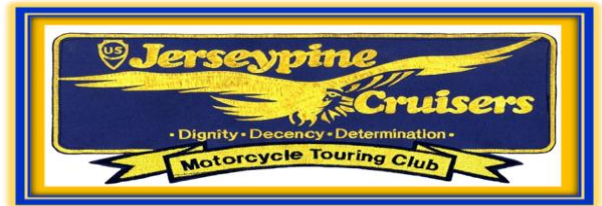




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CRUISIN' TIMES

The Monthly Newsletter of the Jersey Pine Cruisers Motorcycle Touring Club

Prez Says

Greetings and salutations fellow members. It's now been over a week since I assumed the office of president. I've already been told that I had the most amendments to motions during an initial meeting of the last few presidents that they can remember. Oh well, at least I'm setting up a record to be broken. And yes, the wife already told me that I need to speak louder into the microphone at the meetings to be heard, especially by the folks in the back. I will try to remember that for the next meeting. For some reason I can't seem to find my bullhorn.

Mike O'Malley, our new chairman of the board, did a wonderful job with our 2011-2012 budget -with a zero net profit/loss. But let me see what I can do to screw that one up. I did tell him that we were going to have fun this year, I meant it.

I'd like to thank our newly elected vice presidents for making their fine selection of directors. George has promised to have the membership committee members ready for approval during the April meeting.

The members of the grievance committee have been selected, as well as the alternates. I trust for next year, that when they ask for a hat to put nominations in, they will all know that I usually have one available, regardless if they like to put the nomination slips in it or not. Think of the poor person that has to pull them out!

I would also like to thank Don for the new standby gavel to use at the meetings. It's a little bit more massive, and the top won't twist off like its predecessor. I, however, don't think Don understood when I had asked him if it was "aerodynamically stable". We may find out at

future meetings. I must say it does have a good grip on it. Don, you did a fine job. Thank you!

Only regret so far has been the weather; a few weeks ago we flirted with a 60° Sunday, and the two members that I saw on bikes went off on a nice Sunday ride, complete with heavy rain and some hail I hear. Well at least they got their suits cleaned. Of course the next weekend, it was a nice balmy 20 to 30°, but Hermin didn't mind. The rest of us came on four wheels. This next weekend looks promising temperature wise, but I can only hope that the rain will stay away, because I too have an itch to be out on two wheels on the weekend. I do remember about four years back, we were able to squeeze in at least one Sunday ride on bikes every month during winter. What a blast. I guess the law of averages has finally evened out.

For those of you that weren't at the March meeting, Joe has been busy and is already planning our first ride event of the year, A Drive-2-Dine, Pay-As-You-Go Riding event on April 22. It will be about 350 miles, assuming he doesn't get lost, and takes a more scenic route. Think I'm going to try and attempt this ride, at least till my ass gives out.

One last reminder: spring may be in the air, but the damn potholes and nutty cagers are out in force too, so please be careful on the roads. Ride safe.

(Last names have been mostly omitted to protect the guilty)

Your President, and humble servant,
Stephen CZYZ
("Silver One")

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From the High Chair

Well, it's hard to believe but a full year of service as the Prez has come and gone. And with the transition I find that I can now sit through the Board meetings rather than stand. No small matter for one of advanced years. I look forward to a diminished role at the monthly meetings limited for the most part to saying "I second that motion" and "Aye". I don't envision any circumstances when a "Nay" is likely to pass these lips.

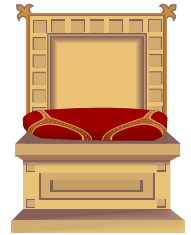
And with the approach of April I am happily contemplating Sunday rides, weekend campouts, dinner runs and other excuses to play hooky from my day to day responsibilities at work. I'm getting the trailer polished up for its second full season of use. I have many plans to ease the hardship of outdoor camping, including but not limited to, better cuisine, better ambiance and better fire prevention. I've sewn up a couple of holes in the screen porch and have secured some Bon Jovi tapes for the CD player. All I need is a vintage claret and an aged brie and I'll be ready for Crazy Horse come May.

My hat is off to Steve for his first turn at the helm. I can't remember when there were as many points of order and amended board motions. I sincerely hope he shows up for the next meeting. We actually made it through the maze in record time. With an experienced secretary taking notes, an experienced treasurer counting Shekels, experienced directors at nearly every post and an inexperienced Board Chairman dozing in the chair next to him, how can he go wrong?

I'm hoping that there will be a great turnout for the Spring Campout at Crazy Horse. Remember vets camp for free. If you are bringing a trailer be sure to ask to be up top in the 400 section with us other softies. We will circle the wagons and pass the jug each night. I would imagine that the cabins they have are going fast. Don't wait to call for a spot.

And don't miss the Good Friday run with Joe at the head of the pack. Last year's event was threatened by weather but still drew a modest

crowd. I have it on good authority that this year the weather will be sparkling and the route circuitous with only the occasional stop by the



side of the road for directions. We know where we are starting, we know where we are going and Joe doesn't give a hoot how we get back. What could be simpler?

Many thanks to the outstanding Board that kept the club going during my dubious tenure. JPC is truly a great club that just keeps getting better. ONLY 49 DAYS AND A WAKE UP TILL SPRING CAMPOUT.

As always...

Ride Safe, Ride Often

Harley Two (It's Harley One only when the Prez is on board)

Mike O'Malley, COB

Individual Involvement VP

When I was nominated for Individual Involvement Vice President, I accepted before I realized everything I would need to do. I was informed that if elected, I would need to find some willing souls to become directors. Before too much panic set in, these four individuals were very generous and offered to continue in their current positions. They have been doing an outstanding job as directors and their ongoing efforts will help keep the Jersey Pine Cruisers the great Motorcycle Touring Club that it is.

I would like to thank them for kindly agreeing to continue their valued work as JPC Directors. With their help I believe I will survive my first attempt as a board member.

Awards & Recognition - Hermin Velazquez

Color Guard - Lois Mendel

Spoke & Spark - Don Malina

Membership - George Barrington

My sincere appreciation and thanks –

Tom Kearney

Chapter Management VP

Hello my fellow Asphalt Aficionados:

Spring has arrived and once again it is time to shine up the chrome, shake the cobwebs out of our brains and get out there and scare some pedestrians! It looks like it's going to be a banner year with all the great events on the schedule.

Of course we wouldn't be able to enjoy all of this without the efforts of those that graciously accepted the responsibility of directorship. I am pleased to announce them to you here.

Parliamentarian--- Bob Wagner
Meetings and Programs--- Ken Vicker
Sergeant at Arms--- Bill Lindwall
Editor--- Sandy McCall
Quartermaster--- Joe Fiedler

Thanks to one and all for answering the call,
Steve Mendel

Public Relations VP

I would like to thank the following people for stepping up to the plate as directors.

Tour Director – Joe Fielder
Public Relations – Lynn Vicker
Special Activities – Candi Wenzon

It's time to get out there and ride! Don't forget about the Spring Campout! Ken has planned some great roads for the group ride on Saturday. See you there!

Dennis Hyde

From the Colorguard

We need more orders of clothing items to meet minimum requirements. If you are interested in ordering JPC attire, please contact Lois Mendel for a description of the item and cost. Orders are due by the April meeting.

2011 DUES

This year's dues are now payable.

Browncards \$ 10.00

Associate Member ... \$ 35.00

Regular Member \$ 35.00

You can pay me at any Breakfast

Run or Meeting

Or

Mail to me at:

Jerseypine Cruisers
C/o G. W. Barrington
410 S. Michigan Ave.
Villa Park, IL 60181

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

April 22 - [Lunch Run](#)

May 20-22 - [Spring Campout](#)

August 5-7 - [House on the Rock](#)

Every Sunday - [Breakfast Rides](#)

4th Tuesday of the Month - [Old Farts Coffee](#)

Year long event - [The Traveler](#)

Upcoming Events

Bike Blessing

Start Date: 4/30/2011
End Date: 4/30/2011
Start Address: 67 E. Algonquin Road
Start City/State/Zip: South Barrington, IL 60010
End Address: 2050 South Eastwood Drive
End City/State/Zip: Woodstock, IL 60098

Come start the riding season out right by having your bike blessed.

The HighRoad Riders of Willow Creek Community Church are having their annual Blessing of the Bikes on April 30th. There will be morning food and drinks available before the blessing followed by a semi escorted ride out to Woodstock Harley Davidson for lunch, music, and drawings provided by Woodstock HD.

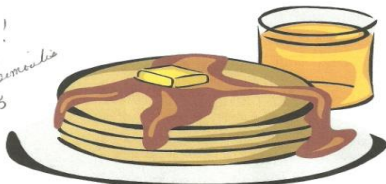


BSA Troop 65 Annual Pancake Breakfast Silent Auction & Raffle

Sunday, April 10, 2011
8 AM to 1 PM
Holy Ghost Church
Ryan Hall
254 N Wood Dale Rd, Wood Dale, IL 60191

Adults - \$7.00
Seniors/Children - \$6.00
Children under 4 - free

*To Jerry Lane Cruise,
Thank you for
your support!
Bea & Pam
Troop 65*



Sponsored by IHFY to benefit high adventure activities
Boy Scout Troop 65
Great Lakes Fishing Trip and Philmont Scout Ranch (2011)

Honor Flight Chicago

As you know, flight season is rapidly approaching and each of you plays an integral part in making the Welcome Home Celebration so special for our WWII veterans. I have just recently resigned my position with Honor Flight Chicago so I wanted to introduce all of you to Jody Kopsky who will be taking over at the Welcome Home Celebrations. Jody is not new to Honor Flight Chicago and I am sure most of you will recognize her when you see her in April.

Debbie King

Ugly Run

When: Sunday, April 17
Where: Teamster Horseman Club House Bensenville
Time: 10 a.m. sign up Bikes out at noon
End point: Zylstra HD in St. Charles
Donation: \$20.00 per bike

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April 26 – Board & Membership Meeting

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May 20-22 Spring Campout

May 24 – Board & Membership Meeting



SECOND ANNUAL APRIL CLEAN OUT THE COB WEBS RIDE

FRIDAY APRIL 22

The first of the riding season's extended day rides. Eight brave souls accepted the challenge of following me to Chestnut Mountain for lunch overlooking the "Old Miss" last year. Maybe we can do it again without getting lost 4 times...maybe. We are going to ride some of the best roads that Illinois has to offer. Many of which are well known to the Cruisers and fill the mind with a myriad of memories as we navigate them.

[SEE DETAILS HERE](#)

Meet Board Member Tom Kearney

I have lived in La Grange Park for the past 40 years. I worked at ComEd for 36 years and recently took an early retirement package.

I started riding motorcycles in 2008 when I purchased my new Honda Shadow Aero 750. I have always wanted to ride, so better later than never. As life would have it my parents would not allow me to have a motorcycle, so all my rides were restricted to short rides on friends' mini bikes, scooters and the occasional real deal.

My first experience with touring was with friends (former JPCs) in the early 80s. The two events that I remember most were a weekend ride to southeast Indiana for camping and canoeing on the White River and the 1983 Midnight Tour.

I purchased my bike the last week of May '08 and finished my riding course and got my license. I started riding in June and thought the best way to gain experience was to find clubs

or groups that were in the area that liked to ride. After surfing the web and checking out a few groups I found the Jerseypine Cruisers. I decided to check the group out and came to a meeting. Before I left that night George had signed me up as a "Brown" card.

Being involved with motorcycling and the Jerseypine Cruisers has been great. For a new rider to go from 0 to 20,000 miles in two years says a lot for the club.



Tour Talk

We all, as a club and individuals, owe a great deal of gratitude to Andy Grabowski and especially, Bill Lindwall for the years of selfless service as Tour Directors. It is a thankless and daunting position for anyone. It has only been through their dedication to riding that the club and all attendees have benefited on Sunday rides.....THANK YOU....GUYS.

Enter a new riding season and a new Tour Director....me, Joe Fiedler. For several years now, I have been pushing others to come forward, to get involved in leading, or to come up with ideas for rides. Some of you have taken up the challenge and stepped forward, others have been happy to sit back and ride on the efforts of others, and still others let my ranting breeze through your mind like a Mexican burrito.

Let's shake things up a bit shall we?! Some new ideas have been mentioned at gatherings, breakfasts, dinners, parties, campfire discussions, and one-on-one discussions with seasoned members.

Monthly dinner runs.....theme months....Mexican, BBQ, Chinese, Italian....well you get the idea....suggest a place and off we go. I foresee this as being a Saturday afternoon ride leaving about 2:00-3:00 for an early arrival for dinner, before the normal dinner rush.....OR.....we could do this as a meet-up type event, at the place itself during the week on 2, 3, or 4 wheels...just to socialize.

Sunday breakfast rides....visiting some of the usual places and, hopefully, throwing new ones into the mix. Or something new like rather than leaving from our McDonalds, leave from different locations, close by, and riding to more of a lunch run....OR...doing an extended ride and an early dinner ride.

Rides other than Sunday....the "Old Fart" monthly meet-ups which seem to be limited to the non-working members and to quote Steve Penczak, "those usually on a fixed income"....Steve...BIOYA. OR rides such as the recent Saturday pancake breakfast to

benefit a family who is going through tough times as their child deals with a difficult and expensive illness...a last minute idea that was attended by a small group of club members.

As with all group riding, these ideas require some communication, co-operation and common sense. So send me your ideas, suggestions, or leads, and we will see what can happen.

Keep your eyes, ears, and minds open for local township events in your area (or wherever you are traveling), that we might want to support.

I follow the advice of Hugh Brandt...keep it simple...no matter what kind, enjoy the ride...and have fun.

The Tour Director is a club position meant to help organize the rides, it is the membership that decides where we ride, when we ride, and if we ride.... without your help or participation...we have nothing.

Ride aware,



April Birthdays

Bill Lindwall April 6th

Russ McManus April 7

Jim Powers April 16

George Gauss April 17

Anita Elliott April 20



From the Bleachers

Well the transition meeting went smoothly and I (and some others) have stepped back to become a part of the "Heckling Crowd". I enjoyed the past two years and I want to thank all those on the Boards whom I served with. It was truly a pleasure to be associated with you guys and perhaps we will do it again in the future.

The months of staring at my half-naked Wing in the garage are over. The bike is back together again and now ready for the riding season. I had torn her down for a major service and replacement of the rear spring and shock. I finished the final assembly at noon on 3/16 with no parts left behind and I took her out for a short 120 mile shakedown ride that very afternoon. Everything still worked and nothing fell off, so I have to consider the project a success. Over the next few days the mild weather allowed me to go out for a few more shakedown rides. I only put on 500 miles but it was more than enough to give me that motorcycling bug. You know; you start to plan some trips and make lists of places you haven't visited but plan to do so. This is all part of the excitement and anticipation we fill our minds with at the beginning of a new riding season.

I think I like this retirement thing because my available riding time has increased. The only downside is that so have my riding options. Oh well the fun is in correlating the two.

The launch of the riding season fills all of us with an overwhelming desire to get on the bike and ride. But first you should consider getting the bike serviced and ready to go and then give some consideration to a refresher Motorcycle Safety Course. Now is the time to get to your local community colleges to get registered. These classes fill up fast so if you want to make sure you and your bike are both ready, do it now.

Don't forget Joe Fiedler's lunch run to Chestnut Mountain on Friday, April 22nd.

Steve Penczak

Web Surfing Monkey

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Touring Tip:

Mitigating the Risk of Group Riding

Riding in a group can be a great way to enjoy the camaraderie of traveling with other like-minded motorcyclists. Caravanning in a large, unbroken procession, however, poses special risks for the group. For example, you may have heard about the recent tragic accident in California where a group of twelve motorcycles collided with a car

(<http://www.cnn.com/2010/US/11/14/california.motorcycle.accident/index.html>). From published news reports, it appears that a frustrated motorist tried to pass the group of riders without adequate space for doing so. An oncoming car switched lanes, to avoid the passing motorist, only to crash head on into the motorcyclists. The result: five dead riders, and several more severely injured.

Although I personally prefer to ride in smaller groups, here are 10 suggestions for mitigating the risks of riding in larger groups:

1. **Plan the Ride – Ride the Plan:** A well-organized ride will include: a map of the route, or turn-by-turn directions, with designated fuel and lunch stops and phone numbers for contacting the ride leader and emergency services. At the pre-ride meeting, there should be a discussion of route conditions, riding formation, hand signals, rider skill levels, speed, and the assignment of riders within the group formation. It's very important that everyone understands that they are expected to follow the ride plan unless an unforeseen

event requires deviation, or the ride leader directs that a change be made.

2. **Designate an Experienced Ride**

Leader: Although the ride leader may not have developed the ride plan, he or she is responsible for leading it and keeping everyone as safe as possible on the road. This includes setting an appropriate steady pace for the skill level of the group (i.e., an appropriate pace for the least skilled rider), having an in-depth knowledge of the planned route and stops, making sure proper formation is maintained, and curbing any inappropriate/unsafe riding behavior by group members.

3. **Designate An Experienced Sweep**

Rider: The sweep rider is responsible for monitoring the group from the rear. He or she will assist with any bikes having mechanical problems, accidents or other issues. If the situation warrants it, the sweeper may need to call the lead rider and/or emergency services.

4. **Arrive Ready to Ride:** Each rider should meet at the beginning rally location with a full tank of gas, an empty bladder, a properly serviced motorcycle, appropriate riding apparel, a first aid kit, a tool kit, a cell phone and a positive attitude.

5. **Break into Smaller Groups:** On two-lane pavement it's especially important to allow other motorists an opportunity to pass, by having breaks in the caravan of motorcycles. Four to six bikes in the smaller groups should be about right. It's especially important to

create passing gaps when a trailing vehicle indicates its intent to pass.

6. Ride Your Own Ride: It's always paramount that riders stay within their skill level and comfort zone, even if that means dropping out of the group. If so, tell the sweep rider that you're dropping back and will rejoin the group at the next scheduled stop. They probably won't be more than a minute or two ahead.

Less experienced riders should ride at the front of the group, where the speed is more consistent. That way, they won't run into the temptation of playing catch-up with the group.

7. Use Established Hand Signals or Electronic Devices to Communicate: The Motorcycle Safety Foundation's recommended hand signals can be found at: www.msf-usa.org/downloads/group_ride.pdf. *Hand signals are generally initiated by the ride leader and passed along by each succeeding rider.*

8. Be Courteous When Passing Other Motorists: Signal when changing lanes to pass another vehicle, don't dart directly in front of the vehicle passed and be sure to maintain your pace after passing. When a motorist pulls over to let you go by, be sure to show appreciation by waving.

9. Don't Become Fixated on the Bike in Front of You: There is often a tendency to focus on the motorcycle directly in front of you. Even if you're maintaining a proper distance from that bike, you're only looking a few seconds ahead of your front tire. It's important to continue looking through curves and down the road for potential hazards.

10. Don't Forget about the Bike Behind You: I was leading a group of about 20 bikes one time, when I glanced in my rear view mirror to discover, to my great surprise, that no one was back there. I reversed direction and found that a rider had low sided on gravel in the road. Every rider should periodically check his or her rear view mirrors to ensure that they can see the next bike in the group. If that bike isn't visible, then slow down for them to catch up or reverse course to find out what happened. This will work its way up to the ride leader (as it did in my example) who also should turn around to investigate the problem. I'm sure you can probably add to this list, based on your own experience, but the important thing is that riders reflect on these considerations before hosting or attending a large group ride.

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"The greatest compliment a motorcycle riding man can give a woman is inviting her on the back of his bike. I've had my share of motorcycle rides, even though it scares me. It's a treat, it's a pleasure.

Jeanie Buss
Usa.com 6/14/2010

