



From the Director's Chair



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OH MY!!! February just flew by and it is getting closer!!! The warm weather that is. I am still doing some work on the Wing so that it will be ready to go when needed. Finished replacing the radiators a couple weeks ago due to a leak in one of them. If you are interested in how the project went then go to [Chapman Street Adventures](#) on YouTube and see the video of the project.

Had an interesting title come across my feed the other day that caught my attention. Something that I didn't know and am a little surprised by. Did you know that they BAN motorcycles in some cities in Europe? I didn't, though I am not surprised. Some cities have extreme regulations on emissions. But what surprised me is that ALL bikes are banned. Being a Wing owner, I always considered the wing to be a very clean running bike, both in emissions and noise.

Some cities only ban them during high traffic times others completely ban them. I have seen videos from over seas that show many hundreds of bikes just riding basically where ever they want to go. I think I saw one once at the famous round about in France (?) where it was crazy how they ride.

The Asian cities are over flowing with bikes since they are cheap in price and fuel. In the one article I read, there was an accident involving a bus and the bikers ended up torching the bus.

So, I began to wonder since the US has a history of following Europe on some of the environmental leaning how soon that will show up here? It might show up for the noise pollution at first first since some riders and manufactures seem to feel the need to make their bikes obnoxiously loud. We all have heard the rhetoric that LOUD PIPES SAVE LIVES. But when you can't be within 200 ft of a bike going down the road then that is too loud. Anyways, I digress.

Here is the link to just one of many articles I found on the subject.

[Driving Bans on motorcycles in Europe](#)

Ride dates have been put on the Events Calendar and a couple of dates already claimed. We are still asking everyone to help out planning a ride on one of those dates. It REALLY helps us out. And I would love not having to put this in so many communications. Let us know which date you are willing to plan.

Heads up, the month of May will be a busy one for the Chapter. Starting with May 7th and the First Official Ride of the Season!!!! Weather permitting of course. Check out the other events and happenings on the calendar, under the Event Tab.

Until next month

Be safe

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It's really hard to think about riding when it's so darn cold out! I swear it seems to get colder the older I get. And to think it's now the start of March!! That does mean Spring's right around the corner, right??

I'm working on setting up more Medic First Aid courses since the grace period for Levels ends June 30th. The goal is to get as many caught up as we can. Our last course was well attended with 11 members joining us at Dehn's Country Manor. A quick shout out to Mike Dehn for all his help with our District needs. He's been really supportive, and I truly appreciate him.

I'm also looking for a facility in the South Metro so if anyone has an idea, let me know. I'm going to try contacting the American Legion in Apple Valley again. That was always a good venue in the past with plenty of room for training. Our motto: Have mannequins, can travel.

As I noted in my last article, it's also time for Rider Courses.....earlier in the season this year if at all possible, but I'm always willing to see what I can schedule. I also found out that the three Ride Course Instructors (Bob, Scott and me) are also able to do an Add-on Rider Courses so if you happen to know someone with an add-on kit, let them know. I do know there is at least one Member looking to take a course. If we can get a couple additional, we can do it!

There you have it. My schedule is getting busy trying to schedule classes. By the way, if anyone reading this article is interested in becoming a Medic First Aid Instructor, please let me know. It never hurts to have a larger group of Instructor!!

Everyone stay warm and stay safe. See you all soon!

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