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March 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

March Assistant Director's Message

Spring is just around the corner. That's what the calendar says anyway. Our bike is ready for riding season to start. We can't wait.

We have many rides and events already planned for the Chapter members. The Missouri Spring get-together is this weekend (March 5th) in Osage Beach, Missouri. We are leaving on Friday morning and coming back on Sunday. There is the Chapter N Auction on March 26th in Paloma, Illinois. Andersons, Stinemates, Thompsons and we are planning to go and hope to see more of Chapter H2 there. It is a fun day. There are the Chapter Z Spaghetti Feed, Chapter E's Jelly Bean ride in May and their Pumpkin Run in the fall, the Blessing of the Bikes, Niehaus Days, the Roger Ride, Johnnie's Hobo Stew Ride, Wing Ding, our Wing Fling, the Iowa District Rally in Burlington, the overnigher in July, Andersons' picnic, the Surprise Ride in Peru, Illinois, the Region E Rally in Moline, Illinois, the Illinois District Rally in Litchfield, Illinois, the Davis Rally in New Hampton, Iowa, and our Oktoberfest. There is a lot of fun stuff going on this year. We hope to see you all out on these rides. I'm sure there will be more rides such as weekend rides and coffees. Probably lots of ice cream, too.

The Winter Warmup held in Decatur was a good time. Lanny and Carolyn Anderson, Dave Pedersen, and we attended. The attendance was down, but then it was snowing like crazy when we arrived on Thursday. The weather was fine until we hit Lincoln, then we were down to tire tracks until we got to the outskirts of Decatur, and then the tire tracks were gone (just

snow and no snow plows). The people coming in from the south and even from the east and west had it a lot worse than we did. Some just didn't try it and stayed home. We still had a great time.

Sweetheart Weekend was another function that we attended with Dave Pedersen and Dave and Carolyn Thompson from our Chapter. The attendance was down, but again the people south of Burlington could not make it because of the weather. We still had a very nice day. Dave Pedersen had to leave early, and he trusted us with his 50/50 tickets. He won \$66.00. We gave it ALL to him at the March meeting, and he was very happy. He didn't say that he was going to tell Linda, though.

Again, try to make some of the events coming up. Check your calendar for the dates, times, and details. Show the other Chapters that Chapter H2 supports them.

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Rider Education

By Lanny Anderson

THINKING SAFETY FOR MARCH

(Before reading this article, go to this web site: www.ow.ly/2ZbrF and follow the instructions. I think you will find it very interesting. After you have finished doing the exercise, continue with the article.)

I was reading the University of Illinois Alumni magazine* and found an interesting article about "Inattentional blindness" research done at the University by Dan Simmons, a psychology professor. He and his team devised a series of four videos, each video showing two three-person basketball "teams", each team walking around near an elevator bank and passing a ball among themselves. Subjects in the study were asked to view one of the videos and count the passes of one of the teams. They were so intent on counting the passes that one-half of them didn't see a woman carrying an open umbrella who moved across the scene in two of the videos. In another video, nearly one-half didn't see a man dressed in a gorilla suit cross through the scene. (To see the scenes, go here: www.ow.ly/2ZbrF and www.ow.ly/2ZcFQ)

What is this and what does it mean to us? We tend to see things that are common more than things that are rare. To a motorist, the common is an automobile or truck, not a motorcycle. The article continues:

"Driving reveals some of the more dangerous aspects of the inattentional blindness," Simmons continues.

Talking or texting on a cell phone while at the wheel, for example, leaves the driver less capable of seeing hazards and more prone to, in Simmons' words, "make worse decisions." Even more striking – alas, literally—is the frequency of collisions in which motorists report they did not see an oncoming motorcycle until it was too late.

"Motorcycles are like gorillas," the researcher says. "What we expect to see and what we actually see are two different things." Because motorcycles are

far less common than automobiles, "it doesn't make sense," in Simmons' view, "for the brain to continually look for motorcycles." And thus when an actual motorcycle comes along, the brain may not see it.

This may in part explain why most motorists involved in a motorcycle collision state, "I didn't see the motorcycle." Likewise, when we are riding our motorcycles, if we are looking for road signs, or listening to our co-rider for directions, we are less likely to see on-coming traffic or pedestrians crossing in front of us when we are turning or making other maneuvers on our bikes.

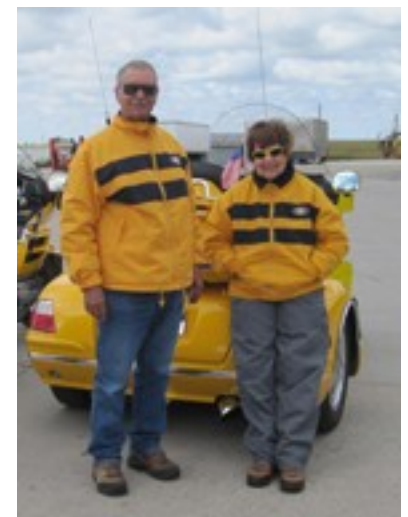
"Simmons and Chabris (who teaches at Union College) have found no correlation between IB and factors such as gender or intelligence. Indeed, Simmons isn't sure that people who spot unexpected phenomena in one instance don't miss it in another..."

*University of Illinois Alumni Association, Winter 2010, Volume 23, Issue 2
Article by Mary Timmins

So what does all this mean to us as riders? It means that we don't all see the same thing(s) in the same riding situation. We all need to be as attentive to riding as we can, listen to our co-riders, and listen to each other on the CB as one of us spots a potential problem. Be aware of the surroundings as we ride—ride safe and arrive alive.

**Until next time, be safe
And think safety,**

**Lanny & Carolyn
Chapter Educators**



(A response to the February article -- Rider Education Courses by Johnnie Mohr)
Great article in the newsletter. Rider education is a **must** for all riders.

I straddled my first motorcycle (a Harley) in 1949 (yes, that is correct) and have been riding ever since. I have surpassed 900,000 miles and am going on 300,000 accident free miles. They did not count my encounter with a deer in 2007 because I did not drop the motorcycle. I have also done many things on bikes that most riders will never try and have been to places that most riders will never go.

I have taken five rider courses since I joined GWRRA in 2003 and have learned something new every time. I have to admit that I still have several bad habits that I don't seem to be able to break. I have been reminded of these in every course and also via CB on many of our chapter rides by chapter members.

When ERC courses were first mentioned to me, I had to laugh. What more can they teach me? When I was finally talked into the first one it was held at Scott Community College and I went reluctantly. By the time I was finished that day, I was tired, grouchy and **thankful** to the friends that could see my bad habits and tactfully talked me into the course.

From personal experience, I would recommend the ERC course to all riders whether they have been riding for one month or for fifty years. Go with an open mind that you are going to learn something and it is guaranteed that you will. It will make you a much better and also a much safer rider. And you will notice that if you are able to break those really bad habits, other riders will be more willing to ride with you because they will also feel safer and enjoy the ride more.

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
6 Duane Anderson	7	8	9	10	11 Ann Anderson	12
13	14	15 <u>IL-H2</u> Coffee, Perkins, Galesburg, 6:30 p.m. Fred Wilson	16	17 Herb & Rosy Stinemates	18 Lanny Anderson	19 Johnnie Mohr
20	21	22	23 Carolyn Anderson	24 <u>Julliettes' Lunch, 12 noon, Pack-inthouse, Galesburg</u> Chet Stephens	25	26 Quincy Chapter N Auction, Paloma Community Center, eat at 3 p.m., auction at 4 p.m.
27	28	29	30 Jim Anderson	31 Jack Shultz	It's always a good idea to check the calendar on the H-2 website for changes.	

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.

April 2011



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
It's always a good idea to check the calendar on the H-2 website for changes.			Don't forget to bring your food pantry donations to the April meeting!		1	2
3	4	5 <u>IL-H2 Meeting, Broadview Restaurant, Galesburg, 6:30 p.m.</u>	6	7	8	9
10	11	12	13	14	15	16 <u>IL-Z Spaghetti Dinner, Tremont Community Center, 1-3 p.m. (see flyer on page 8)</u>
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 Happy Easter	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
					28-30, Missouri District Rally, Branson, MO	

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IL-H2's Calendar of Events – 2011

(Scheduled events are always subject to change.)

May

- 1 IA-E Jelly Bean Run
 3 IL-H2 Meeting, Broadview Restaurant, Galesburg, 6:30 p.m.
 TBA Ride for the Cure, Shoppes of Grand Prairie, Peoria
 13-15 Niehaus Customer Appreciation Days, Litchfield
 18 IL-H2 Coffee, Italian Village, Monmouth 6:30 p.m. (note Wed. instead of Tues.)
 19 Julliettes' Lunch, 1 p.m., Q's Café, Galesburg
 21 MAD Windshield Wash, Woodhull Rest Area, noon-2 p.m.

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 4 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)
 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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