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# Illini Free Spirit Riders

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## NEWSLETTER & EVENTS

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### Newsletter

- Based on input from last month's meeting, the Christmas/New Year's/Holiday Party will be tentatively scheduled after the holidays (Saturday, January 9, 2010?). Three restaurants have been queried thus far.
  - Magiano's in Naperville has a great offering, except it has a minimum charge of \$1,250 + 20% service charge + 8.25% tax for \$1,603, and for a group of 25 that comes to \$64 per person.
  - Fireside Grille in Sugar Grove is the least expensive at approximately \$29 per person, but we would have to share a room with another group.
  - Luigi's House on Route 59 (the location of our Christmas Party in 2007) is a bit more expensive at \$38.64 per person (that includes tax and gratuity). However, we get a private room sized for a group of 25 to 30 people (must have a minimum group of 20) for four hours. That would include a cocktail hour with two appetizers (cash bar) and a four-course meal to include your choice of two salads; 2 pastas; 2 entrees; 2 side dishes and 2 desserts. Coffee, tea and iced tea are included.

Input from members is desired and soon. When the final

decision is made, RSVPs will be required.

- Club Officer Elections are next month. Please give consideration to running for one of the offices (President, Vice President, Secretary and Treasurer). Participation by all members makes for a more vibrant and viable club. To vote, you must attend the December club meeting.
- Fortunately, several new members have joined during 2009. Please make it a point to personally welcome them whenever the opportunity presents itself. If you know anyone who might be a potential member, please use your best recruiting skills to entice them into joining.
- If you have ideas for club activities during the winter months (or the warmer times of the year), please share them with the club. You can present them during a monthly meeting or directly to the President or other club officer.

### Safety Tips

- I know there are a few of you who venture out in the cold and the snow. Here is a good Webpage on winter riding (too lengthy for this Newsletter): <http://www.amadirectlink.com/features/Cold/index.asp>

# President's Message

When I walked in to my first Free Spirit Riders meeting in January, 2004, I didn't know a soul in the club. From the very start, several long-time members went out of their way to make me feel welcome—so I joined. Because I wasn't afraid to ask questions or offer suggestions, other members soon got to know me better. In other words they took steps, I took steps, and things worked. I became more involved and have been active in the club ever since. Others have had similar experiences, but not all. That's a dirty shame.

My story above touches upon three essential things that have to happen if this club is to continue thriving. First, long-standing members need to make sure that newer members feel like they belong. Invite them to sit with you at meetings and meals, ask if they are coming to the next event, etc. Second, newer members need to do things like show up at meetings and events, ask questions about things they do not understand, and offer suggestions that we older members may not have thought of on our own (believe me, it happens). Finally, all members—new and old, male and female—need to actively participate in club business and activities.

As members of the Illini Free Spirit Riders, each and every one of you is important to me. You belong here and I wholeheartedly encourage each of you to act like it!

-- Michael D'Aversa

## Calendar

<b>PC Party</b>	<b>November 13 7:00PM</b>	<b>Participation Challenge Party at FVC</b>
<b>Roving Dinner</b>	<b>November 18 6:30PM</b>	<b>Paulie's Pub &amp; Grille, 444 N Eola Rd, Aurora, IL (630) 499-8956</b>
<b>Dinner</b>	<b>November 25</b>	<b>No Dinner—Thanksgiving tomorrow</b>
<b>Dinner</b>	<b>December 2 6:30PM</b>	<b>Larry's Diner, 24522 W Lockport St, Plainfield, IL (815) 436-3055</b>
<b>Meeting</b>	<b>December 9 6:00PM</b>	<b>Meeting at FVC and dinner at (restaurant TBD)</b>
<b>Roving Dinner</b>	<b>December 16 6:30PM</b>	<b>Grandma's Table, 1700 Douglas Rd, Montgomery, IL (630) 892-1100</b>
<b>Dinner</b>	<b>December 23 6:30PM</b>	<b>Bridge Street Café, 213 S Bridge St, Yorkville, IL (630) 553-9230</b>
<b>Dinner</b>	<b>December 30 6:30PM</b>	<b>Diamonds, 3000 Plainfield Road, Joliet, IL (815) 436-1070</b>
<b>Dinner</b>	<b>January 6 6:30PM</b>	<b>Larry's Diner, 24522 W Lockport St, Plainfield, IL (815) 436-3055</b>

