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March 2010

Monthly Meeting

(April Location)

Miner's Restaurant, Gillespie, IL.

Eat at 5:30 pm and Meeting at 7 pm

Second Thursday of each Month

CB Monitoring Channel # 1

Web Site:

www.GWRRRA-IL.com

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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:

Good day everyone... WOW! What a wonderful group we had at the Febuary Chapter meeting!!!! There were 47 people there from Chapters E, F, O and U Had a great time and very informative meeting. Hope everyone at some point can visit the other Chapters. Don't forget that Meet the Chapters in Gilman is coming up on April 10th... Mark your calendars for the opportunity to meet your fellow Goldwingers.....

At the February meeting, I announced that we were challenging everyone to bring prospective guest(s) to Chapter E meetings from March through June Anyone bringing qualifying guest will receive 1 point per guest and after the June meeting, the points will be tallied up for a \$25 gift card.... You will also get a chance to be in the drawing for a \$50 gift card if the guest you brought during this time joins GWRRA!!!! I hope you are all enthused about this challenge so much that we have to bring in extra seating!!!!!!

Weather starting to get warmer for rides, so prepare your bike(s) and your gear before heading out.... Don't forget to check those valve stems... Jerry Rondi, our former Chapter Educator gave us a great safety report on valve stems, so I hope everyone listened to his advice.... Numerous rides in the works, but if you have a ride in mind, please let us know so we can schedule it... When weather permits and you just want to go for a short ride, to lunch or whatever please let us know! Many rides occur on the spur of the moment and are great rides to be on, so don't hesitate when you have a ride in mind!!!!!!!!!!!!!!

Still looking for a Chapter Historian if anyone is interested!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!

Take care and hope to see you and your guest at the next Chapter "E" meeting!!!!

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Past events:

February 19th a small group headed for Chicago for the annual motorcycle show. Terry & Nancy and Steve & Mary headed up Friday morning. They went by car but once they got to the motel, they parked the car and rode a shuttle provided for the show. They spent 5 hours at the show and Mary said that Terry set on every motorcycle there. There was also a stunt rider and other safety demonstrations.

February 28th we finally had our annual polar bear ride. The temperatures were up in the 40's and the sun was out making it a pretty nice day for a ride. We had 20 bikes and 33 people that participated. Most started from Casey's in Gillespie and we met up with the rest at Hickory Grove restaurant in Jerseyville. After a nice lunch, about half of the group headed west to the river and then south along the river road to Alton before heading home.

March 5th was dinner and a movie night. Bill & Callie, Terry & Nancy, Jerry & Cathleen and Bill's Sister Chrissy and her boyfriend Bub meet at Denney's in Litchfield for dinner. After dinner, we went to "Cop Out" at the cinema in Litchfield.

March 7th we went to the Illinois Food Expo at the state fairgrounds. There were 7 of us that made the trip, all on bikes. There was Rick & Maggie, Terry & Nancy, Bill & Callie and Doug. The parking lot was a muddy mess but after we finally got parked, we had a nice leisurely, 4 hour lunch, one little bite at a time.

Future events:

March 20th Scott Brungard, Chapter "U" member and Steve and Jeannie's son will be getting married at the Bethel Baptist Church in Vandalia at 2:30. There will be a reception immediately following at the church. Dress is casual, chapter shirts are welcome.

March 20th – 21st will be GWRRA leadership training at the Decatur Conference Center. The training covers chapter leadership skills and is open to all members. If you are interested in attending, contact Dave Carter at 815-477-9893 or foxwing1@sbcglobal.net.

March 21st will be the blessing of the bikes at the biker memorial in Roxana at noon. We will be leaving at 10:15 a.m. from Casey's in Gillespie and also at 10:45 from Walgreens at 111 and 140 in Bethalto. A brick for Mike Laurie will be dedicated at this event. If you want to go early, they will be serving breakfast starting at 8:30 a.m. and they will have a church service at 10:30.



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Future events (continued):

March 27th there will be a reception for Shaun & Ashley Livers who were recently married. The reception will be at 5:00 p.m. at the Bunker Hill Municipal Building, 801 S. Franklin St., in Bunker Hill.

March 27th will be our spring bowling party at the Riverboat Lanes in Godfrey. The cost is \$10 per person and includes all of your bowling, pizza and soft drinks. We will get together about 6:00 p.m. Rick French is the coordinator for this event if you have any questions.

April 8th will be our monthly chapter meeting. This month, we will meet at Miners' restaurant in Gillespie. We can start arriving at 5:30 p.m. for dinner. The meeting will start at 7 p.m. Don't forget to bring canned food for donation to local food pantries

April 10th is the annual "Meet the Chapters" event in Gillman, IL. We will be leaving from Niehaus' at 8:00 a.m.

April 10th there will be get together for Vicky Livers and her twin brother who are turning fifty years old. It will be at the Bethalto Senior Community center across from the police station in Bethalto Illinois at 1:00 p.m. They will have some eats so they need to know how many would like to attend. Contact Greg and Vicky at 618-731-0301.

April 10th there will be a blessing of the bikes at Niehaus Cycle Sales from 11 to 2.

April 17th from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m., the 3rd Annual Alton Memorial Hospital Car & Motorcycle Show benefiting the American Heart Association will be held in the Cancer Care Center parking lot. There will be dash plaques, trophies, 50/50 drawings, door prizes, food and soft drinks. For more information, call Don Ackerman, 618-225-9279.

April 17th there will be a Medic First Aid / CPR class in Greenville starting 9:00 a.m. If you are interested in attending, contact Nancy Kalaher.

April 23rd will be our first trash pick-up for the year. We will meet at Niehaus at 5:30 p.m. A good turnout for this event makes for easy work for everyone.

<i>Don't forget the Yard Sale!</i>		<i>August 14, 2010</i>
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Safety Notes:

At the monthly meeting, Steve reviewed an editorial by Eric Trow from the latest Rider magazine. The editorial dealt with safety at intersections. Steve provided this summary for inclusion in the newsletter:

This editorial about safety at intersections is excellent in that it reminds us that the greatest danger to us is in the intersections. I agree and will review his points and add my own.

As people frequently run red lights or stop signs for one reason or another, he suggests scanning the intersection upon approach, to slow as if you have to stop, which may help the sleeping auto driver behind you adjust his speed as well. It's bad to be hit from the front, but being hit from the rear is just as bad. As you approach the intersection, watch for movement from the sides where an auto not stopped may continue through the intersection as if he did not see it. This happens frequently, the driver is so distracted or preoccupied on the phone that he does not see the intersection. (This is how the young man on the phone drove his car into a train just south of Girard two years ago). While on the street or the highway, any car approaching the road from either side may and will pull out in front of you sometime, the question is when and how well prepared will you be? So what if you have the right of way, the statement from the person causing the accident "I'm sorry" doesn't do much to repair damaged bones and nerves. That car sitting on the intersecting road, small or large road, has one of his wheels turning at all as you approach you best have a way to find an escape from his presence, which may be in your lane immediately. There's an old law in physics which says only one object can occupy one space at one time.

As you approach a traffic light anticipate stopping and decelerate as if you will stop, the anxious person behind may speed around you, better than to be rear ended. Another popular tactic to prevent another vehicle wanting to occupy your space is to have straight through exhaust pipes, loud enough to announce your presence miles away. But I think this is becoming less popular as we have to live with others who vote against that tactic.



See the state sponsored 2010 ERC schedule at www.startseeingmotorcycles.org



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Birthdays, Anniversaries and Coffee Breaks:

March Birthdays:

3/7 Ed Essen
3/13 Doug Bunt
3/21 Brenda Dressel
3/23 Ann Gunner
3/23 Wayne Schmidt
3/29 Mary Logsdon

April Birthdays:

4/7 Bob Gunner
4/8 Hazel Nuemann
4/10 Vicky Lievers
4/22 Kelli Allsop
4/27 Dick Elliott

March Anniversaries:

3/27 Mike & Irene Arnold

April Anniversaries:

4/14 Dennis & Mary Logsdon
4/18 Rick & Maggie Filson



Coffee Breaks

3/17 Nick's in Carlinville
3/24 Fran & Marilyn's in Jerseyville
3/31 Cavataio's in Staunton

4/7 Geno's 140 in Bethalto
4/14 Staunton Family Restaurant



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