



# Illini Free Spirit Riders

Honda Riders Club of America Chapter 0151



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## NEWSLETTER & EVENTS

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### September 2015

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#### Information

Watch your email for info on upcoming Impromptu rides.

Fox Valley Cycles will have a booth at the Aurora Jazz fest..

#### Rides

VMC National Meet ride. Ride Leader John Shimkus

6 bikes left on Wednesday at 8 AM with light rain falling but it cleared up within an hour. Headed towards Tuscola, IL where we met up with additional riders. Twelve bikes in total. Continued from there on back roads to Calvert, KY. Stayed the night and had a great dinner at a local Mexican restaurant.

Left Calvert, KY on Thursday AM and took all back roads to Murphreesboro, TN.

Checked in at Rally headquarters and enjoyed the 2 hrs of open bar and appetizers during registration.

Friday was an all day ride through back roads and also visited the Jack Daniels Distillery and signed up for the "sampling tour". Sampled: Gentleman Jack, Single Barrel Jack and Old No. 7 Jack. In total it was less than a full shot--samples were very sparse. Although its a dry county somehow Jack Daniels Distillery has acquired legal permission to have the sampling tour and sell closed bottles on site.

Saturday was back road riding to the extreme. At one point of the day we had to cross a river via a ferry.

The Rally package provided:

2 hrs of open bar on Thurs and Fri.

Thurs was appetizers--Fri was a BBQ and live band--Sat was closing ceremonies at the Embassy Suites=Host hotel with a sit down buffet style dinner.

The roads and landscape was great. The ride home on Sun was straight through and had some rain mid day.

The Amboy Depot Days ride was a good time. Ron Dougherty was able to fill in as ride leader. It was a nice ride out there, no rain, just overcast. The 50/50 raffle was bigger than last year and there were more cars in the car show than last year. We stayed awhile then a bunch of us went for lunch at Pub West in Waterman. There were 14 members, 9 bikes, and 1 car.

**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

There is still a lot of riding time left. Let's see If we can get some fall rides going.

## Calendar

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

Wed, Sept 2 7:00 pm Roadhouse Country Bar & Grill 1901 S Bridge St Yorkville, IL 60560

Wed, Sept 9 6:00 pm Meeting at FVC, Dinner at Pancho's Family Restaurant, East New York Street, Aurora, IL

Wed, Sept 16 7:00pm The Village Squire, 480 Randall Road, South Elgin, IL 60177,

Wed, Sept 23 7:00pm clarification of location needed see calendar

Wed, Sept 30 7:00pm Diamand's Family Restaurant 3000 Plainfield Rd Joliet, IL 60435

\*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 locations.

### IMPROMPTU RIDES

To be considered an "official" impromptu ride, all club members must be advised in advance of the ride(invited), a minimum of 3 motorcycles must participate and a ride waiver must be submitted.

If you are planning to ride, why not drop an email to Ken K. with the info and it can be an impromptu ride.





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## Meeting Minutes of July 8, 2015

### Opening

President Ron Dougherty opened the July meeting of the Illini Free Spirit Riders Motorcycle Club at 6:04PM. Eighteen members were in attendance.

### Secretary's Report

Minutes from the June meeting were distributed prior to the start of the meeting. Ron asked the members to review the minutes. A motion was made by Bob Siessmann 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. A vote was taken following a motion by Lee Lasseigne to accept the report. The report was accepted by a unanimous vote.

### Business

#### Old Business

- Reports were given on recent rides including IL Motorcycle Freedom Ride, Reno and Northwest Ride, Cozy Dog Ride and Chicken Run

#### New Business

- A special election was held to fill the vacancy of the Office of Administrator/Editor. Tracy Dougherty was elected to the office for the remainder of the 2015 term.
- Upcoming rides include the Montana Ride, the RFK/Lake Geneva Ride and Little Sturgis.
- Upcoming dinner locations were decided. 7/15 >> Palmer Place, LaGrange. 7/22 >> Nick's Pizza, Elgin. 7/29 >> Gruben's Uptown Tap, Plainfield. 8/5 >> Calamity Jane's, Sugar Grove. 8/12 >> River View, Montgomery following the meeting. 8/19 >> Run-A-Way, North Aurora and 8/26 >> Mike & Denise's, Aurora.
- FVC News... HRCA no longer exists, but FVC continues to sponsor IFSR. A RFK mailer from FVC will be forwarded to the membership.
- Bob Crawley presented a proposed revision to the By-Laws to remove reference to HRCA and to correct miscellaneous grammar issues. Copies of the revisions were available for viewing and Bob went through the revisions line by line. Following discussion, Larry Tyma motioned to accept the revisions as presented. The motion was seconded and the revision was accepted by a majority vote.
- Jim Thevenot presented the idea of having a club summer party. No serious discussion developed.
- Ron Dougherty motioned that the Club donate \$300.00 to the Ride for Kids. The motion was seconded and passed by unanimous vote. The donation will be handled through FVC.

### Adjournment

With no additional New Business, President Ron Dougherty asked for a motion to adjourn the meeting. Bob Siessmann made a motion to adjourn. The motion was seconded and Ron closed the meeting at 6:50PM.

Members met for the post-meeting dinner.

Ken Kutschke  
Secretary