



ILLINOIS CHAPTER H-2 NEWS GOLD WING ROAD RIDERS ASSOCIATION REGION E



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April 2011

Monthly Meeting: First Tuesday of the month at Broadview Restaurant (Knox Room), America's Best Value Inn, 29 Public Square, Galesburg, IL (Eat at 6:30 p.m.; Meeting at 7:30 p.m.)
Coffee: Third Tuesday of the month at 6:30 p.m.—check calendar for location

April Director's Message



We had about 40 people at the April meeting. And a good time was had by all. Tony and Myrt McClure thanked Chap-

ter H2 for support as they go through this time of grief dealing with the loss of their son after his struggle with cancer.

Herb Stinemates had back surgery March 21st at St. Francis in Peoria and is now in the rehab unit at the OSF hospital in Monmouth. Lee and Judy Bagley were in attendance, and Lee is recovering, albeit not as fast as he would like. It does seem to hurt in more places longer as we grow old, doesn't it?

Take a look at the calendar of upcoming events. As Larry and Nita Gasaway wrote last month, we have a lot of opportunities coming up. Look at the calendar and you will see:

- Saturday April 16—IL Z Spaghetti Dinner, Tremont
- Tuesday April 19—IL H2 coffee at Homestead Restaurant, Woodhull
- Thursday April 21—Julliettes' lunch at Good's Bistro, Kewanee
- Saturday April 30—Sport City Honda, Jacksonville, Open House
- April 28-30—Missouri District Rally, Branson, MO

- Saturday May 1—IA-E Jelly Bean Run

After reading Lanny Anderson's and Johnnie Mohr's comments in last month's newsletter and then hearing them talk at the meeting, I am inspired to learn more about the art and science of riding. Take advantage of some of the training. Check out the District website, available through the link at the chapter website, which is: ilh2.org

Wing Ding is just around the corner. Check it out on the web and/or your Wing World. There is some really beautiful riding around Knoxville, TN.

You are unique and we appreciate you.

David & Linda Pedersen Chapter Directors

Note: Since this article was written, Herb has been released from the hospital and is now at home.

Winners for April were: Broadview Gift Certificates

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Rider Education

By Lanny Anderson

THINKING SAFETY FOR APRIL

As we begin the riding season, each of us should prepare mentally for a safe riding season. Listed below are some hazards to watch for.

- Gravel, sand, or salt from winter road applications (Especially at intersections of highways and around curves.) We haven't had the rains to wash off the roads since this winter.
- Construction zones. They are popping up all over.
- Potholes- there are many new potholes in the roads from the winter wear. Watch for them as you begin riding. I saw several on the Milan beltway that were in the left track that were about 5 inches wide, 6 inches deep, and several feet long. Imagine dropping a front motorcycle tire in that at 55 mph!! Disaster!
- Freshly patched holes. There may be loose material around from the patching material. Use extra caution.
- Planting season- there will be mud on some roads from trucks and farm equipment coming out of soft fields, drives, or soft road shoulders.

If you have new tires, use care for several miles (50) to wear off the "new" slickness of the tire and the mold release agent is gone.

It is very important to check tire pressures before riding. Improperly inflated tires will not handle correctly and will greatly increase tire wear. Tires may lose up to 2 lbs. per month during the winter months.

Remember we haven't ridden for several months—use caution until we get back in synch. It may take a little time to get the handling techniques honed for the season, so take an extra second or two to check at intersections before merging into traffic

A Safety Note For Gassing Up The Bike:*

The tank is running low so you pull into a service station next to a pump. Down goes the kickstand. The next few things you do could save your life!

- **Turn off your engine.** If gasoline were to spill as you bring the nozzle to the tank, as a result of overflow, or as you take the nozzle out of the tank, you risk setting it ablaze. You should be concerned not just about a hot engine or exhaust pipes but also any electrical system.
- **Take your helmet off.** If your helmet is on, you cannot determine as easily if a fire has started as you can without it on. If the helmet is attached to the bike with an audio system cord, you cannot evacuate the area quickly should a fire be detected.
- **Get OFF your motorcycle – also your co-rider.** For some reason this step seems to be ignored more often than any other. Maybe it "looks" good. Maybe it's just too much work to get off when you're tired. Your co-rider should also be off the bike and in a safe area. Putting fuel into your tank while you're straddling the bike is dangerous! If there is a gasoline spill your crotch will get wet. Then what do you do? What should you do if you spilled gasoline on any of your clothes?
 - **Drench** clothes with **water**
 - Then take that article of clothing **OFF!**
 - **Do not walk** if there is gasoline on your clothes. Static electricity can easily ignite gasoline fumes.
 - Allow clothes to dry **outside**. If you happen to be at home, do not put these clothes into a washer/dryer.
 - If you can smell gasoline on them, there is enough to ignite.
- **Fill the tank, but not to the top.** Gasoline expands as it warms up. Some gas tanks are not sealed units and if you fill them to the top, they can easily leak. Some motorcycles have dual (side-by-side) tanks that are connected

internally. There is a 'secret' you should know about filling these bikes. When putting gasoline into the higher tank, watch the level in the lower one. Since you are on your side stand, the bike is leaning and overflow from the higher tank will go to the lower one. Obviously, with this kind of system you cannot fill the highest tank without overfilling the lower one. This is one reason why owners of these bikes tend to sit on them when they fill up—to keep the bike vertical so they can load as much gasoline as possible.

- **Do not smoke within 20 feet of a gas pump.**

- **Keep the ignition switch off.** Any time your filler cap is off your tank do not use any electrical equipment, CB, etc.

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Consider taking an experienced rider course.

This is a safe way to hone your rider skills and to learn more about safely interacting in different traffic situations. Several of the courses scheduled for this riding season are:

You must pre-register for Sterling or Pontiac by May 1; Cost is \$35/person

May 21, 22 Sterling Safety Weekend (ARC, 21st; Trike, 22nd)
 May 15, July 17 Muscatine - ERC (888-336-3907)
 May 22, July 24 Clinton, IA - ERC (888-336-3907)
 June 10-12 Pontiac Ride in Safety Weekend- (ERC, 11th; Trike, 12th)
 July 6-9 Rider Education – Wing Ding – Knoxville, TN (\$50/bike 1 or 2 up)



**Until next time, be safe
Lanny & Carolyn, Rider Ed**

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MAD About Motorcycles

By Bob Streicher



Mark your calendars. The IL-H2 MAD Windshield Wash will be held on Saturday, May 21, from 12 - 2 p.m. at the Woodhull Rest Area (west-bound side) on I-74. We always have a good time with this event.

We will ride to Hammer's Open House after we are finished washing windshields. We are planning a dinner ride afterwards. If anyone has an

idea on where they would like to go, let me know. See you there.

Ride safe,
Bob



IA-E Jelly Bean Run

May 1st, 2011

Perkins Park Burlington, IA

Sign in begins 9:00 am

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Assistant Director's Message**Larry & Nita Gasaway**

Well it's April. Riding season is off and on. We were able to get the bike out last Saturday for an hour or two. It was a little breezy but nice. The forecast for this weekend is rain, cold, and possible

SNOW flurries. It will get better soon though.

We went to the Missouri State Rally in Osage Beach, MO. It was interesting. The theme was "The Wizard of Oz," and most of Missouri dressed up. There were Dorothys, Lions, Tinmen, Scarecrows, Totos, Auntie Ems, Uncle Henrys, Wizards, Witches, Witches Guards, Wizard Guards, Flying Monkeys, and even a Tornado. They went all out. We enjoyed the weekend very much.

The Auction at Chapter N was attended by ourselves, Lanny and Carolyn Anderson, and Dave and Carolyn Thompson. It had good food and was over about 8:00 p.m.

Coming up soon is the Spaghetti Dinner put on by Chapter Z. Please try to attend.

There is also the Jelly Bean Run in Burlington, IA in Perkins Park on May 1st. We will not be attending this event, because we will be attending the OCP in Polo, IL on April 30th and May 1st.

Don't forget the Coffee at the Homestead at Woodhull, IL.

Ride safe and see you all soon.

Larry and Nita Gasaway
Asst. Chapter Directors H2

Membership Enhancement Coordinators**Lee & Judy Bagley**

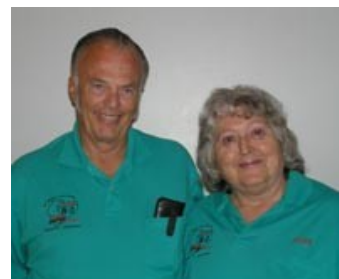
First of all, a big THANK YOU for all your thoughts and prayers during, and since, Lee's surgery.

As we all get ready to start full-swing into the riding season, don't forget to get your bikes/trikes checked out (and the trailers also), so we are ready for a fun, safe ride anywhere we choose to go. Don't forget to take along your Passport so you can get it signed whenever you attend any type of GWRRA function. Even if you don't get it all filled out to send in, think of the fun you will have attending different functions and meeting new friends along the way.

Anytime you see someone on a Goldwing, be sure to make their acquaintance and make sure they know about GWRRA and all the fun that goes with belonging to the organization—and don't forget to visit with anyone on a bike/trike. That goes along with the fun.


Happy riding,

Lee & Judy



April 2011



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
10 <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px; width: fit-content;"> It's always a good idea to check the calendar on the H-2 website for changes. </div>	11	12	13	14	15	16 IL-Z Spaghetti Dinner, Tremont Community Center, 1-3 p.m. (see flyer on page 8)
17	18	19 <u>IL-H2 Coffee, Homestead Restaurant, Woodhull, 6:30 p.m.</u>	20	21 <u>Julliettes' Lunch, 1 p.m., Good's Bistro & Bakery, Kewanee</u>	22	23 <i>Courtney Walters</i>
24 	25 <i>Larry & Nita Gasaway</i> <i>Raymond & Marian Plack</i>	26 <i>Bob & Gwen Millikan</i>	27	28	29	30 Sport City Honda Open House, Blessing of the Bikes, Jacksonville, 8-1, Blessing at noon <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 2px; width: fit-content; margin-top: 5px;">28-30, Missouri District Rally, Branson, MO</div>

H-2 Overnight Ride

The H-2 overnight ride will be July 29-31 at the River Bank Lodge, Petersburg, IL. Some of us will be attending a Murder Mystery Dinner Theatre at the Hill Prairie Winery on Friday evening. There will be an outing on Saturday of the Petersburg and Springfield areas. Join us for one night or two. A block of 10 rooms is being held under Rosy Stinemates' name. To make a reservation, call the Lodge at 866-459-3040. For further details, contact Rosy. There are 16 tickets being held for the July 29th Murder Mystery Dinner Theatre under Linda Pedersen's name. Tickets are \$45 each. Eight of the tickets have already been purchased. If you would like tickets, call the winery directly at 217-635-9900 and mention Linda's name. The address is: Hill Prairie Winery, 23753 Lounsberry Rd., Oakford, IL 62673.

May 2011

Don't forget to bring your food pantry donations to the May meeting!

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 IA-E Jelly Bean Run <i>Monica Heil</i>	2 <i>Mike & Jan Buzick</i>	3 <u>IL-H2 Meeting, Broadview Restaurant, Galesburg, 6:30 p.m.</u>	4	5	6	7
8	9	10	11 <i>Brenda Abel</i>	12	13 Niehaus Customer Appreciation Days, Litchfield	14 Ride for the Cure, Shoppes of Grand Prairie, Peoria, 12 p.m.
15 Niehaus Customer Appreciation Days, Litchfield	16	17	18 <u>IL-H2 Coffee, Italian Village, Monmouth 6:30 p.m.</u>	19 <u>Julliettes' Lunch, 1 p.m., Q's Café, Galesburg</u>	20	21 <u>MAD Windshield Wash, Woodhull Rest Area, noon-2 p.m.</u> <i>Bob and Evelyn Baxter</i>
22 <i>Larry Heil</i>	23	24	25	26	27	28
29	30	31 <i>Rick Edwards</i>	It's always a good idea to check the calendar on the H-2 website for changes.			

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IL-H2's Calendar of Events – 2011
(Scheduled events are always subject to change.)

June

- 7 IL-H-2 Meeting, Broadview Restaurant, Galesburg, 6:30 p.m.
- 12 IA-O ROGER Ride, Scott County Park, 9 a.m.
- 18 H-2 Dinner Ride, Ernie's, Pekin, eat at noon
- 21 IL-H-2 Coffee, Spoonie's, London Mills, 6:30 p.m.
- 26 Johnnie's Hobo Stew Ride, Milan Hy-Vee, Depart at 10 a.m.

July

- 6-9 Wing Ding 33, Knoxville, TN
- 15 H-2 TEAM meeting, 6:30 at Pedersens'
- 17 IL-H2 Steve Boock Wing Fling, Lake Storey Pavilion, Galesburg
- 19 IL-H2 Coffee, Steak 'N' Shake/Whitey's, Moline, 6:30 p.m.
- 29-31 IL H-2 Overnight Ride (see page 6 for details)



August

- 2 IL-H2 Meeting, Broadview Restaurant, Galesburg, 6:30 p.m.
- 5 Monmouth Car and Bike Show, Monmouth
- 5-7 IL District Rally, Niehaus, Litchfield, IL
- 16 IL-H2 Coffee, Spoonie's, London Mills, 6:30 p.m.
- 27 Anderson Potluck, Lanny & Carolyn's house
- 28 IL-R Surprise Run, LaSalle

September

- 3-5 Region E Rally, Milan
- 6 IL-H-2 Meeting, Broadview Restaurant, Galesburg, 6:30 p.m.
- 9-11 Davis Rally, New Hampton, IA
- 20 IL-H2 Coffee, Homestead, Woodhull, 6:30 p.m.

October

- 4 IL-H2 Meeting, Broadview Restaurant, Galesburg, 6:30 p.m.
- 9 IA-E Pumpkin Run (tentative date)
- 14-21 Johnnie's Ride to Tennessee
- 19 IL-H2 Coffee, Italian Village, Monmouth, 6:30 p.m. (note Wednesday instead of Tuesday)
- 22 IL-H2 Oktoberfest, Lake Storey Pavilion, Galesburg, IL

November

- 1 IL-H2 Meeting, Broadview Restaurant, Galesburg, 6:30 p.m.
- 15 IL-H2 Coffee, Perkins, Galesburg, 6:30 p.m.

December

- 6 IL-H2 Christmas Party, Broadview Restaurant, Galesburg, 6:30 p.m.

No coffee this month—have a Merry Christmas!

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