



# Chapter IL-Z2 News

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IL Z2 Chicagoland Wings

**Our next two meetings are Sunday April 10th and Sunday May 15th at the convenient Old Country Buffet on North Ave in Northlake, Illinois. Visit us on the web at [www.ilz2.com](http://www.ilz2.com)**



## Chapter Directors Robert and Char Ullrich

We'd like to start off by thanking Earl Hobbs again for recertifying in order to teach our recent CPR Class. Some things have definitely changed since Char and I had last taken a class. I'm glad we did, because now we have more knowledge and will be able to help someone if need be.

We were really SURPRISED to see so many of our members and guests at our last gathering! We hope that with the weather getting better that we see more of you coming to the meetings to enjoy our after meeting rides. Hopefully you will all arrive on your bikes in front of O.C.B. ready to go! We have some great rides being planned for this riding season. Our 1st is to Starved Rock after our April gathering. Thanks in advance to Tony & Sharon Sundt for setting this up for us.

Please remember to peruse the V. A. donation list again (on page 8) and pick up some items for the Veterans on your next shopping trip. We know times are tough, but every small donation that we receive will go towards a great cause.

There has been a request for volunteers to help out with the Chicagoland Tour de Cure ride (bicycle) on June 12th. They are looking for mo-



torcycle assistance on the road to report any major issues. If anyone would like to volunteer, please contact Steve Hansen at 312-346-1805 ext. 6573, or talk to Tony Sundt.

Recently, we have had some devastating news in our family. Robert's father, Rudi Ullrich, passed away on Monday, March 28<sup>th</sup>. The funeral was held in Baraboo, WI and a memorial service is being planned in IL to be determined at a later date. We appreciate all of the support we have received.

On a final note, we want to wish everyone a very Happy Easter to you and your families. See you at the monthly meeting this Sunday. Come ready to ride!

See you at the meeting!

Your Chapter Directors,

Robert & Charmaine



**Come out and ride with us!!! We guarantee an enjoyable time!!**

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## **This Spring's Upcoming Events**

**Saturday 4/9** Mature Rider Course from 1-5:30pm at Immanuel Lutheran Church, 142 E. Third St., Elmhurst

**Sunday 4/10** Monthly meeting at OCB, breakfast at 7:30am, meeting at 8:30am; 1st ride of the year! Scheduled for Starved Rock State Park in Utica with a stop for lunch at Canal Port Restaurant

**Saturday 4/16** Potluck hosted by Butch and Mary Thielenhouse 4pm; 778 Howard St., Elmhurst; bring sides, salads, or desserts

**Saturday 4/23** Bill Naughton's Bike Maintenance Get Together, 9am, 519 Maple Lane, Hillside; bring your parts, fluids, and paper towels/rags

**Sunday 4/24** Easter Sunday

**Sunday 5/8** Mother's Day, NO MEETING

**Sunday 5/15** Monthly meeting at OCB, breakfast at 7:30am, meeting at 8:30am

**Saturday 5/28** Memorial Day Ride led by Bill Bijou, please bring your donations with you on the ride, or bring donations to the next two meetings

**Sunday 6/12** Monthly meeting at OCB, breakfast at 7:30am, meeting at 8:30am

*\*\*Join the "Breakfast Club" that meets punctually every Wednesday morning at 9am at the Phoenix Restaurant, located at 8349 W. Lawrence Ave. in Norridge.\*\**

GWRRA Chapter IL-Z2 Meets at the Old Country Buffet restaurant in Northlake, IL (708) 836-9966 on the second Sunday of every month. Breakfast at 7:30am, meeting at 8:30am. We ride after the meeting!! (weather permitting)

The Old Country Buffet is located just east of I-294 and I-290 at the North Ave Exit. Look for us between the Wal-Mart and Sam's Club in the shopping center/lot.

Our next two meetings will be on Sunday April 10th and Sunday May 15th. Please join us!!!

For additional updated information, go to our NEWLY UPDATED WEBSITE at [www.ilz2.com](http://www.ilz2.com)

### Happy April Birthday!!!

Betty Schultz 4/13  
Ron Cotton 4/20  
Alyce Wegener 4/20  
Ronald Nast 4/26



If your birthday is this month and it is not listed here, please contact Melanie Doyle at [mrsdoyle1982@gmail.com](mailto:mrsdoyle1982@gmail.com) and let us know!!!

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## Chapter Educator Dennis Murphy

### Ride Time

Ok, by the time you get this article, you are already riding. I hope you started out slow and warmed up in a controlled setting such as a parking lot. It has been a long winter and we tend to forget some of the basics. I know that we are all good seasoned riders but we all have other things on our minds to think about. But when it comes to motorcycle driving, that is a horse of a different color. It is not something that we should take lightly. You always have to remember that you are the smallest vehicle out on the road, and motorcycles are also the most vulnerable on the road. You have to keep it in mind that your bike does not have the safety equipment that your car has. There are no air bags, no seat belts, and no cage to cover you. Without seat belts, you are going to fly off the bike if you get hit. And without air bags you cannot stay in your seat if you have a frontal hit. The cage is there to protect car and trucks from each other, not you. The bike that you are riding is the smallest thing on the road and you are not protected in a crash.

So let us go over a few safety tips. The first one is to always do safety checks on yourself and your bike. Inspect your bike before every ride, and always wear protective clothing including gloves, boots and a good riding jacket, and most of all a helmet. Proper maintenance and protective clothing



will help you reduce your chance of a crash or severity of injury if you are involved in a crash.

The second tip is DRIVE SMART! Other drivers may not see you on your motorcycle, so you must be aware of everything on the road. Always be extremely cautious, and pay attention to the signals and brake lights on other vehicles. You must always be ready to react in the event that they do not use their signals or the lights don't work. Always ride with caution and drive defensively. Even though your bike is small, you must follow all laws of the road. Never ride in between lanes in traffic or ride side by side because it is against the law here. Never instigate aggressive driving with other motorists. Remember motorcycles are the smallest vehicle on the road.

Have a Safe Ride!!

Dennis

## **Z2 Chicagoland Wings Meeting Notes**

**March 13, 2011**

Submitted by Danni Schwieger

### **New Business:**

- 3/19 Dinner ride to The Grand Buffet, 183<sup>rd</sup> LaGrange, Tinley Park  
4:00
- 4/9 Mature Rider's Class by Earl Hobbs (call Robert or Char)
- 4/10 After meeting ride to Starved Rock
- 4/16 Pot Luck Dinner at Butch & Mary's
- 5/28 Ride to Hines Hospital led by Bill Bijou – Bring donations to  
April & May meetings

### **Other:**

Tony Sundt – Web site has been updated

Earl Hobbs – going to speak safe riding to Harley event for GWRRA

Bill Naughton – will hold “Bike Week” at his home in April (date to be announced); you can get your bike ready for the riding season: brakes, oil changes, etc

Ken & Debbie Stoffregen – a few more safety bike hats left \$10 each

Dennis Murphy – Watch out for the pot holes!

Raffles:

Progressive Member #: not present (Harry Pacynski)

50/50: Don Schwieger, Nick Schmitz, Don Shore



This article is excerpted from The Daily Herald and was also featured in Paddock Publications for the Northwest Suburbs. This article was written by Marni Pyke on 3/31/2011 and can be directly found at <http://dailyherald.com/article/20110330/news/703309836>

Out cruising on I-90 last June, Earl Hobbs didn't feel invisible but that's what his motorcycle was to the driver in the next lane.

Chatting on a cell phone, the driver changed lanes completely oblivious to the Rolling Meadows biker and two of his friends.

"I hit my air horn — she just kept coming," said Hobbs, 72, a retired officer with the Gold Wing Road Riders Association.

"She pushed me off onto the shoulder. Although everyone was able to react and take evasive action it was close."

Hobbs was lucky. The Illinois Department of Transportation reports that 129 motorcyclists, including passengers, died last year in crashes, 14 percent of the 921 vehicle fatalities in the state.

As the riding season gears up, IDOT officials and motorcycling safety advocates Wednesday urged drivers to watch out for bikers.

In 2009, there were 130 motorcycle fatalities in Illinois, including several high-profile suburban deaths linked to careless driving.

Anita Zaffke of Lake Zurich died in May 2009 when her motorcycle was hit by a woman painting her nails. Bikers Wade and Denise Thomas of St. Charles also were killed that May when a woman who was allegedly texting caused a chain-reaction crash in Elburn.

Illinois State Police Sgt. Rich Kozik described being sidelined by a driver switching lanes in spring 2009 while he was on patrol.

"The driver wasn't looking and unfortunately I was there," he said. Kozik received minor injuries and underwent knee surgery. The driver told him she hadn't seen his motorcycle.

IDOT also is promoting a "Gear-Up" campaign encouraging motorcycle riders to take a free training course, wear the proper attire and refrain from drinking and driving — a factor in 40 percent of motorcycle fatalities.

"Some people think you can just jump on a motorcycle and ride," said biker Dan Harper, vice president of A Brotherhood Aimed Towards Education. "That's why we stress education and getting your M Class on your driver's license."

Motorcycle riders who aim for fashion instead of wearing helmets and protective leather clothing sacrifice safety, he added. "When you slide across the pavement at 30 mph wearing shorts, a tank top and flip flops, it's like holding your flesh to a belt-sander."

IDOT regulations and training unit manager Terry Redman, 57, described a surge in ridership among men in his age group eager to renew old times.

"They've got their mortgage paid off and their kids are out of college. They're got extra income and they buy a bike. But their reflexes are slower and the bikes are bigger."

IDOT is offering free motorcycle training for new riders or people who need a refresher course. For more, visit [startseeing-motorcycles.org](http://startseeing-motorcycles.org).

## Pictures from Grand Buffet-March 19th



“It was a nice ride to Tinley Park to the Grand Buffet. The food was excellent, good enough for killer whale to eat! There was a variety of Chinese food along with a great seafood selection. Good food and good company, and thanks to Don and Danni for finding this excellent place on the south side.” (Submitted by Butch and Mary Thielenhouse)

“You sure didn’t leave there empty! We had a great, relaxing time. The food was hot, plentiful and lots of selections including deserts (ice cream, too!). Very tasty! We had 21 club members plus four family members and four grandchildren attend, a total of 29! Tony Melendy came out on his wing – chilly, but sunny day. We all agree to make it here again! Join us next time!”  
(Submitted by Danni Schweiger)

## Pictures from CPR Class-March 12th



Its that time of year again to begin collecting your donations for the Hines V.A. This year we will be going on Saturday May 28th to bring all of your thoughtful items. If you cannot personally attend the ride, we will be accepting your donations at the next two meetings: April, and May. Don't forget the women also! Any questions about the ride or donations, contact Special Events Coordinator, Bill Bijou, at 708-544-5792

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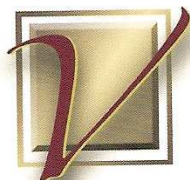
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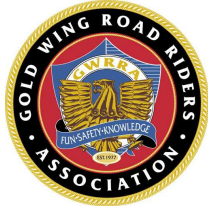
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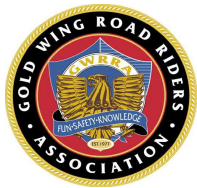
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