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CRUISIN' TIMES

The Monthly Newsletter of the Jersey Pine Cruisers Motorcycle Touring Club

Top 16 of 2011

Jack Frost - started the new year with friends

Bunco - food, dice, money and fun

Spring Camp out - first campout of the season

Hodag and Porcupine Tour - what's a hodag?

Fourth of July Parade and Party- lots of patriotic fun!

Annual Fundraiser - flooding everywhere but a success!

Summer Camp out - more Wisconsin roads to explore

House on the Rock - a great site to experience

Lakeshore Overnight - new Cruiser hand signal invented

Sunrise Memorial Ride - dawn at the lakefront

AITH - once more we go to "Hell"

Fall Camp out - great new campground

Fall Color Tour - colorless this year and windy

Halloween Potluck - even the Tooth Fairy came

Holiday Party - celebrated the end of a riding season

Breakfast, lunch and dinner runs - ride to eat!



Memories of 2011



Fall Camp Out Pictures Taken By Dennis Hyde





Toys For Tots

A great big THANKS to all who helped Dec 4th with the Toys for Tots parade. It was fantastic to say the least. Thanks also to Mother Nature who held off the worst weather for motorcycles in years. As I promised the temperature started out at a very nice 50 degrees and after the parade, which ended around 1:30pm it dropped to an acceptable 45 degrees.

What a terrific turn out! There were five tiers of riders, riding two and three abreast at times, with the most colorfully decorated, outfitted, coolest rigs ever seen. Some were pulling loaded trailers and just under a third of the bikes were trikes of one sort or another. Side cars were also prominent, Can Am trikes too, and even a Morgan trike from England. Also, did I mention scooters of every kind?

Humvees led the tiers with fire trucks, police cars and cycles from several of the suburbs to boot. The famous Santa train and, of course, the real Santa himself was in attendance.

Carole and I were up at 5 am. We got to our corner at Erie and Western by 7:30 am and checked out our pothole situation. As we waited for the start of the grand parade, loads of kids came by to check out our bike. The street we covered took four of us because of its weird configuration, being a combination of one way and two way streets with turn lanes that were full all the time. Close by is a huge Catholic church with mass letting out several times during the course of the parade so

beside the pile up of cars we had people who could not even get across the street.

Last year we were at the same post, but this year we saw more bikes heading south to join up than we saw last year in the whole parade. It gave us a preview of what was to come.

Our count was in the 5,000 bracket, and believe it or not, there were bikers coming back to the end to re-join. Of course there were the usual bar-hoppers who would enter the middle of the parade as it passed their tavern.

We went past GAMBLER'S bar, a big supporter of TFT, near our home on Pulaski, they had riders gathering for refreshments afterwards with a ton off bikes lined up on both sides to celebrate.

Some of the bikes were so loaded with boxes and stuff you could barely see their riders. Several riders told us they never set their foot down for the entire ride. I guess that gives an idea of just how well the parade was controlled.

After it finished we joined the line at the express drop-off on Addison near Western and proceeded on to brunch at a Baker's Square who had a TFT toy box. We did not get home until 3 gpm for a LOOOONG hot shower.

Russ McManus



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Prez Czyz Says

Greetings and salutations fellow Cruisers: The year 2011 has drawn to a close, and we have already started with our first 2012 event: the Jack Frost Run. December held our annual holiday party, and our thanks to Jean and Flo for making it a very pleasant and entertaining event. Not to mention the food and the locale were excellent. A few weeks later we held our rescheduled December meeting. We had a good crowd too. While we had a few technical difficulties that prevented Joe from presenting the scheduled program: using Google maps to plan a route, I'm sure that Joe will work out those "technicalities" and the series that Joe had planned will proceed for the next few meetings. I am sincerely looking forward to them, as I see the technology as a tool for improving our Sunday rides. Not counting I already understand how useful they are in locating services, emergency as well as retail establishments, and gas stations. (Hardware stores, for missing nuts and bolts, for a certain type of motorcycle, while on campouts and long tour rides.) It is good that we improve our knowledge and proficiency with what's available. I see many members with smart phones. Of course, that could be that they like to play "Angry Birds" while resting (better not be, while they're riding).

Steve P. got the nominations off to a good start by initially filling the slots for this year's upcoming Board. That hasn't been accomplished in at least a few years that I'm aware of. Good going Steve! That doesn't mean that you can't run for any of the Board positions, as we could always use some competition for the elected Board positions. We haven't had contested elections in a few years; that would be nice also. Also all the directorships are still up for grabs. This is a very good way of providing service to the club, as well as a stepping stone for running for the Board for the next year. So please think about it, and once the Board members have been elected, please step up and tell them you'd like to serve as a director under them.

The Installation dinner is coming up on March

24, 2012. The website contains the flyer for it, as well as the menu and address and times and everything else you need to know. Make all checks out to Jersey Pine Cruisers, please see that I get all the admission fees as well as the name slips on the bottom of the flyer. I'll try to be at all the Sunday breakfast rides to accept them. If I'm not there, feel free to give them to Joe Hill, as he's our treasurer. I'll get the names from him. I do need to know by March 10th who will be coming.

For January, besides the Jack Frost Run, right now all I see is the Old Fart's Coffee Run, and our regular membership meeting. Doesn't mean that if you have an idea for a ride or event, that we can't pull it off, so keep thinking about rides and events. Nothing is ever cast in stone, as I'm finding out.

At this year's Jack Frost run, it was a pleasure seeing Danny and Sophie, in addition to the usual gang. We had some very good storytelling from some of our "elder" members. Be sure to thank Gary Cooper. Again a good time was had by all. Darn it, forgot the camera again. We even had a little excitement when we looked out the window and saw the flurries, although they didn't last long.

Well, is the riding season over? Don't know, not yet maybe? There was salt on the road, then the rain washed it away, then we got a little bit more salt, but the snow's not here yet, so who knows? Maybe this will be one of those years where we get at least one ride a month in during the winter. I hope so, I'd like to see that again.

In conclusion, regardless if you're riding on four wheels or two, be careful of the cagers and politicians (especially of the politicians in 2012). Stay safe, see you soon...

**Winter is Nature's Way of telling
you to polish**

Biker Wisdom submitted by Bonnie Cousins

From the Bleachers

It has been doing it in fits and struggles but winter is slowly arriving in Illinois. We've had a little ice and snow showing on our lawns and some could be found hiding under bridges. I know that some of you have already put your bike up for the winter, and that's fine if that's your desire. Others, like me, leave the bike ready for the road just in case we experience that elusive winter day when the roads are dry. No matter what the temperature, as long as the roads are dry I like to take the Wing for a ride to blow out the cobwebs. I will admit that over the years there have been a few instances where I have been miles from home and rode back in a light snow on somewhat icy roads. All this whets my appetite and starts me anticipating the coming spring with its associated warmer weather.

Whatever your preference is with your bike in the winter I hope you still come out and participate at the meetings, the Sunday breakfast runs, the "Old Farts" coffee clutch, and we may even see you at a couple of winter dinner (lunch?) runs.

Christmas Party

I want to offer my congratulations to Jean and Flo for the "most excellent" Christmas Party. If you weren't there you missed a hell of a nice party. Good food, good company, good music (Thanks Joe!) and some (needed) holiday libations, made for a perfect end to the Cruiser's year. Thanks to all who helped make this a success.

New Officers

For me Christmas came early this year, specifically Tuesday, December 20th. The December meeting is the month when the Chairman of the nomination committee asks for volunteers to be candidates to run for office to fill positions on the JPC Board. I am very happy to report we have a full slate of volunteers. The following members have stepped forward and agreed to be candidates to lead "your club" in 2012-13.

President: Dennis Hyde; **Chapter Management-VP:** Bill Mumford; **Community Relations-VP:** Frank Wenzon; **Individual Involvement-VP:** Tom Kearney; **Secretary:** Candi Wenzon; and **Treasurer:** Joe Hill.

Don't be bashful. If you have a vision on how you think things should be done, step up, throw your hat in the ring and volunteer to contest for one of these positions to run "your club". Everyone on this list would love some competition. None of the positions require a lot of time but you do have tasks that need to be done. Perhaps you would be willing to volunteer as a Director. If so contact the appropriate VP and let him/her know that you are available for service to your fellow Cruisers'.

Remember you can support "your club" by planning and/or participating in the upcoming year's activities.

Steve Penczak

Awards & Recognition

Holiday Party

Jean Mumford
Flo Tymczuk

Jack Frost
Gary Cooper
Al Gutenschwager

JOB WELL DONE

It is through the sacrifices and efforts of members like the above that keeps the

Jack Frost 2012

We thank everyone for joining us at this year's Jack Frost Run. We had nearly 60 in attendance and I believe everything ran smoothly. (Any comments for next year's event would be most appreciated).

After 33 years, 2012 was the first year that we introduced an 'open mike' and it seemed to add a lot to our party. And, we'd like to add something more to next year's event - so that's the reason we'd like your comments and input.

The 50/50 raffle brought in \$272.00 (total) split between the winner and the JPC treasury. (By the way, more tickets were bought by the bar patrons than by the Cruisers). The winning ticket for the 50/50 drawing and the second prize Jack Daniels Football Helmet were both won by the same person – who happened to be the owner of the bar. He gave the helmet to a marine home on leave from Afghanistan who was sitting at the bar who was thrilled to get it (and had even commented earlier that he'd like to win it!).



It was great to see Dan & Sophie come in. We haven't seen them in a few years and they both looked great. Sophie even shared a few of her early memories of camping with the Cruisers on the 'open mike'.

Once again, thank you for coming and we hope to see even more of you at this event next year!

Gary Cooper

Photos courtesy of Peggy Wojnicki



2012 JPC Calendar of Events

| <i>Date</i> | <i>Event</i> | <i>Chair</i> | <i>Co-chair</i> |
|-------------------------------|-----------------------------------|--------------------|-----------------------------|
| 1/1/12-12/31/12 | The Traveler | George Barrington | Bob Wagner |
| 1/1/12 | Jack Frost | Gary Cooper | Al Gutenschwager |
| 3/24/12 | Installation Dinner | Stephen Czyz | |
| 4/6/12 | Lunch Ride | Joe Fiedler | |
| 4/15/12 | Bowling | Hermin Velazquez | Shirlee Velazquez |
| 5/18/12-5/20/12 | Spring Camp out | Dennis Hyde | Sandy McCall |
| 5/28/12 | Memorial Day Ride | Mike Lisciandrello | George Gauss |
| 6/9/12-6/10/12 | Toy Train Museum | Bill Lindwall | Ken McCall |
| 6/23/12 | Miniature Golf Tournament | Mike O'Malley | Joe Fiedler |
| 7/4/12 | Parade & Picnic | George Gauss | |
| 7/14/12 | 3 rd Annual Fundraiser | Mike O'Malley | Linda Czyz & Lois Mendel |
| 7/20/12-7/22/12 | Summer Camp out | Steve Mendel | Bill Lindwall |
| 8/10/12-8/12/12 | River Road North | Ken McCall | Rick Tymczuk |
| 8/26/12 | Sunrise Memorial Breakfast Run | Mike O'Malley | Don Malina & Joe Fiedler |
| 9/7/12-9/9/12 | Autumn in the Irish Hills | Joe Fiedler | Steve Penczak |
| 9/15/12 | Earlier than Dinner Run | Tom Kearney | Sandy McCall |
| 10/13/12 | Fall Color Tour | Bill Lindwall | Ken McCall |
| 10/19/12- 10/21/12 | Fall Camp out | Bob Wagner | Marge Wagner |
| 11/3/12 | Potluck | Jean Mumford | Mike O'Malley |
| 12/8/12 | Holiday Party | Stephen Czyz | Linda Czyz |



View From the Side

Happy New Year! May 2012 be a healthy, happy and great motorcycling year for you! May we all have a safe and enjoyable riding season in 2012 and be able to share many good times together. As a new year begins, I enjoy reflecting upon the year that has passed and remember all the joys and adventures the year brought. As I went through the photos from the past year, it was fun to remember the great events and the great times with the Cruisers throughout 2011.

I'd like to take this space to thank several people for the support they have given me throughout the year as editor. Putting together a newsletter is not a solo effort. Without articles and photos from the members, there would be no newsletter. I'd like to thank everyone who I cajoled, pushed, suggested and asked this past year to write and they did! To my regular contributors, Steve, Stephen and Mike who get a monthly reminder from me nagging them for an article, I say "thanks" for putting up with my bossiness and nagging. I'd like to thank Joe Fiedler who sends me the web links monthly. He obviously spends a lot of time online and that certainly helps me out. I'd also like to thank him for the touring tips he sent throughout the year. To all the chairs who sent articles and photos after events, your contributions were very much appreciated. I'd like to thank Bonnie who has sent several of her memories in to be printed and I encourage others to do the same. Finally, I'd like to thank Bob Wagner for putting the newsletter on the web because if it were not for him, the newsletter would never be seen!

Make a resolution for 2012 to contribute to the newsletter. Your contributions make it easy to put the pages together. One does not need to be a master at writing to contribute to the Cruisin' Times. Submit your wisdom, your memory of a trip or vacation, or a recap or photo from a JPC event. Share it with the members! Send your contributions to jpceditor@jerseypinecruisers.org.

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January 1 – Jack Frost

January 19 – Old Farts Coffee

January 24 Board & Membership Meeting

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February 16 - Old farts Coffee

February 28 – Board & Membership Meetin

January Birthdays



Fred Antonsen – Jan 1

Marge Wagner – Jan. 9

Frank Wenzon – Jan 14

Felix Parades – Jan. 16

Marco Rico – Jan. 17

Irene Rico – Jan 24

Jean Mumford – Jan. 24

Mike O'Malley – Jan. 24

WHY DO YOU RIDE?

One word freedom – George Barrington

Too lazy to walk – anonymous

Freedom, friends, relaxation, fresh air, new places to see, more fun than seeing a shrink – Tom Kearney

Like to eat, enjoy the smells of the road like fresh mown alfalfa, even pig manure – Dennis Hyde

Because of my friends in the Club – Mike O'Malley

Break from day to day drudgery – Joe Hill

My husband wanted me to while we were dating, so I did and I love it—Linda Czyz

Fun and camaraderie – Bill Mumford

Open air, get out of the city, be alone with my thoughts – Dave Kreusch

I like being outside and enjoy the back roads. Also I like being with the group – Flo Tymczuk

To get away from it all and I am an “acceleration freak!” – Steve Penczak

All my worries go away, very refreshing – Bill Lindwall

My husband has always driven the bike. I enjoy our adventures and times together with friends. – Jean Mumford

Country roads and winding roads – Stephen Czyz

To get away from it all and have my worries go away – Ken McCall

