



**CLUB # 4870**

**February**

**2012**



# CRUISIN' TIMES

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



**FRED ANTONSEN 1924-2012**

To view a special tribute to Fred, visit:

<http://www.jerseypinecruisers.org/special/Fred%20tribute.pdf>

**You'll be missed!**

# Candidate's Statements



**Candidate for President -Dennis Hyde:** I decided to run for president because it is a new riding season with a new riding partner and a new motorcycle. I have high hopes for a great new season and so I wanted to get more involved with the club and see how other parts of the club work.

**Candidate for Treasurer-Joe Hill:** The treasurer's job is something I am familiar with and can do. It is something that is part of my job and I can do it fairly easily and the club seems to have a hard time finding a treasurer.;

**Candidate for Secretary-Candi Wenzon:** Why did I accept the nomination as secretary? Every member needs to contribute to the functioning of the JPC's. It isn't enough to simply attend functions, rides and meetings, and leave the work to others. I've served before, but have had two years "off" the board, so I felt that it was my time to give back again. When we see how much other members give to the successful functioning of our club, how can anyone say "no"?

**Candidate for Community Relations VP-Frank Wenzon:** Everyone has to do their part so when I was nominated by Joe Hill, there was no way that I could say "no". It's a part of belonging to the JPCs.

**Candidate for Chapter Management VP-Bill Mumford:** Top 10 reasons I am running for Vice president of Chapter Management

1. I am a glutton for punishment.
2. I haven't held an office for a while, so I thought it was time to contribute again.
3. I have held this office before, so I should be able to handle it without screwing up too much.
4. I believe in this club and want it to succeed.
5. We already have a newsletter editor that has agreed to stay on for now.
6. I think I might get enough votes to win the election.
7. I am trying to remember the other three.
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- 10.

**Candidate for Individual Involvement VP-Tom Kearney;** I truly enjoy being a member of this club and have decided to run for a second term as Individual Involvement VP so I can give back a little to a really great group of people.



## Vote on February 28th

## NOTICE OF ELECTION

The election will appear as the first item of business on the agenda of the February 28, 2012 Jerseypine Cruisers combined meeting.

Following is the list of nominees and the Elected Office they are seeking:

**TREASURER:**

Joe Hill

**SECRETARY:**

Candi Wenzon

**INDIVIDUAL INVOLVEMENT – VICE PRESIDENT:**

Tom Kearney

**COMMUNITY RELATIONS – VICE PRESIDENT:**

Frank Wenzon

**CHAPTER MANAGEMENT – VICE PRESIDENT:**

Bill Mumford

**PRESIDENT:**

Dennis Hyde

**Note:** All members in good standing will be allowed to vote at the February meeting.

# Member Spotlight



**Name:** Linda Czyz  
**Date Joined JPC:** November 2011

**Favorite Motorcycle:** My dream bike is the Honda Shadow. I like the shape of it and a short person like me can ride it. I'm thinking about getting my motorcycle license this year.

**What I like about JPC:** The people and the camaraderie is the best thing about the Jerseypine Cruisers. I like that there are veteran and newer members. All the women are great! Everyone has been so helpful. The people really make the club. It's a small community.

**Interests:** My interests include cooking, baking and cross-stitch. I also love to read and am enjoying my new Kindle.

## From The Bleachers

**Officers for 2012:** Congratulations Cruisers! Our arm-twisting has paid off and we now have a full slate of candidates for the 2012 Board. Again I want to offer my grateful appreciation to those members that have stepped forward and have agreed to serve us, your fellow Cruisers, by filling a position on the Board.

**Jack Frost:** I was again happy to see all of your smiling faces at the Jack Frost run. I understand that over 60 laughing and happy Cruisers and friends showed up to help us all enjoy the first day of the New Year. Some of us shared some past memories and bloopers and there were door prizes galore. Our thanks to our chairpersons Gary Cooper and Al Gutenschwager for the energy and efforts put in by them to pull off this well attended and successful event.

**Ride 2011:** One of the other things I do during this, the non-riding part of the year, is review the previous year's rides and trips. This past July Rhys (Blair) and I took a ride Eastbound on US-6 to NJ where we picked up Northbound US-7. On this trip we found ourselves in Michigan, Ohio, Pennsylvania, New York, New Jersey, Connecticut, Massachusetts, Vermont and Quebec. We came back down into New York and spent three days riding up and down through the Adirondacks before heading for home down through the Finger Lakes back to U.S. 6 again. We had ridden through the Alleghenies, Poconos, Berkshires, Laurentions & Adirondack Mountains in these seven days, all pretty much on two lanes roads. There are no boring or bad roads to ride in this part of the country and upstate New York. The only thing missing was tourists. Most towns in the Adirondacks were devoid of visitors.

This trip along, with two trips to Waldo, OH for baloney burgers; one trip to Nashville, TN for a free dinner; the various club campouts, day & weekend rides, Old Farts Rides, trips to Indiana, Missouri, Michigan, many rides in Wisconsin, numerous day rides to rack up miles, and rides to visit friends and family, made for a memorable riding year. With the great group of Cruisers we have planning and

carrying out this year's Calendar of Events, I hope you all will get out this year to join us for some of these trips. Start planning these rides now and I am sure that your 2012 riding year will prove to be a memorable one.

**Ride 2012:** This brings us back to the upcoming 2012 riding season. Check the JPC website and you will see that we have many, many Cruiser planned events on the schedule. We have Sunday morning breakfast runs, Spring, Summer, Autumn and Fall Campouts, overnight rides, Old-Farts Rides, day-rides, and you can even ride to the monthly Membership Meetings. Now is a good time to start planning to attend some of these events. Also, if you are planning a ride to some exotic place and you are looking for riding partners, now might be a good time to start putting the word out.

**Installation Dinner:** Don't forget to make plans to attend the 2012 Installation Dinner and Awards Banquet. It is again being held at Maple Meadows Golf Club, 272 Addison Road, Wood Dale, IL 60191 from 6 to 11 P.M. on March 24<sup>th</sup>. Members are \$20 and all guests are \$35; reservations and payments should be directed to our outgoing President Steve Czyn by March 10<sup>th</sup>. I hope to see you all there. See the flyer in the 'Calendar' section of the JPC website for additional details.

Steve Penczak

**"One's definition of 'adventure' mostly depends on what he or she is used to, and I consider the act of getting on a motorcycle to be adventurous."**

**-Clement Salvadori**

## January Riding...Oh, Yeah!

At breakfast on Sunday, January 8<sup>th</sup>, the conversation turned to the weather prediction for Tuesday, January 10<sup>th</sup>. It was to be sunny and in the 50s. "Does anyone want to go for a ride?" "Yes!" said Dennis Hyde, Tom Kearney, Mike O'Malley, Dave Kreuzsch, Hermin Velazquez and George Gauss.

After checking the weather on Monday, we agreed to meet at McDonald's Tuesday morning. Who would have thought we would be riding on January 10<sup>th</sup>? It was a great time!

George Gauss

People in the Chicago area don't normally think about spending a lot of time outdoors in January, unless you ride with Jersey Pine Cruisers. On January 10<sup>th</sup>, a small group of JPCs started 2012 off right. George led us on a great lunch ride (135 miles) and helped put that "O What a Feeling" back in our souls so we can get through the rest of the winter.

Tom Kearney

Everyone had hamburgers but me. I wanted to be different so I had tacos.

Hermin Velazquez

## February Birthdays



Marie Cooper - Feb. 10<sup>th</sup>

Linda Czyz - Feb. 10<sup>th</sup>

Peggy Wojnicki - Feb. 15<sup>th</sup>

Bill Mumford - Feb. 17<sup>th</sup>

George Barrington - Feb. 22<sup>nd</sup>

Carol Isciandrello - Feb. 23

Marsha Large - Feb. 24<sup>th</sup>

Anna VanDyck - Feb. 25<sup>th</sup>

## Holiday Party Recap

Saturday, December 10<sup>th</sup> was our Holiday Party at Club Casa Cafe. Thirty eight members and three guests attended. Joe Fiedler volunteered to be the DJ for the evening. Appetizers were served during open bar. The dinner was a buffet with a generous display of delicious food. The service was excellent. Snowman cookie jars were the centerpieces and were raffled off "fair and square" by tickets placed in bags at each table. Joe Fiedler very generously donated enough wrapped gifts so that everyone went home with one. Flo Tymczuk and Bev Gauss also donated raffle gifts. Dennis Hyde won the 50/50 drawing. Thank you again to all who attended; we all had a good time.

A special thank you to Flo Tymczuk, my co-chairman, who was a lot of help, to Joe Fiedler, our talented volunteer DJ, and to Rick Tymczuk and Bill Mumford for doing 50/50 and setup.

Jean Mumford

### **Murphy's Laws (as applied to motorcycling)**

- \*The fact that your keys are in your pants' pocket only becomes apparent after your gloves are on.**
- \*Attaching a dark visor to your helmet causes women to smile at you. Smiling back does no good.**
- \*Kickstands are never down when taking off in an unpopulated area.**
- \*The only part needed is the only one on permanent back order.**

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## Prez Czyz Says

Greetings and salutations, my fellow cruisers.

Well, another month has passed and I haven't seen many bikes the last few weeks. Guess that white stuff and the salt is keeping them away. Not to worry, there is still plenty of things to do in the next few weeks. Of course, we have the upcoming elections at February's meeting. While there are no contested races, your support in approving the slate of candidates is important to the club, so please show up and cast your vote. Don't forget to give Joe F. your mileage for the past year for the mileage awards and recognition.

During January's meeting, we held a little tribute for Fred Antonsen (moment of silence and recognition of events while in the club), as well as we collected enough funds to get Fred his own brick for the M/C memorial in Wisconsin, as well as donating some funds to the local hospice, per Fred's wishes. A round of applause to George B. for seeing that this was done quickly.

In March, we have the Installation Dinner on March 24th (Saturday), to swear in (at) the new board, as well as to salute the work of the previous board members and hard working directors. Guess that's why it's an awards banquet too. So, if you haven't sent in your R.S.V.P (and funds), please do so by the February meeting, or March 10th at the latest. FYI: Joe F. asked to act as a DJ at the Installation Dinner (suspect he wants to

provide us with a video presentation.) Wonder who he wants to "roast" and/or play tribute to. Then a few days later, we will be putting the new board to work at the March meeting on the 27th. At that point, the new Prez can start handling the meetings and enjoying the limelight associated with the presidency.

Of course, the Sunday breakfast rides (or gatherings in the winter months) are proving very popular. Remember, we are out there EVERY Sunday, rain or shine, on two or four wheels. On a sad note, looks like the old "Alpha" restaurant is now going to be a "taco burrito king". Guess no more breakfasts there.

With this winter being milder than expected, I'm hoping for a early spring and a warmer than usual spring and summer. Something I think we can appreciate and want for ourselves. Hoping for the best.

Just a reminder, the Installation Dinner is only \$20 for all current members (guests are still \$35, current board members get in free.)

As usual, ride safe, watch out for cagers, and politicians (especially this year, they're crazier than ever.)

Stephen Czyz

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February 28 – Board & Membership Meeting  
 February 16 - Old Farts Coffee

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March 15 – Old Farts Coffee  
 March 24 – Installation Dinner  
 March 27 – Board & Membership Meeting

# At what age did you become interested in motorcycles?

**5 - Tom Kearney**

**7 - Bill Mumford**

**12 - Bill Lindwall**

**13 - Dave Kreuzsch & George Barrington**

**14 - Dennis Hyde**

**15 - Andy Grabowski**

**16 - Steve Penczak, Mike O'Malley, Hermin Velazquez,  
Bob Wagner & Rick Tymczuk**

**17 - Jean Mumford & Flo Tymczuk**

**18 - Joe Hill**

**20 - Ken Vicker**

**28 - Lynn Vicker & Don Malina**

**35 - Al Large**

**51 - Stephen Czyz**

