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GoldWing Road Riders Association - February, 2012

The Polar Bear brunch at Dockers in Fox Lake was a huge success. It was well attended and the food was as good as it had been in past year's. The relatively warm temperature for January made the view out the window more a spring scene than winter. But the event was enjoyed by all.



Dinner at the Buffalo in Buffalo Grove resulted in a nice turnout. Dan Parks took advantage of the fountain at the start by ordering a milk shake. And David Bierman ended his meal with a custom made concoction that was sort of a banana split. In between the Letartes enjoyed the whitefish and I had a perfectly cooked skirt steak and ate the whole thing.

Larry MacKay, David Bierman, Ed Harms and I gathered at John Didier's barn this past Sunday when I instructed them on how to change brake and clutch fluids and coolant. Larry was already there doing a lot more work on John's bike. The operation was successful and the patient (John's Goldwing) is resting comfortably.

February brings the Motorcycle Show at the Rosemont Convention Center. Park at the CTA lot for \$3 and save a bundle. There's always a shuttle from there to the convention center. It starts at 9 AM Saturday, so go early so you can join us at Famous Dave's Bar-B-Que in Vernon Hills for dinner afterward.

David says he'll have some training lined up for after the February chapter meeting. There will be more on that later in the month.

Have fun and stay safe...Ellary and Holly

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February Birthdays

- 3 — Terry King
- 23 — Ellary Kahan
- 28 — Roy Kibbe

February Anniversaries

— None



Upcoming Events

2012

February

- 10-12 - Motorcycle Show
- 11 - Dinner-Famous Dave's, Vernon Hills, 6pm (Daujotis)
- 26 - Chapter Meeting & Training

March

- 17 - Dinner-Gale Street Inn, Mundelein, 6pm (Parks)
- 25 - Chapter Meeting

April

- 14 - Dinner-Buca de Beppo, Wheeling, 6pm (Letarte)
- 22 - Chapter Meeting

May

- 19 - Dinner-Hackney's, Lake Zurich, 5pm (Fairman)
- 20 - Chapter Meeting
- 26-28 - Memorial Ride to Painted Rocks, IA (Daujotis)

June

2-3 Road America

- 9 - Dinner-Saw Mill Inn, Richfield, WI, 4pm (Daujotis)
- 24 - Chapter Meeting

July

- 4-7 - WingDing, Fort Wayne, IN
- 14 - Dinner, Colony House, Trevor, WI, 5PM

August

- 4-5 - Madison Getaway, Madison, WI
- 11-19 - Lake Superior Trip, (Letarte)
- 25 - Dinner, Prime Quarter, Janesville, WI, 4pm, (Kahan)
- 26 - Chapter Meeting

September

- 2 - Labor Day Ride
- 15 - Dinner, Twin Oaks Country Club, 5pm (Fullerton)
- 23 - Chapter Meeting

October

- 20 - Chili Dump, 5:30pm (Daujotis)
- 28 - Chapter Meeting

November

- 10 - Dinner, Giordano's, Lake Zurich, 7pm (Letarte)
- 18 - Chapter Meeting/2013 Calendar Planning

December

- 8 - Holiday Party, Vernon Hills CC

Chapter Meetings are held at In Law's, 720 N. Milwaukee, Gurnee, IL 60031, 9 AM breakfast, 9:30 meeting.

ILLINOIS G-2 CHAPTER STORE

We have the following items for sale In the IL G-2 Chapter Store:

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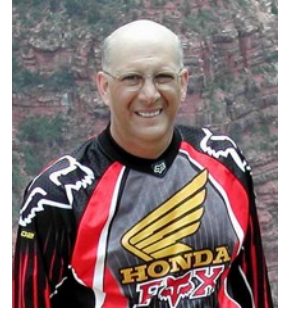
These items are available for you to order at our Chapter Meetings. If you cannot attend the meetings, call Carol Sligting at 847-546-8036 or E-Mail me at sligting@scglobal.net

Got something to say?

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From the Educator's Desk

CHECK IT TWICE



At last month's meeting I re-introduced a slogan that I would like to see everyone adopt and put into action. "CHECK IT TWICE", I actually talked about it last year, but I don't think it can be mentioned enough, to try and reinforce it as second nature when we are riding our motorcycles.

Ellary had sent an email that played tricks with our brains. It was a background of black lined squares with a green dot in the middle, and three yellow dots spaced in a triangle around the background. The background was then rotated and it offered you the ability to change colors, and speeds, but it didn't matter to the end result. After but only a second or two, the three yellow dots completely disappeared. In order to see them again, one would have to blink or change the point of view, once fixed again, they would disappear again.

This speaks volumes to the very common phrase often heard after an accident, "I didn't see that car" or in our case "I didn't see that Motorcycle", you know the one with all those lights on it, and brightly colored. And we wonder how that can be true. But it can!

As the exercise above describes, our brains can eliminate some things while seeing other things. The exercise also shows us that it easy to remedy this by just moving your eyes around. If memory serves, isn't "keep your eyes moving", and "to always keep scanning" part of the MSF BRC program?

With the slogan "CHECK IT TWICE", I am suggesting to all of us, that before proceeding from a stop of any kind, take a second glance to make sure that the conditions now, are the same safe, as they were, when you first made your decision to go.

When we come to a "T" intersection and we want to go left, we usually check to the right first, as we know, if traffic isn't clear to the right, it doesn't matter what is to our left, we aren't going. Finally, traffic to the right will clear and before you go, you then check to the left to make sure that the oncoming traffic is safe to cross. When it is, most will now glance back at the traffic from the right, but in many cases will be already proceeding. This is where I say, "STOP – CHECK IT TWICE". Don't start moving until you have looked in that right direction again, and really seeing what is there. And if it is still safe to go, check left one more time, and then proceed.

It sounds like this would take a lot of time when I write it out, but in fact I have been using this for a while now, and it doesn't take but a split second to do, and I know that I feel much safer for doing it.

I hope that if you can make this part of your daily habits when driving, whether it is in your car or on your motorcycle, I believe that you will be lowering your risk for this kind of potential accident.



David Bierman

GWRRA Illinois District is holding an ARC Riding Course in Sterling, IL. This is an excellent class/range course, if you are looking to start your riding season with a little refresher education with hands on riding exercises. The course is June 9th, the flyer is below. If you are interested you can contact myself by email or Jerry Allhands for the registration information.

2012

Northern Illinois

Riding Course

May 20, 2012
CGH Medical Center
101 E Miller Road
Sterling, Illinois

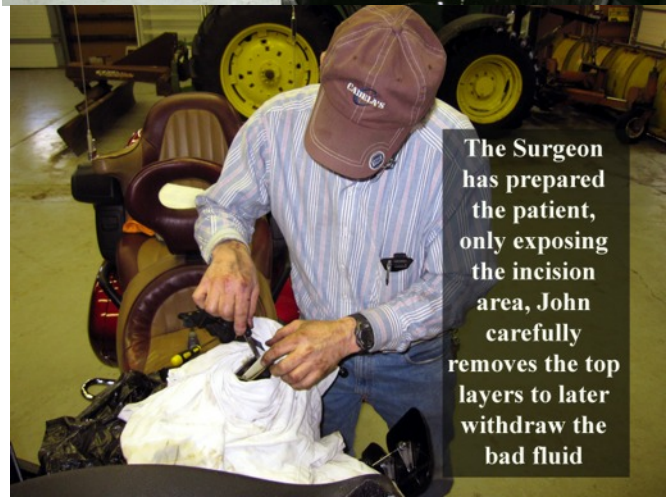
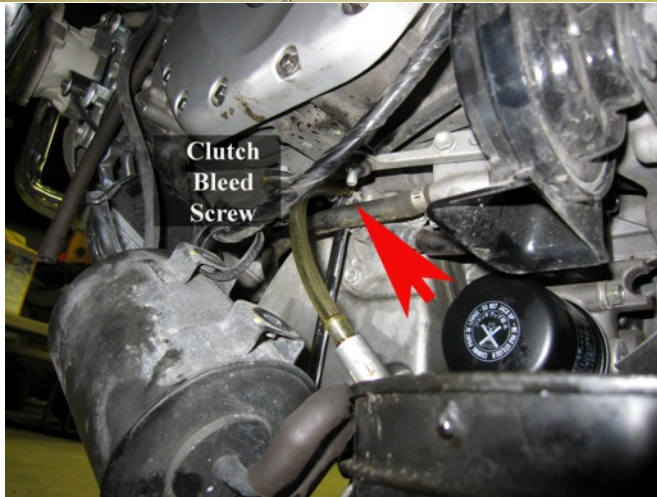
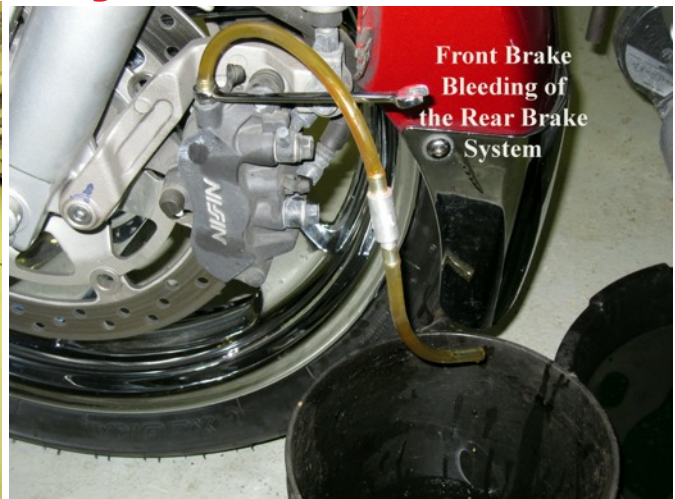
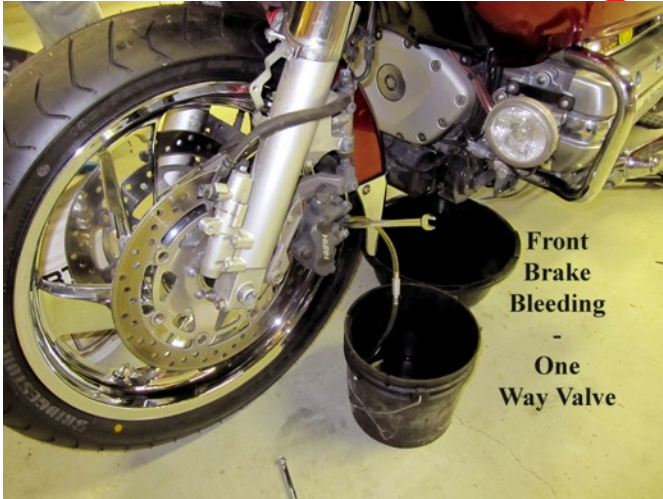
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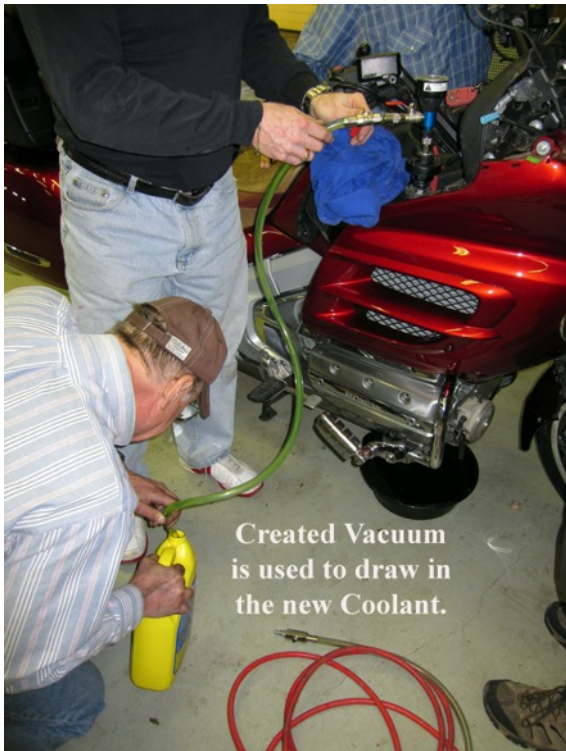
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January 22, 2012 IL-G2 Minutes

Chapter Director: Ellary Kahan

1. Talked about maintenance.
2. Reminded everyone that the discount code he sent out to the chapter for the motorcycle show was the cheapest available.
3. Talked about the dinner at the Buffalo and the Polar Bear Brunch.

Membership: Jim Fairman

1. Reminded attendees about bulletin board and photo directory. Jim has helped add some folks add photos, including some taken at the holiday party. Let Jim know if you need help.
2. Jim again plans to enlist help from active members to make personal contact with GWRRA members in the G2 geography who have not yet been introduced to G2.
3. Acknowledged that action toward producing a G2 hat with new logo has been stalled, and agreed to make some progress on that effort.
4. Discussed the idea of a G2 “calling card” that members can carry with them and use to provide G2 info to Gold Wing riders in the area.

Ride Committee: Ed Daujotis

Ed talked about the Memorial Day ride to the Painted Rock in Iowa. It will be three days in duration. He asked for a show of hands of those interested in attending.

Educator: David Bierman

We talked about the upcoming Motorcycle show, and to use this as a perfect time to look at all the things you might need for the new riding season, replacing worn helmets, gloves, jackets, etc. Taking the opportunity to try things on to find out what size is perfect for you.

We discussed the possibilities of Safety class, which we will look into, recognizing that most members would like to keep to a two hour class, even if the classes would take place following two meetings, instead of a longer one day class.

I re-introduced the slogan “Check It Twice”, with full explanation, see article

We also spent a lot of time discussing the “Dark Side” putting a car tire on the back of a motorcycle, one member has done this on a sport bike and we talked about the results, opinions, and certainly clarified the liabilities that is possess’.

THE NEXT MEETING WILL BE ON February 26, 2012.



Respectfully

Submitted

G2 Staff

**Join us after the
Motorcycle Show for
Dinner**

at

Famous Dave's Bar-B-Que

99 East Townline Road

Vernon Hills

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Sat., Feb. 11

6 PM

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It Doesn't Feel Like Christmas

This was a comment I heard more than once during the final few days before Christmas (and even afterward), as it appeared that we would not have the typical white Christmas. I also heard this comment from a former co-worker, whose husband had gotten transferred to Florida just before the holiday; she may have been interested to know we didn't have a white Christmas either. I can see why people said this, as I would look at my yard, still green in spots. Or, as I looked at my Pansies which were still in bloom up to the day we finally got snow on January 12th, which was so very rare this time of year; I don't care how cold-tolerant they are.

For some reason, the lack of a white Christmas didn't seem to bother me. I still enjoyed looking at my Christmas tree and other decorations scattered about the house. I still enjoyed buying and wrapping gifts for my loved ones that I know they wanted or I thought would enjoy. I still enjoyed driving through neighborhoods at dusk or night and thought the outdoor lights and decorations were just as pretty as they always are—snow or no snow.



If we stop to consider the true blessings of the season, and things such as our health, our loved ones, and our jobs, we should be happy enough. In addition, the words, “Peace on Earth good will towards men” I feel is practiced more during the holiday season with events such as Toys for Tots and other charities. I have always felt that for the most part, people are more considerate, more congenial, and in general friendlier during this time of year.

For me, Christmas was fine just the way it was. It was nice not having to worry about my loved ones driving in bad weather for a change. It was also nice not to have to shovel in addition to getting ready for the holidays. Besides, the snow just ends up getting dirty and looking ugly anyway as time goes on. And, I did get to enjoy my pansies actually more than a little bit longer!

Darlene Parks

THE “GOOD BOOK” GUIDE

I've talked about Diana Gabaldon's *Outlander* series before. And since reading this series has occupied most of my reading time since starting it I'm going to talk about it again. You may remember that this series is about a 20th century woman, Claire Reynolds, who travels back in time to 18th century Scotland prior to the Jacobite Uprising. She meets and falls in love with a tall, handsome redheaded highlander, Jamie Fraser, whom she marries. But while pregnant, Jamie sends her back to the future to protect her from what they know is the certain failure of the revolt.



Dragonfly in Amber continues the saga. It is now 20 years later. Claire and her daughter Brianna go to Scotland to meet a young historian, Roger MacKenzie, who helps them find out what became of Jamie. It also relates what happened to Jamie during this time. *Voyager* tells the story of how Claire goes back to Jamie, after finding that he survived. The story takes them to the West Indies following pirates who have kidnapped Jamie's nephew, Ian. *Drums of Autumn* follows the Frasers to the North Carolina colony where they settle in the Smoky Mountains. But they are surprised by their daughter, Brianna, who follows them from the future, and Roger, who follows Brianna. This book may have the most intense and frustrating plot line of the four. Enjoy them.

Ellary Kahan