



Big River Riders



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Fun Things To Do This Month With Chapter O

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| 1 | Fri | Ice Cream Ride to DeWitt - Leave West Lake Park at 6 pm |
| 9 | Sat | Meeting @ "The Machine Shed" in Davenport, 9 am, breakfast @ 8 am. Ride after the meeting to Mineral Point "Fall Festival" -Leave 11am |
| 10 | Sun | Info Only (IA-E Pumpkin Run - Lomax, IL) |
| 23 | Sat | IL-H2 "Oktoberfest" in Lake Storey, Galesburg. Leave Save-A-Lot 4:30 pm |

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From the Valley

September 2010 is in the history books, and so is much of the riding season. Whoa! We still have October weather in which to ride. Mother Nature will determine if it's a good ending or a rainy ending to the season, and just maybe...just maybe,...November could offer some good riding.

The Region E Rally/Convention was held in our back yard again this year, and it was great. There were quite a few vendors, and the games were fun. We were worried a bit about parking downtown, but there was never any issue finding a parking space on the bottom floor of the ramp across from the Radisson in Davenport. We thought we'd see more people from Chapter O there, but many of you had other plans to travel or be with family.

One member had a retirement celebration, and had family and friends in town for the weekend. It was an emotional event to retire after so many years of hard work. Congratulations Doug! Welcome to the ROGER Riders!

We had a nice meeting at the Machine Shed on the 11th, but many of you were at the Davis Rally in New Hampton, IA. We heard it was wet, but fun as usual.

Tom Smith announced at the meeting that he will be Iowa O's next Chapter Director. This will be Tom's second time of being chapter director for Iowa O. We are happy Tom decided to lead the chapter again, because we know the chapter will be in good

hands. We urge all of you who are asked by Tom to participate in the staff to accept a role. Participation in your chapter is fun, educational, and satisfying. We have great people in Iowa O, and it's a privilege to be a part of the organization.

Doug Boemecke led a nice size group to Guttenberg, IA on the 12th. It's been called the "Pies by My Sister" ride, because Doug's sister, who lives in Guttenberg, bakes dozens of pies for the St Mary's Church Bazaar and fundraiser. After a nice ride over back roads that wound around near Delhi, IA we arrived in Guttenberg hungry. They serve plenty to eat at the bazaar, so we left there satisfied. The ride home took us over the river ferry to Cassville, WI and down through Grant County into Dubuque. We had ice cream in Bellevue, and then the trip home. Looking to the north as we travelled east towards Charlotte you could see a big storm that we learned later had 50 mph winds in it. Timing is everything!

Norm Lake led a small group on an ice cream ride on the 14th. We went to Cousin's in Fulton, IL, and enjoyed the fare. From Cousin's we crossed into Iowa on US30 and then south on US67. It was a very nice ride.

On Saturday, the 18th, Dennis had some training to attend for a non-GWRRA activity. Tom Smith, Bob & Connie Weckel, and Lonnie & Diane Borseth represented Iowa O at the Ronald McDonald Charity Ride in Iowa City. There were several people who showed up on motorcycles, but since it was raining Tom sent them home. That was a good call since we do not start a GWRRA ride in bad weather. Iowa O donated 100 lbs of aluminum can tabs, which is a good amount. Four chapters participated in the ride, donating more than 1,300 lbs of tabs, and a total of more than \$5,000. Congratulations to all of us who participated in collecting aluminum tabs. We did a great job!

It was raining on Sunday, the 19th, so while the ride was called off, some of us made it to the omelet breakfast in Welton, IA on 4

wheels. We had several people join us there. Afterwards we had some excitement. Dennis' Acura coupe decided the accelerator needed to be jammed wide open. After quickly checking different switches and trying the brakes, Dennis turned the ignition off. That was the only way the car was not going to go full speed. We made it home safely and had the car towed the following Monday to a Honda dealer.

Bob Berry led 15 of us on 11 bikes up to Mineral Point, Wisconsin over back roads through Sabula, over that bridge with the fun steel deck, and onto Scenic Ridge Road, Massbach Road, and SR-78 to our first break in Stockton, IL. Dennis rode solo since Karen decided it was a bit too chilly to ride on the back of the Wing. It was 52 degrees that morning, and never got above 62 degrees for the ride. While the group was in Mineral Point eating it began to sprinkle. By the time we rounded up everyone, and got on the road it was light rain, and never got any worse than that. In every life a little rain must fall as the saying goes.

We will not be at the October 9th meeting. Tom Smith will be leading the meeting. We expect a group of visitors from IL-C in Freeport to be at the meeting, and we're sorry to miss them.

Don't forget to put your stuff together for IL-H2's "Oktoberfest" at Lake Storey on Saturday, the 23rd. It's always a good time, and plenty of good food.

Congratulations to the September Activity Prize winners! They are: Paul Berube, Johnnie Mohr, and Donna Wesolowski. Congratulations also go out to the following 50/50 winners: Johnnie Mohr, Bev Shaw-Jones, and Dyanna Kean.

Please keep Diane Lake, Jim Rivera, and their families in your thoughts and prayers as they fight their cruel disease.

Have fun, keep learning, and be safe!

Dennis & Karen English

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From The Jetway

September will soon fade into October. That will bring out some of the best riding time the Midwest has to offer. There are great places to see along the northern Mississippi River valley and its tributaries. Try planning a ride at your own pace and experience the sights and the smells of the season.

The events that were scheduled for the last of the month all experienced a little less than ideal conditions. First it was the Ronald McDonald ride that saw its first battle with the elements. They won. Three riders showed up early on a cloudy Saturday. I decided to drive my tabs to Iowa City and as lightning was moving in I suggested to Dave, Paul, and Tony that I drive their contributions to the Ronald McDonald House and they make for home and shelter. With a SUV cargo space loaded with tabs and toiletries I took off and met up with others at the Coralville Mall. There were a total of just four bikes in attendance that day. Our own Lonnie, who lives in Iowa City, and three riders from chapter I in Waterloo. They were able to depart from behind the weather front. That didn't stop us all from having a decent showing at the event. Something in the neighborhood of five thousand dollars was raised with tab and cash contributions. I recall that chapter H was the largest contributor. I'm just glad I was able to be there.

Last Meeting it was finally announced

that I have accepted the appointment to be your next chapter director. I have spoken to some people about new positions on my staff. There are still open spots and I hope that if I come to you that you'll be willing to accept a small challenge and help this chapter become one of the best in the Iowa District. This is your chapter and we are just facilitators to present a program that we all can enjoy and share in our successes and fun.

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BE CAREFUL!

Okay, the cooler temps of autumn are upon us. While frost and leaves will be coming in the very near future. We need to be alert for those trees that shed their leaves early. As you can guess leaves can insulate tire to concrete grip, grab, friction or whatever. We can expect frost sometime in October so be alert.

I fear someday someone will get nailed by a distracted driver. The teen texters firmly believe they can safely text while they drive. They're not alone; with the prevailing attitude amongst texters the risk we share grows greater each day. Now, we not only need to watch for the vehicles but, we'll be safer if we can see if the driver is looking up or down. Texters aren't worried about us. So we need to be super observers.

Those of you that are long range riders need to keep track of wear and tear, check for wear on brakes, head bearings and tire tread and pat yourself on the back for making safety a big part of your trip.

RIDE SMART!

Terry and Faith Sorensen

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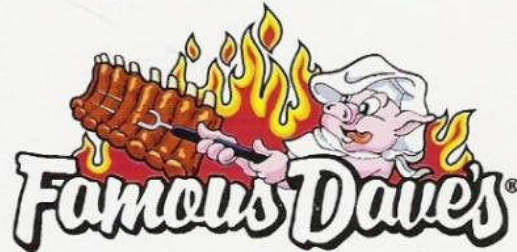
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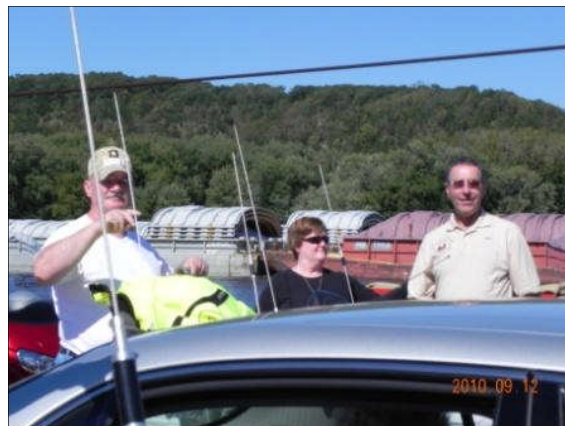
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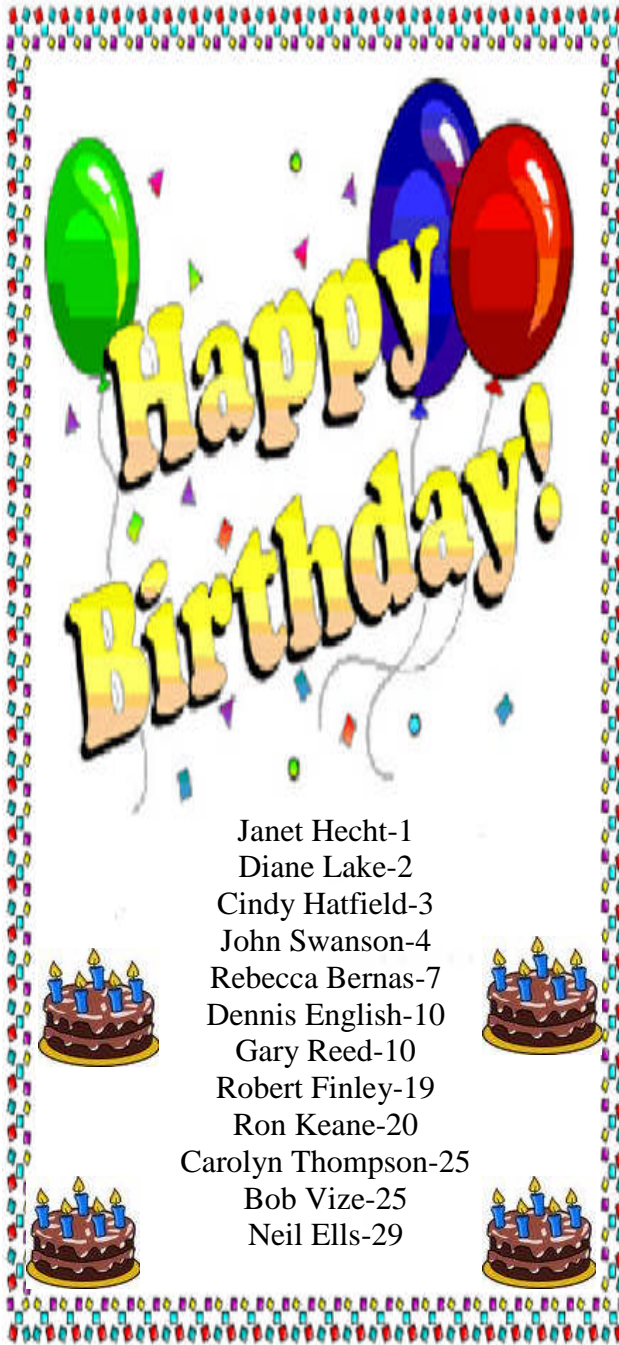


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Happy Anniversary!

- Jay & Lou Lester-8
- Terry & Faith Sorensen-16
- Chuck & Courtney Walters-22
- Bill & Carolyn Hamilton-29
- Larry & Dixie Wallace-30



What's Cookin...

By Bev Jones

Country Chicken Noodle Soup

3-5 pound whole chicken
 2 cans (49 ½ oz size) chicken broth
 2 large carrots, chopped
 1 medium onion, whole
 2 celery stalks, cut in half

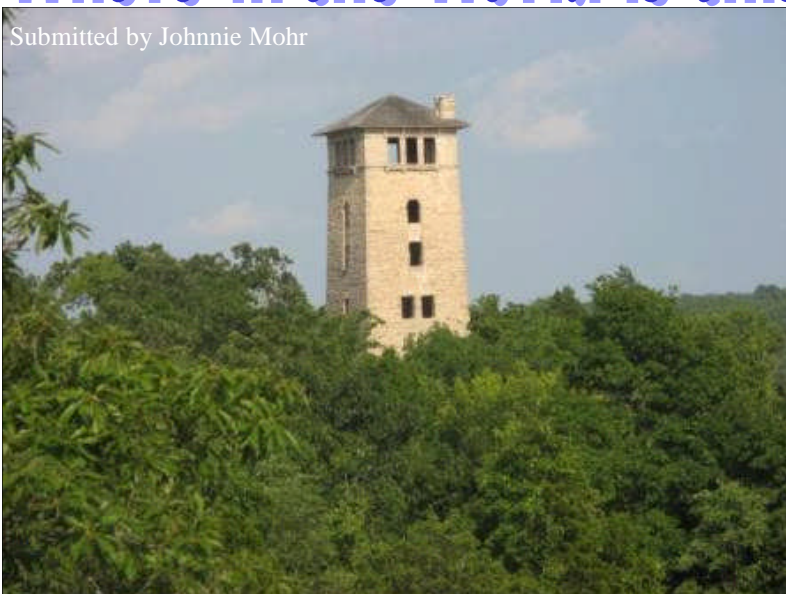
3 garlic cloves, whole
 2 tsp parsley flakes
 2 tsp poultry seasoning
 2 tsp thyme leaves
 2 tsp garlic powder
 2 packages (12 oz size) frozen egg noodles

In 6-8 quart Dutch oven, combine whole chicken, broth, onion, celery, and garlic cloves . Add water to cover the entire chicken. Heat to boiling, then reduce heat to simmer. Cover and cook over low heat for 1 hour. Use a meat thermometer to make sure the chicken is completely cooked. Remove the chicken, whole onion, celery and garlic cloves. Discard onion, celery and garlic cloves. Cool chicken for 20 minutes, then debone; either tear or cut the chicken into pieces. Return cooked chicken to pot. Add remaining ingredients. If liquid is low, add several small cans of chicken broth or water. Cook another 30-45 minutes or until carrots and noodles are tender.

This is an original recipe. I couldn't find a chicken soup recipe that satisfied our taste buds so I started experimenting. The key to this recipe is the frozen egg noodles. The frozen noodles absorb all the flavors. This recipe normally will serve 6-8 adults. And the soup tastes great the next day! Mr. Jones gives this soup 5 stars.

Where in the World is this...

Submitted by Johnnie Mohr



The answer to September's
 "Where in the World is this" is:
Bear Tooth Pass



Riding with the Big River Riders

As I did last month, I am writing this article after our last scheduled chapter event for September. Several things happened in the morning at the gathering of those interested in going on the ride this day: 1) it was suggested and unanimously agreed upon that Flying J be the place to meet because a) it has coffee and donuts and b) it has restrooms. 2) we all agreed that at some point during the day we would probably get wet. So, after Courtney and Donna and Bubba bought their new cold weather gloves and all used the restrooms at Hawkeye Motor works (yes there was someone there at before 0800 and they let us use the restrooms and made over 100 dollars in sales!

I also mentioned last month that our attendance at the ride wasn't up to our standards. I am happy to report that we had 15 souls and 13 bikes on this ride to Mineral Point. I would like to say thank you to : Lorne and Lorraine, Donna and Austin, Larry and Theresa, Sandy and Dennis, Johnnie Mohr, Dave, Mike, Tom, Dennis, and Courtney for making the 262 miles that showed up on my odometer a great ride. We had fine food at Brewery Creek Restaurant (homemade root beer) and all the food fresh from scratch using local produce.

It was a twisty turny ride up. Crossing at Sabula, we rode Scenic Ridge Road/ Massbach Road to Stockton, Il. and then North into

Wisconsin and found another twisty county road. No rain on the way up but sprinkles on the way home. Some had a time frame to return so the ride home was on the Highways. No problems and we really didn't get wet. Tom Smith had to pull off to make a "minor adjustment" but he caught back up in about 10 miles. All in all, a good time had by all. Wish you were there.

As we enter October the schedule slims down quite a bit. Our after meeting ride was supposed to be to Mineral Point, but due to my error that was changed. I'll have a ride planned for those wishing to ride after the meeting. We are going to have guests from Illinois- C at our October meeting. They are located in Freeport Il and Lynn Murray and possibly 10 other intrepid members will be joining us Saturday. They will be arriving on Friday and staying at the motel next to the Shed. Let's show them a warm IA- O welcome!

The other scheduled event in October is Il-H2's Oktoberfest. This annual event is a good time with food and conversation , not to mention an auction. So bring your covered dish and items you want to donate to the auction to Lake Story on October23rd. This is a late event and is a four wheeled event. No matter the mode of transportation IT'S A GOOD TIME!

So unfortunately that will take us out of riding season, for most of us. Meetings and dinners until Spring. For me, a few months to plan some rides and make contacts for a tour or two I have in mind. If anyone has a suggestion on a ride, please let me know. I might even let you plan and lead it. So until we ride again

RIDE SAFE AND CHECK THOSE TIRES

Bob Berry IAO RC

