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As I write this we are planning for our ride to Nauvoo, Illinois and we are looking forward to the trip. Hopefully we can take the Wing, but if the weather does not permit, we can always take the car, but that is not the first choice. That was last week and we have now completed this good ride. Yes, it did rain and yes Nauvoo is a very nice place to visit. This is a place we need to try again but with a better schedule. The only improvement I can see is that we need a schedule of what is happening at Nauvoo. I will be contacting the chamber of commerce to see if this can happen.

We have some other great rides coming up as well to the Herb Farm near Rockford on June 11 (that is before our meeting) and Wing Ding in July. Lina and I are really looking forward to this ride in the beautiful country of Tennessee and the events at Wing Ding. If you have not yet made your reservations, you still have time to get this done. Also remember that this year American Honda will have a GL-1800 for the grand raffle prize. You must be there to win the

GL-1800, but that would be a really great prize! When you register you can register for this drawing.

Not really much more for this month except to keep up your riding skills and remember that cars do not really see us.

Lina and I will see you at the meeting on June 13th!

John and Lina Katkus

Before I Let A Passenger Onto My Bike...

I host a briefing with them. I explain that so long as they are on my bike THEY are the boss - that if they want to slow down, or to stop, for any reason, we will do so. I explain that it is not my intention to scare them, ever, while they are on the bike, but to help them enjoy the experience. In exchange for this there is a price: They have four jobs while riding as passenger, and they must agree to get on and off the bike only with the permission of the driver.

I explain the 'passenger twist' where they connect their helmet cord while facing the bike, then do a full turn clockwise so that the cord wraps behind them before they get on the bike. That they get on and off only while I am on the bike, which is in neutral, and have both feet down and the side stand up (this, because if the side stand is down and they plump themselves on the saddle they will compress the shocks and that will lever the bike to the right - possibly all the way over onto Its side!) I nod and tell them it is OK to get on the bike when I'm ready for them. I do the same when I'm ready for them to leave the bike.

Finally, I ask that when they mount and dismount the bike they try to keep their weight centered on the bike - that they not pull the bike towards them but, rather, push themselves towards the bike.

I explain that while we are moving they can talk to me if they want, and that they may use the PTT button near their left hand to talk on the CB, but as to moving around, I'd prefer that they pretended to be a sack of potatoes (actually, I tell them they can move about, just not suddenly) - that they NOT try to help me through the turns - that they not lean in anticipation or when we are in a turn.

Bob Shaw
Educator

CHAPTER MEMBERSHIP COORDINATOR RESPONSIBILITIES

The work of the Chapter Membership Coordinator begins as soon as he or she knows that a new member has been added to the Association in the chapter's area. Contact with the new member should be made to welcome the new member into the Association and to make sure that any questions that the new member has are answered. The contact can be made either by telephone or letter depending on that the Chapter Membership Coordinator is more comfortable with.

Regardless of the method used, the contact with the new member should be made as soon as it is known that the potential member has become a new member, typically within ten days. At the very least, if the initial contact has not been made sooner, then it should be made when the name first appears on the monthly Area Run List.

One of the most important tools that the Membership Coordinator has at his or her disposal for knowing that new members have been added and for making sure that all new members have been contacted and none missed is the Area Run List.

ASSISTANT CHAPTER DIRECTOR (ACD)

The Assistant Chapter Director Assists the Chapter Director in his effort to bring about a well coordinated, fun, active Chapter. The Chapter Director cannot nor should they be expected to do all of the work. When appropriate the Assistant works with all Staff Members and when duty calls they assume Chapter Director's duties in his absence.

The Assistant is many things to many members but the Assistant will be considered for the Chapter Director position when the current Chapter Director elects to step aside. For this reason, if there ever was someone who should be involved and participating it should be the Assistant as they are learning and growing each day.

A Note from Dave & Gwen

Do you ever think about the small things that you do? If we stopped to count all the small things that each of us does in a day, would you remember them?

We have had some successful events this year and Gwen and I would like to thank everyone for the big things and the little things that you do to make Chapter B2 fun and a success. At every team meeting and chapter social we have heard the many ideas that are being discussed. The ideas that you have for a place to ride, the endless dialog that occurs at each monthly meeting, the fact that almost everyone lingers around talking suggest that B2 is alive and growing.

We had a very successful Co-Rider Seminar with many participants. In group riding the learning never ends and as time moves on we will be introducing more seminars and encouraging everyone to participate.

Our events do not just happen on their own, they are created by you the members. All your ideas come from a group of people with similar interests and a desire to have fun motorcycling. Thank you for all that you do for Chapter B2. The riding season is upon us, all those ideas and fun are coming together for a very exciting summer. One last thing, our chapter continues to look for volunteers—if you are interesting in becoming the chapter Membership Enhancement Officer or participating in any other way, please contact John & Lena, they would love to have everyone involved.

TEAM RIDING RESPONSIBILITIES

(Author, Bruce & Melissa Thayer Former MI Asst. District Rider Educators)

In GWRRA we are always doing things in groups. We meet our fellow chapter members and ride together for a weekly dinner run. Or we join each other for a weekend breakfast before going on a run. Or we make an ice cream run together on a weekly basis. Most chapters have this kind of camaraderie

and fellowship in one form or another. Then there are the monthly Gatherings where we meet and eat and have fun. And the rides to visit other chapters and support them at their Fun Run or Anniversary Party or Pig Out, and various other events that chapters put on. Much of the time we ride together in groups traveling to and from our various destinations.

Whenever we ride in groups, someone is in the Lead position. Hopefully, it is one of our GWRRA-trained Road Captains. In our chapter, it is someone whom we trust, respect and have confidence in. Someone with good judgment who is prepared to lead the group from the starting point all the way to our destination. Someone who has a planned route and shares it with all who join the ride. S/He holds pre-ride meetings with all participants to tell us the route, advise us of any stops along the way, and discuss our speed on the road. Our Lead may ask questions about who is on medication, who may need to stop at shorter intervals (perhaps due to a smaller gas tank), who has a CB radio and who does not, etc. Our Road Captain covers hand signals for riders that are new to our group, too. Our Road Captain has been leading our rides for a few years now. We don't think twice about following him/her because s/he never lets us down. We always arrive safely when we follow our Road Captain. We are very fortunate to have such a capable Road Captain in the Lead!

We also have another Road Captain, trained in the GWRRA way, to bring up the rear of the group. This is our Drag bike, or Tail Gunner. These two (Lead & Drag) work together like Lennon and McCartney. The Drag seems to know what the Lead is thinking, securing the lane almost as the thought passes through the mind of our Lead. They communicate well with each other and with the rest of the team. They let the group know what is going on around us. They inform us about things, like telling us we will be turning – in advance of the turn; when a car is attempting to pass the group on a 2-lane road; or when a car is passing on the right when we are on the highway. Our Lead and Drag always keep us aware of hazards on the road and all around us. We know they are looking out for the safety of the group. With Road Captains of this caliber, we feel very safe. We know we can enjoy the ride and watch the scenery with these two in charge.

Wait! Stop right there! We all need to remember that even those of us in the middle of the formation have responsibilities. We are responsible to pass on the hand signals from the Lead, such as for single file, stagger formation, pointing out potholes and road kill, sand in the corners, and other hazards, etc. We need to be aware who we are riding with, too. The burden is not all on the Road Captains. We cannot sleep because we ride in the middle of the pack. We need to maintain safe spacing with the other bikes around us. And most importantly, we need to ride our own ride. We must stay alert. Hazards don't always appear in front of the Lead bike. Sometimes they come at the riders in the middle of the group. We need to be aware of our surroundings and always be prepared to react to the unexpected at all times. We must remember that, just because our Road Captain is leading us, we are not excused from thinking for ourselves and riding our own ride. We are all responsible for our own safety at all times. Never give that responsibility away. It is nice to have someone willing to help look out for your safety, but ultimately, it is your life. Guard it wisely! Be sure to ride your own ride, even while Team Riding!

June Birthdays

Victor Zark 06-02
 Pam Brock 06-05
 Kathy Zark 06-20
 Kevin Cooper 06-25
 Herbert Pitzman 06-25
 Dave Stone 06-29



June Anniversaries

Dave & Joan Flaskamp 06-24
 David & Marge Thiessen 06-29



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.

June	Saturday June 11	8:00 am - Windridge Herb Farm, 466 Quail Trap Road, Caledonia, IL 61011, 815-885-1444 - Leave Flowerwood for breakfast and ride
	Monday June 13	Chapter Meeting
	Sunday June 26	Fitzgeralds Dinner Ride
July	July 2 - 10	Wing Ding 33 - Knoxville TN
	Monday July 11	Chapter Meeting
	July 17	White Pines
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	Saturday Sep 10	Pop Eyes - Lake Geneva

	Monday Sep 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

Wing Ding 33 in Knoxville, TN

Room reservations are at
 Best Western Cedar Bluff Inn
 420 North Peters Road
 Knoxville, TN 37922-2332
 865- 539-0058

10 minutes from downtown Knoxville TN

June 21, 2011 is the last date for reservations at this rate.

Rooms listed under – GWRRA B2

Date are July 5-9 staying for 4 nights and checking out on Saturday morning

Rates are \$79 per Night Rate – which is the winter rate for the rooms. Normal room rate is \$109 per night. When calling in for the rooms it is under GWRRA B2.

Would recommend to make the room and WingDing reservations as soon as possible.

Nauvoo, IL 5/28-29



Lina expressed an interest in cooking for the hotel guests but said the daily drive from home was too much.



1st Goldwing Trailer was on display in the Nauvoo history park.

Contact John K for pictures....



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