



Big River Riders



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Fun Things To Do This Month With Chapter O

- 13 Sat Meeting @ "The Machine Shed" in Davenport, 9 am, breakfast @ 8 am
- 21 Sun Dinner at Country Fix'ns, Colona, IL - 4 pm
- 26 Thurs Info Only (Thanksgiving)

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From the Valley

As we write this Mother Nature is giving us some needed moisture, and along with that come cooler temperatures, falling leaves, and changing seasons. October was both good and bad. October weather was good for riding; however we lost a loved member of the GWRRA family, Diane Lake.

Diane lost her courageous fight with cancer on October 6th. She was part of our family, and will be missed. Diane was always ready to help her extended family, Chapter O. She did many things not readily visible to most of us: Scrap book, treasurer, handling 50/50 tickets with Norm, and most anything else that was needed to help the chapter run smoothly. We'll miss her smile and friendly attitude. Our deepest sympathy goes to her husband, Norm, as he grieves of her loss.

Our prayers and thoughts also go to Jim and Barbara Rivera as Jim fights his pancreatic cancer. Jim is a strong person, and we are hopeful he can lick the dreadful disease.

We were travelling to Georgia when we got the call that Diane had passed, and were not able to be with Norm and the Chapter at Diane's visitation and burial. We were also not able to be at the October meeting, and want to thank Tom Smith for leading the chapter that Saturday. Our youngest grandson was declared cancer free after his courageous battle with cancer over most of the year. We traveled to Georgia to be with our family, because of that.

It was the first time we had ever made that trip with our Goldwing. The trailer was filled to the hilt, and perhaps that was the reason our fuel consumption ran a bit higher than we expected. However, the Wing did the trip without a groan or grunt running over the mountains without a problem. We spent one day riding in the mountains north of Atlanta around Dahlonega and Helen. Otherwise the only motorcycle miles were running for parts for two different cars! Isn't that what Grandpas and Fathers-in-law are for? Ha ha! The weather was great for the whole trip. Karen was a trooper putting in a 500+ mile day each way. We put just under 2,000 miles on the Wing.

Remember our November meeting coming up, and the "Pie Party" for the chapter that afternoon (2 pm) at the Boemecke's home in Davenport. The Pie Party wasn't on the annual calendar, but was announced at the October meeting. Our thanks go to Doug and Mary Ann for hosting this party. We've always had fun at the pie parties. Remember to bring a pie though!

Also, our Christmas party this year is listed on our 2010 calendar as being on Saturday, December 18th at Hickory Gardens, but that was changed. Hickory Gardens informed us the 18th was not available. **So please change your calendar to show our Christmas Party is on Sunday, December 19th at Hickory Gardens in Davenport at 5:00 p.m.**

We enjoyed our last ice cream ride to DeWitt on October 1st, and thank Norm Lake for planning the ice cream rides for us this year. Since we were gone for part of the month we didn't participate in any other motorcycle rides. Others will talk about those rides.

We did go to IL-H2's "Oktoberfest Auction" at Lake Storey in Galesburg on Saturday the 23rd. We had fun, ate too much (??), and Dennis brought home some more tools! We enjoyed the company of Johnnie Mohr, Norm Lake, Dean & Donna Wessley, Paul & Diana Berube, and Gary & Vicky McKinley at our

table. Linda Pedersen told me the auction brought in \$1,200. Additional money was brought in by 50/50 and raffle tickets. \$600 was given away through 50/50 drawings.

Our congratulations to Doug Boemecke on attaining the Master Rider level with GWRRA. John Olenick, District Educator, presented Doug's certificate to him at the October meeting.


Dennis has been updating the Sign-in Sheet and the Master Chapter Participant's List. He's found many people who have either let their membership lapse, or have changed their chapter preference through the GWRRA website. If someone has been dropped it's because their name no longer appears on the monthly area report for the chapter. If you know someone who has stopped receiving updates and newsletters and doesn't understand why please tell them to contact us.

Congratulations to the October Activity Prize winner, Alva Fryer! Congratulations also go out to the following 50/50 winners: Bob Millikan, Bob Berry, and Rosy Stinemates!

Have fun, keep learning, and be safe!

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From the Jetway

As I am writing this article Halloween is just a week away. Hasn't this last four weeks of Indian summer been fabulous? Before the wet weekend of October 23 and 24 I think that the last time we had rain was the ride Bob Berry took us on up to Mineral Point, Wisconsin. I guess we were due. I am sure that all of the farmers in the area really appreciated the weather to get their harvest completed. I hear reports that they are in the area of ninety percent complete.

I want to thank all who attended the chapter gathering on October the ninth and supported a near rookie who conducted our meeting. With thirty-five in attendance we got to see the District Educator, John Olenick, present to Doug Boemecke his Level 4 patch and certification. Doug has always been a leader and a supporter of the ideals that GWRRA offers and I congratulate him on this honor. I know there are others who also agree with our education program so how about visiting our educators and let us recognize you and show others what the levels program means.

After the meeting eleven bikes took off for a ride along to Mississippi River and had a great day out. I am so thankful that Bob Berry really likes riding in this area and is and will continue to be our ride coordinator. Several of us didn't complete his whole ride and peeled off and returned home. That is one of the good things we are able to do, just ride with

us where and when you can.

While harvest was under way, as was covered at the chapter meeting, it brings its own kind of hazards to those of us who still venture out on two wheels. Have you noticed on the corners and where trucks came from field to highway a certain amount of spillage on the roadway? Kernels of corn and especially ball bearing like soy beans are slippery hazards that could put us on our side before we even knew it. Just be alert for them and also those wet leaves now.

On Saturday I attended the region E meeting and got a chance to meet our National Director, Mike Stiger, and all of the district directors of the region. He is a very personable and approachable individual and I am glad to have him as our director. I learned that he grew up in Rockford, Il area. He is one of us Mid-westerners and that is a good thing. There are also good things coming from national and they will be covered in due time

And now lastly from all of us in the GWRRA family send condolences to Norm Lake and Family on the loss of wife and mother Diane. It was my honor along with several others to be poll bearers for Diane. She will be missed.

Tom Smith ACD IA “O”

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{Article revisited from 11/08}

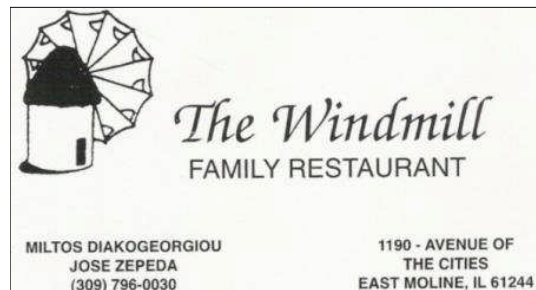
DRIVER DISTRACTION

One thing we don't touch on often enough is driver distraction. Distraction comes in a variety of packages, think for a moment. That cycle with out windshield coming at you across a painted line, what happens if he takes a bug in the face, eye, or mouth, will he drive a straight line? Some of those older riders probably wouldn't feel the sting; some are tanked up on booze and who knows what will happen.

Altercations, accidents, incidents and attractive members of the opposite sex all have the tendency to draw our attention. If you are part of a formation with a two second interval you really don't have much time to look. If you do look, make it a quick glance then get back to your position. You can't afford to dwell. When in a formation, your position should be a foremost thought. Checking something out off the road is way down the list of priorities, should you forget that. Your bike and possibly someone else's may be a distraction for others and possibly causing another accident.

Ride Smart!

Terry W. & Faith Sorensen





Red Hat Announcement
 Calling all Red Hat Society Ladies and Red Hat Society Wannabes: We will be gathering for lunch at Bishops Cafeteria in South Park Mall, Wednesday, November 10th at 11:30 am. Please RSVP to Karen English at englishdj@mchsi.com no later than Monday, November 8th *only* if you plan to join us.



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What's Cookin...

By Bev Jones



Pumpkin Bars



Bars

2 C flour
2 C sugar
2 tsp. Baking powder
1 tsp. Soda
1 tsp. Cinnamon
1 tsp. Nutmeg

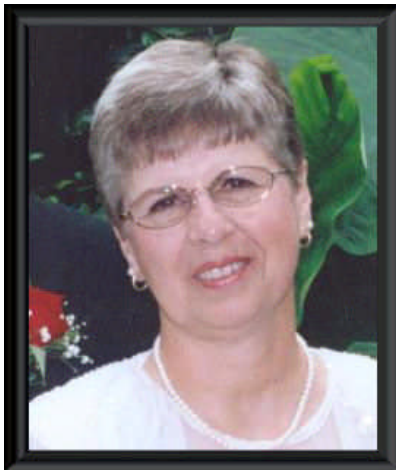
1 tsp. Cloves
½ tsp. salt
1 C. oil
15 oz. Can pumpkin
4 eggs

Frosting

2 C powdered sugar
1/3 C butter or margarine, softened
3 oz. Pkg. cream cheese, softened
1 T milk
1 tsp. Vanilla

Heat oven to 350 degrees. Grease 15x10 inch pan. In large bowl, blend all bar ingredients at low speed until moistened. Beat 2 minutes at medium speed. Pour into prepared pan. Bake at for 25-30 minutes or until toothpick in center comes out clean.

In small bowl, beat frosting ingredients until smooth. Spread over cooled bars. Refrigerate leftovers. Makes 36 bars. A co-worker shared this recipe with our office and everyone thought it was very tasty. Mr. Bill gives it 3 stars.



Diane Lake



Life is but a stopping place,
A pause in what's to be,
A resting place along the road,
to sweet eternity.
We all have different journeys,
Different paths along the way,
We all were meant to learn some
things,
but never meant to stay...
Our destination is a place,
Far greater than we know.
For some the journey's quicker,
For some the journey's slow.
And when the journey finally ends,
We'll claim a great reward,
And find an everlasting peace,
Together with the lord
Author unknown





Riding with the Big River Riders

We had a good ride after the meeting on October 9th. Twelve people enjoyed a ride to Bellevue, Ia. and a stop at the overlook at Bellevue State Park. A few of us decided we needed to have another picnic there with one rider stating " we need more picnics." They are fun and with our proximity to one of the ten best motorcycling roads in the United States, I think we'll have a couple next year. I have three spots in mind right now that would be ideal.

After Ice cream in Bellevue we proceeded north toward Dubuque and a crossing of the Mississippi with Galena in our sights. Just a hint to fall riders, **AVOID** Galena on the second Saturday of October. It's the Fall Festival and the traffic was horrible. We fared well but those heading west to Galena from the Territories had a miles long backup.

I decided to guide the intrepid riders down Rt. 84 as we don't use that as a usual route with Poopy's as our dining stop. We arrived at Poopy's and a full parking lot (it usually is) and went in to eat. We only had drinks however as the wait for food was estimated to be an hour and a half! Bob Weckle had another idea. So he rode down Rt. 84 to Buck's Barn and found that we could dine on sandwiches there with no wait. Off we went to a pleasant dinner.

I arrived home at about 6 pm with 217 miles on my odometer for the day. It was a

good ride with good friends. So a big thank you to Bob and Connie, Paul and Diana, Doug and Mary Ann, Dave, Johnnie, Larry, Mike and Tom for making one of our last rides of the year a great time.

October 23 was the H-2 Oktoberfest and Johnnie reports that it was a very good time. Thanks to all Ia-O members who attended in support of our Illinois friends. It's in our supporting our neighboring chapters that we make new friends, have a good time and create a support system for our events. I encourage all members to these interactions with fellow GWRRR chapters if at all possible.

I am working on rides for next year and have had a couple of good suggestions for places and areas we haven't been before. also working on an overnighiter for the fall and am contemplating another group ride west to hook up with Ne-O. Bob Roberts and I talked and though meeting in the middle (think the show me state) might be an option. any other suggestions out there?

I have also thought about having an MSF refresher course as a ride day. IF I can arrange this it will be one of our first events of the new riding year. a good time to update your levels credentials, eh.

Remember too that we have a Pie Party after the meeting in November at the Boemecke's . So bring your pie and a good donation in dollars as we will be collecting money for a donation to one of Diane Lake's favorite charities.


So for now, I'll say ride safe and check those tires.

Bob Berry RC

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 **HONDA**

I had a good ride last week. Hate to admit it, but I took the bike on the trailer and went to Bristol, Virginia. Hannah and I rode the Devil's Triangle on Tuesday and The Snake Saturday afternoon and Monday. Both were beautiful with the leaves in full color. The roads were in great condition and, like here, there was no rain for me until Tuesday night.

By the time we left on the bike Wednesday morning the roads were wet and with the falling leaves, a little on the slick side. So a nice slow ride thru the mountains was the order of the day. The General Store in Shady Valley, Tennessee is the meeting place of motorcycle riders and we saw several there. The roads were not crowded like they would be in the summer so it made for a very leisurely ride and I could stop at random and take pictures.

Sunday afternoon we met the TN-C chapter at the Burger King in Gray, TN and nine bikes, led by Butch Adkins, went on a chapter ride into Virginia. We stopped in the town of Nickelsville for some of the biggest and best burgers in the area. The roads that we covered were all very good and very crooked. Great motorcycle roads. There was about a half mile of gravel, and like here, there was some grumbling and very slow riding.

I would recommend this area to



anyone who likes beautiful scenery and great motorcycle roads. However, the Devil's Triangle is not for the weak hearted. There are many tight switchbacks, lots of gravel trucks (they do lose some gravel on the corners) whose drivers know the roads and make good time. Also, the road ends at the white line on the right side of the pavement and the drop off can be anywhere from three feet to a hundred or more. There are no guard rails either. Cautious is the only way to ride these roads.

Johnnie



I would like to express my deepest gratitude to everyone who brought flowers, food, sent cards, and were just there for Diane. Thank you for all the visits while she was in the hospital, she loved every one of them. And for all the support the family has received since Diane's passing, I am deeply humbled. She loved you all.

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Doug and Mary Ann Boemecke announced at the October gathering that they are hosting a "Pie Party".

- What: **Pie Party**
- Where: Doug & Mary Ann Boemecke's Home at 4328 W 29th St, Davenport, IA
- When: Saturday, November 13th starting at 2:00 pm (afternoon of the meeting)



"Of course admission per couple is a pie. Homemade - purchased it doesn't matter. We will then play dominoes or someone else's favorite game. Later for supper we will have shredded beef sandwiches."

"We will also be accepting donations for Arrowhead Ranch to be given in Diane Lake's name."

The Boemecke's Pie Parties have always been fun, so get your pie ready, and come along!

