



**CLUB # 4870**

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# CRUISIN' TIMES

*The Monthly Newsletter of the Jerseypine Cruisers Motorcycle Touring Club*

## **Prez Czyz Says**

Greetings and salutations fellow Cruisers,

Well it looks like summer is finishing up for the year but that sure doesn't mean that riding season is over. This last month we had a camp out and I'm sure there will be a few stories in this newsletter. The weather has cooled off a little bit, but actually it makes it more comfortable for us to ride. A few weeks back "three crazies" went for a ride on the assumption the clouds would clear up and the sun would shine. As we were having our breakfast at the restaurant, it started to rain quite nicely and at that point Betty, Hermin, and I decided we had enough (except for Hermin, he wanted to ride just a little bit more).

So, what's coming up? Well we have our Fall Camp out, just be sure to bring your sweater. We have the Fall Color Tour, led by Bill, which promises to be an all day affair in the beautiful Kettle Moraine area of Wisconsin. Then we have the Halloween Potluck dinner coming up too. Jean and Hermin will make it interesting (you do know about Hermin's fabulous chili?). Looks like I'll have to find a Halloween costume to come in. Don't worry, Linda will figure out something for me. And of course we always have our Sunday breakfast rides, regardless of the weather.

We finally approved the calendar of events for next year (2012), which will be posted on the website. Again remember, the calendar is not set in stone, and if you wish to add an event, please bring it up at one of our monthly meetings. I'll be bringing the calendar to the

POSSE meeting in mid-October so that other motorcycle clubs are aware of our events.

As I briefly mentioned in last month's newsletter article, if you feel that the club is going in the wrong direction, you should consider running for office to help steer it in a different direction. Yes, the election will be coming up shortly. Try to think of an Office or Directorship where your personal skills can be put to good use. We promise not to bite (at least not much).

For those of you that aren't aware of it: Betty S. will finally be leaving the Snow Belt (Chicago), and is in the process of moving to Arizona. I will surely miss her on the breakfast rides and other rides. By the way, she's not retiring, just a change of venue. Best wishes from me and the gang here. We'll keep you in mind, especially when it's snowing here.

Our Tour Director, Joe, has had a knack for finding some very nice scenic roads. And you know it, when Ken asks me to pull the GPS track of a ride for him. Nice going Joe! Keep up the good work. Come to think of it, on the first day of October, Joe took a dinner run to White Fence Farm. Between the ride and the restaurant who can ask for more?

See you around. And as always, ride safe, be safe, avoid the potholes, the cagers, and the politicians...

**Stephen CZYZ**  
*Silver One*

# Upcoming Events

## October 8 – Annual Reindeer Toy Run

From 8:00 am – 3 pm at the American Legion Marine Post #13 in Plainfield. A 100 mile ride ending with a home cooked meal. For more information visit:

[www.cyclefish.com/event/13545/](http://www.cyclefish.com/event/13545/)

## October 9 – Never Forget Thunder Run & Toys For Tots Parade

Begins at 9:00 am at James A. Lovell Federal Health Care Center in Chicago. An escorted parade through Lake County. . For details visit [www.rollingthunderilch2.org](http://www.rollingthunderilch2.org)

## October 22 – FVHOG Trick or Treat Run

Ride begins at 10 am at Heritage Harley Davidson at 2595 Ogden Avenue in Lisle.

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

October 7-9 - [Fall Campout](#)

October 15 - [Fall Color Tour](#)

October 22 - [Halloween Potluck](#)

Every Sunday- [Breakfast Rides](#)

4<sup>th</sup> Tuesday of the Month - [Old Farts Coffee](#)

Yearlong event - [The Traveler](#)

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# Happy Halloween!





### ***Dinner Run to White Fence Farm***

On October 1<sup>st</sup>, Joe Fiedler led a dinner run to White Fence Farm in Romeoville. Seven motorcycles left the McDonald's in Hoffman Estates at 2 pm to ride the back roads to Romeoville. Joe had a great selection of roads despite some construction and needing to turn around on Kirk Road in Batavia due to an accident ahead of us that had traffic stopped in all directions. No one went home hungry as we enjoyed the chicken dinner with all the side dishes. It was a great autumn day to be out riding and eating.



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## **2012 JPC Calendar of Events**

*These events were approved at the September Board meeting for 2012*

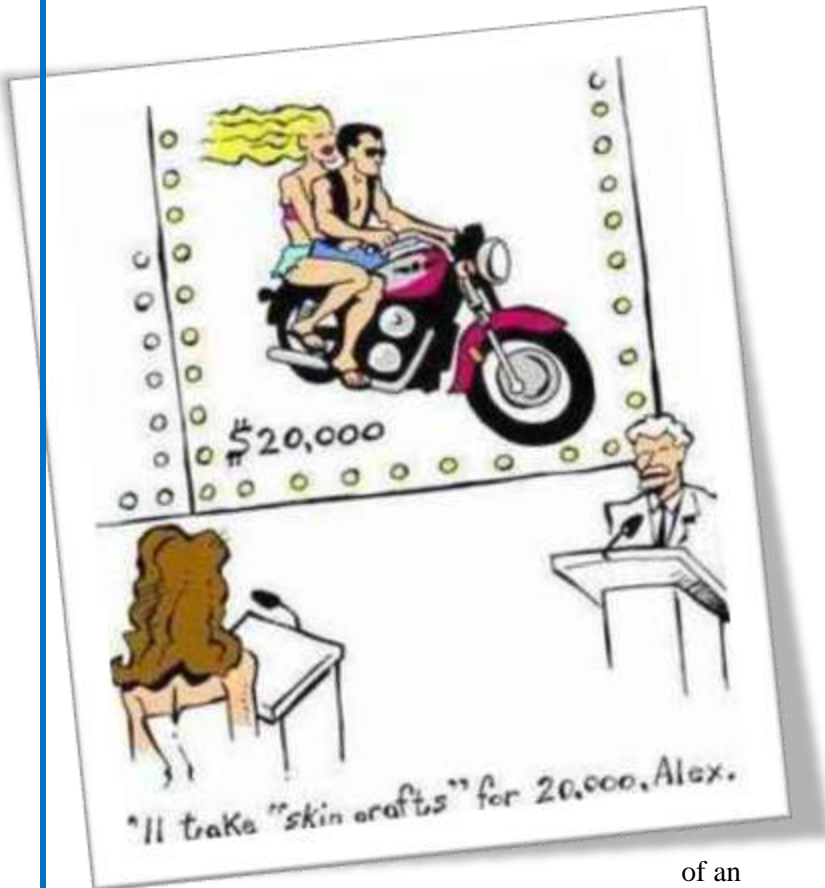
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<b>1/1/12-12/31/12</b>	The Traveler	George Barrington	Bob Wagner
<b>1/1/12</b>	Jack Frost	Gary Cooper	Al Gutenschwager
<b>3/10/12</b>	Installation Dinner	Stephen Czyz	
<b>4/6/12</b>	Lunch Ride	Joe Fiedler	
<b>4/15/12</b>	Bowling	Hermin Velazquez	Shirlee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

# TOURING TIP: ATGATT (All The Gear All The Time)

## [ROAD RUNNER ARTICLE](#)

August 10th, 2011

You've probably heard this old motorcycling maxim before: "There are two kinds of motorcycle riders, those who have been down and those who are going down." Unfortunately, riders have to contemplate the possibility



of an accident every time they swing a leg over their favorite ride. The risk of an accident can be substantially reduced with ongoing rider training and education, but it cannot be eliminated and that's where ATGATT comes in. To help mitigate the risk of a serious motorcycle riding injury, you simply have to wear All The Gear All The Time.

Here are the essential components of effective motorcycle protective gear:

- **Full-Face, DOT Approved Helmet:** Despite anything you may have heard to the contrary, the asphalt isn't any softer in states that don't require riders to wear helmets. Because head trauma is a leading cause of death and severe injury in motorcycle accidents, it only makes sense to have the best protection possible for

your head. And that protection should be for your whole head, not just part of it. Those little half helmets may look cool (and be cooler temperature wise) than a full-face one, but they're also telling everyone how little the wearer values what's inside the helmet. I know from personal experience how important it is to always wear a full-face helmet.

**JPC Note:** *I had one FORMER member brag to me at breakfast one day he got a half helmet at Farm & Fleet on clearance for 5 bucks. I said what a deal he should have bought two and maybe he would get the protection of one full face...he was not happy with my response...maybe that is why he is a former Cruiser.*

- **Jacket with Armor:** Any motorcycle jacket worth having and wearing should provide both abrasion and impact protection. Thick leather jackets are probably the best protection against road rash, but can be uncomfortable on hot days. Textile jackets also can provide abrasion protection (although not to the same degree as leather) and are usually more adaptable and comfortable in a wide range of climate conditions. They also come in bright colors that improve rider visibility to other motorists. A brightly colored riding vest can accomplish the same objective for dark colored jackets. Regardless of the type worn, however, the riding jacket should have built-in CE approved body armor for the shoulders, back and elbows. For those jackets that have only a thin rubbery cushion for their back armor, consider strapping on a separate back protector under the jacket.

**JPC Note:** *I was a big leather jacket guy until I reached that tender age of hot flashes...so a venting armor jacket is the only way to go. One must become accustom to sweat (ladies do not sweat...PLEASE...news flash they release body gas too) no matter what one wears but there are ways of dealing with that, air circulation.*

- **Pants with Armor:** Ordinary jeans provide little, if any, abrasion protection and absolutely no impact protection. Always wear motorcycle riding pants, constructed of either leather or textile, with CE approved armor protecting the knees. Some of the textile pants have a removable cold weather liner and are waterproof. Also, riding jeans made with

Kevlar® are an alternative to textile pants and are more protective than normal denim.

**JPC Note:** *They forgot to mention for that very special protection...DEPENDS.*

- **Motorcycle Boots:** If you value your feet and ankles, wear sturdy leather boots with slip resistant soles. They should be of sufficient height to protect your ankles. If possible, wear motorcycle riding boots that also have extra protection for the toes and ankles.

**JPC Note:** *Normal biker boots are expensive...I go to a discount store and get a somewhat waterproof three quarter ankle steel toe boot for \$50.00 and they last a year or so. Those who wear tennis shoes should make a better choice before your ankles become your earrings.*

- **Motorcycle Gloves:** Because it is a natural tendency to try and cushion a fall with your hands, they are often the first body part to make contact with the pavement. Bare hands, in these situations, are likely to be shredded or mangled. The best hand protection is provided with thick gauntlet type gloves that are specifically *the gear I wear, my simple response shuts them up... "I'd rather be hot and alive than cold and dead".*

**TIP:**

*Here is a real world tip that I have been doing for about two years now. Go to your favorite discount store and purchase one of those mini desktop fans, preferably encased in a wire cage and has a stand of sorts, and a piece of wire shelving. Now find a place to put the shelf near an electrical outlet. Then strap the fan to the bottom and towards the front of the shelf so the airflow blows up through the wire shelf. Place your helmet on the shelf and turn on the fan. How long to leave the fan on is a personal preference, the amount of electricity that is used by the fan is minimal and they are fairly quiet so, the longer the better should be the plan. I leave mine on overnight after every ride and turn it off in the morning. This has reduced the amount of that sweat smell, which is caused by sweat bacteria that when not dried QUICKLY creates that all too familiar smell, to almost nothing. At the same time this increases the life of the liner\cheek pads which should be removable. One can also buy an extra set and throw them in the laundry from time to time. With a little modification this same process can be applied to boots, jacket, gloves, and pants in a similar way. Some*

designed for motorcycle riding. You may prefer lighter weight gloves for riding in summer and insulated gloves for the winter, but all of your riding gloves should cover all of your digits and have extra protection over-the-knuckles and palms.

**JPC Note:** *One does not need to pay a lot of money for goof hand protection...think outside the box I use mechanic gloves which offer good protection, if not better, than usual leather biker gloves and YES at a discount store they are much cheaper.*

There are countless rationalizations for not following ATGATT—too hot, not cool looking, too restrictive, takes too much time to put on and take off, not required by law, etc.—but, at one time or another, you're likely to need protective gear and none of these excuses will matter when you do. It's your choice, but choose wisely.

**JPC Note:** *I am of the belief that they left out THE most important item to protect you while riding...your mind. Yes a different category but still, if that little voice does not tell you ATGATT no protective gear in the world is going to help you...so maybe that should be RATGATT (RememberATGATT)...sounds like a Star Wars character. When asked by people why I wear people use this process using an old hair dryer in lieu of the fan but I find hair dryers to be noisy, power hungry and the heat is difficult to regulate.*



*Mr. Giggles*

## *Awards & Recognition*

*Irish in the Autumn  
Hills Camp out*

**Steve Penczak**

**Joe Fiedler**

**JOB WELL DONE**

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

## Great Destination: Moonshine Store



One Saturday in July the whole family got in the pickup and did some back road driving on paved and unpaved one lane county roads. (The

pickup got seriously dusty but not to worry, it is clean now....)

We also found the Moonshine Store (as written about in the January and July 2011 issues of RIDER). It is located in Clark County, IL on the northeast corner of 300N and 600W, in the middle of nowhere. (You can get there on paved roads, no gravel). As you ride the back roads you know you are getting close to SOMETHING as there are motorcycles coming and going!

There were about 50 bikes and 15 cars parked in the grassy field and on the sides of 300N and 600W around 11:30 a.m. There was a line of people out the front door and into the picnic area. You waited in line as it moved into the front door and out again. You placed your order, paid, and then went out into the picnic area to wait for them to call your name. You then picked up your order at the back door. The burgers are great. My whole family thought it was great!!!

Moonshine was founded in 1889. It burned down and was rebuilt in 1912. The current owners bought it in 1982. It has been and currently is a gathering place for farmers and oil field workers to have lunch, and it was a grocery store. The inside is a throw back in time. At 6:00 a.m. every morning the farmers

are there for coffee.

I asked the owner if Drive-ins, Diners and Dives had ever been there and she said they asked to come but she told them to stay away! She did not need any more business...the farmers and bikers keep them busy enough!

They are open six days a week, 6:00 a.m. to 1:00.p.m. and are closed on Sunday. The grill is shut off promptly at 12:30 p.m. If you want food you better get there before 12:30 p.m. By 1:15 p.m. the place is empty.

After eating at Moonshine, we went to the thriving town of Hazel Dell. The one and only restaurant in town is a converted trailer with a kitchen added on. It was around 1:30 p.m. and they were closed but the doors were not locked yet. We went in and it was very clean, but small. The proprietor said they didn't have any more food for today! I asked her if she had any of her famous cinnamon rolls left. She looked and said yes, we have four left. I bought them and that was our snack Saturday night.

There was nothing much in this town except for this restaurant and an old, old building with faded letters that said WELDING on the side of it. I bet it would be a destination for "American Pickers".

Ken Vicker



# Web Surfing Monkey

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## October Birthdays

*Al Large 10/8*

*Shirlee Velazquez 10/9*

*Lois Mendel 10/11*

*Dave Kreuzsch 10/12*

*Carole Lavine 10/15*

*Sandy McCall 10/24*

*Ernie Yates 10/25*



## TOP COLD-WEATHER MOTORCYCLE GEAR PICKS

On cool days when the weather is great and you want to get out and ride, make sure your cold-weather motorcycle gear is ready to go. On a cold day, it feels even colder on your motorcycle than the actual outside temperature reading because of wind chill.

If you don't have the proper riding gear to fend off the wind chill, you probably won't enjoy your ride very much. 45°F seems like a reasonable temperature to go riding on a nice clear day, right? Maybe so, but only if you are dressed for 32°F. Why? Because according to the National Weather Service, 60 mph wind at 45°F equals a wind chill of 32°F.

But maybe you're thinking, I'll only be riding at 45 mph, not 60 mph, so it won't be so cold. That won't help much, because 45 mph wind at 45°F equals a wind chill of 33°F; only 1° above freezing.

Here are some cold-weather motorcycle gear ideas to help you:

Let's start at your head and face. If you wear a full-face helmet, then you'll already have pretty good protection against the cold wind, except for your neck and under your chin. A neck warmer is perfect for this and comes in at number one on our cold-weather motorcycle gear list. These are also called a neck gaiter or a neck tube. When you're off your bike, you can wear it on your head to keep your ears warm too. The nice thing about this simple piece of cold-weather motorcycle gear is that it is very inexpensive and works great.

If you want more protection for your face and neck, then a balaclava is the answer. A balaclava is a type of sock, almost like a ski mask, that you wear on your head, but it also covers your neck. These are usually long enough to actually tuck under your jacket far enough to keep the cold air. Unlike their racing counterparts, a motorcycle balaclava is not worn to protect from fire, but instead to keep the head, neck, ears and face warm during

cold-weather riding season. You can find balaclavas in many different types of materials.

The type of motorcycle gloves that you choose can make your ride a comfortable one or a miserable one. Go for gauntlet-style motorcycle gloves that extend up over the ends of the sleeves of your jacket to keep the cold air off your wrists. It's wise to get actual motorcycle gloves designed for riding rather than wearing just any type of winter or ski gloves.

Motorcycle gloves are usually not as thick and stiff as regular winter gloves so you can safely feel the grips and operate the clutch and brake levers. Motorcycle gloves also often have extra protection at the knuckles and are designed to allow for a natural, closed-fist grip. Don't be surprised to find prices of around \$60 or more.

The variety of motorcycle jackets and pants is too lengthy to get into here, but there are a few examples that are well worth considering. If you're into leather, then you know that it's great for cool conditions, but not so great on cold mornings that turn into reasonably warm days. Textile motorcycle jackets provide excellent all-weather riding comfort and are generally also breathable. Many are water resistant, have removable liners, and some have adjustable vents that you can open on warm days to get some cool air flowing through.

Motorcycle pants for cold-weather riding include regular motorcycle pants, overpants, or chaps. Overpants can be put on right over your regular clothes, even with your boots on, and they zip up almost the entire length of the legs. Good ones will have heavy duty zippers, maybe some velcro to cover over the zippers to keep out the cold air or rain, and also have a removable insulated liner. Really good ones will also have armor protection, usually at the hips and knees. Some motorcycle pants, including overpants, have zippers at the back along the belt line, that allow you to attach a matching jacket at the back to keep cold air out and to keep your jacket from floating up with the wind.

Source: <http://motorcycleinfo.org/2008/11/cold-weather-motorcycle-gear/>

# Blast From the Past



# Pearl City 1991