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My wife, Lina surprised me this year and is really liking to ride on the GL-1500. She is very good company and a really good navigator. One thing I have noticed is that how she moves around on the Wing can certainly determine how the bike is handling. We had the co-rider course earlier this year and all the information that was presented is what we are now using. We have had to make some adjustments on how we ride, but that is good news and our constant communication is really helping.

There was an ad that I placed in last month's issue for Monkey Butt powder (see below). The reason this was done is that I was having an issue finding this product that was supposed to help with the riding. I can now report that the purchase was very much worth doing. The ride was a lot more comfortable and enjoyable for me.

We have some more interesting rides coming up in the near future. We will be going to Popeye's on Saturday, September 10th and Dave & Gwen have a surprise ride slated for 8 October. We are both looking forward to both rides. This should be great riding and we may even start to see the beginnings of the color ride for the season.

After we went on the White Pines breakfast ride it appears there is enough to see for an overnigher ride. We can see the historical sites, ride the Mississippi river, and have great food at the steak house and then breakfast on Sunday morning. If there is enough interest, we can schedule this for an overnigher this year or plan on doing this for next year. Please have your comments ready for the next regular meeting.

Lina and I are getting ready for the Region E rally, so we will see you there or at the next meeting, Monday 12 September.

John and Lina Katkus

Bob and Judy Shaw - Educators

PROPER RIDING GEAR & ATTITUDE

You see them a lot during these warm months. They're on cruisers, sports bikes, and yes, even Gold Wings. You might even be one of them. Who am I talking about? I'm talking about all those riders out there in their short sleeved shirts (sometimes tank tops), and fingerless gloves (or no gloves at all). Sometimes they wear jeans but I've seen them in shorts with sneakers on their feet (I've seen them in sandals too). Sometimes they wear helmets; sometimes not. Most of the Gold Wing riders DO wear helmets, maybe because we can hear the radio and intercom better. I'm sure you know the excuses too. There's the ever popular: "It's too hot to wear all that stuff". I hear that one a lot. Then there's: "All that stuff is too restrictive". That one's pretty common. I've even heard: "I'm a good rider. I'm not going to crash!" Say, whaaaat-??!

I know that being an All The Gear All The Time (ATGATT) person can be kind of a pain. Yes, riding jackets and pants can be pretty warm; particularly if you're in a lot of traffic. However, the new mesh gear allows substantial air flows and it provides more abrasion protection than jeans, and "WAY MORE" than you get from a short sleeved shirt or tank top. I know that full-fingered gloves can be restrictive but they aren't as bad as having your hands wrapped in gauze. Try buttoning your shirt with your index and middle fingers wrapped in about 6-layers of gauze if you want to see what restrictive really feels like. Yeah, boots can be HOT, but a stone kicked up by the car in front of you can break your toe. Casts are really hot and itchy too.

Lastly, I seriously doubt that crashing their motorcycle is on anyone's "Things to do Today" list. Let's see: There's "Go to the Post Office, Drop off the dry cleaning, and oh yeah—Crash the Bike!" Somehow I don't think so. While you may not plan to crash, someone out there probably didn't get that memo.

Now don't get me wrong. I still ride in my t-shirt and shorts sometimes; of course, they're under my riding gear. That gives me the benefit of sun abrasion protection and when I get where I'm going, I can stroll about in my t-shirt & shorts, swap my boots for a pair of sandals, and I'm good to go. For what it's worth, I've worn this kind of gear in temperatures into the upper 90's a lot of days, and with the airflow coming thru the mesh gear that I wear, I was (reasonably) comfortable except when stopped in traffic at a traffic light or heavy (parking lot) traffic.

REMEMBER: Asphalt is unforgiving! It doesn't care that the weather is hot, or how well you can ride. You should always DRESS FOR THE SLIDE, NOT FOR THE RIDE!

Bob Shaw - Educator

In case you missed it last month - the remedy John K. is referencing is below:

Anti-Monkey Butt Powder - Talcum Powder + Calamine



Ideal for butt busting activities such as truck driving, motorcycling, bicycling, horse back riding, and extreme sports. May also be applied inside footwear, under sports pads, and other areas prone to chafing. Indoors or outdoors, work or play, or on occasions when you sit on your butt all day, don't let your buns get red, use Anti Monkey Butt Powder instead!

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*

September Birthdays

Lina Katkus 09-01

Dave Flaskamp 09-16



September Anniversaries

Herbert & Jennie Halsted, Jr 09-12

Ken & Connie Dennison 09-15

Rich & Mary Sullivan 09-15

Dave & Gwen Carter 09-16

Victor & Kathy Zark 09-24

Edward & Eleanor Marino 09-25

August Meeting Raffle Winners

One of the ways that the chapter raised funds for events is the 50/50 raffle. We would like to congratulate the following winners for the August event.

1 – Joan Berquist

2 – Ella White

3 – Vicki Berquist

Gift Certificate from Honda Northwest in Crystal Lake – Herb Pitzman

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.

September	Fri-Sunday 2-4	Region E Convention, Moline, IL
	Saturday 10	Popeye's - Lake Geneva
	Monday 12	Chapter Meeting
	Sep 23 - 25	Door County, WI
October	Saturday Oct 8	Surprise Ride/overnight
	Monday Oct 10	Chapter Meeting
	Saturday Oct 15	Galena Color Ride
November	Monday Nov 14	Chapter Meeting
December	Monday Dec 12	Chapter Meeting

Hi Everyone,

Another great opportunity to have fun. Come join us Saturday, September 10th for the B2 Dinner Ride to Popeye's in Lake Geneva. A simple ride but lots of fun. Seating at 5:00 pm at Popeye's. Clutches out at 4:00 pm from Flowerwood.

Dave & Gwen Carter

B2 Dinner Ride



Popeye's



**811 Wrigley Drive
Lake Geneva, WI 53147**

Arrrrrrrrrrrrr Matte it's a Dinner Ride to Popeye's in Lake Geneva, Wisconsin

We'll set sail from Flowerwood at 4:00 pm, Saturday, September 10th

Please RSVP by Thursday - September 8th so that we can let the crew know at Popeye's how many seats we'll be needing

To RSVP

use the B2 Web site <http://www.ilb2.com>

or contact Gwen Carter

@ 815 477 9893 or

foxwing1@sbcglobal.net

Poker Run August



Debbie says that there are way too many red bikes in the club! GO BLUE!!



Dave reacts to Jim's explanation that his pair beats Gail and George's straight flush.

This wing has 331,000 miles and the cases have not been broken. Timing belts were changed, but that is all the engine work that was done. Very amazing. (JK)



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