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Litchfield, Illinois**



**August 2009
Newsletter**

**Monthly Meeting
Maverick Steak House in Litchfield, IL.
Eat at 6 pm and Meeting at 7 pm
Second Thursday of each Month**

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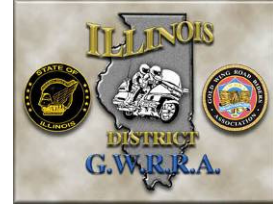
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For items to include in the monthly news letter, please contact Bill Morgan at billm@wamusa.com, 217-324-6926 or at most coffee breaks or the monthly meeting.



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Notes from your Chapter Directors:

Hope this finds everyone doing well and staying cool!!! July was really nice with plenty of cool days and August turns out to be a scorcher... That's typical Illinois weather!!!

Millions of thanks for the prayers, thoughts, cards and kind words given for my sister Angie Stevens with her stroke. She is improving greatly, but her speech is at a standstill. Have about 6-9 moths of speech therapy to get some of it back... Keep the prayers coming!!!! God Bless you all!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!

Our good friends Bob and Anne Gunter will be leaving us this month and going home to Apache Junction, Arizona!!! Pray they have a safe trip home.... Looking forward to seeing them next summer!!!! Great having you in the Chapter Bob and Anne!!!

Several of us went to Quincy for the Rally recently... We all had a great time and it was very informative... Kathleen won the crochet tablecloth and Maggie won several items in the drawings.

There have been several rides and many upcoming rides... When you have a few minutes, go to the website and check out the events... Look over the website as Bill has done a fantastic job with the site!!!! GREAT JOB BILL....

The Chapter Yard Sale is the 15th of Aug. Terry and Nancy have picked up 6 or more truck loads from different areas... Kathleen, Jerry, and myself went to Kalahers and tagged everything that was donated. Was quite a chore, but for the Charities, it was worth it!!

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Past events:

July 17th was our annual midnight ride. We headed out from Niehaus' at 10 pm south on 55. With the unseasonably cool weather, everyone had to breakout their leather coats. We had planned to go to the Denney's in Arnold Mo. but we hit some rough road just south of Troy and stopped for a break at the Collinsville exit. With a Denney's right there, we decided to shorten the ride and just stop there for breakfast.

July 19th was a mystery ride. Jerry and Kathleen led the group to a picnic pot luck. Later, they went to Richard Pollard's Yard Art display in Salem IL. Everyone seemed to enjoy the Yard Art and said that it is well worth the time if you happened to be in Salem.

July 31st – August 1st was the Illinois summer district rally in Quincy. Several from the group attended and had a good time. Kathleen won the table cloth... and of course Maggie won several drawings.

August 15th was our annual yard sale at Niehaus Cycle Sales parking lot. The day was long with the 6 a.m. start but well worth the time. The weather was great. A final income tally will be reported at the next monthly meeting.

August 16th we had a repeat of the picnic pot luck. This one was led by Terry and Nancy. After a leisurely ride through the country, we ended up at the park in Nashville. On the way home, we stopped at one of our favorite ice cream shops in Lebanon. We ended up getting caught in the rain on the way home but luckily missed the heavy thunder storm.

Future events:

August 22nd is the Beasley's Dog Days ride. First, do a little dog-riding on your own. (Maybe ride to Adopt-A-Pet in Benld, go see the Bulldogs in Virden, or paws for a while in Pawnee...) Then, make the Beasley gravel road your last stop. Come for dinner and fun. Bring your favorite dog-dish to share. They will supply the wieners and drinks.

August 29th is the moonshine ride for burgers! We will be leaving Niehaus' at 8:30 a.m. Terry and Nancy are the contacts for this ride.

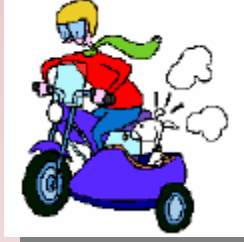
September 10th is the monthly Chapter meeting at Maverick in Litchfield. Eat at 6:00, meet at 7:00.



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August 22nd



Let's Celebrate
the
Dog Days of August
With
A Dogluck Party!

Saturday,
August 22, 2009
At
The Beasley Doghouse
16914 Shipman Road

There'll Be Lots of Doggone Fun!

Games (the Chapter "E" 2nd annual "My-Dog-Ate-My-Homework" trivia Contest, assorted dog tricks, and maybe a dot-fight or two)

Prizes (for the best Bark, the best Dog-Gone Dog Joke, and the best Dog-Toothed Grin)

Singing (back by popular demand, the GWRRA Kazoo Band will play "Happy Trail (dusting)s to You" and other favorites)

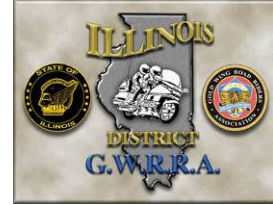
Call and let the Beasley's know if you are coming
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Safety Notes:

Jerry provided this article for inclusion in the newsletter:

Standing on your Pegs Control AND Visibility

By: James R. Davis

As many of you know from reading other of the safety tip articles I have written, Cash and I have found ourselves riding for dozens of miles at highway speeds while standing on our pegs. In our cases, the usual reason for doing that is that we are a long way from a place to pull off the road for a break when the sky opens up and it begins raining on us - hard. It is almost impossible to see clearly through the raindrops accumulating (actually washing in waves) down our windscreens and our helmet visors. We stand on the pegs to improve our ability to see - our visibility. (Cash has declared that that is one reason she is glad not to have forward controls because standing on the pegs is one behavior we sometimes need to do.)

It is well known that standing on your pegs while negotiating difficult pavement (or dirt) at slow speeds can aid in your control of the bike in that it is far easier to move a bike to one side or the other without having to move yourself with it.

But there is one other time you might wish to consider standing on your pegs while moving, even at highway speeds, and it again involves enhancing your visibility - this time for others. Suppose, for example, that you are riding down a two-lane road that's marked with a line between traffic moving in opposite directions and you notice a commercial area to your right. What are the odds that an oncoming car, particularly one with their left turn blinker flashing, might decide to turn left across your path to enter that area?

That's right, the odds depend on whether or not the driver of that oncoming vehicle notices you or not.

Your BEST behavior in that condition is to slow down in anticipation that you might have to stop or dodge that left-turner (with a cell phone glued to his/her ear). But that might not be enough and is not the only thing that you can do to increase your odds out there.

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Safety Notes (continued):

You can make yourself more visible! In advance, you can do that, (and by law you must), by having your headlights on, and you can wear light colored clothes with reflecting patches. Rather than in advance of needing to, you THEN can also turn on a headlight modulator or flash your brights on and off. (I don't like that last idea one bit because it might be interpreted as a signal by you giving the other driver 'permission' to encroach on your right of way.) You can also gently swerve from side to side within your lane.

Or, you can **simply stand on your pegs!!!** That certainly makes you more visible to others. It does not destabilize the bike. It cannot be misinterpreted as a signal giving away your rights.

On the other hand, if you happen to get into an accident and there are witnesses who saw you standing on your pegs, you will need to be ready to defend your actions in court. Particularly non-riding public 'understanding' of what you were doing out there standing on your pegs will vary from 'showing off' to 'stunting' to 'racing' (regardless of whether or not you are speeding), and probably not a single suggestion that you were trying to make yourself more visible in order to diminish the likelihood that an accident would occur.

Here is one expert witness who will stand up for your side and describe such behavior as being rational and intelligent instead of 'rider error'.

It doesn't need to be said, but just in case ... If that driver does make a left turn in front of you while you are standing on your pegs, you sit back down as you aggressively use your brakes.

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Birthdays, Anniversaries and Coffee Breaks:

August Birthdays:

8/6 Debbie Diehn
8/12 Steve Beasley
8/12 Linda Acup
8/15 Ron Bochard
8/18 Linda Stewart
8/21 Sue Roberts
8/23 Carolyn Laurie
8/26 Terry Kalaher
8/28 Rick Filson

September Birthdays:

9/30 Greg Livers

August Anniversaries:

8/5 Bob & Ann Gunner
8/9 Glenn & Hazel Neumann

September Anniversaries:

9/6 Jason & Kelli Alsop
9/7 Don & Connie Swann
9/10 Doug & Billie Bunt
9/30 Steve & Jeannie Brungard

Coffee Breaks

8/26 Nick's in Carlinville
9/2 The Red Apple in Cottage Hills
9/9 Cavataio's in Staunton

9/16 Golden Corral in Alton
9/23 Hickory Grove in Jerseyville

**Be sure to bring canned goods to the monthly meetings.
These are collected and donated to local food pantries.**