



**Garden City Wings**  
**Chapter GA – F2**  
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**GOLDWING ROAD RIDERS ASSOCIATION**  
**Friends For Fun, Safety and Knowledge**  
**REGION A**

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**Thoughts from the Chapter Director**

I trust that everyone had a happy Thanksgiving, Merry Christmas and Happy New Year. Our New Years eve ride had a great turn out, we rode in the New Year safely and enjoyed some good fellowship. Our Christmas Party was great but we missed quit a few people, perhaps because it was on Sunday and folks had other things scheduled. This year our Christmas party will be on Saturday and I have already reserved the hall for Dec 13<sup>th</sup>. I hope more people will be able to attend. I want to spice up our meetings some with activities or games so if anyone has any ideas please let me or Jim know so we can incorporate them into the schedule. I am also going to try to get the ride information our earlier this year so you can plan your time and avoid conflicts.

Thanks  
 Larry

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## Birthdays for Jan

Robbie Armistead. Jan 29<sup>th</sup>  
Shelby Cates Jan 2<sup>nd</sup>  
Ponnie Reynolds Jan 25<sup>th</sup>  
Sandra Skinnner Jan 21<sup>st</sup>  
Lynette Snell Jan 7<sup>th</sup>  
Vicki Ward Jan 26<sup>th</sup>

## Anniversary's for Jan

Dean and Pauline Voshell Jan 27<sup>th</sup>  
Bubba and Vicki Ward Jan 19<sup>th</sup>

### *“As I See It,” A thought from the “Educator.”*

*This month's safety topic will be discussing the topic of Carbon Monoxide.*

I recently read an article entitled: Impacts of Carbon Monoxide in the United States – 1999 to 2004. This article shared some pretty sobering statistics that I thought were pertinent because of the time of year. The tie-in (or another way of saying it, how this applies to Motorcycle safety) is cold weather riding, or really the lack of it. Over the last six months, I have not been able to ride much. When it is cold, I (we) have a tendency of riding even less.

Well explain that to your Wing.

When cold weather (or schedule) prevents you from riding, how do you handle the need of your Wing's engine to be started occasionally? That, I am afraid, is where Carbon Monoxide may come into the conversation. If, when you cannot ride (for whatever reason) you run the Wing's engine within the confines of your garage, you are asking for Carbon Monoxide Poisoning.

According to the article, there are 15,000 emergency room visits and over 400 deaths in the US due to Carbon Monoxide Poisoning. The article listed several causes for CO exposure. I will not bore you with all of them. I will just list one (that actually got my attention as I read the article).

Apparently, I have been at risk myself when I (just) start my Wing and let it run in my garage (with the door open). The article said that it is **not even safe** to have a running engine in a garage **that has its door open**. Woops, I have done that. How about you?

Something to think about.

***This monthly safety publication of “As I See It” is presented for your consideration by Ray Bowman, your Chapter Educator. Constructive comments and or suggestions are always appreciated***

