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NEWSLETTER & EVENTS

DECEMBER 2011
Newsletter

- Officer Elections for next year were held at the December meeting. President is Jim Copas, Vice President Bill Hay, Treasurer Bob Crawley, Secretary Kellie Becket and Administrator/Editor Lee Lasseigne.
- Bob Crawley is working out details on new club shirts. There will be a selection of styles and prices will be very reasonable. More information will be presented at the January meeting.
- Bowling party details will also be forthcoming as Chris works them out.
- The Fox Valley Cycles Participation Challenge Party was held on November 18th and was once again a great time for all who attended. Whereas last year's event featured John Conley as Monte Hall on Let's Make a Deal, this year's theme was Beat the Clock. Contestants tried to perform a task in a short period of time, some of the games included blowing objects with a straw, tissue pull, bracelet ring toss, ball hop, group paper clip toss and catching a swinging ball with two poles. Many prizes were awarded even without evidence of much skill.
- Eddie Cullins was the winner of the FVC Participation Challenge – he racked up the most points based on attending meetings, special events and club-sponsored rides.
- The mileage winner was once again, Kellie Becket who rode 12,205 club-sponsored miles. Closely following her total was Stephanie Stewart, Bill & Linda Hay and Ken Kutschke. Combined miles for those riders and other club members totaled 146,825!





President's Message

Thanks to all for another Great Year and as we all look forward to 2012, Merry Christmas, and a Happy, Happy NEW YEAR to ALL!!! Nuff said, Jim



Calendar

Holiday Party	Dec 16	7:00PM	Old Town Tavern, 201 W State St, Geneva (630) 232-7962
Roving Dinner	Dec 21	6:30PM	Rizzotti's Pasta Pesto, 1734 Ogden, Downers Grove (630) 541-6775
CHRISTMAS	Dec 25		
Dinner	Dec 28	6:30PM	Bridge Street Café, 213 S Bridge St, Yorkville (630) 553-9230
NEW YEARS DAY	Jan 01		
Dinner	Jan 4	6:30PM	Larry's Diner, 24522 W Lockport St, Plainfield (815) 436-3055
Meeting	Jan 11	6:00PM	Meeting at FVC, dinner at Grandma's Table in Montgomery to follow
Roving Dinner	Jan 18	6:30PM	Andres Restaurant, 5 Webster St, Batavia (866) 491-4523
Dinner	Jan 25	6:30PM	Bridge Street Café, 213 S Bridge St, Yorkville (630) 553-9230
Dinner	Feb 1	6:30PM	Larry's Diner, 24522 W Lockport St, Plainfield (815) 436-3055
Ride Plan Meeting	Feb 4	TBD	TBD
Meeting	Feb 8	6:00PM	Meeting at FVC, dinner at Grandma's Table in Montgomery to follow
Pizza Party	Feb 15	6:30PM	Nabbys, 14802 S Michigan St, Plainfield (815) 436-7502
Dinner	Feb 22	6:30PM	Bridge Street Café, 213 S Bridge St, Yorkville (630) 553-9230
Dinner	Feb 29	6:30PM	Larry's Diner, 24522 W Lockport St, Plainfield (815) 436-3055



Illini Free Spirit Riders Meeting Agenda of December 14th, 2011

- **Opening**
 - Recognition of Guests
 - Recognition of New Members

- **Nomination and Election of 2012 Officers**
 - Review of election rules (by-laws)
 - Nomination and election of Administrator/Editor
 - Nomination and election of Secretary
 - Nomination and election of Treasurer
 - Nomination and election of Vice President
 - Nomination and election of President

- **Secretary's Report (October & November)**

- **Treasurer's Report**

- **Old Business**
 - Participation Challenge Party...thank you FVC!
 - 2011 Club sanctioned rides...146,825 miles...The FAB FIVE! Ken, Bill, Linda, Stephanie and Kellie...CONGRATS!
 - Any last impromptu rides?
 - Additional old business

- **New Business**
 - Select Roving Supper location for Feb 15th, 2012.
 - IFSR Christmas Party, Friday Dec 16th @7pm, OLD TOWN TRAVEN & PUB IN GENEVA, ILLINOIS
 - Club Membership renewals for 2012...Bob Crawley
 - Club Tee Shirt opportunity...Bob Crawley
 - Update on Rosemont motorcycle show, **Rosemont, Illinois Feb/10 - Feb/12/2012**
5555 North River...any discount tickets?
 - FVC Bowling Party January/February?
 - IFSR Pizza Party for its members and guests (up to one per member)...need date, time, place and someone to chair this matter.
 - 2012 RIDE PLANNING MEETING...February 2012, need date, time and place...start thinking about rides that **YOU** would like the club to take!
 - Safety/Maintenance topic of the month
 - Additional new business

- **Closing**
- **Drawing(s)**
 - 50/50



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MEETING MINUTES OF NOVEMBER 9, 2011

Opening

President Jim Copas opened the meeting with 18 members. We welcomed three guests to the meeting, Kim and Sharon Braget and Gene Hillard.

Secretary's Report

Kellie, bringing the wrong set of minutes to the meeting, asked if we could defer approving October's minutes until the December meeting. Seeing no way around this, Lee Lasseigne made a motion, it was seconded by Michael D'Aversa and was unanimously approved by the members.

Treasurer's Report

Treasurer Bob Crawley reported that the club has a balance of \$1,804.04. Michael D'Aversa made a motion, seconded by Jim Thevenot to accept the report. The report was accepted.

Business

Old business

- The Volo ride was led by substitute leader, Lee Lasseigne when Tracy Stewart had other commitments and couldn't lead. The general consensus was that this was the coldest start to any Club ride to date. The morning started at a chilly 37 degrees. The group rode to the Auto museum in Volo to view old cars, ate a tasty lunch and said good-bye to the Club's scheduled rides for 2011. It was a balmy 20 degrees warmer for the return trip.
- A few Club members attended the Veterans Benefit Ride put on by the Navistar Defense Group that was suggested by Larry Tyma. Larry was the leader of this ride which went to the Middle East Conflicts Wall in Marseilles and ended in Yorkville for lunch. The weather was beautiful and new friends were made as well as recruited for the Club!
- The very next day, Bill Hay led an impromptu ride on country roads to Galena with lunch at Chestnut Mountain Ski Resort. Thank you, Bill!

New Business

- The roving dinner for January 18, 2011 will be held at Andres Restaurant in Batavia on Route 25.
- The Christmas party is being organized this year by Dave Moore. Thank you Dave, for all your hard work!! We will have our own private room at the Old Town Pub & Eatery in Geneva from 7:00 until "who knows when" on Friday, December 16th. The cost per person which includes the buffet and appetizers will be \$18.75 per person. A couple of motions were made: (1) Lee Grunwald motioned and Larry Tyma seconded to allow Bob Crawley collect money for the party; (2) Michael D'Aversa motioned and Jim Thevenot seconded that each attendee pay \$10.00 even though the actual cost per person is \$18.75; and (3) Larry Tyma motioned, with Jim Thevenot seconding that any reimbursement we receive from Honda Riders Club will stay in the Club's treasury instead of being refunded to party attendees. All three motions were unanimously approved by the members.

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- Jim Copas announced that members of the Club rode a total of 146,825 miles in 2011! Wow!! We will be keeping track of the aggregate miles in the future.
- Fox Valley Cycles is throwing a Participation Challenge Party on Friday, November 18 at 7:30. Everyone is invited to attend. FVC is donating \$300 to reward the top 5 riders of the year. Jim Copas suggested that the Club throw in an additional \$200 from the treasury. Harlan Chapman made this motion, Carol seconded and it was unanimously approved.
- Jim thanked everyone! **Members, Ride Leaders, Ride Sweeps and Officers** for a great year!
- We will be electing officers at the December meeting. The positions are Administrator/Editor, Secretary, Treasurer, Vice President, and President.
- Bob Crawley said that IFSR membership renewal will begin in December.
- Jim Thevenot said that Friday is Veterans Day. All veterans present at the meeting were asked to stand to be recognized: Harlan Chapman, Jim Thevenot, Lance Lemvig, Dave Moore and Gene Hillard. Thank you to you guys for your past service to our country.

Adjournment

Jim closed the meeting after Lee L. motioned for adjournment, seconded by Jim Thevenot. Members proceeded to Grandma's Table Restaurant in Montgomery for dinner.