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**FROM OUR DIRECTOR :**

**GOLDWING TIPS**

I thought this month I would write a short article about Goldwing tips.

I'm starting this off with a link to a website to download FREE service manuals for the GL1000, GL1100, GL1500 and GL1800. You can find these at <http://goldwing.soylentgeek.com>. For downloading large files from the Internet, you really need to use a download manager, instead of relying on the rather crappy one built into your web browser. This goes double if you are using dial-up. These download managers will download in simultaneous multiple sessions, resume aborted or failed downloads, and much more. I swear by (not at) one called GetRight <http://www.getright.com> however there are lots more out there that I'm sure work just as well.

**GL1500 OEM CB Tip.** From Gilles Adam in Canada; for people who want to install a used OEM CB to a GL1500. If you don't have the OEM wire plug on the CB, you can replace it by a radio plug from a Honda Civic 1986 (car). It's the same plug; you just have to connect the wire up yourself.

**GL1500 CB Radio Noise Suppressors.** If you are fitting a used Hondaline CB radio to a GL1500, you will need the suppressors/filters as well. These are not usually included with used CB's, so if you have to order them then here are the Honda part numbers;

- 08118-MN500-05 Filter, Air Pump.
- 08118-MN500-06 Filter, Fuel Pump.
- 08118-MN500-07 Filter, ACG (alternator).

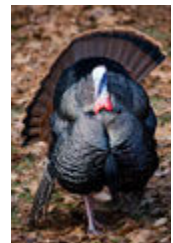
**Converting the GL1500SE cornering lights into running lights.** Firstly locate the relays for the cornering lights. They are located under the fairing lower panels. On some models they may be both on the same side. Follow the wiring from the relays to the connector blocks. On the bikes side of the loom locate the light blue/white wire for one side of the bike and orange/white wire for the other side. Cut these wires and the cornering lights will come on when the ignition is switched on. If you put a small switch on each wire you can switch back to cornering light operation whenever you want. The wires draw less than one amp, so low current switches will do.

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**HAPPY THANKSGIVING  
FROM CHAPTER "P"**

BEFORE



AFTER





**GLI 800 tunnel fillers template.** If you want to make the steering head tunnel fillers yourself instead of buying them, the template for marking out the foam has been sent in by a GLI 800 owner and visitor to my forums who made the template from his own set. The template is in Jpeg format and is only about 55kbs file size. You should print the full image on the full area of an A4 sheet of paper (the template is already sized to A4). The same template is used for both left and right sides of the steering head. Yogi can download the template at this website: <http://www.goldwingfacts.com/Gifs/1800tunnelfillers.jpg>

**Unusual GLI 800 Battery Charging Problem.** Jim Sadler from Australia tipped me off about this. No charge was going into his battery, even though the alternator was giving

full output and the regulator checked out okay. Turns out his cruise control fuse had blown and when this fuse blows the battery won't charge.

**Sticking Trunk Lid Cure.** If the trunk or saddlebag lids on your Goldwing won't open in frosty weather, try applying some Teflon spray to the sealing rubbers on the lids before the frost appears. The frost makes the rubbers stick, Teflon will prevent it. Car dealers have used this trick for years with great success.

**Waterproofing Speakers.** When fitting speakers to any of my Goldwings, I usually take the "Waterproof" badge with a pinch of salt. Before fitting, I usually spray the speakers with clear lacquer (the type used to spray cars). Two or three light coats (front and rear) makes sure they really are waterproofed and there is no noticeable difference in sound quality. You don't need to have access to spray equipment to do this small job, just buy an aerosol can of clear cellulose or acrylic lacquer for a few bucks.

**GLI 100 & GLI 200 Starter Motor Spinning Problem.** Lots of people have e-mailed me to say that when cold, their GLI 100 starter motor spins fine but will not turn the engine over. From personal experience I have found that using 20-50W oil is a major cause of this problem, especially in cold weather. Changing to lighter oil such as 10-40W, usually fixes this problem.

**Spare Keys For GLI 800.** The Honda Accord key blank is the same and can be used as a backup key for emergencies.

**GLI 800 Turn Signals, Disabling the Self Canceling feature.** Lots of people have expressed their frustration at the way the self-canceling turn signal feature works on the GLI 800. Turning off too soon is the usual complaint. Personally, I just hit the switch again. For those who would like to turn off the self-canceling altogether, all you need to do is cut the speedometer input wire. It is the white wire with a black stripe and is located under the right side glove box. It passes through the small connector to the left of the larger connector (the one with about a million wires going to it). This wire goes down through the steering stem to the SC unit on the bottom of the steering head. If you cut this wire the canceling feature will be disabled altogether. You can fit a switch to the wire instead and bring it through to the glove box, which will allow you to turn the canceling feature on or off whenever you want to.

**Repairing Plastics.** Some of you have probably had the misfortune to damage one or more of your motorcycle panels. Using fiberglass to try and repair cracks in Goldwing panels is no use, it just cracks after a short time. Some plastics cannot be successfully welded either. U-pol has released a product, **Plast X** Plastic Repair Kit which actually works! It's a two part mix supplied in a syringe type dispenser and is available for hard or soft plastics, the hard plastic type being fine for wing panels. It hardens very quickly and is a real pig to sand down, although a sanding disc on your power drill will do the job fine and you can use a skim of body filler to finish it off before priming. The finished repair is really strong; the material feels just like real plastic.

More to come in the following months.

Semper Fi,

Jay & Sandi



## From our Assistant Chapter Directors

Pleasure Riders,

I recently participated in an Advanced Riders Course taught by certified MSF instructor Jim Slaughter. Please allow me to share with you, my experience.

Like you, I consider myself an experienced motorcycle operator. After-all I have been riding for many years, and have felt like many of you. What else can they teach me that I don't already know? Why waste my time and money? What's the point? It's a common response I hear when I ask others how they feel about taking a riders education course. It is the same response I used for years!

### **Don't listen to your ego!**

Like many of the riders that morning, I felt somewhat nervous at the thought of discovering I may be lacking in some of my skills and abilities. What if I couldn't successfully complete the course? What if I drop my bike? These same thoughts raced through all our minds, so I was not alone.

Did I mention I was the only MALE in the class? True fact!

As the class started all my uncertainty quickly subsided as I relaxed and eased up! The course consisted of 10 obstacles. Some were more challenging than others. Such as hard braking in a turn, figure 8 in a box, and counter steering around obstacles. But I was here to have fun and to discover what else I could do to be a better rider!

By the end of the 5 hours and 22 miles in obstacles I had more appreciation and confidence in my skills and abilities.

Sure I know how to ride; I have been doing it for years! I also plan to keep my skills sharpened so I may ride safely for many more! I urge you to do the same!

Be aware & ride safe!

Keep them shiney & under your hiney!

Jeff Mew

Assistant Chapter Director



## Chapter "P" Members Group photo at Chapter "T" rally in Killeen



### Find Your Number Game



In this, if you find your GWRRA number in some type of organized sequence hidden in the newsletter, be sure to come to that month's Gathering. Once the Gathering officially starts, Jump up and down **YELLING** that you have found your numbers.

Identify where your number is hidden and win **\$\$\$\$\$**. If the numbers are not found, or the owners of the numbers are **NOT** at the meeting, then an additional \$5 will be added totaling \$10, and so on until it is won.

At that time, we start over again at \$5.

**We are up to \$15 now.**

**Rick Burlingame and Bud Vera**

**Did Not Find Their Numbers Last Month.**



**This Months Birthdays and Anniversary's**

**Birthdays**

**Patsy Peralda - 1st**

**David Ritz - 11th, Roger McKenzie - 16th**

**Renda Williaford - 17th**

**Doug Phillips - 19th, Rhonha Schmidt - 19th**

**Robin Vera - 24th**

**Robert Adair - 25th**

**Roxie Phillips - 29th**

**Ted Davis - 30th**

**Anniversary's**

**For the SECOND year in a row we have NO Anniversary's in November.**

**November Calendar of Events and Planned Rides**

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
				1	2	3
						GWRRA Tx District Educa- tion Weekend- Lufkin
4	5	6	7	8	9	10
GWRRA Tx District Educa- tion Weekend- Lufkin				Chapter Gathering 7pm		
11	12	13	14	15	16	17
18	19	20	21	22	23	24
				Thanksgiving Day		
25	26	27	28	29	30	December 1

**NOTE: Scheduled Rides May be Postponed if Bad Weather is Forecast.  
Contact Jay or Jeff if you have any doubt.**



## KC's Corner

### Tire compounds Hard or Soft?

We all know that besides of regular maintenance to keep the bikes running steady is also our tires. Well, here's a little 101 on them. Did you know that tires have different compounds? I bet your saying "oh yes I do", or thinking what is that?

Well, here we go. Tires are rated by their compounds. (Hard, med. and soft). The softer the tire, the more heat it generates, which creates better traction. The harder the tire the longer it takes to warm up. A medium tire as you can figure is just that. They warm faster then hard tires but not as fast as the softer compounds.

The pros and cons of these tire compounds.

Hard tires have a longer tread life and are good for handling for awhile. But once they get too hard from heat cycles (road heat, brake heat, wear & tear) they get really hard and give a false sense of security.

Medium compounds equal Good tread life, great handling and takes heat cycles better then the harder compounds. Plus once they start to wear out you will notice it on the tires.

Soft compound tires are really made for performance and I don't recommend these on touring bikes, just due to the weight of the bikes and road conditions. These are super sticky tires made to grip the road and go. Not too mention the tires tread life is very short.

So, when is the tire too hard? Take your thumb nail and push on the tread of the tire in three places. In the middle of the tire, and both sides of the tread patterns. If you can see your thumb nail print your doing good. If you have to push really hard to see it then you might want to have them checked.

Just remember the key to a lot of tire problems is air pressure. Keep an eye on it. Not to mention that if you ride your bike aggressively, you will wear the tires out sooner and wonder why you went through a set of tires faster then the other guy. Everyone rides their bike different. Everyone's bike is set up the way they want it. Plus you have to take in consideration the weight of the bike and/or if it's towing a trailer and the road conditions.

Remember ride safe & ride smart.

KC



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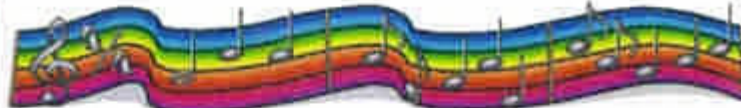
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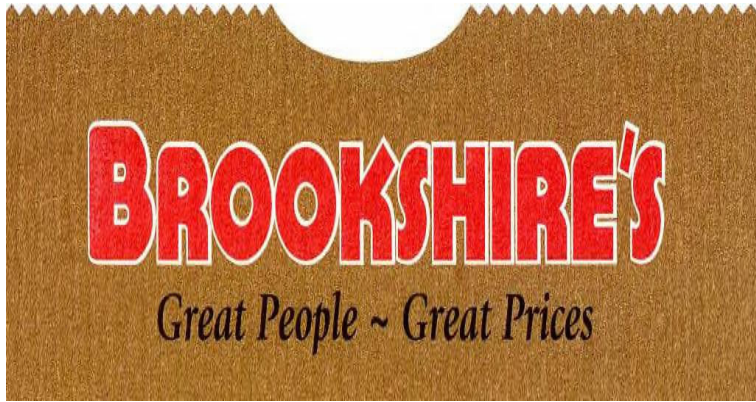
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