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The Monthly Newsletter of the Jerseypine Cruisers Motorcycle Touring Club

Prez Czyz Says

Greetings and salutations my fellow cruisers. My time as president is coming to a close and by the time you read this column the next president will have been elected, but still has to be sworn in (or swore at as the case may be). It has been a pleasure serving as your president this past year and I thank you for giving me this opportunity to serve you.

Have I done everything that I wanted to do this past year? Regretfully no. There are some things that we need to do in the club but I have not had the time to be able to do it. Hopefully the next president will have this time and the ambition and perspiration to move the club forward.

I once heard that the president's job is the easiest one on the Board. Is it? It can be! Of course having a good strong voice helps. The real work is really done by the vice presidents and the directors. If you have a strong Board of VPs and set of directors, the president's job is indeed an easy one to fill. In that respect I was indeed blessed in having a good set of VPs and directors. And to all of them I say thank you very much. You have helped me a lot in this past year.

In particular, I would like to thank Sandy McCall, our current secretary, who has always provided me with guidance, and the upcoming agendas on a timely basis, which made my job easier. (Not to mention nagging me about the monthly articles for the newsletter.) Thank you Sandy.

The rest of the Board and directors will have to wait until the installation dinner to get theirs (one way or the other). I couldn't have asked for a better cast of characters than this group.

So what's next for me? I guess I just shift one chair to the left, actually get a chance to sit at the Board meetings and don't have to speak much at all. Guess I can do that. Hopefully after March, I'll have additional time to spend with the Cruisers, at the rides, at the events, etc. And yes, the oversize gavel will go to the next president. I can only hope he has a good aim, as I do know he has a strong arm.

If you haven't noticed, the days are growing longer, sunrise is getting earlier, and sunset is getting later. And sooner or later the weather will cooperate. Can't wait, we all need to be on the road. Looking forward to the spring camp out; haven't been there for a year or two (for some unknown reasons). I'm looking forward to the campfire and a rowdy group of bikers, whom I love dearly, for what they are, my fellow Cruisers.

Hope to see you on many a Sunday and on many a ride. If work ever slacks off, you may even see me at the Old Farts Ride; the one ride I haven't been able to go to yet.

Reminder: if you haven't sent in your checks for the installation dinner, please do so quickly, as I need to give them a final count on March 10. Hope to see you all there. We should have a great time, as we honor those that have

served the club this last year and those that will serve the club in this coming year.

We may have a full schedule this coming year, but there's always room to shoehorn an event or ride into the schedule so please give us your ideas at the meetings. Also, you should have received an e-mail asking for your participation in our annual survey. Please take the time to fill it out, so that we will know where our strengths

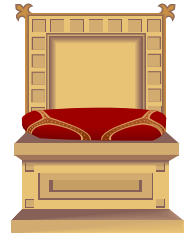
and weaknesses are and where to improve the club. Thank you.

As always, ride carefully, watch out for those cagers, and especially for politicians this year. Take care.

Stephen Czyz
"Silver One"

From the High Chair

It hardly seems possible that two years have passed and I will be leaving the Board table and returning to table one where I can once again reap 50-50 money and raffle prizes. From my comfortable seat in the crowd and out of the line of fire, I can once again harass and insult our elected officials. And as I continue to rise each month to make the Board laugh (as I most surely will) I won't have to deal with the treacherous, back-stabbing, misguided and entertainment challenged Board with which I have had to deal these past many months.



I have learned many useful lessons these past two years about the complexities involved in running a complex, politically incorrect, socially challenged group of senior citizens. As I step down from the seat of power I would pass these pointers on to my successors:

1. Never call for a vote that you do not already know that you are going to win.
2. Whenever anyone at table one raises their hand to contribute to a discussion...ignore them.
3. Never...ever...ever...call on Russ McManus for anything...ever.
4. Sit down during the AMA and membership reports...to avoid debilitating fatigue.
5. Always be polite, especially when dealing with inebriated club founders
6. Speak slowly when making a motion unless you want to get your ass kicked by the club secretary.
7. Ask to see bank statements from the club treasurer after extended vacations, cruises or unexplained absences.
8. Remember that the Board Chairman has no responsibilities and serves best with his or her mouth shut.
9. Be kind to your new club President if he is serving his first term...he is clueless.
10. Be cautious of your new club President if he is serving a second term...he is obviously deeply disturbed.

Many thanks to the scores of people who kept this club running despite my inept leadership. It has been a privilege to serve the club. I sincerely believe this is the finest group of souls that one could hope to spend time with.

Everyone rises to their level of incompetence. Chaos, panic, and disorder--my job here is done.

Mike O'Malley, COB

From the 2011 Board

I would like to thank my four Directors.
George Barrington - Membership
Don Malina - Spoke & Spark
Lois Mendel - Color Guard
Hermin Velazquez - Awards & Recognition

All four of you did an excellent job that was much appreciated by the club and especially by me. A special thanks goes out to all the members that chaired / co-chaired an event, led a ride or helped out. Without your efforts we would all be just drinking coffee at Mc D's. The Jerseypine Cruisers is much more than a Motorcycle Touring Club; it is also an extended family because of all the great individual members.

Tom Kearney
Individual Involvement VP

Joe Hill enjoyed being Treasurer so much he ran again this year and will continue to handle the funds for the club. He would like to thank everyone for their support and 50/50 money throughout the past year.

It has been a privilege to serve as secretary for the second consecutive year. It has been quite a learning experience along the way. The current Board members have been a great group to serve with. I am looking forward to sitting in the audience and not wondering if I am typing fast enough to keep up with the Board chatter.

Sandy McCall
Secretary

I would like to thank my directors for their efforts this past year. Thank you to Lynn Vicker – Public Relations, Candi Wenzon – Special Activities and Joe Fiedler – Tour Director. You all did a great job!

Dennis Hyde
Community Relations VP

First of all I would like to thank the folks who stepped up and served as my Directors in the past year.

Meetings & Program: Ken Vicker
Parliamentarian: Bob Wagner
Sergeant at Arms: Bill Lindwall
Quartermaster: Joe Fielder
Editor: Sandy McCall

All did a fine job and their efforts are greatly appreciated.

Steve Mendel
Chapter Management



March Birthdays



Don Malina March 10
Joyce Pavelko March 16
Steve Mendel March 18
Bob Graeff March 25
Marty Winke March 26
Candi Wenzon March 31



Bikers' Wisdom
People are like motorcycles:
Each is customized a bit
differently

Web Surfing Monkey

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Quote of the Week

"There is a fountain of youth: it is your mind, your talents, the creativity you bring to your life and the lives of people you love. When you learn to tap this source, you will truly have defeated age." - Sophia Loren

From The Bleachers

2012 Board: As you are all aware of by now our new President, Dennis Hyde, won in a landslide victory in the election held at the February meeting. In my humble opinion I think the membership did a good job and elected a very good candidate. Most members are already familiar with Dennis but for those of you that are not I can assure you that he is not only a great guy, but also a "rider" who I know is just filled with new and innovative ideas that will lead us in directions that will be great for the club and its members.

Now that I have put unbearable pressure on Dennis to perform, I also want to offer congratulations to our other elected Board members who were swept into office by an unprecedented margin of victory.

Chapter Management-VP: Bill Mumford;
Community Relations-VP: Frank Wenzon;
Secretary: Candi Wenzon; and returning for a second shot at glory, **Individual Involvement-VP:** Tom Kearney; and **Treasurer:** Joe Hill. Welcome!

Seriously, I want to congratulate Dennis (and the rest of the Board) on taking over the reins of the club, however, even a great leader will not be able to accomplish anything without the support of the members. Now and throughout the year we will not only have a need for volunteers, we also need participants. So support your officers and the Cruisers'; please get involved to help make our club everything it can be so it can fulfill "your" needs and, dare I say, desires.

GPS Demo: On Tuesday, before the regular meeting, I attended the GPS presentation that Joe Fiedler put together for us utilizing the Garmin MapSource program. Joe explained and demonstrated the program features of routing, sending and receiving data from your GPS, editing existing routes and route map formatting. Joe invited us to bring our GPS unit and proceeded to show us how to connect it to the program (via your PC) and then he even explained some of the additional features of our GPS. Now even though I have been using

certain functions of MapSource for the past 18 months, I in no way consider myself proficient at these tasks.

Joe's presentation ran longer than its scheduled 25 minutes (he fielded a lot of questions) and I'm sure he was surprised by the number of interested folks that showed up for it. I found it to be useful as I think I may now know how to edit an existing ride without having to redo the entire route. I hope that word will spread of the usefulness of this presentation. I understand that Joe has already decided that another presentation will be forthcoming in order to educate us further so that those of us that choose to ride with GPS, can better utilize this tool to add to our riding experience. Thanks Joe.

Installation Dinner: Don't forget to make plans to attend the 2012 Installation Dinner and Awards Banquet. It is again being held at Maple Meadows Golf Club, 272 Addison Road, Wood Dale, IL 60191 from 6 to 11 P.M. on March 24th. Members are \$20. And all guests are \$35, reservations and payments should be directed to our outgoing President Steve Czyz by March 10th. I hope to see you all there. See the flyer in the 'Calendar' section of the JPC website for additional details.

Steve Penczak

Murphy's Laws (as applied to motorcycling)

To figure the cost of a part, estimate its value, round up to the nearest \$10 increment, add a zero and subtract a nickel. For example, if the part looks like its worth \$25, it retails for \$299.95. It actually costs 84 cents to make it, package it and ship it to you.

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March 15 – Old Farts Coffee

March 24 – Installation Dinner

March 27 – Board & Membership Meeting

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April 6 – Lunch Run

April 15 – Bowling

April 19 – Old Farts Coffee

April 24 – Board & Membership Meeting

*For flyers of club events, click
on the event name below:*

March 24 - [Installation Dinner](#)

April 15 - [Bowling Party](#)

Sunday- [Breakfast Rides](#)

3rd Thursday of the Month - [Old Farts Coffee](#)

Great Destination: Americade Recommended by Bill Lindwall

“Of all the different rallies, Americade is an outstanding rally”, according to Bill Lindwall. “Anyone who has a chance to go, should go.” Bill has attended Americade a couple of times and advises that if you decide to go, you should sign up in advance. There are hundreds of things to do during the rally. There are guided tours daily into Vermont. Some of the tours go into New York as well. Some of the tours are the same year after year such as the covered bridges tour of Vermont and the Lake Champlain tour. There is a fee for the tours because of the food. Bill says that the riders are taken to beautiful old inns with white tablecloths, impeccable service and delicious food. The buffets that Bill has gone to are great as well and have top chefs preparing the food. Bill stated that the food is all top quality like at the best hotels. When you are done with dinner, the owners of the restaurants and inns come out to thank you and say good-bye.

There is also a choice of boat tours. One of the tours is on Lake Champlain and one is on Lake George. Bill was on the Lake George tour. It was a Cajun themed cruise with Cajun food and music. Bill said the food was excellent and Al Large even found the captain to tell him the food was the best Louisiana style food he has ever eaten. Other boat cruises have different themes.

The rally is a week long. Besides the guided tours, there are also self-guided tours available. Other activities include hot air balloon rides, dancing, firework displays, demo rides and vendors. According to Bill there are so many things to do you have to go back to experience more of them. Bill says the crowd at Americade is more mature and it is non-branded. The date for this year’s Americade is June 5-9. For details and a list of activities, visit www.americade.com.

Touring Tip: Riding With Good Judgment

There are several factors, all of them mental, which can compromise a rider's otherwise good judgment:

Being in A Hurry: Busy urban streets are a high risk environment for motorcyclists, because there are so many potential risks that must be identified and mitigated. Trying to do this at warp speed is dangerous. The laws of probability suggest that sooner or later an imprudent rider will miss identifying a risk and fall victim to it. The same, also, is true on country roads.

Rationalizing Known Risks: Experienced motorcyclists usually are well aware of the risks posed to them in various riding situations. But how many times have you done something and later said to yourself, "I knew better than to do that!" I know I've done it – like the time I thought I needed to outrun an approaching thunderstorm, but didn't. I well knew that driving rain and lightning posed a dangerous riding environment,.

Over Confidence: In my estimation this is a major source of accidents for the most proficient motorcyclists. It's a wonderful feeling when a rider gets to a point where he or she feels in complete command of their mount in virtually any situation. They often ride on the ragged edge of traction and safety. By leaving no margin of safety for a misjudged corner or an unexpected hazard suddenly appearing over the next hilltop, these riders are playing their own version of motorcycle roulette. Sooner or later they will need to rely on a margin for riding error that won't be there when they need it.

Peer Pressure: How many times have you heard a highly proficient ride leader say, "Don't try to keep up with me, ride your own ride"? The problem that often develops, though, is that less adept riders, especially if they're on a powerful motorcycle that well exceeds their skill level (but not their ego), feel that they *do* have to keep up. Riding over your head is asking for trouble.

Here are my five recommendations for exercising good riding judgment:

1. Take Your Time: If you're late for a meeting or some other important appointment across town, it would be better to park your bike and take a cab, rather than pushing your limits through traffic. Whether you're riding in the country or in an urban environment, motorcycling is supposed to be fun. Always ride at a safe speed.

2. Look Before You Leap: Don't rationalize known riding risks and always be observant and thoughtful about identifying those that aren't immediately obvious. I think there is a little voice in the back of our minds that tells us when we're doing this—listen to it and ride accordingly!

3. Leave Your Ego in the Garage: Just like in a lot of other life situations, if you have an overly active ego, you can find yourself in a predicament. Because a motorcycle provides little, if any, crash protection, a rider has to be on top of his or her safe riding game at all times. Don't take your ego along on a ride, it really *is* excess baggage that can cloud your riding judgment.

4. Stay Within Your Comfort Zone: If you're ever feeling a little unsafe on a ride, that's because you *are* unsafe. Exercise an "iron will" by always staying within your riding comfort zone. Your subconscious mind let's you know when you're outside your own personal safe riding envelope. Don't ignore it! Really *do* "ride your own ride!"

5. Learn from Your Mistakes and those of Others: It's important during and after a ride to reflect on any errors in judgment that you might have made and resolve not to repeat them. There is also much to be gained by learning from the mistakes of others so you can avoid those also.

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Favorite Roads

All of them, especially the mountains of California – Betty Swoverland

Kettle Moraine Drive – Bill Lindwall

There are so many I don't know where to begin. River Road in Iowa, Wisconsin, Minnesota and Illinois. Any road in Tennessee near Deal's Gap, Michigan #119 and Arkansas #7 – Steve Penczak

Blue Ridge Parkway – Ken McCall

Wooded, windy country roads – Dave Kreusch

Route 20 near Galena and Glidden Road in Door County – Bill and Jean Mumford

Great River Road in the early morning – Ken Vicker

Any road that is smooth and has no traffic! – Lynn Vicker

Sheridan Road – Joe Hill

The road less traveled – Mike O'Malley

Blue Ridge Parkway – Dennis Hyde

Blackjack Road or any road that has JPC rides traveling on it – Tom Kearney

Any of the back roads where there is no traffic – Flo Tymczuk

Many roads. I like twisties. I like the roads Ken McCall finds – George Barrington

One that is paved – the majority of the Cruisers!

