept onto the roads such as carrier bags, boxes, branches of trees, cones etc.

If you do have to go out this winter on your bike, stay alert and ride well within your limit.

But For all the problems of winter riding, it still beats standing at a bus stop in the rain, or struggling to de-ice your frozen car every morning.

As always remember to ride responsibly, and have lots of fun.

Jerry & Teresa Hill

1-10-15. Chapter E monthly meeting at Carolina Fine Foods in Simpsonville 5:30 to eat; 6:30 to meet.

1-24-15. Chapter P has the traveling plaque. They will host the plaque attack at Ryan's at 5579 Sunset Blvd in Lexington, SC. Eat at 12:00 and meet at 1:00.

Chapter E was in the Simpsonville Christmas parade on December 7th. Had a great turnout and a fun time!

The Chapter E Christmas party was on December 13th at the Gilder Farms clubhouse. Food was very good as always! Kitty Toth seemed to be the one "most picked on" with the Santa steal.

We had 17 Chapter E members show up this morning at Carolina Fine Foods for the Frost Bite ride. 7 bikes and 9 people actually rode. The rest of us- well the spirit was willing but the flesh was weak! Hats off to those who weathered the cold!!!

Happy New Year!

As 2014 comes to an end, here are some words that I would like to send.

Here's to a new year and the resolutions to make,
Because there will be one that I'm gonna break.
Is it the figs or the food that makes me fatter,
Or might be all of them but it really doesn't matter.
All I can ask for is all that I've got,
The love of my wife and family and that's a whole lot.
So here's to the new year and I hope it's real good,
I'm going to enjoy it like I know that I should.
I'm going to be ambitious with hard work and toil,
And it will be a success that I'll try not to spoil.
So here is to you and yours this coming year,
And may you be blessed and have no fear.

Tim & Miriam Hormell
Assistant Chapter Directors



We started the month of December with a dinner at Dela Ventura's in Greer with 11 members and 4 guests.

Then we had our Christmas party at Gilder Creek club house and wish to thank Carl and Larue for making this possible. We had 35 members and 3 guests. We had a lot of food and lots of fun. This group gets serious when it comes to swapping or stealing gifts.

On 12/11/14 we went to Jason's Deli in Greenville with 14 members and 3 visitors. On 12/17/14 we went to Chuey's on woodruff road with 7 people there.

On 12/14/2014 we had 4 of our members make the trip to Columbia to take gifts to our veterans. Thanks to these guys for doing this. Maybe next year we can have more people make this trip.

We did not have dinners the last 2 Tuesday's as everyone was busy with Christmas and New Years.

Larue Hallman had surgery in December and is doing great. Continue to keep her in your prayers. Also Willis Smith was in hospital in December and we need to keep him in our prayers also.

Just a reminder for everyone to check our membership cards to make sure we are current!!!!!! Well I guess that is all from the MEC corner.

Peggy Holder
MEC



January Birthdays

Jerry Hill - Jan. 5
Michael Kresch - Jan. 14
Miriam Hormell - Jan. 17
Anne Cobberrt - Jan. 26

January Anniversaries

Anne & Charles Cobbert - Jan. 13
Elaine & Mike Bouvier - Jan. 16
Cathy & Larry Holden - Jan. 16

