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Things to Think About We need your input!

- Do you have submissions for the newsletter? Please see Diana.
- If you have any motorcycle related items for sale, we will advertise in the newsletter.
- Your Member's Profile
- Ride suggestions? Please see Gord.



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Director's Message

Hello everybody.

Well the riding season is fast approaching. Just the other day I felt like going out and firing the old girl up. (The bike, not Helen).

By the time everyone reads this report, our bowling will be over and hopefully everyone had a good time. I would like to thank the people who worked so hard to put it all together. I would like to say that their jobs could be made much easier if you, the members, could at least call them to let them know if you would be attending so they wouldn't have to make phone calls to everyone. As of the week before bowling, the only people we knew of were the ones who came out to the coffee night at Tim's. Lets try to be more helpful and make everyone's job a little easier.

Helen and I met with our regional directors last Sunday. Denis and Yvonne Evans came to fill us in on the Director's meeting to be held on the same night as our bowling. They also brought us the literature we need for the bike show coming up on April 8th at the Kinsmen in Chatham. We had a nice lunch together and talked about a few issues with GWRRA. They informed me

that if you are going to Welland for the May 24 weekend and want a t-shirt or sweat shirt, you'll need to order them now. They aren't making up any extra to sell at the Rally. We saw the sweat shirts and they are nice and not loud. They are black with gold lettering embroidery, not screened. So if you didn't order one and do want one, let me know. (I won't be calling you).

About the bike show. Thanks to the people who volunteered to help out. We have 30 feet booked so we will be having 4 bikes and 2 trailers, one table with the literature and some people working the booth.

You will notice in this news letter that we have started the member profile section. Each newsletter we will feature a new member. So lets get started writing because you never know when we may be asking you.

You will notice that the ride calendar is busy but that will be good. This way we can keep a better eye on some of you so you don't get into trouble.

This will bring a close to this month. These news letter's coming out monthly is keeping my typing skills up and also hurting my brains trying to figure out what to write.

See ya!

2001 Officer Listing

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TECH TIP

Tech Tip GL1500

Submitted by Don Hornby

Headset Noise Gone

For a long time I have heard the turn signals click in my headset as have many others. It is loudest when the passenger headset is plugged in (as are other noises from the rear). I grew used to it and accepted it as an aural indication that the turn signals were functioning properly. I also have a brake light wigwag that signals its operation through the head set. My helmet was a Shoei RJ-101 open face, and my passenger had an RF-200.

I recently bought us a pair of RF-800's and went about installing headsets in both. It is a terrible atrocity one commits on a helmet just to hear someone snore - but I digress.

The original headsets were J&M 134JHS for full and open face. I had acquired a BE157JH for full face so I would have mismatched speakers and microphones. J&M had not tested this combination but suggested I try it anyway - after all I had nothing to lose. I put the 157 in the passenger helmet since it had a noise cancelling microphone and the 134 with the low noise microphone in my helmet.

We tested them in the garage and decided we could hear each other fine, and the music was acceptable too. Off we went the next day for a short trip and I noticed a whine in the earphones. I knew it was alternator whine but I had never had a problem with that before. I asked my wife if she heard it and she said she thought so - her hearing is not as good as mine in the mid to high range so it was difficult for her to tell. She did say she had never heard it with her old helmet.

Back home I experimented some - since I still had the RJ-101 with its 134 headset I plugged it back in and checked for whine. Sure enough it was present. I could hear it plainly wearing the RF-800 but with the RJ-101 I had to strain to hear it. My conclusion was the new helmets sealed around the ears better than the old ones, thus reducing ambient noise, and the earphones were more closely coupled to the ear. This was especially true when comparing full to open face. The problem had nothing to do with the mismatched J&M's I was using - they worked fine together.

Since the whine was loudest with the passenger headset plugged in I thought I would short out the passenger mike input and see if it was reduced. Big surprise - it got worse as did the click from the turn signals! The microphone cable is a shielded cable with the inner conductor surrounded by a braided shield, which is used as the outer conductor. Normally this works well for microphones and TV cables when they are the only current carrying conductors around. However in this case the microphone cable is tightly bound in a cable, which carries many high current power conductors, and worst of all, has the

wires for the turn signals in it. By shorting out the mike input I had evidently made a big loop antenna within the cable and picked up even more noise.

Putting filters on the microphone line didn't appeal, since the alternator whine is right in the middle of the speech pattern. A heavy filter on the alternator output might be a solution but the biggest Radio Shack had was a 20 amp filter (\$20) and I would have needed 2 to handle the 40 amps from the alternator. Besides where would I mount it? And even if I installed one or two I wasn't sure the noise was all conducted, some could be radiated which the filter would not eliminate.

The solution turned out to be quite simple. I ran a 5-foot length of 2 conductor twisted pair shielded wire from the plug on the radio to the connector at the rear of the bike where the short cable plugs in. This is the cable that the coiled cord from the helmet connects to. The microphones input and return wires were run on the twisted pair. The shield from the twisted pair was tied to the chassis on the radio where the ground wire comes in. It was not tied at any other point.

Results are very acceptable. If there is any alternator whine it is so hard to hear I'm not sure if I'm imagining it or not. The click from the turn signals can be heard as a very low soft tap like a finger on a table top and then only when the earphones are pressed tightly against my ears with the bike not running. The click from the brake light wig-wag is still present although it is much diminished. Why it is still there is a mystery at this time. It is possible just getting the cable out of the bundle would have solved the problem and regular microphone cord could be used but the twisted pair shielded route is the accepted practice in low level signal applications in a noisy environment.

It cost \$1.25 for the wire and a couple hours to do the wiring. I also did the front cable just to be consistent - another \$0.75.

Whether this would work on an 1100/1200 I do not know, but I suspect some improvement could be had.

Dick Taylor Columbus, IN



1999 Gold Wing SE, two-tone green with matching Escapade trailer. Only 14,000 kms. This unit is in immaculate condition with plenty of added safety chrome and accessories. I will sell as a package deal for \$23,000 or the bike alone for \$21,000. Remember, you only pay one tax on a private sale, which adds up to a fair chunk of change.

Please call Charles Cowell at (519) 676-5322 for more info.

1990 Gold Wing and matching trailer. Loads of extras. Lots of chrome. CB, AM/FM cassette, cruise control, custom pin striping, new cover. \$12,900.00

Please call Richard LaRue (519) 676 - 4615 for more info

MEMBER PROFILE

ROB AND HELEN CAMPBELL

Rob and Helen have been married for almost 24 years. They are both 40 something.

Helen worked for almost 25 years in the hairdressing profession and most recently took on a new challenge as program co-ordinator at The Maple City Centre for Older Adults.

Rob has been employed with King Milling of Canada for 19 years. He has had several positions in the company. He has held the position as Health and Safety Rep for the employee's for the past 10 years and is also a certified instructor on lift trucks and propane cylinder exchange.

They have no children but they adopted a 15 year old daughter 9 years ago who lives in Peterborough.

Rob and Helen bought their first Gold Wing in 1985 and rode it for 13 years and in 1998 bought their present 1990 1500 SE.

They were one of the founding members of the Chatham Touring Club. Rob held the position of president for several years. In 1992 they became members of GWRRA. One of Rob's first jobs with GWRRA was Regional Treasurer.

Rob is very active in the community and in his sports both as a player, umpire and serving on several boards.

Helen enjoys porcelain doll painting, reading and watching Rob play his sports **EVERY NIGHT OF THE WEEK.**

This is just a quick little look at Rob and Helen. As you know, they are very busy people. Rob more than Helen. You know how Helen likes to sleep in.

Co-Rider's Corner

Did you know???

1. Rubber bands last longer when refrigerated.
2. Peanuts are one of the ingredients of dynamite.
3. There are 293 ways to make change for a dollar.
4. The average person's left hand does 56% of the typing.
5. A shark is the only fish that can blink with both eyes.
6. There are more chickens than people in the world.
7. Two-thirds of the world's eggplant is grown in New Jersey.
8. The longest one-syllable word in the English language is Screeched.
9. On a Canadian two dollar bill, the flag flying over the Parliament buildings is an American flag. (Though the bill's now been replaced by a \$2 coin!)
10. All of the clocks in the movie "Pulp Fiction" are stuck on 4:20.
11. No word in the English language rhymes with month, orange, silver, or purple.
12. "Dreamt" is the only English word that ends in the letters "mt".
13. All 50 states are listed across the top of the Lincoln Memorial on the back of the \$5 bill.
14. Almonds are a member of the peach family.
15. Winston Churchill was born in a ladies' room during a dance.
16. Maine is the only state whose name is just one syllable.
17. There are only four words in the English language which end in "dous": tremendous, horrendous, stupendous, and hazardous.
18. Los Angeles' full name is "El Pueblo de Nuestra Senora la Reina de los Angeles de Porciuncula"

~Author Unknown~

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Parmesan Broccoli Bake – submitted by Diana Claridge
Ready in 1 hour or less

“I had a lot of requests for this recipe at our potluck and euchre party. Enjoy!”

- 1 can condensed cream of mushroom soup, undiluted
- 1 can (5 ounces) evaporated milk
- ½ cup grated Parmesan cheese
- ½ tsp salt
- 2 packages (10 ounces each) frozen chopped broccoli, thawed and drained

In a bowl, combine all ingredients. Transfer to a greased 11”X 7”X2” baking dish. Bake, uncovered, at 350° for 30-35 minutes or until broccoli is tender. Yield 6 servings.

Growing up, I learned the three L's – Love, Laughter and Leftovers.

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An Irishman who had a little too much to drink is driving home from the city one night, and of course, his car is weaving violently all over the road. A cop pulls him over.

"So," says the cop to the driver, "where have you been?"

"Why, I've been at the pub of course" slurs the drunk.

"Well," says the cop, "it looks like you have had quite a few drinks this evening."

"I did all right," the drunk says with a smile.

"Did you know that a few intersections back, your wife fell out of the car?" says the cop, standing straight and folding his arms across his chest.

"Oh thank heavens," sighs the drunk. "For a minute there, I thought I'd gone deaf."

Have a great weekend!

