



Wing Rider

New Jersey Region B Gold Wing Road Riders

Chapter J

November
2004

Directors Chair

Hello Everyone, Saturday, Oct. 16th, 9-4pm, Carol Lee will be liquidating the remains of Cycle Service & Accessories at 23 Donald Avenue in Newton. It will be a motorcycle yard sale (plus household and bric-a-brac). Snap up some bargains for your bike. Holiday season is just around the corner and we are thinking about visiting a children's hospital and hopefully brighten a child's day with the spirit of Christmas gift giving. Please start collecting toys, coloring books, games, easy reading books, dolls, small cars or trucks, etc. See John for a letter of introduction so you may go to local merchants, etc. Please bring items to the October and November meetings. The cut-off date will be November 27 at our morning meeting. If you would like to wrap the item-please do and tag indicating Boy/Girl and Age Group. Let's put a smile on some child's face. The Chapter Holiday Party flyer is in this issue. Hope to see you all on this Saturday's Ride to the Corn Maze. Next Meeting is Oct 24th.

John & Gloria

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From Your COY

Dear Everyone, Joe & I along with Gordon & Jean Worked the MS weekend on Sept. 18 & 19. As in the past it was a very rewarding weekend. Unfortunately Joe had an accident with our motorcycle on Saturday and had \$621.00 worth of damage done to the bike. Sunday morning at 5:30am, Joe couldn't find the keys to the bike. Of Course!, It was my fault. Wrong! My little fingers never touched the keys. Well after an extensive search of our room, luggage and bike. Guess What! The key magically appeared in Joe's hand. They were in the rain gear he'd been wearing the previous day. As of October 14, Joe & I only need 3 more Visit-A-Chapters to have all 9 for the third time this year! Baby Update! Our baby is due January 5th. We don't know the sex. We want to be surprised when the baby is born. We will both be in the delivery room.

Love, Joe & Cathie McCabe C.O.Y.

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Special up-coming points of interest

October 21 - Weekly Eat - Applebee's on Rt. 46N in Totowa.

October 26 - Meeting & Ride to Sleepy Hollow, NY.

November 10 - Weekly Eat - Fuddrucker's in Wayne.

November 13-14 - Visit-A-Chapters C&A.

November 23 - Weekly Eat - Harold's Deli in Parsippany.

November 28 - Meeting & Ride.

More information can be found on our website.

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Fall Foliage Ride : September 25, 2004

Wow, what a wonderful day for a ride, temperatures low 70's, bright sunshine, 9 bikes were gassed up and ready to ride with four of them 2 Up. We left the Clubhouse after the morning meeting. What a sight to see nine bikes riding North on Route 23, in perfect formation, in bright candy orange, white, cobalt blue, forest green, canary yellow, apple red and beige.

We followed Route 23 into Port Jervis then onto Route 6 in Pennsylvania. Bikers holiday-winding hilly roads, ups and downs like a coaster ride observing tree laden grounds with autumn leaves turning red, yellow and orange.

We rode by Lake Wallenpaupack, the water was glistening from the sun shining on the gentle rippling waters people were strolling along the pathway around the lake just enjoying the sights. Soon we came upon our lunch stop, an open pit bar-b-que. The enticing smell of chicken, ribs, corn on the cob, fries, etc. led us right up to the counter for a good choice of eats. Of course there was ice cream for desert, which was enjoyed by some as we sat under big umbrella covered picnic tables.

After lunch we headed back to Jersey, past cornfields, pumpkin fields and many horse farms and cow pastures. We rode over the historic wooden Dingmans Ferry Bridge. Many home sites were decorated with mums, pumpkins, corn stalks and colorful Halloween flags.

I believe we covered approximately 200 miles. North Jersey, and Pa. Have wonderful places to ride motorcycles and just absorb all that nature has to offer us.

Thanks to John Carbone for routing the trip and to Gordon Hergert for suggesting the "Bar-b-que" Restaurant.

Jean Beattie

The 2004 GWRRA Great Gold Wing Giveaway!

Win a New Gold Wing!!! The sweepstakes was very popular in 2002 & 2003 and we are thrilled to offer it again in 2004! This year the award is a 2005 Gold Wing! For each new membership you recruit in 2004 you and the new member are automatically entered into the drawing to win a new Gold Wing! Any new member will be entered too. The deadline is December 31, 2004. New members are entered into the drawing automatically. If that's not enough, your recruits still qualify in the Rewards Program! Recruit 3 new memberships and receive your next renewal FREE! See John for the free bike hanger tags it's GWRRA's newest recruiting tool.

Down on the Corner: See if you can figure these out!

1. 1 W- - - - on a U- - - - -
2. 8 S- - - - on a S- - - S- - -
3. 7 W- - - - - of the A- - - - - W- - - -
4. 1001 A- - - - - N- - - - -
5. 60 S- - - - - in a M- - - - -
6. 12 S- - - - of the Z- - - - -
7. 57 H- - - - V- - - - -
8. 1000 W- - - - that a P- - - - is W- - - -
9. 29 D- - - in L- - - Y- - -
10. 9 P- - - - - in the S- - - - S- - - -
11. 88 P- - - - K- - - -
12. 13 S- - - - on the A- - - - - F- - - -
13. 90 D- - - - - in a R- - - - A- - - -
14. 200 D- - - - - for P- - - - - G- in M- - - - -

Bring your completed answers to the Meeting & enter to win a Free Breakfast!

Answers will be given after the drawing. Good Luck!

Mileposts: Halloween Traditions to a Holiday

The American tradition of "trick-or-treating" probably dates back to the early All Souls' Day parades in England. During the festivities, poor citizens would beg for food and families would give them pastries called "soul cakes" in return for their promise to pray for the family's dead relatives. The distribution of soul cakes was encouraged by the church as a way to replace the ancient practice of leaving food and wine for roaming spirits. The practice, which was referred to as "going a-souling" was eventually taken up by children who would visit the houses in their neighborhood and be given ale, food, and money.

The tradition of dressing in costume for Halloween has both European and Celtic roots. Hundreds of years ago, winter was an uncertain and frightening time. Food supplies often ran low and, for the many people afraid of the dark, the short days of winter were full of constant worry. On Halloween, when it was believed that ghosts came back to the earthly world, people thought that they would encounter ghosts if they left their homes. To avoid being recognized by these ghosts, people would wear masks when they left their homes after dark so that the ghosts would mistake them for fellow spirits. On Halloween, to keep ghosts away from their houses, people would place bowls of food outside their homes to appease the ghosts and prevent them from attempting to enter.

As European immigrants came to America, they brought their varied Halloween customs with them. Because of the rigid Protestant belief systems that characterized early New England, celebration of Halloween in colonial times was extremely limited there. It was much more common in Maryland and the southern colonies. As the beliefs and customs of different European ethnic groups, as well as the American Indians, meshed, a distinctly American version of Halloween began to emerge. The first celebrations included "play parties," public events held to celebrate the harvest, where neighbors would share stories of the dead, tell each other's fortunes, dance, and sing. Colonial Halloween festivities also featured the telling of ghost stories and mischief-making of all kinds. By the middle of the nineteenth century, annual autumn festivities were common, but Halloween was not yet celebrated everywhere in the country.

In the second half of the nineteenth century, America was flooded with new immigrants. These new immigrants, especially the millions of Irish fleeing Ireland's potato famine of 1846, helped to popularize the celebration of Halloween nationally. Taking from Irish and English traditions, Americans began to dress up in costumes and go house to house asking for food or money, a practice that eventually became today's "trick-or-treat" tradition. Young women believed that, on Halloween, they could divine the name or appearance of their future husband by doing tricks with yarn, apple parings, or mirrors.

In the late 1800s, there was a move in America to mold Halloween into a holiday more about community and neighborly get-togethers, than about ghosts, pranks, and witchcraft. At the turn of the century, Halloween parties for both children and adults became the most common way to celebrate the day. Parties focused on games, foods of the season, and festive costumes. Parents were encouraged by newspapers and community leaders to take anything "frightening" or "grotesque" out of Halloween celebrations. Because of their efforts, Halloween lost most of its superstitious and religious overtones by the beginning of the twentieth century.

By the 1920s and 1930s, Halloween had become a secular, but community-centered holiday, with parades and town-wide parties as the featured entertainment. Despite the best efforts of many schools and communities, vandalism began to plague Halloween celebrations in many communities during this time. By the 1950s, town leaders had successfully limited vandalism and Halloween had evolved into a holiday directed mainly at the young. Due to the high numbers of young children during the fifties baby boom, parties moved from town civic centers into the classroom or home, where they could be more easily accommodated. Between 1920 and 1950, the centuries-old practice of trick-or-treating was also revived. Trick-or-treating was a relatively inexpensive way for an entire community to share the Halloween celebration. In theory, families could also prevent tricks being played on them by providing the neighborhood children with small treats. A new American tradition was born, and it has continued to grow. Today, Americans spend an estimated \$6.9 billion annually on Halloween, making it the country's second largest commercial holiday.

Chapter J



Special appearance
by Santa Claus

Holiday Dinner

Saturday, December 11 at 6:30 pm

at Il Palazzo Restaurant

600 Ringwood Avenue

Wanaque, NJ

Menu

Hot/Cold Antipasto, Homemade Ravioli, Bruschetta & Salad

Dinner Choices

Champagne Chicken w/fresh vegetables & potatoes

NY Sirloin Steak

Grilled Salmon in a lemon butter sauce

Soda, Coffee, Tea & Dessert Surprise!

Cost per person \$29.00

RSVP by December 4th, 2004

Name: _____ Number attending _____

Checks payable to GWRRA NJ Chapter J

Mail to: Carol Widmer at 64 Alexandria Av, Hawthorne, NJ, 07506



Down on the Corner: Zero Gravity

When NASA first started sending up astronauts, they quickly discovered that ball-point pens would not work in zero gravity. To combat this problem, NASA scientists spent a decade and \$12 billion developing a pen that writes in zero gravity, upside-down, on almost any surface including glass and at temperatures ranging from below freezing to over 300 C. The Russians used a pencil. When taxes are due again--enjoy paying them

Visit-a-Chapter

Visit-a-Chapter is back for 2004. Our own C.O.Y. Joe & Cathie McCabe made it around to all the Chapters twice in 03! A new record for the Chapter J history books. Visit other Chapter Meetings and get their signature. Visit-A-Chapter forms are available at our meetings or download it from our website. You can only get credit from one Chapter at combined Chapter events (i.e. G & J Valentines Party IV). Remember you need seven Chapters to earn the hangar bar for 2004. Get all 9 Chapters and be eligible for the next years special drawing.

Items for Sale or Items Wanted

Anyone wishing to place an ad here please contact njjweb@aol.com or call 201-424-1149. All ads will be run for three newsletters then dropped. If you would like it to run in additional newsletters please use the above mentioned contact. Pictures are also welcome.

2004 Harley Davidson Ultra Classic - 700mi, Paid \$22,500 New + \$1,000 in extras including Cover, Chrome, Trailer Hitch. Asking for best reasonable offers. Call Mike Thomas 201-321-2456.

1975 Honda 360cc - 5K. Asking \$500. Call Mike Thomas 201-321-2456.

LAST ISSUE FOR:

1994 Teal GL1500 SE w/ accessories. New rear tire, 1 helmet incl. 11k. \$8,500 or b/o. Ritchie 973-875-7278.

3Bdrm/2 Bath Furnished home in the Thousand Is. area, 10 yrs. old, 3/4 acre w/dock. Asking 158,500. Ritchie 973-875-7278.

37 Chevy Coupe - Street rod, 327-350 trans, Mustang II front end, 12-bolt rear, p/s, p/b. Asking 18,500. Ritchie 973-875-7278.

40 Chevy Coupe - Street rod, 327-350 trans, 8" Ford rear, p/s, heat. Asking 18,500. Ritchie 973-875-7278.

Hello, I am a new GWRRA member and I have a set of Rivco floorboards with the heel/toe shifter. They were barely used and are in perfect condition. I would like to sell them. They go for around \$430 and I am willing to take \$325. If you know anyone who is interested or can put this in a GWRRA newsletter, I would appreciate any help you can provide. Steve 201-670-7405 or email me at s.niehaus@westernworld.com.

1984 GL1200 Interstate, silver, new tires & brakes, garage kept, 52K, exc. cond., 3,000 or b/o. William Barnes 732-267-1160.

Happy Birthday

Sherry Leonard 10/3
Sue Donadio 10/3
Jean Beattie 10/13
Cathie McCabe 10/5
Walter Mankowsky
10/25
Carol Lee Spages 11/11
Ed Kurtzer 11/20
Bobby Turcic 11/24

Happy Anniversary

Greg & Lori Goens
10/6
Walter & Lucille
Mankowsky
10/29
Ted & Carol Widmer
11/24



Safety Bits: Mind Games II

The concept of scanning is to constantly be looking around you (scanning aggressively) for any risks or potential dangers to yourself, your co-rider or other riders. Basically, you should be scanning all around you, front-rear, left-right, near-far; scanning to predict any approaching danger or what might happen (what-if?), so that you can act accordingly to avoid the hazard. You should be scanning, not looking, so there is constant eye movement. This is to prevent target fixation (bike goes where you look) as well as to prevent you from neglecting other areas of your horizon by staring at one axis.

That's all well and good, but what are you scanning and what are you looking for? There are no specifics here. Look for anything that might have the potential to cause you harm in anyway. This can range from road debris or damage to a smoker flipping his cigarette butt out the window to an eighteen-wheeler blowing a tire. While the specifics are hard to qualify, there are three basic categories that you should be scanning at all times. They are road users, signs and signals, and road condition.

Road users is just about as broad as it can be. Obviously, this includes other vehicles, bicycles, and pedestrians. What about animals!!!!? Sure enough; if they're on the road, they're using it. If a deer is on the road or cattle are grazing along the shoulder, this is certainly a concern to you and your fellow riders/co-riders. We're used to thinking about road users as being human, and these are certainly a source for the majority of hazards we deal with everyday in metropolitan areas. But it is the non-human road users that, depending on the time of day and the surrounding countryside (rural areas especially), are a significant hazard as well as being the least predictable.

Signs and signals are just what they sound like. This sounds simple enough, but the complexity is in the interpretation. Not only what the signs and signals say, but how will the other road users apply these signals? Right lane goes away -- where will the vehicles in that lane go and how will it affect you and your group? Bus stop ... What about people running to catch that bus stopped ahead? When the bus pulls out, will it force its way in, driving traffic in its lane towards you in lane 1? Car pool lane!! Do you really think that little sign threatening a \$\$\$ fine will prevent that driver late from lunch from using your lane to pass? These regulatory signs not only warn you what is coming up, they should alert you to the types of situations that might develop as you interact with other road users. How about road construction signs? Very few of us give these warnings the credence they deserve and start slowing down in time. Signs and signals warn you

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Weekly Eats

Upcoming Weekly Eats

October 20 - Weekly Eat - Applebee's on Rt. 46N @ Riverview Drive in Totowa (973) 812-0011. Visit them on the web at www.applebees.com for the menu or more info.

November 10 - Weekly Eat - Fuddrucker's at 1813 Route 23S in Wayne. Visit them on the web at: www.fuddruckers.com for the menu or more info.

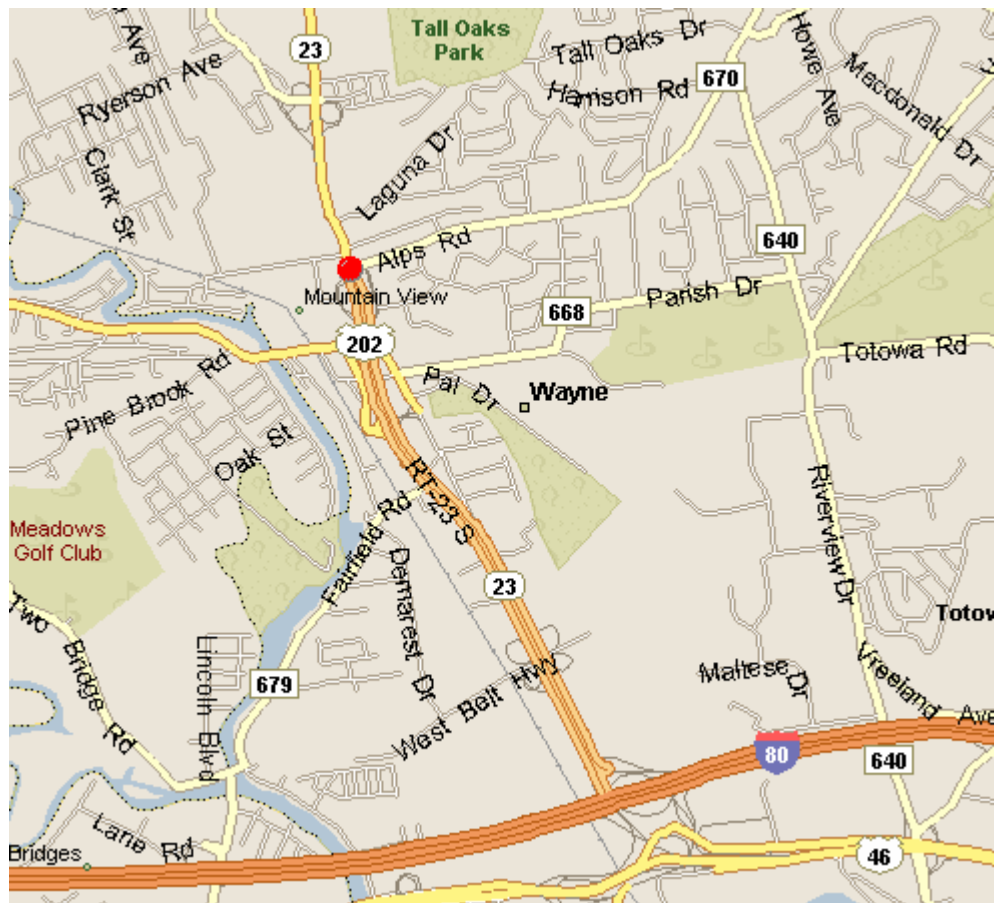
November 23 - Weekly Eat - Harold's Restaurant. Harold's is located on 707 Rt 46 east in Parsippany and is attached to the Holiday Inn. If you come with an appetite, you will leave stuffed (or with doggie bags) 973-335-3339.

***All Weekly Eats are at 6:30pm or when you get there.**

Applebee's Location on Route 46 Northbound



Fuddrucker's Location on Route 23 Southbound





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not only of what is coming up ahead, but given the correct interpretation and fore-thought, they can also prepare you for potential hazardous interactions with other road users.

Lastly, you should also be scanning the roadway and shoulders to stay apprised of current road conditions. This goes hand-in-hand with the construction warning signs described above. Will the road construction be limited to shoulder work? Even so, the heavy equipment used may damage the roadway or simply drag a lot of mud and rocks out onto the road. Not only are the road conditions a concern, but what about yours and others reactions to the road surface? If road damage forces you to change you lane position, do you have the space cushion necessary to do it safely? What about road damage or debris in another lane? The other road users may dodge the damage and come into your lane. Alternatively, they may not successfully dodge the debris, hit it, and throw it into your lane. By making the roadway itself one of the points of your constant scanning, you will reduce your risk of being surprised and possibly harmed by changing road conditions.

How about when there is new pavement being put down? This could be a bit of grooved pavement, the infamous 'abrupt edge', or something as drastic as the entire road bed being removed (Pavement Ends!!). Can you say scanning near and far, left and right? Generally, road construction is not that bad, but frequently, engineers do not allow for motorcycles when they start repairing/re-building the road. You will frequently, however, run into the issue of abrupt edges and changes in pavement condition that are no big deal for four wheelers, but that will ruin your whole day on a two-wheeler. These include such things as metal plates that may or may not completely cover excavations, uneven pavement, pot holes and pot hole repairs, and my personal favorite, tar snakes. These tar repairs of cracks in the pavement can be really hazardous at highway speeds, especially in the summer time when temperatures soar and the tar softens. By scanning the road condition near and far as well as interpreting others' and your own reaction to these changes, you can reduce your risk and ride safer.

So you see, the combination of a systematic scanning/observation technique, coupled with knowing where to look and what to look for can work for you to reduce you risks while riding. By scanning the route ahead as well as to the sides and the rear (don't forget those mirrors) for potential hazards/risks posed by other road users, signs and signals, and changes in road condition, we can all ride safer and protect ourselves, our friends, and our loved ones.

Schedule of Events

October 3 - Steve Lovas Memorial Airport Ride. Sign-in 11am-12:30pm at Route 15 Powersports, 25 Weldon Rd, Hopatcong.

October 7 - Weekly Eat - Friendly's on Rt. 46 in Elmwood Park.

October 16 - Saturday Ride - Ideal Farms Corn Maze & Hay Ride in Augusta. Meet 3pm at the Clubhouse Café.

October 20 - Weekly Eat - Applebee's on Rt. 46N in Towata.

October 26 - Meeting & Ride to Sleepy Hollow, NY.

More information can be found on our website.

October 2004

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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Steve Lovas Memorial Ride	4	5	6	Weekly Eat at Friendly's	8	9
10	11	12	13	14	15	Ideal Farms Corn Maze & Hay Ride
17	18	19	Weekly Eat at Applebee's	21	22	23
Meeting & Sleepy Hollow Ride	25	26	27	28	29	30
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November 10 - Weekly Eat - Fudrucker's, Route 23S in Wayne.

November 13-14 - Visit-A-Chapters C & A. Meet at the McDonalds in the Brookdale Service Area on the GSP (Southbound bet. Exits 153 & 151) at 3pm.

November 23 - Weekly Eat - Harold's NY Style Deli, Route 46E, Parsippany.

November 28 - Meeting & Ride.

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21	22	Weekly Eat at Harold's Deli	24	25	26	27
Meeting & Ride	29	30				

Safety Bits: Riding Apparel

Proper riding apparel is not a new subject and volumes of information have been written, so I searched past materials and found a great article written by Ed Brennan, a former National Rider Educator. For the sake of brevity I will capture the key points and comment on them.

Wear the right gear;

- An approved helmet
- Face or eye protection
- Protective clothing

First, let's discuss the helmet. I cannot recall a topic that causes more intense feelings than the choice of weather to wear one or not. I will not dwell on that subject other than to say that most states the law requires that we wear a DOT approved helmet on our grape. So, let's look at helmet selection. There are a myriad of helmet styles out there and you can get the most protection from them by making sure that the helmet:

Make sure it meets U.S. DOT standards. Helmets with labels

from ANSI or SNELL give you an added assurance of quality.

Make sure it fits snugly, all the way around your gourd.

Make sure it has no obvious defects such as cracks, loose padding or frayed straps.

Whichever helmet you decide on, keep it securely fastened on your head when you ride. Otherwise, if you are involved in a mishap, it is likely to fly off your head and provide no protection at all. As a foot note, those plastic quick disconnects that attach to your chin strap may not be a good idea for they may not be able to withstand the force of an impact and will give you the same lack of protection as if you failed to strap the helmet on.

Second, we'll quickly cover eye protection. A face shield can help protect your whole face from wind, dust, dirt, rain, insects and pebbles thrown up from cars ahead. These problems are distracting and can be painful. If you have to deal with them, you cannot de-

vote your full attention to the road. Goggles protect your eyes, though they won't protect the rest of your face like a face shield does. A windshield is not a substitute for a face shield or goggles. Most windshields will not protect your eyes from wind and debris. Remember how dirty your face could get from a full day of riding? Neither is eye-glasses or sunglasses. When I ride bikes with a low or no windshield, I wear sun glasses with my full face helmet and when my face shield is up, I still get debris blown onto my face. Ouch!

Third is clothing. As temps increase, it is natural for us to start shedding those warm, protective layers we piled on that brisk morning. Protective clothing cannot protect you if you are not wearing it.

Jackets, pants, and trousers should cover arms and legs completely. They should fit snugly enough to prevent flapping in the wind, yet loosely enough to move freely. Leather offers the most protection, but heavy

denim usually does an adequate job at a reasonable price. Sturdy synthetic materials like Kevlar and Cordura provide good protection at a price.

Boots and shoes should be high and sturdy enough to cover your ankles and give them support. Soles should be made of hard, durable material with rubber being preferred for traction reasons. (... you ever had your foot slip and your shin hit the peg while trying to walk the bike backwards? That'll bring tears to your eyes.)

Gloves allow a better grip especially when you have sweaty palms and help protect your hands in a mishap. Your hands are usually the first to hit the pavement. Gloves should be made of leather or heavy cloth.

Special thanks to Ed Brennan for the info I plagiarized, and remember protective clothing you do not wear cannot protect you.

The more you know, the better it gets.