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**"Friends for
Fun, Safety,
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NEXT MEETING:
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February 2, 2012
6 PM Delmonico's



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From The Kitchen Table at 'The White House'

I hope Santa got everyone what they needed, although some items may have not been on your wish list. And the New Year is finding everyone healthy and getting ready for a good long riding season. As we mentioned in last month's newsletter, we are trying something different this year for Ride Coordinators. We have volunteers for each month and some even have 2 months. So, we should have a big assortment of different types of rides for all to enjoy. We will be

having a few overnight rides and a bunch of day rides. Even with the overnight rides there will be some that cannot make these but still want to ride, and that is great. You can either ride part of the way on the overnight ride, or get up and have an impromptu ride of your own. If you let Carol or I know, we will try and get an email out for you, if you can't. We think we will have enough rides that there will be some that everyone will like.

We also have some great Rallies coming up, like the Illinois Winter Warm-Up on **January 20th & 21st** at Decatur, IL. We need to have a large turnout in support of our dear friends Walter & Jean Potwora from IL Ch O. They are regulars for our chapter meetings and ride to eats. Then, next is the Missouri Spring Fling being held at Lake of the Ozarks on **March 3rd**. If you have never attended, make plans now. This really is a fun time. This is also where they will introduce the 2012 Chapter Individual of the Year, our very own Belinda Schearf, and 2012 Chapter Couple of the Year, Carol and George White.

We also have some other important dates coming up: **January 7th** take down Christmas display at Cape County Park; **January 8th**, weather permitting, our Polar Bear Ride being led by Roger; **February 4th** Chapter P Fish Fry at Sullivan, MO; **February 5th** is a ride being lead by 'Picky'; **February 11th** Seminars/Valentines Party with a Potluck Dinner at Fruitland Fire Dept; **February 18th** another ride being lead by 'Picky'. Also, on Monday evening, **February 27th** at 6:00 PM, we will be feeding our friendly firemen at the Fruitland Fire Department (*not a tongue twister*) in appreciation of allowing us to use the Firehouse for some of our events. They are all excited about being fed as they know we have some great cooks!

Last but not least, don't forget our upcoming Ride to Eats: **January 12th** Beef O'Bradys; **January 26th** Dexter Bar B Q; **February 9th** the Olive Garden; and, **February 23rd** Jay's at Marble Hill.

So, as you can see, there is a whole lot going on in 2012, and this is just the start of it.

So... #1 gas up your Bikes
#2 get your kick stands up
#3 and be ready to ride!

We have a lot of rides with a lot of miles in 2012

'Remember the more you get involved the more fun you have.'

George & Carol White



DREAMIN' OF AN EARLY SPRING

WOW!! Christmas has come and gone. Time sure is flyin' and it'll be SPRING before ya know it!! We'll have pretty days and some early spring riding weather,.....soooo, is your bike ready to go for another season?

Now is a good time to spend in the garage with your bike. Take some time, save some money, and repair, minor and major items on your bike.

Lots of us will have received, for Christmas, some pretty's for our bikes. All new shiny chrome, and some will even have lights in them. Most of the lights will be a plug-n-play type electrical connection. For the others, that you have to wire into your system, you'll have to cut and splice wires. I just want to pass on some old information on this. Take some time and solder your connections. Crimp and Quick splice connections will eventually cause you problems. That's been my experience! Soldering takes a little time, but is well worth the time; and, you know it is done correctly. Along with this, purchase a roll of heat shrink and put that on the wiring. Sometimes electrical tape will not adhere well to the splice. Route the wiring so that it will not rub on anything and short out. Purchase a bag of wire ties and tie the wiring to an existing gang of wires. This will keep it from rubbing and shorting. It's also easier to trace the wire in the event of an electrical problem.

Plug-n-play lighting will not require any other electrical devices added to the bike, but wiring lights and other accessories may. At this time, you may want to consider adding a relay to the accessory. Or, as I've mentioned in the past, consider adding an additional fuse block for that new accessory or existing accessories. This will localize all your fuses into one area.

Usually, all the focus is on having the bike ready for another season; but, there is also the trailer. It's the thing you pull behind the bike, maybe 5-6 times a year or less, and sits back in the corner of the garage with a half-inch of dust on it! This item may require a little attention, too! Probably wouldn't hurt to repack the bearings and inspect the tires. Don't forget to check the valve stem. Make sure it's pliable and not weather cracked. Wouldn't hurt to check the wiring and lights, too. Maybe now would be a good time to install some of them newfangled LED lights!! That'd sure brighten the rear end of the trailer, huh?

Right now I'm planning a Maint. Day, weather permitting, for March 17. More details to follow. So, get your things together (spark plugs, air filters, tires, etc.), and lets get those bikes ready for the 2012 riding season!!!

OK folks, Hope you had a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!!!!



Your Tech. Coordinator, Picky

No matter where you are or what you are doing,
you can promote Motorist Awareness.



Have a safe New Year.

Roger Riley
MAD

You Are Getting Very Sleepy...

It's our two archenemies, fatigue and drowsiness, talking to us again in their usual monotones. They are indeed powerful, but they can be beaten with a little knowledge and planning. Let's practice the old adage—know your enemy. What are fatigue and drowsiness?

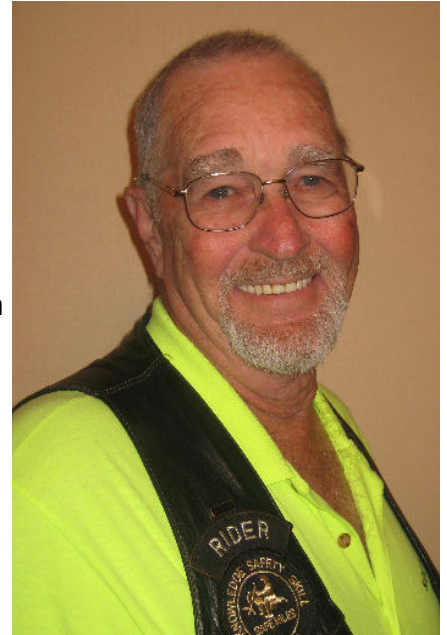
Fatigue is a weakness or weariness resulting from physical exertion or prolonged stress. It can be both physical and mental. Drowsiness is a state of lowered consciousness, reduced alertness, and dulled perception.

Knowing what they are is only the first part. We also need to know what causes them, and how to fight them. They usually occur in prolonged riding because of monotony, tight schedules, heavy traffic, or bad weather. After two to four hours of continuous riding, the central nervous system becomes fatigued, senses become dulled, and perception is lowered.

Highway hypnosis can sneak up on you. Highway hypnosis is the drowsiness caused by lack of visual and physical stimulation while riding. Several things contribute to it—straight, unvarying roads, riding alone at night, few riding operations, and being surrounded by the monotonous engine sound.

How can you fight these enemies? If you've had a hard day, physically or mentally, you need plenty of sleep before riding. Don't plan to start for Big Bend after work. Go home. Sleep. Leave the problems of work behind and get a fresh start in the morning. Plan the trip for no more than two hours of straight road at a stretch. Vary your speed, lane, and lane position. Listen to the radio, or better yet, talk on the CB or to your co-rider. Take rest breaks. They help to raise alertness levels.

Riding demands more attention and requires more skills than driving. You need that extra edge—not just when you start your trip, but always. A little planning can keep you sharp and safe for the whole trip.



Rider Educators

Ernie and Cindy Deason



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January 2012

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 HAPPY NEW YEAR! Dave Bollinger	2	3	4	5 Chapter I Delmonico's Jackson 6 PM Meeting 7 PM	6	7 Take down Christmas display @ Cape County Park 12 PM
8	9 Bob Harless	10	11	12 Beef O' Brady's Cape 6 PM	13	14 MFA/CPR First Aid Fruitland Fire House (if enough Interest) TBD
15	16	17	18	19	20	21 Illinois District Winter Warm-Up Decatur, IL ** TBD
22	23	24 Sue Chaplin	25	26 Dexter Bar B Q Cape 6 PM	27 Dean Riley	28 George White
29	30 Roger Riley	31 Cheryl Perry				**Meet at Jackson Walmart & everyone ride together Otherwise go right to the location

February 2012

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**Meet at Jackson Walmart & everyone ride together Otherwise go right to the location			1	2 Chapter I Delmonico's Jackson 6 PM Meeting 7 PM Bill & Joyce Barnett Becky Tinsley	3	4 Chapter P Fish Fry Sullivan, MO TBA
5 Picky's Ride TBA	6 DeDe Bethune Joe Byrum	7	8	9 Olive Garden 6 PM	10	11 Seminars/ Valentine Party, Potluck Dinner Fruitland Fire-house TBA
12	13 Bruce DeField	14 <i>Be My Valentine!</i>	15	16	17 Karen Mogelnicki	18 Picky's Ride TBA
19	20	21	22	23 Jay's Marble Hill ** 6 PM	24	25
26	27 Potluck Dinner For Firemen Fruitland Fire House Serve 6 PM Carol White	28	29 Ernie Deason			

2012 Schedule

January 7	Take down Christmas Decoration, (Cape County Park North 11:00 AM)
January 8	Polar Bear Ride, (Weather Permitting, time TBA)
January 20 & 21	Illinois District Winter Warm Up, Decatur, IL
February 4	Chapter P Fish Fry, Sullivan, MO
February 5	Dave Bollinger – Ride (TBA)
February 11	Seminars/Valentines Party, Potluck Dinner, Fruitland Fire House (TBA)
February 18	Dave Bollinger – Ride (TBA)
February 27	Potluck Dinner for the Firemen at the Fruitland Fire House, serve 6:00 PM
March 3	MO Dist Spring Fling, Inn at Grand Glaize, Lake of the Ozarks, MO
March 17	Dave Bollinger – Maintenance Day
April 7	Blessing of the Bikes
April 14	Ernie – Ride (TBA)
April 28	Ernie – Ride (TBA)
May 3,4,5,6	Roger – Crawfish Ride
May 11,12	Art – Ride to Arthur
May 18,19,20	Niehaus Customer Appreciation Days, Litchfield, IL
May 19	Jack – Ride to Bunker (time TBA)
May 26 & 28	Roger (MAD) – I55 Coffee Break (times TBA)
May 31 & June 1,2	MO Dist Rally, Branson, MO
June 1,2	Stone Ponies – Overnight Ride, Land Between the Lakes
June 8,9,10	Stone Ponies – Traveling Picnic, Knoxville, TN
June 16	Stone Ponies – Ride to Cairo, Grand Chain, Paducah
June 21,22,23	Stone Ponies – Overnight Ride, Mountain View, AR
June 30	Stone Ponies – Ride, New Harmony, IN
July 4,5,6,7	Wing Ding, Fort Wayne, IN
July 21,22	Dicky & Judy – Overnight Ride, Current River, Van Buren
August 4	Art – Ride the Rails
August 11	CHAPTER I FUN RUN, Cape County Park
August 16-19	Art & Dave, Pine Top Ride, IN
August 26	Art – Ride, Tale of Four Bridges
September 14,15,16	Southern IL Ride In, DuQuoin, IL
October 5,6,7	Switchback to Arkansas, Marble Falls, AR
October 27	Roger – Ride (TBA)
October 27	Dave & Linda – Evening Bon Fire
November 3	MO OP's Meeting
November 18	Put Up Christmas Decorations, Cape County Park
December ?	Christmas Party
December ?	Christmas Boxes