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NEWSLETTER & EVENTS

March 2009

Newsletter



- Despite the snowy conditions, several club members (and one guest) attended the Group Rides meeting on Saturday, February 21. Participation was lively and several rides were suggested and many were scheduled for the coming year. A couple of the suggested rides are still pending while waiting on additional information. A couple of the scheduled rides are still without pledged leaders; however, here are the rides that have been scheduled (depending on weather, the economy, etc). All of these events have been placed on the Club calendar (www.freespiritriders.com/Calendar.html): (POC = Point of Contact)
 - April 26—Motorcycle Sunday, Aurora, IL—POC: Michael D'Aversa
 - May 2—Railroad Museum, Union, IL—POC: Pending
 - May 30—FVC Open House—not a ride, but an event we should all try to attend
- May 31—Fox River Run—POC: Leo Thompson
- June 6—Mystery Ride (estimated to be about 400 miles roundtrip)—POC: Larry Yackley
- June 13—Rock Island Arsenal—POC: Eddie Cullins/Mark Frueh
- June 28—Galena/Savanna Ride—POC: Jim Thevenot
- July 4—Red Bud Ride, Buchanan, MI—POC: Eddie Cullins
- July 12—Harley Museum, Milwaukee, WI—POC: Jim Thevenot
- July 19—Chicagoland Ride for Kids—POC: Fox Valley Cycles
- July 26—Brunch Ride (destination to be determined)—POC: Michael D'Aversa
- August 1/2—Wisconsin Ride for Kids (overnighter)—POC: Michael D'Aversa
- August 16—Ice Cream Tour w/Rochelle Riders Club (worth additional Participation Challenge points)—POC: Jon Cleaver
- August 30—Anderson (Japanese) Gardens, Rockford, IL—POC: Pending
- September 27—Holy Hill, WI—POC: Lee Grunwald
- October 3—Oregon Stronghold—POC: Jim Kopchok
- Here are some unofficial events that one or more club members will be attending:
 - All Ohio Bike Fest—Marysville, Ohio, July 23-25—POC: Jim Thevenot
 - Midwest Motorcycle Rally—LaCrosse, WI, July 17-19—POC: Jim Thevenot

President's Message

On February 21—a cold, snowy, windy and otherwise miserable Saturday morning—a full dozen of us filed into Fox Valley Cycles and, armed with our maps, brochures, coffee and doughnuts, we loaded the calendar with rides and events from April through October. Not bad! Three years ago, Eddie Cullins envisioned having a whole season's worth of rides scheduled in advance, so he gets half the credit—the other half goes to everybody who braved that crappy weather to get it done. Now please, look at our calendar, select the rides that interest you and add those rides to your own calendar, so that you reserve those dates. We have everything from day trips to multi-day trips in there and besides, you owe it to yourself to do at least one of our club rides this year.

We have had a few warmer days already this month and some of us were able to do a little riding. I don't know about the rest of you, but my first few miles felt a little awkward. I intend to spend some time working the "rust" out of my riding skills. I also need to tend to my preventive maintenance, as I noticed a few nuts and bolts on my bike that needed tightening. And speaking of noticing things, check out all those potholes and construction hazards, to say nothing of car drivers who are not prepared to see us. You know the drill: Let's do everything we can to have a safe riding season!

—*Michael D'Aversa*



Calendar

Roving Dinner	March 18	6:30PM	Cazadores Bar & Grill, 110 N. Lake St., Aurora, IL (630) 264-2100
Dinner	March 25	6:30PM	Bridge Street Café, 213 S Bridge St, Yorkville, IL (630) 553-9230
Dinner	April 1	6:30PM	Larry's Diner, 24522 W Lockport St, Plainfield, IL (815) 436-3055
Meeting	April 8	6:00PM	Meeting at FVC and dinner at the Select Restaurant in Montgomery
Roving Dinner	April 15	6:30PM	TBD
Dinner	April 22	6:30PM	Bridge Street Café, 213 S Bridge St, Yorkville, IL (630) 553-9230
First Sunday Ride	April 26	9:00AM	Motorcycle Sunday, Phillips Park, Aurora, IL (meet at FVC at 8:30AM)
Dinner	April 29	6:30PM	Diamonds, 3000 Plainfield Road, Joliet, IL (815) 436-1070
First Saturday Ride	May 2	9:00AM	Meet at FVC – watch email for details
Dinner	May 6	6:30PM	Larry's Diner, 24522 W Lockport St, Plainfield, IL (815) 436-3055

