



# ILLINOIS CHAPTER H-2 NEWS EAGLE WINGS MOTORCYCLE ASSOCIATION



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**Friends for Fun, Safety,  
and Riding**



## December 2024

**Monthly Social:** First Tuesday of the month—Side Trax Bar and Grill, 441 E. Main St., Galesburg  
(Eat 5:30-6:30 Social at 6:30 p.m.)

**Coffee:** Third Tues. of the month at 5:30 p.m.—check calendar for location

*All Roads  
Lead Home*

### December Director's Message



It was great seeing everyone at our Christmas Party Dinner on Tuesday evening. To show our appreciation, the chapter paid for the meals. As each person arrived they picked out a Christmas hat to wear for the evening. There were Christmas center pieces on each of the tables surrounded by Hershey's Peppermint Kisses.

After dinner, we played a game of solving riddles. A sample of them was:

- I occur once in a minute, twice in a moment, and yet not once in a thousand years.
- What gets bigger the more you take from it?
- Which word becomes shorter after you add 2 letters to it?
- A cowboy rode into town on a Friday and rode out 2 days later on Friday. How was that possible?

Prizes were given for the most and least amount correct. Butch gave everyone a scratch-off lottery ticket. I know at least one person won \$10. Others may have won also. Thanks, Butch, for adding to the evening fun!

As the evening ended each household received a Christmas center piece to take home. Everyone left with the Christmas hat they had been wearing all evening. Carolyn and I would like to thank everyone for sharing the evening with the H-2 Chapter.

### Upcoming Events:

- No coffee this month – Enjoy visiting friends and Christmas events
- Jan 7, H-2 Gathering, Side Trax Bar & Grill, 6:30 p.m. (Eat 5:30 p.m.)
- Jan 21, H-2 Coffee, Tres Café, 1135 Lincoln St., Galesburg, 5:30 p.m.

Check the Newsletter or H-2 Facebook for additional information.

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We wish everyone a Blessed and Very Merry Christmas!

**Until Next Time, Be Safe,  
Lanny & Carolyn, Chapter Directors**



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Join us on Facebook. A FB group has been created as an additional way for H-2 members and friends of H-2 to communicate. The name of the group is Illinois H-2 Highway Wingers, Eagle Wings Motorcycle Association.

**To order H-2 orange shirts or hats, contact Carolyn Anderson.**

- H-2 Hosts for 2025**

  - January—Lanny & Carolyn Anderson
  - February—Lanny & Carolyn Anderson
  - March—Ron & Ruby Naslund
  - April—Ken & Donna Larson
  - May—Dan & Alvah Fryer
  - June—Need Volunteers
  - July—Need Volunteers
  - August—Ken & Donna Larson
  - September—Butch Thron
  - October—Ron & Ruby Naslund
  - November—Need Volunteers
  - December—Need Volunteers

- December Game Winners**

  - Donna Wesolowski
  - Ruby Naslund
  - Tom Smith
  - Donna Larson

### Pictures from H-2 Christmas Party



## It's All About Traction

We turned the calendar to December and, suddenly, winter was here! The signs of winter were everywhere: the cold temperatures, snow flurries, freezing rain, and ice on puddles. In winter we see the most driving problems (accidents and spin outs) when conditions include freezing rain and black ice. It does not matter that we are driving our four-wheeled vehicles. When the road surface is icy, traction is greatly reduced. So when there is ice on the road, the best thing to do is stay home. If you have to drive in icy conditions, go slowly and smoothly. Go VERY slowly, and VERY smoothly.

As we know from our motorcycle training, when we lose traction, we lose braking and steering control of our vehicle. The same applies to a car. Even with four tires on the ground, it is easy to lose control of a vehicle on ice. To increase traction in icy conditions, look for surfaces with more texture. This can be the unpaved shoulder of the road where gravel can provide more resistance to sliding and skidding tires. Crusty snow gives more traction, too. This can sometimes be present in the center of the lane (the middle track) where tires seldom crush and pack it down. Almost any surface provides better traction than ice! If you have the choice to drive on ice or another surface, try to move your vehicle smoothly onto the other surface.

Keep in mind that accelerating, braking and steering inputs should all be made smoothly to maintain traction and control of your vehicle. Use a light touch on the accelerator. You will not be able to accelerate rapidly on ice anyway, so just plan to keep speeds down. With the limited traction available on ice, stepping on the gas will just cause tire spin. Give yourself plenty of time, slow down before entering curves, and maintain a steady speed through the turn.

Increase your following distance behind other cars to allow more time to stop. You will need it when ice on the ground limits your traction. The additional space will also give you a cushion if the vehicle in front of you loses control and goes into a spin. That space can give you room to maneuver and time to react so you can avoid a collision.

Consider using your emergency flashers to warn others of the traction problem. They might not be as aware of the conditions as you are. As always, it is important to scan aggressively all around you for hazards and other drivers who might lose control. Think constantly about your best escape route or your reaction to various situations that might arise. Keep alert to your safest options.

Learn how your vehicle handles on ice in an empty icy parking lot. It is important to see and feel how it reacts when you are traveling at low speed and step on the brake or turn the wheel. It will be different from driving on dry pavement. By learning how it behaves, you are better prepared to take the right action in a surprise situation on the road. Just like a motorcycle training class, you want to practice in a safe space. And remember, it's all about the traction.

Be Safe!!





# December 2024



SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
1	2	3 <u>IL H-2 Christmas Party, Side Trax Bar and Grill, 5:30 p.m.</u>	4	5	6	7
8	9 <i>Judy Bagley</i>	10 <i>Larry Gasaway</i>	11	12	13 <i>Ruby Naslund</i>	14
15	16	17	18	19	20	21 <i>Ron Naslund</i> 
22	23	24 	25 	26 <i>Tom &amp; Sharon Smith</i>	27	28 <i>Chet &amp; Billie Stephens</i>
29	30 <i>Alvah Fryer</i>	31 				

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# January 2025



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
Don't forget to bring your food pantry donations to the January gathering! This is a great service we can do for the community.			1 <i>New Year's Day</i> Lanny & Carolyn Anderson	2 Judy Grafton	3	4
5 David Pedersen	6	7 <u>IL H-2 Gathering, Side Trax Bar and Grill, 6:30 p.m.</u>	8 Gwen Millikan	9	10 Rosy Stinemates	11
12	13	14	15	16	17 Karen English	18
19	20 Dave Thompson	21 <u>IL H-2 Coffee, Tres Café, 1135 Lincoln St., Galesburg, 5:30 p.m.</u>	22 Gary & Bev Reed	23	24	25
26 Linda Pedersen	27	28	29	30	31	



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**IL-H-2's Calendar of Events—2025**  
 (Scheduled events are always subject to change  
 Always check your H-2 newsletter or website for updates)

**January**

- 7 IL H-2 Gathering, Side Trax Bar and Grill, 6:30 p.m.  
(eat 5:30)
- 21 IL H-2 Coffee, Tres Café, 1135 Lincoln, St., Galesburg,  
5:30 p.m.

**February**

- 4 IL H-2 Gathering, Side Trax Bar and Grill, 6:30 p.m.  
(eat 5:30)
- 18 IL H-2 Coffee, Big Catz BBQ, 221 E. Main St., Knoxville,  
5:30 p.m.

**March**

- 4 IL H-2 Gathering, Side Trax Bar and Grill, 6:30 p.m.  
(eat 5:30)
- 18 IL H-2 Coffee, location TBA, 5:30 p.m.

**April**

- 1 IL H-2 Gathering, Side Trax Bar and Grill, 6:30 p.m.  
(eat 5:30)
- 15 IL H-2 Coffee, location TBA, 5:30 p.m.

**May**

- 6 IL H-2 Gathering, Side Trax Bar and Grill, 6:30 p.m.  
(eat 5:30)
- 16-17 IL District Spring Ride-In, Pekin, IL
- 20 IL H-2 Coffee, location TBA, 5:30 p.m.
- 29-31 Missouri Eagle Wings Rally, Branson, MO

**June**

- 3 IL H-2 Gathering, Side Trax Bar and Grill, 6:30 p.m.  
(eat 5:30)
- 17 IL H-2 Coffee, location TBA, 5:30 p.m.

**July**

- 1 IL H-2 Gathering, Side Trax Bar and Grill, 6:30 p.m.  
(eat 5:30)
- 15 IL H-2 Coffee, location TBA, 5:30 p.m.
- 25-26 Region E Ride In

**August**

- 5 IL H-2 Gathering, Side Trax Bar and Grill, 6:30 p.m.  
(eat 5:30)
- 19 IL H-2 Coffee, location TBA, 5:30 p.m.
- 28-30 Eagle Wings Rendezvous, Convention Center, Fort Smith,  
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**September**

- 2 IL H-2 Gathering, Side Trax Bar and Grill, 6:30 p.m.  
(eat 5:30)
- 16 IL H-2 Coffee, location TBA, 5:30 p.m.
- 19-20 Iowa District Rally, Jackson County Fairgrounds, Maquoketa, IA

**October**


- 7 IL H-2 Gathering, Side Trax Bar and Grill, 6:30 p.m.  
(eat 5:30)
- 21 IL H-2 Coffee, location TBA, 5:30 p.m.

**November**

- 4 IL H-2 Gathering, Side Trax Bar and Grill, 6:30 p.m.  
(eat 5:30)
- 18 IL H-2 Coffee, location TBA, 5:30 p.m.

**December**

- 2 IL H-2 Christmas Party, Side Trax Bar and Grill, 5:30 p.m.



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