



# Chapter IL-Z2 News

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Region E Illinois District IL-Z2 Chicagoland  
Wings

**Our next two meetings are Sunday January 8th and Sunday February 12th 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  
Tony & Sharon Sundt**

Happy New Year everyone!

We hope your holidays were filled with family, happiness, love, and not to mention calorie free goodies. 2011 is gone with no regrets. We start 2012 with high hopes and resolve to let us not fail on our New Year's Resolutions. We have been blessed to start anew. With some hard work and a little luck, we hope that prosperity will return to all of us this year.

One of my resolutions for 2012 for Z2 is to ride with more of our members. I think that we had a very good planning meeting for 2012. Once we were able to get on topic (during planning) the meeting went fast. It showed me that a lot of effort and pre-meeting planning and thought took place to help us achieve our goal of having "Fun." Not to forget the Safety and Knowledge we have planned for both, as well. Now it will be your turn. Your turn is to put all of our hard work and effort into place by making the events and rides into true successes. Success very simply requires your participation. We all look forward to your participation.

## My 2012 Top Ten Z2 New Year Resolutions

1. Get more members involved.
2. Organize a Fun filled year for Z-2.
3. Lead by example.
4. Develop Z2 leadership.
5. Discover something new.
6. Ride more with family and friends.
7. Explore the road.
8. Achieve a higher level of active participation in Z2.
9. Make more time for Fun, Safety, and Knowledge.
10. Succeed in my resolve to **GOLD DREAMS.**

Illinois District's Winter Warm-Up is just around the corner on January 20-21 at the Decatur Conference Center and Hotel. If you would like to join in the FUN, please register and we can make a weekend of it. We need some help in the competitions that are out there for us (i.e. cookie/brownie, Best Dressed, Newsletter, Scrapbook, Banner, Beach scene, Mascot, etc.). If you would like to help with any of these, please let me know. The criteria and judging information can be found in the IL District's December Newsletter. Here is the website link: <http://www.gwrra-ildistrict.org/NL12.pdf>

We have our After Holiday Party coming up on Saturday January, 28 at Trattoria Peppino located at 7440 W. North Ave. in Elmwood Park. You will be able to order off the menu.

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## This Winter'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 1/8** Monthly meeting at OCB, breakfast at 7:30am, meeting at 8:30am

**Wednesday 1/11** 9am, Breakfast Club; Grandma Sally's; 7301 North Ave in River Forest

**Wednesday 1/18** 9am, Breakfast Club; Crystal Fountain; 9700 Franklin Ave in Franklin Park

**Friday/Saturday 1/20-21** Winter Warm-up; Decatur Convention & Hotel; Decatur, IL

**Wednesday 1/25** 9am, Breakfast Club; location TBA, check website

**Saturday 1/28** After Holiday Party 4pm at Trattoria Peppino, 7440 W. North Ave, Elmwood Park; don't forget your White Elephant gift!

**Wednesday 2/1** 9am, Breakfast Club; location TBA

**Wednesday 2/8** 9am, Breakfast Club; location TBA

**Friday-Sunday 2/10-12** Annual Motorcycle Show in Rosemont

**Saturday 2/11** 6pm, Texas Hold'em at Tony & Sharon's home, Elmwood Park

**Sunday 2/12** Monthly meeting at OCB, breakfast at 7:30am, meeting at 8:30am

**Saturday 2/18** 1pm, Medic First Aid Training, Immanuel Lutheran Church, Elmhurst

**Sunday 2/19** Al's Char House 4pm, 32 S LaGrange Rd in La Grange

**Sunday 3/11** Monthly meeting at OCB, breakfast at 7:30am, meeting at 8:30am

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.

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

### Happy January Birthday!!!

**Debbie Stoffregen 1/2**

**Sharon Sundt 1/6**

**Butch Thielenhouse 1/23**

**Ken Stoffregen 1/31**



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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This is a motorcycle. You ride on it, not in it! Sun, wind, heat, cold, noise, bugs, dirt, and rain are all part of this program.

"The World Is Run By Those Who Show Up"

I have for well over fifty years of riding motorcycles, always felt that the above statement is all that needs to be said about this wonderful machine. I LOVE RIDING my 1997 Pearl White SE, "A Wing and a Prayer", as I call it. Some call it "their" horse; mare; steed; stallion; money rider; router; sire; slayer; thoroughbred; stud; ride (or even bike) heck I'm digressing to a race track. Point I'm making is that all of us riders have a certain compassion for our motorcycles, be it a male/female or no particular persuasion. I strongly believe that most of the motorcycles built nowadays, can be ridden throughout the year here in the Midwest, providing there is no snow or ice on the roads. I personally have logged in many, many cold highway miles these past few months with temperatures at sixteen (16) degrees above zero. While my heated Gerbing Liner and gloves were a must, I recently learned from our own Chapter-Z2 member, and Des Plaines Honda Motorcycle Dealership (owner-Harry Pacynski) that one could take both of the "Front Side Covers" (just behind the valve covers) off the Gold Wing and experience a remarkable amount of heat on ones ankles and calves. During one of my recent rides from Milwaukee, WI in 22 degree weather, I shoved a Bratwurst sausage wrapped in tin foil over the valve covers and Hooah it was piping hot when I got home. If anyone wants to join me on a winter ride (without the snow or ice on the roads of course), please feel free to contact me and we can arrange a time and place. Remember, the above statement, there is no mention of snow, ice or sleet as being part of the program!

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S/Ron Walldren

## Chapter Educator Ron Walldren

### AMA: Supports Senator's Stand On Helmets

The American Motorcyclist Association (AMA) praised U.S. Sen. Kelly Ayotte (R-N.H.) for standing up against a proposal that would have indirectly forced states to pass mandatory helmet laws.

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The American Motorcyclist Association (AMA) praised U.S. Sen. Kelly Ayotte (R-N.H.) for standing up against a proposal that would have indirectly forced states to pass mandatory helmet laws.

U.S. Sen. Frank Lautenberg (D-N.J.) was poised to introduce the proposal on Dec. 14 during a Senate Commerce, Science and Transportation Committee hearing on S. 1449 -- the Motor Vehicle and Highway Safety Improvement Act of 2011. His proposal was an amendment to S. 1449, but he decided against offering it in the committee.

In a statement for the record, Ayotte noted that the amendment would take away the right of the people in a state to decide whether to have a mandatory helmet law "by indirectly forcing all states to pass mandatory universal helmet laws in order to receive funding for motorcycle safety.

"States without mandatory universal helmet laws - - such as New Hampshire -- would be subject to stricter eligibility criteria, and would be forced to use 50 percent of their grant funds to promote helmet use," she said.

"This amendment violates the original intent of the motorcyclist safety grant program, which has traditionally focused on encouraging states to fund motorcycle safety awareness, education and

training," she said. "This amendment would divert funds away from awareness and education and, instead, use them to place federal pressure on states to enact mandatory universal helmet laws."

Wayne Allard, AMA vice president for government relations, thanked Ayotte for her statement, noting the AMA also opposed the Lautenberg amendment.

"Federal efforts should focus on preventing crashes rather than mandating what gear riders should wear," Allard said.

Besides opposing the Lautenberg amendment, the AMA has been working on Capitol Hill to try to ensure that motorcycle-only checkpoints don't proliferate around the nation, and working to ensure that motorcyclists' concerns about possible engine damage are considered before federal officials approve the use of higher ethanol-gasoline blends for motorcycles.

"We need the help of all riders," Allard said. "More AMA members means more political clout, from the statehouse to the White House. We urge motorcyclists to join the AMA to help protect motorcycling now and in the future."

Ron Walldren:

As a follow up comment, I would agree with "Knucklehead01" who commented:

"I always wear a helmet when I ride. ALWAYS. But I oppose this law. First of all, it should be the rider's choice whether or not he or she wants to wear a helmet. Secondly, if helmet use becomes mandatory, those people who do not like to wear helmets will go out and buy the cheapest helmet they can find, and many of those are not adequate to provide any real protection. Nobody really wins here. For a helmet to be effective, the rider has to be willing to buy a helmet that is up to the task of protecting a head, and actually wear it. Otherwise, nothing really gets accomplished."

And I guess I would also say that the comment by "Petrer Tabmow" also makes its point: "Speaking as a physician, I also oppose this law as it would threaten our supply of organ donors..."

**Z2 Meeting Notes 12/11/2012  
Submitted by Danni Schwieger**

**New Chapter Directors – Tony & Sharon Sundt**  
**12/11 Planning Meeting at Tony & Sharon’s**  
**1/21-22/2012 Winter Warm-Up**  
**1/28 After Holiday Party**

**Tony Sundt, Chapter Director:**

**Thank You! To Robert & Char Ullrich for the past 2 years as Chapter Directors and now holding the positions of Assistant Chapter Directors along with Ron Morrison.**

**Other Board members as of 12/1/11: Treasurer: Steve Willuweit; Chapt.Educator: Ron Walldren; Ride Coordinator: John Meyers; Asst.Ride Coordinator: Don Schwieger; Secretary: Danni Schwieger; Emporium: Debbie & Ken Stoffregen; Events Coordinator: Doug Koglin.**

**Open Position: Member Enhancement**

**Web Site has been updated; PDF calendar on line.**

**Monthly Newsletters will be e-mailed only with a few hard copies available at meeting. Now using new Z2 letter available at dealers telling about our club and inviting riders to our meetings.**

**Breakfast Social Meetings on Wednesdays changing location. Check PDF calendar on line to see where current breakfast meeting held.**

**OTHER:**

**Bill Naughton** – will have a “bike work shop” at his home near end of April

**Bill Bijou** – planning Memorial Day ride to Veterans to deliver donations

**50/50 Raffle:** 1<sup>st</sup> Place: Alyce W., 2<sup>nd</sup> Place: Harry P., 3<sup>rd</sup> Place: Alice W.

Other: Char U., Billy N., Mary T., Don S., Dennis D., Melanie D., Alyce W., Earl H., Mike R.

**Progressive Member Number:** Alyce Wegener



## Something About Ron: An Introduction to our Newest Assistant Chapter Director

Jim Jam  
By Ron Morrison

As I was casually munching my French toast one Wednesday morning at the breakfast club, our great leader leans over and says “you need to submit an article by the 17th”. As the syrupy toast stuck in my throat, I started to feel my air being cut off, and my face turned pale. Eventually, I slightly recovered and then wondered ‘what on earth am I going to write about?’ It is past time for me to write about something. I have been hanging around with the group over a year, so I guess its time to forget the “JAM” and become a volunteer.

When I joined the Alaska Region of Porsche Club of America (PCA) I remember going to a meeting and saying something about getting the newsletter. The next thing I remember I was elected (anointed by the railroad) as the newsletter editor and my membership education began (wooo wooo). No JAM for me.

I quickly discovered:

-Everyone wants to sit on their couch and delicately handle their full color glossy newsletter and have it prominently displayed on their coffee table for the insurance salesmen and the cable guy to see.

-No one wants to contribute anything to the content of the newsletter, after all you know they did pay dues and some entertainment should be expected.

-The printed full color glossy newsletter is supposed to arrive via first class special delivery to everyone precisely on the 2nd day of the month and cost the organization nothing to produce. After all, the dues have to be saved for the Christmas party and a personal lavish birthday gift for each “approved” member.

My wife and I struggled to assume our new duties. I stayed late at work using a computer the size of a desk that had a crude editor program. I made friends with other PCA newsletter editors to exchange newsletters so I could find stuff to plagiarize and print. I made friends with a local printer who needed money after one of the founding members found he got a \$60 copy bill for a monthly issue. We danced around the table assembling the printed pages into some semblance of a newsletter every month while our gray poodle, Shadow, barked at the frivolity.

Things went along swimmingly well till someone discovered how much postage I was wasting exchanging newsletters to get something to print (plagiarize) each month and that degraded the amounts available for the Christmas party and lavish birthday gifts. Plus, I had the nerve to pay the post office to deliver them all over Alaska instead of personally hand delivering each issue to each member every month. We had one small gray poodle and no dog sled. I worked 6 days a week to live in this frozen paradise, resembling California in dirty white.

My boss staggered in drunk one night, stood in the middle of the data center, and announced to everyone that I was having an affair with the second shift data entry supervisor, little did he know I was a moonlight publisher. The second shift supervisor was old enough to be my mom and was not the least bit flattered at the association. A week later he was no longer my boss. I was transferred to a project writing the main oil monitor software for the pipeline designed by two owner loaners on an obsolete computer purchased before the pipeline was built using scientific software.

My rescue came in the form of a large twin engine airplane (converted WWII glider with en-

gines and no insurance) that iced up shortly after takeoff from Anchorage International Airport carrying a load of school furniture for the Eskimos in Stebbins, Alaska flying under a loophole in the FAA regulations. It missed a school bus on the main road a couple of blocks away from our house, cleared a 3 story apartment house behind it, clipped the roof of the A frame across the street where a mother had just removed her baby from the second floor, landed in the street and taxied into our house, destroying the house and everything in it, killing the cargo handler, our small gray poodle, and providing 10 years of litigation as a bonus, in addition to 100 gallons of aviation gas in my crawl space which the fire dept contaminated with 250 gallons of lite water so they could get their article published in a national fire magazine. To help me out, the plane severed the gas line into the house giving us a whopper heating bill. But it did land short of the neighbor behind us who had taken her child inside just moments before to go to the doctor.

In the garage I had a 911 Targa being readied for the PCA Parade in San Diego, a restored 56 Ford panel truck street rod and a 356 speedster my friend was restoring. Worst of all was the 20 ft wide by 5 ft high collection of bottles of homemade wine broken and spilled on the frozen tundra. Boy, I could have really used a drink. I didn't find a drop anywhere not in the liquor cabinet or the 10 gallons of homemade wine I had stored in the crawl space under the house.

We moved into a hotel with a bar with our 2 year old son, then into a rented townhouse complete with large empty cardboard boxes for furniture. Our neighbor let us house sit while they went on vacation, so we could watch the looters steal the stuff at night we had salvaged during the day in the freezing rain and snow. We got to build a new house on the lot after hauling out 6 ft of topsoil, sold it the day before we left Alaska never moving in.

As a member of several vehicle focused organizations many years since, I have great respect for the unsung heroes that produce the newsletter and the website in each group and try to help out in some way to keep the organization going.

It seems in each one of these organizations there are 10-12 people that keep things going while everyone else watches, waits, or JAMs.

In the trying times we are now enduring it seems that many people in these organizations run out of gas and no one is helping to keep things going. Somehow that seems un-American. We all didn't get to this level of prosperity by watching and waiting. We all helped pull on the oars a little bit, things got done, things improved, and we all benefited.

I guess if ILZ2 is going to survive we are all going to have to pull on the oars a bit. So as the New Year approaches, we can all resolve to help out a bit and make this a really great chapter.

Robert and Char did a great job as Chapter Directors and my hat is off to them for all their effort to help us all out. I hope that those of us in the breakfast club can help to fill their shoes, with your help of course, and we can all prosper in the coming year.





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IL Z2  
After Holiday Party

Saturday January 28th  
4pm

Trattoria Peppino  
7440 W. North Ave  
Elmwood Park

Cost: Order off of menu  
See menu at:

<http://www.peppinotrattoria.com/>

Don't forget your gender specific White Elephant Gift!  
Sign up at the January meeting, or email Tony at [antaknee@aol.com](mailto:antaknee@aol.com)

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The menu can be viewed at Trattoria Peppino's website: <http://www.peppinotrattoria.com/>. The food is fabulous and very reasonably priced, not to mention that my daughter has been working there. We will be having a White Elephant (@\$10) gender specific grab bag. Please mark the package accordingly. I look forward to seeing all of you there. Please sign-up in the book or let me know if you are going to attend.

February will bring us one month closer to riding season. With that in mind, we will have our first opportunity to gain some knowledge or renew your certification in Medic First Aid. I would really like to see full participation in this Rider's Educational Seminar. Selfishly thinking, of course, the life you save may be mine. We will be having the Medic First Aid training at Immanuel Lutheran Church in Elmhurst. It is a very important training class. There is a slight fee to cover the expenses for the training class and handout materials. The meeting will run into dinner time, so I thought we could make it a Medic First Aid Crock Pot Luck, as well. So while we are gaining the knowledge to save a life, the crock pots will be cooking away. PLEASE SIGN UP and make this training a SUCCESS through your participation.

Wing Ding hotel rooms are quickly filling up. I have asked Doug Koglin to work on locating a hotel that could accommodate a group of us who have not made any reservations yet. At the meeting, we will discuss the number of rooms that he will need to find.

Our website calendars have been updated through June as of the writing of this. You will see what is in store for 2012. I hope that you are as excited about 2012 as we are. We have planned some really enjoyable rides this year interspersed with Pot Lucks, Restaurants, Dinner Rides, Lunch Rides, Ice Cream Rides, Summer Solstice Ride, an overnight Ride, a Fall Color ride, Poker Night, and a Movie Night. We look for your full participation in making 2012 a success.

- Tony & Sharon

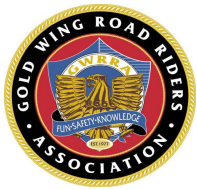




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