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PLEASE NOTE: The November 24th Chapter Meeting has been cancelled and rescheduled for Friday, November 30th at 7:00 pm at Papa G's Restaurant in Elburn, IL

Member Birthdays

Be sure to wish the following members of the NCI Wild Roses a Happy Birthday:

- 🌸 Ruth Hicks – October 8th
- 🌸 Vivian McCain – October 12th
- 🌸 Mary Lynn Buckner – October 13th
- 🌸 Sandra Hillis – October 20th
- 🌸 Sharon Beck – October 26th
- 🌸 Valerie Davis – November 4th
- 🌸 Becky Baker–Illman – November 16th
- 🌸 Chris Bowman – November 28th

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Space Blanket

By Sue Thatcher, RN

- Does your med kit have a "space blanket?" It is not only good for moving an injured person it is also good because:
- It's reflective so will help improve visibility
 - It provides protection from wind/rain/snow etc
 - You can cut a hole in the center and wear it like a poncho
 - It will reflect heat back in if wrapped around person and prevent heat loss
 - You can cut a piece off and wear it like a bandana to help keep heat in or to keep sun off.
 - It can be used to make a lean to type shelter for more than one person
 - It can be used to make shade where there is none
 - can be used to collect dew or rain if water is scarce.
 - A piece off to use as you would a mirror to signal for help
 - you can use it to play memory game (put random items under it, give everyone a minute to look at them, cover and see how many they remember)
 - It is also can be used as drop cloth or like a picnic blanket.
 - You could be a big Hershey kiss next Halloween.

There are many possibilities! I have one on my bike and I keep one in the car too.

First Road Trip

By Cris Randall

Not a newbie anymore...



That is what my husband Tyson, told me as soon as we arrived at home after our first motorcycle road trip which covered nearly 1,300 miles over five days.

We felt great, we were

very happy we finally gave ourselves an opportunity to do something exclusively for us. We both rode our own bikes and we each equally had the same amount of fun doing it. Tyson rode his 2012 Road King Classic and I rode my recent acquisition, a 2012 Fat Boy Lo.

On our first day we left St. Charles heading north to LaCrosse, Wisconsin. We made a quick stop in Rockford and then Galena, where we discovered the local Harley

store had closed and they have consolidated their inventory with Dubuque.



Galena HD was a cozy little store with a small town charm that will surely be missed by many.

The ride from Galena to Potosi, WI was very pretty and full of nice curves, complimented by the Fall colors merging with powerful rock formations for a breathtaking scene. We took WI-35 north, along the Mississippi River and the ride was very pleasant. Along the right side we



had the great American River and to the left we had the gorgeous hills and bluffs, which are things we do not see very

often in the Illinois landscape. Being late September, the trees were displaying all sorts of gorgeous colors: yellows, reds, oranges and greens. On some occasions, we even had the opportunity to see some flowers along the way. If the beautiful landscape was not enough, we also saw many historic buildings and their exquisite architecture.

LaCrosse is a very beautiful town. After getting settled in our hotel we visited downtown for a few hours and ate at Pizza Amore, a local Italian restaurant that served delicious authentic Italian pizza and delightful cheese pesto bread.

On our second day, we continued to ride north along the Mississippi, heading to Duluth, Minnesota. Our previous day's experience continued along another scenic route with lots of sunshine.

We stopped at the New Richmond HD, which was out in the middle of the countryside, but it was a neat store.

The cold mornings did not bother me as much as I anticipated. In fact, it was very nice to be able to wear all my gear and not feel like I was toasting inside my leather jacket and helmet. Just a few layers, neck protection and double gloves were enough to make me feel very comfortable even at 45 degrees going 65 miles per hour on roads that were shaded from sunlight by the rich plethora of trees. I am a fair weather rider and being on the road, far from home, with the possibility of unexpected cold temperatures or rain was something that concerned me as a "new road tripper". However, we were fortunate enough to enjoy only sunny days all five days we were riding.

Duluth was pretty and the view of Lake Superior at sunset was a magnificent moment. We visited this 1886 renovated historic brewery called Fitger's and tasted a unique wild rice burger and locally brewed distinctive beers, including our favorite, the Apricot Wheat. The old brick building and the old barrels and brewer pipes running throughout the space provided visitors with a warm and cozy comfortable ambiance of a high mountain brew pub, while welcoming guests to relax and have a good time with friends.

The third day was the highlight of the trip. Not knowing exactly what route to take to Green Bay we relied on the 2012 Harley Davidson Touring Guide to decide what we should do. The atlas underscores the scenic routes and we decided to take its recommendation - that added a two hour detour - to our plans, but made our trip unforgettable.





We rode to Ashland along Lake Superior (RT 13) to find yet more beautiful scenery and an amazing Mexican restaurant called Aztec.

With plenty of food in our tummies and a very large smile on our faces, we headed to the most astonishing part of our trip.

Route 55, from Crandon to Bonduel provided us with several mild curves, surrounded by Fall colored trees and



vegetation, little old towns and narrow bridges. This ride made me understand the feeling of freedom: no

traffic, surrounded by nature, curves, rivers, lakes, Fall colors, me, my husband and our bikes. We even gave a nick name to this road; we called it the "Puppy Tail" in reference to the biker's dream "Dragon Tail" ride in North Carolina. The Puppy Tail will be forever in our memory as the prettiest, nicest road we have crossed thus far.

At one point, we stopped in one of the many road

pullouts to enjoy the sound of birds and water going down the creek, it was a



moment of serenity and peace we have not had in many years. Even though we knew the "scenic detour" added two hours to our day and we would arrive at our destination after dark, we stopped at the creek for several minutes to enjoy the nature's harmonious retreat.

After over ten hours and 360 miles—which was our longest day—we had a very well deserved and long resting night of sleep in Green Bay.



On the fourth day, we stopped in Madison to get a taste of the Wisconsin Capitol and enjoy some of downtown experience and hospitality on the evening of a Wisconsin Badger football game day. Not caring who was playing, or the fact the game was out of town; the vibes and atmosphere of sports fanatics was felt in every inch of the downtown area.

The last day on the road was bitter sweet, we were glad to be going back home with so many wonderful memories, but we were also sad to have to leave this life of a dream road trip behind. This first trip will be forever stamped on our memories and it definitely marked the beginning of many more trips to come. We cannot wait for next year's adventure!



Ride & Event Schedule

November 30, 2012 – Chapter Meeting

7:00 pm @ Papa G's, Elburn IL

January 12, 2013

5th Annual January Planning Session

Location: Jane Fargo (Stratford) Inn; Sycamore, IL

January 12–13, 2013

Wicked Wheels Weekend Motorcycle and Car Show

Timber Creek Best Western, Sandwich, IL

Sat. 11 am to 7 pm & Sun. 10 am to 3 pm

\$10 Admission, Free Parking & Kids Under 12 Free

www.wickedwheelsweekend.com

July 9–11, 2013 – 27th International Ride-In

Billings, MT

Additional information on all of these events is available on our Yahoo Group website. After meeting rides are subject to change. All events and meetings are open to all WOW Members and Non-Members.

Don't forget you are always welcome to bring a guest to any of our meetings or events.

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Email articles, photos or information about any special rides, events, etc. to your Newsletter Editor @ shellyzachary@comcast.net



Accident Scene Management

Sue Thatcher, RN

Lead Instructor

AHA CPR Instructor – Rescue Rider

I have another class soon! For anyone who needs to refresh their skills or take a class to learn what to do in the first 5 to 30 minutes after a motorcycle accident.

ASMI Basic Class

November 19, 2012 9 am – 4:30pm – cost is \$55

Woodstock Harley-Davidson, Woodstock, IL

For the above class, use the discount code "save" for \$5.00 off the registration fee.

To register contact me at colsuern@yahoo.com or go to: <https://www.eiseverywhere.com/ehome/43305?&eventtypes=1610>



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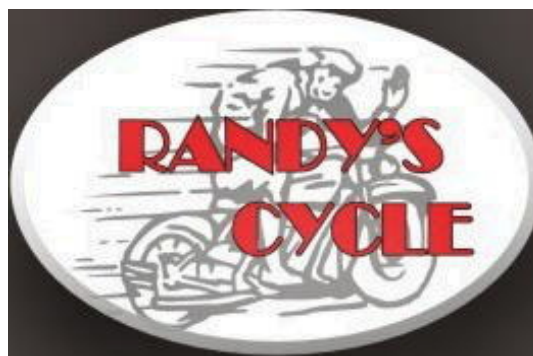
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January 12th and 13th!!

Saturday 11:00 am to 7:00 pm Sunday 10:00 am to 3:00

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