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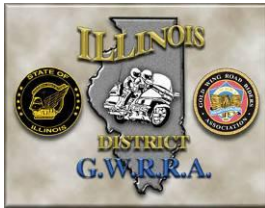
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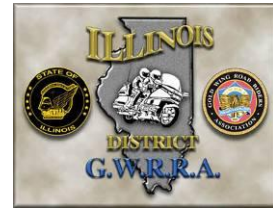
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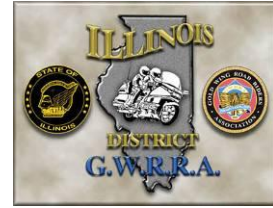
**Monthly Meeting
Miner's Restaurant, Gillespie, IL.
Eat at 5:30 pm and Meeting at 7 pm
Second Thursday of each Month
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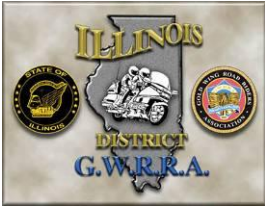
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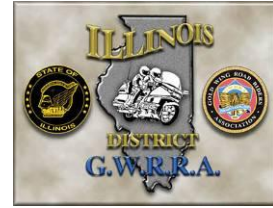
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Riverboat Lanes, Godfrey
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**For items to include in the monthly news letter, please contact Bill Morgan at
billm@wamusa.com, 217-324-6926 or at most coffee breaks or the monthly meeting.**



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Notes from your Chapter Directors:

Hoping this finds everyone healthy and in great spirits. It has been rainy so far this spring but that rain has brought on beautiful flowers. We have to look at the bright side of things!

Chapter "E" has been doing a bit of a "shuffle" recently. Due to Steve Beasley having to resign from Rider Educator position, Nancy Kalaher has been named as the new Rider Educator. Terry Kalaher will continue with the Public Relations and Wayne & Shirley Schmidt are the M.A.D. Coordinators. Thanks to the officers and staff for all your hard work and dedication to the chapter!!!

Numerous rides have been scheduled for the remainder of this month and the coming months! Bill Morgan is dedicated to keeping the website updated with ride information, birthdays and numerous items of interest, so if you haven't checked it out lately, please do so! The website is: www.gwrra-il.com. If you do not have access to the Internet you can contact Maggie Filson, Terry Kalaher or any staff members for information on rides, etc. THANKS Bill for doing such a great job!!!!

It's early, but we need to be thinking about the Chapter Yard Sale!!! When you start your Spring cleaning, keep in mind that we will be needing donated items that you no longer have need for! The Yard Sale will be held at Niehaus on August 14th from 8-1.....

**PRAYING EVERYONE HAS A SAFE AND FUN RIDING SEASON!!!
SUMMERTIME IS JUST AROUND THE CORNER!**

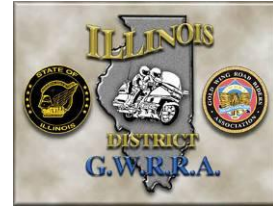
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Past events:

April 10th was the annual "Meet the Chapters" event in Gillman, IL. The weather was great... sunny and very little wind. 7 from our chapter attended but overall attendance seemed low. You can still participate in the Meet the Chapters poker run even if you did not make it to this event. See Maggie to get one of the cards for this. April 10th was also the day of the 50th birthday calibration for Vicky Livers and blessing of the bikes by the CMA at Niehaus Cycles.

April 23rd was scheduled for our first trash pick-up for the year but because of wet conditions, we were unable to do this. Please watch for a rescheduled date.

April 29th – May 1st was the Missouri GWRRA rally in Branson. A large group from the chapter headed to Branson for this event. In Branson, most stayed at the Vacation Lodge with our chapter friends, Tiger & Debbie. Every night, Tiger & Debbie were able to get us show tickets very cheap and in one case, free. The trip would have been perfect if the rain would have stayed away. Terry & Nancy went down early and attended the GWRRA Leadership Training class held in conjunction with the rally. Terry said the course was very good and recommends it for all members.

May is Motorcycle Awareness Month

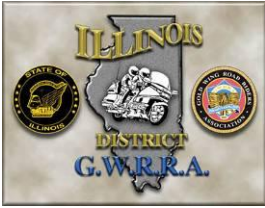
May 8th was the MAD windshield wash at the Coalfield rest area just north of the Raymond on I55. Continued poor weather kept the turnout low, just 9 chapter members, and the wind made it impossible to wash windows. Instead, the group greeted travelers in the rest area building. The group discussed motorcycle safety with the travelers and handed out Motorcycle Awareness pamphlets and bumper stickers.

May 12th was our spring visit to the Brass Door in Carrolton. Poor weather and a very busy week kept the turnout to about 20 and only Bill & Callie and Jerry & Kathleen were riding. As always, everything was very good.

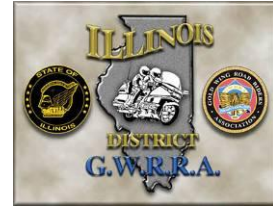
***Don't forget the
Yard Sale!***



August 14, 2010



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Future events:

May 22nd we will be going to the Lincoln Museum in Springfield, IL. We will be leaving from Niehaus at 9 a.m.

June 6th is the annual Chapter "U" Poker Run. The poker run will start at the west side of McDonald's in Vandalia. Sign-up is 8:30 a.m. to 11 a.m. and the "Last bike in" is at 2 p.m. at the Vandalia Lake park. In conjunction with the poker run, Chapter "U" will be celebrating their 25th anniversary and they are providing lunch for everyone. If you can't make it to the poker run, you can just show up at the park at 2 for the anniversary party. If you want to ride with Chapter "E", we will be leaving from Niehaus' at 9 a.m.

June 10th is the monthly chapter meeting at Miners' restaurant in Gillespie. We can start arriving at 5:30 p.m. for dinner. The meeting will start at 7 p.m.

June 11th, 12th & 13th is the 10th Annual Central Illinois Ride-In and Safety Weekend at the Livingston County 4-H Park in Pontiac, IL. At this event, hosted by Chapter "C," they will have an ERC, Trike course, Road Captain Course, Medic First Aid class and a Co-rider Seminar. All events are first-come, first-served and pre-registration is required. See the flyer for more information.

June 13th is Chapter D2's 20th Anniversary party. This will be at David & Danielle Webster's home, 315 N. Main St., Mason, IL. and will include a bike show, food and games. RSVP by June 1st is requested. See the flyer for more information.

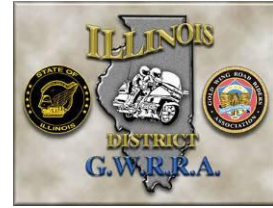
June 18th – 20th is the Chapter "U" Campout in Ramsey, IL. In additions to camping, there will be daily events including evening rides to the Dairy Bar in Ramsey and nightly parade of lights. See the flyer for more information.

M.A.D. Update:

The M.A.D. poker run continues now through the end of October and poker hands will be drawn at the November chapter meeting. Winners will be announced at the Winter Warm-up. To participate, you need to travel to 5 oddities from the list of M.A.D. oddities (see the flyer on the website) on your own or with a group. No pictures are necessary. Poker hands are \$5. See Wayne Schmidt for more information.



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Notes from the Chapter Educator:

Riding season is here – are you prepared?

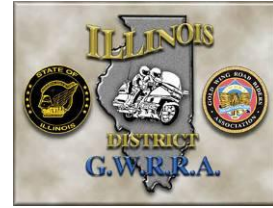
One of the first things we do before getting on the motorcycle is check the air in and the condition of our tires, the fuel level in the gas tank and make sure we haven't forgotten anything to pack in our saddlebags. Do we also think about our state of mind? I recently took a safety class at work that listed five emotional states that we can experience which affect personal safety. They weren't talking specifically about motorcycling, but I think the five states of human error apply especially to us. They are – Fatigue, Rushing, Complacency, Rage and Frustration. Any one of these states can cause our mental and physical abilities to stray away from the task at hand – riding. If our eyes are not on the task of riding due to fatigue, rage or frustration, how can we possibly be in control of our motor vehicles? Complacency or rushing can cause our minds to also stray off the task of driving. We tell ourselves that we've ridden this particular road hundreds of times and nothing has happened. Why would it happen this time? You will not have a chance of avoiding an accident if either your eyes or mind are not on the task at hand.

What can we do to avoid these dangerous states? Fatigue can be avoided by getting adequate rest, eating well, and limiting alcohol consumption. But how can we avoid rushing, rage or frustration? We can try putting things in perspective. What's really important? Is it getting to our destination five minutes before everyone else or getting there in the same shape as when we started? Ask yourself, "Do I have too much energy for this task? Am I setting myself up to be an accident victim or causing one?" One way to develop a safety first mental state is by practicing the habit of always wearing protective riding equipment.

Once you get into the habit of wearing proper riding attire – helmet, gloves, long sleeves, long pants and boots - it will be strange not to always wear them. Wearing safety equipment can also help focus your mind on the task at hand. Another way to combat these five error states is by using "triggers." You've probably heard about something being a trigger for rage or frustration. It may be the feeling you get when someone is tailgating you or when they cut into your lane as they pass you. When you feel yourself getting angry or frustrated, tell yourself "This is a trigger, and it's not worth getting hurt over." By doing this, triggers will be something that reminds us to slow down and think about what we're experiencing.



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Notes from the Chapter Educator (continued):

If you analyze those close calls of a tailgater or someone cutting you off for example, you may find a way to avoid them in the future. Small errors can be annoying, but they can lead to corrective actions that may save your life down the road. We can all learn from our mistakes. Near misses mean that someone made an error in judgment. If it was you, learn from that and if it was someone else, develop an exit strategy. Either way, you are giving yourself the control. Take that control and apply it to the five states of errors and your riding habits. Ride Safe and Stay Safe!

Nancy Kalaher
Illinois 'E' Chapter Educator



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

Did your old chapter shirt shrink a little over the winter?
S - 6XL now available! (in some styles)
Download the order form or see Carol at a
meeting or coffee break!





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Birthdays, Anniversaries and Coffee Breaks:

May Birthdays:

5/1 Don Swann
5/8 Kathleen Rondi
5/19 Nancy Kalaher
5/19 Bob Crawford
5/22 Carol French
5/25 Maggie Filson
5/26 Jerry Rondi
5/26 George Schlotter

June Birthdays:

6/1 Kenny Smoot
6/5 Shirley Schmidt
6/11 Jody Hoffmann
6/12 Glenn Neumann
6/17 Glenda Stucker
6/17 Chuck Hoffmann

May Anniversaries:

5/22 Rick & Carol French
5/28 Chuck & Jody Hoffmann

June Anniversaries:

6/8 Ed & Sue Roberts
6/16 John & Martha Nicol
6/24 Dave & Judy Roberson
6/26 Ted & Brenda Dressel



Coffee Breaks

5/19 DeCamp Junction, 8727 State Route
4, Staunton ** New CB Location **
5/26 R & B's in Staunton

6/2 Hickory Grove in
Jerseyville
6/9 Nick's in Carlinville



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