

RICE BURNER'S WEDDING NIGHT

A young couple, both members of the local Gold Wing Chapter, gets married. She is a virgin. Truth be told, he is a virgin, too, but she doesn't know that.

On their wedding night, she cowers naked under the sheets as her husband undresses in the darkness.

He climbs into bed next to her and tries to be reassuring.

"My darring", he whispers, "I know you berry flighten. I plomise you, I give you anyting you want. I do anyting – juss ask. WhatChu want?", he says, trying to sound experienced and worldly, which he hopes will impress her.

A thoughtful silence follows, and he waits patiently (and eagerly) for her request.

She eventually shyly whispers back, "I want to try someting I hear about from odda girls... Numba 69" More thoughtful silence from him.

Eventually, in a puzzled tone he asks her...

"You want galhric chicken wit snow peas?"



Hog Wash

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HAPPY NEW YEAR!

Greetings to my fellow SEMO Hog members!! As your incoming Director, I wish to once again thank you for your vote of confidence. I will always strive to make you proud, and do the best job to my ability, and always attempt to make any decisions that are based on the betterment of the Chapter, and to the pleasure of its members. I am so very pleased with the election results, the Officers that were elected will be, and already have been, a pleasure to work with, and a credit to the voting members decision-making. I will have highly creditable, and informed people to work with, and I will always be open to any input from members not holding leadership position.

I have very large shoes to fill, taking over from the likes of Steve Floyd. He is not only a dear friend, but he is my brother as well. He has given his all to the Chapter for the past three years, and his leadership will be missed. But he will be in our midst to contribute to our pleasure by simply being with, and around him. We all thank you. Steve, for giving your all, and for being such an inspirational leader. You have been, and always will be, a very large part of our life. Thank you so very much, Steve!!!

We had a wonderful month of activities in November, both in combined Chapter events and private social events with Chapter friends. We are family!!! I cannot mention "November" without the recent memory that will be with me for life. The 2011 Christmas Parade of Lights!!! When our beloved SEMO HOG took three FIRST PLACE AWARDS!!! In theme, lighting, and enthusiasm!!! What a wonderful night for us all !!! My thanks to all members who helped with the building of the float, and to those who participated in the parade, and to all those who helped in the tearing down of the float. BUT, a very special THANKS to both Karen and Bill Gibbs!!! Karen did such an outstanding job in the design, and creation of the award-winning float!!! Be sure that each of you express your utmost gratitude to her personally!!! Special thanks to our beloved Dealership – Boot Heel, for their support, and for loaning the Harley trike to us for the float. I'm sure that you have noticed that our Dealership is represented at almost every Hog function, and we notice, and we are thankful that they are such a very strong part of our every activity.

Thanks so much to Kevin Lindman for the design and creation of the "camera" that was center stage on the float!!! It was a masterpiece!!! We are so very fortunate to have the likes of Kevin in our group, highly talented, intelligent, and enthusiastic!! A huge thanks to Don and Connie for supplying the 48' trailer, without it, none of the above wonderful things would have come to pass!!!

As always, the Christmas Party was nothing short of wonderful!! Special thanks to the Leeds family, and especially Crystal, for the delicious food that was enjoyed by all. It is always such a joy being together with Hog friends!!!!

As you are all aware of, Presi and I leave the country each winter for the months of December thru March, but I leave you in the very competent hands of the leadership of your Assistant Director, Dave Tucker. Dave is a very true friend of mine, and a person that I respect highly. Not only a very good man, but a man of conviction, and possess an affection for the Chapter, matching that of my own. We will return to the U.S. in time to be on spot for the April Hog meeting. We will miss each of you terribly, and that is not just words, you are our world. I am very fortunate to have a wife that shares my enthusiasm for the bike, for the Chapter, and for each individual within the Chapter. In my case I feel that "friendship" takes on a very special significance. I have no family other than you. That places each of you in a very special category in my life.

We will miss your smiles, your embrace, and your affection while gone beyond your dreams, but we shall all look very forward to the coming year of a whole new year filled with new events, and destinations, and social events. I am convinced in working closely with your Activities Director Connie Riddle, of whom is a dear friend of mine, that we will all have perhaps the best year ever for SEMO Hog members. Thereby, thru our enjoyment and pleasure we will attract quality people, of whom wish to be a part of such a special group of people You be safe through the winter, and we will strive to do the same, so that we shall all be happily together in April.

With Much Love, Your Director,

MIKE SAMS





POLAR BEAR RIDE 2012

If the rest of 2012 is as good as the inaugural ride of the year, than 2012 will be a great year for riding. January 1, 2012 arrived with plenty of sunshine and temperatures in the 50's. Thirty eight riders on twenty eight bikes enjoyed a terrific ride from Bootheel Harley - Davidson to the Bayou Bar and Grill in Pocohontas. The Ride was even more special because Bootheel once again participated in the Wreathes Across America program by donating a wreath for the grave of a veteran for each rider who stopped by and signed the guest book at the Dealership. What a wonderful way to support our armed services. Bootheel Harley - Davidson also provided breakfast of bacon and eggs, biscuits and gravy, and plenty of hot coffee to start the morning off right.

The mild weather (can you believe that a Street Glide with a LOCO plate was out in January!) great ride, comraderie of fellow bikers , and a good meal at the Bayou all made for a great start to 2012.

News of future Chapter rides and the upcoming Leather and Lace Dance in February will be posted as it becomes available.

Bring on the New Year!!



Storing your Harley for the Winter

Those who continue to ride through the winter will still benefit from some of these tips to keep your ride in top shape. It is never too late to prepare your Harley (or other equipment) for that long winter's nap.

Below is a check list for basic winter storage that will help make sure your ride survives until spring.

1. Stabilize the fuel

Modern unleaded fuel only has a shelf life of 3-4 weeks before it begins to deteriorate. Some believe that draining the tank and float bowl is all that is needed to prevent the gasoline from turning to sludge. In my opinion there is no way to completely drain every drop of fuel, especially from all the small passages and jets in the carburetor.

Add the recommended amount of fuel stabilizer to a full tank of fuel, then run the engine for at least 15 minutes to work the stabilized fuel throughout the engine. This will prevent the remaining fuel residue from oxidizing and turning to varnish. There are several brands of fuel stabilizer but be sure to purchase a reliable brand.

2. Change your oil

Now that your Harley is warmed up after running the stabilizer through the engine, change your oil. Residual fuel and contaminants in the oil can oxidize during prolonged storage or inactivity. Changing your oil now removes all the sludge and dirt that would otherwise start to deteriorate. In addition, changing oil now guarantees fresh lubrication when it comes time to remove the bike from storage.

Don't go cheap on the oil like some sites encourage. Use a quality oil that you would normally drive with. Run the engine a few minutes to disburse the oil through the engine.

3. Prepare the Battery

Lead-acid batteries should be kept under a constant charge in order to prolong their life. Attach a Battery Tender or specialized charger that won't overcharge your battery. A trickle charger may be used but must not be run for more than a half-hour each day. This could be accomplished using an appliance timer. If your motorcycle will be stored where freezing temperatures are likely, remove the battery from the bike and place in a warm dry place. The battery should be kept charged regardless.

Battery storage myth: Placing a battery on a concrete floor will not discharge or drain the battery. Lead acid batteries by nature slowly discharge however, a concrete floor has no effect on this.

4. Clean and Lubricate

Dirt, sand, and road salts will begin to corrode and damage metal surfaces if left during storage. Give your bike a good cleaning before putting her to sleep for the winter.

Lubricate the chain. Lubricate all moving parts such as cables and use a metal protectant spray on the underside of the frame and drivetrain. This will combat any rust on areas exposed from pitting or scratches.

5. Check your Tires

Make sure your tires are properly inflated. If you have a compressor then deflate your tires first to expel any moisture, then inflate with clean compressed air. You should repeat this step before riding again in the spring.

If possible, elevate your Harley so both tires are not under load. This is especially important if the bike be stored in freezing conditions. Make sure your bike is secure. Motorcycle lifts with bottle jacks have been known to fail when left under prolonged load.

6. Cover your Harley

Even when stored inside, your bike should be covered while stored. Use a cover that can breath and not a plastic tarp. Moisture should not be allowed to become trapped under the cover on your bike's metal surfaces. If your storage is in a barn or similar place, cover the exhaust to prevent any unwanted creatures from making a winter den.