



# Illini Free Spirit Riders

Honda Riders Club of America Chapter 0151



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## NEWSLETTER & EVENTS

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### April 2015

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### Rides and Information

In case you haven't already heard, Thunder Roads magazine of Wisconsin and Northern Illinois has ceased operations effective March 31. Former owner/editor Dan Ryner posted an announcement on the magazine's Facebook page a few days prior. That page has since been taken down, as the rights to the Thunder Roads name reverted back to the national organization effective April 1. Over the course of three years, Ryner invested no small amount of time and money to deliver a quality, advertiser-supported print publication that was free to its readers. Past IFSR president Michael D'Aversa, a regular contributor to Thunder Roads since 2013, thanked Dan for the opportunity to write for Thunder Roads, adding "You gave me a whole new audience." As much as we understand that businesses fail every day, we regret that TRWINOIL had to be one of them and we wish the best of luck to editor Dan, writer Michael, and everyone else who contributed to the effort.

As the adage goes, nobody hates winter more than somebody who has a motorcycle sitting in their garage. It's been a long winter. As we bring our motorcycles out of winter storage, please be mindful of the possibility that our own riding skills may have diminished a bit from lack of use over the past few months. To put it bluntly, our skills may not be quite as sharp as they were at the end of last season. Add to this the fact that automobile and truck drivers have had months to become accustomed to not seeing motorcycles. It's a risky proposition, to be sure. Take precautions. Just as we take the time to make sure our bikes are ready for another riding season, so should we take the time and effort necessary to ensure that we are also ready. There are many options, ranging from informal "parking lot practice" sessions to formalized rider skills classes and track days. Let's use these opportunities to our advantage.

Special thanks to Club member Michael D'Aversa for his help in writing the articles for our newsletter.

The First Ride of the season is April 11 It is the Moonshine Run Meet at McDonald's in Morris, IL. KSU 6am

**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

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.

### Club Message

Riding season is here, let's get out there and make it a fun and safe riding season. There are still plenty of open days on the ride calendar, especially for day rides. If you have a ride idea, or a ride planned, please send it to the secretary so we can get it on the calendar.

### Calendar

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

- 4/1 Dinner Run-A-Way Restaurant, 120 Butterfield Road, North Aurora
- 4/8 Meeting at FVC Dinner at Benny's 1158 Douglas Rd Oswego after meeting
- 4/15 Dinner Ray's Evergreen Tavern, 1400 West Main Street, Saint Charles
- 4/22 Dinner was not decided at the March meeting TBD
- 4/29 Dinner was not decided at the March meeting TBD

Upcoming rides

- 4/11 Moonshine Run Tim G KSU 6am McDonalds restaurant in Morris, il.
- 5/2 Atomic Ride Dave Moore KSU 8am Ihop restaurant Aurora, il.

\*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 February 11, 2015

### Opening

Vice President Tim Gron opened the February meeting of the Illini Free Spirit Riders Motorcycle Club at 6:05PM. Fourteen members were in attendance.

### Secretary's Report

Minutes from the January meeting were distributed prior to the start of the meeting. Tim asked the members to review the minutes. A motion was made by Paul Smith 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. Bob Siessmann motioned to accept the report. The motion was seconded and a vote was taken. The report was unanimously accepted.

### Business

#### Old Business

- The Motorcycle Show is this weekend. Lee Grunwald is offering a Friday carpool.
- IFSR Facebook page is being developed per Ron Dougherty. It is not yet completed.
- 2015 Ride Planning Meeting will be held at FVC on Saturday, February 28 at 09:00.

#### New Business

- In the Fox Valley Cycles' report, Jim announced that there will be no FVC Bowling Party this year. Kenny Abbott along with Jim, announced several seminars/events taking place at FVC in the coming months. They include "Introduction to Track Days" along with "FVC Blood Drive" on March 14, 2015, "Safety and Apparel Seminar" on April 11, 2015, and "GWR Safety Training" on May 30, 2015. Kenny also provided information on "MotoVid.com's Real World Speed Street Skills" events slated for May 20, June 17, and Sept 5, 2015 at Blackhawk Farms.
- Treasurer Bob Crawley announced that to date, 38 members have renewed for 2015.
- Jim Kopchok advised the membership that he is now the Chapter Director of the Goldwing Road Riders Association, Chapter IL-Z2 "Chicagoland Wings".
- Upcoming dinner locations were decided. 2/18 >> Nabby's, Plainfield for the annual Pizza Party. 2/25 >> The Town Bar & Grill, Aurora. 3/4 >> Gruben's Uptown Tap, Plainfield. 3/11 >> Benny's Place, Oswego after the meeting. 3/18 >> The Patio, Bolingbrook. 3/25 >> Calamity Jane's, Sugar Grove.

### Adjournment

With no additional New Business, Vice President Tim Gron asked for a motion to adjourn the meeting. Ron Dougherty made a motion to adjourn. The motion was seconded and Tim closed the meeting at 6:40PM.

Members met at O'Malley's for the post-meeting dinner.

Ken Kutschke  
Secretary



## Illini Free Spirit Riders Meeting Agenda March 11, 2015

- Opening
  - Thank you to all for attending
  - Recognition of guests & new members
- Secretary's Report
- Treasurer's Report
- **Old Business**
  - Membership Renewals – Bob Crawley, Treasurer
  - 2015 Club Ride Schedule is posted
  - Club Pizza Party—Thanks to Lee Grunwald for organizing it
  - Anyone do anything interesting last month?
- **New Business**
  - Fox Valley Cycle News
  - Spring Motorcycle Maintenance tips
  - Select upcoming dinner locations
    - Tonight –
    - March 18th
    - March 25<sup>th</sup>—
    - April 1<sup>st</sup> –
    - April 8<sup>th</sup>—meeting night—
    - April 15<sup>th</sup>—
  - Additional New Business?
- Upcoming Events, Next Meeting—April, 9<sup>th</sup>
- Closing
- 50/50 Drawing