

NORTH CENTRAL ILLINOIS FORMING CHAPTER OF WOMEN ON WHEELS®



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Director's Letter

By Gigi Beaird

What an exciting time! Thank you to all who came to our first organizational meeting at the China House in DeKalb. It was quite the success as we were able to fill most of the essential executive committee positions with our new members! Members of the executive committee are as follows:

Chapter Director, Gigi Beaird
Assistant Director, Barbara Manning
Treasurer, Marylynn Buckner
Secretary, Venita Larson
Newsletter Editor, Shelley Zachary
Road Captain, Sharon Boda

Currently, we have seven official members of our forming chapter, six full members and one support member, Mark Larson. To send in our charter we need three more members or support members to join us.

We are still looking for a name. I have received a few suggestions and will bring them to the meeting at the Beacon Restaurant in Rochelle on May 31, 2008. Please bring your suggestions; we will have a brainstorming session at the meeting. Don't forget, we will also need a logo design as well.

I am a little behind schedule for this month as I had hoped to have advertisers and supporting dealerships on line with us by now. I will focus my efforts there for the month of June. Any help getting advertisers or supporting dealerships on line would be

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appreciated as I begin classes for Motorcycle Safety Foundation Instructor Prep. on June 6th and I won't have much free time on my hands.

I was interviewed for an article about our forming chapter that will be printed in the Rochelle News-Leader Tuesday May 27th. It is being included as part of the Governor declaring May as Motorcycle Awareness Month in Illinois. You will be able to view this article on line at: http://www.rochellenews-leader.com/v2_main_page.php a few days after the paper is printed. If you would like copies of the paper, let me know and I will pick some up from the News Leader office.

Those of you who have not signed a website photo release form will be able to do so at the meeting in Rochelle. I am anxious to get our photos from the China House up on the website.

We are off to a running start! Thank you to our Illinois State Ambassador, Rusty Harmening, and the members of Northwind Riders for all their help in coordinating this forming chapter of Women On Wheels®.

Ride Safe!

April 26, 2008 Meeting

By Venita Larson

The first meeting of the North Central Illinois Forming Chapter of Women on Wheels® was held on Saturday, April 26, 2008 at the China House Buffet Restaurant in DeKalb, IL. Gigi Beaird called the meeting to order at 1:12 pm and welcomed everyone to the first meeting. There were 12 members present and one support member. The group read the WOW Mission Statement.

Appointed Officers are:

Chapter Director - Gigi Beaird
 Assistant Director - Barbara Manning
 Secretary - Venita Larson
 Treasurer - Marylynn Buckner
 Newsletter Editor - Shelly Zachary
 Road Captain - Sharon Boda

It was discussed that the Chapter needs ten full members or seven full members and three support members to constitute an active charter. The Chapter also needs a \$50 application fee for one year.

Membership applications were distributed to the group. The group was also advised that membership applications can be found on the WOW website. Also available on the website is the Membership Directory. This directory indicates a list of things that each member can provide such as tools, truck/trailer, lodging,

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Attendees of first meeting outside the China House Buffet in DeKalb, IL.

repair, help etc. Updates for new members are sent to the Chapter Directors.

Rusty Harmening, State Ambassador, reviewed with the group the type of reports (quarterly reports, program reports and annual reports) that are required. She also explained that elections are typically held in September so that officers are reported in the January national update.

Gigi advised that she plans for the Chapter to meet once a month on either the 3rd or 4th Saturday of the month. She also explained to the group that we are looking for dealerships to sponsor our chapter/benefits. We would ask them to display literature to help recruit new members, advertise events and provide discounts.

Mary Schulz from Northwind Riders ran our 50/50 drawing. \$64 was raised for the start of the new Chapter—this means we already have our \$50 application fee.

To be discussed at the next meeting on May 31, 2008 at the Beacon Restaurant in Rochelle, IL is a Chapter name. Tentatively the Chapter name is Wild Roses.

The meeting was adjourned at 2:05 pm.

Exciting News

By Shelly Zachary

After being interviewed by the Rochelle News-Leader Gigi Beard, Chapter Director, received five calls from prospective members who plan to attend the May 31st meeting and a leather dealership in Rochelle who wants to place an ad in our newsletter and link to our website. He has also invited us to attend the bike show he is sponsoring at Malta Days on June 7th. Information regarding the bike show will be available at the meeting.

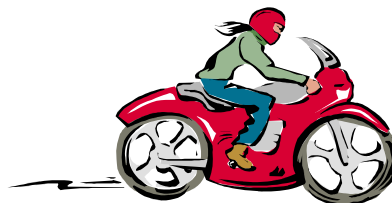


Bob-Jo Cycle Company

50W112 Old State Rd
 Maple Park, IL 60151
 Ph: (815)895-5251
 Fx: (815)895-5552

We are pleased to announce that Bob-Jo Cycle Company has signed on as a supporting dealership! They are sponsoring cycle runs through Bob-Jo Honda as well as Sycamore Speedway and are going to have our pamphlets available.

On Sunday, June 1st, everyone is invited to meet at the Casey's General Store on Route 38 in Creston, IL. A photographer from the DeKalb Daily Chronicle is going to take photos of us riding to be included in the article that is going to be written from Gigi's personal interview with a reporter from the DeKalb Daily Chronicle which is being conducted on Monday, June 2nd. We'll let you know when the article publishes.



For Sale

2004 Honda CRF 450 R
 \$3,500 OBO
 Contact Mark Beard
 (815) 766-1215



For Sale

Yamaha Road Star Warrior
 Soft Saddle Bags - Black \$75
 Contact Don Zachary
 (815) 498-1903

HJC AC-3 Helmet \$75
 Red - Size Small
 Contact Shelly Zachary
 (708) 277-4202

Ride and Meeting Schedule

Next Chapter Meeting

May 31, 2008

The Beacon Restaurant

444 West Illinois Route 38

Rochelle, IL

(Route 38 to Rochelle on left hand side (going West)
just before the stop light.)

Rides

June 6–8, 2008

Illinois All State Camp Out

With Northwind Riders Chapter of WOW

Springfield, IL

June 15, 2008 (Father's Day)

Rock River Riders

AMA Hill Climb

Polo, IL

10:00 am

\$10 Admission

Note: The Chapter Coordinator will be at the club grounds with canopy shade, light snacks and a cooler of beverages. Lunch (pork chops, hotdogs, etc.) and other snacks are available at the club grounds for purchase during the competition.

July 8–10, 2008

WOW 22nd Annual International Ride-In

Boyne Falls, MI

July 20, 2008

Rock River Riders

AMA Hill Climb

Polo, IL

10:00 am

\$10 admission

Note: The Chapter Coordinator will be at the club grounds with canopy shade, light snacks and a cooler of beverages. Lunch (pork chops, hotdogs, etc.) and other snacks are available at the club grounds for purchase during the competition.

*All events and meetings are open to all WOW
members and non-members.*

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Did You Know?

- Of the 50 States only 4 are 100% helmet free. They are: CO, IL, IA and NH.
- Of the other 46 states, 20 have full helmet laws for all motorcycle riders. They are: AL, CA, GA, LA, MD, MA, MI, MS, MO, NE, NV, NJ, NY, NC, OR, TN, VT, VA, WA and WV.
- 19 states have helmet laws that exempt adult riders—riders over the age of majority (18 years old and over). They are: AK, AZ, CT, DE, HI, ID, IN, KS, ME, MN, MT, NM, ND, OH, OK, SD, UT, WI and WY.