

Cruiser News

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Schaumburg Boomer's Baseball Game

The Cruiser's spoke and I listened (Well, actually Diane listened and I listened to Diane)...

The annual game this year will be a Schaumburg Boomer's game on August 17th at 6:00p.m. Fireworks after the game and my favorite...FREE PARKING!! Take that Cougars!!! \$10 to park in a cornfield...c'mon!!!

Group ticket prices are \$9.00 each and we need 20 people to get this ball rolling.

Please let me know as soon as you can if you are coming and please specify how many tickets you are requesting. Please contact me by Phone: 847-322-2571 or by Email: orfy2000@hotmail.com.

As soon as I hit the quota I will order the tickets. Even if you don't know right away, once the 20 tickets are ordered we will be able to add on seats in our section up until about two-three weeks prior to the game.

Again, please let me know as soon as you can.



A Note from the President

By: Renate "Rain" Nietzold

Where in the world does the time go? It just seems to keep flying along. I know that I have been busy, but what I've been busy doing, I haven't a clue! At our last meeting I passed out the Safety Booklet, Directory and Calendars for those that did not receive them. If you would like your copy, let me know and I'll make sure to get you one.

We found out that Rich Gruner got into an accident on the way down to Springfield after attending the Ride for the Son. We were happy to find out that Rich did not have any life-threatening injuries as it could have been a lot worse considering he hit a deer! However, Rich's bike didn't make our so great. From what I understand his bike is a total wreck. Rich, there are better way to get a new bike...just sayin'.

I'd like to thank Cavin Page for leading us up to the Brat Stop after our meeting. It was a perfect day for a ride. Bob and I had the pleasure of sitting with Cavin at lunch and he entertained everyone at the table, including our waitress, non-stop. I don't think I've ever laughed so much! I understand that after the Brat Stop Cavin invited the rest of the group to go with him to Jelly Belly to purchase some much needed sweets! Bob and I could not join in, but I hope the rest of you had a great time.

As you know the Motorcycle Awareness Ride sponsored by Heritage Harley Davidson was cancelled. Many of you were wondering why. Well, since the State Police could not assist in the ride due to them covering a dignitary move, Heritage Harley decided to cancel the ride all together this year.

Speaking of rides and cancellations, John Bergroschtje informed me that he had surgery and due to his recovery time could not lead the two rides he was committed to. One ride was on Sunday, June 2 going to Baby Back Blues after our monthly meeting. The other was on Saturday, June 15 going to the Beach Pub. I asked at the meeting if anyone would step up to lead these rides. Cavin Page volunteered to lead the Baby Back

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Blues ride. So far no one volunteered for the Beach Pub ride. Bob and I are not familiar with the Beach Pub and therefore do not feel comfortable leading a ride to this destination. However, if no one will step forward to take over this ride, Bob may be willing to lead a ride to another destination. In either case, I wish John a speedy recovery and hope all is well sooner rather than later.

We found out that James Grant had to have brain surgery to relieve the pressure from a hematoma on his brain. We were all on pins and needles until John Bergroschtje informed us that the surgery went great and that Jim was still in ICU but had been up and walking. At the time, his only concern was that he wants to still be able to ride his bike. Jim, our prayers are with you and we also wish you a speedy recovery.

Jeff Oltendorf has opted out as Road Captain for his two rides. One was on Sunday, September 15 to the Field of Dreams and the other on Sunday, October 13 to Physco Silo. We need someone to step in for these rides as well. Actually, looking at the website of Physco Silo, they do not have anything listed after September 28. They are stating that future dates would be weather pending, as it would be for us. So this ride may even be a moot point. However, we still should have someone in place to do a ride, just in case the weather is good.

So enough rambling from me for now. Bob and I are going on vacation to see our son in Louisiana at the end of this month. If you need anything, please contact Larry Franklin in my absence. See you all when we get back!



Treasurer Report

Prepared by Tony Loden
Treasurer

Chicago Cruisers

April 2019 Treasurers Report

General Fund Balance	4/1/2019	\$1,408.71	
Charitable Fund Balance	4/1/2019		\$805.50
Total Account Balance	4/1/2019		\$2,214.21

Income:

Bank Discrepancy (stmnt vs rpt)	4/1/2019		\$3.36
50/50 (Charity)	4/7/2019		\$130.00
Waitress Tip (Temp Cash)	4/7/2019		-\$20.00
50/50 Charity Winner (Ish)	4/7/2019		-\$65.00
Membership Dues	4/7/2019	\$20.00	
Mechandise Sales	4/7/2019	\$48.00	
Total:		\$68.00	\$48.36

Expenses:

Waitress Tip (Fund Transfer)	4/7/2019	-\$20.00	\$20.00
CHK 1290: CMA, Donation, Bike Blessing	4/7/2019	-\$100.00	
CHK 1321: IL Scty of State, 2019 Annual	4/22/2019	-\$10.00	
CHK 1322: USPS, PO Box Renewal	4/22/2019	-\$95.00	
Total:		-\$225.00	\$20.00

Bottom Line

General Fund Balance	4/30/2019	\$1,251.71	
Charitable Fund Balance	4/30/2019		\$873.86
Total Account Balance	4/30/2019		\$2,125.57

Months Bank Transactions

Deposit (From 4/7/19 Mtg)	4/8/2019	R	\$68.00	\$45.00
CHK 1290: CMA, Donation, Bike Blessing	4/7/2019		\$100.00	
CHK 1321: IL Scty of State, 2019 Annual	4/22/2019	R	\$10.00	
CHK 1322: USPS, PO Box Renewal	4/22/2019	R	\$95.00	

Chicago Cruisers Meeting Minutes

Prepared by Marsha Buol
Secretary

Chicago Cruisers Meeting

May 5, 2019

Start 9:13a.m.

Adjourned 9:50a.m.

- Rich Gruner struck a deer after The Ride to the Son. Hospitalized in Peoria, Illinois. No Fractures, but significant bruising and road rash.
- Guest of Ann and Kirk Hitschel, Dave, from Los Angeles, California. Rides a 2000 Street Glide.
- Amendment to Bi-Laws Article 20 Revoking Membership sent to Survey Monkey. Paper Ballots sent out in the Mail.
- Treasure's Report: General Fund \$1,251.71 Charitable Fund \$873.86. There is a \$3.36 Bank Discrepancy, which was placed in Charitable Fund. In order to have Second Bank Account need to change the State of Illinois Charter.
- Merchandiser: Discussed Members to purchase Chicago Cruiser Pins.
- 51 Chicago Cruiser Members. \$106.00 was collected for the 50/50, which John Bergroschtje won.
- Road Captain, John Bergroschtje, unable to lead his June Rides. Need another Road Captain to Step-Up and take those Rides.
- Newsletter and Web Site going well per Kirk Hitschel. Bob Nietzold now Editor of Newsletter and Articles to be submitted within two weeks after the Monthly Meeting.
- Jeff discussed having a Baseball Outing again for the Chicago Cruisers possibly the Schaumburg Boomer's.
- Meeting was adjourned by Rain Nietzold, and Seconded Jim Buol.



April-May Birthdays

George Gacic 6/1
Terri Loren. 6/6
Mike Ward. 6/7
Ray Liskowski. 6/8
Linda Ward. 6/16
Joe Hill. 6/20
Kathy Veaseman. 6/29

April-May Anniversaries

Thanks for sticking with us

Marge Anderson. 2001
Meg & John Waelawski 2006
Jeff Oltendorf 2013
Roger Jackson 2014
Larry & Arlene Franklin. 2014
Terri & Tony Loren. 2017

June Events

June 2, 2019 - 9:00a.m.
Monthly Meeting
Denny's
Hanover Park, IL

Regular meeting followed by a ride to Baby Back Blues. Ride lead by Cavin Page.

June 9, 2019 - 10:00a.m.
Fair Oaks Dairy Ride
Fair Oaks, IN

Not what you would expect to find in the middle of a cornfield. We can do a tour, eat lunch and of course taste some great ice cream. Ride will be lead by Tony Loden.

June 15, 2019
Beach Pub - 9:00a.m.
Denny's
Hanover Park, IL

We need a Road Captain for this ride. More information will be coming in regard to this date.

June 16, 2019
Father's Day

June 30, 2019 - 9:00
Ride to Byron, the Long Way
Byron, IL

What's in Byron??? Besides the Nuclear Generating Station, Byron is considered to be the gateway to the Rock River Valley. Tony Loden will be your guide for this one!

June 22, 2019
The Ride to Wolf Creek Habitat
Brookville, Indiana (Between
Indianapolis and Cincinnati)

Depart Saturday June 22,
8:00a.m. Hinsdale Oasis
Southbound Side
We will return on
Sunday June 23,
late afternoon

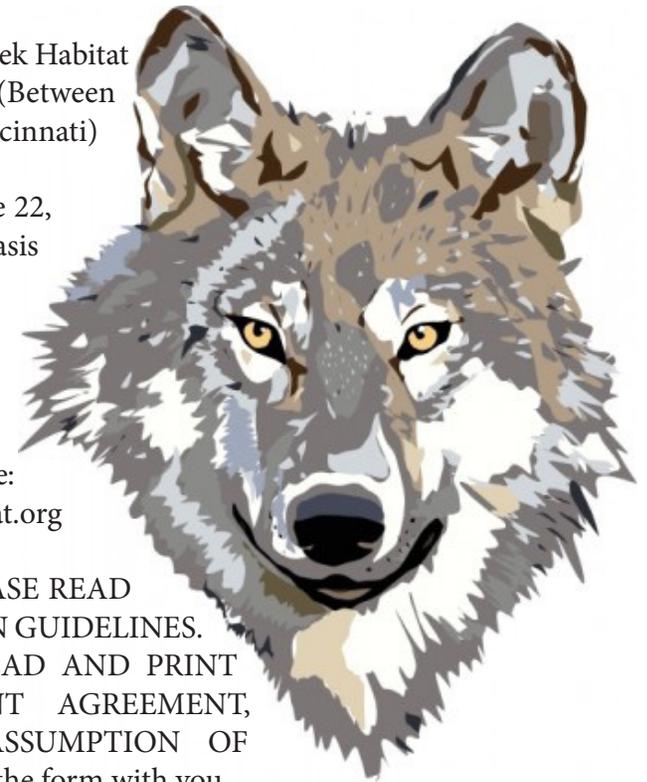
Check out the Website:
www.wolfcreekhabitat.org

IMPORTANT...PLEASE READ
THE INTERACTION GUIDELINES.
ALSO PLEASE READ AND PRINT
THE PARTICIPANT AGREEMENT,
RELEASE AND ASSUMPTION OF
RISK FORM. Bring the form with you.

Make hotel reservations at:
Baymont Inn
2317 N. State Road 3
Greensburg, IN 47240
Website: www.wyndhamhotels.com/baymont
812-663-6055
(AARP rate is \$70. There are a couple other hotels in the area if this one should fill)

My plan is to get south and east of Chicago onto state, county and local roads. I will avoid Indianapolis. Lunch TBD. There is a Chili's Restaurant nearby when we arrive in Greensburg Saturday evening.

On Sunday morning it is a 30 minute ride to the Habitat where we will spend time observing and interacting with the wolves. Afterward we will have lunch and head home via the interstates. Approximately 300 miles each day.





Summer Riding

Aaahhh glorious summer is upon us. I really appreciate the warmth of the summer months. I don't have to wear a ton and a half of heavy clothing for starts. It's more important to worry about sunscreen and staying hydrated than to worry about how to prevent frostbitten toes and fingertips. There are lots more bikers out there waving at me this time of year – it's all fun...or is it? It's still early in the season, but warm enough to bring out lots of motorcyclists...and I've heard about at least one motorcycle versus car accident nearly every morning for the past couple of weeks. More than I recall hearing about on the local news than other years. It disturbs me, as a rider, I have to give this some thought as to why this is happening?

Well, first and most obviously...there are a lot more riders out there than ever before. Since there are a lot more riders...there are bound to be more accidents if there are significantly more motorcycles on the road—right?

I'd like to think that it doesn't have to be so. In this part of the country there are more accidents in the late spring and early summer. I think it's partially because a lot of folks don't ride for several months each winter. So being 'out of practice' and not yet 'familiar' with your motorcycle for the riding season might be another factor. If you fall into this group...please remember that your reaction times may not be optimal until you've gotten a few miles on for the year, go to a parking lot and practice your quick stops, swerves and braking in a curve...or take an Experienced Rider Class and get the same kind of practice with professional coaching.

Summer riding often presents us with other hazards as well. Are you aware of how slippery those 'tar snakes' get on a hot day? You know, where they've patched the road—that black tar becomes almost liquid. Many's the time I've felt the back wheel slip and twitch when crossing over 'patched' roadway—not a big problem, as soon as the wheel slips sideways onto hard

pavement—you quickly regain traction. But if you need to execute an evasive maneuver such as swerving—then the potential for slipping on these surfaces needs to be calculated into the equation.

What about other hazards, such as children bolting out in front of you, perhaps chasing a ball or a pet? Both in town and in your rural settings...the kids are out of school and playing hard. We need to watch out for them as well.

Another hazard, and one I probably dislike riding on the most are highways under construction, muddy, unpaved roads for miles at a time. Ride these sections of road slower...and plan on working your clutch and friction zone a lot as you will want to pull in the clutch and coast over the slipperiest areas or whenever you feel that back wheel slipping or spinning. Remember to look straight ahead, not down, except for glimpses, and keep a firm hold on your handgrips to prevent an accident.

Almost as bad as muddy highway construction is grooved pavement. Although I'm not fond of riding on this stuff either...rain grooved pavement, or even worse, rotomilled pavement (when they chop up the pavement before re-paving) is quite manageable...if not a bit uncomfortable. The front wheel will get pitched from side to side slightly...which feels scarier than it really is. Keep a good eye straight out in front of you...this would be a bad time to look down. Point your handlebars straight ahead and then allow a little play in the front end by keeping a firm hold on the hand grips, but loose elbows and arms. You won't like it, but you will be able to navigate through these summertime problems accident free.

Sometimes there is a higher edge in one lane than the other and you may want to get over. Don't panic and don't try to jump up on the new higher pavement by 'sidling' over—it will repeatedly throw your front tire back where you came from if you do this. If you want to get off the low side and onto that new pavement...you will need to approach that abrupt edge as close to 90 degrees as possible. In other words move way over to the right to surmount a left side ridge...and point the front tire directly at the 'edge' so you can bounce up over it from a head on approach. Vice versa, if you want to surmount a right hand edge...you'd need to start from the left side of your lane and point that front wheel as directly as possible 90 degrees to the lane you wish to surmount. Give it some throttle and bounce! You're there!

Probably one of the biggest summer human hazards is dehydration. You lose much more body moisture when riding than you do during other summer activities. The wind pulls it right out of you. Always, always carry something to drink. Water and sports drinks are my recommendations. Be sure to enjoy a big bottle of juice, water, tea, some non-alcoholic liquid at every stop when you're out riding this summer. Till next time, ride safe and ride free!

