



# The Fox Tales

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## Notes from the CD

Jim and Carol May agreed to host our Annual Planning Party at their lovely house and that was very productive. Everyone that came brought a dish to pass and after we set up our 2011 Ride Schedule, we had a great meal. You are encouraged to look at the Ride Schedule as we have planned a great riding season. We hope that you can attend all of the rides, but we know that is not always possible. Attend what you can and enjoy the good roads and company.

For our overnight ride to Nauvoo on May 28-30, there will be motel rooms set aside for B2 and that information will be provided at our next meeting. That part of Illinois is supposed to be very beautiful with other sites that we can visit. Plan on joining us for this great weekend ride.

GWRRA has a major annual event and that would be Wing Ding. I have checked the web page and it appears that the reservations are starting to fill up. Some of the events, like the paddle boat ride are already booked. After viewing the vendors the next great thing would be the sponsored rides. If the paddle boat is any example of how the reservations are going, I would encourage you make your reservations as soon as you can.

We also have a block of rooms at the Best Westerns for \$79 a night. This is a good rate and you will have the opportunity to change your reservation if you need to. Some of the other rates do not allow this feature. If you need any information, please give me a call.

Honda Northwest with the help of Jason gave a really good demo / talk on how to maintain your Gold Wing on February 19, 2010. Dave works in Parts Department and is well versed in many aspects of what works and does not work for the Gold Wing. There were many questions on how to do maintenance and when this was done. Dave did a great job of fielding the various questions and explaining how the maintenance affects the Wing. Thanks again to Honda Northwest.

We can now announce that we have help with the new officer's of B2. Debbie Collyer will be the News Letter Editor, Mary Hewitt will be the Treasurer, and Bob Shaw will be the Educator. I would like to thank all of the new officers for helping our chapter. None of these positions is a major effort, but it is the little things that need to get done, so thank you for your help.

Dave and Gwen Carter set up the No Bikes Required for the dinner ride to Moretti's in Bartlett. That is a very nice place to eat and we enjoyed the company of our group and had a good time. If you have to be in the Bartlett area, that is one good stop for food. We want to thank Dave and Gwen for their efforts and for everyone who showed up. This was a big success.

I have also enclosed a copy of our 2011 Ride Schedule. If you have any updates or corrections, please let me know.

Looking forward to seeing you at the March Meeting.

John and Lina Katkus

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## Tips for Riders

Herb Pitzman sent in this good article for us to share - Since the 2011 motorcycle riding season is almost upon us, I thought this may be a good review for our club members in preparation of another great year of riding.

### General Guidelines for Riding a Motorcycle Safely

#### Be visible:

- Remember that motorists often have trouble seeing motorcycles and reacting in time.
- Make sure your headlight works and is on day and night.
- Use reflective strips or decals on your clothing and on your motorcycle.
- Be aware of the blind spots cars and trucks have.
- Flash your brake light when you are slowing down and before stopping.
- If a motorist doesn't see you, don't be afraid to use your horn.

#### Dress for safety:

- Wear a quality helmet and eye protection.
- Wear bright clothing and a light-colored helmet.
- Wear leather or other thick, protective clothing.
- Choose long sleeves and pants, over-the-ankle boots, and gloves.
- Remember – the only thing between you and the road is your protective gear.

Some good sites you might want to look at:

- Go to the GWWRA.ORG board and click on The Insight Newsletter at the bottom of the page.
- You can also check on the GWRRA Newsletters. There are many details of riding and events at GWRRA.

#### Apply effective mental strategies:

- Constantly search the road for changing conditions. Use MSF's Search, Evaluate, Execute strategy (SEESM) to increase time and space safety margins.
- Give yourself space and time to respond to other motorists' actions.
- Give other motorists time and space to respond to you.
- Use lane positioning to be seen; ride in the part of a lane where you are most visible.
- Watch for turning vehicles.
- Signal your next move in advance.
- Avoid weaving between lanes.
- Pretend you're invisible, and ride extra defensively.
- Don't ride when you are tired or under the influence of alcohol or other drugs.
- Know and follow the rules of the road, and stick to the speed limit.

#### Know your bike and how to use it:

- Get formal training and take refresher courses.
- Call 800-446-9227 or visit [www.msf-usa.org](http://www.msf-usa.org) to locate the Motorcycle Safety Foundation hands-on RiderCourseSM nearest you.
- Practice. Develop your riding techniques before going into heavy traffic. Know how to handle your bike in conditions such as wet or sandy roads, high winds, and uneven surfaces. Remember: Give yourself space. People driving cars often just don't see motorcycles. Even when drivers do see you, chances are they've never been on a motorcycle and can't properly judge your speed.

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## IL Chapter B2 – 2011 Calendar of Events – Working Copy - 2

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

February	Feb 11 – 13	Motorcycle Show – Rosemont Convention Center
	Monday, Feb 14	Chapter Meeting
	Saturday, Feb 19	Honda Northwest, Crystal Lake at 9:30 am - get to know your Gold Wing – Coffee & Donuts – Need 10 to attend
	Tuesday Feb 22	Moretties in Bartlett
March	Monday Mar 14	Chapter Meeting
	Saturday Mar 26	Port Barrington
April	Monday Apr 11	Chapter Meeting
	Saturday Apr 16	Prime Quarter
May	Saturday May 7	Men's Ride – Al Berquest memorial Ride – to brush up on riding skills
	Saturday May 7	Women's Luncheon – The Crumpet's Tea Room, Genoa, IL
	Monday May 9	Chapter Meeting
	Saturday May 14	Coach House Dinner Ride
	Sat May 28-30	Nauvoo weekend ride
June	Saturday June 11	Herb Farm – Leave Flowerwood at 8:00 am 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

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**6:00 Dinner—7:00 Business Meeting**

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### Upcoming B2 Calendar

March	14	Chapter Meeting
	26	Port Barrington Ride