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and Riding**



February 2026

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

February Director's Message



The weather has finally settled down this week with highs near normal—in the high 30's. I'm ready for some more moderate temps this winter instead of the deep freeze and clouds we have been having. It was good to gather with our motorcycle friends for the evening. Thanks to all who made the trip.

We had our usual puzzle starters for the evening provided by Alvah. The first one was a Valentine Trivia Quiz that consisted of 12 statements each with 4 choices for answers.

For example: Which President lost his first wife on Valentines Day? Theodore Roosevelt was the correct choice of 4 possible—who could guess that? The next was a page of 5 different shapes of varying colors on the page of 25 items. Anyway, these were a good start to the evening to get the old gray matter warmed up! Thanks, Alvah for bringing those to us.

On a very sad note, we lost a very dear friend and member last month with the passing of Butch Thron. He was a good friend to all the H-2 members. He took responsibility for making the reservations for our "coffee" nights at the sponsors of the chapter. He was always at our regular meetings and coffee and rode with our chapter covering many miles through many states.

I remember when he and Jack first came to our meeting at the Broadview Hotel. Each of them rode an orange Goldwing trike. I know Butch joined our chapter and became an active member, but I don't remember if Jack joined at that time.

Butch was very good with electrical circuits on trikes. He was always ready to help with replacing lights or chasing down a short circuit or grounding problem. When I purchased a Sirius XM radio for our trike, he fashioned a mounting bracket for fastening it to the trike and ran the power wires so they were tucked in and out of sight. That radio has been on our trike for many years and is still working well on every ride we take. I know that Butch has worked on many of our members' bikes over the years.

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Butch always had a joke or story to share with a smile on his face. He always helped with setting up for our Oktoberfest activity and cleaning up afterwards. At one of the Octoberfest auctions, I was bidding on a set of screwdrivers but was unsuccessful. I found out later that Butch was the other bidder and neither of us realized who we were bidding against. (I had forgotten about this, but Butch reminded me on one of our visits with him this past January.)

Butch wanted very much to attend one of our coffee-get-togethers but couldn't as he was on hospice care. In January, Sandy suggested (unbeknown to Butch) we should have our coffee at Butch's home. Plans were made and on January 20 we showed up to surprise Butch with a "potluck" coffee.

I want to thank everyone (19 total) that attended to chat with Butch that evening. It was a very nice evening with sharing of stories and past activities. As you know, Butch passed early that next morning. We will miss you dear friend. Know you are pain free and probably telling stories to those you have joined from your past. Our heartfelt condolences to Sandy, Stephanie, Bruce, Kay and family.

Upcoming Events Include:

Feb 14, IA-O Breakfast Gathering, 9:00 a.m., Machine Shed, Davenport

Feb 17, H-2 Coffee, New Windsor Depot, 5:30 p.m.

Mar 3, H-2 Gathering, Side Trax Bar & Grill, 6:30 p.m. (Eat 5:30)

Mar 14, IA-O Breakfast Gathering, 9:00 a.m., Machine Shed, Davenport

Mar 17, IL H-2 Coffee, PZ'S 220 Grand Ave., Galesburg, 5:30 p.m.

Until Next Time, Be Safe

Lanny & Carolyn, Chapter Directors

Pictures from Potluck Coffee at Butch's



Remembering H-2 Member & Friend, Butch Thron





February 2026



| Sun | Mon | Tue | Wed | Thu | Fri | Sat |
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| 8 | 9 | 10 | 11 | 12 Rich & Donna Wesolowski | 13 Ron & Ruby Naslund | 14  Big River Riders Breakfast Social, Machine Shed, 9 a.m. |
| 15 Lee Bagley | 16  | 17 IL H-2 Cof- fee, New Wind- sor Depot, New Windsor, 5:30 p.m. | 18 | 19 | 20 | 21 |
| 22 | 23 | 24 | 25 | 26 | 27 | 28 |



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March 2026



| Sun | Mon | Tue | Wed | Thu | Fri | Sat |
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| 1 | 2 | 3 <u>IL H-2 Gathering, Side Trax Bar and Grill, 6:30 p.m. (eat 5:30)</u> | 4 | 5 | 6 | 7 |
| 8 | 9 | 10 | 11 | 12 | 13 | 14 <i>Donna Larson</i> Big River Riders Breakfast Social, Machine Shed, 9 a.m. |
| 15 | 16 | 17 <u>IL H-2 Coffee, PZ's, 220 Grand Ave., Galesburg, 5:30 p.m.</u>  | 18 <i>Lanny Anderson</i> | 19 | 20  | 21 |
| 22 | 23 <i>Carolyn Anderson</i> | 24 <i>Chet Stephens</i> | 25 | 26 | 27 | 28 |
| 29 | 30 | 31 | | | | |

H-2 Hosts for 2026

March—Dan & Alvah Fryer
 April—Ron & Ruby Naslund
 May—Need Volunteers
 June—Need Volunteers
 July—Dan & Alvah Fryer
 August—Need Volunteers
 September—Need Volunteers
 October—Brad & Dedra Mannon
 November—Brad & Dedra Mannon

February

Game Winners

Our Waitress
 Ron Naslund
 Carolyn Anderson

IL-H-2's Calendar of Events—2026
(Scheduled events are always subject to change
Always check your H-2 newsletter or website for updates)

April

7 IL H-2 Gathering, Side Trax Bar and Grill, 6:30 p.m. (eat 5:30)
 11 Big River Riders, Breakfast Social, Machine Shed, 9 a.m.
 21 IL H-2 Coffee, Genisio's, Woodhull, 5:30 p.m.

May

2 Viola Firemen's Breakfast
 5 IL H-2 Gathering, Side Trax Bar and Grill, 6:30 p.m. (eat 5:30)
 9 Big River Riders, Breakfast Social, Machine Shed, 9 a.m.
 19 IL H-2 Coffee, Tres Café, 1135 Lincoln, St., Galesburg, 5:30 p.m.
 28-30 Missouri Eagle Wings in the Ozarks Rally, Angel Inn, Branson, MO

June

2 IL H-2 Gathering, Side Trax Bar and Grill, 6:30 p.m. (eat 5:30)
 12-13 Wisconsin Rally, Monroe, WI
 13 Big River Riders, Breakfast Social, Machine Shed, 9 a.m.
 16 IL H-2 Coffee, 156 East, 156 E. Main St., Galesburg, 5:30 p.m.
 18 Big River Riders ride to Pike's Peak, Iowa
 26-27 Illinois District Summer Rally, AmericInn, Monmouth, IL

July

7 IL H-2 Gathering, Side Trax Bar and Grill, 6:30 p.m. (eat 5:30)
 11 Big River Riders, Breakfast Social, Machine Shed, 9 a.m.
 21 IL H-2 Coffee, New Windsor Depot, New Windsor, 5:30 p.m.
 31-Aug 1 Region E Ride-in, Microtel Inn, 200 South 3rd St., Quincy, IL

August

4 IL H-2 Gathering, Side Trax Bar and Grill, 6:30 p.m. (eat 5:30)
 8 Big River Riders, Breakfast Social, Machine Shed, 9 a.m.
 9 Big River Riders ride to Ronald McDonald House, Iowa City
 18 IL H-2 Coffee, PZ's, 220 Grand Ave., Galesburg, 5:30 p.m.
 20 Big River Riders ride from Hennepin to Peoria

September

1 IL H-2 Gathering, Side Trax Bar and Grill, 6:30 p.m. (eat 5:30)
 3-5 Eagle Wings Rendezvous, Sharonville Convention Center, Sharonville, OH
 12 Big River Riders, Breakfast Social, Machine Shed, 9 a.m.
 15 IL H-2 Coffee, Genisio's, Woodhull, 5:30 p.m.
 18-19 Iowa/Nebraska District Rally, Columbia Events Center, 1501 E. Walnut, Algona, IA

October

6 IL H-2 Gathering, Side Trax Bar and Grill, 6:30 p.m. (eat 5:30)
 10 Big River Riders, Breakfast Social, Machine Shed, 9 a.m.
 20 IL H-2 Coffee, Tres Café, 1135 Lincoln, St., Galesburg, 5:30 p.m.

November

3 IL H-2 Gathering, Side Trax Bar and Grill, 6:30 p.m. (eat 5:30)
 14 Big River Riders, Breakfast Social, Machine Shed, 9 a.m.
 17 IL H-2 Coffee, 156 East, 156 E. Main St., 5:30 p.m.

December

TBA IL H-2 Christmas Party, Location and time TBA





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.

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JUNE 26TH - 27TH

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| CO-RIDER NAME: | EWMA# | EXP Date |
| ADDRESS: | | |
| City | State | Zip |
| Cell Phone: | Email | |
| District | Chapter | Position Held |
| Registration | Number of Members | x \$10.00 |
| | Number of Non-Members | x \$15.00 |
| Total Attending | | |
| | | Total Cost to Pay \$ |

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We agree to conform and comply with the rules governing this event and further agree to hold harmless EWMA, co-sponsoring organizations, or any property owners for any loss or injury to self or property in which I/we may become involved by reason of participation in this event. I/we agree to assume responsibilities for any property which I/we damage. I/we have read this waiver and agree with all stipulations on this entry form with signature (s) below:

FORM MUST BE SIGNED BELOW BY ALL REGISTRANTS

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| Rider's Signature | Date |
| Co-Rider's Signature | Date |