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NEWSLETTER & EVENTS

April 2009

Newsletter



- Spring is here—sort of—and the riding season is beginning. Despite the economy and all the other bad news, we can make 2009 a great year. All it will take is a little participation by each club member. Numerous rides have been scheduled from now until the end of the normal riding season (see the club calendar below and on the Website), thus presenting us with a selection of destinations, distances, dates, and plenty of time to plan and adjust our schedules as necessary. As Michael pointed out at the last meeting, if each member can make at least a couple of the scheduled rides, we will have a year to remember.
- As of April 1, 2009, Honda Riders Club became a complimentary organization

open to anyone. They will no longer ship the “Honda Red Rider Magazine.” Instead, it will become part of the HRCA Website (hrca.honda.com). I do not know if the magazine will still be shipped to those of us who have paid memberships, nor do I know if the service manuals will still be available.

- The State of Illinois began issuing “Illinois Veteran” license plates for motorcycles last year, and has now begun issuing vanity/personalized Universal Veteran Motorcycle license plates. The costs are:
 - **First-time issuance** - \$53
(\$38 registration fee + \$15 Universal Veteran fee)
 - **Current plates expire within 90 days** - \$79
(\$38 registration fee + \$26 replacement fee + \$15 Universal Veteran fee)
 - **Current plates do not expire within 90 days** - \$41
(\$26 replacement fee + \$15 Universal Veteran fee)
 - **Annual renewal** - \$38
(\$38 registration fee)
 - **To Apply:**
One must provide a DD 214 or equivalent to prove service. The request can **only be processed in Springfield**. Apply in person or mail the proper documentation (available at www.sos.state.il.us/publications/pdf_publications/vsd767.pdf) to:
Secretary of State
Special Plates Division
501 S. 2nd St.
Howlett Building, Room 541
Springfield, Illinois 62756



President's Message

I went for a short ride before sitting down to compose this month's message, just to make sure that I was in the proper mood. Although it was a little brisk at 50°, the sun was shining and underneath my flip-up helmet, I was grinning from ear to ear. If I recall correctly, it was cloudy and cold on the morning of Motorcycle Sunday 2008, but the sun made a cameo appearance during the early afternoon, which made their 60-mile ride quite enjoyable. I hope you will come to this year's event, on April 26, for two reasons—first, because we need club members to hang out at the FVC booth and hand out our club's information and second, because Motorcycle Sunday is a legitimately good time. Like last year, those of you interested in arriving together should meet in the FVC parking lot by 9:20 AM, with bikes gassed up and ready to go. We will head down the street to Phillips Park promptly at 9:30. Please join us for this, our first scheduled club event of 2009.

Less than a week later, we are scheduled to follow John Bercaw to the Illinois Railway Museum in Union, Illinois for our first "First Saturday Ride" of the year. There is a lot to see there. If the weather cooperates, this will be a fantastic day for us. All aboard!

—Michael D'Aversa



Calendar

Roving Dinner	April 15	6:30PM	Sorrento's Restaurant, 50 W. 187 Rt. 64 (vicinity McGough Road & IL Rte 64, Maple Park, IL (815) 895-5466*
Dinner	April 22	6:30PM	Bridge Street Café, 213 S Bridge St, Yorkville, IL (630) 553-9230*
Last Sunday Ride	April 26	9:00AM	Motorcycle Sunday, Phillips Park, Aurora, IL (meet at FVC at 8:30AM)*
Dinner	April 29	6:30PM	Diamonds, 3000 Plainfield Road, Joliet, IL (815) 436-1070*
First Saturday Ride	May 2	9:00AM	Meet at FVC—ride to the Union Railroad Museum, Union, IL*
Dinner	May 6	6:30PM	Larry's Diner, 24522 W Lockport St, Plainfield, IL (815) 436-3055*
Meeting	May 13	6:00PM	Meeting at FVC and dinner at the Select Restaurant in Montgomery**
Roving Dinner	May 20	6:30PM	Sonic Drive-In, 2974 Kirk Road, Aurora, IL (630) 375-8360*
Springfield Mile	May 23/24		See FVC for details
Dinner	May 27	6:30PM	Bridge Street Café, 213 S Bridge St, Yorkville, IL (630) 553-9230*
FVC Open House	May 30	9:00AM	Be there, or be square**—worth 3 Participation Challenge Tickets if you volunteer some of your time
Last Sunday Ride	May 31	9:00AM	Meet at FVC—Fox River Run*
Dinner	June 3	6:30PM	Larry's Diner, 24522 W Lockport St, Plainfield, IL (815) 436-3055*
Overnight Ride	June 5–7	TBD	AMA Road Races @ Road America—watch email for details**
First Saturday Ride	June 6	9:00AM	Mystery Ride—watch email for details*

* worth 2 Participation Challenge tickets

** worth 3 Participation Challenge tickets

9th Annual

MOTORCYCLE Sunday

APRIL 26, 2009

9:30am - 4:00pm



bikes arrive 9:30am

motorcycle rally

rockin' live music

bike blessing

bike shops - vendors

ABATE safety presentation

food vendors

people's choice bike contest

pro bike photos available

60 mile ride - 1:00pm

Phillips Park

900 Montgomery Road, Aurora, Illinois

2.4 miles east of IL-Rt 25 - 4.6 miles west of IL-Rt 59



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