

## End of the year newsletter....

Well it is that time of year again where the bike have been put away. As we start planning for next year's riding season, I sit here thinking about this year's supper rides and events.

Can you believe the weather we had on Sunday? I can't remember the last time it was 52 degrees in the middle of December. As Ben and I tried to finish Christmas shopping, we saw a few bikes out enjoying the beautiful day.


In July, Dennis, Donna, Ray, Judy, Sherrill and I took our bikes on a cross-country adventure.

After spending the day riding in Canada, we came back to the US through Niagara Falls, NY. We took the CANAM (Canadian/American) tour at Niagara Falls and went on the boat, Maid of the Mist tour; that was a lot of fun. I have to say the Canadian side of Niagara is a lot better than the US side. On our journey to the BMW rally, (Donna and Dennis attended the rally) Ray, Judy, Sherrill and I rode through the mountains of Pennsylvania. After we all met back up we took a day to ride the back roads of New Jersey. We all had a great time despite a few hot days one of those days it reached 103 degrees.

If you would like to hear more about our trip, feel free to ask anyone of us. We would be more than happy to tell you all about it.

***Your Director,***  
Ben Ress





## Chapter I News

### **New Members:**

We are pleased to announce the following new members to Chapter I.

- Alan and Robin Zinkula
- Dean and Mary Pilttingsrud

### **2012 Family of year:**

- Congratulations to Dennis Irwin and Donna McCullough

### **State Directors:**

Our new state directors for 2012 will be

- Darrell and Judy Peters

### **Chapter I Director:**


- Ben Ress was re-elected in December as our 2012 director

### **February Thaw:**

Our 8<sup>th</sup> Annual February Thaw will be held on the 18<sup>th</sup> of February at Baymont Inn & Suites. The theme this year is ***Pirates of the Caribbean***. Our charity this year will be for the PKD (Polycentric Kidney Disease) Foundation.

Come and Join the Fun!!!!





**From Ray:**

Having been riding just about every brand ever made over the past 42 years I wouldn't have dreamed of changing my oil every 8 thousand miles as recommended in our manual! I had an opportunity to spend an hour or two with a Honda engine design engineer and this is what he told me. The G1800 engine was designed to such close tolerances, and lubricants have changed so much that unless you were racing that bike non-stop across the Sahara desert in the dead of summer in a sand store, there was no need to change oil at any closer intervals than 8000 miles! I know.... old habits are hard to break! Here's another zinger, he told me that synthetics were totally unnecessary and not needed in the G1800 wing engine. I know...I...know what does he know, we all know way more than the guys who build these engines!!!

***Be safe and have a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!!!***

**Warm Wishes,  
Sherrill Ress**

