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“WHERE GOOD FRIENDS MEET”

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GET-TOGETHER IS : THE LAST SUNDAY OF THE MONTH
GET-TOGETHER PLACE : CYPRUS GROVE RESTAURANT
ROUTE #119 RINDGE

BREAKFAST TIME 8:00 AM with participants discussion of current and up coming issues and events to follow



NH-E Director's Message

Let it Snow, Let it Snow, Let it Snow! Well the weather outside is certainly frightful! Winter officially arrives today on the calendar, but it sure looks and feels like it has been here for quite some time. It appears our weather has been unseasonably cold, however while we were in Florida, the weather was much warmer than usual. Most days the temperatures were above 80 degrees, with only one day that required a sweatshirt early in the day.

We had a wonderful vacation with our family and we enjoyed many laughs on some of the amusement rides with the grandsons. We are already planning our next get away hopefully we will make it out to Arizona in February. If we could just take the Wing with us it would be just perfect, we are always envious when we see folks enjoying their bikes in the great weather, and ours is at home in the garage.

Our party got snowed out last weekend, hopefully we will be able to get together this Sunday. We are looking forward to seeing everyone and can't wait to see what the most sought after yankee swarp gift will be this year, and who will be the lucky person to get that Magic Number 1. It seems like forever since we have been with all of our GW friends, it has been just a month since our last meeting, but we miss all of you, and the good times and laughter we share. We appreciate everyone understanding about rescheduling the party, but our first priority is to keep all of us safe and road conditions were not conducive for unnecessary travel. We want to thank Rick and Donna for handling the party arrangements with Cypress Grove again this year.

We are afraid that it's going to be a long winter, and we are already longing for riding season. Some of the other chapters have started the ride schedules already, and hopefully you are thinking and planning some rides you would like to see on our schedule next year. We have decided to hold our ride schedule meeting on February 10, at the Monadnock Park Office we will be holding a potluck dinner, and a sign up sheet will be available at the January meeting. We have a DVD from GWRRA on safety that we would like to show at this meeting.

We hope to have a dine out on January 13, since this will be before our next meeting please let us know if you any ideas or preferences, some suggestions are Lilies on the Pond, in Rindge, or Weathervane in Bedford.

This year has flown by, and we have enjoyed our positions as Chapter Directors, and look forward to serving you again next year. Dick has never had the opportunity to be a deputy before, and he certainly does enjoy the authority the position provides with his deputy star and whistle. Our very special thanks to all of you for your assistance during the past year. You are what make Chapter E "Excellent"

Our best wishes to all of you for a very *Merry Christmas, and a Happy Healthy New Year!*
Pat and Dick

Assistant Director's Notes

Happy Holidays Everyone !!!!

The more it snows the more we are looking forward to next riding season as I am sure all of you are. In light of that, we are attempting to gather ride suggestions from everyone so that we can compile a list. We will research each idea regarding pricing, hours, distance, etc. and put that information on the list. A couple of weeks prior to our February 10th ride schedule meeting, we will be distributing this list so that everyone can look it over. Hopefully, it will help you decide which rides will be placed on the schedule for 2008. So, please, send your ideas in. We need short rides for after the meetings, day rides, overnight rides and anything else you can think of.

As we move on to the new year with all of our friends and acquaintances, we want to thank all of you for a wonderful year and hope that next year will be even better. We have had some great rides, awesome get togethers, wonderful meals and more laughs than we can count. We only hope that all of you have enjoyed this year as much as we have. You all have contributed to the success that Chapter E has had during the past year and we are thrilled to have had the pleasure of spending this time with all of you. Thank you all for this last year.

We wish all of you a very happy holiday season. We hope you spend it safe and warm.

We know that everyone has been very good this year so Santa you have a big job cut out for you!

Merry Christmas,
Ted & Karen



Birthdays in December/January

Hazel Young	12/4
Barbara Stone	12/5
Fred LeBlanc	12/14
Roxanne Provencher	12/19
Pat Brems	12/24
Pat Thibaudeau	12/24
Loretta Zamitis	12/28
Charlie Clarkson	1/3
Rick Lund	1/10
Bob Young	1/17
Lee Belliveau	1/25
Donna Lund	1/29

Anniversaries in December/January

Upcoming Events

December 23 rd	Christmas party Cypress Grove 3:00 p.m.
December 30 th	No Breakfast meeting / Officer appreciation dinner @ Thibaudeaus 12:00
January 13	Dine out
February 10	Ride Schedule Meeting

Chapter Educator

Submitted by Pat Thibaudeau

Winter Driving

Advice from the New York state Department of Motor Vehicles Driver's Manual

Winter is the most difficult driving season. Not only do you have snow and ice to deal with, but there are fewer hours of daylight as well.

Before winter weather arrives, make sure your vehicle is in good condition, especially the tires. Make sure you've got good snow tires, and put them on early. Try not to get caught without them in the first snowfall. Never combine radial and non-radial tires on the same vehicle. On front-wheel drive cars, it's best to put snow tires or "all-season" tires on all four wheels, not just the front.

If you must drive, clear the ice and snow from your vehicle, *all* windows and

windshield wipers. Be sure the windshield washer reservoir is adequately filled with a freeze-resistant cleaning solution.

Drive slowly. Even if your vehicle has good traction in ice and snow, other drivers will be traveling cautiously. Don't disrupt the flow of traffic by driving faster than everyone else.

In a rear-wheel drive vehicle, you can usually feel a loss of traction or the beginning of a skid. There may be no such warning in a front-wheel drive, however. Front-wheel drives *do* handle better in ice and snow, but they *do not* have flawless traction, and skids can occur unexpectedly. Don't let the better feel and handling of a front-wheel drive car cause you to drive faster than you should.

Despite a popular misconception, the best approach to recovering from a skid is the *same* for both front and rear-wheel drive vehicles. If your *rear wheels* start to skid:

- Turn the steering wheel in the direction you want the front wheels to go. If your rear wheels are sliding left, steer left. If they're sliding right, steer right.
- If your rear wheels start sliding the other way as you recover, ease the steering wheel toward that side. You might have to steer left and right a few times to get your vehicle completely under control.
- If your car has an anti-lock braking system (ABS), keep your foot on the pedal. If not, pump the pedal gently, pumping more rapidly as your car slows down. Braking hard with non-anti-lock brakes will make the skid worse.

If your *front wheels* skid:

- Take your foot off the gas and shift to neutral, but *don't* try to steer immediately.
- As the wheels skid sideways, they will slow the vehicle and traction will return. As it does, steer in the direction you want to go. Then put the transmission in "drive" or release the clutch, and accelerate gently.

To avoid skids, brake carefully and gently on snow or ice. "Squeeze" your brakes in slow, steady strokes. Allow the wheels to keep rolling. If they start to lock up, ease off the brake pedal. As you slow down, you may also want to shift into a lower gear.

When sleet, freezing rain or snow start to fall, remember that bridges, ramps, and overpasses are likely to freeze first. Also be aware that slippery spots may still remain after road crews have cleared the highways.

The information above was reprinted from pages 76-78 of the New York State Department of Motor Vehicles Driver's Manual.

THE EDITORS

**No time to wish for snow It's here to enjoy. oupps and oupps again as you gingerly walk
So happy our shopping is now money and gift cards. All the grandkids are grown and
the great grand ones are still small. I do not even know what the big kid wish from
Santa is Just out of touch I guess/**

**I am sorry I did not have control of the weather for our party I really tried but flakes
are difficult to control rain is somewhat easier as I have had luck in rain stopping for a
long time Ha HA**

**OR maybe I should say HOHO instead Well not a lot to chat about so see you Sunday
in the rain that I hope will not spoil our fun Hey it could hold off til night time Who
knows???**

So long Loretta & Paul Zamitis

Memorable Events in Chapter E's Family







Tony Dichard has been discharged from the hospital, after receiving a heart and kidney transplant and is recuperating at home.

Hazel and Bob have started their winter trip to Arizona, stopping to spend Christmas with family in Pa.








Pat & Dick just returned from a wonderful family vacation at Disneyworld..

(please let us know of any memorable events so we can include them in this section)

January 2008

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		 1	2	 Charlie Clarkson's Birthday	4	5
6	7	8	9	 Rick Lund's Birthday	11	12
 Dine Out 4:00 TBD	14	15	16	 Bob Young's Birthday	18	19
20	21	22	23	24	 Lee Beliveau's Birthday	26
 NH-E Breakfast 8:00 Cyprus Grove	28	 Donna Lund's Birthday	30	31		

February 2008

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
					1	 2 Groundhog Day
3	4	5	6	7	8	9
 10 Ride Schedule Meeting	11	 12 Roy Bushey's Birthday	13	 14 Valentine's Day	15	16
17	 18 President's Day	19	20	21	22	23
 24 NH-E Breakfast 8:00 Cyprus Grove	 25 Paul Zamitis' Birthday	26	27	28	29	