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Illini Free Spirit Riders

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NEWSLETTER & EVENTS

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Newsletter



- Don't forget FVC's new Participation Challenge, beginning January 1, 2009, thru October 31, 2009, in which you will be rewarded for participating in the approved list of IFSR and FVC events. For example, you receive three tickets each time you attend a monthly meeting. If you have not yet received a copy of this list, please contact any of your club officers. There will be a party in November to announce the winners and prizes.

- The 28th Annual Cycle World International Motorcycle Show for 2009 is fast approaching. This is worth three tickets in the Participation Challenge.
 - Donald E. Stephens Convention Center, 5555 North River Road, Rosemont, IL
 - Friday, February 6 – 4:00 pm-10:00 pm
 - Saturday, February 7 – 9:00 am-9:00 pm
 - Sunday, February 8 – 9:00 am-5:00 pm
- Mark your calendars for the Aurora Motorcycle Sunday on April 26, 2009 (It will give us something to look forward to at the end of the winter. Could it be our first Last Sunday Ride?)
- A reminder: HRCA no longer offers Roadside Assistance; it must be purchased from your friendly local Honda dealer. It is available in one year increments ranging from one year (\$50) to five years (\$120).
- Michael prepared and conducted a very successful Off-Season, Group-Riding Workshop Saturday, January 9. Attendance was good, but some of you missed the opportunity to learn and to earn points in the Participation Challenge.
- Fox Valley Cycles has once again invited the Illini Free Spirit Riders to go bowling. This year's bowling outing, once again, is at Parkside Lanes, on Friday, January 30 at 6:30 PM. For only \$12 per person, you get three games of bowling, shoe rental, pizza and pop. This has been a really fun time, whether you bowl well or not, so please come. Sign up at the FVC office or call Michelle Medina or Chris Tracy at 630-851-2910.



Birthdays

January

1: Lorena Himes
2: Bea Moffitt
8: Larry Skelly

10: Kathy Weglarek

16: John Conley

25: Harlen Chapman

February

3: Dawn Mays

6: Mark Pawelski

President's Message

Welcome to 2009! Thanks to you members who braved the lousy weather to attend our recent Group Riding Workshop. Besides gaining three tickets apiece in the Participation Challenge, we had fun and shared some good tips and strategies for the riding season ahead. Speaking of which, I would like to continue having First Saturday and Last Sunday rides if it ever warms up again, but with one change: We will try to announce more destinations farther in advance. To do this, we will need help from a bunch of volunteer ride planners, captains and assistants. And don't worry about being left out, because if you don't contact us to volunteer, we will gladly contact you.

Finally, we will not be lacking stuff to do before the warm weather arrives. Look for details elsewhere in this newsletter about the Fox Valley Cycles bowling outing on January 30 and our club pizza party on February 18. We'll be taking sign-ups at the monthly meeting(s) leading up to each event. And of course we'll have our usual weekly eats all year long, with more regular hangout locations starting in February. Please come out and join us—yes, you. You will always be welcome!

—Michael D'Aversa



Calendar

Roving	Jan. 21	6:30PM	Poor Boys, 283 Montgomery Rd, Montgomery, IL (630) 801-1808
Roving	Jan. 28	6:30PM	Comfort Zone, 110 Light Road, Oswego, Illinois (630) 886-8350
FVC Bowling	Jan. 30	6:30PM	Parkside Lanes, SE corner of Hill Ave. & Montgomery Rd., Aurora, IL, (630) 898-5678
Dinner	Feb. 4	6:30PM	Larry's Diner, 24522 W Lockport St, Plainfield, IL (815) 436-3055
Int'l Motorcycle Show	Feb. 6-8	-----	Donald E. Stephens Convention Center, 5555 North River Road, Rosemont, IL
Meeting	Feb. 11	6:00PM	Meeting at FVC and dinner at the Select Restaurant in Montgomery
Pizza Party	Feb. 18	6:30PM	Nabby's, 14802 S. Michigan St., Plainfield, IL (815) 436-7502 (pizza & soft drinks paid by club)
Dinner	Feb. 25	6:30PM	Bridge Street Café, 213 S Bridge St, Yorkville, IL (630) 553-9230
Dinner	March 4	6:30PM	Larry's Diner, 24522 W Lockport St, Plainfield, IL (815) 436-3055