



# Gold Wing Road Riders Association Illinois Chapter "U" Region "E" America's Heartland

Meetings are held on the 3rd Monday of the month at the Vandalia Ponderosa  
Eat at 6:00 pm, Meeting at 7:00 pm - Everyone is Welcome !

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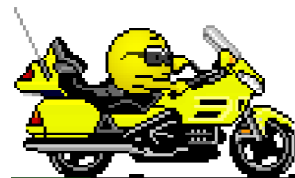
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## September 2009 Newsletter

### From Your Chapter Directors:



The last newsletter stated that the traveling trophy of Chapter Z and the roadrunner from Chapter I had left our chapter and moved on. Wrong. Well, it did leave but we retrieved them again. The campout at the Bleisch's went well with the weather cooperating very nicely. We had a good ride to the Gasthoff with 4 from Chapter S riding with us. Our daughter Kelli with her husband Jason had a beautiful baby boy, Micah Eugene Cole Allsop born to them on Sept. 8<sup>th</sup> not the 9<sup>th</sup> as I had erroneously typed that early morning. The Southern Illinois Ride-In is this weekend with several of our chapter going down on Wednesday. The riding season is winding down for some and just slowing down for others. Chapter E Litchfield will be having their meeting for October at the Ariston and the November meeting at the Denny's, same times as before. The chili Dump is fast approaching Oct. 18<sup>th</sup>, so get your chili recipes going. Clint is starting to get his staff together for next year so please help him if he calls you.

Don't get lost, but then that is half the fun,

Steve & Jeannie



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## From your Assistant Chapter Director .....

Hello All

First I want to thank all that I have talked to about being Officers and Staff for my tenure. Having people that are willing to take the positions is what will help our Chapter to be able to function as it should. I have been able to talk to a few of the Staff and been able to get some ideas, thoughts and opinions from them as to what they see as helping the Chapter. We are going to implement some new positions and restore some old ones.

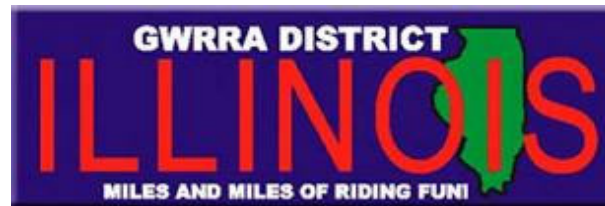
I also want to thank our surrounding Chapters for their support to us. They are a most welcome part of our extended family and friends. Without their support a lot of our functions would be minimal or non-existent.

We as your staff will still need your suggestions and ideas to be able to make things interesting to you and to bring even more fun to the Chapter.

Remember to keep in touch and to share your thoughts and feelings.

Ride safe and have fun.

Clint



### Deer Camp

The guys were all at a deer camp. No one wanted to room with Bob, because he snored so badly. They decided it wasn't fair to make one of them stay with him the whole time, so they voted to take turns.

The first guy slept with Bob and comes to breakfast the next morning with his hair a mess and his eyes all bloodshot. They said, "Man, what happened to you?" He said, "Bob snored so loudly, I just sat up and watched him all night."

The next night it was a different guy's turn. In the morning, same thing -hair all standing up, eyes all bloodshot. They said, "Man, what happened to you? You look awful!" He said, "Man, that Bob shakes the roof with his snoring. I watched him all night."

The third night was Fred's turn. Fred was a tanned, older cowboy; a man's man. The next morning he came to breakfast bright-eyed and bushy-tailed. "Good morning!" he said. They couldn't believe it. They said, "Man, what happened?" He said, "Well, we got ready for bed. I went and tucked Bob into bed, patted him on the butt, and kissed him good night."

Bob sat up and watched me all night."

From your Rider Educator.....

### **More about headlight modulators.**

It seems these things are creating confusion and concern both. Some people don't like them for some reasons and others people like them for different reasons all together. Lets try to sort them out. Why would you not like them, I have heard said that they are distracting, well to my thinking that is correct, or maybe we should say attracting. If you can remember back to the 70's that's why our headlight are on all the time. Someone determined that it would attract attention to the bike and that is why we still have headlights on continually. Even some cars now have that feature, so maybe it just might work. It's confusing, well, yes, if you do not know the difference between modulating and emergency lights. Emergency lights will be flashing off and on, side to side modulating lights do not go off, they dim down but not off, and not side to side but together. Also, emergency lights will usually be accompanied by red and blue lights. So really they are quite different.

Now, why I like them, they work! Unless you are blind or just aren't looking, you can't ignore a modulating light. I will turn mine on if I'm driving a two lane road or in town, I shut it off when on the interstate, just to keep some folks from pulling over when I'm following them.

Some people scoff and say you don't need them and I truly hope they never do, but after you have been involved in an accident where the other person didn't see you, you may change your mind like I did. With all the distractions now while driving, anything that works in your favor to make you noticed is one more thing that may save your life.

For those who already run a modulator, you may want to carry a copy of the federal law that states these modulators are legal in all states. The reason being, all law enforcement folks do not know all the laws all the time. If you get stopped for your lights modulating, it is a handy thing to have so you can show the officer in writing what you are talking about. The law is available on the internet in many different places.

- Kenny Smart

### **Upcoming events:**

- Oct. 2<sup>nd</sup> Supper ride to 5 Brothers in Salem leave Van at 5:30pm.
- Oct. 4<sup>th</sup> Toy ride to Springfield leave Van at 9am.
- Oct. 16<sup>th</sup> Supper ride to Brownstown Good Ole Days to be there at 5:30pm.
- Oct. 18<sup>th</sup> Chili Dump at the Tompkins. Flyer attached.
- Oct. 19<sup>th</sup> NO MEETING AT THE PONDEROSA!!!
- Oct. 24<sup>th</sup> Fall color ride leaving Van at 9am.
- Oct. 25<sup>th</sup> Rain date for color ride.
- Nov. 1<sup>st</sup> Time change
- Nov. 7<sup>th</sup> Dinner ride TBA
- Nov. 21<sup>st</sup> Operations meeting in Decatur.
- Nov. 28<sup>th</sup> Card party at Clint & Lori's home at 6:00 pm. Bring finger foods.
- Dec. 5<sup>th</sup> Chapter U Christmas party at the Bleisches.
- Dec. 6<sup>th</sup> Chapter E Christmas party at Prairie Town.

## *Pages from Bonnie's diary.....*

August 21-23, 2009 – Which was a Friday thru Sunday, we had our annual campout at Jim and Brenda Bleisch's in Greenville. Those that camped out were Ron, Brenda, Jim, Brenda, Carol, Kenny, Mary, Dave, Max, Karen, Isabella, Gary, Francie, bill, bonnie plus a total of 11 kids and grandkids. Also attending but not brave enough to campout with us were Jeannie, Steve, Lori, Clint, Vickie, bob, Susan, Terry, Marvis, Harold, Judy, Dick, Donna, Darrell, Moe, and Roger,.....plus 3 dogs.

Friday night we all shared hot dogs, hamburgers, brats and the rest of the trimmings. I couldn't begin to tell what all we had. Some of us played Skipbo and some of us sat by the fire.

On Saturday AM we went to the Red Apple in Greenville to eat breakfast. Those attending were Mary, Dave, Ron, Brenda, Roger, Jim, Bill, Bonnie, Kenny, Carol, Francie, Gary and Dave Altom. Long time since we saw Dave. After breakfast Jim led us on a motorcycle ride, except for Mary, Dave, Roger & Dave. We went out in the rural areas which lead us to Woburn, Donnellson, Panama, Sorento where there was a fence made out of old bicycles, then we stopped at a cemetery to see one of the markers there. We continued our travels on down the country roads across Route 140 onto Pocohontas and back to Jim and Brenda's. I can't really tell you who won what but I do know Carol and I won 5 straight games of Skipbo from Jeannie and Brenda. The guys placed Bocci ball and some played Hillbilly Golf.

For Saturday's PM meal we had steak, hot dogs, hamburgers, salad, twice baked potatoes, and corn on the cob. That's all I can remember, plus lots of desserts. **THANKS JIM & BRENDA !!!!!**

Then on August 29<sup>th</sup> some of us, like Steve, Jeannie, Bob, Vickie, Paul, Bill, bonnie and two other couples from the Olney area. We rode country roads. Some good roads and lots of curves and more curves. I thought we were back at Deal's Gap. We ate at Gasthof in Indiana. After we ate some went through the flea market building and some of us just rested. Finally got back to Vandalia around 8:30 pm. The group rode around 300 miles. Before Bill and I could ride on to Hillsboro we had to take a body break so we went to Wal-Mart and shopped a little to walk around and rest our bodies. Bill and I finally got home after 9:00 pm, and we rode 352 miles because we had 26 miles over and 26 miles back. All together we put 552 miles on in tow days. We rode to Murphysboro and back Friday which was 200 miles.

We had a Supper ride to Pana on Sept 5<sup>th</sup> to the Family Resteraunt. Well, it's raining today, and Steve just called to cancel the ride. I don't know where or if we have a supper ride on the 12<sup>th</sup>.

Some of us like Jim, Brenda, Ron, Brenda, Bill and I will be camping at the Southern Illinois Ride-in at DuQuoin on the 16<sup>th</sup> through the 20<sup>th</sup>. I hope to see you all.

Don't forget the Chili Dump on October 18<sup>th</sup> at Ron and Brenda's !

### **September Birthdays**

8<sup>th</sup> Micah Allsop  
29<sup>th</sup> Rich Michael

### **September Anniversaries**

6<sup>th</sup> Kelli & Jason Allsop  
11<sup>th</sup> Harold & Marvis Sorrell  
14<sup>th</sup> Bud & Daisy King  
30<sup>th</sup> Steve & Jeannie Brungard

# GWRRA Chapter “U” Invites you to our 23<sup>rd</sup> annual **Chili Dump**

To be held Sunday October 18<sup>th</sup>, 2009 at Ron & Brenda  
Tompkins home on Zent Drive in Vandalia, IL.  
Please bring some homemade chili to be “dumped” into the  
big kettle or a dessert for all to enjoy.

Hot dogs and drinks will also be served.

Any questions please call 618/283-2994 or 618/267-2685.

Hours are 2pm to ????. Chapter meeting to be held at 4pm.



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