

FREE RIDERS PRESS
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January 14th 2011
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For those of you that wait till the last minute to put the bike away for the winter, here are a few tips from George & Carol Jorgensen of Riders of the Cross in Tomahawk.

Winterizing Tips

With winter quickly approaching, many of us face the chore of winterizing our bikes. However, not everyone knows what is involved in this process. If you ask any number of fellow riders, you'll probably get several different answers of what to do. Most will agree that the procedure listed in most owners and repair manuals is quite effective. Whether you ride a Harley, Honda, or any of the multitude of performance oriented American V-twin bikes on the market, the recommendations are basically the same.

First off, you should add a fuel stabilizer to your fuel tank. It is always best to follow the directions for application on the product itself. Most stabilizers include additives that help to eliminate any water concentration in the fuel. Also make sure to top off the fuel to reduce the chances of condensation inside the tank due to temperature changes during storage. Then you should run the engine to operating temperature then change the oil & filter. Next you want to turn off the fuel flow to the carburetor with the petcock. Then you need to drain the fuel from the bowl of the carburetor. The easiest way to do this is to start the bike making sure the fuel is still shut off, and let it run until it dies from running out of fuel.

If your bike is fuel injected, you will not be able to perform the last two steps because you cannot turn off the fuel. Don't be concerned though, the fuel injectors are not as susceptible to gum and varnish as a carburetor with fuel sitting stagnant for several months.

If you don't already have a battery tender installed on your bike, it is a very sound investment. If you do have one, you will want to store your bike with the tender plugged in and keeping the battery charged. You could also remove the battery from the bike and put a 1.5 amp trickle charger on it. It's best if it is self-regulating so as not to overcharge the battery.

Lastly, you should make sure the bike is thoroughly clean and dry before storing it away. This will help prevent that road grime from damaging the painted surfaces and keep rust from developing on unpainted areas. You can apply a light film of oil to any exposed metals to aid in rust prevention also. If you choose to cover your bike, make sure the cover is made of a breathable material that also won't scratch the finishes. If the cover is not breathable, it can promote condensation.

For more info on Riders of the Cross e-mail Carol at carol57sky@frontier.com

Local Government Humor

Courtesy of Gabe Gabrielsen

Weight Loss

Election time is here and most people are unaware that the vast majority of newly elected local public officials will experience significant weight loss during their first six months in office. Doctors say this substantial drop in weight natural and only temporary. It is brought about by the physical exertion they put themselves through while:

- Trying to get the ball rolling
- Jumping to conclusions
- Running around in circles
- Opening up numerous cans of worms
- Frequently putting their foot in their mouth
- Making mountains out of mole hills
- Adding fuel to almost extinguished fires
- Hopping on the band wagon
- Dragging their heels
- Beating around the bush
- Tooting their own horn

Do you have a Second.

A question by Gabe Gabrielsen, OEO
 The following reflects an actual event that took place in a local community. Read the issue then discuss the options with a friend.

Imagine you are a Local Public Official

Your local school district, like many across the nation, is experiencing a financial crisis. Currently, your district offers two foreign languages in its curriculum: French and German. Most board members agree one must be cut. One School Board member makes a motion to eliminate French. Another makes a motion to eliminate German. While a third states that French and German are "old languages" and makes a motion to eliminate both and replace them with Spanish, a language that will benefit today's students.

If you were a member on this school board which motion would you second.

- A) Eliminate French?
- B) Eliminate German?
- C) Eliminate both and implement a Spanish language course?
- D) Eliminate all foreign language studies all together?

To cast your vote visit website www.betterpublicofficials.com or call 800-274-7757 and leave a voice message.

You can monitor the progress of this survey by visiting the "Reader Survey Poll" on www.betterpublicofficials.com. beginning Nov 1st, 2010

Last month's survey involved changing the time of local government public meetings. A local unit of government holds its public meetings on the 2nd and 4th Tuesdays of each month, starting 6PM. A newly elected official made a motion to change the start time to 1PM with the belief media and more citizens will attend. The choices last month were A) Second the motion to change the meeting time to 1PM? B) Not second the motion and leave the meeting times as is? or C) Propose an alternate time and day to hold your meetings. In real life the Board decided to leave the meeting time as is.

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