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CRUISIN' TIMES

The Monthly Newsletter of the Jersey Pine Cruisers Motorcycle Touring Club

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Fall is on its way, October brings in the cooler evenings with those shorter days and causes all to rush to get in those rides we have may have been neglecting or putting off all summer. I know, because I've been doing it myself. If I leave now There's still time for me to get my 2014 fill of baloney in Waldo, OH before the snows fly.

The Editor

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From the Oval Office

It is hard to believe that the 2014 riding season is winding down. The days are getting shorter, the weather is getting cooler and I'm getting older. But we still have Sunday morning rides to enjoy. October 5th and October 19th will be the last two Western breakfast rides originating from Hoffman Estates. And it is my understanding that the Burlington Fire Department fall pancake breakfast will run on Sunday the 12th. We will depart from Des Plaines on the 12th and head out to eat as much as possible. Maybe Don Malina will finally succeed in hijacking the antique fire truck and taking it for a spin.

At Tuesday night's membership meeting we put the finishing touches on the 2015 riding calendar and it looks like a full slate of events and rides. We will be uploading it to the website in the coming days. Plan ahead. And if you would like to add an event to the calendar simply bring yourself and your idea to one of the meetings and it can be added. And don't forget that we still have some great events coming up this season including the

Halloween party on November 1st at Little Angels in Elgin. Flyer is on the website. Still time to register. Should be a blast.

Although I was unable to attend, I understand that the Door County weekend went well and was well attended. Plans for next year's return to Door are already on the calendar. Congrats to Joyce and Joe for the successful Rustic Road Ride that went off without a hitch. I even understand that there were no club U-turns! A lot of planning went into the event and the Chairs and Co-chairs deserve our thanks and encouragement. For those of us who were otherwise engaged...let's do it again next year.

Happily Joyce was back from her travels to Scotland and back at the membership meeting with her bags of home baked cookies. All you have to do to score some cookies is to lead a Sunday ride or co-chair an event or slip the VP a fiver. Trust me; the goodies are worth working for.

I understand that new JPC flags for our bikes are available. Contact Mike L. our color guard for details and pricing. With Christmas coming shirts

and jackets with the JPC logo can probably be had with a call to Mike and some upfront cash. I wear an extra-large.

We got a nice note from Gerry thanking the club members who attended the funeral for Leon and in particular for the motorcycle escort.

We had a former member, Ira Strumer, reinstated at last night's meeting and we have a speak-up for a prospective new member next month. Several prospects are now working on their cards. It's nice to see some new member activity. Bring your friends and fellow riders to a Sunday ride and we will make them feel welcome.

See you Sunday. Ride safe.

Mike,
President

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View From the Side

The month of September started with a long-standing Cruiser tradition of a weekend in Door County Wisconsin. From George Barrington's report, it sounded like the nights were extremely wet, but the days were good for riding, with the exception of flooded areas. Thank you George and Bob Wagner for continuing this great tradition.

The Rustic Road trip took place on September 13th. It was a cool start to the day, but it sounded like a very enjoyable ride. The group was able to take group pictures by 10 different rustic road signs. It was a successful trip for first-time leader, Joyce Pavelko. Thank you Joyce and Joe Fiedler for organizing the Rustic Road trip.

There were two western breakfast rides led by Frank Wenzon this month. Thank you Frank for leading these rides. The final two western breakfast rides of the riding season will be October 5th and October 19th.

Also in October will be a ride to Ziggy's on October 11th led by Joe Fiedler. Check the website for the details. The overnight color tour will be held October 18th-19th. The group will be leaving Randall's Pancake House in South Elgin at 8:30 AM so arrive earlier if you want breakfast. A ride along the Illinois River is planned for Saturday. The group will overnight in Beardstown, IL. For motel information, see the flyer on the website.

The Halloween Potluck Dinner will be held on November 1st at Little Angels in Elgin starting at 5:30 PM. Costumes are requested as well as a main dish, side or dessert to pass. Please RSVP to Jean Mumford or Linda Czyz. See the details on the website.

At the September meeting, the Board approved the 2015 calendar. The calendar includes a great variety of events and the opportunity for lots of motorcycle touring. Thank you to all the chairs and co-chairs who stepped up and put an event on the 2015 calendar. It looks like 2015 will be a very active year! The calendar for 2015 will be published in the newsletter in a future issue and before the start of 2015.

Hopefully everyone will have a Boo-tiful October and we will enjoy some great riding weather yet this autumn.

See you down the road...

Sandy

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Reports From the Board

None submitted

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FOCUS RIDES OF 2014

Focus Ride # 1

Bootleggers in Maple Park, IL. We started the ride headed to Maple Park Pub for some awesome burgers. The weather was awesome and I came to the iHop with 3 destinations in mind for today's ride. It was decided by the group to go here. While on the way there I had to make a few adjustments due to construction, one of which lead us to a gravel road and then a dirt\gravel road. Bob was not happy because he had just washed his bike...oops. As it turned out the pub was closed due to a private party so we went down the street to Bootleggers, food was Ok but not the burgers we had wanted.

Focus Ride # 2

B45 Restaurant in Bristol WI. Located in the center of town right on RT 45 (duh). This was a first time restaurant for most of us, of course, Steve had been there several times before, maybe that is why he is not in the picture. A really neat place. As you can see from the picture it has a nostalgia look to it and very clean but the food was even better. This is one to add to the list of dining places as it is only 45 miles from the iHop and shorter if go the direct route...but why do that? Unfortunately due to timing and location this is only good for a small breakfast crowd, but lunch\dinner...OH YEAH.

Focus Ride # 3

Bulldogs in Wauconda, IL. (suggested by Hugh Brandt) I needed a short ride this day due to an evening commitment. Hugh is constantly looking for new burger places and someone at the bowling alley he part-times at mentioned this to him. Being the good-guy he is he passed the info on to me. So off we went following no pre-planned route using just my wits and riding roads I know so well. It was just a casual ride with no U-turns.

We got there and the place was pretty much empty at 3 in the afternoon, although it is geared toward a younger crowd, it appealed to those of us that are young-of-heart. The menu was one of THE WEIRDEST I have ever seen, with burgers named "Slap yo Momma" and "Highway to Hell". I had the "Miss Piggy Nightmare" dog, a bacon wrapped hot dog smothered in pulled pork...and it was yummy.



Bob G. at his finest.

Focus Ride # 4

Tracks in Cary, IL. Again another HGB suggestion. I again needed no planned route to get to this place as it is one of my favorite places. It features a menu filled with 10oz angus beef burgers. I did another combination of my favorite lanes and back roads to get

there in an hour-and- a-half. It is a noisy place so we opted for a table on the veranda on a somewhat cool but very sunny afternoon. The picture above was unique and the picture of the Linda's burger is moth watering so we stayed and chatted about stuff and stuffed ourselves with great food. On the way home I discovered the real way to tell if you had a good burger...it is when your friend pulls up next to you at a stop light and wipes the burger grease off on your jeans, because it is making his fingers slip off the clutch. (Thanks HGB)

Weather and other commitments got in the way this riding season of FART RIDES, oh well such is life.

Mr. Giggles,
Ride Leader

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They look serious don't they?



Coffees' here!



See, sometimes we do ride.



Sunrise Ride and Memorial Event at Montrose Harbor



As close to sunlight as we got this date



Aaah, fresh coffee.....

2014 JPC Calendar of Events

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| Mar. 8 | Installation and Awards Dinner |
| Mar. 15 | Cager Run |
| Mar. 20 | Cruiser Coffee |
| Mar. 22 | Pizza Party |
| Mar. 25 | JPC meeting |
| Apr. 17 | Cruiser Coffee (Old Farts Welcome) |
| Apr. 22 | JPC meeting |
| Apr. 26 | Food Ride |
| May 4 | Western Breakfast Run |
| May 15 | Cruiser Coffee (Old Farts Welcome) |
| May 16-18 | Spring Campout |
| May 18 | Western Breakfast Run |
| May 26 | Memorial Day Parade |
| May 27 | JPC meeting |
| May 31 | Dancing Horses |
| June 1 | Western Breakfast Run |
| June 7 | Mini Golf |
| June 13 | FOCUS Ride |
| June 15 | Western Breakfast Run |
| June 15-21 | Ohio Sights Campout |
| June 19 | Cruiser Coffee (Old Farts Welcome) |
| June 22 | Ice Cream Ride |
| June 24 | JPC meeting |
| June 27 | FOCUS Ride |
| July 4 | Parade & Picnic |
| July 6 | Western Breakfast Run |
| July 11 | FOCUS Ride |
| July 12 | Rustic Roads |
| July 17 | Cruiser Coffee (Old Farts Welcome) |
| July 18-20 | Duck Creek Campout |
| July 19 | Fund Raiser |
| July 20 | Western Breakfast Run |
| July 22 | JPC Meeting |
| July 25 | FOCUS Ride |

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| Aug. 1 | FOCUS Ride Cancelled |
| Aug. 3 | Western Breakfast Run |
| Aug. 8-10 | Lake Michigan Circle Tour |
| Aug. 17 | Western Breakfast Run |
| Aug. 21 | Cruiser Coffee (Old Farts Welcome) |
| Aug. 24 | Sunrise Memorial Ride |
| Aug. 26 | JPC Meeting |
| Aug. 29 | FOCUS Ride Cancelled |
| Sept. 5-7 | Door County Getaway |
| Sept. 7 | Western Breakfast Run |
| Sept. 18 | Cruiser Coffee (Old Farts Welcome) |
| Sept. 20 | Lunch/Dinner/Dessert Ride |
| Sept. 21 | Western Breakfast Run |
| Sept. 23 | JPC Meeting |
| Sept. 28 | Surprise Ride Cancelled |
| Oct. 5 | Western Breakfast Run |
| Oct. 11 | Ride to Ziggy's |
| Oct. 16 | Cruiser Coffee (Old Farts Welcome) |
| Oct. 18-19 | Color Tour |
| Oct. 19 | Western Breakfast Run |
| Oct. 28 | JPC Meeting |
| Nov. 1 | Halloween Party |
| Nov. 20 | Cruiser Coffee (Old Farts Welcome) |
| Nov. 25 | JPC Meeting |
| Dec. 13 | Holiday Party |
| Dec. 18 | Cruiser Coffee (Old Farts Welcome) |

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| <u>October Birthdays</u> | |
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| Shirlee Velazquez | 10/09 |
| Lois Mendel | 10/11 |
| Dave Kreuzsch | 10/12 |
| Carol McManus | 10/15 |
| Sandy McCall | 10/24 |
| Ernie Yates | 10/25 |

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A Western Story With a Happy Ending

An old woman prospector shuffled into town leading a tired old mule. The old woman headed straight for the only saloon to clear her parched throat.

She walked up and tied her old mule to the hitch rail. As she stood there, brushing some of the dust from her face and clothes, a young gunslinger stepped out of the saloon with a gun in one hand and a bottle of whiskey in the other.

The young gunslinger looked at the old woman and laughed, saying "hey" old woman have you ever danced"

The old woman looked up at the gunslinger and said, "no, I never did dance... Never really wanted to."

A crowd had gathered as the gunslinger grinned and said, "well, you old bag, you're gonna dance now," and started shooting at the old woman's feet.

The old woman prospector - not wanting to get her toe blown off -started hopping around. Everybody was laughing.

When his last bullet had been fired, the young gunslinger, still laughing, holstered his gun and turned around to go back into the saloon.

The old woman turned to her pack mule, pulled out a double-barreled shotgun, and cocked both hammers.

The loud clicks carried clearly through the desert air. The crowd stopped laughing immediately.

The young gunslinger heard the sounds too, and he turned around very slowly. The silence was almost deafening.

The crowd watched as the young gunman stared at the old woman and the large gaping holes of those

twin barrels.

The barrels of the shotgun never wavered in the old woman's hands, as she quietly said, "son, have you ever kissed a mule's ass?"

The gunslinger swallowed hard and said, "no maam... But... I've always wanted to."

THERE ARE A FEW LESSONS FOR US ALL HERE:

- 1 - Never be arrogant..
- 2 - Don't waste ammunition.
- 3 - Whiskey makes you think you're smarter than you are.
- 4 - Always, always make sure you know who has the power.
- 5 - Don't mess with old women; they didn't get old by being stupid...

Submitted by *Rich Orsucci*

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WELCOME to 2014

- **Our Phones – Wireless**
- **Cooking – Fireless**
- **Cars – Keyless**
- **Food – Fatless**
- **Tires – Tubeless**
- **Dress – Sleeveless**
- **Youth – Jobless**
- **Leaders – Shameless**
- **Relationships – Meaningless**
- **Attitudes – Careless**
- **Feelings – Heartless**
- **Education – Valueless**
- **Children – Mannerless**
- **Country – Godless**

**We are SPEECHLESS,
Government is CLUELESS,
And our Leaders are WORTHLESS !
Me? I'm scared - shitless**

Submitted by *Bill Lindwall*

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