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What is that up in the sky?? It's not a bird or a plane ... it's the sun! It's warming up now and time to dust off the bike and let's ride! Check the air pressure in those tires and while you are down on your hands and knees, also check your tread depth on your tires. You should have at least 2/32nds of an inch to be safe. IF you are like me and do tires yourself, get a set on order before they become scarce.

In addition to our weekly rides, we have several overnights planned already, Mena, Mt. View, Eureka Springs, AR District Rides (first one April 1st), and then Vin's 14 day Rockies trip to everywhere fun! Don't forget to make your reservations for these trips early as you can always cancel them if necessary. Valerie and I are excited about going on every one of these trips this year.

I'm sorry (not really) I couldn't be here for our last AER Club meeting. I was on my annual ski trip in Colorful Colorado with Brush. We had a great time and the snow conditions were very good. Best of all, no one got hurt. I understand that Scott did an excellent job with the meeting in my absence. I asked him to take a poll of the Membership regarding our support of the local Salvation Army Bell Ringing this year. The feedback I heard is that maybe half of the group indicated support for it this year. Several of our members pulled double and triple duty in order to fill our roster at the last minute almost every week. If that is the way it's going to be, I want to give them advance notice this year that we are not going to participate.

I hope to see you all at our first Club meeting on March 11 at Clampit's Country Kitchen, 9 AM for breakfast and 10 AM for our meeting.

Don Hewett
AER Club President



2023 Activities



OFFICIAL AER EVENTS

2023 Staff

President

Don Hewett

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Scott Pennington

Treasurer

Butch Robbins

Newsletter/Webmaster

Valerie Hewett

Ride Coordinator

Jan Miles

Membership Enhancement

Mike Neal

Facebook Administrator

OJ & Jan Miles

Meet to Eat

Dan & Angie Drennon

Quarter Master

Dan Drennon

Safety Enhancement Advisor

Vin Hayes

March

3/21-23 - Mena, Ed Cones planning

April

4/1 AR District Ride

4/17-20 - Mountain View, Pinewood Cabins

4/22-23 Flat Track

May

5/18-20 - Arkansas District Rally

June

6/20-22 - Devils Den, Jan planning

August

8/19-9/1 - Rockies Trip, Vin planning

September

9/9 - Club Picnic at Avery Paviliom

9/28 30 Green Country Spider Jam

October

10/7 ar District Rally

10/23-26 Eureka Springs Mike

November

11/6-9 - Leaf Peeping Trip, Jasper

December - Christmas Party-Scott & Don



Don't press your luck

DON'T PRESS YOUR LUCK by Vin Hayes

Admittedly, we've all had this unhappy experience a time or two. You are happily cruising along a nice country road enjoying the beautiful weather and the scenery, sharing the ride with all of your moto buddies. You come upon a fairly demanding right hand turn but, regretfully, you initiated a pretty incompetent entry. Halfway through the turn, you have no option but to slide across the center-line to finish the turn and get back to your proper position. Once settled back in normal cruise, the thought occurs to you, "Geez, I sure am LUCKY there was no one coming the other way in that turn". Undoubtedly, your next few turns will be very well executed.

Let's face it, the reason that you just avoided a very serious or fatal accident is nothing other than **JUST PLAIN DUMB LUCK!** So let's have a little chat about LUCK. It seems that good luck and bad luck come to us equally throughout our adventures in life. We tend to bemoan the bad luck and praise the good luck, in a most natural way. In the above mentioned scenario, you could have executed that turn perfectly but then been hit by an oncoming semi that was cutting the corner inside the center-line. That would certainly be considered **BAD LUCK**. Obviously, most instances of luck, good or bad, are capricious and unpredictable.

As a serious and experienced motorcycle rider, what can you do to minimize the occurrence and influence of luck to ensure a safe and successful ride? Like most of our performance on motorcycles, it usually comes down to **TRAINING** and **PRACTICE**.

Was it **UNLUCKY** that you ran out of gas in the middle of nowhere? No, it was dumb.

Was it **UNLUCKY** that your rear wheel slipped out on a damp road? Perhaps you need to check the tread on your tires more often. Perhaps you need more **PRACTICE** on wet roads.

Was it **UNLUCKY** that you hit a deer? Perhaps you need more **PRACTICE** on developing an effective, rapid scan of the road ahead.

Always make yourself open to more **TRAINING**. Continually **PRACTICE** safe and conscientious procedures and maneuvers whenever out on your bike.

An old Golf maxim: The more I **PRACTICE**, the **LUCKIER** I get.

Remember, "An **OUTSTANDING** aviator is one who uses his **OUTSTANDING** judgment to avoid situations that may require his **OUTSTANDING** skills."

AER Meeting Feb 11



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Valentine's Dinner

Marynell Brusenhan

has played the piano since she could reach the keys



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Happy Mardi Gras

