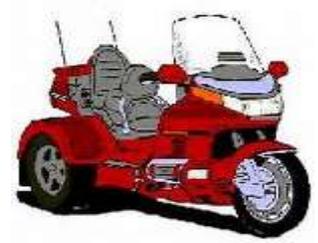


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Well, another month has come and gone. I always look forward to the month of October, as I know that just around the corner, will be our annual camping trip. We begin to get the RV's, trailers, bikes, and cars, ready for the big excursion. There were two of us (Tuten's & Jones's) who left out on the 21<sup>st</sup> with our RV's and trailers to Reed Bingham State Park, Adel, GA. The 1<sup>st</sup> night, we just relaxed around the campfire. The next morning, we are on our bikes and driving down the old back roads, enjoying the scenery and eating at some hole in wall. We did this for about five days. Thursday, we had 2 more bikers (Jackson's & Rogers's) and their pop-up campers join in and we continued with the riding and eating. A couple of nights we would cook at the campsite and just enjoy nothing. There were a couple of nights it got down in the 40's, but that just made the campfire much better. Saturday, we had a couple (Hickey's) come in their vehicle and again we just enjoyed the riding and the fellowship. Saturday night the campground was decorated for Halloween, including having bouncy houses, hay rides, and a frightening ride in the woods late at night. We passed out a lot of candy and admired the costumes, big and small. Sunday a couple of us headed back home and 3 couples remained for another day. We did miss some of our regular members who were unable to make the venture, but there is next year. We are actually thinking of moving the site over to a county park, Whitewater Creek RV Park in Oglethorpe, GA.

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One of our members, Tom Buchanon was riding his bicycle in Brunswick and was hit from behind by a police officer driving at a high rate of speed. The officer spotted Tom and tried to avoid him, just clipping the side of his bike, but sent Tom down the road with some serious injuries. Please keep Tom in your prayers.

Ride safe and enjoy the cooler, less humid weather

### *RIDER ED 'GIMME 5'*

#### **TOPIC:** End of Season Cycle Maintenance

Whether the riding season in your area lasts only four or five months, or as long as ten months, most of us will let our motorcycles remain unriden for a long enough period of time that it is best to prepare it for a season of rest.

November typically brings weather throughout the northern tier of states that is not very good for motorcycling. Most parts of this great country of ours experience two or more months of weather that is not considered part of the riding season. The air temperature alone gets cold enough to cause hypothermia without adding the wind chill from sitting atop a motorcycle while blasting down the road at legal speeds – even at 45 mph. And many areas will have snow on the ground before the month is out. Some of you may be cold-blooded enough to prolong the season a few extra weeks, but for most, there is a period each year when your motorcycle becomes a lonesome friend sitting quietly in the garage.

Before you park it for a season of inactivity, this is a great time to get your end of season maintenance done. It is recommended that you change the oil and oil filter to remove contaminants – dirt, deposits, acids and moisture – that can lead to corrosion inside the engine. Other fluid levels should be checked for proper level. If the fluids are due for replacement based on miles ridden since the last change (check your manual and service history), this is a good time to do that and any other maintenance tasks that you may have been putting off.

Your mechanic likely is not very busy at this time of year. He (she) would probably appreciate your visit, too! And you know your bike will be better for it. Then when spring comes next year (it is not that far off, after all!), you'll be ready to go without a visit to the mechanic before planning your next big ride. After you get it back from your mechanic, fill the gas tank and add the appropriate amount of fuel stabilizer (such as Stabil) before parking your Wing. Wash and wax the bike and inflate the tires. The battery should be disconnected from the motorcycle (negative terminal first) and trickle charged at least every 30 days, per your Gold Wing Owner's Manual. (Refer to your battery charger manual for more charging details.) Take good care of your Wing, and your Wing will take good care of you!

*Ride Smart & Be Safe!*  
Bruce & Melissa Thayer  
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NOVEMBER  
17 NOV – BUDDY JONES  
19 NOV – JESSE TUTEN  
29 NOV – TOMMY BUCHANON



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UPCOMING EVENTS

5 NOV– Dinner Ride  
10 NOV– Monthly Meeting  
22 NOV – TIRE KICKER  
3 DEC – CHRISTMAS PARTY

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