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# Illini Free Spirit Riders

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## NEWSLETTER & EVENTS

February 2009

## Newsletter



- Our sincere condolences go out to Jim Kopchok, whose mother passed away in January.
- FVC's bowling event (January 30) was very successful. Chris and Michelle did an excellent job coordinating everything, and a good time was had by all attendees, including those who chose not to bowl. If you were not there, you should have been.
- Please come to our February 21 members' workshop to help plan and schedule some club rides for the 2009 season. Details are in the calendar. It is worth three Participation Challenge tickets.
- FVC is hosting Happy Hour until March 5<sup>th</sup>. Between 5:00 pm – 6:00 pm on Tuesdays and Thursdays prices on all in-stock parts and accessories will be 15% off. Other discounts do not apply. This might be a nice opportunity to begin tricking out your bike for the year.
- The IFSR Website has been moved to a new hosting provider (godaddy.com—resulting in a lower yearly cost to the club), and updated; however, the address is still the same: [www.freespiritriders.com](http://www.freespiritriders.com).
  - The site includes a calendar with all IFSR events and related activities of interest to our members. Clicking on an event opens a small pop-up window with additional information about that event, along with a link to a map of the location, if appropriate. Club events are listed in a reddish color, and non-club events are listed in green.
  - Clicking on a small box in the upper left-hand corner of the current date or any of the next three days will open a small window displaying a brief weather forecast for Aurora, along with the current conditions.
  - The majority of the club photos has been posted and can be viewed via the Club Photos page.
  - An Info page and a Contact Us page offer information to prospective members and give them a variety of methods for contacting someone in the club, if desired. We have already recruited one new member via our new site.
  - The Newsletters and Calendars will be published each month on the Newsletters page (we're still debating about publishing the Minutes).
  - If you have any comments, constructive criticism—or praise ☺, contact the Secretary, or one of the other club officers.
- Mark your calendars for the Aurora Motorcycle Sunday on April 26, 2009. This will be our Last Sunday Ride for April, and it will be worth two Participation Challenge tickets.
- The January Minutes incorrectly list the date for the Wisconsin Ride for Kids as August 3, 2009. The correct date is August 2, 2009 (riders will probably depart for this event on August 1, 2009).
- Several club members attended the motorcycle show in Rosemont. Judging by the crowds, it was well attended by the general public, as well. Hopefully, this bodes well for the coming season for the entire industry.

## Birthdays

### February

3: Dawn Mays

6: Mark Pawelski

### March

Apparently, no one was born in March.



# President's Message

Despite being shamefully outnumbered (and in many cases out-bowled as well) by the Women on Wheels, we had an absolute blast bowling with them and the Fox Valley Cycles crew on January 30. As the evening unfolded, we ate, drank, and hurled balls down the alleys of Parkside Lanes. Most of all, we had fun, cheered each other on, and maybe even found a moment or two to talk motorcycles (gee, what a surprise). We even won some awards. In a heated rivalry that has raged on for years, my daughter soundly beat out her brother for lowest bowling score. John Bercaw's wife, Cynthia, took top honors in the non-bowler's trivia quiz. I hope we get to do this again.

Okay, now let's talk motorcycles. In anticipation of the 2009 riding season, which will get underway as soon as this local ice age is completely behind us, we are having another member workshop on Saturday, February 21 at Fox Valley Cycles from 9:00 AM to 11:00 AM. Instead of discussing how to go about putting together a ride, this time we are going to actually schedule some of them. All members are welcome, but we especially need volunteer ride captains, coordinators and sweepers to attend. Please join us—we really do need you—and be sure to bring your maps, guides, and calendars.

—Michael D'Aversa

# Calendar



<b>Pizza Party</b>	<b>Feb. 18</b>	<b>6:30PM</b>	<b>Nabby's, 14802 S. Michigan St., Plainfield, IL (815) 436-7502 (pizza &amp; soft drinks paid by club - \$5 charge for non-members)</b>
<b>Member Workshop</b>	<b>Feb. 21</b>	<b>9:00AM</b>	<b>Ride suggestions, planning and scheduling at Fox Valley Cycles</b>
<b>Dinner</b>	<b>Feb. 25</b>	<b>6:30PM</b>	<b>Bridge Street Café, 213 S Bridge St, Yorkville, IL (630) 553-9230</b>
Indy Supercross	Feb. 28		A group from FVC may attend this event
<b>Dinner</b>	<b>March 4</b>	<b>6:30PM</b>	<b>Larry's Diner, 24522 W Lockport St, Plainfield, IL (815) 436-3055</b>
<b>Meeting</b>	<b>March 11</b>	<b>6:00PM</b>	<b>Meeting at FVC and dinner at the Select Restaurant in Montgomery</b>
<b>Roving Dinner</b>	<b>March 18</b>	<b>6:30PM</b>	<b>TBD</b>
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<b>Dinner</b>	<b>April 1</b>	<b>6:30PM</b>	<b>Larry's Diner, 24522 W Lockport St, Plainfield, IL (815) 436-3055</b>

