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The Monthly Newsletter of the Jerseypine Cruisers Motorcycle Touring Club



**MALE SPOKE
OF THE YEAR**

ANDY GRABOWSKI



**FEMALE SPOKE
OF THE YEAR**

SHIRLEE VELAZQUEZ

**MALE SPARK
OF THE YEAR**

TOM KEARNEY



10,000 MILE RIDERS 2010

Betty Swoverland	24,132	Steve Penzcak	12,163
Ken McCall	17,387	Dennis Hyde	11,667
Bill Lindwall	16,350	Joe Fiedler	11,250
Steve Mendel	13,511	Rick Tymczuk	10,380
Hermin Velazquez	12,387	Tom Kearney	10,037

From the Desk of the Prez

Thanks to term limits I'll be turning the gavel over to Steve Czyz, our new glorious leader. But as Chairman of the Board I will once again be a voting member of the club. My thanks go out for the sterling job this year's Board has done. Steve Penczak offered his wise counsel at key moments assuring that nothing catastrophic happened with a rookie President at the helm. He continued to support the club financially despite his retirement and his limited means.

Our three VP's managed to stay awake throughout most of the meetings. Sandy kept us on the straight and narrow with an accurate written record of everything we did...a practice from which most politicians would cringe. And somehow Shirlee managed to end up with more money in the bank at the end of the year than at the beginning despite the fact that we collected \$500 less in dues than forecast and despite the fact that her spouse bought a new bike during her term. I think it might be the extra dollar bills that I contributed when my Board consistently stabbed me in the back when judging the humor offered up at our meetings.

It didn't hurt that a number of our events actually showed a modest profit. Even our cookbook made the New York Times best seller list. So thanks to the folks who stepped up to the plate and made sure that we had first class events that were well managed and well run.

Looking back on the riding season I can say with certainty that it was a very good year. I enjoyed a campout and group ride in a driving snow storm. That was a lovely weekend. I recall agreeing to meet Don and George on the shoulder of the Northwest toll road right at the Elgin entrance ramp. And of course as we met up a state trooper pulled over behind us. Of course it was around 4:30 AM and well below zero. I'm sure he just wanted to make sure we were OK but when Dennis pulled up and joined us he called for back-up.

I was present at another campout where we set the new club record for the quickest group U-turn which occurred about 100 yards from the campground exit when Joe turned the wrong way. I think you have a strong record there Joe that should hold up for years to come unless someone turns right into the miniature golf area or possibly the swimming pool.

I treated myself to a new pair of boots after one of the campouts when I propped my feet up too close to one of George Barrington's campfires. Of course no one chose to point out that my soles were melting until it was too late. Yes, this year's camping was truly rugged. Sitting in my screened porch at rest in my rattan cushioned chair sipping a nice glass of claret to the tunes of Jimmy Buffet and in the glow of my tiffany lamp, it occurred to me that an aged brie would have eased the hardship much better than the domestic cheddar that I was forced to endure. I shall require more of my personal assistant this coming season.

I can truly say that this year I have been to Hell and back. And for the record it does rain in hell. In fact it rains so damned hard that it was raining inside my helmet. But any riding season from which I exit with as many Harley parts as I started can be called a success. As I pen this article one week before the installation dinner I am going over in my mind this year's award recipients. I think that everyone will find them every bit as worthy as those luminaries who received the Academy Awards. And most of our winners will be out of rehab in time to accept their own award.

What a fine year it has been...what a wonderful group of friends...what a privilege it has been to serve...what an honor it is to be a Cruiser.

As always
Ride Safe...Ride Often
Harley One



View from the High-Chair

Well the time has arrived for me to step out of "The High Chair" and slip quietly back among the rebels that make up the membership. I had a lot of laughs these past two years and I want to thank all who supplied their input and comments while I was in office. I am taking a year off from office but I will still be involved with things at various events. I plan to attend all our events this year and hope to see all of you there.

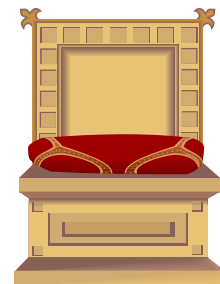
By the time you are reading this the 2011 Elections and the Installation Dinner will be history. I want to thank and congratulate those intrepid individuals who stepped forward to run our club this year. Steve Czyz, Sandy McCall, Joe Hill, Steve Mendel, Dennis Hyde, Tom Kearney and, of course, this year's Chairman, Mike O'Malley. Best of luck to all of you.

I would be remiss if I didn't thank our outgoing Board for their service this past year, so a heartfelt "Thank You" to Mike O'Malley, Sandy McCall, Shirlee Velázquez, George Gauss, Steve Mendel and Russ McManus. Your service was appreciated.

Well they did it again; Candi Wenzon and Lynn Vicker hosted a very successful JPC Bunco Party. The party had outgrown "Casa Wenzon" and was held this year at the Rob Roy Clubhouse in Prospect Heights. The party theme this year was "Bunco a'la Italiano" and everyone attending was asked to bring an Italian dish to share. It was quite obvious by the lack of leftovers that the meal was enjoyed by all. Those of you that were there know what a good time we had. Those who were unable to attend should try not to be absent next year. Thank you Candi and Lynn.

The second weekend in February, Joe and I did a preride (drive) to Waldo, Ohio for an overnight "Old Farts" ride for "baloney burgers" that I plan to lead later this season. I have made at least one ride each year to Waldo for baloney since 1988. G & R Tavern in Waldo makes their own baloney; they slice it ½ inch thick, grill it and serve it on a grilled hamburger

bun with cheese, mustard, onions and pickles. (However they will put whatever condiments you request on it) If your mother served you fried baloney as a kid you'll love it. I will make further announcements about this ride as I tie up the loose ends and decide on the dates.



I have the Wing torn apart to change the rear shock and spring. You would not believe how much plastic is removed to get at this item. The good thing is that as long as I am in this deep I have to change the air-filter. I hate tearing the bike apart just to do that so at least I am killing two birds with one stone. This also gave me a chance to look for a slight anti-freeze leak coming from below. If you see me on a new bike this spring that will give you a hint on how I made out.

Until then, ride safe if you get the chance.

Steve Penczak, COB

A few thoughts from Chapter Management VP

I'll be glad to be back with my friends at the "First" table! But sad to not be sitting between the lovely Shirlee and Sandy.

I made such excellent choices, in recruiting such a stable crew for directors. Thanks to all for the great job they all did this past year. HOORAH!!!!!!

Dennis Hyde - Meeting and Program
Joe Hill- Parliamentarian
Ken McCall- Sergeant at Arms
Joe Fiedler- Quartermaster
Sandy McCall- Editor

Special thanks to Joe Fiedler for filling in as Editor, during Sandy's recuperation, and making the move of the JPC equipment. And thanks especially to Sandy for doing double duty. Thanks to all!

George Gauss

From Community Relations VP

Community Relations sounds like something to do with local government, neighbors and area precinct bosses, and newspapers. Each Community Relations Vice Pres has his/her own take on the subject. The point (note to Dennis) is everyone who takes on this job has to a certain degree, full control and can interpret his/her own ideas.

At this time let me congratulate the great people who assisted and suggested ideas and brought forth ideas, plans and items of interest. Those great leaders in their own right are Carole Lavine, my right hand person, who made phone calls and e-mailed contacts as my relations point man. To special events idea man Frank Wenzon, Tour Director Bill Lindwall, the real travel-man and leader of the Band, Bob Wagner for passing down his ideas, posters, new business cards, and reminders when he had the job. And also thanks to our in-house photographers, like Steve Czyz and others, a long list, (they didn't know they are part of Community Relations.)

Some of the accomplishments involved bumper stickers, which were handed out at some 15 police stations, club meetings, events and promoted the JPC at the same time and three local alderman's offices in the area, two newspapers ads and one article promoting JPC, temp business cards for JPC, and handing out posters at Motorcycle shops, car dealers, gas stations, other local club's events and last but not least, the yearly planning done by all.

Another thanks (a commercial) to ROAD RUNNER magazine for great articles to pass on to our newsletter.

Let's also thank the membership at large for support as we all need to promote this club as Ambassador's of good will.

Russ McManus

From the Treasurer

My tenure as JPC Treasurer has ended for 2009/2010 as of the end of February 2011. I would like to say that it has been both challenging and rewarding to serve as a Board member for the past two years.

During my "Speak Up" for becoming a member of JPC, I indicated that although motorcycles were not one of my favorite things, I had previously enrolled at Motorcycle Riding School in Chicago to take lessons. Unfortunately, this effort proved to be folly at that time. However, since being in the club and associating with "real" riders, I have had second thoughts about learning to ride myself. I am planning to try lessons again (private, of course) hoping to have better luck this time. This is a direct result of the club's influence.

Thank you once again for the opportunity to learn from and grow with the Jerseypine Cruisers. What a great club!!! Best Wishes to the new Treasurer.

Shirlee Velazquez



From the Secretary

I have enjoyed being the secretary this year. I find it interesting and challenging to be listening and typing notes simultaneously. I'd like to thank Shirlee for taking the minutes for me when I was unable to attend the meetings. Thank you for the opportunity to serve as the secretary of the JPCs for 2010.

Sandy McCall

FOR SALE

**1993 Bunkhouse camping
trailer**

\$1000 or best offer

Contact Ken at 847-468-9540

Individual Involvement VP Year End Report

First of all I would like to thank the folks who stepped up and served as my Directors in the past year.

Hermin Velazquez - Awards and Recognition

Don Malina - Spoke and Spark

George Barrington - Membership

Lois Mendel - Color Guard

All did a fine job and their efforts are greatly appreciated.

Also I would like to acknowledge the achievements of those that have taken it on their own to lead the way. These include: Candi Wenzon whose Bunco Parties have become a highlight of the year. Mike O'Malley and his unforgettable Indian Sun worship shtick (I hope no passing children were emotionally scarred by that image). Carol McManus who worked tirelessly on the Potluck and Cookbook. Ken Vicker who led wonderful weekday rides to amuse the old and feeble. George Barrington who let the cat out of the bag in a most successful manner. And all the others who have chaired events, campouts, and overnight rides that make the club what it is. And most of all to Sandy McCall whose outstanding dedication in the face of extreme adversity will forever be an inspiration to us all.

Hats off to all of you Involved Individuals for making 2010 the great year that it was.

Steve Mendel

If you haven't filled out the membership survey yet, here's the link:

<http://www.surveymonkey.com/s/BVR56GN>

2010 Traveler Award

Steve Penczak won the 2010 Traveler Award. He submitted this photograph of the "Cat" on the shoulder of a Nevada State Trooper.





Bunco a la Italia

Saturday, February 5th, was the date of “Bunco a la Italia”, held at the Rob Roy Homeowner’s Clubhouse in Prospect Heights. Forty-two people gathered, all bearing some type of Italian dish to share. Believe me, no one could resist such delicacies as juicy Italian beef, cheesy lasagna and stuffed shells, mouth-watering meatballs and zucchini casserole, garlicky chicken vesuvio, and sausage and peppers. Italian bread, oil and Parmesan cheese topped it all off...oh and who can forget the pan of fragrant baked mostaccioli that could have fed an entire army? It was an easy decision to defer dessert until after the games. BURP!

What followed could only be described as “speed bunco”...or maybe it was more like “bunco players on speed”???? Loud shouts of “BUNCO” seemed to ring out every few minutes as people fought to claim one of the bunco bags; sometimes barely getting their hands on one before it was taken away by another lucky winner.



I wish I could tell you who the final winners were, but it all passed like a blur. I do know that the average amount won was between \$45-\$60 and we had 6 winners. Bringing up the rear for the second year in a row was booby prize winner, Joe Hill, who is now the proud owner of

“breakfast floss” – egg, bacon and French toast flavors. Now if he and Marge can’t make it to Sunday breakfast, they can always suck on the floss!

Dessert was served and we had so many wonderful choices: tiramisu, Italian cookies, fruit, “snow,” and cannolis. Ah! So many diets blown sky high that evening! So many happy taste buds!

I want to thank Ken and Lynn Vicker, Joe Fiedler and my own Frankie-boy, for all of the assistance and support. Also a special thank you to so many JPCs who grabbed the broom, vacuum cleaner, trash bags, tucked the tables and chairs away and generally put everything back into ship-shape condition. You are all awesome!!!!

Candi Wenzon



March Birthdays

Joe Bieszczad March 2

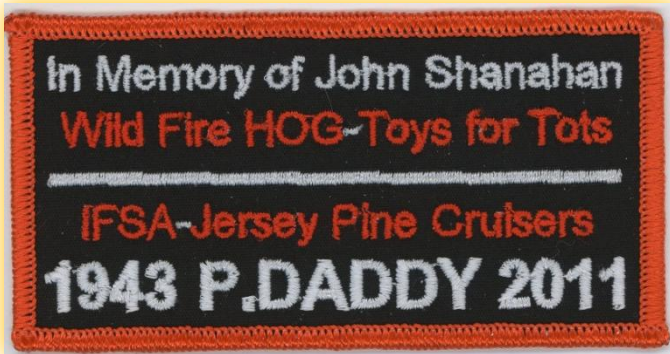
Don Malina March 10

Joyce Pavelko March 16

Steve Mendel March 18

Marty Winke March 26

Candi Wenzon March 31



*Memorial Patch Available
For John Shanahan*

Purchase a patch in memory of John Shanahan for \$5.00. Carolyn Shanahan will be donating the profits to The Illinois Fire Safety Alliance Burn Camp for Children. Their website is http://www.ifsa.org/Burn_Camp/index.html

Anyone that wishes to purchase a patch by mail can contact me through the email address below. Please make sure that the word "PATCH" is in the subject of the email.

I will then provide them with my snail mail address and they can mail me a check or money order and I will send them the requested patches.

Thanks Again,

drayerwin@comcast.net

March						
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March 22 - Board and Membership Meeting

View From the Side



It's unbelievable! I made it through a year as editor. It's been quite an experience! I would like to thank Joe Fiedler for all of the links he sent me, the articles and photographs and his assistance. It was greatly appreciated. I would also like to thank everyone who wrote an article or submitted a photograph. With the contributions of others, this newsletter becomes "our" publication and makes it a lot more interesting. The president and chairman of the board are to be commended for writing an article every month. Finally, thanks to Bob Wagner for posting the newsletter on the web every month.

Awards & Recognition

Bunco

Candi wenzon

Lynn Vicker

JOB WELL DONE

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

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April 19 - Board and Membership Meeting

2011 Helmets

Submitted by
Leon Glowacki



Web Surfing Monkey

[Motorcycle Industry Sends Over 135,000 Letters to Congress From Riders](#)

[2012 Goldwing](#)

[Modernization of the Motorcycle 1930](#)

[Uno Electric Scooter](#)

[Southwest by Motorcycle](#)

[Snow Doesn't Stop the Ural](#)

[First Biker Boot Camp for Women](#)

[How the View is So Much Sweeter in the Front](#)

[Street Bikes and Sport Bikes Ride Guide](#)

[Motorcycle Meet Inspires Hog Lovers](#)

[Riders Rock Out With Slash's Motorcycle](#)

[Planning the Greatest Motorcycle Road Trip](#)

[Ten Things New Riders do Completely Wrong](#)

[Motorcycle Gangs and Shakespeare](#)

[The Outlaw Biker](#)

[Over and Up](#)

Blast From the Past



Installation Dinner 1996

