



CLUB # 4870

February

2013



CRUISIN' TIMES

The Monthly Newsletter of the Jersey Pine Cruisers Motorcycle Touring Club

Doc's Dreams

I was very happy to see all the attendees at this year's Jack Frost Run. As usual there was a huge turn-out consisting again of current and past members as well as some invited guests and because Linda and I showed up a little late we were able to see that the party was in full swing and that a good time was being had by all. This being our first event of the year it is good to see so many of you come out to welcome the New Year and to kick off the JPC's calendar year. Let us try to make the rest of our year's events this successful.

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Unfortunately because of our annual inclement weather (i.e. winter) I have no recent rides to report on in this month's article. However, I can report that there was quite a good turnout at last month's "Old Farts" Coffee. For the few of you that may not know, "Old Farts" meet on the 3rd Thursday of each month at 9 AM for coffee and conversation at Funky Java in Villa Park on St. Charles Road. Retired or not, if you find yourself with some time-off on one of these days feel free to drop by and join in the fun.

Also don't forget our regular Sunday morning breakfast runs; two wheels or four, rain or shine we meet at our "McDonald's" at Lee & Oakton Streets in Des Plaines and head out to a restaurant for breakfast at 9 AM.

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On Sunday, January 27th the information meeting for the upcoming "Smoky Mountain Trip" scheduled for the week of August 3rd to the 10th was held. The meeting covered a myriad of subjects of concern including lodging options, routes, costs, etc. for those planning to participate in the ride. Thirty-one people attended the meeting. See Bob Graeff, Joe Fiedler, Bill Lindwall or our web site for additional information.

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I also want to remind everyone that Sandy McCall (847-468-9540) and Linda Czyn (847-806-6735) have a "Pizza Party" planned for us on February 23rd at Moretti's, 1799 S. Busse Rd., Mt. Prospect. There will be unlimited one-topping pizzas, penne pasta with marinara sauce, salad, bread, appetizers, homemade desserts (yum!) by Linda & Sandy, and unlimited coffee & soft drinks for two hours. Hope to see you all here. If you want additional info please contact Sandy or Linda or see the flyer on the web site.

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Stay safe and don't forget, if weather permits-
GO FOR A RIDE!

Dennis "Doc" Hyde

Candidates for the 2013 Board

Secretary



I'm running for the office of Secretary, for my fourth year. A few years back, I served as your secretary for a two year stint. I've been secretary for the past year and will be honored to serve for one more. I very much enjoy this position.

As your secretary, I'm present at every meeting, taking notes that are preserved as the official record of our club. I also create and print the agendas that are distributed before every meeting to all of you. I collect all event flyers, which also are preserved.

Every JPC member deserves the privilege of being of service to our members and assisting in the operation of our great club. If we all sit back and wait for others to volunteer, we wouldn't be doing our part to perpetuate the continuation of the Jerseypine Cruisers, one of the few motorcycle touring clubs that has been in existence for over thirty years! I'm happy to serve for another year.....won't you consider doing the same next year?

Candi Wenzon

Treasurer

I've been a member of JPC since 2001 and several years ago served as Vice President of Chapter Management. I have co-chaired the Holiday Party with Sandy McCall, worked on clean-up for many years at Maryville's Chuckwagon event and for many years worked JPC's Midnight Tour. In my business life I have managed many events involving funds and expenses and am happy to share my expertise and time as the candidate for Treasurer and help JPC in this capacity.



Marge Anderson

Chapter Management VP

Several years ago I was elected to the JPC board for the first time. At that time, running for the board was definitely out of my comfort zone. However, after serving on the board that year, I realized that it was a rather enjoyable experience. Consequently, I hope that if elected this year, my experience will prove to be just as positive and I am successful in representing the membership in a fair and balanced manner.



Lynn Vicker

Individual Involvement VP



We know why we ride—the thrill is like no other. It's our passion and it's our bond, our connection to each other. To a non-rider looking at a group of JPC members, we don't seem to have anything in common, except maybe for our handsome blue-jeans vest. Others may not know why we band together in a club and don a vest of varying degrees of blue. Perhaps some JPC members may not know why we band together in a club. And *that's* why I am seeking a position on the JPC Board as *Individual Involvement Vice President*. It is my good fortune to have some extra time to donate to the club. Now, if you cast a vote for me, I will have the opportunity.

Joyce Pavelko

Community Relations VP

I am running for the Community Relations Vice President. I believe that it is the best way to serve my club at this time. I am hopeful that I can make a difference.

I realize I have only been a member for a short time but I believe that I can help improve the quality of our club along with my fellow board members. I have been called upon to serve, and I will, with your help.



Linda CZYZ

President



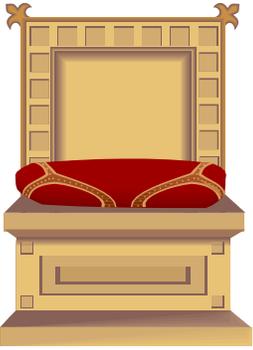
I was approached by the Nominations Chair to consider accepting the nomination for President. My first inclination was to decline since I do not like the limelight. My preference has always been to work from the sidelines and to stay in the shadows.

I joined the club in 1993 and we attended many events throughout the years. I remained on the sidelines for several years and assisted at many events including Midnight Tours and Save a Pet Poker Runs. Eventually, I took on a more active role and was the Spoke and Spark

Director for a couple of years and Awards and Recognition Director. For the last three years I have been the editor of the Cruisin' Times. For the past five years or more, I have chaired or co-chaired at least two events each year and have been indirectly involved with several more riding events during the year. I have also served as secretary for three terms during the last decade. Over the years I have become more active and more involved in the activities of the club. My experiences have been positive and enjoyable and I decided that now is the time to step out of the shadows and step up to serve as president. I want to see the club flourish and with the assistance of the membership, I'm planning on a year of fun, laughs and many great riding miles with fellow Cruisers.

Sandy McCall

From the High Chair



Greetings and salutations my fellow cruisers. Indeed, winter has finally arrived. As I am writing this column, I see a nice sheet of glazed ice on the driveway. Tomorrow morning's work commute is going to be a drag. So far however, we have dodged the bullet of

heavy snowstorms; can't complain about that. I am hopeful that in another month we will be able to get out the bikes, even if it's for some short rides in heavy winter gear.

Well, we did the accounting for the Holiday Party. It wasn't the best outcome as we had a loss of about \$300. Part of the loss was due to some last-minute table centerpieces which we had to procure, that we had assumed Maple Meadows would have provided. That was unexpected, but not the end of the world. The raffle for the Des Plaines food pantry netted them \$135. According to Ken and Lynn, it was greatly appreciated. But in retrospect, I believe we should have done better. Linda and I will have to revamp how we handle the raffle. The idea of eight tickets for five dollars, same as our regular raffles, wasn't appropriate. I'm thinking more along the lines of one ticket for five dollars and perhaps fewer but higher-priced gift baskets for the raffle. I want a better return for the charity raffle. At least, Linda and I have 10 months to work out a better arrangement. Linda and I still believe that a cash donation to the food pantry is better than donations of food (which may or may not be the needed items for the hungry). The return of Lenny D. as our DJ was a hit, as well as it let Joe F. take a break and enjoy himself for a change. Joe indeed has done a lot of work for this club this last year. Thank you Joe. I'm looking forward to this coming year's Holiday Party and a better Holiday Party.

In February, we have the Pizza Party, with my Linda as co-chair. It should keep her out of trouble. I'm looking forward to having a good time at the restaurant, looking out the window, and laughing at the weather with our usual cast

of characters. Shortly thereafter, we will have our February meeting, which will include the election of the new board. We have a full slate of candidates for the board, although we have to nail down a few directors. Going to need a bigger nail gun. And shortly after that, we will have the installation dinner, where Dennis gets to swear in (or swear at) the new board.

Yes, I have heard some grumblings about having a mostly female board (outside of poor old Dennis). But you know, first, there's nothing in the Constitution against it. Second, all the nominees have been with the club for awhile, and have been active (some exceptionally active) in the club's activities for quite awhile. I have been harping for the last four or so months in the newsletter for people to come up and run for the board. Well, these fine ladies took up the challenge, while others (who may tend to gripe, have sat on their laurels, and have done nothing) have kept silent. So you see, I look forward to these fine ladies truly leading us for the next year, until some of the boys grow some balls. (If I rattle a few cages, so be it!)

In March, I know that Joe has a cager ride planned. Looking forward to that one, although I hope by that time we will be able to use two (or three) wheels, who knows.

As usual, ride safe, stay safe, look out for those cagers, and politicians.

Stephen Czyz, COB

February Birthdays

FEB. 10TH - LINDA CZYZ
FEB. 10TH - MARIE COOPER
FEB. 15TH - PEGGY WOJNICKI
FEB. 17TH - BILL MUMFORD
FEB. 22ND - GEORGE BARRINGTON
FEB. 23RD - CAROL LISCIANDRELLO
FEB. 24TH - MARSHA LARGE

NOTICE OF ELECTION

The election will appear as the first item of business on the agenda of the February 26, 2013 Jersey Pine Cruisers combined meeting.

Following is the list of nominees and the Elected Office they are seeking:

TREASURER:

Marge Anderson

SECRETARY:

Candi Wenzon

INDIVIDUAL INVOLVEMENT – VICE

PRESIDENT:

Joyce Pavelko

COMMUNITY RELATIONS – VICE

PRESIDENT:

Linda Czyz

CHAPTER MANAGEMENT – VICE

PRESIDENT:

Lynn Vicker

PRESIDENT:

Sandy McCall

Note: All members in good standing will be allowed to vote at the February meeting.

George Gauss
Nominations Chair

2012 Board & Directors

President – Dennis Hyde
Chairman of the Board- Stephen Czyz
Secretary –Candi Wenzon
Treasurer –Joe Hill

Community Relations – Frank Wenzon
Public Relations –Lynn Vicker
Special Activities- Steve Mendel
Tour Directors- Ken McCall
Ken Vicker
Bill Lindwall
Frank Wenzon.

Individual Involvement – Tom Kearney
Awards & Recognition - George Gauss
Color Guard - Mike O'Malley
Spoke & Spark - Don Malina
Membership - George Barrington

Chapter Management-Bill Mumford
Editor - Sandy McCall
Meetings & Programs - Jean Mumford
Parliamentarian - Bob Wagner
Quartermaster - Joe Fiedler
Sergeant at Arms - Steve Penczak

Meetings are held the fourth Tuesday of every month at 7:30 PM at the Des Plaines Elk's Lodge (Rt. 45 – two blocks north of Rt. 14)

Submit articles and photographs to the Editor by the monthly meeting at Editor1@jerseypinecruisers.org

Website: www.jerseypinecruiser.org

From The Bleachers

Winter, A Motorcyclist's Nemesis:

It is at this time of the year that I take the time to go over the bike really well and perform those little maintenance items, that while not life threatening, need to be performed before they reach that point. My mantra has always been that "I'd rather be riding it than working on it" so I try to defer the little items until the snowy weather is upon us and do them all at once. So you don't get the wrong idea I'm not talking about things like oil changes, tires or brakes, I'm referring to the little things like new plugs, air filter, and repairing or replacing any items that stopped functioning during the year.

In spite of the cold temperatures in my unheated garage I admit that I find working on the bike therapeutic. Just being able to lay a hand on it somewhat mitigates the fact that, because of the adverse weather conditions, I'm prevented from taking it out for a ride.

A rundown of this winters planned services include: re-torque the steering head bearings, change the air filter, bleed and flush the hydraulics, change the coolant, repair/replace the heated-grips, check every nut and bolt for proper tightness and give the bike and tires a complete visual inspection.

Future Rides:

The other winter activity I participate in to help pass time during these unpleasant times is planning the rides I want to participate in during the upcoming riding season. It is traditionally a mixture of JPC events, McBeemer events (the BMW club I belong to) and the yearly "Big Ride" that Rhys Blair and I plan and have taken together since 1984. Now even though I am retired, in order to maintain domestic tranquility, I am prevented from attending every event I would like to get to. Therefore, just like you working stiffs, I must pick and choose the rides I can attend without causing too much of a disturbance in "the force". While Lu does not often cause me to miss an event, I do have to miss a few and this is when I really envy you guys whose wives ride, or ride with you.

I'm Free!

Speaking of "the force" I am very happy to report that my wife has completed her recovery from the hip replacement and finished with all the required therapy and has been released to return to work on January 28th. I won't say that it was all that unpleasant having her home these past six weeks but I will admit to being glad to return to my own daily routine.

Steve Penczak

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February 21 – Old Farts Coffee

February 23 – Pizza Party

February 26 - Board & Membership Meeting

March						
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March 9 – Installation Dinner

March 21 – Old Farts Coffee

March 26- Board & Membership Meeting

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

February 23- [Pizza Party](#)

Sundays- [Breakfast Rides](#)

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

Smoky Mountain Trip

The Smoky Mountain Trip information meeting went well on Sunday the 27th. Being that this event is one of the newest and biggest riding event that the Cruisers have put on in years. Bob, Arline, and Bill thought that the best way to bring information to the membership was to have an information meeting early enough in the year to build interest and give members time to make plans, before the riding season really starts. This event's purpose, or mission statement, is to ride safe, ride informed, to rediscover great roads, and most of all to have fun and share it with the people that have a similar mind set.

Arline and Bob Graeff and Bill Lindwall have this week long event schedule planned with only minor details to be resolved. With the assistance of Joe Fiedler (the official JPC Tech Support) we were able to have the large projector screen to explain the fine points of the trip, as well as some of the roads that are planned to ride.

The points that were covered (but not limited to) were:

1. Starting point and time for Saturday the 3rd of August...9:00 A.M. sharp, the map representation of the distance needed to travel to get there from a central location gave members interested in attending a time format to work with to arrive on time.
2. All the locations of the hotels that we will be staying at. Upon receiving a final count of attendees additional discounts may be possible as the group rates can be negotiated to attendees benefit. The locations have pools and there is talk of having "Synchronized Swimming" classes hosted by Steve P. and Mr. Giggles at a small additional fee for those that need to relax from the day's ride.
3. Display and location of some of the roads that are included on the schedule with points of interests, as well as a brief discussion of other options. Included in this discussion was the actual route of the day to day rides, which will

be available in written and GPS (Garmin) forms for all riders.

4. There was a thorough and important discussion of the importance of ICE cards/information that is being requested of each person to be included in their "things to pack". Included in this discussion was an "attendees information list" that will be handed out to all attendees that will include cell phone numbers, emergency contact numbers, and location of the ICE card that each rider is asked to carry.
5. Group riding discussion protocols and safety suggestions were discussed as well as possible division of riders into separate groups and several "what if" scenarios were discussed.
6. All-in-all it was a very informative meeting that those in attendance, I believe found enjoyable. As the plans progress, more information will become available to the membership and will be posted.

There was a great amount of interest and enthusiasm that was felt for almost all of those who attended and if this is any reflection of the months to come before the event, this event will be one of the best events to come along in years...of course Steve P. never did find his refreshments he so desperately needed for the meeting.

*Brought to you by:
LOST IN THE WOODS M/C TOURS
Our motto is
We care less because you don't count*

[Smoky Mountain Trip Details](#)



Web Surfing Monkey

WAY TOO COLD

New Year, New Motorcycle Laws for Oregon

A MAN'S PICKUP TRUCK in th
snow...RRRRRRRR

Baby Boomers' Last Wishes

Mayor Takes On Motorcycle Immorality

PHOTOS: Progressive International Motorcycle
Show

Motorcycle News goes out of print

Motorcycle enthusiasts bundle up for 14th

Annual Polar Bear Ride

2013 Christini AWD Motorcycles First Look

Look At This Wicked Technics Inspired

Motorcycle

Harley Davidson Gives Motorcycle Riders 'The
Edge'

Rules for the road from a seasoned beginner

What's your favorite science fiction
motorcycle?

Hog Heaven

Motorcycle club rallies to aid Safe Haven of
Pike County

New helmet with proprietary suspension aims
to dramatically reduce rider concussions.

Breast Cancer Awareness Custom Motorcycle
to be Unveiled



VIDEO

2013 ATA Show - OC Choppers / Wildgame
Innovations

NO bones about it

People trying and failing to load their
motorcycles and ATVs onto trucks

Norton Commando Transformer by Steve Twist
A MAN's size TV.....ohhhhhhyea

How and Why Motorcycle Lane Splitting is
Safe and Good

Riding A 270-lb Passenger on a Sportbike Is
Funny As Hell

Falling Off The Back Of A Motorcycle Doesn't
Look Like Fun

Polaris Presents a New Breed of American
Motorcycles



“Ordinary life can create a great deal of stress and the experts say a good way to deal with it is to go to the park and sit under a tree...or go for a ride”.

-Clement Salvadori

The Jerseypine Cruisers

A Cruiser is a unique breed.
It rides upon a steely steed.
It glides along on roads of wonder,
On gleaming wheels that sound like thunder.
It flies like the wind and leans in a turn,
The beauty of life its only concern.

A Cruiser is precious, there are but a few.
They're known by their colors and deeds that they do.
Though riding's their passion, there's always a thought,
For those who need help, a solution is sought.

Off in the distance, a rumble you hear,
That grows to a roar as the Cruisers appear.
As swift as they come, they fade from the scene,
A road without end, their impossible dream.

Your chest swells with pride as often you hear,
"Who are they?" "They're Jerseypine Cruisers my dear."

A Cruiser

(reprinted from the Cruisin' Times from March 1988)

