

Chapter IL-Z2 News

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Region E, Illinois District,
IL Z2 Chicagoland Wings

Our next two meetings are Sunday June 12th and Sunday July 10th at the convenient Old Country Buffet on North Ave in Northlake, Illinois. Visit us on the web at www.ilz2.com



Chapter Directors Robert and Char Ullrich

One night Charmaine and I were sitting in our living room watching T.V. She said to me, "Do you remember that cartoon with Elmur Fudd, Bugs Bunny and Daffy Duck where Daffy asks Elmur what he's hunting? Elmur says he's hunting rabbit and you see the signs that say 'Rabbit Season'."

Then Char said, "For us, it's not 'Rabbit Season', it's 'Riding Season'." From the way the weather has been lately, you don't know what Season it actually is! We have had so much rain, then heat, then cold, but that's Chicagoland weather for you!

The group has only gone on one ride this season so far and that was to Starved Rock. Hopefully after our gathering next month we will be able to ride. Since Butch & Mary's ride was canceled last month, we will be going on that ride, weather permitting, so keep your fingers crossed. We are hoping that the rest of our



meeting dates will allow some great group riding opportunities.

We hope that some of you went on the Hines Hospital Ride. Thanks goes out to those of you who donated to the Vets ride.

Please check our web page for upcoming rides and please sign our sign up book for these rides. We need to know how many people we will have on each ride so we can make reservations and etc.

Ken Nagle called and said he's having a cook out for those of you going to Wing Ding. If interested please let us know. We would also like to wish a Happy Father's Day to all Fathers in the group.

-Robert & Char



This Summer's Upcoming Events

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

Support our Sponsors! Tell them: "I saw your message in the Chicagoland Wings Newsletter!"

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

Saturday 6/18 Illinois Motorcycle Freedom Ride (see attached flier)

Sunday 6/19 Father's Day

Saturday 6/25 Ride planned to East Troy, WI; please sign up in the book at the meeting

Wednesday 7/6-Sunday 7/10 Wing Ding in Knoxville, TN

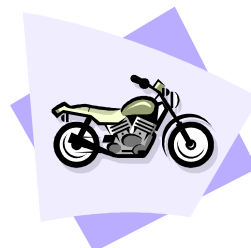
Sunday 7/10 Monthly meeting at OCB, breakfast at 7:30am, meeting at 8:30am

Saturday 7/23 Potluck at Liam and Melanie's, 1749 E. Wood Lane, Mount Prospect; 2pm

Saturday 7/30 IL State Police Memorial Park Motorcycle and Fun Car Run; register online at <http://ispmp2011.eventbrite.com>

Sunday 8/14 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.

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For additional updated information, go to our NEWLY UPDATED WEBSITE at www.ilz2.com

Happy June Birthday!!!

- Joe Hughes 6/5
- Nick Schmitz 6/8
- MaryAnn Anderson 6/15
- Donna Walldren 6/25
- Carl McGee 6/27
- Bill Bijou 6/27
- Russ Pritchard 6/27
- Melanie Doyle 6/29



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

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Chapter Educator Dennis Murphy

Watch Out

The biggest problem we have on the street is *distracted drivers*. The dashboard of any late model car is loaded with electronic distractions. Add smart phone equipped drivers who are virtually wired to family and friends, and you have got a distracted driver; seemingly unlimited array of digital gizmos vs. one very analog human attention span. According to the National Highway Traffic Safety, 5,474 people were killed on American roads in 2009 in accidents involving some form of distracted drivers. Avoiding a 5000 pound SUV on a 500 pound motorcycle can make Main Street feel more like Bagdad or Kabul. So what can you do to stay out of the statistics?

There is a state campaign titled "Drive now, Text later." It features a series of three professionals - a school bus driver, an airline pilot and a surgeon, reminding drivers what they should be focused on the task they are performing, not the texting but the task at hand. Otherwise it could be dangerous or possibly deadly to themselves or those around them.

Did you know that the state did an online survey? They found out that 40% of Illinois tollway customers did not know that it is illegal to text or email at any time while driving on Illinois roads. January 1, 2011



marked the first anniversary

of the state law that prohibits sending or reading electronic messages while driving in Illinois.

The state has a public awareness campaign that will include the placement of posters on toll booths, in retail outlets, rest stops and at the oasis. They also will have public service announcements on the tv and radio. The state of Illinois is trying to get the word out as best they can. You can help by telling and reminding your friends and family. Let everyone know about the law. It will save someone's life or at the very least it will save them from a ticket if they get caught.

I drive trucks and vans all day long and what I see people doing in their cars and with their cars is nothing less than frightful. When I am driving I have seen people talking on a phone, typing on a laptop while driving the car on a highway at 70 mph. You would not believe how many people have their smart phones on their laps and text while they are driving. I guess that means if you cannot see them texting it is ok. I have even seen people reading a book while driving.

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Z2 Chicagoland Wings Meeting Notes

May 15th, 2011

Submitted by Danni Schwieger

5/28/11 Veterans donations delivered by club-led by Bill Bijou

5/30/11 Motorcycle Blessing, 10:00 a.m. (mass at 9:00) St. Fabian Catholic Church, 7450 W. 83rd St., Bridgeview (Knight of Columbus Council #14553)

6/18/11 Illinois Motorcycle Freedom Ride; visit www.ILMotorcyclefreedomrun.org

6/25/11 Ride to East Troy, WI (see Ken & Deb S.)

8/21/11 Fast Ride; raffle tickets \$10.00

Welcome visitors from A2, Agua, Miami Wings

Robert & Char, Chapter Directors: positions open for Z2 Asst. Directors, ride coordinator and membership coordinator.

Dennis Murphy, Chapter Educator: FYI – if you would ever be pulled over by police while riding your bike, leave hands on handle bar until officer approaches and gives further directions.

Bill Bijou, Special Events Coordinator: on 5/28 the ride to Hines VA Hospital will take place, taking donations collected from the club members. We will leave from Maple Tree Restaurant at 9:00. (meet at 8:00 if having breakfast first) A group on riders from the VFW will join us in the ride.

Bill Naughton: trying out CAR tire for rear tire replacement; he will keep us informed on his opinion of performance as he puts more miles on.

After Meeting Ride: Ride to Crystal Lake cancelled due to poor weather conditions

50/50 Raffle: Dennis Dwyer, Bill Naughton, Mary Thielenhouse

Other: Russ, Ron

Progressive Member Number: MaryAnn Anderson

Motorcycle Blessing & Vietnam Moving Wall 5/30

Memorial Day started out as a ride to St. Fabian Church in Bridgeview for 9:00 mass followed by a 10:00 blessing of the bikes. There was a good showing of bikes of all types. After the blessing, we enjoyed some good tunes and refreshments provided by the Knights of Columbus Council #14553. Very nicely done!

After, a group of us decided to take a ride to see the Vietnam Moving Wall in New Lenox hosted by the American Legion Post 1977. The wall is a memorial to all men and women who served in the Vietnam War and later died as a result of their services. It is a half size replica of the one in Washington D.C. and has been touring the country for more than 20 years. As we stood there, looking at this massive display of names posted, hearing the continuing reading of names of those on this memorial, you could feel the impact this had on the crowd. What a wonderful way to honor the men and women who gave their lives for our country. (Submitted by Danni Schwieger)



Vietnam Moving Wall 5/30



“Grandma’s Toy” 6/2

Alyce Wegener’s new ride – (Can-Am) Beautiful!

Sunny and upper 60’s - perfect for a day ride

Alyce Wegener, Earl Hobbs,
Don Schwieger.



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Look, the reason I am bringing this subject up is that people are too distracted while behind the wheel of their cars. And they think that they are doing just fine because they have not met anyone by accident. Watch out for them because they are not watching out for you.

Be bright, anything that is bright and maybe even reflective increases the odds that a preoccupied driver's eyes will spot you in time to do the right thing!!

Dennis



9th ANNUAL



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For more information visit our website at www.ILMotorcyclefreedomrun.org

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Himalaya motor bike wear

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*dark brown w/ sidelace \$40: (1)52 (1)54 (1) 50
*black w/ sidelace \$35: (1) 52 (1)54 (1) 56
*black braided \$30: (1) l
*black with zippers on the front and pockets w/ side lace\$45: (1) l (1) xl

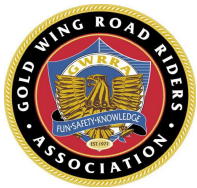
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