



# Riff Raff Ramblings

## AGWA Chapter R PA Riff Raff Riders

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### NEXT MEETING

**Our regular meeting  
will be held at**

**Sheraton JetPort  
Allentown PA**

**Sunday  
September 14  
8:30 AM**

Note: Regular meetings are held the second Sunday of each month at Sheraton JetPort

### Kahuna's Korner

Is there a gas crisis? These days anyone who rides a motorcycle or scooter is among the most enviable people in the country.

During the last few weeks I can't go anywhere - the store, the sandwich shop or the gas station without someone asking me how many miles to the gallon does that get or how much does one of those cost and where can I get one. One older gentleman about 55 years old walked almost clear across the Wal-Mart parking lot just to see what brand my scooter was and then proceeded to tell me he was getting his old bike out of the barn to start riding again. When I asked him what it was he said it was a 1985, 175cc Yamaha, street and trail bike. Now I don't know about you but that seems a little bizarre just to picture a man that age on a motocross style bike.

I guess that is what the future holds for many people

while the price of gas is this high. We are the lucky ones whose hobby is not impacted as much by current events.

Speaking of current events, we will be setting up our club house at the "Homes for our Troops" ride at Renegade Classics on August 24th to promote the Kruise for Kids ride in October as well as Haycock Bike Fest. We will need volunteers to assist us on these occasions. We hope to see all of our members at our Luau Picnic on the 10<sup>th</sup> at Macungie Park.

That's it for now.

Jeff & Lois

### Riff Raff Riders Gathering Summary July 13, 2008

Jeff opened the meeting by welcoming our visitors, George and Ruth.

There were 11 bikes in the lot.



Classic will be held in Michigan and possibly in Pennsylvania in 2011.

Birthdays:

None this month

Anniversaries:

11<sup>th</sup> - Richard and Karen

16<sup>th</sup> - Jay and Deb

19<sup>th</sup> - Matt and Karen

Sympathies:

Gary Roberts passed away; our thoughts and prayers go out to his family.

Jack's brother just passed away; our thoughts and prayers go out to his family as well.

Past Events:

June 1<sup>st</sup> - State Picnic

Lake George, Americade, there was a lot of riding, but it was a lot of fun.

June 7<sup>th</sup> - Promotion Event for Kruse 4 Kids at the fairgrounds. It was very hot! Thank you for everyone who came and helped out.

June 19<sup>th</sup> - Informal at Virginville Hotel, 9 people attended.

June 21<sup>st</sup> - Miles for Minutes Ride

June 29<sup>th</sup> - Ride for Animals. There were a little over 200 bikes, the ride went well, it rained a little during the ride. Jeff was able to handout about 100 date cards for our ride.

July 13<sup>th</sup> - Meeting, with ride to follow. There is a McDonald's bike night in Schnecksville.

July 16<sup>th</sup> - Ride your bike to work day

July 23<sup>rd</sup> - Informal dinner at Ruby Tuesday at 6:30, hosted by Amy H.

July 27<sup>th</sup> - Bike night at Trexlertown McDonald's

July 31<sup>st</sup> - Picnic Meeting at the Starlight Diner at 6:30

Upcoming Events:

August 10<sup>th</sup> - Meeting and Chapter R picnic.

August 15<sup>th</sup> -17<sup>th</sup> - Shelby Convention

August 16<sup>th</sup> - Drive-In

August 20<sup>th</sup> - Informal dinner at Dickey's Barbeque Pit

August 24<sup>th</sup> - Renegade Classic Dice Run, you have to pre-register by July 24th

September 19<sup>th</sup> & 20<sup>th</sup> - Scott's Open House



Old Business:

We are still collecting Redner's Receipts as well as the cash for empties.

New Business:

Kruise 4 Kids:

We will soon be able to start planning out the route for the ride. It will be starting at Scott's and ending at the Maingate. We are waiting on getting the final information from the sponsors, and then we will be able to start planning the route.

We will be receiving more handouts and posters by the next meeting.

Also as a side note, there will be restrooms and water available at all check points along the ride.

Haycock Bike Festival will be held on September 28th, we are going to try and get a spot so that we can promote the ride.

Rally through the Valley is on September 21<sup>st</sup>.

#### Rides:

September 5<sup>th</sup> - Watkins Glenn

September 4<sup>th</sup> - 8<sup>th</sup> - New England Ride

Jay has planned a Ride along the Delaware for after the meeting.

#### 50/50 Winners:

- 1<sup>st</sup> - Karen
- 2<sup>nd</sup> - Greg
- 3<sup>rd</sup> - Rindy

Thank you Myk and Susie for collecting the breakfast money!

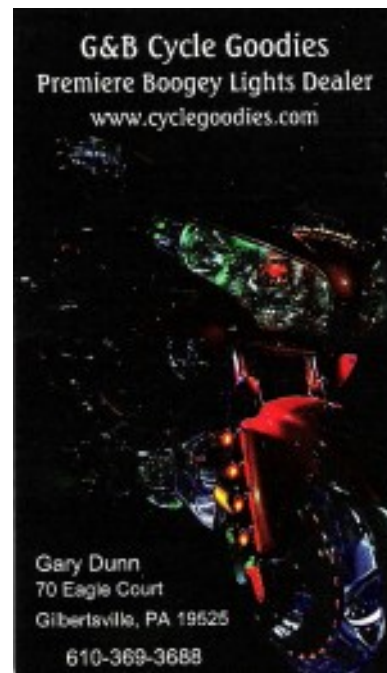


Thank you Lu & Crystal, Lois & Jeff, and Karen & Matt for providing door prizes.

Jeff asked for a motion to close the meeting, Russ motioned and Richard seconded the motion.

#### **Delaware River Police Stop**

On July 13th after our Meeting, Jay announced he was planning a small little ride down the Delaware with a promise for Ice Cream when we get there - so of course off we went. He did say ICE CREAM. There were 12 of us. It was a beautifully HOT day so it was nice riding along the Delaware River. Unfortunately due to road construction we kept being detoured to another road but we still followed along and it was nice, but the road was very busy - especially with a lot of motorcycles!



We came upon a little accident but there didn't seem to be any serious injuries. So, back on the road again and just north of New Hope we are all stopped and we notice that there are 2 police cars off on the right and no one is moving so we figured another accident, possibly more serious. Then we see all the Riff Raff bikes in front of us pulling off the road next to the police so we pull over. Believe or not we are being asked to show License and Registration.

Now, seeing that Lu and I got a speeding ticket on the way to Ohio to visit Dan & Kathy over the 4<sup>th</sup> of July weekend Lu knew right where

his was but Jeff our chapter Rep and fearless leader almost couldn't find his but eventually he did. I noticed that no cars are being stopped so I say out loud "Why aren't you stopping any cars" but no response. Jeff tells us that the police said the neighbors were complaining about all the bikes so they are checking us out. Lois blamed Russ because he had his Harley. Well, this did not sit right with me but I could see Lu's face pleading with me to keep my mouth shut but you know me – I opened the trunk and grabbed our Flyers for the Kruiise 4 Kids ride, walked over to the one police officer and put them in his hand and said "Here, since you are pulling over all motorcycles hand these out for us." He looked at me with a shocked look on his face and then at the flyers and then put them in his car on the dashboard. Jeff tells me he saw the other officer go over to the car and looked at the flyers and actually started handing them out. So if you know anyone from around New Hope and they have a flyer you know where they got them from.

Crystal

### Gold Classic Cracker Barrel Ride


6/22 Matt and Karen got to the Cracker Barrel dry and Lu and Crystal brought the rain with them, but by the time we finished breakfast the rain had stopped. We hit the road getting onto I-78 with it still looking like it might rain but by the time we hit I-81, the sun came out. No rain today. We stopped in Virginia for the night. Nice little place called the Village Inn. After a little detour we arrived for the night. The Whirlpool tubs and comfy beds were just what we needed for the night.

6/23 Out drying off the bikes from the overnight rainstorm, but we did not get wet. We went into the restaurant for the hotel for breakfast. What a spread they had a home-style buffet that was very good. Back onto the road with the sun in the blue sky. We stopped for lunch at a gas stop that had an A&W and a Long John Silvers.


After eating we spent 20 minutes looking for something to take along with us for door prizes, and found out that all you can get in Tennessee are shot glasses and beer mugs but on the positive side they had really good slushies. We made it into North Carolina with only one little scenic route detour. With a little help we found out we were right in the first place.

Back onto the road and to the Quality Inn where the rally was being held. With 5 minutes to spare we managed to register for the rally and got our rooms. Matt and Karen had to switch room because their first non-smoking room smelled like an ashtray. Well, we all settled in and washed the road dirt off. We then decided to go to dinner and not play bingo. Funny that food won out, isn't it? We found a great steakhouse where Matt got a free piece of Key Lime pie and Karen and Crystal found out what chocolate shock feels like, meanwhile Lu was in heaven.

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6/24 This morning the Riff Raff t-shirts shuffle began. The breakfast at the hotel was very good if you got the #1. Karen and Crystal sold 50/50 tickets after getting some instructions from George on what to do. Lu and Matt entered the bike show, Lu got first place in his group. We then went on a ride to visit Karen's cousin. A 2 1/2 hour ride turned into about 4 hours with all of the construction. We visited for a few hours and headed back. This was when Lu and Crystal found out just how much Matt's throttle sticks wide open, up and down a

mountain with S turns, the heck with sidecar precautions. (Thanks for the lessons Jay). When we got back, George tried to get us into the light parade but we were all too tired and went and turned in for the night.

6/25 New Riff Raff color and a little confusion from all around. Few could remember our names but all knew Riff Raff when they saw us. This day Lu and Crystal decided to participate in the bike games and Matt and Karen went to Biltmore Estate. Lu and Crystal had a little adventure between the slow ride and balloon toss. The games were filled with George's helpful hints to guide the way. This is when Lu found out that he had a bubble in his rear tire. All that had to happen was for them to be left on their own for just a few hours and they get into trouble.

The local Honda dealer was closed that day and the Kawasaki dealer helped them out. Once Lu finally would let the man work and stopped pestering him, it was all fixed in no time - after a few adjustments and finally putting all of the parts back together that is. Matt and Karen had a great day at Biltmore and highly recommend if you get the chance to go and visit. We all met up for some soggy ice cream and Karen won the 50/50 that night. We went back to Matt and Karen's room and ordered in for dinner which we finally got around 10 pm.

6/26 No Riff Raff shirt this morning. We went on a ride to Chimney Rock. We did have one slight adventure getting there. There was a snake in the road. Lu called back "snake in the road". Crystal did not hear him the first time and asked what he said when he told her I thought her legs would go up over Lu's head she lifted her feet so far off the pegs. We took an elevator to the top of the rock which, by the way, went straight up 250 feet in 30 seconds, Crystal having a heart attack all the way up. Once we got to the top, what a view!



We leaned over to get a picture of the bikes down below. After amazing all of us Crystal went to the top of Chimney Rock, even after tripping up the stairs and reaching for Karen while trying not to fall I think that both her and Karen had their lives flash in front of them on that one. (Well you know how these Riff Raff are - have to do everything together.)

After making our way back down and back to the hotel it was time to get ready for the banquet. Even though we only met some of the people a few days before it was just like having dinner with family. Lots of laughter and joking and picking on George. Awards were handed out and announcements made. Next Gold Classic will be held in North Stonington CT on June 22<sup>nd</sup> to 25<sup>th</sup>. We did get to met Dee Marret president of AGWA. We felt very welcome and

she will be trying to get to us for a visit as soon as she can.

6/27 Up early for breakfast and some good-byes and off on the road again. Sun was shining once again. Crystal and Lu decided that Karen and Matt were good luck charms to ward off the rain. When we stopped for lunch, it did rain but stopped by the time we came out. Back on the road and our return to the Village Inn this time with no detour just a quick discussion on which way to turn. The ride was very hot and we all decided to go swimming, even Lu who just jumped in. The next stop was the hot tub and we can't tell you what went on in there. Let's just say that there were some people in the pool wondering what was going on in there. We decided that what happens on the rally trip stays on the rally trip. We had a nice dinner in the hotel restaurant and turned in for the night. We all recommend if you are going through VA to stop at the Village Inn.

6/28 Last day. After an early breakfast, back onto the road this time destination home. The sun was out once again. That was until we hit West VA. By the way, we heard that the drought in NC was taken care of Lu and Crystal had been there. It looked like rain all the way home but we managed to miss it all. We stopped for lunch at Cracker Barrel to end the ride as it started. We all got home and within 10 to 20 minutes the skies opened up and it

poured. Missed us!!! Can you believe a whole week riding with Lu and Crystal and no rain!!!!

Hope to see more Riff Raff at the next rally. You all missed a great time. We made lots of friends and look forward to seeing them all again next year.

Matt & Karen, Lu & Crystal

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## Riff Raff Rider 2008 Events

August      3<sup>rd</sup> McDonalds Bike Night  
              10<sup>th</sup> PA "R" Luau Macungie Park  
              17<sup>th</sup> McDonalds Bike Night  
              20<sup>th</sup> Informal Dinner  
              24<sup>th</sup> McDonalds Bike Night

September    7<sup>th</sup> McDonalds Bike Night  
              14<sup>th</sup> Meeting  
              18<sup>th</sup> Informal Dinner  
              21<sup>st</sup> McDonalds Bike Night  
              28<sup>th</sup> McDonalds Bike Night

October        5<sup>th</sup> Meeting\ McDonalds Bike  
                  Night  
              11<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> Fall Foliage Ride / Concrete  
                  Canyon Ride?  
              19<sup>th</sup> GRAM Kruise 4 Kids  
              22<sup>nd</sup> Informal Dinner  
              25<sup>th</sup> Halloween Party

November     9<sup>th</sup> Meeting  
              21<sup>st</sup> Informal Dinner  
              29<sup>th</sup> Bowling Jordan Lanes 6PM

December    6<sup>th</sup> Christmas Party Location TBD  
              14<sup>th</sup> Meeting  
              20<sup>th</sup> Bowling Jordan Lanes 6PM