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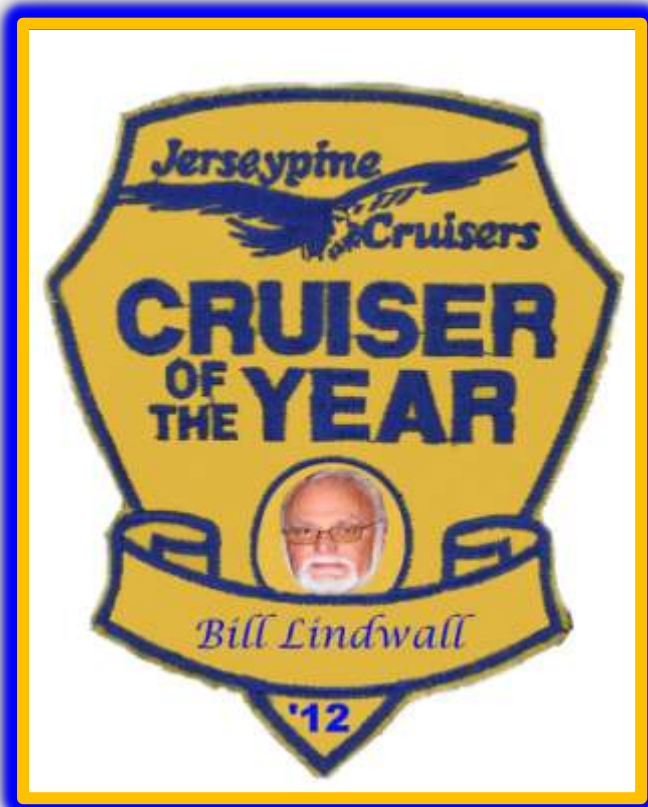
**March**

**2013**



# CRUISIN' TIMES

*The Monthly Newsletter of the Jersey Pine Cruisers Motorcycle Touring Club*



## 10,000 MILE RIDERS 2012

Ken McCall	22,261
Bob Graeff	17,808
Steve Penzcak	17,046
Bill Lindwall	16,678
Andy Grabowski	13,700
Joe Fiedler	13,658
Hugh Brandt	12,527
Hermin Velazquez	12,100
Tom Kearney	11,900
Rick Tymczuk	10,347

**Male Spoke of the Year**

**Ken McCall**



**Female Spoke of the Year**

**Linda Czyz**

## Doc's Dreams

March is upon us! The changing of the Cruisers' guard and a busy riding season (I hope) is heading toward us like an avalanche.

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As you all are aware of by now, our annual elections did not take place as planned because of the inclement weather on February 27 that cancelled our monthly Board/Membership meeting. Living in this area we all are aware of the effect that the winter weather can sometimes have on our lives. It was decided to hold off on the election until the March meeting where we will also perform the swearing-in of the new Board.

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The Installation Dinner was held on March 9th at Maple Meadows Golf Course in Wood Dale, where we honored and distributed awards to those Cruisers' who devoted their time and energy to the club this past year.

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Speaking of the Installation Dinner, I whole heartedly apologize for not getting the final price sorted out and not getting the flyer out in

a more timely manner. No excuses, I just blew it! In spite of my short comings I hope that all of you who participated in this annual event had a great time. There was good company, awards, cocktails, dinner, wine and dancing; It just doesn't get any better than that.

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I also want to tell all who missed it what a great time everyone had at the Moretti's "Pizza Party" held on Saturday, February 23<sup>rd</sup> that was put together by Sandy and Linda (Czyz). I know that I stuffed my face and had more than my share of the pepperoni pizza, but then again the flyer did say there would be "unlimited" one-topping pizzas, as well as appetizers, salad and pasta. Thanks also to Linda & Sandy for all the wonderful homemade cookies that were scarfed down by one and all.

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Finally, pray for good weather so we can all -  
**GO FOR A RIDE!**

Dennis 'Doc' Hyde

### *Awards & Recognition*

*Pizza Party*

**Sandy McCall**

**Linda Czyz**

### **JOB WELL DONE**

*It is through the sacrifices and efforts of members like the above that keeps the JPCs the best darn club around.*

## March Birthdays

**Don Malina - March 10<sup>th</sup>**

**Joyce Pavelko - March 16<sup>th</sup>**

**Steve Mendel - March 18<sup>th</sup>**

**Bob Graeff - March 25<sup>th</sup>**

**Marty Winke - March 26<sup>th</sup>**

**Candi Wenzon- March 31<sup>st</sup>**



## From the 2012 Board

Hi everyone, well there's another year gone- and time for a new board and directors. I want to express my thanks to those of you that helped me out this past year as directors for Chapter Management - thanks to Joe Fiedler, Quartermaster, Jean Mumford, Meetings and Programs, Steve Penczak, Sergeant at Arms, and Sandy McCall, for the hardest job in the club-Editor.

Bill Mumford  
Chapter Management VP



I would like to thank all the members of the club for letting me try my hand as a member of the board for the last two years. I have never done anything like this before so it was a great learning experience. Who know, I may even I would like to thank the following four members of our club for helping me through a 2nd year as Individual Involvement V.P. by agreeing to take on the role of Directors.

- George Barrington - Membership
- George Gauss - Awards & Recognition
- Don Malina - Spoke & Spark
- Mike O'Malley - Color Guard

I believe that one of the first things anyone thinks about before running for a board position is Directors. I was very fortunate to have these four members agree to help me by taking on these position. All four of you did an outstanding job. The truth is with out the directors none of the club business would ever get done. I am truly grateful for your efforts through out this past year.

Tom Kearney  
Individual Involvement V.P.



My term as Community Relations V.P. is nearly complete, but I want to express my sincere thanks to my Directors as follows:

Lynn Vicker:	Public Relations
Don Malina:	Special Activities
Co-Tour Directors:	Bill Lindwall
	Ken McCall
	Ken Vicker
	Joe Fiedler

We tried something new this year by using the talents of four members to share the duty of leading our bikers to Sunday breakfasts throughout the riding season. This split the awesome responsibility that only one Tour Director has had in the past and I believe it worked very well.

I want to encourage those who have not yet served as a Director, to make the plunge.....it isn't hard, and there are plenty of former Community Relations VP's to help you.

Here's to another great riding season in 2013!

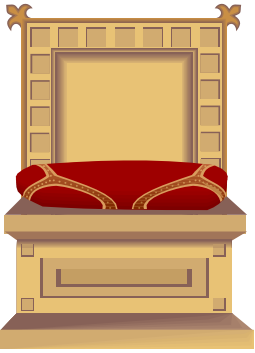
Frank Wenzon  
Community Relations VP



This is not a "good-bye" from me, as I am running unopposed for the office of secretary again for 2013. But....I want to thank this past year's Board for everything they've done to make my job easier!! We had a calm, yet very sad year with the loss of our very dear members, Al Large and Bill Thedorf. I know everyone misses them dearly. Thanks also to all of the JPC membership for giving me this opportunity to serve you. With some prayers and intervention from above, we will have a safe and exciting year together.

Candi Wenzon  
Secretary

## From the High Chair



Greetings and Salutations fellow Cruisers,

This will probably be my last article for a little while, as I will be setting off into the sunset, fulfilling my duties as Chairman of the Board. At this time I would like to thank all those Board

Members and Directors that have helped me over the last two years, for their perseverance and the support that they have lent me.

To Dennis Hyde our President, who guided the meetings in a timely fashion (of course it helps to be tall, large, and vocal).

To Candi Wenzon our Secretary, for maintaining meeting records, preparing the agendas, and trying to keep me on the straight and narrow (as well as ensuring that those in ill health received at least a get well card).

To Joe Hill, our Treasurer, for ensuring "no dime is spent before it's time". And I'm sure that he will pass this expertise to Marge, our next Treasurer (I wonder which one is going to get the rude awakening).

To Frank Wenzon, our Community Relations VP, for riding shotgun on Public Relations (Lynn Vicker, "spread the word"), special activities (Steve Mendel, "the quiet one"), and the Tour Directors (Ken McCall, Ken Vicker, Bill Lindwall, and Frank Wenzon).

To Tom Kearney, our Individual Involvement VP, for riding shotgun on Awards and Recognition (George Gauss, "relentless"), Color Guard (Mike O'Malley, "can I sell you something?"), Spoke and Spark (Don Malina, "where's my list?"), and Membership (George Barrington, keeper of the official records, "it's here somewhere").

To Bill Mumford, our Chapter Management VP, for riding shotgun on our editor (Sandy McCall, "I need it yesterday"), Meetings and Programs (Jean Mumford, "what's on the table this

month?"), Parliamentarian (Bob Wagner, "I know I'm right"), Quartermaster (Joe Fiedler, "I'm sure we got it here somewhere"), and Sergeant at Arms (Steve Penczak, "at the ready").

A special thank you to Joe Fiedler for involving himself in various rides and activities far beyond what was expected. It was greatly appreciated by me.

A special thank you to our Tour Directors for keeping our Sunday Breakfast rides interesting and safe.

A thank you to all the chairs and co-chairs that put on events/rides in 2012. This is what makes us what we are. And a thank you to those chairs and co-chairs that are putting on a ride/event in 2013.

The question becomes, have I accomplished what I set out to do? Regrettably the answer is no. I wasn't able to grow the Club as I had hoped to. I do hope that under Dennis and Sandy's leadership that they will be able to. I do understand that economic times make it harder to accomplish goals, but we have to strive to keep and grow that which we love dearly, our Club and our friendships.

I know that our March meeting will be a long one, but remember, it is the start of a new era, a new board, new ideas (albeit some old faces), perhaps a new direction. I'm looking forward to riding in the new season. I will not be falling off the face of the earth. I will be there for those that ask my help. After all, I have gone through the wringer. You are my club, you are my friends, all of you (including the cranky ones).

As always, ride safe, stay safe, watch out for potholes and politicians.

Stephen CZYZ  
COB

# Smoky Mountains Sign-up Sheet

***MUST BE RETURNED BY APRIL 30<sup>th</sup>.***

*This will give me the information I need to finalize everything.*

NAME: \_\_\_\_\_

PHONE: \_\_\_\_\_

E-MAIL: \_\_\_\_\_

SHARE ROOM \_\_\_\_\_ YES \_\_\_\_\_ NO

WITH NAME: \_\_\_\_\_

*(All arrangements must be made between you and your buddy)*

Any questions before signing up, feel free to call me. PHONE: 847-678-2467

PLEASE SIGN-UP AND SEND EMAIL TO BOB GRAEFF theshadow\_62@hotmail.com





## View From the Side

My three years as editor have passed quickly. It is my hope that I have been able to entertain and inform my readers during that time. It has been an enjoyable experience and I even learned a few more computer tricks along the way.

I am thankful to all the people who have written articles during the last three years or have taken photographs. Many writers were reluctant, but came through with an article and their efforts were appreciated. I want to give a special thank you to my regular writers. Steve Penczak promised me he would write monthly if I took on the editor job and he has faithfully fulfilled that promise. The presidents and chairmen of the board of the last three years have also been subjected to my cajoling and nagging about deadlines and I appreciate their efforts in getting articles to me. I'd also like to thank Joe Fiedler for sending me the list of links each month. I'm glad he has all that time to surf!

The newsletter is for the members and it is through the reports on events and trips that the membership stays informed. Without the content from members, there would not be much to publish each month. I trust that members will continue to contribute to the newsletter and make the new editor's job easy.

Sandy McCall  
Editor

# Happy



# Spring!

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March 9 – Installation Dinner  
March 21 – Old Farts Coffee  
March 23 – F.A.C.E.  
March 26- Board & Membership Meeting

April						
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April 14 –Special Breakfast Ride  
April 18 – Old Farts Coffee  
April 23 - Board & Membership Meeting

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

March 23- [Cager Run](#)  
May 5 -[Airport Breakfast](#)  
Sundays- [Breakfast Rides](#)  
3rd Thursday of the Month - [Old Farts Coffee](#)



## **Pizza Party**

Twenty-six people gathered at Moretti's in Mount Prospect for an all you can eat pizza buffet. It was a good excuse to get together on a winter evening. The buffet included salad, bread, penne, two appetizers and pizza and more pizza. After eating all that was possible, the plates of cookies were uncovered for all to enjoy. We were in a private room which worked out very well. The conversation was lively, the laughs were frequent and hopefully everyone had enough to eat and had a great time. Moretti's was happy to have us and have invited us back next year.

I wish to thank my co-chair Linda Czyz for the help with the planning and the baking. It was just unfortunate that she was not able to attend due to illness.

Sandy McCall



## **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](mailto:Editor1@jerseypinecruisers.org)

Website: [www.jerseypinecruiser.org](http://www.jerseypinecruiser.org)

# Motorcycle Touring

*Editor's Note: This is the time of year that many of us dream of motorcycle tours and trips or are planning tours and trips as we anxiously await the warmer weather and the return of spring and the beginning of motorcycle season. The following article is reprinted from the September 1986 edition of the "Cruisin' Times" and was written by Al Large.*

Tour: A journey for business, pleasure, or education in which one returns to the starting point.

Source: Webster's Dictionary

The old saying you can tell a happy motorcycle tourer by the number of bugs in his teeth, just doesn't tell the whole story. There are many more important reasons we enjoy this type of transportation. The most important to me is the sense of freedom we have on our bike. While on the back roads you feel much closer to good old Mother Nature. Back roads are easily identified. When you ride by a herd of cattle and they stop grazing and stare at you then you have found a good back road. This is where you see the best of Mother Nature.

Just last weekend on one of the back roads we came across a raccoon. He was sitting in the middle of the road wondering what we were doing in his neighborhood. He didn't move one inch except to give us a dirty look as we rumbled by. In the next quarter of a mile we serpentine around a four foot black serpent. Within another quarter of a mile we watched two deer bound and leap into a forest. Around every curve, on top of each hill, and down in every valley there was something new to see.

The few people you pass will almost always wave. The farmer in the field, the children in their yards, and the mother hanging out her wash. And, should you need help, they are truly friendly and helpful.

When you're on a tour, get off the main highways and secondary highways, look for the "back roads". You will enjoy your trip even more.

# From The Bleachers

## Spring is about to spring!

Spring is almost here, less than two weeks away. Time to get your bikes ready. If you're due, make that appointment to get your mount serviced, buy those new tires or install those accessories everyone bought you for Christmas. It's that time to get ready for the upcoming riding season, time to put all your carry-along riding and emergency gear back in your trunk & side bags, and it's also time for you to look at the JPC event calendar and decide which of the many great rides you plan to attend.

## My Maintenance Progress:

My bike is still sitting in the corner of my garage half torn apart. I have changed my air filter (for the first time, it really looked like it needed it), re-torqued the steering bearings (they did show some signs of being loose), installed a set of Kuryakyn Handlebar Risers and have installed the replacement heated grips (wiring is still in the works). This week I hope to complete the remaining tasks: Finish wiring the new heated grips, bleed & flush the hydraulics, change the coolant, check every nut & bolt for proper tightness and give the bike and tires a complete visual inspection. Also, I added another item to the list, I purchased HID low-beam headlights which I will install before I take "her" out on my first Spring ride.

## Future Rides:

For those of you interested and are planning to ride the Smoky Mountain Tour there is a sign-up sheet in this issue of the newsletter. If you are going sign-up by the due date so Bob can get an accurate idea of the count so Arline can do her thing and bargain for discounts at the chosen hotels. See the sign-up sheet or Bob for further details.

Steve Penczak





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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*

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