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NEWSLETTER & EVENTS

July 2009

Newsletter

- IFSR members continue to be on a winning streak at the Fox Valley Cycles Open House events. Over the last two years, members have won three motorcycles and two LoJack security systems—actually, one of our members has won 40% of those items... care to guess who that member might be?
- We continue to have nice turnouts for most of the scheduled rides this year. Kudos to all who have worked to make each ride fun, safe and a success.
- Speaking of turnouts, we want to see a REALLY BIG turnout of IFSR members (yes, you) for the Chicagoland Ride for Kids® on Sunday, July 19, so please, raise some donations, mark your calendar and be there! Be sure to sign-up in advance at Fox Valley Cycles for the "Ride Before The Ride." We meet at FVC at 7:00 a.m. on the 19th, gassed up and ready to go! Departure time is 7:30 a.m.
- Our Sunday Brunch Ride on July 26, weather permitting, will be to Wildlife Prairie State Park in Hanna City, IL (near Peoria). Advance sign-up is required (see Michael D'Aversa). Departing from the R Place



truck stop parking lot at 8:30 AM, we will take a quick route (some interstates) there and then meander home after we have eaten our fill and visited the animal park for a while. Park admission is \$6.50 and the brunch (a real feast) is \$13.99 plus tax and gratuity. This is a great place to visit and the ride home can be pretty nice as well.

- Make your reservation NOW for our August 1 club overnighiter to Middleton for the Wisconsin Ride or Kids®! The official hotel for this event is the Country Inn & Suites—Madison West, telephone (608) 831-6970. Their Ride for Kids special rate (ask for it by name) is \$84 for a room with two queen beds. If they fill up, there are other hotels nearby, but wherever you stay, you must reserve soon, because all rooms in the area will be booked for this event. Contact Michael D'Aversa if you have any questions, and let him know ASAP after you have your reservation, so he knows you are going. Departure time and place(s) will depend on who attends. This rain-or-shine overnighiter gets a little more popular each year, no matter the weather.

Safety Tips

- Some street survival tips from Motorcycle Cruiser Website:
 - Assume you are invisible and that driver does not see you.
 - Hope for the best, prepare for the worst—dress for the crash.
 - Left-turning cars are your enemy—pay attention.
 - Check your tire pressure before each ride.



President's Message

I guess what they say about time going by faster as one gets older is true, because I can't believe it's July already. When I was a kid (sometime after the discovery of fire), summer took forever to arrive and then hung around for a while. Nowadays it goes by like a sneeze. So last week I wasn't sure whether to tell people, "Happy 4th of July" or to yell, "Gesundheit!"

As most of you know, this club participates in two Ride or Kids® events, the Chicagoland event in July and the much smaller Wisconsin event in August. For the Chicagoland ride, we meet at Fox Valley Cycles, where our sponsor generously provides doughnuts and coffee before leading us on to Elgin. For the Wisconsin ride, we take our dear, sweet time riding up the day before and then chow down at the local Quaker Steak and Lube before turning in. The following morning, we enjoy the ride, which takes us down some beautiful Wisconsin country roads, and then we go home. These are two great events for one worthwhile cause. Barring unforeseen issues, I plan to attend both of them—one with my daughter and the other with my son. I hope each of you will join me for at least one of them. If you have any questions or concerns, please contact me. As always, ride safe!

—Michael D'Aversa

Calendar

Harley Museum	July 12	TBD	Harley-Davidson Museum, Milwaukee, WI: watch email for details**
Roving Dinner	July 15	6:30PM	Andres Restaurant, 5 Webster Street, Batavia, (866) 491-4523*
Chicagoland R4K	July 19	7:00AM	Chicagoland Ride for Kids®, Elgin Community College
Dinner	July 22	6:30PM	Bridge Street Café, 213 S Bridge St, Yorkville, IL (630) 553-9230*
Last Sunday Ride	July 26	8:30AM	Brunch Ride to Wildlife Prairie State Park in Hanna City, IL. <u>Advance sign-up required</u> (see Michael D'Aversa). Departing from the R Place Truck Stop. Park admission-\$6.50—brunch-\$13.99+tax & gratuity. ***
Dinner	July 29	6:30PM	Diamonds, 3000 Plainfield Road, Joliet, IL (815) 436-1070*
First Saturday Ride	August 1-2		Wisconsin Ride For Kids® <u>overnighter</u> : See newsletter for additional information and contact Michael D'Aversa with questions.***
Dinner	August 5	6:30PM	Larry's Diner, 24522 W Lockport St, Plainfield, IL (815) 436-3055*
Meeting	August 12	6:00PM	Meeting at FVC and dinner at the Select Restaurant in Montgomery**
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*
Last Sunday Ride	August 30	TBD	Anderson (Japanese) Gardens Ride: watch email for details***
Dinner	September 2	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

