



# The Fox Tales

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## Notes from the CD

While we are dodging the rain the sometimes intense heat of this summer, we have had some great riding weather. Wing Ding 33 in Knoxville, TN and White Pines State park in Illinois were both good rides.

Lina and I were unable to complete our trip to Wing Ding, but the White Pines trip was very much worth doing. For our ride we only had two bikes, but we were able to see much of the area and found out that there are many activities to do in this area. These include horseback riding, 2 hour tour on the river with a paddle boat, viewing a great state park and very good restaurants in this area. We are planning an overnighiter for later this year or maybe for next year. We have some pictures we took for this event and we will keep you posted on the next ride.

Wing Ding 34 will be held on July 4-12, 2012 in Fort Wayne, Indiana and the theme will be 'Fun in the Fort'. Yes, I know that this may be a little early to start planning for a ride in 2012, but not really. If you like to get the rooms at a discount price and you know you are going; this would be a good time for reservations. The other nice thing about Fort Wayne is that it is only 215 miles from our house in Crystal Lake. That is not really a long ride and should be quite fun to do.

The other two local major events coming up are the Illinois Summer Rally at Litchfield Cycle Sales in Litchfield, Illinois on August 5-6 and the Region E Convention, Moline, IL on September 2-4, 2011.

That is all I have for now so ride safe and see you at the events!  
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Some thoughts to ponder before your next ride or drive:

On a recent ride, I encountered "road rage." And when I got home I saw this Article by AAA and thought that it has some good information that we all should keep in mind when and where ever we ride. According to the American Automobile Association, road rage has been increasing by 7% per year since 1990. An Australian study estimates that about half of all traffic accidents in Australia may be due to road rage. A study by Lex Research in the U.K. indicates that of Britain's some 2.8 million company car drivers, about 83% have been victims of some form of road rage during their working life. About 21% reported having been run off the road and 18% have been physically threatened by another driver! Some attribute the rise in rage incidents to the recession and social and economic frustration. Gary Fite, Public Relations Manager for the Royal Automobile Club of Queensland, reckons that in many cases the cause of the anger that touches off rage incidents is bad driving. With an estimated 1,800 reported incidents of violent road behavior in the U.S. in 1996, it's a situation to be taken seriously. The incidents that trigger a Mad Max syndrome in the average driver are usually simple matters of discourtesy—for example, loud music, over-use of the horn, tailgating and changing lanes without signaling. These, of course, are usually just the trigger points.

The actual causes can be traced back to all forms of stress, from being called into the boss's office for a friendly 'chat', to having just been dumped by your girlfriend. Pretty much, road warriors are the result of a flashpoint of all the accumulated stresses in one's life. A 1995 study performed by the Road Safety Unit of the Automobile Association of Great Britain found that 90 % of the drivers surveyed had experienced "road rage" incidents during the preceding 12 months. In this study, 60 % of drivers admitted to losing their tempers behind the wheel during the previous year, and 1% claimed another motorist had physically assaulted them.

In early 1996, the AAA Potomac club commissioned a study from The Gallup Organization to investigate driver concerns. The study found that Washington area motorists felt more threatened by aggressive drivers than by drunk drivers; 40 % of the respondents said that aggressive drivers "most endanger highway safety," while 33 % identified drunk drivers as the primary risk.

As for avoiding the Mad Max syndrome, here are a few tips from Dr Ricardo Martinez, Administrator of the U.S. National Highway Traffic Safety Administration, to help you through your journey:

- Don't take traffic problems personally
- Avoid eye contact with an aggressive driver
- Don't make obscene gestures ("that makes you a player and suddenly it begins to escalate")
- Don't tailgate
- Use your horn sparingly (the polite honk can be misinterpreted)

- Don't block the passing lane (some drivers think you're doing something to them when you do this)  
don't block the right hand turn lane

SO RIDE SAFE AND BE RESPONSIBLE! YOU ARE THE AMBASSADORS FOR ALL GWRRA  
AND ALL MOTORCYCLE

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I have been looking for this powder locally but was unable to find a location to purchase. Farm and Fleet in Woodstock 11501 Route 14. PO Box 758. Woodstock, IL 60098-0758. Phone 815.338.2549 has this powder for \$3.95 for 6 oz container. This is supposed to be a good choice for anyone who gets saddle sore while doing different activities. – John Katkus From GWRRA *Wingin' It - "Friends for Fun, Safety & Knowledge - July, 2011*

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**August Birthdays**

- Birthdays

Ron Rein	08-08
Connie Dennison	08-14
Elanor Marino	08-16
Gayla Hendon	08-26
Lorin Szewki	08-26



**August Anniversaries**



John and Lina Katkus 08-07  
Bruce and Gayla Hendon 08-24  
John & Laura Nixon 08-26

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## IL Chapter B2 --2011 Calendar of Events

All regular chapter meetings are held on the second Monday of each month at Giordano's Pizza, 1505 South Randall Road, Algonquin, IL. Dinner at 6:00 pm, order off the menu with meeting at 7:00 pm.

August	Saturday Aug 6	Poopy's
	Monday Aug 8	Chapter Meeting
	Sunday Aug 14	Thunder Bay - Rockford, IL
	Saturday Aug 27	Cedarburg / Port Washington
September	Fri-Sunday 2-4	Region E Convention, Moline, IL
	Saturday 10	Pop Eyes - Lake Geneva
	Monday 12	Chapter Meeting
	Sep 23 - 25	Door County, WI
October	Monday Oct 10	Chapter Meeting
	Saturday Oct 15	Galena Color Ride
November	Monday Nov 14	Chapter Meeting
December	Monday Dec 12	Chapter Meeting

### Region E Convention

The Region E Convention is being held September 2-4 (Labor Day Weekend) in Moline, IL.

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(PRE-registration form below.)

# White Pines Ride (and breakfast)



**Pre-Registration Form**

Full Registration Member	\$28 x _____ people \$ _____
Full Registration Non-Member	\$35 x _____ people \$ _____
Saturday Day Pass Member	\$10 x _____ people \$ _____
Sunday Day Pass Member	\$10 x _____ people \$ _____
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Sunday Day Pass Non-Member	\$15 x _____ people \$ _____
TOTAL ENCLOSED \$	_____

Rider	
Address	
City, State, Zip	
Co-Rider	
Address	
City, State, Zip	
Phone	
Email	
District	Chapter
GWRRA #s	

I/We agree to hold harmless the GWRRA, it's officers and representatives or persons sponsoring this event for loss or injury to myself or property in which I may become involved by reason of participation in this convention.

Rider \_\_\_\_\_

Co-Rider \_\_\_\_\_

**REGION E CONVENTION**

**Characters on Wings**

**September 2, 3, 4, 2011**

**Labor Day Weekend**

**CONVENTION  
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- REGION COUPLE OF THE YEAR
- INDIVIDUAL OF THE YEAR
- AWARDS AND PRESENTATIONS
  - DISTRICT CHALLENGE
  - OFF BIKE GAMES
    - ON BIKE SKILLS
    - LIGHT PARADE
    - TALENT SHOW
    - RAFFLE PRIZES
    - DOOR PRIZES
  - BIKE SHOW
- CHARACTERS HUNT



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