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CRUISIN' TIMES

The Monthly Newsletter of the Jersey Pine Cruisers Motorcycle Touring Club

Prez Czyz Says

Greetings fellow Cruisers. It's now approaching August, we have had a few campouts last month, and I see that we will have a few overnight runs this month. Rides are fast and furious, and it appears everybody is having a good time. I expect to hear some more interesting stories from the upcoming events, actually, look forward to hearing about them. I know that the recent flooding has dampened the spirits of some of our Cruisers, and I hope that the rest of the Cruisers will be of good cheer, and try to bring some of that cheer to those fellow Cruisers (Don M. comes to mind).

I would especially like to thank Mike O'Malley for his unwavering support of the second annual fundraiser, in spite of widespread flooding and limiting the fund raising to only one Jewel, he and some fellow Cruisers were able to raise over \$500 that particular day. Great job Mike! I believe Mike has proved that doing fundraising for one cause at a time is the best way to raise funds for a particular charity. (And yes, the board matched \$500 of our funds, so the event netted over \$1000 for autism.)

The Fourth of July picnic at George's house provided a great time for a lot of the Cruisers that attended. I suspect now that we know that George has a pool, many of us will come prepared next year. It really was a great time for many of us there.

Speaking of events, it's now time for us to start

thinking about events we would like to have happen next year. So if you would like to chair or co-chair an event, now is the time to start thinking about it, and be ready to discuss it at the coming monthly meeting. Unsure of yourself? Don't be. There are plenty of Cruisers that have done events and are willing to help you plan and execute it. So don't be shy. Got an idea for an event, bring it up at the meeting, that's what we're here for. And remember, it's never too late for an event (for the most part); after all, we're really all biker (and party) animals at heart.

Got an idea for a place to ride to, or just a way to ride somewhere, speak up at the Sunday breakfast ride. We're always looking for new place(s) and roads. The places only have to meet our three criteria: good food, good prices, and good service. A paved parking lot helps, as well as a clean bathroom (the bigger the better).

I know "some" of you haven't seen me as much as you would/should expect, but circumstances at work lately have limited my availability for rides and camp outs. I will try to do better as your president.

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

"Silver One"
Stephen CZYZ





Fourth of July Parade and Party



Monday, July 4th at 7:30 a.m. I rode the parade route, both directions before going to McDonald's for the 8 a.m. meeting. The sun was low in the eastern sky. The route (Center Street) was beautifully shady and cool! To my way of thinking, the parade would be a breeze. Ha!

Led by our Prez, Stephen Czyz, who carried the club banner and walked the entire route. At 10:30 we finally began to move at a snail's pace. The sun was no longer low in the east. Hot! We completed the parade without incident and proceeded to the party site, just a few minutes away and partied. There was plenty of food and drink, and good conversation. It seems that all had a good time and plenty to eat.

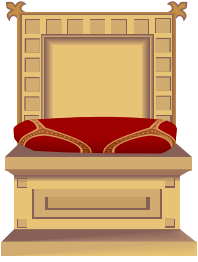
Large thanks to my party planner and all who participated.

George Gauss

Photos courtesy of
Stephen Czyz



From the High Chair



When one plans an event such as a fund raiser which for those of you who forgot was Saturday July 23rd, the weather is always an imponderable. Obviously, we should have checked the Mayan calendar before we set the date.

For those of you who follow such things, the ancient Mayan calendar calls for the world to end in October or November of 2012. Don't laugh, there are survival shelters being built around the world at a pace that would have rivaled bomb shelters in the 50's. But my point is that we did not realize that there was a trial run of Armageddon on Saturday in Des Plaines.

It rained so hard that for all practical purposes you needed an ark to get around. Roads were closed and one of the Jewel Food stores we were scheduled to appear at while raising funds had three feet of water running through the cereal aisle. But neither rain nor sleet nor hail...we had seven hardy souls show up, including Tom Kearney on his motorcycle. We camped out in front of the other Des Plaines Jewel and managed to raise over \$500. With the club's matching funds we will be able to present a check at the Autism ride of just over \$1,000. Way to go team!

My case of West Nile virus is finally clearing up after the summer camp out. I'm reasonably sure I contracted my case after six mosquitoes dragged me away from the campfire and attempted to devour me behind the outhouse. But a good time was had by all despite the voracious insects. We even invented a new fireside past time when we purchased a rubber ball that lights up when you squeeze it. I won't get into any of the kinkier aspects of what we did with it but a great deal of imagination came into play.

At our most recent Board meeting it was decided that we will combine the Memorial Run with the Sunrise Run to be held jointly on Sunday August 28th with kick stands up at 5:10 AM. For those of you who missed the last two

Sunrise events, you are not going to want to miss this one. Fresh baked pastries, fresh brewed coffee and a Bloody Mary/Screwdriver bar will add to this year's offerings all held at the lakefront in Montrose Harbor. If you want to join us at the harbor, ETA is 6:00 AM. Following appropriate ceremonies remembering and honoring past club members who have passed on, we will ride up the lake front, waking up the rich people and head for breakfast at the Full Moon Restaurant on Rt. 41 in North Chicago.

It was good to see our buddy Steve Mendel back up and about. His leg seems to be healing and he has invited all over to his house for a dog kicking party...date to be announced. Our best wishes go out to Don Molina who, in the finest traditions of the Navy, watched his house sink out from under him during the epic storms on the 23rd. But he has pumped the water out and at last word was running his wall to wall carpet through a wringer.

In closing, we can all rest easy knowing that none of our club money is in US government bonds.

As always ride safe, ride often

Harley One
Mike O'Malley, COB



Summer Camp out



The summer camp out was held on July 8-10 at Duck Creek Campground. We enjoyed fine weather the entire time. There were about 20 attendees during the weekend. Some people arrived early in the week including Bill and Debi Vallas. I asked Bill to help me plan the route for

Saturday which he programmed into his GPS. Bill Vallas led the ride on Saturday ending up at Rookies in Black Earth for lunch. Everyone enjoyed the route that Bill had planned. It was great to see Dan and Sophie Tomaszewski who came up on Friday night and were there for the campfire, as well as met us for lunch on Saturday. Steve Mendel and Andy Grabowski both drove up on Saturday.

We did lots of riding around and a good time was had by all. Next year's summer camp out is being planned for later in July. Photos from the summer camp out are on the website.

Bill Lindwall

"An adventure may be worn as a muddy spot or it may be worn as a proud insignia. It is the choices that one makes, and how one deals with life's challenges, that makes it the one thing or the other."

"Riding with the Cruisers is the same thing...except...the muddy spot is left over from breakfast and it IS something to be proud of."

Original quote from, Norma Shearer, the JDC twist...Mr. Giggles



Just cruising along on one of the Sunday breakfast rides

Awards & Recognition

Fourth of July Party

George & Beverly Gauss

Summer Camp out

**Bill Lindwall
Steve Mendel**

JOB WELL DONE

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

Upcoming Events

August						
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August 5-7 – House on the Rock
August 20-21 – Lakeshore Overnight
August 23 – Board & Membership Meeting
 which includes the planning meeting
August 23 – Old Farts Coffee
August 29 – Sunrise Breakfast Run & Memorial Run

August 14 -Motorcycle Swap Meet Plus Bike Show

Swap meet and bike show at McHenry County fairgrounds from 10 AM.-3 PM. For details visit: www.walneckswap.com

August 21 – Bikers take AAIM Against Drunk Driving Run

This 80 mile escorted ride leaves from Woodstock Harley-Davidson and is dedicated to the memory of motorcyclists who were killed by drunk drivers. For details visit: http://www.aaim1.org/events_bikers.asp

September 18 – Ride for Autism Speaks

This 85 mile ride through the western suburbs begins at Wild Fire Harley-Davidson in Villa Park. Registrations and check in begins at 8:30 AM with the ride beginning at 10:30 AM. The after party will be in Schaumburg. For details and to register online visit: www.ride.autismspeaks.org

September						
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September 9-11 – Autumn in the Irish Hills
September 27 – Board and Membership Meeting
September 27 - Old Farts Coffee

Important Reminder

The annual Planning Meeting is August 23rd

Come prepared to lead an event or ride. If you can't be at the meeting, but wish to lead an event, give the information to one of the Board members.

Without events, there will be no 2012 calendar!

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

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

September 9-11 [Autumn in the Irish Hills](#)

October 22 - [Halloween Potluck](#)

Every Sunday- [Breakfast Rides](#)

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

Yearlong event - [The Traveler](#)

Meet Chapter Management VP Steve Mendel

Summer '65



In the Summer of 1965 I was a bored teen-aged kid who had the extreme good fortune of living on N. Hermitage Ave.

Our next door neighbors were the Kaucher family: Art,

his wife Bicky and their two children Edna & Artie who were about my age and just about as bored.

Then one fine day I was looking out my back yard and see a beautiful new white Honda S90 whisk down the alley with Mr. Kaucher aboard. I was stunned. I was off my porch and out there pestering them before they knew what hit them. I watched as they learned to ride and was green with envy. By the end of the summer we were all lining up waiting our turn to take that magnificent machine up and down those alleys.

This was the beginning of my passion for motorcycling which is strong to this day. Over the years I have had the pleasure of owning many different makes and styles and have enjoyed them all. These bikes opened doors to so many great times and great friends. One of life's biggest thrills is rolling down my driveway, all loaded up, and on the way to some new and unexpected adventure.

Also that summer I started dating Mrs. Kaucher's baby sister, Lois.

Yes, I had the extreme good fortune of living on N. Hermitage Ave. in the summer of 1965.

Steve Mendel



Steve purchased the Honda S90 from Edna and has recently finished restoring it as seen in the photo above.



August Birthdays

Ted Gregory August 4th
Steve Schwartz August 4th
Gary Cooper August 14
Bill Theodorf August 20th
Patrick Donlea August 21
Bill Zima August 21st
Flo Tymczuk August 30th



From the Bleachers

We are now well into summer and you see motorcycles everywhere you look. We do have a relatively short riding season so use the riding opportunities presented to you. I personally am taking advantage of all the chances to ride that come my way.

The weekend before last Joe (Fiedler) and I did a 3-day "pre-ride" to Coldwater, MI for the Second Annual "Autumn in the Irish Hills" Tour. Joe has planned a Friday ride to Rosie's Diner in Rockford, MI for those arriving early. The food is delicious and the atmosphere is quaint. He did a great job putting together the routes to and from the diner. Those of you that have not ridden much in Michigan don't know how many nice roads they have in this area. Joe seems to have a knack for finding these great riding roads. I would also encourage those who do not like riding in a group to come out and explore the roads in the Coldwater area. You will be hard pressed to find a bad one and you will be provided with a ready excuse to take a longer ride. And on the subject of Coldwater, if you are planning to stay in a cabin you might want to get your reservation in as we were told that there is only one cabin left. It is \$90.00/day and it sleeps four. For all the details see the flyer on the website or the link on the Upcoming Events page in this issue.

On Friday, July 22nd I took off for the Detroit area to meet up with former member Rhys Blair. On Saturday morning we took off on our yearly "Big Ride". This year we will visit Michigan, Ohio, Pennsylvania, New York, New Jersey, Connecticut, Massachusetts, Vermont and Montreal. We will spend three days riding in the Adirondack area before we turn and head for home. On this ride I will ride "my favorite" road. You may ask: what is my favorite road? My favorite road is any road that I have not yet been on as long as it has trees. And with roads that have trees, you have curves, some tight some sweepers and everything in between. A 'favorite road' is to be shared with 'favorite friends' to leave behind the hustle and bustle of work, (I can hear

Fiedler laughing now) using winding roads to wind down and relax.

Remember the superior rider observes, predicts and uses his acquired superior knowledge to avoid situations that require superior skills.

Steve Penczak



ON THE ROAD AGAIN

By: Thomas Wieling

There I am, on the road again,
It's where I belong.

Watchin' the trees a swaying -
Birds singing their song.

Swinging with the beat,
I go.

As the stripes go racing
on the pavement below.

My bike and I,
We make a good pair-

Racing with the wind-
And the open air.

From the streets of Bar Harbor-
To the Alaskan road.

It's America we venture-
No fences can hold.

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Web Surfing Monkey

[TOO Old to Ride don't tell that to Betsy](#)

[HoverBike](#)

[OUUUUUUCH](#)

[Ten things new riders do completely wrong](#)

[Four wheels good, two wheels bad](#)

["Our kids ride bikes and we're proud"](#)

[Mokena mom makes sure soldier son gets big welcome home](#)

[Chart of the Day: Motorcycle Deaths by Age](#)

[Auto Erotica: It's time to ban the motorcycle](#)

["Secret Weapon"](#)

[Captain America's Motorcycle](#)

[VIDEO...Can't Fix Stupid](#)

[VIDEO...Can't Fix Stupid 2](#)

[Douchebag Parkers: Almost a](#)

[Motorcycle...IT'S A YELLOW THANG](#)

[OMG.....Teen hit by lightning while riding motorbike Monday afternoon](#)

[BMW set to pioneer intelligent active motorcycle suspension](#)

[The Motorcycle Helmets Consumers Like Best](#)

[Record numbers of motorcycle mamas are learning -- and loving -- to ride in mid-life](#)

[BALANCE... slow down - life doesn't look too good from the bottom of the ditch](#)

[Orphiro's electric motorcycle: like a Harley, just not obnoxiously loud](#)

[HUMP Day](#)

[Wild Turkeys](#)

[VIDEO Daredevil motorcycle act is a rip-roaring success on a night of lacklustre performances on America's Got Talent](#)

[VIDEO Smage Bros Americas Got Talent](#)

[Audition Video](#)

[Dog Balancing on a Moving Motorcycle](#)

[VIDEO 300 mph...Wow!!](#)

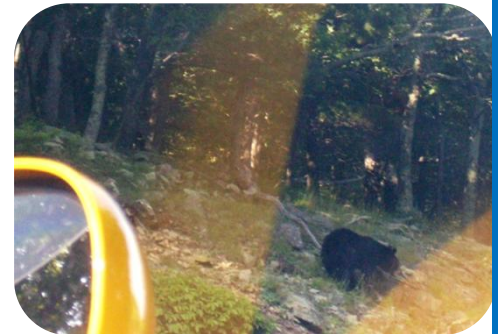


Blue Ridge Parkway



View From the Side

Ah...there's nothing like a vacation... Fortunately we were able to take an eight day trip with the Goldwing and Hannigan during early July. What follows is an explanation of some of the noteworthy roads we traveled on that may interest the readers. The roads are noteworthy because of the twists and curves as well as the scenery. Heading to Seymour, Indiana we took Highways 39 and 135 which were curvy and scenic. Continuing in Indiana on Route 250 was a roller coaster ride through rural Indiana. We crossed the Ohio River in Kentucky on Route US 421. Near the Tennessee border we travelled on Route 127 which was very pleasant. In Tellico Plains, TN we picked up the [Cherohala Skyway](#) which is an awesome road and then we picked up northbound US 129 towards Deal's Gap. We did not ride the "dragon" this time as the last time Ken rode it he wasn't happy with the other motorists. From there, we continued east on Highway 28 and found our way to the [Blue Ridge Parkway](#). We've been on the Blue Ridge Parkway several times but we always enjoy the sweeping curves and the scenery. Naturally we rode the entire 461 miles, some miles shrouded in a light fog, some in rain but most of the miles were under sunny skies. From the Blue Ridge Parkway, we then rode [Skyline Drive](#) which consisted mostly of new pavement. We even saw two black bears this time as we drove through.



Travelling westward we started out on Highway 55 in West Virginia and then on US 50. In Ohio we rode [OH 555](#) & 550, then RT 56, 29, 36 and 571 until we reached the town of Union City on the Indiana border. We wandered on Rt 22, 13, 18, 19, 31, 14 and 10 through Indiana until we hit Route 114 in Illinois. From there, we rode Rt 113 along the Kankakee River westward. Reaching Rt 47, we traveled north and took quiet back roads home to finish our journey. All of these roads are worth checking out!

We spent a fantastic week in the rig wandering the scenic roads and enjoying the countryside. The rig powered through the curves and we thoroughly enjoyed our first trip with this rig.

Blast From the Past

Family Picnic 2001

