

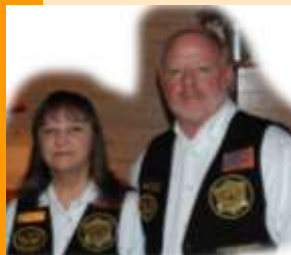
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# Wings In Motion

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## FROM THE DIRECTOR:



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It's hard to believe that it has been a year already, 2010 is almost over. Even though it is only December, I am already suffering from P.M.S (parked motorcycle syndrome).

It has been a great year and we have had a great time. The members make it easy to be the Director of Chapter "O". There is a lot of PRIDE in receiving awards that the Chapter has won for participating in different competitions, whether it is as a Chapter or individual. As a Director it makes you very proud! We came up with a couple of new activities for the Chapter this year which were well received and we are glad that we had the opportunity to contribute some new and fresh ideas.

It is time for me to end my retirement and rejoin the working world again so the New Year will bring a new Director as we turn the gavel over to Ed & Vina Haggerty. We know that the Chapter will get behind them and support them as you have us.

*Cheryl and I both want to wish all of our Friends in Chapter "O" a Very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!!*

Bill & Cheryl



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# Birthdays & Anniversaries



## Happy Birthday to:

Ed Roberts—1st  
 Jill Moore—7th  
 Jim Dillard—14th  
 Mike Morgan—16th  
 Maurice Ries—18th  
 Frankie Zuhr—20th  
 Georgeine Hays—24th  
 Kay McLean—24th

## Happy Anniversary to:

Bill & Janetta Sugg—12/6  
 Dan & Carol Evans—12/7  
 Bill & Pam Carter—12/11  
 Roy & Cheryl Miller—12/13  
 Jim & Vicki Dillard—12/26  
 Bill & Linda Sankus 12/29



**CHECK CHAPTER WEB SITE at [WWW.GWRRAIL-O.ORG](http://WWW.GWRRAIL-O.ORG)**

**for last minute schedule changes on message board.)**

## DECEMBER 2010 Calendar

*(see calendar section of website [www.gwrrail-o.org](http://www.gwrrail-o.org))*

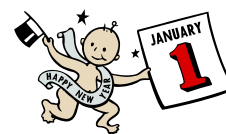
*Saturday, Dec. 4th, 5:00pm, eat at 6:00pm, Chapter "O" Christmas Party, Conoco Phillips Park Club House, Bring a male or female gift for exchange (approx. \$10 value), and bring white elephant gifts for Dirty Bingo gift exchange. Please wrap everything. Members are free. Guests are \$10 each. Food from Ravenelli's. Call Cheryl at 288-0053 or Vina at 566-4148 to RSVP not later than 12/01/2010.*

*Wednesday, Dec. 8th, 7:00pm Ice Cream at Culvers, O'Fallon, IL.*

*Wednesday, Dec. 22nd, 7:00pm—Ice Cream at Culvers, Edwardsville, IL*

*Saturday, Dec. 25th—MERRY CHRISTMAS!!!! And HAPPY HOLIDAYS!!!*

## JANUARY 2011 Calendar



*Saturday, January 1st, 2011— **HAPPY NEW YEAR!!!!!!***

*Sunday, January 2nd, 2011—POLAR BEAR RIDE!!!! Bundle up and ride your bike to Powhatan Restaurant in Pocahontas, IL. Meet at 11am at the restaurant for a later breakfast or early lunch and WARM UP before returning home. Temperature must be above 35 degrees and Roads must be clear and dry.*

*Friday, Jan. 21 & Sat. Jan. 22, 2011—ILLINOIS DISTRICT WINTER WARM-UP 2011—"A Space Odyssey" Ten Years Later.....Registration begins Fri at noon. Event held at Decatur Conference Center & Hotel, Decatur, IL. Reserve rooms by calling (217-422-8800 & ask for GWRRA rate). Pre-register for the event by mailing registration form to: GWRRA of Illinois, Winter WarmUp Registration, 580 N. 2nd St., Breese, IL 62230. Call Dan & Martha Ribbing for more information. Event open to all GWRRA members. Come join the fun!!!!*

**Check message board for other activities. [www.gwrrail-org](http://www.gwrrail-org)**



## EDUCATION

by Ed Haggerty, Assistant Chapter Director  
& Chapter Educator & Emporium & LTD Trainer



**Oh the weather out side is fright full.** Not fit for man nor beast yet the encounters between the weather, man and beast are frequent in December. Winter riding presents hazards not found at any other time of the year. I cannot ever remember hearing the phrase “ Alberta Clipper” in summer time. What is an Alberta Clipper anyway? I’ve heard it many times and I looked it up. It’s a fast moving low-pressure cold air mass that forms and appears to descend from the Canadian province of Alberta. The word “Clipper” comes from fast moving sailing ships of the 19th century. So an Alberta Clipper is a fast moving low-pressure cold air mass coming out of Canada into St. Clair county. When the cold air comes in contact with warmer moist air in the lower 48, rain and snow rapidly develop. Sounds like wonderful weather to get caught in, on a motorcycle.

Like many different hazards and obstacles that present **challenges to a motorcycle rider, preparation** is the key to handling rapidly changing situations that clip along. We have already had days that start out below freezing only to rise to rideable 70 degrees in the afternoon. Just because the calendar says December, that’s no reason not to ride your motorcycle. Before a ride, **watch the weather reports.** If you hear the word ice, or freezing rain, I suggest you don’t ride your motorcycle. **We all have a weather band on the Goldwing and can tune into NOAA weather radio and can get up dates 24/7.**

**Dress for the weather.** Technology in motorcycle clothing is fantastic and improving all the time. Breathable fabrics woven with synthetic fibers offer much improved comfort and protection. Many new jackets come in bright colors to help with visibility. I would think an investment in new riding gear is money well spent. Electrically heated liners are wonderful and from personal experience, Vina will use her heated liner 11 months out of the year. I don’t think she has ever plugged in her liner in July. Most riders are not aware of how much more air the co rider gets. The co rider needs more protection.

Carry some kind of **waterproof outerwear.** Frog Togs are wonderful, not very expensive and can be rolled up and easily stored in the saddlebag. I have worn frog togs under a mesh jacket, in the rain that works too.

**Critters. Deer are now in rut, and are being hunted.** Know wonder they appear out of nowhere are. Deer are either running away from something or running to something, doesn’t matter why, we need to avoid them.

**Hypothermia, the lowering of internal body temperature.** Normal for us is 98.6 degrees; hypothermia sets in at 95 degrees. That’s less than a 4 degree change. Not much of a difference, yet the results can be lethal. Shivering is a common warning sign that you are getting too cold. If you start to shiver, get off the bike and get warm. If you don’t, the next warning sign is mental confusion, then muscle reaction time. You are shaking uncontrollably, can’t think straight and can’t move your hands and legs. Still think you can ride safely?

Lastly **visibility,** most people are looking for someone riding in something red with two skids, not something with two wheels. Most cruisers have put their motorcycle up for the winter, so the public is no longer **“Watching out for Motorcycles”.** Ride like you are invisible, assume no one sees you, even in your new neon colored jacket.

I love riding in the cooler weather, most people don’t enjoy it, but I do. I watch the weather, wear warm, bright clothing, and ride like no one can see me. I hope you do the same. **Vina and I wish everyone in Chapter “O” a Merry Christmas, and a Happy New Year and hope to see everyone on the Polar Bear ride, January 2nd remember, clear, dry and above 35.**

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the Fun”**

## Events

GWRRA National  
Wing Ding 33  
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### GWRRA Region “E”

[www.gwrra-region-e.org](http://www.gwrra-region-e.org)

GWRRA Illinois District  
Check Web Site for Details:  
[www.gwrra-ildistrict.org](http://www.gwrra-ildistrict.org)

### GWRRA Illinois “O”

See the website [www.gwrrail-o.org](http://www.gwrrail-o.org) for updates on the message board, the chapter calendar, and the on-line newsletter.

## Motorist Awareness



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**IL "O" is proud to be a chapter of GWRRA, the** world's largest social organization for owners & riders of Honda Gold Wings & Valkyrie motorcycles. Dedicated to our motto of Friends for Fun, Safety, & Knowledge. GWRRA members enjoy the freedom of belonging to a not-for-profit, non-religious, non-political organization. Founded in 1977, GWRRA has grown to 80,000+ members in 53 countries with 800+ chapters managed by 4,000+ volunteer leaders working with other riders to foster safe, enjoyable riding while also working to improve the public image of motorcycling. IL-O serves St. Clair, Madison, and Monroe counties and welcomes all Gold Wing Riders to join us for rides and events. Check our website for our calendar activities.



[www.gwrrail-o.org](http://www.gwrrail-o.org)

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Larry & Lorraine Kolling,

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A Big **"Thank You"** to everyone who submitted articles and photos  
For the Newsletter.

If you've been on a fun or interesting trip, Submit a short article and/or  
photos to Judi Laux at [judilaux@newsignsfast.com](mailto:judilaux@newsignsfast.com)

Also—you may submit photos to Bill Sugg for display on the chapter website at [mapperman@charter.net](mailto:mapperman@charter.net)



## Membership Enhancement By Judi & David Laux, MEC



Manage your membership online at [www.gwrro.org](http://www.gwrro.org)

Following is an excerpt from the national web-site . . .

While members enjoy the benefits of camaraderie, other benefits include Education on safe riding, group riding, and improving motorcycle skills.

An often overlooked opportunity, is the LTD program which provides Leadership Training Seminars Designed to provide and/or enhance your ability to lead a chapter, a ride, a seminar, a group Or just help you in your current employment.

We invite Gold Wing owners to Join us at meetings, rides and events.....for a month, And then be sure to join GWRRA to enjoy all the great opportunities! [www.gwrrail-o.org](http://www.gwrrail-o.org) or call Dave & Judi at 618-337-8347 or write us at [lauxhome@sbcglobal.net](mailto:lauxhome@sbcglobal.net)

### ***About GWRRA***

The Gold Wing Road Riders Association (GWRRA) is the world's largest single-marquee social organization for owners and riders of Honda Gold Wing/Valkyrie motorcycles -- and some would say, the world's largest family. Dedicated to our motto, Friends for Fun, Safety and Knowledge, GWRRA members enjoy the freedom of belonging to a not-for-profit, non-religious and non-political organization.

Founded in 1977, GWRRA has grown to more than 80,000 U.S., Canadian and international members in 53 foreign countries in just 31 years.

Over 800 active Chapters are managed by 4,000 volunteer leaders working with members to foster safe, enjoyable riding while also working to improve the public image of motorcycling.

Once you join GWRRA, you can participate with as many Chapters as you choose. You decide your own level of involvement and time. Wherever you go, wherever you travel, you're welcomed. GWRRA membership opens doors to friendship everywhere you ride! Monthly Chapter get-togethers (often light-hearted exchanges of information at a breakfast location) are pleasant, social occasions. There are no expectations, riding requirements, elections, politics, required uniforms or Chapter dues.

We invite you to share the joys of owning and riding your Gold Wing/Valkyrie with 80,000 people like you worldwide! We even guarantee you'll be glad you did!

#### **Who belongs to GWRRA?**

GWRRA members are men and women from all walks of life with varied interests and backgrounds. We have riders in their teens, riders in their 90's and every age in between! Many ride solo; many ride with their children or grandchildren! Some ride Wings that are new; some ride Wings that are "classics." Some belong for the technical information we share; some just for the enjoyment of riding with friends.

As a family organization, typical GWRRA fun includes restaurant runs, picnic rides, campouts or CPR/first aid workshops conducted in a wholesome, fun-filled environment suitable for all family members. We also have dances, charity runs, parades, ice cream socials and riding clinics.

To be a member of GWRRA, there are only two requirements: own a Honda Gold Wing/Valkyrie and keep your membership fees current. We have individual or family memberships available. For non Gold Wing/Valkyrie owners there is now a classification of our membership titled Associate, which is also available as individual or family.



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# TENTATIVE SCHEDULE

REGISTRATION FORM

**NOTE: SCHEDULES & EVENTS ARE SUBJECT TO CHANGE!**

## FRIDAY JANUARY 21, 2011

Registration - Noon until 6:00 pm  
 Hospitality Room 2:00-5:00 pm  
 People Games 2:00-4:00 pm  
 Rider Ed Seminar 3:00pm and 4:00pm  
 Vendors - Noon until 6:00 pm  
 Games in the Fountain Room at 7:00pm (cards, dominoes, board games)  
**NO GAMBLING PERMITTED!**

## SATURDAY JANUARY 22, 2011

Registration open - 8:00 am to 2:00 pm  
 Vendors - 9:00am until 5:00 pm  
 Hospitality Room 10:00 - 4:00 pm  
 People Games 10:00 am to Noon and 1:00-3:00pm  
 Couple Of the Year selection 10:00am Kirkland Room  
 Rider Education Seminars on the hour 10:00am - 3:00pm  
 Scavenger Hunt noon to 2:00 pm (pick up instructions at designated table.)  
 Chapter and individual talent show and skits 3:00 pm  
 Individual and Chapter Costume Judging 4:00pm  
 Banquet 6 pm  
 Awards following dinner. (all rally registrants are invited.) Ceremony will start with Chapter Banner Parade\*.  
*\*Chapter Banner Parade: Maximum of two chapter members to carry banner in parade. Participants will be staged in designated area.*

### COMPETITIONS:

All Judging to be held at 3:00pm  
 Chapter Display  
 (May Include Scrapbook, Newsletter, Shirt, Banner, Mascot)  
 (Display not to exceed 30"x 48")  
 Chapter Theme Display (Spaceship)  
 Baking: cookies, brownies

**Free Rally pin for the first two hundred registrants.**

Rider Name \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ GWRRA # \_\_\_\_\_

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GWRRA # \_\_\_\_\_

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SIGNED \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

SIGNED \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_