



# Illini Free Spirit Riders

Honda Riders Club of America Chapter 0151



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## NEWSLETTER & EVENTS

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### March 2015

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### Rides and Information

By the time you read this, the Illini Free Spirit Riders will have carried out their 2015 Rides Planning Meeting. Were you there? We've got brand new rides planned, as well as perennial favorites. We've got day trips and multi-day journeys, too, not to mention opportunities to participate in organized events such as the Illinois Motorcycle Freedom Run and the Chicagoland/Wisconsin Ride for kids. Spring can't come fast enough now! What ride(s) are you most looking forward to?

We had our Annual pizza party at Nabby's in Plainfield, there was a large group in attendance. Thanks to Lee G, for organizing another great pizza party.

Did you attend the International Motorcycle Show in Rosemont last month? In the March issue of Thunder Roads magazine of Wisconsin and Northern Illinois, IFSR member Michael "MGD" D'Aversa shares his impression of this year's show. How does it compare with yours? Look for copies of Thunder Roads at motorcycle dealerships – including our own sponsor, Fox Valley Cycles – as well as biker-friendly establishments throughout the coverage area. 100% advertiser-supported, Thunder Roads is a free full-color print publication.

**Note** – Any information on the rides would be greatly appreciated. The info can come from the ride leader or a participant. A line or two is all that is needed. Thanks – Editor, Ron Dougherty

### Members Corner

We are hoping to get members to write articles for the newsletter. This article can be about whatever you, the club member wants to write about. Things like informational editorials, ride reviews etc. you get the idea. Please send your articles to [webmaster@freespiritriders.com](mailto:webmaster@freespiritriders.com) or [ifsr.secr@yahoo.com](mailto:ifsr.secr@yahoo.com) or bring your submission to a meeting, or leave it at Fox Valley Cycles in the club mailbox.

### Presidents Message

Thanks To all who attended the Ride planning Meeting, There are a lot of great rides planned for the 2015 season. There are still open dates on the calendar, so get your rides into the [Secretary](#) to be added to the calendar.

### Calendar

Dinner Locations for February...check the [calendar](#) for details

3/4 Dinner Uptown Tap, 24035 Lockport Street, Plainfield,  
3/11 Meeting at FVC Dinner at Benny's 1158 Douglas Rd Oswego after meeting  
3/18 Dinner Patio, 151 South Weber Road, Bolingbrook  
3/25 Dinner Calamity Jane's, 9S593 Illinois 47 Sugar Grove.

\*The Wednesday Dinner Schedule for the upcoming month is decided at the monthly meeting. Please come to the Monthly meetings and make recommendations on the dinner schedules.



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## Meeting Minutes of January 14, 2015

### Opening

Vice President Tim Gron opened the January meeting of the Illini Free Spirit Riders Motorcycle Club at 6:07PM. Seventeen members were in attendance.

### Secretary's Report

Minutes from the December meeting were distributed. Tim asked the members to review the minutes. A motion was made by Jim Thevenot to accept the minutes as submitted. The motion was seconded and a vote was taken. The minutes were unanimously accepted.

### Treasurer's Report

Treasurer Bob Crawley presented his report. Lee Lasseigne motioned to accept the report. The motion was seconded and a vote was taken. The report was unanimously accepted.

### Business

#### Old Business

- Christmas Party attendance was thirty-six and all had a good time (especially those who stayed later).
- Presidential retirement party at the Hay's had 18 members in attendance to witness additional inebriation.
- With only two rides longer than 1,000 miles we had 13,782 miles from 23 club rides last year. Total mileage for the club was 85,721 for 2014. We had nine rides that had ten or more riders and nine riders participating in 9 or more rides.

#### New Business

- In the Fox Valley Cycles' report, Jim and Chris announced that John Conley has left FVC to pursue other opportunities – we all wish him well.
- Kenny Abbott suggested that we get more involved in social media and Ron volunteered to help with Facebook, Twitter and Meetup postings.
- FVC Annual Bowling Party plans are being formulated. A count of interested participants is needed before decision to proceed. This would be on a Sunday in February.
- 2015 Ride Planning Meeting will be held at FVC on Saturday, February 28 at 09:00.
  
- Upcoming dinner locations were decided. 2/4 >> Patio, Bolingbrook. 2/11 >> O'Malleys following the meeting. 2/18 >> Nabby's, Plainfield for the annual Pizza Party. 2/25 >> The Town Bar & Grill, Aurora.

### Adjournment

With no additional New Business, Vice President Tim Gron asked for a motion to adjourn the meeting. James Thevenot made a motion to adjourn. The motion was seconded and Tim closed the meeting at 6:58PM.

Members met at Grandma Sally's for the post-meeting dinner.

Lee Lasseigne (filling in for)  
Ken Kutschke  
Secretary

# FVC EVENTS

Join [Fox Valley Cycles](#) on March 14, 2015 for their annual blood drive with [Heartland Blood Centers](#). Give Blood at [Fox Valley Cycles Aurora](#), grab a snack, and hang out for several professional seminars including topics such as; safety gear, chassis / tires/ suspension, body position, panic braking, and more.

*"A journey of a thousand miles begins with a single step."*  
- Confucius

 Heartland Blood Centers  
1-800-786-4483  
www.heartlandbc.org

## Fox Valley Cycles Daytona 200 Party & Blood Drive



Saturday, March 14th  
9:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.

Located in Heartland's Mobile Coach  
(Store hours: 9:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.)

To schedule your appointment to donate,  
please call Chris at 630-851-2910.

Appointments appreciated; Walk-ins are welcome!

ALL ELIGIBLE DONORS WILL BE ENTERED INTO  
A FOX VALLEY CYCLES RAFFLE DRAWING!  
PHOTO I.D. IS REQUIRED

Take The Time To Give Others A Lifetime!



Despite wearing protective gear, Chris Tracy was badly injured in a motorcycle accident in 2013, and was in traction for 3 days before having surgery to implant 5 plates and 17 screws in her shattered pelvis and hip. The day after surgery, she received 2 blood transfusions, and may require additional blood transfusions due to complications and additional surgeries. Reflecting back on being a blood donor since age 16, Chris said, "I am glad I donated for all those years, as I never thought I would be on the receiving end."

JOIN OUR



Every time you donate blood, you automatically earn points to redeem Gift Cards and Premium Gifts at [www.heartlandbc.org](#). Gift cards and gifts are mailed free of charge to your home. It's our way of saying "thanks" for being a life-saving blood donor.

[Fox Valley Cycles](#) is hosting a Daytona Party on March 14th. Sales, Snacks, & Seminars! Also give blood @ [Heartland Blood Centers](#) blood bus starting at 9am.



### INTRODUCTION TO TRACK DAYS & RIDER CLINICS

preparing rider & bike for the track day experience



#### SEMINAR

TOPICS INCLUDE:

- ✓ HOW TO GET ON TRACK
- ✓ RIDER/BIKE PREPARATION
- ✓ FIRST TIME EXPECTATIONS
- ✓ OPTIMIZING TRACK TIME
- ✓ PERFORMANCE TECHNIQUES
- ✓ SAFETY FUNDAMENTALS



**SEMINAR : SATURDAY MARCH 14TH | 11:00 - NOON | FREE**  
FOX VALLEY CYCLES - 419 HILL AVENUE AURORA ILLINOIS 60505

**TurnOne PERFORMANCE TUNING**  
*Racing* FOR YOUR MOTORCYCLE  
AFTER SEMINAR | 1:00P - 2:00PM

- ★ STREET & TRACK SUSPENSION SETUP
- ★ MANAGING PERFORMANCE TIRES
- ★ GET THE MOST FROM YOUR ENGINE TUNING

GEAR UP FOR THE RIDING SEASON

#### CUSTOM HELMET FITTING



PREMIUM HELMETS

**CHECK-IN @ CHECK OUT DEALS!**

SPECIALS - CLOSEOUTS - SAVINGS

BLOOD CENTER ONSITE : 9:00A - 2:00P



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## SPRING CLEARANCE SALE

ALL DAY SAVINGS

FOX VALLEY CYCLES - 419 HILL AVENUE AURORA ILLINOIS 60505 | 10:00 - 3:00PM

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