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NEWSLETTER & EVENTS

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Newsletter

- On a recent club ride, additional riders were picked up en route. If this happens, the ride leader is still required to be certain that the new rider(s) sign the Release Form. As a reminder, below are the terms you agree to when you put your name on the paper:

“I will, to the best of my ability, uphold the principles and ideals set forth in the constitution and bylaws of the ILLINI FREE SPIRIT RIDERS. I further agree to operate a motorcycle, or any other vehicle, at any event associated with this organization, only with a valid Driver’s License “M” and current insurance coverage on that motorcycle or

vehicle. With the acceptance of membership in the ILLINI FREE SPIRIT RIDERS and /or through participating in any manner with this organization, I agree not to hold the organization, any member, officer, or any sponsor of this organization liable for my personal safety, the safety of my guests, or the safety of any property in my possession, I agree that they shall not be liable or responsible for injury to me (including paralysis or death) or damage to my property during any ILLINI FREE SPIRIT RIDERS activity, even where the damage or injury is caused by negligence (except willful neglect). I agree to participate in any and all activities of the organization on a voluntary basis and at my own risk. I understand that this means that I agree not to sue for any injury or damage to myself or my property resulting from, or in connection with any ILLINI FREE SPIRIT RIDERS activities or events. I further agree to operate a motorcycle, or any other vehicle, at any event associated with this organization, only with a valid Driver’s License “M” and current insurance coverage on that motorcycle or vehicle.”

Safety Tips

- Despite driving more than one billion miles per year worldwide, UPS drivers have less than one accident per million driven. How do they do that? UPS has a safe-driving program that was first started in 1917. At its core are “Five Seeing Habits.” These can easily be applied to motorcycles.
 - Aim high in steering: look as far down the road as possible.
 - Get the big picture: maintain the proper following distance so you have time to see and react to the hazards.
 - Keep your eyes moving: scan, don’t stare.
 - Leave yourself an out: expect the unexpected.
 - Make sure they see you: use your horn, lights and turn signals.

President's Message

I want to thank every Free Spirit Rider who participated in the Chicagoland and/or Wisconsin Ride for Kids® events this year. Besides doing your part for a very worthwhile cause, you made these events more fun for the other participating members, just by showing up—no bull. Thanks also to the folks at Fox Valley Cycles, for their usual hospitality prior to their “ride to the ride” in Illinois, and to Dawn and Charley Mays, for their routing help both to and from the Wisconsin event.

As this newsletter issue goes to press, we are still short on details for several upcoming rides. This makes it even more important to keep an eye on your e-mail, as we will bring you updates as they become available. Besides participating in an Ice Cream Run with the Rochelle Riders (thanks to Jon Cleaver), we will be visiting the Anderson Japanese Gardens in Rockford. Both of these are first-time events for the Free Spirit Riders and I hope you are able to be there.

We continue to post photos from our rides on to the club's gallery, accessible via www.freespiritriders.com. If you haven't been there lately, you most definitely haven't seen everything. In addition, webmaster John Bercau has added a “Safety” page featuring a number of worthwhile downloads. Check it out!

—Michael D'Aversa

Calendar

Ice Cream Ride	August 15	TBD	Jon Cleaver will lead this ride with the Rochelle Riders: watch email for details**
Roving Dinner	August 19	7:00PM	Savanna Restaurant, 1210 E Church St, Sandwich, IL (815) 786-1199*
Dinner	August 26	6:30PM	Bridge Street Café, 213 S Bridge St, Yorkville, IL (630) 553-9230*
Red Bull Indianapolis Moto GP	Aug 28-30	—	Coordinate with FVC
Last Sunday Ride	August 30	TBD	Anderson (Japanese) Gardens Ride: watch email for details***
Dinner	Sept 2	6:30PM	Larry's Diner, 24522 W Lockport St, Plainfield, IL (815) 436-3055*
First Saturday Ride	Sept 5	—	TBD—Labor Day weekend
Springfield Mile	Sept 5-6	—	Coordinate with FVC
Meeting	Sept 9	6:00PM	Meeting at FVC and dinner at the Select Restaurant in Montgomery**
Sandwich Fair	Sept 9-13	—	www.sandwichfair.com/
Roving Dinner	Sept 16	6:30PM	Hounds Blue Moon, 2124 W. Galena Blvd, Aurora, IL (630) 966-0600
Dinner	Sept 23	6:30PM	Bridge Street Café, 213 S Bridge St, Yorkville, IL (630) 553-9230*
Last Sunday Ride	Sept 27	—	Holy Hill, WI—Lee Grunwald will be the leader: watch email for details***
Dinner	Sept 30	6:30PM	Diamond's, 3000 Plainfield Road, Joliet, IL (815) 436-1070*
First Saturday Ride	October 3	—	Oregon Stronghold ride***
Dinner	October 5	6:30PM	Larry's Diner, 24522 W Lockport St, Plainfield, IL (815) 436-3055*

* worth 2 Participation Challenge tickets —** worth 3 Participation Challenge tickets—***for the remainder of this year First Saturday and Last Sunday rides will be worth 5 tickets