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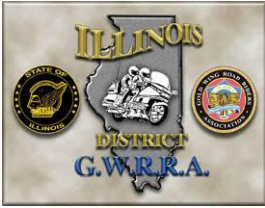
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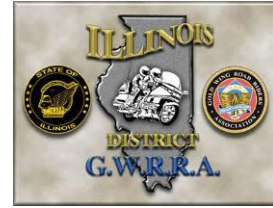
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**ILLINOIS CHAPTER "E" TRAILDUSTERS**

**June 2010**

**Monthly Meeting  
Miner's Restaurant, Gillespie, IL.  
Eat at 5:30 pm and Meeting at 7 pm**

**\*\*\*\*July Meeting will be on the 15<sup>th</sup>\*\*\*\***

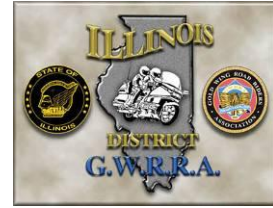
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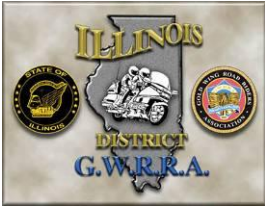
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**For Sale:**

**BIKE & TRAILER**

White and Silver 1999 Goldwing 1500 se., 800XX miles  
New front tire, low mileage back tire, Compufire Alt., Tulsa windshield,  
Baker air wings, Hwy pegs, back rest, air horns, trunk rack, heel toe shifter,  
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\$10,000 for both.

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



**August 14, 2010**

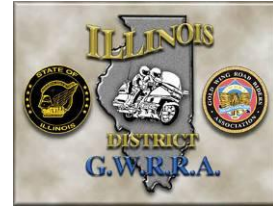
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***Notes from your Chapter Directors:***

Hello everyone!!! Hoping this finds everyone in good health and enjoying the warm weather! Those of you that are riding your motorcycles now, be sure that the tires, valve stems, oils, riding gear, etc. are all in working order before you start out!! Safety first may save your life!!! We are reminding motorists to WATCH OUT FOR MOTORCYCLES but don't forget that we need to WATCH OUT FOR MOTORISTS also!!! SHARE THE ROAD!!!!!!

Chapter E attended Chapter U's Poker Run/25th Anniversary Party and had a great time! Wonderful ride for the Poker Run and the Anniversary Party was filled with great food, prizes and wonderful friends... Thank You Chapter U for a great time!!!

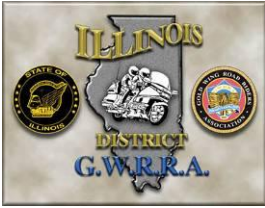
It's early, but we need to be thinking about the Chapter Yard Sale!!! When you start your spring cleaning, have or know of anyone having a yard/garage sale, keep in mind that we will be needing donated items that you no longer have need for! The Yard Sale will be held at Niehaus on August 14th from 8-1.....

Whether riding on a trip to Wing Ding, coffee breaks or just a trip around town, be alert and aware of your surroundings!!! STAY SAFE!!!!!! Have a great riding season!!!!

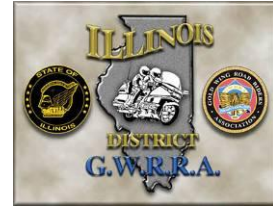
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***Just a Note from Terry Kalaher***

A few weeks ago we learned about a new program that all officers in GWRRA are required to attend. It is called the Officers' Certification Program or OCP. As a member of GWRRA for over 21 years, I was not too happy to hear about this mandatory classroom training. I have volunteered my time as chapter director for several years off and on, traveled most of Southern Illinois as a past Assistant District Director, and am currently a Senior Chapter Director, an Illinois Ambassador as well as Assistant Chapter Director. I was sure that I could learn from taking some training, but I wasn't convinced that it should be structured over a two day period and made a requirement for holding a voluntary officer's position.

With some gentle persuasion from other officers in this organization and from talking to trusted friends that took the class, I reluctantly changed my mind. I signed up for the OCP training in Branson, Missouri during the District Rally at the end of April. I publicly announced at our regular chapter meeting in May that I thought the class was well worth anyone's time and effort to take. I think the material covered could have been condensed into one day, but I was surprised at how fast the day and one - half passed. I was glad that most of the material our instructors covered discussed how to serve the members more than how to follow GWRRA policy.

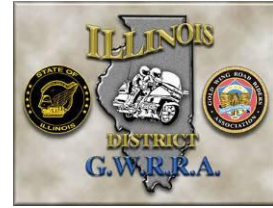
The members are the lifeblood of this fine organization. Without them, we wouldn't have the opportunity to serve. Our presenters in Branson were John & Nancy Hoffman from Missouri and Bill & Nancy James from Nebraska. They did a great job of moving the modules along and keeping the learning structured, but relaxed. Our class was comprised of about 20 members from several states. My wife and I learned by sharing everyone's ideas of what works in their respective chapters and made some new friends. I think we all can usually have a good time meeting new people and this is part of what the class is about.

GWRRA is about friends sharing fun, safety and knowledge. Nancy and I shared good times with our new friends and definitely gained knowledge by taking the OCP. We recommend it to everyone in the organization – whether you're an officer or a member thinking about taking an office sometime in the future.

Terry & Nancy Kalaher  
GWRRA #55927



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***Past events:***

**May 14<sup>th</sup> – May 16<sup>th</sup>** was Niehaus Appreciation Days. A rainy weekend this year kept the crowds down. One of our main fund raiser for the year, the poker run was a great success. Although probably no one rode with all of the rain, we raised \$448. Dave Crossly from Litchfield got 1<sup>st</sup> place, chapter member Ted Dressel got 2<sup>nd</sup> and Bee McCain from the Decatur area got 3<sup>rd</sup>.

**May 16<sup>th</sup>** after the drawing for the new motorcycle at Niehaus, we headed to the Prairetown volunteer firemen's annual chicken dinner fundraiser. With the rainy weather, only Bill & Callie and Terry & Nancy were on two wheels from the chapter although the chapter was well represented at this event. While we were there, about half of the tables were occupied with motorcyclist making a stop on their way home from Niehaus days.

**May 22<sup>nd</sup>** we went to the Lincoln Museum in Springfield, IL. The weather was great for the ride to Springfield. There were more than a dozen of us that made the trip. We spent several hours exploring the museum... it is primarily a study of the civil war, and the events leading up to the war. In the special exhibition room, they had displays showing the history of agriculture in Illinois. After the museum, we stopped at Culver's Butter-Burgers and Frozen Custard Restaurant for lunch followed by stops at the Harley shop and then the Suzuki shop.

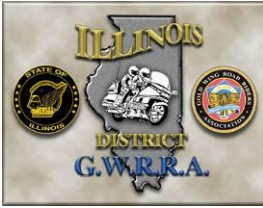
**Memorial Weekend**, Terry and Nancy joined about a dozen Chapter "U" members for a ride to Caveman in Missouri for dinner. Terry said that the ride was great except that the GPS took them down some rock roads. He said that after about 2 miles with no pavement in site, he got off of the bike and felt like crying.

**June 5<sup>th</sup>** Terry & Nancy, Ed & Sue and Glen & Hazel all attended the Jakey in June Bar-B-Que Cook Off in St Jacobs, IL. There were 18 different cooks competing and lots of great bar-b-que. Glenn got to be one of the judges for the cook off.

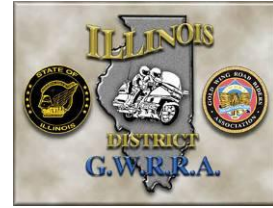
**June 6<sup>th</sup>** was the annual Chapter "U" Poker Run. In conjunction with the poker run, Chapter "U" was celebrating their 25<sup>th</sup> anniversary and they provided a catered lunch for everyone. For the second year in a row, Maggie had the best had in the poker run.

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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***Future events:***

**June 18<sup>th</sup> – 20<sup>th</sup>** 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. Saturday morning at 8:45 they will be leaving for Moonshine for burgers. See the flyer for more information.

**June 20<sup>th</sup>** is the ride to the Jesus Tree in Quincy. We will be leaving from Niehaus' at 9:00 a.m.

**June 24<sup>th</sup> – June 27<sup>th</sup>** Terry & Nancy will be leading a group to Mountain View, Arkansas. They will be leaving at 7:00 a.m. from Casey's in Gillespie. The plan is to ride to Mountain View and check in to a motel. Then spend the next two days riding in the area and returning home the next day.

**June 26<sup>th</sup>** was originally scheduled for the MAD oddities ride but it has been postponed until August 7<sup>th</sup>.

**July 1<sup>st</sup> – July 3<sup>rd</sup>** is the GWRRA's Wing Ding in Des Moines, Iowa. For more information, see the website: [www.wing-ding.org](http://www.wing-ding.org).

**July 8<sup>th</sup>** the chapter meeting is postponed until July 15<sup>th</sup>.

**July 10<sup>th</sup> – July 11<sup>th</sup>** is the scheduled dates for the Osage Beach trip. Rick and Maggie are the point of contact. Watch your e-mail for updates on this event.

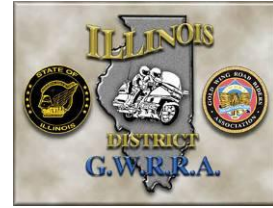
**\*\*\*\* Special Date for the Monthly Chapter Meeting \*\*\*\***

**July 15<sup>th</sup>** 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.

**July 17<sup>th</sup>** was originally scheduled for the midnight ride but it has been rescheduled for July 24<sup>th</sup>. We will be leaving from Niehaus' at 10 p.m. More information on this event will be available at the July monthly meeting and newsletter.



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***M.A.D. Update:***

Recent MAD activities included the windshield wash on May 8<sup>th</sup>. Wayne has also done several seminars about Motorcycle Awareness for local groups and he participated in a windshield wash with the Cycle Saints.

The group MAD oddities ride has been postponed until August 7<sup>th</sup> but Wayne reminded us that you can always ride to the oddities on your own. The list of oddities is available on the website.

You can also see Wayne at the meeting for motorcycle awareness bumper stickers and other promotional material.

***Notes from the Chapter Educator:***

**Ready...Set...Ride!**

In our High School driver's education class, we all sat through the rules of the road and forgot most of what the instructor was telling us. All we cared about was getting behind the wheel of our first automobile. It's kind of like that when riding season gets here. We sort of remember what we learned in the basic riding course, but really, we just want to get outside and feel the air on our faces and experience the exhilaration of riding our bikes.

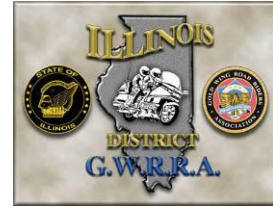
Now might be a good time to review some of the basic rules of safe riding before we put ourselves among other drivers who are definitely not used to seeing us. Keep these in the front of your mind until they become second nature and give yourself a chance to arrive home safely.

**Keep a 12-15 second line of sight:**

Can you see the road's vanishing point? Move your eyes continuously and scan your entire area of vision. Look to both sides, behind and in front of you to assess risk factors that might be coming up in 12 – 15 seconds. Note driveways, intersections, parked vehicles and wildlife by being aware of what is in your peripheral vision. Position yourself to see the road and to be seen by others – in other words, don't hang in blind spots. Use your full lane so you can see what is ahead. Large trucks block your view so slow down or pass in order to get a better line of sight. And continuously monitor the road conditions for obstacles. Changes in road color might mean different road surfaces such as gravel or new construction. Also use indicators such as telephone poles as clues for where the road is headed.



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**Keep 4 seconds between you and the vehicle in front of you:**

Pick a stationary object to count the seconds between you and the vehicle in front of your motorcycle. These 4 seconds of space are a cushion of safety around you. Always have an out and be ready to use your entire lane if traffic approaches you from either side. You may have to use the right lane or left lane if a vehicle encroaches into your space. Be prepared to speed up or slow down in order to make that cushion of space. You may even have to pass in order to keep that strategic safety bubble around you. Remember to always have an exit plan prepared and having a safety cushion available can prove invaluable in an emergency situation.

**Signal your intentions:**

Letting others know what you intend to do is not only courteous, but safer as well. Use your motorcycle's turn signals, look over your shoulder when changing lanes and use hand signals if you're not sure others can see your turn signals on your bike or trailer. You can also use your motorcycle horn to let others know your intentions and your whereabouts. Avoid sudden or jerky movements. Smooth operation of your motorcycle will gain more attention and respect in a crowd of other vehicles.

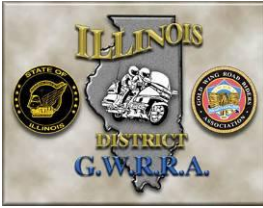
**Make yourself noticed:**

It is always a good idea to assume other drivers don't see you. Use all resources available = your horn, flashers, bright lights and brightly colored vest or clothing to make yourself more visible to others. Use a headlight modulator and brake light flashers if you have them or you can tap the brakes and flick your headlight switch from bright to dim if you don't. Be a defensive driver and watch other vehicles' front wheels at intersections. If the wheels are turned and moving, it's a sure sign that the vehicle is headed in the direction the wheel is facing.

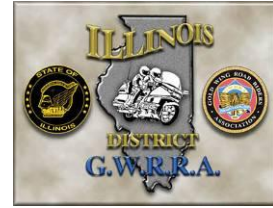
**Practice makes perfect:**

Practice and repetition will make these skills automatic and smooth. Once they become habits, be sure to remind yourself that they are still important and not to be taken for granted. Making a conscious decision to use these safe riding habits will make for a more enjoyable riding experience for yourself, and others sharing the road with you.

**Nancy Kalaher  
Illinois 'E' Chapter Educator**



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**Birthdays, Anniversaries and Coffee Breaks:**

**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

**July Birthdays:**

7/2 Jeannie Brungard  
7/9 Ted Dressel  
7/17 Danny Logsdon  
7/18 Billie Bunt  
7/20 Bill Morgan  
7/20 Kyle Swann  
7/21 Mary Ann Christian  
7/26 Dave Roberson  
7/31 Pansy Clark

**June Anniversaries:**

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

**July Anniversaries:**

7/10 Kenny & Susie Lentz  
7/11 Dick & Norma Elliott  
7/21 Bob & Patty Bays  
7/26 Kenny & Lisa Smoot  
7/31 Wayne & Shirley Schmidt



**Coffee Breaks**

6/16 Fran & Marilyn's in Jerseyville  
6/23 Cavataio's in Staunton  
6/30 Geno's 140 Club in Bethalto

7/7 Plaza Cafe in Carlinville  
7/14 Golden Corral in Alton



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