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## **Merry Christmas**

In our valley hidden in the beautiful Pocono and Endless mountains of Pennsylvania, most of us have or are getting ready to put our bikes away for the winter and are looking forward to next riding season; this time of year reminds us all about our Lord Jesus Christ. Christmas is all about the Lord isn't it? Well, maybe not in today's society. Before I surrendered my life to Jesus every time Christmas rolled around I would tell my wife, Kim, we need to start going to church. I knew we were missing something; what I did not realize is we were not missing church but something much more important--Jesus. During this Christmas season, I pray you have found the truths that Jesus has given us and accepted his free gift of everlasting life. If you do not know what those truths are or have never given your heart to Jesus and was like I was many years ago—thinking, "I must do something to satisfy what is missing." I can tell you, you can do nothing except ask God to forgive your sins and enter your heart. If you will do this, your desire to fill your heart and mind with God's word will overwhelm you and you will be enlightened to God's truths and what it means to be saved. I pray this Christmas season will be a blessed one for you and your family. I also pray, the Lord will take hold of your heart and you allow Jesus to come into your heart--not just this time of year but for eternity.

Philip Mancini

## **Winterizing Your Bike**

Grace and peace to all,

I would like to supply our chapter with some TLC for our bikes; it doesn't matter whether it is this winter, the next, or the one after that. Regardless of what is said here, you should always refer to your bike's owner's manual for factory specific instructions. When it comes time to hibernate, the first thing you want to consider is a checklist that systematically goes over everything you intend to do. I find checklists helpful in all areas of my life, but especially when it comes to any type of maintenance. By having a list, it assures me when it comes time to do a project I will gather all items necessary to do the job before I start. Otherwise I realize in the middle of my mission, I didn't have something I needed. Can I get an AMEN? It almost echoes Christ's words of counting the cost before following Him. In other words--make sure you know what you're getting into before you start. Are you ready?

I was originally going to write a lengthy essay on how to put your bike down for winter. However, there is entirely too much information available to try to teach something that hasn't been said a thousand times before. Instead, I'm going to provide an altered list from a pretty cool website. Not only does this site have checklists for several common motorcycle tasks, but they also provide a script box that allows you to create your own checklists and then print them out. Let it be known that I am not endorsing any websites here; rather, only pointing out information I think would be helpful to those who have an interest. I may not agree with all their instructions but at least it will provide a base to get one started.

Altered list from: <http://www.micapeak.com/checklists/>

## Winter Bike Storage Checklist

1. Find a nice place for your bike to spend the winter. Avoid wind, dripping water, damp and musty places, and vermin.
2. Completely wash the bike and dry the bike. Wax the bike and polish all the shiny bits.
3. Push the brake pads away from the brake discs.
4. Clean and lube the chain.
5. Fill the tires with air to their max load spec - see sidewalls.
6. Add a fuel stabilizer. Add the amount recommended on the bottle in the tank and fill the tank completely with gasoline.
7. Change the oil and filter.
8. (Long term storage option) Remove the air filter, start the engine and spray the specified amount of Engine Fogging Oil into the air box. This will coat the inside of the engine to prevent condensation and rust.
9. (Long term storage option) If you have carburetors, turn off your fuel and drain your float bowls. If you have fuel injection, start the bike and run it for a minute to get the fuel lines filled with stabilized gas.
10. Clean and treat all leather with saddle soap and a good leather oil.
11. Treat plastics and vinyl with Armorall. (DO NOT use on tires)
12. Put some motor oil all over the front fork tubes. Bounce the bike up and down to work the front suspension.
13. Add distilled water your battery as required. Hook up a trickle charger every four weeks or get a "Battery Tender" and leave it on 24/7. Consider removing your battery from the bike and storing it indoors.
14. Check your radiator level; add aluminum safe antifreeze as necessary.
15. Put the bike on its center stand if so equipped.
16. Use plastic wrap and rubber bands to seal the outlets of the mufflers. Also seal the engine air intake, if you can get to it.
17. Use a good breathable motorcycle cover to keep the dust off.

For those of you who want to go deeper into winterizing, this link: <http://www.clarity.net/~adam/winter-storage.html> provides a fairly in-depth, no nonsense approach to storing your bike. Once again, no endorsements. This article covers storage for periods in excess of six months, which typically does not happen in the Northeast. Many riders will choose to ride all winter long provided road conditions are good; however, many may choose to park for a month or so. Whatever your preference, this article covers both--but once again, always refer to your bike's owner's manual and common sense. To further aid in your bike's maintenance I would highly recommend purchasing an OEM service manual. It doesn't matter how much a person thinks they know about their ride; you can always learn something new.

Hope this helps you to keep riding . . .

Jim Kashuba



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# December Calendar of Events

For additional information about our rides please contact our Road Captain

**Saturday - December 1, 2007**

**7th Annual Christmas Bag Give Away**

**Location:** The Rock Rec Center  
Trucksville, Pennsylvania

**Contact:**

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We collected the toys now we get to hand them out! Don't miss the chance to see a smile on a child's face

Time: 2-4pm

Let Philip know if you can make this event by calling 451-0248

**Thursday - December 13, 2007**

**Monthly Meeting & Bible Study - Narrow Gate Riders**

**Location:** Love the Arts! Inc. 215 Howard St.  
Old Forge, Pennsylvania

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7pm - Bible Study

7:30pm - Meeting

Program - Christmas Party



For up to date and additional information, be sure to check out the EVENTS page on our Chapters web site at:  
[www.NarrowGateRiders.com](http://www.NarrowGateRiders.com)

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