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Riff Raff Riders



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NEXT MEETING

Our regular meeting
will be held at

**Sheraton JetPort
Allentown PA**

**Sunday
December 14
8:30 AM**

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

Kahuna's Korner

November 2008 - what an historic time in the history of our nation! After years of campaigning and political ads, we now have a newly elected president to lead our country the next four years.

Just as the nation held its elections it is now the time of year for the chapter to hold our election of officers for next year 2009. After having the honor of being at the helm for the past year Lois and I have decided to step down as president. The year 2008 brought us our first grandchild, which are very exciting times for us as well as another place to spend our family time. My job over the past year has become more challenging as my company transferred from communications related work to the medical industry.

Being the most senior and experienced employee on the shop floor I have been tasked with training younger members of our work force and at the same time

keeping my own department flowing smoothly. There have been very few weeks that I have spent less than 50 hours at my job. I know that within the chapter, there are others that not only have the skills needed to run the chapter, but they also have earned their chance to do so. We hope that all of our members can attend the December meeting to participate in electing our officers for the 2009 calendar year.

I also want to remind all of you that our Chapter "R" Christmas party will be held at the Virginville Hotel on Saturday December 6th at 5:30 Pm. We are requesting a \$10 deposit to reserve your seat and for a head count.

Until next time, take care,

Jeff & Lois

Riff Raff Riders Gathering Summary October 5, 2008

Jeff opened the meeting, there were no visitors.

2008 Officers

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Jeff & Lois Bowers jb1037@aol.com

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Lu & Crystal Brunetta cabangel@mail.com

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Is your contact info correct? Contact Amy to make sure.

Our Chapter Directory contains information used to reach you, whether at work, home or by cell as well as Birthdays and Anniversaries.

Check with Amy if you aren't sure...

Birthdays & Anniversaries

October:

Deb Keck	6	Jeff and Lois Bowers	15
Lu Brunetta	23		

November:

Rindy Lees	3	Bob and Brenda Davis	7
Matt Kichline	23		

There is no news from the state.

Other Chapter News:

Chapter B will be making the Kruse 4 Kids ride a chapter event.

Bill H. will be moving out of the state.

Birthdays:

6th – Deb K

23rd – Lu

Anniversaries:

9th- Jeff & Lois



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Past Events

September 14th - Meeting with a ride to follow.

September 18th - Oley Fair Ride

September 20th - Scott's Open House - Signed up three potential members. After the ride we went to the Cooperhead for dinner.

September 21st - Rally through the Valley

September 28th - Haycock Bike Fest was cancelled due to weather.

October 4th - Born to Be Wild Ride, it ended at the Reading Museum, which had a bike display.

October 5th - Meeting with a ride to follow.



October 9th - Kruise 4 Kids Meeting, 6:30PM at Matt and Karen's house

October 10th - Fall Foliage Ride to New England. We will be leaving on Friday morning and returning on Sunday.

October 19th - Kruise 4 Kids Ride

October 22nd - Informal Dinner at Ecco Domoni at 6:30PM

October 25th - Glow Golf with Chapter B

October 30th - Northampton Halloween Parade.

November 9th - Meeting

November 16th - Nascar Party at the Medic Station at 2:00PM

Upcoming Events:

We are starting to work on the Christmas family, there will be more information available at the upcoming gathering.

We are still collecting the Redners Receipts and the Cash for Empties.

Chapter Store:

We were able to sell some items at the different events.

Thanks to Myk for collecting the breakfast money.

50/50 Drawing:

- 1st – Karen K
- 2nd - Dennis
- 3rd - Karen K

Russ motioned to close the meeting and Matt second the motion.

Impromptu Weekend Ride

This is the first time I'm writing for a newsletter, so here it goes.

The other week, Cathy and I and Jay Keck went up to Mt. Bethel for a motorcycle ride with a group that was there at this Trike garage open house. I don't know the name of the garage and the way we found out about it was that the guy that bought Jay's trike called Jay and told him about it. I guess there were about 50 bikes there. About half were trikes were built by the guy that owns the garage. So anyway the ride was about an hour and a half long and we went on some really scenic roads that showed the fall colors on the trees. All Cathy kept saying was how nice the trees looked. It's good Myk told me how to turn her off. All the bikes went at the same time so we had a line of

about 50 bikes which wasn't bad at all. Everybody rode pretty carefully.

When we got back, they had hot dogs and hamburgers, baked beans etc, and it was all for free!!! Since Jay's back was really bothering him and there was a long line Cathy felt sorry for him and got him his food so he could sit there and not stand in line. So we had a good time and the weather was great. So this is the end of my first article for the newsletter

Handsome Russ

An Outsiders' View

October 19, 2008

We left Hawk Mountain at 8:30 am for the Kruise4Kids benefit ride. Cold morning around 36 degrees, sunny with blue skies, heavy frost in the fields - will be a chilly ride to Coopersburg. Arrived at Scotts Power Sports and registered for the poker run. We had downloaded the registration form from their website ahead of time so we were directed past the initial sign up area to the final registration tables. Hot coffee, friendly conversation and we are back outside to our bike for the beginning of our ride. A detailed printout of the ride was included at registration and the route was marked with bold red arrows at each intersection. Leaves are changing and falling around us and the air is crisp, beautiful scenic country drive. We arrived at the first check point in Emmaus to pick our cards. Eager volunteers directed us and helped keep things flowing smoothly. Back to the bike and off to our next check point. This time we traveled through parts of town to Route 78 N and back to the country roads. Second check point and the volunteers directed us through the bank drive-thru to pick our next cards. We never got off of, or turned off the bike, just picked our next card, chatted with the friendly volunteers and proceeded on our way. The local Fire Police and Fire Company members directed traffic at major intersections as well as

the entrances and exits at the check points. We continued south then east through downtown Allentown to the third check point, picked our cards and proceeded to the final destination at the Main Gate next to the fairgrounds. We are greeted again by several smiling volunteers who helped us to choose our final cards for our poker hand and directed us to the refreshments, custom car and bike show and prizes. We ate, voted for our favorite car & bike, bought a chance on the strip tickets, checked to see if we won a prize and visited with our friends and family.

We enjoyed the entire day and thought everything ran very smoothly. It was obvious that a lot of hard work and planning went toward this event. The route was well marked and thought out. All in all, it was a very good ride and we are looking forward to next year.

Bev

Kruise 4 Kids Poker Run

Registration

What a day we had! The only thing that could have been better for us would have been to be on our bike. It wasn't possible this trip, but that didn't stop us from having a Riff Raff memorable good time. It always warms my heart to see what a group of bikers can accomplish.

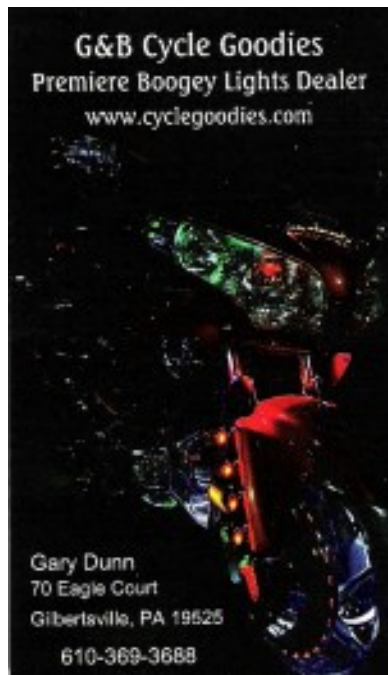
Dan and I started our day waking up at our favorite B&B (that would be Lu and Crystal's house) at "0" dark thirty, met up with our 2nd family, being the rest of the RRR, at Coopersburg Diner. Had breakfast and a little chit-chat and headed out to Scotts to start up registration. We stayed at registration until 10:45. We had a few late comers but the way I see it, the more the merrier! Besides we all know Dave Bolonski always takes the scenic route! We then headed out to Main Gate. It was already in full swing. I really think a good time

was had by all. Thanks to Richard Marcks and all of our Riff Raff family for a job well done. I am looking forward to helping out as much as we can next year.

Kathy

Checkpoint One

From all accounts, everything ran very smoothly. We heard the local LEOs held up bikers to let them go in groups but if it happened, there were no ill effects from it. Kudos to Jay and Jack – especially Jack since by all rights Jay should have been in bed! Shows you what happens when you let the Riff Raff Run things!



Dan

Checkpoint Two

It was a very cold morning starting out. The thermometer on the bike only read 28 degrees as we headed for the First Star Bank in New Tripoli. Upon arriving at the intersection of Routes 309 & 100 we found no one else at the check point. It was looking like this was going to be a very interesting day. Eventually people from the bank started showing up along with our help from the Miracle League and Classy Cruisers. We had a very neat set up at our check point. The drive through would be a very unique way to operate our check point. As the bikes pulled into the lot the bikers didn't even have to dismount their bikes. They just pulled up, picked their card while one of our many helpers marked their card. After looking up and seeing the signs

above the drive through that said "Lane Open", I asked the bank manger to turn them on. By now we had one of the neatest stops ever on a poker run. When large groups of bikes pulled up to the intersection of Routes 100 & 309, the kids all got very excited and ran to their posts at the drive through. At one point we even had a woman in a car follow the detoured traffic into the bank lot and when she got to the drive through she said "what the heck is going on?" It seems the New Tripoli Fire police headed by captain "Earl" were so convincing that they had everybody on the roadway following their directions! They even had signs set up that said "EMERGECY AHEAD!" The video board outside of the bank was scrolling "Kruise for Kids Check Point #2". The people at the bank along with the Miracle League and a therapy dog were all a great crew to work with and we can't wait to do it again next time.

Jeff & Lois PAR Reps.



Checkpoint Three

We arrived at checkpoint three at around 8:45, and found an empty parking lot with Karen Marcks standing alone. The three of us were standing there getting a little nervous when it was about 20 after nine and there wasn't anybody else there yet. The person from the lawyer's office finally arrived and for a split second thought she didn't have the key! She found it and we all felt a sense of relief. So now we are three strong with two tables a tent and five decks of

cards. Then finally at around 9:30, we had volunteers! We quickly explained to the volunteers the duties of their jobs, and the first bikes and cars started to arrive. All of the riders were commenting on the ride thus far, and everybody was very positive. A lot mentioned that they were cold, but loved every moment of it. They also liked that they didn't have to get off of their bikes to pull their cards. As quickly as the bikes entered the lot they left the lot, looking forward to arriving at their final destination. Once the last bike pulled out and we started to close down the checkpoint we felt at ease knowing that we pulled off a successful checkpoint, and were able to provide a good experience for everyone who passed through.

Amy

Main Gate

Motorcycles, motorcycles everywhere and no place to park them! That's what it was like on a chilly sunny morning at Scotts Power Sports parking lot as one by one the bikes and cars poured in. The morning started early for the Riff Raff Riders. We met for breakfast at the Coopersburg Diner at 6 AM, then over to Scotts to set up. By 7:45 we had the first arrival and from there the parade of bikes and cars would not stop. This was a good thing. By the time 8:30 arrived the line went down one side of the parking lot and around the back - when it hit 8:30, what a sight to see! One by one, the bikes peeled out of the lot onto Route 309, and immediately after the cars followed. A big thanks to the Police Officer who helped control traffic on Route 309. At 9:00 Crystal and I headed over to our station, the Main Gate, with George Ramsey from Chapter B following along to give us a helping hand. When we got there, we found some chairs and tables and set them up for the volunteers to assist with the card drawing. Shortly after, the Fairgrounds security showed up and started to put up barricades. Now I went over to the Main Gate parking lot and found some cars parked

there. I found out that they belonged to the volunteers setting up the door prizes. They told me they would move them when they were done. Meanwhile, Crystal got some last minute help from the Camelot for Children members with the card drawings since none of her volunteers showed up. They seemed to enjoy what they were doing especially an 8 year old named Brandon. Most of the bikers were saying how much they enjoyed the ride and didn't mind the wait in line for a chance to purchase another card in hopes that it improved their hand. I started setting up for the car and bike show. With a tree branch-sized piece of chalk (which Richard got a kick out of), I drew a half circle and one by one had the cars park on the chalk line with the bikes in front of them. It turned out to be a nice display of hand-picked vehicles by the charities. Everything was running smoothly thanks to the help of the Patriot Guard Riders. Then some idiot pulled his car up and parked in the lot. I started to walk over and tell him that he can't park there, and noticed when the gentleman was exiting his vehicle that this was the Mayor of Allentown. OK, he can park there! The day was coming to a closing and the door prizes were handed out. The winner of the Bike and Car show were picked and the winner of the Poker Hand was announced. I heard a lot of good comments from the event riders that they had a good time. I also heard that one person got lost - A Mr. Dave Bolonski from Chapter B. Maybe for Christmas Santa will give him a GPS. Sorry Dave, had to kid you about this.

Lu & Crystal

Thanksgiving Wishes

Since our newsletter is being published so close to Thanksgiving I would like to wish all of you a very Happy Thanksgiving and, to let you know how thankful Dan and I feel to still be able to remain a part of the RRR. We always feel like we belong whenever we are able to visit which is never as often as we like. So until

we meet again, take care and again Happy Thanksgiving and God bless Y'all.

Kathy Transue

(Yep, I did it! I finally became a tax deduction for the man!).

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Riff Raff Rider 2008 Events

November 9th Meeting
21st Informal Dinner
29th Bowling Jordan Lanes 6PM

December 6th Christmas Party Location TBD
14th Meeting
20th Bowling Jordan Lanes 6PM

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