



Chapter IL-Z2 News

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IL Z2 Chicagoland Wings

Our next two meetings are Sunday May 15th and Sunday June 12th 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

We want to start off by thanking Earl Hobbs for teaching our Mature Riders Class on the 9th of April. Also, thanks goes out to Tony & Sharon for setting up our after gathering ride to Starved Rock. We heard it was a great ride.

Butch & Mary's Pot luck dinner was a success! Nobody went away hungry. The weather was a bit crazy with rain and snow. Yes, I said SNOW!! But Butch and Mary had plenty of room for all of us inside. They are also setting up this month's after gathering ride to Three Oaks Recreation Area in Crystal Lake.



Please bring your donations to this month's gathering for the Hines Hospital. Please let Bill Bijou know if you are planning on riding that day also.

Ken & Debbie are planning a ride to East Troy on the 25th of June so please sign the book if you would like to come.

Just a reminder about volunteering to help out with the Chicagoland Tour de Cure ride (bicycle) on June 12th. They are looking for motorcycle 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.

See you at the meeting!

Your Chapter Directors,

Robert & Charmaine



We hope that some of you showed up at Bill Naughton's house to do some work on your bikes. Thanks Bill for opening up your house to the group!!

Don't forget our gathering has been changed this month to the third weekend in May, the 15th, because of Mother's Day. So, we would like to wish a Happy Mother's Day to all of the moms in our group. Enjoy your day!



This Spring/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 5/8 Mother's Day, NO MEETING

Friday-Sunday 5/13-5/15 Niehaus Customer Appreciation Days, Litchfield, IL

Sunday 5/15 Monthly meeting at OCB, breakfast at 7:30am, meeting at 8:30am; ride planned to Crystal Lake

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 meeting

Monday 5/30 Motorcycle Blessing at 10am; 8808 S. Ridgeland Ave. in Oak Lawn

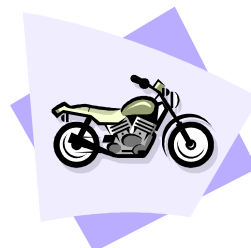
Sunday 6/12 Monthly meeting at OCB, breakfast at 7:30am, meeting at 8:30am

Saturday 6/18 Illinois Motorcycle Freedom Ride

Sunday 6/19 Father's Day

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

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 May 15th and Sunday June 12th. Please join us!!!

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

Happy May Birthday!!!

Danni Schwieger 5/9
Tony Sundt 5/17
Tony Melendy 5/21
Shannon Siebert 5/29



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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Did I Do That?

I just watched a show on cable. The premise of the show is they put cameras in cars and tape how the people drive. The drivers did not know the cars were wired, only the owners. Most of the cars were driven by teenagers and a few women. Most of the drivers were safety minded but we all have our lapse of judgment. Most of the time those drivers ended up in an accident. The camera doesn't lie. It showed that the drivers were distracted with other things. In some cases the drivers were talking on the phone or texting. In one case the driver was looking for her phone on the floor while the car was moving and she was yelling for her boyfriend not to hang up. A young man was driving and he spilled his pop on his lap. He drove into a line of stopped cars at a light. There were many more that I can bring up but I do not have the time. But in all these cases the drivers were shown the video. They all could not believe that they had a lapse in judgment. They all thought that they had the situation under control.

Just like any skill, mental skills can become sluggish. It is because we do not focus on what is important at the time of driving. We take it for granted that driving is a full time chore and you should not distract yourself with anything else. When we go riding we use both physical skills and mental skills. And they both can become perishable



commodities. That is why we always stress the importance of practice. You hear me tout the values of parking lot practice to keep your physical skills up.

You may think that you do not have any bad habits, but you do. Like the all the drivers who thought they were good until they saw the video. Go out for a ride with a good friend and ask them if there is anything that they see that needs to be adjusted or fixed in your riding habits.

Make an effort to be a better rider every time you ride your bike. Use what tools it takes. Sometimes we all fool ourselves, thinking we are better than we really are. That's what causes us to have close calls, frequently being distracted while driving. It is called lack of attention.

Stay Safe!!!!

Dennis

Z2 Chicagoland Wings Meeting Notes

April 10th, 2011

Submitted by Danni Schwieger

Ride to Starved Rock after meeting today led by Tony Sundt

4/15/11 Pot luck at Butch & Mary's

4/23/11 "Bike Weekend" held at Bill Naughton's; be sure to e-mail him if you will be coming to work on your bike

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. Louis de Montfort Catholic Church, 8808 S. Ridgeland Ave., Oak Lawn (Knight of Columbus Council #14553)

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

Earl Hobbs, Z2 Ambassador: April is Motorist Awareness Month and the Daily Herald ran a story regarding IDOT Motorist Awareness Motorcycle Safety with Earl as a major contributor of information. Way to go!

50/50 Raffle: Sharon Sundt, Alyce Wegener, Dennis Dwyer

Other: Bill Bijou, Doug Baker

Seasoned Rider Course-April 9th

We are “seasoned” riders and haven’t had a refresher course for a while, so this was a perfect way to start out the new riding season.

Earl did a great job (as usual) taking us through a slide show and going through necessary info we need to be reminded of, even if we’ve been riding a long time. Everyone learned something new and the discussion times shared by all were a great reminder of why we are such a safety minded club.

F.Y.I. – there were two of us co-riders who took the course so we could be reminded of what goes on and what our job is to help make the ride fun and safe!

THANK YOU EARL! (Submitted by Danni Schwieger)



Ride to Starved Rock-April 10th

Finally, a day to ride! After the monthly meeting, a group set out for a ride to Starved Rock, planned and led by Tony Sundt. A windy day, but sunny and fairly warm with storms not due in until late in the day. A visit at the nature center river side, then into Utica for lunch at The Canal Port – very good! The ride back ran along the river side with a stop at the old Lock Museum – interesting, didn’t even know it was there all these years!

The cross-winds on the way back were brutal, but all was well and made it home before the evening storms arrived.

Thanks Tony! (Submitted by Danni Schwieger)



Butch and Mary's Potluck-April 16th



Time is running out to bring 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 meeting. 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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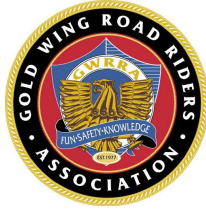
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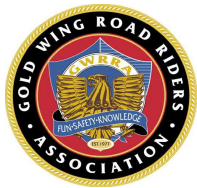
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