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## January 2012

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

### January Director's Message



Welcome to 2012. At our January 3, 2012 meeting, we were truly blessed. Larry Gasaway was looking good, orange hair and all. His carotid artery surgery did not go as smooth as hoped. You know everything is not hunky dory these days when you spend a week in the hospital. Thank the Lord that Larry is out and about and in recovery mode. The stroke he had took some of the strength from his wrist and arm, but he is getting ready to start therapy so he can be riding when the weather breaks.

Chapter Z visited us in force. Melody House, the new Chapter Director, led the group of 6 that visited us. And Norm Lake also brought the always smiling Iowa Chapter O group including the new Iowa District educators, Doug and MaryAnn Boemecke. Dennis English helped close the meeting with laughs and smiles.

If you were at the meeting, then you know that there were a lot of kisses and hugs that were exchanged. Lee and Judy Bagley missed their kisses and hugs because they are in a warmer state than Illinois right now. Bob Streicher missed **his due to work (Brenda's I am told).** Cheryl Swanson missed her's because she was "under the weather," although John did say he would take a kiss home to Cheryl.

Do you see the names to the left of this column? Except the one on the top (yours truly) these are the people that do the work that keeps the chapter functioning. Larry and Nita Gasaway stay abreast of GWRRRA changes and requirements at the District, Region, and National level. They represent IL H2 by visiting other chapters as well as district and region events. Nita always does a great job of good games for us to play at the gatherings, and they always bring lots of goodies when we need them.

Lee and Judy Bagley are our official chapter ambassadors. They also do such a great job of representing us to other chapters. They seem to know everybody and get along with everybody.

Ruby Naslund has put together a fantastic website for IL H2. It is easy to find and easy to navigate. Hurrah!! She does a great job of getting the newsletter together and, when necessary, prods me to get my part done. Ron helps Ruby stay sane. (Or is it the other way around?) I **don't know. They were our 2011 Couple of the Year, too.**

Larry and Monica Heil keep the check-book and money in line. They keep us solvent by running the 50/50 each month, too. It is all good!  
*(continued on page 2)*

Bob Streicher is our MAD man. (Motorcycle Awareness Director). He organizes the spring windshield wash as well as keeps us informed about the MAD activities for the District, usually a series of rides during the year with a game at the end. He was also the Individual of the Year **for 2011. Bob's new right hand is Brenda, an able soul for sure.**

Lanny Anderson, a capable and informative man he is. He is always helping us learn about safety and taking care of our machines. Carolyn assists him and helps us stay looking uniformly smart and handsome with our apparel orders and organization.

Cheryl Swanson has faithfully sent out cards and notes on birthdays, anniversaries and sympathies for a long time. For 2012 Robin Perrine has taken over those responsibilities. A number of H2 families faithfully send out cards and notes in addition. Thank you. You know who you are.

Herb Stinemates keeps rides interesting. I always look forward to our rides and am delighted whenever Herb is leading. He is a good safe rider but is not afraid to take **the "road less traveled."** **Sunshine man is appropriate as a nickname.** He brings the sunshine with him. Rosy has helped keep us organized so often. She started the Julliets and has really been instrumental in getting the calendar set for the last couple of years as well as setting up our summer overnight rides.

Besides forwarding emails and keeping us all in the loop (along with Ruby), Linda Pedersen is quite creative and puts up with me.

A more lovable and capable group of people you could not **find. Don't ya just love them all? I do.**

David and Linda Pedersen, Chapter Directors

## Assistant Director's Message

**Larry & Nita Gasaway**



Happy New Year to all!! With a Short Winter and a Long Safe Riding Season coming.

We would like to thank you all for the get well wishes and emails. Larry is doing better but is still a little shaky and slow around the edges, but they tell him that therapy and time will help.

Don't forget the upcoming Winter Warm-up in Decatur. There are a few of us going but would like to see more participate in the District events and seminars.

Well, winter is coming someday soon even though it doesn't have to hurry on my account. There isn't much going on right now. Winter Warm-up is on January 20th and 21st in Decatur, IL. There is the Sweetheart Weekend on February 18th in Keokuk, IA with registration starting at 9:00 a.m. Missouri Spring Fling is on March 3rd in Lake of the Ozarks, MO.

Don't forget the Coffee at Hammer's in Galesburg, IL on Jan. 17th at 6:30 p.m. Our next meeting will be Feb. 7th.

Julliettes, your first meeting will be March 1st at Roosters in Galesburg at noon.

We will be having our annual swap meet at our March meeting, so bring your items with you to the meeting.

We are still taking food items at our monthly meeting for the Food Pantry instead of door prizes. I'm sure that this food is much needed for the people that have no jobs and food to feed their children. Every meeting we have about 25 to 35 people and if everyone brings one item that will help several people with food.

Larry and Nita Gasaway  
Asst. Chapter Directors

January 50/50 winners:  
Gary Reed  
Melody House  
Norm Lake  
Lanny Anderson  
Monica Heil  
Game Winner: Dan Fryer

Region E Directors  
Bruce & Barb Beeman

IL District Directors  
Dan & Martha Ribbing

## Rider Education

By Lanny Anderson

### Thinking Safety for January

We hope everyone had a very Merry Christmas and New Year and that this year holds all the best for each of you. As we begin preparing for the riding season, we need to begin thinking of brushing up on our riding skills. We are including a letter from our District Educator listing the riding and safety courses available to us for the coming year. Look over the list, identify those that would improve your riding decision skills, and we will do our best to make them available to you and the chapter. Also, many of these non-riding seminars will be offered at Winter Warm-up in Decatur on January 20 and 21. Plan to attend, have a good time, take a seminar or two, and meet many of our riding friends.

### From IL District Educator\*

Our District Director, Dan Ribbing asked me to do an article on what is now available for RE Seminars and riding courses. There have been several new RE seminars posted on the RE web site in the last few months as well as one new riding course. Here is a list of the seminars and a short brief on what they are about along with what is offered by GWRRA Riding Courses.

1. Co-Rider seminar--an educational and informational seminar that will increase awareness, team interaction, and reduction of risks, and more fun. This seminar can be used for the Levels Program.
2. Co-Rider Two Seminar-- This seminar does not qualify for the Levels program. It does offer opportunity for discussion and questions and answers.
3. Level-Up-- You do not have to be a seminar presenter to give this seminar. It is designed to be given at the chapter level to explain and promote the RE Levels program.
4. High Side Scenarios-- Discusses and shows videos on High Siding a two-wheel motorcycle.
5. Riding with New and/or Inexperienced Riders--Talks about how we assist new riders while making it safe and fun.
6. Dealing with different Elements-- What to expect, what to do, and how to prepare.
7. Going, Going, Gone-- Trip planning, mapping, and packing.
8. Night Riding-- Tips for safe riding practices at night.
9. Motorcycle Crash Scene Response- The unthinkable happens. Are you prepared to cope with an accident? This course suggests an appropriate course of action when a crash has occurred and prepares a member to respond with knowledge and confidence.
10. Motorcycling for Mature Riders-- Informational tips for motorcyclists who want to continue to ride safely at age 50 and older.
11. Road Captain Course-- What is really involved in leading a group? Learn about conducting a safe and well-planned ride. Learn the responsibilities of both the lead and tail rider. You can get certified as a Road Captain by taking both the seminar and riding portion.
12. Seasoned Rider Supplement-- (Motorcycle Safety Foundation) Seasoned Rider Supplement is designed to condense and organize the MSF Seasoned Rider Seminar down to 1 hour. MSF Season Rider Kit must be purchased separately at [www.msf-usa.org](http://www.msf-usa.org)
13. Team Riding Seminar--Team riding involves cooperative communication between the entire team. Learn the do's and don'ts of riding together and enjoy the entire journey.
14. Trailering Seminar-- What is involved in pulling a trailer, braking, loading, and backing up.
15. Parking Lot Practice (PLP) -- Requires instructor training to give this course. It was designed to be used by areas that offer a limited riding course or have excessive enrollment fees. We do not offer the PLP in Region E as we have ample riding courses.

Now is a good time for CD's and the CRE to plan for seminars in the off riding season. If you want to schedule a seminar or two, contact me or Dan Rasmussen. Please give us ample time to help in locating a presenter. We will again offer seminars at Winter Warm-Up in Decatur.

#### GWRRA Riding Courses

There are now five riding courses available to our members that qualify for the Levels Program. These are top notch, high quality riding courses that are taught by highly trained instructors.

1. Advanced Riding Course (ARC) -- This is a two-up course that offers a challenge to riders and co-riders who want to improve their mental and riding skills. This is an 8-hour course and includes both a class room portion and range exercises.
2. Trike Course (TRC) -- This is a 7 hour three wheel course which offers both mental and riding skills training.
3. Trailing Course (TC) -- This is a course for two wheelers pulling a trailer. This 7 hour course offers both classroom and riding skills in pulling a trailer.
4. Trike Trailering Course (TRTC) -- This course is a 7 hour three wheel trailing course that offers both mental and riding skills in pulling a trailer.
5. Side Car Course (SRC) --- This 7 hour course offers both mental and riding skills in riding a side car rig. We do not offer this in Illinois due to the lack of side cars and/or interest in taking the class.

A note on the above riding courses. I have a limited number of qualified rider coaches who can give any of these courses. Of the 5 instructors 3 can give the ARC, 5 can give the TRC, 3 can give the TC, and 2 can give the TRTC. None of the instructors can give the SRC. All the above riding courses qualify for the RE Levels program. *(continued on page 4)*

GWRRA has developed high quality, professional riding courses equal or better than offered by any other organization. Our Rider Education Team is continually working on improving and adding new RE programs. GWRRA is recognized worldwide as one of the leaders in Rider Education and Training. They are also working with the insurance industry to have all of GW riding courses recognized for insurance discounts they now offer to motorcycle riders who have taken other motorcycle riding courses. A big thank you to the RE Team who have worked so hard to give us the tools we need to keep our members safe.

\*Jerry and Sue Allhands  
IL District Educator

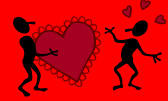


Think Safety,  
Lanny & Carolyn  
Chapter Educators

# January 2012

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
8 <i>Gwen Millikan Jerry &amp; Robin Perrine</i>	9	10 <i>Rosy Stinemates</i>	11	12 <i>Carl Bland</i>	13 <i>Walt &amp; Bev Chamberlain</i>	14
15	16 <i>Shirley Shultz</i>	17 <u>IL-H-2</u> <u>Coffee, Ham-</u> <u>mer's, Gales-</u> <u>burg, 6:30 p.m.</u> <i>Karen English</i>	18	19	20 <i>IL District Winter Warm-Up, Decatur Conference Center &amp; Hotel, Decatur, IL</i> <i>Dave Thompson</i>	21
22 <i>Robin Perrine Gary &amp; Bev Reed</i>	23 <i>Myrt McClure</i>	24	25 <i>Jackie Mannon</i>	26 <i>Linda Pedersen</i>	27	28 <i>IA-I Crazy Sup-</i> <i>per</i>
29	30	31				

# February 2012



SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
<b>Don't forget to bring your food pantry donations to the February meeting! This is a great service we can do for the community.</b>			1	2	3	4 <i>Butch Thron</i> <i>Eileen Sipes</i>
5	6 <i>Jerry Johnson</i>	7 <u>IL-H-2 Meeting, Broadview Restaurant, Galesburg, 6:30</u>  <i>Sarah Sluyter</i>	8	9 <i>Marian Plack</i>	10  Chicago Motorcycle Show, Donald E. Stephens Convention Center, Rosemont	11  <i>Bob Berry</i>
12 <i>Dave Sipes</i>	13 <i>Mike Buzick</i>  <i>Ron &amp; Ruby Naslund</i>	14 <i>John &amp; Cheryl Swanson</i>	15 <i>Lee Bagley</i>	16 <i>Teri Waugh</i>	17	18 IA-E Sweetheart Weekend, Keokuk, IA
19	20	21 <u>IL-H-2 Coffee 8th &amp; Main Pub Eatery, Monmouth, 6:30 p.m.</u>	22	23	24	25
26	27	28	29			

## BIKER'S PRAYER

MAY THE SUN RISE IN FRONT OF ME  
 MAY THE RAIN FALL BEHIND ME  
 AND THE WIND FOLLOW ME  
 MAY THE ANGELS OF MY BROTHERS AND SISTERS  
 WHO HAVE GONE BEFORE ME  
 GUARD MY TRAVELS  
 FOR THEY KNOW THE PERILS  
 OF THE ROAD AHEAD OF ME  
 KEEP ME SAFE THROUGH THE ROUGH CITY STREETS  
 ON MY WAY TO THE LAND OF SWIRLING TURNS  
 AND ROLLING HILLS  
 LET THE COLORS OF FALL KEEP ME WARM

LET THE EAGLE GUIDE ME TO THE MOUNTAINTOPS  
 LET THE MOON'S LIGHT GUIDE ME  
 THROUGH THE NIGHT  
 MAY MY TIRES NOT FAIL ME  
 NOR MY ENGINE GROW OLD  
 MAY MY BIKE DRAW LIFE  
 FROM THE STREAMS I PASS  
 KEEP MY SEAT SOFT AND MY MIND SHARP  
 LET THE AIR OF SPRING BREATHE LIFE  
 INTO MY SOUL  
 TO JOURNEY TO ANOTHER ADVENTURE  
 BESIDE MY BROTHERS AND SISTERS  
 Amen!

(Submitted by Butch Thron, Author Unknown)

## IL-H2's Calendar of Events – 2012

(Scheduled events are always subject to change.)

**March**

- 1 Julliettes' Lunch, Roosters, Galesburg, noon  
 6 IL-H-2 Meeting and Swap Meet, Broadview Restaurant, Galesburg, 6:30 p.m.  
 20 IL-H-2 Coffee, Perkins, Galesburg, 6:30p.m.

**April**

- 3 IL-H-2 Meeting, Broadview Restaurant, Galesburg, 6:30 p.m.  
 17 IL-H-2 Coffee, Homestead Restaurant, Woodhull, 6:30 p.m.  
 TBA Sport City Honda Open House, Blessing of the Bikes, Jacksonville  
 21 IL-Z Spaghetti Supper, Tremont, 1-3 p.m.

**May**

- 1 IL-H-2 Meeting, Broadview Restaurant, Galesburg, 6:30 p.m.  
 TBA Ride for the Cure, Shoppes of Grand Prairie, Peoria  
 TBA MAD Windshield Wash, Woodhull Rest Area  
 18-20 Niehaus Open House, Litchfield  
 16 IL-H-2 Coffee, Italian Village, Monmouth, 6:30 p.m. (note Wed. instead of Tues.)  
 31 Missouri District Rally, Branson, MO

**June**

- 1-2 Missouri District Rally, Branson, MO  
 5 IL-H-2 Meeting, Broadview Restaurant, Galesburg, 6:30 p.m.  
 10 IA-O ROGER Ride, Scott County Park, 9 a.m.  
 19 IL-H-2 Coffee, Spoonie's, London Mills, 6:30 p.m.

**July**

- 4-7 Wing Ding 34, Fort Wayne, IN  
 17 IL-H-2 Coffee, Los Agaves Mexican Grill, Moline, IL, 6:30

**August**

- TBA IL District Rally  
 7 IL-H-2 Meeting, Broadview Restaurant, Galesburg, 6:30 p.m.  
 TBA Monmouth Car and Bike Show, Monmouth  
 21 IL-H-2 Coffee, TBA  
 25 Anderson Potluck, Lanny & Carolyn's house  
 26 IL-R Surprise Run, LaSalle

**September**

- TBA Region E Rally  
 4 IL-H-2 Meeting, Broadview Restaurant, Galesburg, 6:30 p.m.  
 7-9 Davis Rally, New Hampton, IA  
 16 IA-E Chicken Run  
 18 IL-H-2 Coffee, Station House, Kewanee  
 28-29 Iowa District Rally

**October**

- 2 IL-H-2 Meeting Broadview Restaurant, Galesburg, 6:30 p.m.  
 17 IL-H-2 Coffee, Italian Village, Monmouth, 6:30 p.m. (note Wednesday instead of Tuesday)  
 20 Chapter Z Bill Liberty Ride  
 27 IL-H-2 Oktoberfest, Lake Storey Pavilion, Galesburg, IL

**November**

- 6 IL-H-2 Meeting, Broadview Restaurant, Galesburg, 6:30 p.m.  
 20 IL-H-2 Coffee, Perkins, Galesburg, 6:30 p.m.

**December**

- 4 IL-H-2 Christmas Party, Broadview Restaurant, Galesburg, 6:30 p.m.

**No coffee this month—have a Merry Christmas!**

To order H-2 orange shirts or hats, contact Carolyn Anderson. To order patches, contact Rosy Stinemates.




H-2 Hosts and Hostesses for 2012

- February—John & Cheryl Swanson
- March—Ron & Ruby Naslund
- April—Lanny & Carolyn Anderson
- May—Bob & Brenda Streicher
- June—Lee & Judy Bagley
- July—No Meeting
- August—Dan & Alvah Fryer
- September—Herb & Rosy Stinemates
- October—Larry & Nita Gasaway
- November—Need Volunteers
- December—Need Volunteers




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**Hawaiian Buffet**  
Saturday 6:00 pm

- Huli Huli Chicken (Huli Huli sauce is Hawaiian brown sugar cane, soy sauce, fresh ginger)
- Kalbi Ribs (marinated soy sauce, asian pears, brown sugar, ginger)
- Waiwae salad (greens salad with pineapple, oranges, strawberries, bananas)
- Jamaican Dried Fruit Rice
- Hawaiian Potatoes (bath brown potatoes, cheddar cheese, mushroom soup, sour cream, )
- Hawaiian Baked Beans
- Hawaiian Bread
- Hawaiian Dream Cake  
(Yellow cake with coconut, bananas, macadamia nuts, whipped topping layered)
- Coffee and Iced Tea



**2012 ILLINOIS Winter Warm-Up**  
We're HAVIN' a Luau!



**January 20-21, 2012**  
Decatur Conference Center & Hotel  
Decatur, Illinois

**TENTATIVE SCHEDULE**

NOTE: SCHEDULES & EVENTS ARE SUBJECT TO CHANGE!

**FRIDAY JANUARY 20, 2012**

- Registration - 9:00 am until 6:00 pm
- Hospitality Room 2:00-5:00 pm
- People Games 2:00-4:00 pm
- Rider Ed Seminar 3:00pm and 4:00pm
- Vendors - Noon until 6:00 pm
- Games in the Fountain Room at 7:00pm (cards, dominoes, board games)
- NO GAMBLING PERMITTED!

**SATURDAY JANUARY 21, 2012**

- Registration open - 8:00 am to 2:00 pm
- Vendors - 9:00am until 5:00 pm
- Hospitality Room 10:00 - 4:00 pm
- People Games 10:00 am to Noon and 1:00-3:00pm
- Couple Of the Year selection 10:00am Kirkland Room
- Rider Education Seminars on the hour 10:00am - 3:00pm
- Scavenger Hunt noon to 2:00 pm (pick up instructions at designated table.)
- Chapter and individual talent show and skills 3:30 pm
- Individual and Chapter Costume Judging 4:00pm
- Hawaiian Buffet Banquet 6:00 pm
- Awards following dinner. (all rally registrants are invited.) Ceremony will start with Chapter Banner Parade.
- \*Chapter Banner Parade: Maximum of two chapter members to carry banner in parade. Participants will be staged in designated area.

**COMPETITIONS:**

- All Judging to be held at 3:00pm
- Chapter Display  
(May include Scrapbook, Newsletters, Shirt, Banner, Mascot)  
(Display not to exceed 30"x 48")
- Chapter Theme Display (Beach Scene)
- Baking: cookies, brownies

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GWRRRA # \_\_\_\_\_  
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NAME \_\_\_\_\_

**FULL GWRRRA REGISTRATION With Saturday Buffet Dinner**  
\$40 x \_\_\_\_\_ = \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
FULL GWRRRA REGISTRATION..... \$25 x \_\_\_\_\_ = \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
This registration **DOES NOT** include Saturday Dinner!  
ONE DAY PASS (EITHER DAY).....\$15 x \_\_\_\_\_ = \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
SATURDAY MEAL(Adult or Child).....\$20 x \_\_\_\_\_ = \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
\*This meal is included with full registration. This option is for day pass attendees only!

Unreserved dinner tickets MAY be available  
Inquire at Registration table

**NON-GWRRRA MEMBERS...ADD \$5.00 TO ALL PRICES**  
**Free Rally pin for the first three hundred registrants.**

I/we agree to hold harmless GWRRRA, Co-sponsoring organizations and any property owners for any loss or injury to self or property in which I/we may become involved by reason of participation in this rally /convention.

SIGNED \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_  
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