

**Big River Riders Events**

- 6-9 Wing Ding in Knoxville, Tn.
- 9 Sat Meeting @ The Shed, Davenport @ 0900 Breakfast at 0800
- 17 Sun H-2's Wing Fling @ Lake Story in Galesburg, Il. Depart Milan Hy-Vee @ 0800
- 23 Sat Doug's Church's of Iowa Ride **We meet at First Presbyterian Church on the corner of Iowa St and Kirkwood Blvd at 0800.**

Full tanks too don't forget.



# "O" NEWS

Check us out on the Web-[www.gwrri-iao.org/](http://www.gwrri-iao.org/)



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## Chapter O Directors

### From the Jetway

On this fine early summer day many of us have to thank Johnnie Mohr for a fun outing in search of those dang bells. Five were found and many were given away so that their good luck can be passed to the recipient, at least according to legend. Johnnie awarded a cash prize to won of the winners with a special bell. I'll let Johnnie tell more about that. We also had a card drawing at each stop and yours truly won the booby prize for low score. I thank you all for the thirteen dollars I won. It will be put to some wasteful purpose, I'm sure, like ice cream for me and my Granddaughter, Country Style is our favorite.

Looking ahead to the following weeks many of our local members will be attend all or part of the festivities at Wing Ding in Knoxville.

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**IA"O" meets 2<sup>nd</sup> Saturday of the month @ the Iowa Machine Shed, Davenport, Iowa. {Exit #292 off I-80} Breakfast @ 8:00am, Meeting @ 9:00am. {N41 35.659 W90 36.803}**

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**NORMS NOTES**

I just returned from Johnnie’s “Hobo Stew & Bell Ride. The numbers were down a little this year due to people going on vacation etc, but we still had a nice turnout and everyone had a great time riding and eating. We had people from 3 different chapters attend this year. Thanks Johnnie, for again hosting what has become a great annual event.

Coming up in July is the 33<sup>rd</sup> annual Wing Ding, this year being held in Knoxville, TN. The week after that is Illinois H-2’s Wing Fling, held at the Lake Story Pavilion in Galesburg. And then it’s Doug’s “Churches of Iowa Ride” on July 23<sup>rd</sup>. This is the second time Doug has put together a Churches of Iowa ride and this years ride promises to be as good if not better than the last one.

The weather this year hasn’t been very conducive for riding, so it’s hard to plan much. However, we do get some good days and we need to take advantage of as many as possible.

For everyone heading to Knoxville, have a good, fun trip. Ride safe, and we’ll see you all and swap stories when you get back.

Norm Lake ACD IAO

**From the Jetway** {Continued from p.1}

I know that some have already left the area for the Smoky Mountains, Deal’s Gap, Nantahala Gorge, and all those great twisty roads that abound in southern Appalachia. I wish that I could have had the time this year to go but alas I’m saving up for a trip that I will tell about later, oh what the heck I’m going to Idaho through northern Colorado in August. Hopefully I can do the Bear Tooth Pass again in Montana. This will take place after the District Convention in Burlington.

We expect all of those travelers to give written reports or at least share there stories at the September gathering. We will not be having an August meeting because of the conflict with District Convention. Now there will be no reason that we can’t have a big crowd of Chapter “O” supporters for our delegates, the English’s and Dave Brasmer, they are Chapter Couple and Individual of the Year, respectfully. It’s not so far that we can’t drive down and back the same day. Let us be there for them in a big way.

I want take this space to thank Johnnie again for getting some of us involved in the local triathlon competition. Relax, there aren’t any of us who would be able to complete one of these events. We just hauled judges around the fifteen miles of the bicycle riding competition. Some of there bikes rival the cost of riding a Gold Wing. Carbon fiber and Kevlar frames with ultra light wheels abounded in the bike rack area. Serious money and time spent here getting ready for the event. My hat is off to all who train and compete. My only complaint is that they start awfully early in the morning. We had to show up by six in the morning. Not easy for this guy.

These are the ramblings of your chapter director comments and criticisms should be directed referred to my wife, God bless her.

Tom Smith  
Iowa “O” CD



By popular demand: Sassy Wingdingers will gather for lunch @ Osaka Japanese Restaurant @ 11:30 am, July 13, 2011, 4707 - 16th St. Moline - across from Von Maur, South Park Mall. If you plan to attend please RSVP Karen English @ englishdj@mchsi.com.

**Activity Prize Winner**  
Lanny Anderson

**50/50 Winners**  
Tony Jackson, Dave Brasmer, & Paul Berube



## Education Center



Two years ago, when the big boss was having his monthly meeting, he asked if anyone was familiar with the Moline, Illinois area. "Yea, a little." I responded. (I knew where it was.) Then, he went on to explain that he had taken over the IS department at River Valley, (formerly John Deere Health). He had been to Moline the week before. His first impression was that there were no fast food joints in the downtown Moline area. He couldn't believe that there wasn't a McDonalds on every street corner. Las Vegas has a fast food place, a Seven-eleven and usually a quick oil change place on just about every corner. He thought that was the way it should be everywhere, I guess.

Events unfolded and a few weeks later, I was on my way back to the mid-west after spending my adult life in the south-west (almost 51 years, Dec 1958 – Nov 2009). My very first step was to get on the GWRRA website and look for a chapter in the area. I was very eager tour through some new areas. After all, one sage brush looks pretty much like the next. I wanted some green trees and maybe a little water to look at.

Well, I wasn't disappointed. Chapter O has some members with incredible local knowledge. Bob Berry knows all the best back roads. Johnnie's Hobo Stew ride, this past weekend, was an excellent example. We set at Lock 16 and watched a barge go through. (Don't see that much in Nevada.)

A big factor in what makes all this sightseeing so enjoyable is the way that GWRRA chapters ride. We ride safely, comfortably, in an organized manner, with experienced leaders and riders. I could tell horror stories about rides with other groups. (... and I will this month at the meeting).

GWRRA publishes material about group riding. One of their first points is that it's really 'team' riding. When you get a couple minutes, download the following .pdf file. It's a quick read and explains the techniques and concepts that allow us to have a safe and enjoyable riding experience.

[http://www.gwrra.org/regional/ridered/PDF\\_Files/TeamRidingManualver2-5-25-05.pdf](http://www.gwrra.org/regional/ridered/PDF_Files/TeamRidingManualver2-5-25-05.pdf)

Talk to one of the veteran riders - Tom, Norm, Johnnie, Doug, Dennis, or someone if you're hungry for a Big Mac. They'll help you with directions. I'm going to the little mom and pop place the Bob has scouted out for us on the next ride.

Mike Brugger  
IA-O CE

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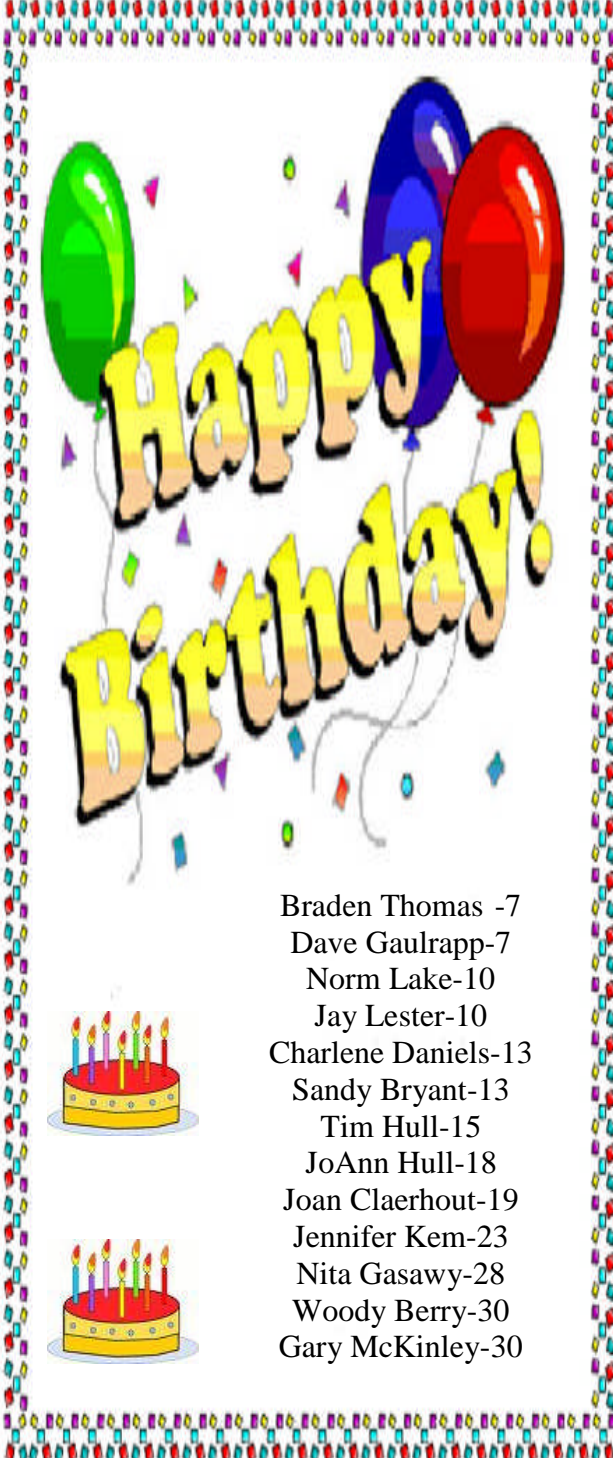
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# What's Cookin...

By Bev Jones



## Campbell's Slow Cooker Savory Pot Roast

Prep: 10 minutes cook: 8 hours makes: 6 servings

1 can (10 ¾ oz.) Campbell's condensed Cream of Mushroom soup

1 pouch (1 oz.) dry onion soup and recipe mix

6 small red potatoes, halved

6 medium carrots, cut into 2" pieces

3 - 3 ½ lb. boneless beef bottom round roast or chuck pot roast

1. Stir soup, onion soup mix, potatoes and carrots in 4 ½ qt. slow cooker.

2. Cover and cook on LOW 8-9 hours or on HIGH 4-5 hours until beef is fork-tender.

Any type of roast will work with these ingredients. I used an arm roast that was about 1 ¾ lbs., so it didn't take as long to cook and was just as tasty. Billy Bob gave this recipe 5 star.

## From Your ROGER Ride Coordinators

It must be like pacing the floor while your wife is in "Delivery". Hoping everything will go right, and nothing will go wrong. For us it was the weather. ROGER Ride is held "rain or shine", but shine is much more preferable than rain is. We got what we wanted though: A beautiful day in the Midwest with a cool morning and a high during the day of seventy-five degrees. It was just what we needed to bring out Goldwing riders. We had 81 people attend ROGER Ride this year. It's not a record, but it was a good turnout.

We also had wonderful support from all of you in Chapter O. Without you it wouldn't happen. Everything from reserving Whispering Pines (Mary Ann Boemecke), preparing food (Diana Berube and Connie Weckel), all of you who donated raffle prizes (Too many to name here.), Faith Sorensen and Donna Wesley for taping raffle ticket bags to tables, sign in table (Connie Weckel, Jackie Saelens, Teresa Keller, Johnnie Mohr, Vickie McKinley), and put on the "on bike games" (Dean Wesley, Randy Scott, Tom Smith). You and others in the chapter made it happen, and made ROGER Ride a success. We thank everyone who helped and attended!

The ROGER Ride put together by our Ride Coordinator Bob Berry didn't get washed out this year as in last year's down pour. As usual we had two major groups going in opposite loops of about 2 hours length. Our thanks to the lead and trail bikers for taking care of business.

Thanks to the people of six other chapters who rode in for the fun. We love it when our neighbors come to see us.

"On bike game" winners were Bob Peletier (IA-O) in the Two Wheel Turn & Swerve, Gary Reed (IL-H2) in the Trike Turn & Swerve, Roger Fries (WI-I) in the Two Wheel Stop On a Dime, and Paul & Deb Herberger (WI-I) in the Trike Back Seat Driver. Thank you to all who participated.

We want to especially thank everyone for the many (59) raffle prizes that were donated. We sold a lot of raffle tickets thanks

to all of you. We'd also like to thank Hawkeye Motorworks, Olive Garden Restaurant, Famous Dave's, Dr. Gyros, Machine Shed, Fulton Meat Market, Jack's Chicken Palace, Richman's Café, Village Club & Grille, and Barb Rivera for their generous donations to the raffle table.


Our 50/50 winners at ROGER Ride were Rich Wesolowski, Karen English, Lanny & Carolyn Anderson, and Lou Ann Kerr.

We also got an opportunity to see Lynn Rasmussen's two-tone trike. It was featured in the July Wing World (pp 54) with an article by Dan and Lynn. Great article and a truly one of a kind trike!

Dennis was awarded a beautiful watch by Dave Brasmer. Someone commented that it was the first time Dennis was caught speechless. In any case the gift was very much appreciated.

*Dennis & Karen English*

Your ROGER Ride Coordinators



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### Hobo Stew and Bell Ride

Well, the bell ride on June 26th was a huge success as far as I am concerned. We had about a seventy mile with five stops to locate "Angel Bells". I thought they were hidden pretty well but all but on was found rather quickly. We left Hy-Vee at 10:00 as advertised with 16 motorcycles and 23 people to start for the first stop. This was south of Andalusia at my brother-in-law's place; Lyle has cancer for the second time and is not doing very well. He thoroughly enjoyed us using his place for the stop and wanted to thank everyone who made his day a lot better. And thanks to the riders that went up on the porch to talk with him.

The second stop was at the Hilltop Nursery where the winning bell was found by Dave Brasmer. The owner's husband came up to where we parked rather quickly to see what was going on with all the bikes parked away from the sales area. His wife forgot to tell him that we were coming and he was rather concerned.

The third stop was at Lock and Dam 16, Muscatine, on the Illinois side. We took a rest stop here and watched a barge lock thru. From there, on to Buffalo Prairie for the fourth stop across from the fire station. An easy find for Bob Millikan from H2. On to the last stop outside of Reynolds. This bell rather well hidden.(I thought) was also found rather quickly

On to Taylor Ridge for Hobo Stew, hot dogs pop and brats, plus many side dishes that the riders brought. This was appreciated by all, especially me. Thank you all.

We fed a total of 29 people, I think everyone ate their fill because there was some left over.

I personally want to thank every one that helped in any way. I believe that included everyone, but especially our cooks; Bob Berry and LuAnn Kerr; Karen English and MaryAnn Boemecke for doing the can pickup, getting the stew ready at my home and having everything ready when we arrived shortly after 1:00 pm. Thanks also to Karen for making the emergency run. To Bubba for taking care of the cards at the five stops, and to the group leaders, Bob Berry and Tom Smith. To the drags Doug Boemecke, Dennis English and Norm Lake. And to everyone who stayed and helped put everything away before they went home. You know my memory is not to good and I know many other people helped a lot, so to them, also a big THANK YOU. Without you all this would not have been a success.

THANKS AGAIN! The winners were: Dave Brasmer, \$40.00 for the winning bell; Tony Jackson, \$25.00 for the highest score and our own Tom Smith for the lowest score received \$13.00. Other bell finders were Courtney Walters, Doug Boemecke, Dale Andrews and Bob Millikan.

**Johnnie**



Don't forget your PASSPORT. Tom will be glad to stamp it!!!





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in ordering Chap-  
ter Shirts, see Bob  
Berry*



3 early riser volunteers

### **Riding with the BIG RIVER RIDERS**

On Sunday June 26 we had our annual Johnnie Mohr Hobo Stew Ride. We had 17 bikes and great weather. Johnnie set up another great ride and bell hunt. Dave Brasmer was the big winner with a cash prize of Forty dollars. as usual the food and camaraderie was excellent. And thanks to all the behind the scene helpers who made this another excellent Chapter event

Sunday July 17 is Il H-2's Annual Wing Fling at Galesburg's Lake Story. We will meet at the Milan Hy-Vee and LEAVE there at 0800. This is H-2's fund raiser, so let's have a good turn out and support our good friends in H-2. I will be out of town and Tom Smith will lead this event

And another not to miss ride this year is The Iowa Churches Ride being put together by Doug Boemecke. Doug's put a lot of work into this event already and has a very exact schedule. It will be a long day, so get a good night's sleep and pack a picnic lunch. We will be having a sit down dinner later in the day. **So mark Saturday July 23 on your calendar now. WE meet at First Presbyterian Church on the corner of Iowa St and Kirkwood Blvd at 0800. Full tanks too don't forget.**

On Saturday August 6th we have a day ride planned to Arbela, Mo. to a place called the Catfish Place. This will be a long day in the saddle so get a good night's rest. We will leave the Milan Hy-Vee at 0800.

August 12-13 is our District Event in Burlington, Ia. This event will replace our monthly meeting so chapter members can attend. We want to have a good showing here and support our Chapter members who may be competing in the Individual and Couple of the year events. Also a chance to see different vendors and just have a good time. Hope to see you all participate in this event.

Also in August we have a full weekend on the 27th and 28th. On Saturday the 27th we have the Anderson's annual potluck at their home. Lannie and Carolyn host this annual event supplying the main course and drinks. We can bring a dish to pass.

Then on Sunday the 28th we will meet at the Milan Hy-Vee and go to Il-R's annual Surprise ride. This too is a very well attended event with many chapters participating. The cost is nominal and they serve a grilled pork sandwich with chips. There are also games raffles and plenty given away. So if you have never been on this ride, join us and join in the fun to be had in participating in another GWRRA event.

Be sure to check the website for any changes in the schedule and watch your emails too. I know there are other chapter events not listed here that we as a chapter or as individuals we may want to participate in. Unfortunately we can't do them all but we can do a good number of them if we participate

in our organization.

## RIDE SAFE AND CHECK THOSE TIRES

**Bob Berry IAO RC**



Lock and dam 16 in Illinois.

Lyle Acker home.

