

For our New Members

First we'd love to personally say, "Welcome" !!!!! This is a great group of people. We all have the same common interest in motorcycling. This group of folks will become like a second family. You will look forward to seeing these folks and learn the inside jokes and 'ribbings' as you get to know the group.

Glossary of terms:

- 1 MC – Morton Caseys. Located at the corner of Main & Queenwood St. in Morton
- 2 Quack – Quack – You'll hear the "tail" (person in the rear of riding group) say this, to let the leader know that all the bikes are in a row ("all ducks in a row")
- 3 "We love you Bill Liberty" We get people that do not know Bill to say this to him (Peoria Pirate cheerleaders, etc.). We love to pick on Bill (the "chapter agitator").

Dates:

- 1 The first Tuesday and the Third Saturday of the month are Dinner Rides. During warm months we ride our motorcycles, but during the cooler months we drive "4-wheels" to the dinner ride. Usually at 6:00 or 6:30 (either meet at MFSC or the restaurant).
- 2 The Fourth Sunday of every month is the chapter meeting at the The Flame in Metamora, IL. 4:00PM to eat, and 5:00PM to meet. We have a 50-50, and door prizes at every meeting (we don't meet during the month of December).
- 3 Every Thursday from April until October is set-aside for Ice Cream rides. We meet at MC at 6:00PM in April and October, and all other months we meet at 6:30PM. Two Thursday rides of each month will be predetermined, where all others will be impromptu. All other months we meet at the pre-determined site at 6:30PM (watch the on-line calendar or newsletter).
- 4 We have a Christmas and New Years Eve party (non-alcoholic) every year where the chapter will provide the meat and main staples, but everyone is to bring a side dish to share. The Christmas party involves a gift exchange, which is a LOT of fun. The New Years Eve party is a night of fun and games!

Misc:

- 1 We have a 50/50 drawing at almost every Chapter Z gathering. We use this money to pay for our chapter expenses (newsletter, annual fees, patches, shirts, food for Christmas/New Year's party, etc.)
- 2 At every monthly meeting we give door prizes. These door prizes come from our members. We ask that each member donate 3 prizes (\$5 each) every year. This allows us to have a little extra fun at our meetings.

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How do I ride in a group?

- 1 Arrive with a full tank of gas.
- 2 Each bike should ride in staggered formation within an automobile lane; the leader rides in the left tire track; the next rider, the right track, etc. On curves, individual riders should pick their own track, then reform the staggered formation after the curve. Tail or Drag bike should always ride in the left track, so they can see on coming traffic.
- 3 When stopping at a traffic light or stop sign, all bikes pull up, two abreast, directly behind the bike they were following.
- 4 When starting, the leader moves out first, accelerating slowly enough for all bikes to move out in turn. No one

should accelerate even with, or pass, another bike.

5 Allow a minimum of two or three second's stopping distance between following bikes, one or two second stopping distance between staggered bikes. Do not allow too much space to develop between bikes, however.

6 Don't just follow. Be sure to check traffic before lane changes or other maneuvers.

7 If someone in your group pulls to the shoulder of the road and stops, do not follow. The tail bike should be designated by the leader to stop and give assistance.

8 When passing other vehicles on a two-lane highway each bike should pass in order and in turn. The leader should accelerate far enough ahead for the rest of the group to pass, and the tail bike should inform the leader when the whole group has passed and is back in formation.

9 Groups should have a leader and rear tail equipped with CB radios when possible. The lead bike leads the group; the tail bike controls the group. Expect ride suggestions from the tail gunner and accept suggestions to improve the groups' riding performance.

10 All riders and co-riders should wear proper riding apparel.

11 Relax and enjoy the ride, and remember, getting there is the fun!

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HOW TO USE THE WEB PAGE:

<http://www.il-chapter-z.org>

If you look at the top of the pages are all the main web pages for our chapter. Let's break down each page:

MAIN PAGE This is the page that comes up. The first thing you'll see is the logo and down from there is daily Birthday/Anniversary notices (if there are any for that day). There is the "Photo of the Day" (366 pictures, one per day). There is the guestbook for guests to sign. There's Information about Chapter Z & GWRRA. Then a weather section to see local weather. There's a weather radar link. At the bottom is a GWRRA web-ring that allows you to see random other GWRRA web sites.

BIRTHDAYS

This page reads information from the Member database and displays their birthdays (how "young" they are), and anniversaries. You can also send an electronic Birthday/Anniversary/Thank You card.

CALENDAR This is an interactive calendar. Do a right click on any date and click "Add Event to this Day" and follow the directions to add a date. You can also click on ANY existing item to see more information about that calendar item.

DIP STICK This is an interactive site that allows you leave a message specifically about Dip Stick/Barbie nominations.

FOR SALE This is an interactive site that allows you to add items for sale to a message board. You can also add pictures to each message.

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FORUM Displays all of the Current forums on our main message board (e.g.; For Sale, Dip Stick, Message Board, old Message board, etc.)

FUN PAGE

Fun items (pictures, interactive web pages, games, videos, etc.). Check back often!!!!

MAINTENANCE PAGE This will allow you to keep track of the maintenance for your Motorcycle. There is a really great instruction page link at the top of this page. This page will tell you how far from the next oil change, how many miles are on your current air filter, spark plugs, oil filter, battery, alternator, tires and brake shoes. All you need to do is periodically enter your GWRRA#, password, and current odometer reading. It'll also tell you how many miles you've gone so far, and average miles per day.

MEMBERS PAGE This is a password protected page (contact the Chapter Director). Each member has a web page to "brag" about them selves. There's also a picture of each member with their cycle(s). To get this page started the member will have to be in the member data base (see new member below). They will also have to enter an entry into the Maintenance Page (see above). At the top is a roster of every member, a handy Phone list that can be printed and kept on the bike, and an emergency contact list.

MESSAGE BOARD

This is the place where anyone can leave a message for all to read. Use this to make comments, suggest a ride, announce impromptu rides, get something off your chest, make announcements, etc. You can create an account, and have a picture attached to your log on name. This way every time you log on and make a comment this picture will appear below your log on name. Click on Member list at the top to see all the current accounts.

NEW MEMBERS This is used by anyone with GWRRA # to create an entry into the Chapter Z member database. It'll contain Names, addresses, phone numbers, birthdays, info about their cycle, emergency info, etc. This data is automatically added to the member database (the CD and MED have the discretion to delete and modify).

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NEWSLETTER This will start with the current month and show the past six months of Newsletters. You will need Adobe Acrobat (free download, link at the top of this page).

PHOTOS The first page will display links to the past years (starting with 2000). Kodak Gallery is an interactive web site that allows people to upload their photos and create an "album" and a link to this album is added to this page. An account will need to be created to view most of these albums.

SIGN-UP

This is an interactive site that will contain various sign-ups (e.g.; sign up for the Chapter "I" chilli-dump, etc.). The main

link is the dinner ride sign-up. You'll be able to sign up for a specific date and where you want to eat.

SPONSORS A list of Chapter Z sponsors. Please go in and click on each picture to either see the sponsor's website or a map to their place of business.

STAFF Pictures of each Officer and Staff member. Click on their names to automatically send an email to that person. At the top are links to specific Staff Member pages. Lots of GREAT info in each of these pages.

SUGGEST A RIDE

An interactive page that allows you to give specific information about a ride you'd like to go on (where, is there food?, phone numbers, are you willing to lead the ride?, etc.). A message is automatically sent to the ride coordinator(s).

TRIP PLANNER A great place to go when planning a ride. Find out about road construction, maps, road closings, how to pack, create a trip checklist, helmet laws, etc. Lots of GREAT info in here!!!!

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WEB LINKS A place to go to get various GWRRA web links, and interesting sites, plus a place where you can send the webmaster a web-site you'd like to share.

"Z" STORE

A site to see all of the items available (tee-shirts, jackets, pins, etc.) from the store-keeper.