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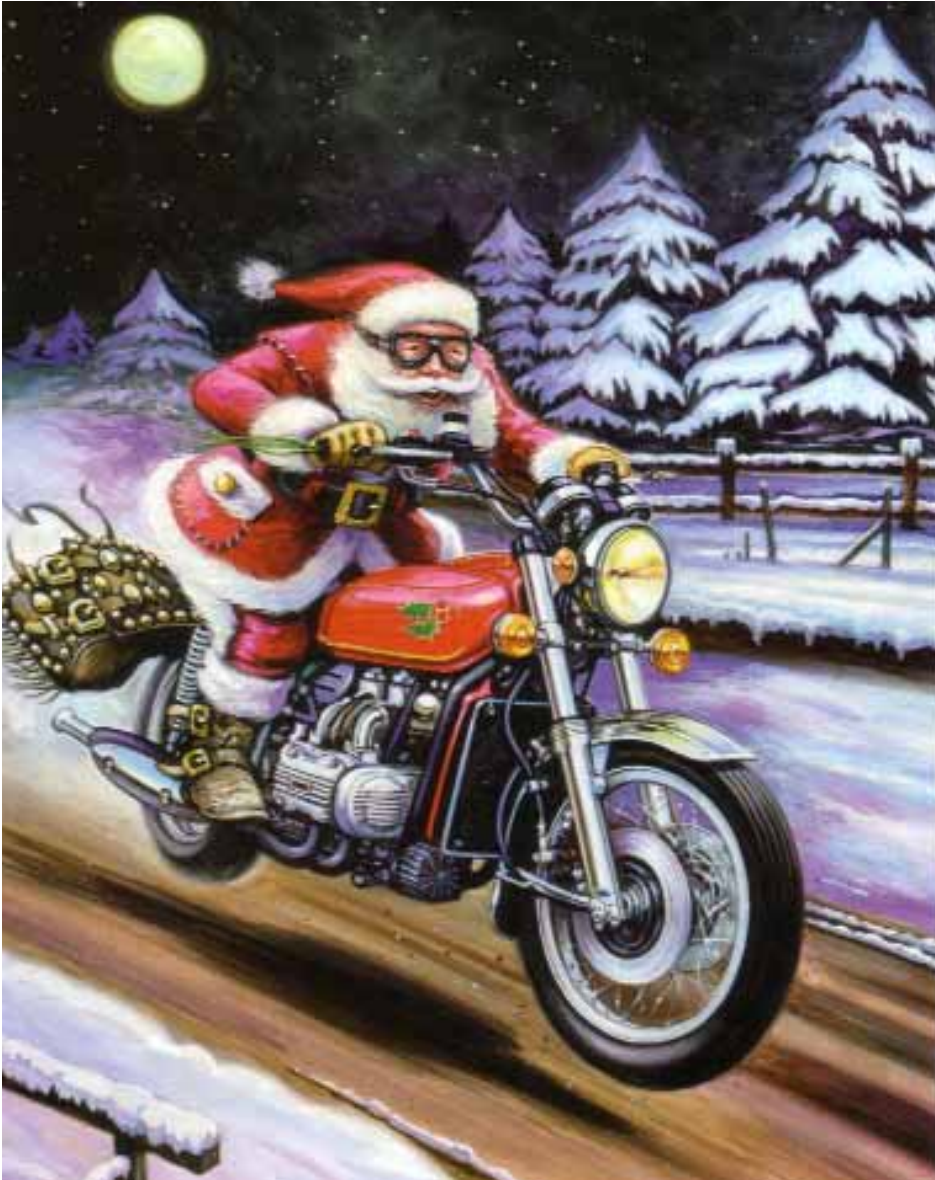
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*Our next two meetings are on Sunday, Dec. 9, and Sunday, Jan. 13, 2008, at the convenient Old Country Buffet on North Avenue, Northlake, Ill. Visit us on the Web: [www.ilz2.com](http://www.ilz2.com)*

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## Chapter Directors *Jerry & Irene Ciesla*



Good morning and welcome to everyone! Sound familiar? Well, you've heard my opening statement at our monthly meetings for the last three years and will hear it only one more time at this month's meeting. As previously announced, we are ending our term as your Chapter Directors. We've had a fun ride leading your path since 2004, and we hope that you have had just as much fun. The membership has been supportive in our efforts, the food outings have been great, and the rides have been scenic and memorable. Our heartfelt thanks go out to our fantastic board members (I hate the term "staff") who have been there for us every step of the way to keep the chapter running smoothly and also the membership in general who would always jump in and lend a hand when needed. We trust that you will show your continued support to your new Chapter Directors, Mike & Melissa Kresch, starting at the December meeting, when the "vest of leadership" is turned over to them and throughout their term as they guide Z2 down the road! *(see next page, left)*



**Happy December Birthday!**  
**JoAnn Burge, Irene Ciesla**  
**Pete Frederic, Mike Kirkland,**  
**Harvey Schmidt**

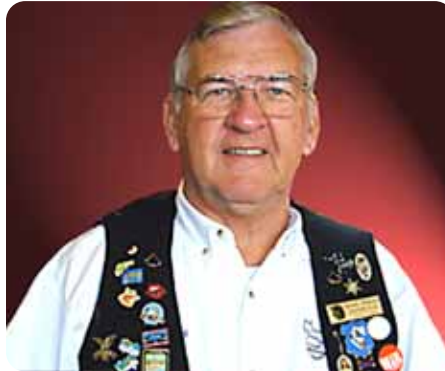
A few last reminders for upcoming events: The **Z2 Board / Planning meeting will follow the regular monthly meeting on December 9.** However the location has been changed to the Stardust Bowling Lanes party room and will start at 11:30 AM. Des Plaines Honda has announced their **"16 Days of December" promotion**, which will have "in store" specials every day during the month of December that the store is open. Remember that the store is closed on Sundays and Mondays and the final day of this promotion is Saturday, December 22. Drop by to find out the "Deal of the day" from one of our best sponsors.

**January 18-19 is the Illinois District Winter Warm-up** at the Decatur Conference Center and Hotel in Decatur, Illinois. Copies of the two-day event's agenda will be available at the December meeting. The meeting date will also be your last chance to sign up for your hotel stay at the event. See Bobbie Siebert for your room reservations. The theme for the event is "Winging it Hobo Style." Come out and have some fun!

**Saturday, January 26, is our annual "After Holiday Party."** We're going south this time to The Royal Palace Banquet Hall, 6254 W. 111th St. in Chicago Ridge. Food, Music (and Karaoke), dancing, and our "White Elephant" gift exchange highlight the evening. The fun starts at 6 PM, so don't be late! Also, the \$25 per person fee is due by the January 13 meeting date. See Don or Danni Schwieger at the meeting with your payment.

Once again, thanks to everyone for your support and suggestions over the last three years. YOUR ideas for rides and events continue to make Z2 a MEMBER'S CHAPTER!

## Chapter Educator & Motorcycle Safety Instructor *Dennis Wegener*



Drove too long driver snoozing what happened next is not amusing.

More "Hard Core" biker definitions: Your daughter learned to ride a minibike before a bicycle.

You rode a motorcycle to a wedding.

You rode a motorcycle to your own

wedding.

Your bookshelf holds at least four of these six books: "Hell's Angels", "Zen and the art of Motorcycle Maintenance", "Jupiter's Travels", "The mouse and the Motorcycle", "One Man Caravan", and "Investment Biker".

You've seen five of these seven movies: "On any Sunday", "The Great Escape", "Easy Rider", "The World's Fastest Indian", "The Wild One", "ElectraGlide in Blue", "Dust to Glory".

You can't remember your kid's birthday, but you know his helmet size. To you, Christmas means toy runs. Your 70 mpg sticker isn't a lie. You struggle over which your kid needs more: braces, or a new KTM85.

On the next page is an article from the August issue of "Motorcycle Consumer News." I include this



**The Gold Wing Road Riders Association has announced that its 30th annual Wing Ding will be in Greenville, South Carolina. The international convention opens Thursday, July 3, 2008, and runs through Sunday, July 6, 2008, at the Carolina First Center, formerly known as the Palmetto Expo Center.**

because several months ago a similar incident occurred to me when I got too friendly with one of our past CDs. It's called "Head Check Hazard":

You're almost home after traveling for a few hours on a rather boring highway. As your exit approaches, you signal and move into the right hand lane. The freeway exit ramp empties onto a moderately busy two-lane road. You scan ahead as you round the curved ramp and notice that there is steady traffic on the road where you need to merge. You also notice a few cars stopped at the end of the line behind a compact sedan.

The car at the head of the line accelerates into traffic and the sedan moves forward, ready for an opportunity to merge. You glance over your left shoulder and notice a gap in traffic large enough for both you and the sedan to move into. You look back to see the sedan's driver beginning to accelerate onto the road.

You ease out the clutch expecting to follow the sedan onto the road. You decide to glance over your shoulder one more time to make sure the gap is still large enough for you to proceed. Your head check confirms that there is still adequate space to merge. As you return your eyes ahead, you are startled to see that the sedan driver is not accelerating as expected. Instead, he is slowing and applying the brakes. You quickly roll off the throttle and brake hard, but the distance is too short to avoid hitting the left edge of the car's bumper with your right crash guard. The impact violently knocks you off balance and onto the pavement. Thankfully, you are in full protective gear, so injuries are limited to a sore elbow and knee. It was smart to look over your

## Region E Directors *Dave & Gwen Carter*



A new program in the Region is the "Individual of the Year." This program will hit the ground running because it truly needs no explanation. Same principles as the "Couple of the Year." Just apply them to that outstanding individual. In 2008, as you select your Couple of the Year, take note of those individuals. Let's recognize those folks who do so much for our Chapters. The Guidelines are on the Region Web site, and when it becomes time to further the selection process at the District level

shoulder to check for traffic before proceeding, but it is critical that you do so only after you're sure that the path in front is clear. Next time, wait until you see the car ahead actually enter the roadway before diverting your eyes away from what's in front of you. Once it's clear that there is a sufficient gap in traffic and that the path ahead is clear, then proceed. (author: Ken Condon).

**January, 1991...** Child Passenger Protection Act amended to require any person who transports a child to do so according to the established law. Parents or legal guardians are responsible for providing the safety seat.

and Region level, the applications are with the guidelines. Our first Regional Individual of the Year will be announced at the Region E Rally 2008 on Labor Day Weekend.

The Region E Rally 2008 will be in Okoboji, Iowa, on Labor Day Weekend -- August 30 & 31.

Okoboji is a vacation destination for many people throughout the Midwest. As such, the availability of rooms will become an issue. Within our contract there are approximately 200 rooms available at Arrowwood and Bridges Bay. In 2007 we filled Arrowwood and most of Bridges Bay.

Arrowwood is committed to working with our members to ensure that they have rooms. Working with neighboring properties and resorts all of our members will be accommodated. But do not wait to the last minute. Make your reservations now and insure your

**January, 1992...** Law amended to report crashes with damage in excess of \$500 (previously \$250).

**April, 1992...** Law enacted to require commercial driver's license if operating a Class A or Class B vehicle.

**January, 1994...** Amended the Child Passenger Protection Act to remove the Illinois residency requirement and medical exemption clause.

**January, 1995...** Zero Tolerance law enacted for drivers under the age of 21.

Ride Safer!!!

## ILLINOIS DISTRICT WARM-UP NEWS!

### “Winging it... HOB0 STYLE!”

January 18-19, 2008, Decatur Conference Center & Hotel, Decatur, Illinois

### Tentative Schedule:

Friday January 18, 2008

Registration: 12 Noon until 7 pm

Hospitality Room: 2-5 pm

People Games

Vendors

Movie Starts @ 7 pm

Saturday, January 19, 2008

Registration open - 8 am to 2 pm

Hospitality Room 10 - 4 pm

People Games 10 am to noon and 1-3pm

Scavenger Hunt noon to 2 pm

Most Authentic Looking Hobo Contest 3-5 pm

Chapter and individual talent show

and Skits 3-5 pm

Banquet 6 pm

Awards 7 pm (all rally registrants are invited.)

Ceremony will start with Chapter

Banner Parade.

Entertainment 8 pm (all rally

registrants are invited.)

NOTE: SCHEDULES ARE SUBJECT TO CHANGE!

Competitions:

Chapter Box car

Chapter Scrapbook

Chapter Newsletter

Chapter Shirt

Chapter Banner

Hobo Stew/soup

(bring your own crockpot to warm)

Baking: cookies, brownies

Free Rally pin for the first 300 registrants.

**PRE-REGISTRATION ENDS JAN. 1, 2008. PRE-REGISTER AND YOU COULD WIN A VERY SPECIAL PRIZE...OPEN ONLY TO THOSE WHO PRE-REGISTER!!!**

### Why Would Anybody Want to go to Winter Warm-Up?

Why indeed! The holidays will finally be over. We will all eat way too much turkey and ham at Thanksgiving. What a feast!

BUT, then we'll do it all over again at Christmas. When the stress of shopping for just the right gifts for your family and friends is finally over, you can settle down with all the stuff you got (and didn't want) and get back to the FUN business of thinking about the 2008 riding season.

Now we're into something fun! Let's pull out all the magazines and re-read all the articles we earmarked for later reading when it was too cold to ride. This is fun, but I know of something that's more fun. Let's get together with lots of friends and spend a weekend together...at Winter Warm-Up.

There will be some vendors there. What have they got in store for us? So nothing new to show us this year? I for one could use some more basic goodies from Cycle-Care. Who can't?

We met some new folks last year, both at the winter Warm up and the Summer Rally in Jacksonville. I wonder if they'll be there this year? The thought of dressing up like a Hobo is intriguing. I could buy whatever I need at Goodwill, instead of ordering from some fancy store. (I am looking for a red derby). And I can't wait to see what kind of talent we'll get to watch at the talent show on Saturday afternoon. And, by the way, Sandy hasn't seen WILD HOGS...it'll be fun to see that with her. Anything for popcorn! Why would anybody want to go to Winter Warm-Up? Why not?

-- from the Illinois District Web Site

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## Events to Look Forward to:

**December 9 - Z2 Chapter Meeting; 2008 Board Planning Meeting**

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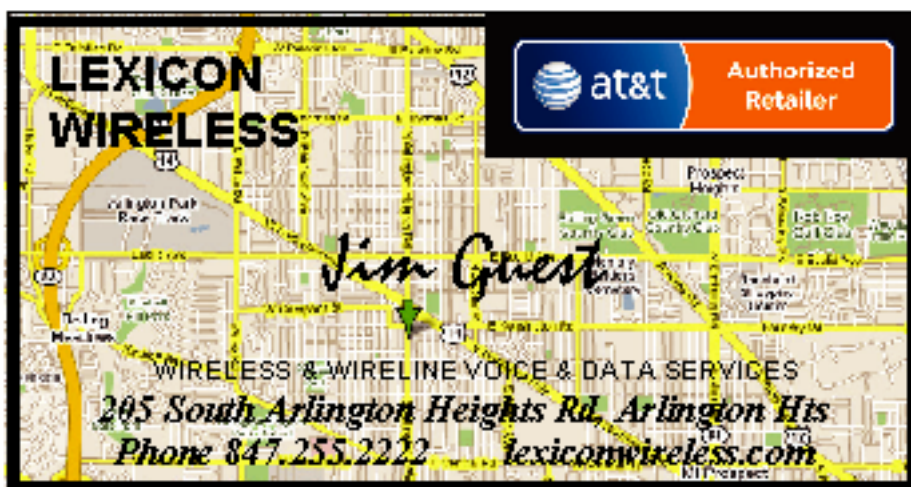
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## Secretaries *Butch & Mary Thielenhouse*



Our thanks go out again to Shannon Siebert for standing in as Acting Secretary. 39 members attended the November meeting. The new officers and board members for 2008 and beyond were announced. The notable changes are: Mike & Melissa Kresch will be your new Chapter Directors, Dave & Mary Geurkink are your new Assistant Chapter Directors, Bob & Bobbie Siebert are your new Events Coordinators, and our Chapter's newest member, Melanie Ciesla, is our new Membership Coordinator. For now, the balance of the Chapter board has agreed to stay on in their present positions. Fall riding safety was discussed with road hazards such as wet piles of leaves, puddles hiding potholes, and glazed roads being mentioned. Des Plaines Honda's "16 days of December" promotion was announced. Winter Warm-up January 18-19 in Decatur was discussed. Agenda sheets for the event will be at the next meeting. Our 50/50 winners were Mary Payonk, Tony Sundt, and Pat Hobbs.

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