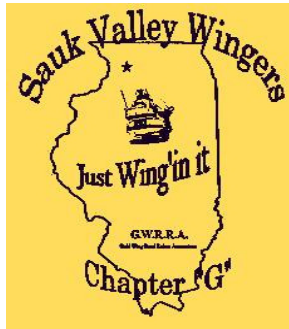




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From the Director's Chair...

We all know May is Motorcycle Awareness month, but does the public know? May comes every year and we always do the same thing for this event. What can we do different to make the public aware that we are out here sharing the road with equal rights just like them? Nothing works unless we each do our part every day. You can't fix stupid so we have to do due diligence to be safe every time we get on that bike. Say hi to everyone you meet, be proactive in our riding and how we dress.

Always assume the car next to you or ahead of you doesn't see you, so stay out of its blind spots. Watch the driver's head, it will often be the first indicator of what they are going to do next. And always be scanning and planning your route out if someone does something unexpected or an accident suddenly occurs. BE safe!

Our Chapter Schedule is looking really good. We still a leader for the June 3rd, Saturday ride. We have several day rides coming up and we will have a few impromptu rides determined by the weather. Information for all rides will be posted on the website. Blurbs will be posted on facebook.

If you participate in the MAP Event this year please post pictures. It is great for our chapter website and the District has asked us to forward them on them for the District Website. This year it is easier, more than every to participate since there many within a few miles of all our chapter members.

Please reply to email when sent. Communication is the truly the thing that keeps chapters together. I will always reply to email so you know I have received yours.

Summer Rally is approaching. If you were not planning on attending, please think about coming down on Saturday. The Day Pass is \$8. There will plenty to do and I know you will enjoy the day.



SR Chapter Director, Mary Adams



CHAPTER G GATHERS

EAT at 6:00 & SOCIAL at 7:00 P M
Second Wednesday each month

Pizza Ranch
3900 E. LINCOLNWAY
STERLING, IL

Motorist Awareness

Welcome to MAY!!!

In recognition of National Motorcycle Safety Awareness Month, the National Safety Council reminds riders – and drivers – to do their part in sharing the road.

Safe riding practices and cooperation from all road users will help reduce the number of fatalities and injuries on our nation's highways. But it's especially important for motorists to understand the safety challenges faced by motorcyclists such as size and visibility, and motorcycle riding practices like downshifting and weaving to know how to anticipate and respond to them. By raising motorist's awareness, both drivers and riders will be safer sharing the road.

If you ride a motorcycle, you already know how much fun riding can be. You understand the exhilaration of cruising the open road and the challenge of controlling a motorcycle. Safe motorcycling takes balance, coordination, and good judgment. Obey traffic lights, signs, speed limits, and lane markings. Ride with the flow of traffic and leave plenty of room between your bike and other vehicles. Always check behind you and signal before you change lanes. Remember to ride defensively. The majority of multi-vehicle motorcycle crashes generally are caused when other drivers simply didn't see the motorcyclist. Proceed cautiously at intersections and yield to pedestrians and other vehicles as appropriate. You can increase your visibility by applying reflective materials to your motorcycle and by keeping your motorcycle's headlights on at all times, even using high beams during the day.

When spring is in the air, motorcycles are everywhere. Do you long for the freedom that comes with riding on the open road? Then it's critical to respect your machine and improve your skills throughout your lifetime. But that's only half the story. Motorists interested only in four-wheeled vehicles still have a major responsibility in keeping motorcyclists safe on the road.

The vast majority of vehicles on the road are not motorcycles. It's quite possible that as a car or truck driver you rarely think about motorcycles. "When motorcycles and other vehicles collide, it is usually the other (non-motorcycle) driver who violates the motorcyclist's right of way," according to a statement from NHTSA. "There is a continuing need to help other motorists 'think' motorcycles and to educate motorcyclists to be aware of this problem."

Motorcycles are relatively small and drivers don't see them. Drivers don't anticipate motorcycles' movements. The driver's view of the motorcyclist is obstructed, often by the vehicle's blind spots or other vehicles. Riders 50 and older made up 35% of all motorcycle fatalities in 2015, according to the Insurance Institute for Highway Safety. So-called "re-entry riders," who rode in their 20s and decided to take it up again in their late 40s to 60s face additional challenges today: more traffic, more powerful bikes, more distracted drivers and diminished physical skills. Drive defensively, especially at intersections, where half of all collisions occur. Assume you are invisible to other motorists and position yourself to be seen. Be courteous; don't weave in and out of lanes, or ride on the shoulder or between lanes. Wear bright and/or reflective clothing including durable boots that cover the ankles. Remember we can't drive their vehicle for them so watch them closely.

See you at the next social.

Thanks to Google for assisting in our article this month.

<https://www.nhtsa.gov/road-safety/motorcycle-safety>

District MAP information

<http://gwrra-ildistrict.com/map-fun-run.html>

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Chapter G Map Coordinators



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Ride-Events Info/Hotline UPDATE

Please consult this number before attending any Chapter Ride/Event for possible changes.

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CHAPTER RIDES



Ride Coordinator: Bob Adams

Hello Everyone,

Well it's the end of April and I think winter is finally over with. Well not completely We hit winter weather last weekend when Mary & I left for Pontiac for Meet the Chapters and then from there we headed toward Layette Louisiana for their rally. We left for Pontiac in 17 degree weather

with 15 mile an hour wind. A normal 2 hour ride to Pontiac ended up being a 4 hour ride. It was cold. But we made it there then headed to Indiana for a day On Monday we rode over to Chester to meet up with Sonny & Lisa and Steve & Diane and headed toward Sikeston Missouri to hook up with 3 other bikes to head south. The weather didn't change too much until we got down toward New Orleans. We got to the rally and the weather was good until we headed home on Sunday Yup you guest it, it was cold again. But what can you do. Just grin and bare it.

We have a few things coming up and with the weather improving for the better, it's time for riding. On Saturday May 5 is the parade in Fulton for Dutch Days which we have been doing for the pass 5- 6 years. It's a good time and we get to show off our bikes and tell the people that us bikes are out there. Other Chapter will join us and the more the merrier, more bikes is always good. We meet in Fulton at 2:00 we normally meet in the parking lot of the Second Reformed Church on 13 Ave & 7 St. then we head out for dinner some where.

That's about the only ride we have coming up, besides some ice cream ride during the week.

May (18- 20) is Niehaus Days in Litchfield, I will be leaving either Thursday early afternoon or Friday mid morning, with others coming down either Friday or Saturday, if you want to ride with me, let me know.

May 31 - June 2 is Missouri District Rally in Branson. Mary & I will be leaving that Wednesday morning early with some Chapter "L" members. If anyone would like to join us, you are more then welcome. We will be riding all day to get there, 508 miles from our house, so it will be a long day, but with lots of breaks.

That's about for now. So lets get together and do some riding.

Other Chapter
Socials
To attend

Tuesday May 1st

Chapter H2
Galesburg

Saturday May 12th

IA Chapter O
Davenport

Monday May 14th

Chapter DK
N. Aurora

Wednesday May 16th

Chapter R
Peru

Thursday May 17th

Chapter C2
Freeport

Sunday May 20th

Chapter Z
Metamora

Tuesday May 22

Chapter L
Rockford



Be sure to get your Meet the Chapter Cards Signed each time you visit a Chapter.
You can collect 6 per card.
1 card per person.

Ride Schedule

May

- 1 Start Seeing Motorcycle Banner Hanging - Shore's Home 6:00 p.m.
Ice Cream & Dinner - Culver's to follow afterward**
- 4 Fulton Days Parade - Fulton.
Meet at the Second Reformed Church,
13th Ave & 7th St. - 2 p.m.
Parade starts at 3 p.m. Dinner will follow.**
- 9 Chapter G Social - Pizza Ranch, Sterling**
- 10 Dairy Queen - Morrison, 6:00 p.m.**
- 15 Joining Chapter H2 Coffee, Cerno's, Kewanee. 5:30 p.m.**
- 16 MTC - Chapter R Social, The Right Spice, Peru**
- 18, 19, 20 - Niehaus Customer Appreciation Days,
Litchfield, Illinois**
- 24 Dairy Queen - Mt. Carroll, 6:00 p.m**
- 26 The Hanger, Rochelle, 5:00 p.m.**
- 29 Polo Sub Shop, Mason St. Polo, 6:00 p.m.**
- 31 Missouri District Rally - Branson**

June

- 1-2 Missouri District Rally**
- 3 Chapter Ride - TBA**
- 5 MTC - Chapter H2 Social, Sirloin Stockade**
- 7 Union Dairy, Freeport - 6:0 p.m.**
- 9 Jelly Belly Factory Ride, Leave Douglas & Frye 7:00 a.m.
Picking up members along the way**
- 12 Dairy Dream, Dixon - 6:00 p.m.**
- 13 Chapter G Social - Pizza Ranch, Sterling**
- 21 Bear's Ice Cream, Thomson - 6:00 p.m.**
- 23 Steel Plow, Moline - Leave from Douglas & Frye, 10:00 a.m.**



Sponsor Dinner at the Boulevard, Sterling.



Rider Courses
In Vandalia



RIDER EDUCATION



**District Ride Educator
Steve & Jeanine Brungard**

Here it is almost May, and Mother Nature still wants to throw a few curves at us. Nice sunny day then snow that night. Who ticked her off? We just completed our riding courses here in Vandalia. We had Trike Trailering on Saturday the 21st and had 6 trike riders and 5 co-riders improving their skills while pulling a trailer.

On Sunday the 22nd we had 5 bikes and 3 co-riders improving their skills. Mother Nature threw some rain at us but it cleared up and dried up for the range exercises: then it got cooler but it did improve. I want to thank our instructors for Illinois, Dan Davis, Kris Andre, Eric Echols and myself for taking the time to come here to teach these courses.

I would like to thank Bonnie O'Guinn, Chapter U Director for allowing us to use her trike and trailer for the demonstrations of the exercises and for Chapter U providing snacks and water and a good meal at the Keyes on Saturday night. A fun time was had by all. I still have some room for the trike course in Sterling May 6. The Sterling ARC class had to be canceled for lack of participation

Please keep riding safely. Any questions about riding courses or the levels program just give me a call or email me. If I don't answer the phone, leave me a message as I get plenty of robo calls and just ignore them if I don't know who it is from.

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Sunshine Lady
Margie Shore

April
SHOWERS
BRING
May
FLOWERS

3rd Olivia Zdan
5th Nicki Fowkes
20th Bob Fowkes
26th John Barton

Happy Birthday!

None
this month

None
this Month



We have collected
\$66.00 of the \$200
Goal.



Our
Christmas Money tree
now has \$27.00

On May 1st, we helped Matt & Margie Shore place the Start Seeing Motorcycle Banner in their front yard on Rt. 26. Those attending to help, John & Jan Barton, Bob & Nicki Fowkes, Mary & Bob Adams, Dale Andrews, & Dan Davis.



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2018 ILLINOIS DISTRICT SUMMER RALLY

August 2nd - 4th
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Bike Show
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Friday

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Sunset Ride

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For a complete list visit

Website: <http://visitlitchfield.com>



Illinois District Summer Rally August 2-4th, 2018 Niehaus Cycle Sales, Litchfield, Illinois



REGISTRATION FORM – Please print clearly

Rider: _____ State: ____ Chapter: _____
GWRRRA #: _____ Exp. Date: _____
Position: _____
Is this your 1st Illinois District Summer Rally Y / N
Email address: _____

Rider / Co-Rider: _____ State: ____ Chapter: _____
GWRRRA #: _____ Exp. Date: _____
Position: _____
Is this your 1st Illinois District Summer Rally Y / N
Email address: _____

Street Address: _____
City: _____ State: ____ Zip: _____
Phone Number(s) _____ (H) _____ (Cell)
One Way Distance to Rally: _____

Liability Release (ALL Registrants Must Sign)

We agree to hold harmless GWRRRA, the co-sponsoring organization, and any property owners for any loss, injury to self/property by any reason by participating in this rally.

Rider Signature: _____ Date: _____

Co-Rider Signature: _____ Date: _____

ALL Pre-Registration forms must be received by: July 7, 2018.

Registration	\$15 X _____	= \$ _____
Day Pass (Fri. or Sat.)	\$10 X _____	= \$ _____
Official Bike Show	\$ 5 X _____	= \$ _____
REGISTRATION TOTAL		= \$ _____

(Friday Day Pass does not include free dinner)

Make Checks out to Illinois District

Mail the registration with check or money order to:

Diane Gottschalk
P.O. Box 83
Cambria, IL 62915

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August 18th

New place! New Route!

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214 S Sampson St Tremont



Spaghetti dinner included

Cost is \$15 a person

Starts at noon with last bike in at 3pm

Questions contact Debbie King (309)745-5960 or Email Grandmadeb10@msn.com



GWRRA IL-Chapter C

Sunday, July 22, 2018

Must RSVP & Pay in Full by July 20, 2018

Build your own Sundae featuring Live Music!

These incredible cruises feature some of the best talent the country has to offer and compliments it with wonderful ice cream and scenery.
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Adult \$ 21.00/person

Boards: 4:30 pm

Child (4-15) \$13.00/person

Cruise: 5-7:00 pm

Call to RSVP: 309-637-8000

CODE NAME: GWRRA IL-Chapter C

100 Water St • Peoria, IL 61602



For more information Contact:
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Sharpwhtiger@gmail.com
www.spiritofpeoria.com

Southern Ride In

REGISTRATION FORM - Please print clearly

Rider: _____ State: _____ Chapter: _____

GWRRA # _____ Exp. Date: _____

Position: _____ Is this your 1st SIRI? Y / N

Email address: _____

Rider / Co-Rider: _____ State: _____ Chapter: _____

GWRRA # _____ Exp. Date _____

Position: _____ Is this your 1st SIRI? Y / N

Email address: _____

Street Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Phone Number(s) _____ (H) _____ (Cell)

One way distance to rally: _____

Liability Release (ALL registrant must sign)
We agree to hold harmless GWRRA, the co-sponsoring organization, and any property owners for any loss, injury to self/property by any reason by participating in this rally.

Rider signature: _____ Date: _____

Co-rider signature: _____ Date: _____

ALL Pre-registration forms must be received by: Sept 10, 2018.

REGISTRATION	\$10 X _____	= \$ _____
Day Pass (Sat only)	\$ 8 X _____	= \$ _____
\$100 CASH DRAWING (6) for	\$ 5 X _____	= \$ _____
20) for	\$10X _____	= \$ _____
REGISTRATION TOTAL	= \$ _____	
Check _____	Cash _____	

NOTE: Walk-in pass will be \$11

1ST 150 registrations get a free rally pin!

← **Mail left page (registration) with check or money order to:**

Southern Illinois Ride-In

238 Elstrom Carbondale, IL 62903

Make checks payable to: SOUTHERN ILLINOIS RIDE IN (SIRI)

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

Activities/Times are subject to change.
Check the bulletin board to confirm activity times.

Thursday, September 20th

8:30 am Guided Lunch Ride

3-5 pm Registration, set up camp, meet your neighbor

7-9 pm Wingo

9:15 pm Ice Cream Ride to DQ

Friday, September 21st

7:30 am coffee

9:00 am-7 pm Registration, set up camp, meet your neighbors

10 am-Ride to Flamm's Orchard

1-3 pm People Games; 3 pm Joey Watson ISP Presentation

5:30 pm-Bikers Dinner

7 pm-Dirty Bingo; 9 pm-Ice Cream Ride Ye Olde Country Store

Saturday, September 22nd

7:30 am-9 am- Hot Breakfast

8 am-Noon-Flea Market; 8 am-Noon- Registration

9 am- 6 Hour Guided Scenic Ride (Tentative)

10 am- Ride to Flamms Orchard

10 am-Noon- People Games

2 pm-4 pm- Bike Games

4:30 pm-5 pm-Dog Showcase

5 pm- Prize Drawing, Awards and Closing

* Community Pot Luck Dinner after Closing