



The Kindest of Bikers

By Ginny McKissick

Being part of the biker community means different things to different people. I haven't been a part of it for too long, however during the time I've been a part of it I've seen the kindness of this community. I've watched some of the biggest, meanest, toughest looking bikers put down their last dollar to ride in a poker run for a children's charity.

I recently seen this kindest on a personal level for myself. As some of you know I was in a wreck January 5th. As you've seen I wasn't hurt badly, just a few bumps and bruises. The only damage to the bike was a bent crash bar and a busted rear light. To say I was lucky is an understatement.

But the thing is, I wasn't lying on the ground for more than a few seconds when 3 different bikers stopped to help. By the time we got the bike moved to an area to work on the bike more than 10 people had stopped to check up on us. I was extremely grateful and amazed.

Stan's Safety Tip

How often should brake fluid be changed? Most experts recommend that you bleed motorcycle brakes about once every year. If you want to be safe, you may want to do it more frequently. In order to see if you need to bleed your motorcycle brakes, you should check the brake fluid. If the brake fluid is very dark, there is a good chance that it should be replaced. By bleeding the brake fluid, you will be able to improve the performance of your motorcycle brakes and make riding your motorcycle much safer overall. If you do not ride your motorcycle often, you could potentially go longer than a year.

Read more:

http://www.doityourself.com/stry/how-often-should-i-bleed-motorcycle-brakes#.Ut5fC_so5kg#ixzz2r27OF5Fy

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DOT VS SNELL

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Ok so I'm in the market for a new helmet. I know that we're all supposed to wear DOT approved helmets. However in my search for a new helmet I started coming across SNELL approved helmets. Not being familiar with the term I of course started searching.

What I found was interesting. Like most of the sheeple out there I just took for granted that the DOT/government would be looking out for my well-being and have the safest standards for helmets. Boy was I wrong.

According to my research the DOT's does not test helmets themselves but allows manufacturers to do their own test. Because the manufactures state they are testing helmets to the DOT guidelines they are allow to purchase the DOT stickers and place on helmets. This could lead to some less than honest manufacturers who are out to make a buck.

SNELL does testing on helmets; however there is some controversy on their methods. The controversy is that they do not do 'batch' testing at the manufacturing companies, but pull helmets off the shelves and test them. This could cause problems as the helmets are already on the market and being worn by bikers. However, SNELL's standards are much higher than that of DOT.

No matter whom you talk to they will have an opinion on which is better, DOT or SNELL. It is almost as hot of a topic as helmet or no helmet. It's up to the individual to do their own research and pick a helmet that is the safest in their opinion. Just ensure that whichever helmet you choose fits properly.



January Social

Our January Social was on the 3rd. It was a great turn out with lots of food and delish deserts!



We had a rousing game of LRC which as anyone who has ever participated in this particular game can get quite boisterous!



We actually played only 2 games but both rolled over. Congrats to Gail & Kelly on their wins!

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Not everyone played LRC. Some sat and socialized!



Our next Social will be February 7th! Come on out and join the fun!!!

Nominations

It's that time again folks. Club Elections. If you ever thought about being part of the board now is the time to let us know you are interested.

Just as a reminder here are the nominees and job descriptions:

President - Preside at Club meetings. Coordinate all Club activities with community officials. Appoint committees to handle various Club activities. Indoctrinate all officers. Chair a monthly Board meeting of officers to make recommendations to the Club. At the expiration of the term, turn over all properties belonging to the Club.

Nominees: Stan Richardson
Bob Ellis

VP - Preside at Club meetings in the absence of the President. Assist the President in coordinating community activities. Head a complaint Board. If a member has a complaint on how the club is operating, or if any member has any objection to a prospective member or any club member, he should direct his objection to the Vice President who will confer with the other officers for the Board to make a decision. Welcome all prospective new members and visitors and explain the functions and rules of the Club. Order trophies, patches, and pins for Club events, or appoint a Club member to assume such duties. Coordinate activities for Club members' enjoyment (e.g., socials, recreational rides) or appoint a Club member/Committee to do so. Automatically assumes the position of resident should the President resign or be unable to serve, and shall serve the remaining term. At the expiration of the term, turn over all properties belonging to the Club.

Nominees: Fred Martz
John Pate
Gary Evans

Secretary - Keep minutes of Club and board meetings. Renew corporation papers by filing the annual report with the Department of State every year as prescribed by law. Answer all Club correspondence. Renew Club Charter with AMA yearly. Coordinate all official outgoing correspondence through the President and/or Board. Update Club roster at beginning of term including AMA number and expiration date, or appoint (with Board approval) a Membership Chair to assume such duties. Notify President and Treasurer of any new members joining, and type out new membership cards for distribution, or appoint a Membership Chair to assume such duties. At the expiration of the term, turn over all properties belonging to the Club.

Nominees: Ginny McKissick
Kelly Elder

Public Relations - Coordinate members to get posters and flyers out on upcoming events. Order all necessary materials to prepare flyers. Have flyers printed. Assure that publicity regarding each event or activity is distributed in a timely matter as appropriate for the event. Prepare news releases and radio announcements for coming events and activities. Remit write-ups to newspapers regarding any Club activity. Keep a Club scrapbook. Maintain Club bulletin board. At the end of the term, turn over all properties belong to the Club.

Nominee: Patti Clausen

Treasurer - Write all checks for the Club. Two (2) signatures are required for all checks. Pay and record all approved bills.

Collect membership dues and deposit money into Club account. Keep records of all club transactions to be maintained for display to State Auditors. Report monthly to the Club the balance of the Club bank accounts and itemized disbursements. Change signature cards for incoming officers. Prepare tax report. At the end of the term, turn over all properties belonging to the Club, and all books will be audited prior to the new Treasurer taking office.

Nominees: Bob Ellis

Sgt at Arms - Maintain order at Club meetings and in charge of maintaining crowd control at Club events

Nominees: Chef John
Joe Reed
Jack Dingman

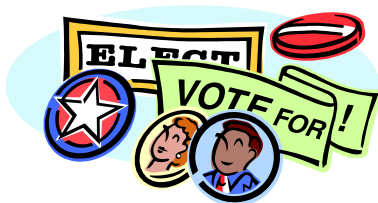
Trustees - Will consist of three members: 2 elected one automatic. The President, upon expiration of the term, will move to position of Trustee for one year. Nominees must be a member in good standing for three or more years in a row, elected by the membership for one-year term. Trustee will make monthly reports on any recommendations to Club membership.

Nominees: Fred Martz
Bill Gallant
Phil Sozio
Gary Evans

At our superbowl party we had our annual chili contest. Talk about some delish chili's!! OMG! We had 9 contestants and the judges were so hard press on picking 1st, 2nd, & 3rd places they added an honorable mention. But we are all winners.



Our judges were very hard press to pick just one.



Chili Contest

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1st place went to JT.



Our Honorable Mention went to Roach

Thank you everybody who entered!

Superbowl Party

We had a lot of people show up to our superbowl party and what fun we had! The rivalries started early!

As everyone already knows the Seahawks stomped the Broncos. So sorry for those Bronco fans. However, our party was a blast with so much food we could feed an army!!!

2nd place went to Ginny



Out by the firepit before the game.

3rd place went to Rat





February 1st Ride to the Swamp House

Well our first ride in February was a bit damp, according to our roving reporter JT! We started off with 8 bikes and 9 riders but lost one due to the rain. Can't blame ya there hate riding in the rain.

Stan led the group on winding trails through Deland over the St Johns bridge on 44, through DeLeon Springs, skirting Orange City out to Debary and the Swamp House. Despite the wet weather the food was excellent, service great and the company and conversation even better. Thanks Stan for a great ride.



February Birthdays



Our next meeting will be February 15

Diane Gallant
Susie Pate
Rich Scherer