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# Illini Free Spirit Riders

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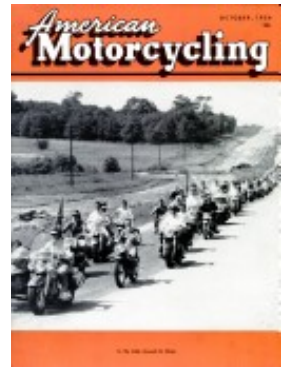
## NEWSLETTER & EVENTS

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### Newsletter

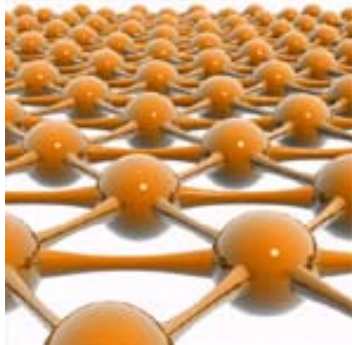
- Congratulations to Mike and Lorena Himes. They are the proud parents of a new baby boy, Daniel Evan, born August 23, at 8AM.
- Google now has issues of the American Motorcyclist Magazine posted online, dating from January, 1955 to September, 2007. Knowing what a hardcore bunch of Internet junkies we all are, I am providing a link that gives access to all of these back issues. Take a nostalgic look back to a time when men were men and motorcycles marked their own trails. Happy surfing. ☺

<http://tinyurl.com/AMMagazine>



### Safety Tips

- Michael recently sent me a couple of links about an interesting new material named d30. It is soft, flexible and lightweight; however, upon receiving an impact, it hardens nearly instantly and may have a significant influence on the type of protective clothing offered to participants of active sports such as skiing and motorcycling. It should be stressed that this material will not provide the degree of protection offered by a traditional helmet or the reinforced clothing worn by motorcyclists. Here is the address for a Discovery Channel video (on YouTube) regarding this product: <http://tinyurl.com/d30protection>.



(photos from d30.com)

# President's Message

I think Vern Scott first began talking to me about the Anderson Japanese Gardens in 2005. Now that I have finally been there, I really appreciate the patience, persistence and perseverance that Vern demonstrated on this matter over the years. The place is gorgeous! I have posted a few photos on the club's website gallery, but they don't do the place justice. You just have to experience it to understand. I hope we go back again sometime.

Speaking of going back, our Last Sunday Ride this month is a recurring favorite of the club. Please join us on September 27 when we will follow (hopefully) Lee Grunwald to Holy Hill near Hubertus, Wisconsin. You definitely don't need to be Catholic, or even particularly religious, to appreciate this ride. The basilica is majestic, the view from its lofty hilltop location is breathtaking, and the roads leading to and from this destination—especially if Grunwald is leading—are themselves worth the trip. If you have not yet gone on a club ride this year, here is an excellent opportunity. Stay tuned for details.

As autumn quickly approaches, so does some of our finest riding weather. However, living in the Midwest, we never know for sure when our riding season is over until it actually ends—sometimes abruptly. I urge everybody to make the most of whatever riding opportunities remain. And as always, ride safe!  
—Michael D'Aversa

## Calendar

Sandwich Fair	Sept 9-13	—	<a href="http://www.sandwichfair.com/">www.sandwichfair.com/</a>
<b>Roving Dinner</b>	<b>Sept 16</b>	<b>6:30PM</b>	<b>Hounds Blue Moon Restaurant, 2124 W. Galena Blvd, Aurora, IL (630) 966-0600*</b>
<b>Dinner</b>	<b>Sept 23</b>	<b>6:30PM</b>	<b>Bridge Street Café, 213 S Bridge St, Yorkville, IL (630) 553-9230*</b>
<b>Last Sunday Ride</b>	<b>Sept 27</b>	<b>TBD</b>	<b>Holy Hill, WI—Lee Grunwald will be the leader: watch email for details***</b>
<b>Dinner</b>	<b>Sept 30</b>	<b>6:30PM</b>	<b>Diamonds, 3000 Plainfield Road, Joliet, IL (815) 436-1070*</b>
<b>First Saturday Ride</b>	<b>October 3</b>	<b>TBD</b>	<b>Oregon Stronghold ride***</b>
<b>Dinner</b>	<b>October 7</b>	<b>6:30PM</b>	<b>Larry's Diner, 24522 W Lockport St, Plainfield, IL (815) 436-3055*</b>
<b>Meeting</b>	<b>October 14</b>	<b>6:00PM</b>	<b>Meeting at FVC and dinner at the Select Restaurant in Montgomery**</b>
<b>Roving Dinner</b>	<b>October 21</b>	<b>6:30PM</b>	<b>Baci Italian Ristorante, 407 W Lockport Rd, Plainfield, IL (815) 436-3588*</b>
<b>Last Sunday Ride</b>	<b>October 25</b>	<b>TBD</b>	<b>TBD***</b>
<b>Dinner</b>	<b>October 28</b>	<b>6:30PM</b>	<b>Bridge Street Café, 213 S Bridge St, Yorkville, IL (630) 553-9230*</b>
<b>Dinner</b>	<b>November 4</b>	<b>6:30PM</b>	<b>Larry's Diner, 24522 W Lockport St, Plainfield, IL (815) 436-3055*</b>

\* 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