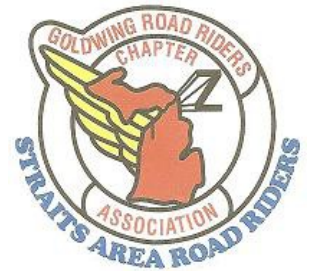




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Well days are getting cooler although it has been a warmer than usual fall so far. The riding season will be winding down I'm sure because we all know Michigan weather, wait 5 minutes it's bound to change.

It was nice to have visitors from J2 attend our September gathering at the Cheboygan Sr Center. The center had a fine ham and potatoe lunch.

We have decided to start our Tuesday rides and hour earlier than in the past. We meet at 5 PM at Burger King in Indian River and depart at 6 PM. This gets us to dinner about 6 and we don't end up eating sometime until as late as 8. More importantly some of us don't end up riding home in the dark, especially early and later in the riding season. There is always the danger of critters in the road although that can happen at any time of day they are just easier to see in the daylight. We have also decided to run our ride schedule from Memorial Day through Labor Day. We will ride the early season and late season as weather permit as the weather is very unpredictable at those time of year.

I will be starting to put our calendar together and Rod will be putting the ride schedule together later. So if anyone has suggestions fo new or additional restaraunts or ideas please forward them to us preferably by email. If there are any that you thought should be taken off please let us know.

For those of you that have or will be shortly head south for the winter have a safe trip and think of us who stay to brave the winter while you enjoy the warmth and sunshine.

Events coming up in Octobor and November.

Oct 10	Dinner	Southwoods	Petoskey
Oct 17	Dinner	Woodwinds	Onaway
Oct 22	Gathering	Senior Center	Wolverine
Oct 24	Dinner	Moose Jaw	Larks Lake
Nov 04	Off. Meeting		Jackson

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TOPIC: End of Season Cycle Maintenance

Whether the riding season in your area lasts only four or five months, or as long as ten months, most of us will let our motorcycles remain unriden for a long enough period of time that it is best to prepare it for a season of rest.

November typically brings weather throughout the northern tier of states that is not very good for motorcycling. Most parts of this great country of ours experience two or more months of weather that is not considered part of the riding season. The air temperature alone gets cold enough to cause hypothermia without adding the wind chill from sitting atop a motorcycle while blasting down the road at legal speeds – even at 45 mph. And many areas will have snow on the ground before the month is out. Some of you may be cold-blooded enough to prolong the season a few extra weeks, but for most, there is a period each year when your motorcycle becomes a lonesome friend sitting quietly in the garage.

Before you park it for a season of inactivity, this is a great time to get your end of season maintenance done. It is recommended that you change the oil and oil filter to remove contaminants – dirt, deposits, acids and moisture – that can lead to corrosion inside the engine. Other fluid levels should be checked for proper level. If the fluids are due for replacement based on miles ridden since the last change (check your manual and service history), this is a good time to do that and any other maintenance tasks that you may have been putting off.

Your mechanic likely is not very busy at this time of year. He (she) would probably appreciate your visit, too! And you know your bike will be better for it. Then when spring comes next year (it is not that far off, after all!), you'll be ready to go without a visit to the mechanic before planning your next big ride. After you get it back from your mechanic, fill the gas tank and add the appropriate amount of fuel stabilizer (such as Stabil) before parking your Wing. Wash and wax the bike and inflate the tires. The battery should be disconnected from the motorcycle (negative terminal first) and trickle charged at least every 30 days, per your Gold Wing Owner's Manual. (Refer to your battery charger manual for more charging details.) Take good care of your Wing, and your Wing will take good care of you!

Ride Smart & Be Safe!

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