



CLUB # 4870

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CRUISIN' TIMES

The Monthly Newsletter of the Jersey Pine Cruisers Motorcycle Touring Club

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With the conclusion of 2014, we should take this opportunity to look back at our accomplishments and, at the same time start planning to attend the events on the 2015 calendar. As I Look back, I'm struck by how special a lot of our events, and the many Cruiser's that participate are, and how some tend to take for granted that a given event will be successful. Some do not realize the hours of volunteer work that was endured so that fellow Cruiser's will have a good time.

Over the years I've heard the words "I wish we could do things the way you do," uttered by a number of non-members. The cooperation and knowledge that we Cruiser's bring to the table when planning and/or running an event makes for much efficiency. Unfortunately, there are a number of other clubs out there do not enjoy that kind of cooperation within their membership. We are truly fortunate!

*Next time you attend and enjoy an event, take the time to thank the Chair and Co-Chairman. Who knows, they may be tempted to put on a future event. **The Editor***

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From the Oval Office

It's a bright and sunny day and just perfect for riding although there is snow in the forecast for Sunday. Reminds me of the blonde driving a car who became lost in a snowstorm. She didn't panic however, because she remembered what her dad had once told her. "If you ever get stuck in a snowstorm, just wait for a snow plow to come by and follow it." Sure enough, pretty soon a snow plow came by, and she started to follow it. She followed the plow for about forty-five minutes. Finally the driver of the truck got out and asked her what she was doing. And she explained that her dad had told her if she ever got stuck in a snow storm, to follow a plow. The driver nodded and said, "Well, I'm done with the Wal-Mart parking lot, do you want to follow me over to Best Buy now?"

The January club meeting was well attended and two of our guests, Wendy and Donald Moeller, enjoyed Joe's GPS presentation at Des Plaines Honda so much that they not only decided to attend our meeting but filled out applications to join the club! Way to go Joe!

The Board approved our treasurer's report and the \$1 in interest we earned in the "high yield account. We are on track to underperform the Russian Ruble and the Greek Drachma. Speaking of international finance,

Joyce the cookie lady was back from her global travels and distributed bags of chocolate chip cookies to members who had done something of note in the past 30 days (my bag was in recognition of surviving another birthday.) A special bag went to one of our members who is showing early signs of dementia, Mike Lisciandrello, who actually volunteered to run for President in the coming club election. Our Chairman of the Board, Ms. McCall was not only in attendance but was moving about without the aid of her scooter or a cane. Show's what clean living can do.

Speaking of club elections, our election will be held at the February club meeting. We have a full slate of officers prepared to serve the club in the coming year. And on a related subject our instillation (SIC) dinner is scheduled for Saturday March 21st at 6:00 PM at the Rose Garden café. A flyer is now on the website and I am collecting reservations and money...the tariff is \$25 per head and we already have twelve reservations. The room will only accommodate 125 so you need to get your reservations in quickly while there is still space available.

For those of you who were planning on attending the Pot Luck Valentine dinner on the 14th of February, you can stash your red underwear because we had to cancel the event. The party room at Little Angels where we were planning to gather is not going to be available. Jean is considering rescheduling the pot luck dinner for a date later in the year...stay tuned. An event that is not going to be cancelled or rescheduled is Mr. Graff's summer ride into the wilds of the American Southeast...I like to refer to it as the lost in the mountains tour. He has the routes planned and hotels selected. He would appreciate early notification of intentions for those planning on attending.

Shirlee and Steve rescheduled their Cager event to March 14th. Check the website for the flyer and additional info. A show of hands indicated that this will be a very well attended event indeed. Gary reported that the Jack Frost event actually made over a hundred bucks profit (for those of you with a calculator that is approximately 8.75 years of interest on our high yield fund. Newest member Chuck was beside himself with joy when he won the 50/50 and a door prized. I say he was beside himself because no one else was willing to sit next to him.

And finally a special shout out goes to our friend Tom Kearny who is fighting the good fight with his health, but who is I am sure, going to be back in the saddle in time for the riding season. And that is a fact! Hang in there good buddy.

That's all for today. See you all at McDonalds or at the Rose Garden on Sunday. Ride safe...or for you faint of heart who aren't riding...be safe.

MIKE,
President

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View From the Side

I heard there was a great turn out for the Jack Frost event. We were in Wisconsin celebrating with my family and we were sorry to miss it. It's always a great way to start off the new year. Thank you Gary Cooper and Al Gutenschwager for organizing this event.

We have a slate of officers for the election in February! The following people have graciously agreed to run for office: President – Mike Lisciandrello, Secretary – Shirlee Velazquez, Treasurer – Bill Mumford, Community Relations Vice President – Don Kusch, Chapter Management Vice President – Hermin Velazquez and Individual Involvement Vice President – Don Malina. Thanks to these members for stepping up to run the Club next year.

The Cager event scheduled for February has been rescheduled for March 14h. Look for more details in the coming weeks.

See you down the road...



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Washington Redskins Controversy

No matter which side you are on in the matter of renaming the Washington Redskins, this is funny. This guy is hilarious...

Here is an e-mail sent to Clarence Page of the Chicago Tribune after an article he published concerning a name change for the Washington Redskins.

Dear Mr. Page...

I agree with our Native American population. I am highly insulted by the racially charged name of the Washington Redskins. One might argue that to name a professional football team after Native Americans would exalt them as fine warriors, but nay, nay. We must be careful not to offend, and in the spirit of political correctness and courtesy, we must move forward.

Let's ditch the Kansas City Chiefs, the Atlanta Braves and the Cleveland Indians. If your shorts are in a wad because of the reference the name Redskins makes to skin color, then we need to



get rid of the Cleveland Browns.

The Carolina Panthers obviously were named to keep the memory of militant Blacks from the 60's alive. Gone. It's offensive to us white folk.

The New York Yankees offend the Southern population. Do you see a team named for the Confederacy? No! There is no room for any reference to that tragic war that cost this country so many young men's lives.

I am also offended by the blatant references to the Catholic religion among our sports team names. Totally inappropriate to have the New Orleans Saints, the Los Angeles Angels or the San Diego Padres.

Then there are the team names that glorify criminals who raped and pillaged. We are talking about the horrible Oakland Raiders, the Minnesota Vikings, the Tampa Bay Buccaneers and the Pittsburgh Pirates!

Now, let us address those teams that clearly send the wrong message to our children. The San Diego Chargers promote irresponsible fighting or even spending habits. Wrong message to our children.

The New York Giants and the San Francisco Giants promote obesity, a growing childhood epidemic. Wrong message to our children.

The Cincinnati Reds promote downers/barbiturates. Wrong message to our children.

The Milwaukee Brewers. Well that goes without saying. Wrong message to our children.

So, there you go. We need to support any legislation that comes out to rectify this travesty, because the government will likely become involved with this issue, as they should. Just the kind of thing the do-nothing Congress loves.

As a diehard Oregon State fan, my wife and I, with all of this in mind, suggest it might also make some sense to change the name of the Oregon State women's athletic teams to something other than "the Beavers" (especially when they play Southern California. Do we really want the Trojans sticking it to the Beavers???)

I always love your articles and I generally agree with them. As for the Redskins name I would suggest they change the name to the "Foreskins" to better represent their community, paying tribute to the dick heads in Congress (Thanks Rich)

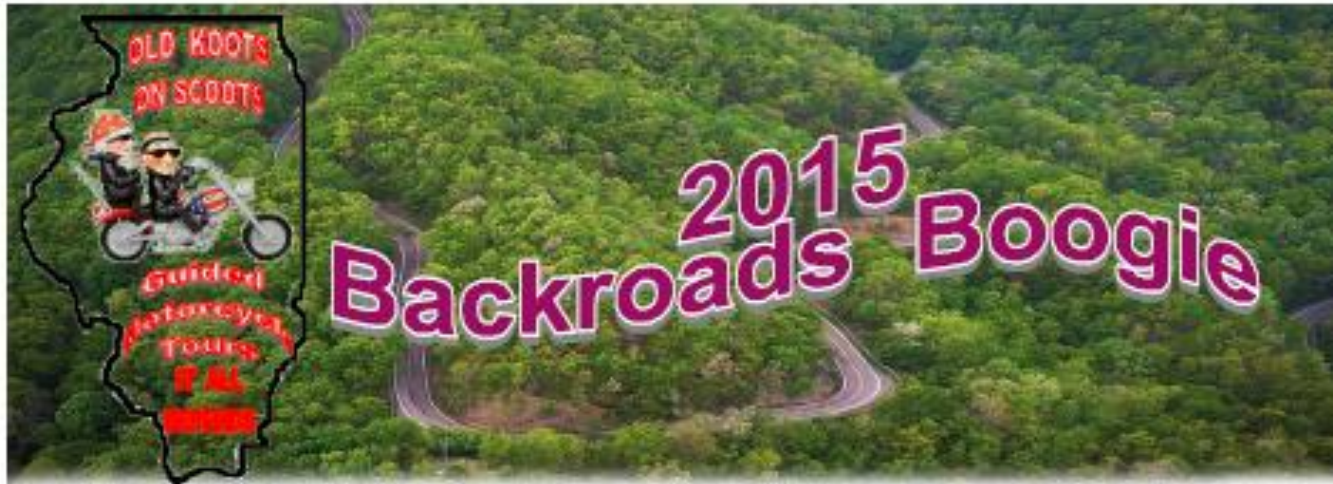
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Due to the high cost, I have torn out my home security system, and have resigned from the Neighborhood Watch Program.

I have installed a Syrian flag on my front porch, an Iranian flag on my back deck, and the black flag of ISIS waves from my roof-top.

Now the state police, city police, sheriff, FBI, CIA and Homeland Security are all watching my house, 24/7.

I've never felt safer! (Thanks Bonnie)



Join us for a week of riding the scenic back roads of the Shenandoah Mountains

August 1st - 8th, 2015

Saturday 8/1

We will be departing from
PILOT FLYING J
3221 E 181st Ave
Hebron, In. 46241
Interstate I-65, Exit 240

THE ROADS LESS
TRAVELED
ARE THE ROADS WE
TRAVEL

KICK STANDS UP @
9:00 A.M. SHARP

With a full Tank
and
Tummy

Come Join us on a rollicking ride in Southern Kentucky and the Southwest corner of Virginia.

This is a full week of riding on some of the best motorcycle roads the south is know for. Ride "The Back Of The Claw", "The Claw of the Dragon", The Nada Tunnel Loop", Route 421, A.K.A "The Snake", Bogger Road over the Black Mountain Ridge. These and the Southern end of the Blue Ridge Parkway plus many more on a week of riding designed for the adventurous back road rider.

This will be a "Fluff and Buff" ride. Hotels all the way with a 3 night stay in Wytheville, Va.

If you are interested and would like a detailed description including a projected cost of the full week and would like to be added to our email update list,

email Bob Graeff at: theshadow_62@hotmail.com