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January 2011 Newsletter

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Location: *The Plaza at 34th and Bell*

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CD'S CHATTER-RAY LATTA-CHAPTER DIRECTOR —

CD Chatter – January 2011

I resolve to...

I will let each of you finish the article yourselves this month.

Ride safe.

Ray



TOP WINGS FRIDAY NIGHT DRIVES

Time: Friday evening at 6:30 p.m.

Meet: At the designated restaurant.

Dec. 31: No FND on New Years Eve

Jan. 7th: Ruby Tequilas

Jan. 14th: Famous Daves

Jan. 21: Crickets

Jan. 28th: Outlaws

Feb. 4th: Rosas on 45th

Feel free to *Contact Ray Latta for details;*

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Fuel Octane Rating & Engine Knocking

I would like to share with members some technical aspects on fuel Octane rating and engine knocking.

OCTANE RATING

Octane rating is a means to measure a gasoline's ability to resist engine knock. The higher the rating, the harder it is for the gasoline to burn when ignited. It is essential and important to match the correct octane rating of the gasoline to the design aspect of the engine which will enable a complete burning of the gasoline for maximum fuel economy and clean emissions. For octane rating, there are two established standards namely, the Research Octane Number (RON) and Motor Octane Number (MON). RON is an octane rating tested with a motor running at a constant speed and MON is done with a motor with varying speeds. Every car manufacturer specifies in the Drivers Manual the required Octane rating fuel.

Engine Knocking

Engine knocking is a sharp, metallic-sounding noise that results from uncontrolled combustion. Severe knocking over an extended time may damage pistons and other engine parts. If we happen to hear engine knocking, we must check the engine to ensure it is correctly tuned or otherwise try to identify the cause of the knocking. Sometimes, using a higher-octane gasoline may be a solution.

When shall we need a higher Octane gasoline?

In most vehicles, no benefit is gained from using gasoline that has a higher octane number than is needed to prevent knock. However, in some high performance and high compression engine vehicles, manufacturers may specify to use a higher-octane gasoline to improve engine performance. Current World Situation Currently most countries offer different octane grades of unleaded petrol namely, regular (usually Octane 91 or 92), mid-grade (usually Octane 95) and premium (usually Octane 98).

Hong Kong Situation

In Hong Kong, fuel stations only supply the Octane 98 unleaded petrol disregarding whether it is regular or premium. In fact, statistics have indicated that the majority of vehicles in Hong Kong are required to use Octane 95 gasoline or lower. Using a higher-octane gasoline than the manufacturer recommends offers absolutely no benefit. It won't make our car performs better, go faster, get better mileage or run cleaner.

Educator's Corner (continued from page 3)

SOME COMPARISON OF OCTANE 98 VS 95 UNLEADED FUEL

Due to the difference in manufacturing process, the Octane 98 unleaded petrol is more expensive than Octane 95. Octane 98 unleaded petrol is 3 to 10% dearer than the Octane 95. With the inclusion of tax issue, Hong Kong motorists may now be spending 6 to 20% higher than what is needed. We are talking about millions of dollars wasted on annual fuel consumption.

Secondly, Using a fuel with a higher octane rating than required may create incomplete combustion problem. The unburnt fuel that collects in the catalytic converter may eventually dissipate into our atmosphere.

Thirdly, using higher-octane gasoline in low compression engine cannot improve the performance of engine. This higher-octane gasoline contains higher quality of carbon mixture. The engine may need a higher pressure and temperature to burn it up. As a result, engine may suffer prolonged overheating.

Fourthly, The World Environmental Protection Organization requires that all octane grades of all brands of gasoline should contain engine cleaning detergent additives to protect against the build-up of harmful levels of engine deposits during the expected life of vehicle. Higher-octane gasoline does not perform better than regular octane in preventing the forming of engine deposits, nor has the ability to remove them, or in cleaning the car's engine.

Conclusion and Recommendation

The use of Octane 98 fuel in Hong Kong will not only cause higher motoring expense than what is required but will have absolutely no benefit to car performance. As the Chairman of IMI Hong Kong and the President of Hong Kong Automobile Association. I have brought this matter to the attention of the SAR Government by requesting the concerned departments to consider the provision of Octane 95 unleaded petrol at the fuel stations for the choice of motorists.

Jackson Ho, FIMI, MIRTE

Chairman of IMI HK

Top Wings Member Spotlight

1. Name(s): Lloyd and Charlene Falke
2. AKA: Lloyd and Charlene Falke
3. Happily Married for 59.75 years.
4. Children/Grandchildren: 3 children, 16 grandchildren, 8 great grandchildren
5. Occupation(s): Lloyd - Service Tool and Supply, Charlene - Retired
6. How many years have you been riding: Lloyd - 63 years, Charlene - 32 years
8. Years in GWRRA/Top Wings: since the beginning
9. Position(s) held in Top Wings: none
10. Tell us about your current bike(s): 2000 Kawasaki Drifter
11. What previous motorcycle do you wish you still had: 1941 Harley Davidson, 1987 Honda Goldwing
12. What is your favorite motorcycle accessory: intercom
13. What is your favorite riding destination: Canada
14. What is your favorite food/restaurant: all!!!
15. What other hobbies do you have besides motorcycling: flying, boating
16. What happened during your "15 minutes of fame"? we've never had 15 minutes of fame
17. Do you have a website? Facebook? Other internet connection? Facebook
18. What else should your GWRRA friends know about you: We're Christians and we work in the church in our spare time
10. What Top Wings couple or member would you like to know more about? Gladys and Hubert Hensley



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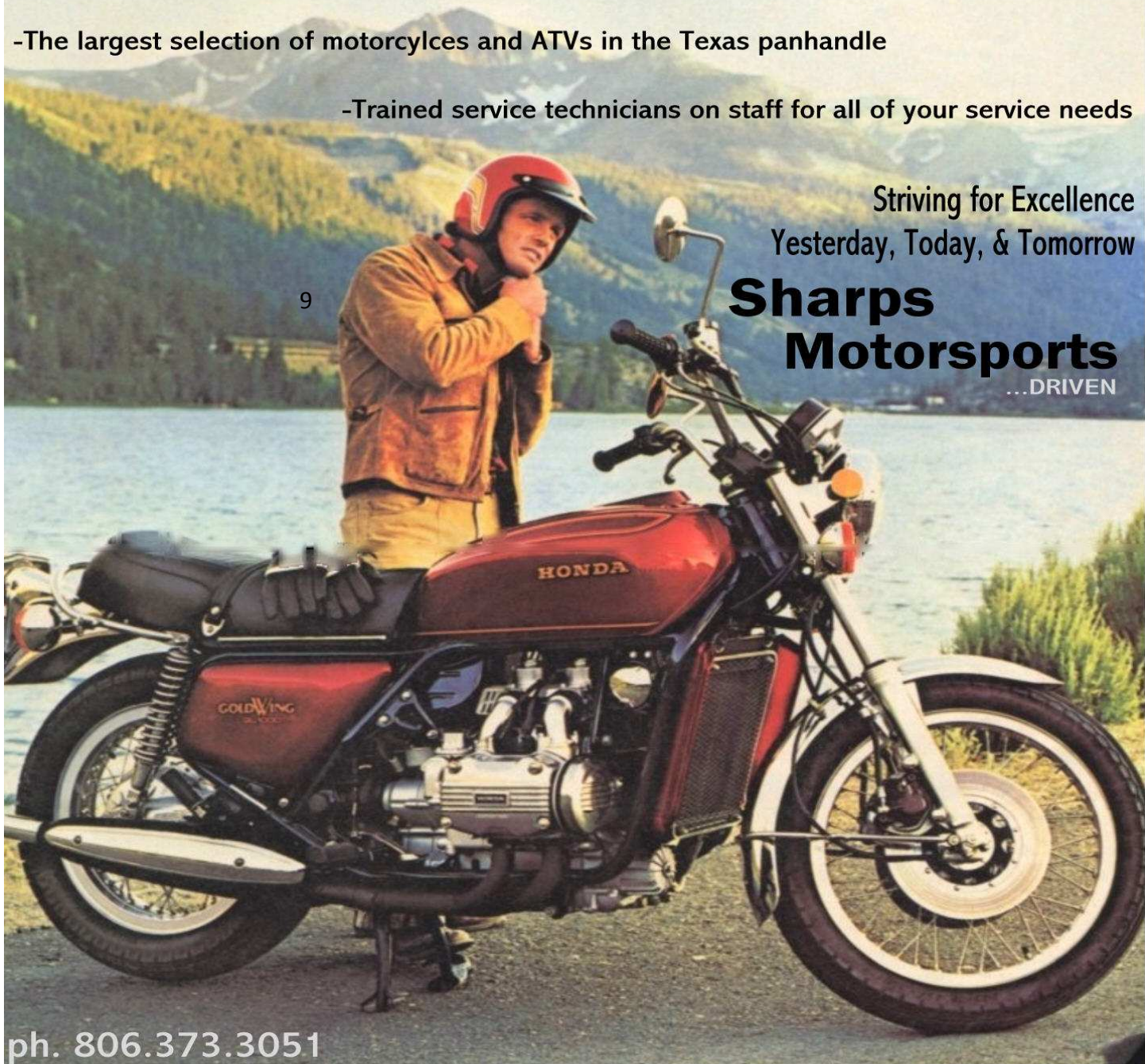
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Birthdays

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1-06 Tricia Latta



Maria Hernandez



Tricia Latta

1-09 Clarence Heronemous
1-29 Wes Kloppenborg



Clarence Heronemous



Wes Kloppenborg

Anniversaries

1-02 Duane & Mary Lou Glasco
1-06 Burl & Beverly Peterson
1-06 Kelly & Kathy Vaughn
1-20 Nelson & Dora Bullard



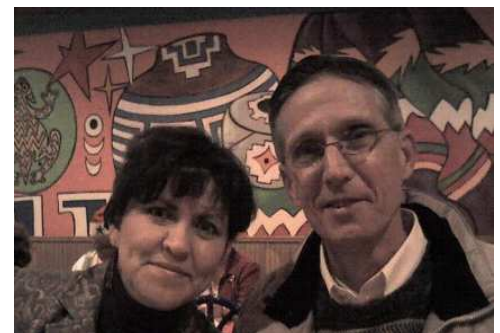
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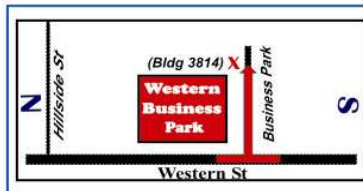


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Upcoming Events

January 15, Trash Pickup at 9 AM at Washington & Hunsley Hills Rd

Saturday, January 15, 2011, Texas Mid-Winter Roundup, Kileen, TX
Civic Center 254-501-3888 Host Hotel: Shilo Inn 254-247-3133

January 29-30, 2011, **O**fficer **C**ertification **P**rogram, Kerrville, TX

March 11– March 15, 40 to Phoenix: “Coast to Coast” ride

March 12, 2011, Texas Chapter **C** Convention, Baytown, TX

March 24-26, 2011, **R**egion **H** Convention, Plano, TX

April 2, 2011, Texas Chapter **O** Convention, Fredricksburg, TX

April 7-9, 2011, **L**ouisiana District Convention, Lafayette, LA

April 29-30, 2011, Texas Chapter **O2** Convention, Brownwood, TX

May 12-14, 2011, **T**exas District Convention, Kileen, TX

July 6-9, 2011, Wing Ding 33, Knoxville, TN

August 26-27, 2011, **K**ansas District Convention, Eldorado, KS

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Chapter Couple of the Year Corner



BETTY & BILL
HISEY

We had a great turnout, 16 bikes, for the Christmas Light parade. The weather was very pleasant with no wind, much better than the 29 degrees last year. We had some new faces to join us in the parade and others at a delicious meal at The Country Barn where we ate after the parade.



JANUARY PICTURE OF THE MONTH
PREPARING FOR THE CHRISTMAS LIGHT PARADE

