



# Chapter IL-Z2 News

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*Our next two meetings are on Sunday, October 14, and Sunday, Nov. 11, 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*



As Fall comes blowing in, so do the winds of change for Z2. For those of you who may have missed the September meeting, we announced our retirement as your Chapter Directors at the end of this year. We've had a great three-year run in our position and want to thank all of our board members for all of their assistance every step of the way. Teamwork really does work! Also, a big thanks to all of our members for their continued support of the Chapter, which we are sure you will extend to your new Chapter Directors and their board members. As a number of changes have occurred in both our personal & professional situations, we have also announced that we will be relocating from the Chicago area to the state of Tennessee. I'm sure we'll keep in touch, and who knows, maybe the Chapter will take a ride down to visit!

Moving along to upcoming events, we'll start off this month with our first breakfast ride on Wednesday, October 3, at the Phoenix Restaurant. Eat at 9AM and ride at 10AM. Wednesday, October

10, is the Des Plaines Honda Hot Dog Ride. Just show up to register at 6pm. The ride leaves at 6:30PM.

Saturday, October 13, is our Potluck Dinner at Betty & Ron's place at 4PM. Give us a call to sign up if you missed the last meeting.

Sunday, October 14, is our regular monthly meeting at OCB. After the meeting, we'll be riding over to Rotary Park in Villa Park for Burt & Mark's GWTA Chapter C Chili Cook Off. As usual, Burt will have a ton of auction and raffle prizes, a 50/50 drawing, and lots of chili entries – maybe yours! It should be a fun day.

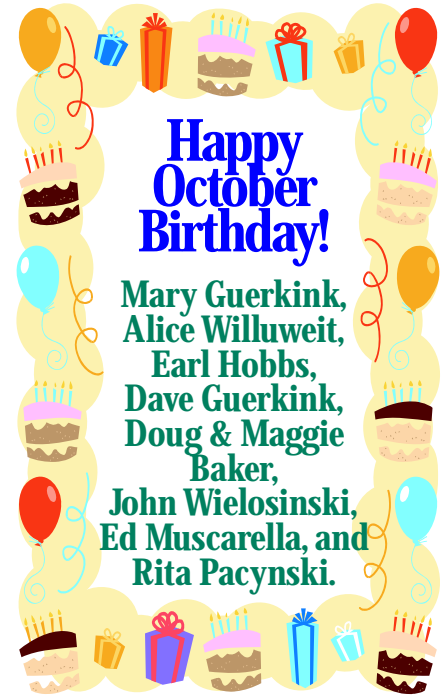
Our second breakfast ride of the month will be Wednesday, October 17, at 9AM at the Elmhurst Restaurant with a ride following at 10AM.

Saturday, October 20, is the start of our annual Fall Color Ride. We'll meet at 6AM at the South Fork Restaurant at 145th & LaGrange Rd. for breakfast and ride out at 7AM. Finishing off the month will be the annual Pumpkin Festival and parade in Sycamore. We'll be leaving from the Maple Tree Restaurant at 10:30AM. Come earlier if you're having breakfast.

Looking ahead to next month, Sunday, November 4, is our annual dinner ride to Al's Char House in LaGrange. Last call sign up will be at this month's meeting. Don't miss it!

Lastly, mark your calendar for Z2's 10th BIRTHDAY PARTY on Saturday, November 24. Round up any Chapter ride / event photos you may have and bring them to the October meeting for the big photo display. Complete details at this month's meeting. That's all for now.

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Most of us belong to other clubs or organizations or subscribe to other sport/motorcycle magazines. The following is from one such organization, The American Motorcyclist Association, and their magazine and the following is from their September, 2007, issue that really hit home with me, so I felt that I should pass it along. It's called "Riding Smart," an extra helping of real world advice for the road ahead. Crashing is no fun.

**Rule one: Know thy ride.** This story (greatly shortened) is one about a man and his wife on a rented bike in unfamiliar territory (Vegas). The rider, with the sun in his eyes and looking elsewhere, suddenly realized that traffic ahead had stopped. He grabbed (fatal mistake) the front brake and locked the wheel which caused him to skid and crash which then sent him and his wife on a trip to the hospital. His lesson learned was that he should have not been on an unfamiliar machine in unfamiliar territory in heavy traffic, and more importantly, they were not properly geared.

**When you look, SEE.** Another

motorcyclist was at a "T" intersection intending to turn right. He made a quick glance left, saw no traffic and started to move. As he turned right, he found himself face-to-face with an oncoming car in his lane passing a line of traffic. He barely made it to the shoulder before the car sped by, still in his lane.

**What's behind you does matter.** While stopped at a stoplight in traffic, a third biker heard the squeal of locked-up tires skidding toward him from behind. There was no room to get around the car ahead of him as he rode with a sidecar, so he turned the handlebars full right and hopped the curb onto the sidewalk. The sliding car came to a stop a foot from the car's bumper ahead. Now, when he's at a stoplight, he always keeps both hands on the handlebar with the clutch squeezed in and transmission in gear and one eye one his rearview mirror. More...later.

### Here are some clues to see if you're a hardcore biker:

Your 401(k) holdings include three Harleys, a Triumph, and a motorcycle to be named later.

Other people call in sick. You call in well — from 100 miles away.

You evaluate potential new houses by the size of their garages.

You love the smell of pre-mix in the morning.

Your idea of heaven is Utah's Five Miles of Hell.

It's easier to remember your friends by bike, rather than by name.

You've worn out footpegs. You've named a pet after a motorcycle.

You've named a kid after a motorcycle.

The phrase "Iron Butt" isn't a derogatory term for your mother-in-law.

Ride Safe!!



**The Gold Wing Road Riders Association has announced that its 30th annual Wing Ding will be in Greenville, South Carolina, next year. 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.**

## Events to Look Forward to:

**October 3 - Z2 Breakfast Club, 9AM, Phoenix Rest., Norridge**

**October 10 - Des Plaines Honda Hot Dog Ride**

**October 13 - Potluck Dinner Ride at Betty's 4PM**

**3825 N. Oketo, Chicago (please bring a few card table chairs if you can)**

**October 14 - Chapter Meeting; Burt's Chili Cookoff after; Villa Park's Rotary Park**

**October 17 - Z2 Breakfast Club, 9AM, Elmhurst Family Rest., 441 W. Lake St., Elmhurst**

**October 20-21 - Fall Color Ride**

**October 28 - Sycamore Pumpkin Parade; lv. Maple Tree lot at 1030AM**

**November 4 - Central Daylight Saving Time Expires**

**November 4 - Dinner Ride to Al's Char House, LaGrange**

**November 24 - Z2 Birthday Party**

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

*Chapter Meetings are held at the Old Country Buffet, 139 W. North Ave. Northlake, IL  
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Fifty-six members and guests attended the September meeting. Craig Andrews, Randy Stern, Lisa Reardon, and Betty (BJ) Daniels were welcomed to the meeting with hopes they will become regular members. Dennis and Alyce Wegener were presented with pins sent by District Educator Steve Hatten acknowledging their years of service to GWRRA's Rider Education Program. Our 50/50 winners were Don Schwieger, Paul (Bubba) Tolar, and Ken Nagle. The ride after the meeting went to Edward's Apple Orchard.

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28 Sycamore Pumpkin Parade; Iv. Maple Tree at 1030AM	29	30	31	1	2	3

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4 Daylight Saving Time ends Dinner Ride to Al's Char House 430PM	5	6	7	8	9	10
11 Veteran's Day Z2 Meeting	12	13	14 Des Plaines Honda Hot Dog Ride 6PM	15	16	17
18	19	20	21	22	23	24 Z2 10th Birthday Party; 7-11PM, Park Ridge VFW; Higgins & Canfield
25	26	27	28	29	30	1

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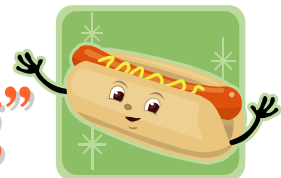
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***The Old Country Buffet is located just east of I-294 and I-290 at the North Avenue exit.***

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