



POCONO RIDERS INC.

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Hello all!

I am starting this newsletter today because I find myself without purpose being our fall foliage ride was cancelled due to rain! Luckily, we are scheduled for next week! I'm also beginning early because I know my last newsletter should be my best. Did you catch that? After 12 years, 144 newsletters, and 2 supplements, I think it's time to pass the torch to another member! By the time you receive this publication, hopefully another person will volunteer to inform the membership of our activities and pass along information. *(update: At our last meeting, I agreed to continue writing the newsletter unless someone else wanted the opportunity. The newsletter will continue coming to you via email every three months.)*

I joined this group 25+ years ago and I have seen lots of changes, but there is a subset of Pocono Riders who began their journey with the Rider Motorcycle Touring Club and its story is where this club began! This newsletter is a small history of how Pocono Riders came to be. Some may ask why a history of the club is important. History, itself, helps us to understand how events in the past shaped the present and provides a sense of identity.

A few years ago, the club changed its name to add liability insurance to our organization. This decision wasn't one that magically appeared. Liability was in the plan at the beginning, but it just never came to fruition. Unfortunately, times have changed, and the liability issues needed to be addressed. It was a year of preparation and difficult times, but we now have protection and the only thing that has changed is our name.

(forward to today)

I am finishing this up today, December 28th, preparing the new year and looking forward to more adventures with you, my fellow riders and friends. Looking back through the old newsletters has had its impact on me. With great delight, I remember fabulous trips we have had. With laughter, I remember the stories being told after a day of riding while we wait for the next morning to start all over again. With joy, I remember our great holiday parties. With kindness, I remember those I have met through riding that have influenced my life and with sorrow, I remember those who are no longer with us. My melancholy is sweet though, because of the memories I harbor in my heart. May the New Year bring you happiness, health, and great tales to tell! Here is to a great 2025 riding season!!



Sue Boland has saved almost all the newsletters since the club's beginning. She graciously let me borrow them so I could write this with accuracy.

I would venture to say there are easily over 200 in this pile on my dining room table!

It all started with the Queen...

THE BEGINNING: The conception of the Pocono Riders goes way back to 1983 at the Aspencade Convention at Lake George (now known as Americade) (*editor's note – 41 years ago and some of our members still go every year!*) At this event, Ron and Alice Swink rode into Lake George and some of the tour guides convinced Alice to run for Queen which she did AND she won! While enjoying her royal spoils, they met two people that would end up being important in the making the club a reality. The next paragraph is written by Alice to describe the club's start:

Founded on April 17, 1986

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n 1983 Ron and Alice went to Lake George for the first Aspencade Convention held in the East (now Americade). After Aspenade Ron and Alice went to a Roamer's Rally in July 1983. They were completely fascinated with the Roamer's, the things they did, the way they got along and the Rally in general. Alice really wished the was a club like his in the Poconos. At this 1983 Roamers Rally, Ron and Alice met 2 fellow Pennsylvania motorcyclists Mike Zuber and Phil Buzzuto. 1984- Dave Baucher, Rider magazine, accompanied by Ron and Alice went back to Aspencade. Dave's mission was to write an article on Aspencade and interview Alice. At Aspencade Ron and Alice once more saw Phil. They also met several of the staff of Rider Magazine. In July it was time for the Roamers Rally-by this time Ron and Alice were old friends with many of the Roamers. When Alice mentioned how much she enjoyed the Roamers and how she wished the Poconos had a similar club, Phil commented that whenever Alice wanted to do the start up for a club, he would be there to help. 1985-After a long winter it was off to Aspencade 85. By the time the Swinks met Phil at the Roamers Rally that year, Alice knew they had to do something-it was time to start a club. The winter of 85 passed with letters and conversations to the Rider Staff on how to begin. How many people were required for a Charter? The Charter allowed us to use the Rider Logo and to have the Charter noted in Rider Magazine. It was a long expectancy from July 1983 until April 1986. April 17, 1986 was the first Rider Motorcycle Touring Club meeting with 13 people present. The official Charter was signed on May 30, 1986 with 20 members.



These are not the original members

Why Join?

That is the question of the day. RMTC was formed to bring the group motorcycle experience to the Poconos. There are plenty of great roads and the Swinks were avid riders willing to introduce interested people to the art of group riding.

There are a lot reasons why people join clubs, first being, obviously, the joy of riding. Seeking out friendships with like-minded people is second. Then there are those who find charity riding to add to the quality and significance of their lives. I think most of us enjoy the adventure, the sharing, and the camaraderie of riding and touring. Bikers have their own place in the world and being part of that realm is exciting and that draws in a lot of riders.

Who joins also depends on the type of motorcycle club. RMTC was set up as a chapter motorcycle club with positions and leadership to direct the club in a certain direction. There was interest in charity riding, being part of the community, plotting and executing weekend and weeklong tours, and members being connected in activities on and off the motorcycle. Participation in club meetings is also important especially in filling the positions that lead the club in its directive. It is the club's responsibility to pull in new members and in the end, it is a lot of people that are interconnected through the love of riding and being involved in the club's survival.

There was a big difference between RMTC being a motorcycle club as just a riding club. Riding clubs often have nothing in common besides riding, so they only meet up to enjoy riding together. That was not the case for RMTC. Members became friends off their bikes and friendships lasted decades. After spending the summer touring, there were holiday parties (every holiday!), birthday gatherings, picnics, trips in the car during the winter months, football get togethers, weddings, and last rides for those who passed into the next journey. It was the love of riding that brought people together and true friendship that kept them together.

I make it sound like sugar and lollipops and of course, like all groups, people come and go for a variety of reasons. Why did people join the motorcycle club ripping up the roads in the Poconos? On the next couple of pages, are peoples responses to that exact question!



Why We Join

Fellow riders,

When Sue Crowley asked us to write something about what RMTTC or Pocono Riders meant to us, I thought sure. Easy-Peasy. Well, the club and Carl Rega (deceased) literally kept me sane. My 30 year marriage had just ended, my sister was dying of Cancer, my mother was dying of life long medical problems and I was losing my job at Revlon within the year. I was nervous about running the house by myself, raising my son, having enough money, and it was lonely. When I met Carl he showed me a whole new world of friends at RMTTC. Life was worth living again when twice a month we met and planned our parties, rides and trips.

A few examples of the places we went:

Space Farms, Sussex County, NJ	Marcus Dairy, Danbury, Conn. Easy Rider Rodeo, Middletown, NY
Tattoo Shows, Middletown, NY	
Canal Boat Ride, Easton, PA	Costa's Family Fun Park, Hawley, PA
Steamtown Train Ride. Scranton, PA	Jim Thorpe Train Ride, Jim Thorpe, PA
York HD Open House, York, PA	Gooch's Garlic Run, NYC, NY
Memorial Day Ride, Washington, DC	Valley Forge Trade Shows
Motorcross, Freemansburg, PA and ?	POW-MIA Memorial Ride, NYC, NY
Shawnee Lumber Jack Festivals	Scavenger Hunts
Women's Equal Rights Museum, Seneca Falls, NY	Coal Mine Tours
Houdini Museum, Scranton, PA	Eckley Miner's Village Tour
Freemansburg Hillclimb, Freemansburg, PA	Zinc City Drags, Kresgeville, PA
Hosted a Rider's Rally, Tannersville, PA	White Rose Hill Climb, Spring Grove, PA
Flying Aces Breakfast	Mitchler's Distillery
Yuengling Distillery Tour	Millersburg Ferry, Millersburg, PA
Hosted Toys for Tots yearly	Electric City Open House, Scranton, PA
Mother's Day, Point Phillips Hotel	Antique M/C show, Rinebeck, NY
Geisinger's Miracle Runs	Lehigh Valley M/C Fest, Allentown, PA
New Hope, PA	Bill's Old Bike Barn, Bloomsburg, PA
Bowling, Stroudsburg, PA	Smith & Wesson Factor Tour, Mass
Mum Mountain, Skippack, PA	Most Bike shop Open Houses

Some trips:

Niagara Falls, NY	Finger Lakes, NY
West Virginia	Grey Ghost, Dover, Vermont
Massachusetts Getaway, Gardner, Mass	Americade, Lake George, NY
Honda Hoot, Ashville, NC	Caribbean Motorcycle Cruise
Chambersburg, PA	Wing Ding XVII, Greenville, SC
AMA Vintage Days, Lexington, Ohio	Wellsboro, yearly
Daytona Bike Week, FL	State College, PA

Parties:

After Xmas	Valentine's Day Dinners
Thanksgiving Dinners	July 4th
Halloween	

Our July 4th and Halloween parties were phenomenal. Chris and Tom Noto hosted July 4th and when they stopped riding with us, John and Van Williamson took over. Later on, we went to Mountain View Park, Tannersville, PA. Water balloon games, musical chairs, egg toss games, and horseshoes were always a hit.

In the early days, all our parties were held in the Train Coach. New owners but it is still there behind Pocono Mountain HD. It was the best. You would not believe the costumes our members came in for Halloween. I could ramble on for days, but I won't. Thirty years of fun and laughter with great people. That is what this club means to me. Life is good.

Why We Join

Susan Crowley

I got my motorcycle license when I turned 50. Call it mid-life crisis or empty nest syndrome but whatever it was, I was determined to put a little zip into my life, and it came in the form of a 650 Suzuki Savage. I joined the Pocono Motorcycling Sisters, and they taught me how to ride in a group setting. After the club broke up, a woman who I rode with joined RMTC and invited Jeff and I to try them out. We started riding and attending the picnics and parties and found the members friendly and fun. That was 20 some years ago. We've visited so many beautiful places, but my favorites are always in New England. We rode to the Rock and Roll Hall of Fame, did the NY tour of , the Dragon (several times) while touring in Tennessee, ventured to Mt. Washington, hit up Wheels through Time in Tennessee, AMA Hall of Fame and so many museums and historical sites... not to mention some of the best eating establishments! We've attended Americade and Spyderquest for years and in all our adventures with the club, we have met so many wonderful people. One of the highlights of touring was hanging out with some guy at Wheels Through Time. He and I talked about motorcycles and he revealed some of the secrets of the museum. I told him that I wrote the newsletter for the club, and he was so gracious allowing me to ask him a bunch of questions... I later found out it was Dale Walksler, the owner and founder! Somewhere in the 150 newsletters, there is one dedicated to Wheels Through Time and that interview!

Scott Gilliland

Scott has spent most of his life on two wheels, so the club was a perfect place to get out and meet new people. He was looking for likeminded folks that were motorcycle enthusiasts, to spend time with after his divorce. Right before we took the leap into the new millennium, Scott was teaching at Pocono Mountain Elementary and one of his 6th grade students was Alice Swink's son. It was his introduction to Alice that made him join, even though a neighbor had RMTC 4th of July picnics! In 2001, he was elected president and stay in that position for over a decade. That's what you get for doing a good job! One of his favorite rides was to Massachusetts, where for several years, the club met up with past members and enjoyed the pleasures of New England's fine roads. The wine and lobster dinners were pretty good, too!

Alfredo Sausa

In 2003, Alfredo bought his Harley and for a while, he rode alone. On one of his adventures, he happened upon the Allentown Fairgrounds where there was a bike show going on. As he ventured through the venue, he saw a table advertising a motorcycle club. He walked up the to table and asked questions and surprisingly found that the club met very close to his home. His contact at this table was Sue Boland and the club, RMTC! At the first meeting, Sue greeted him and introduced him to all the members and like Alfredo says, "the rest is history"! Alfredo said that he loved the feeling of family the club offered him. There are others who say that Alfredo is the most expensive member that the club has. The facts are the table at the bike show costs \$400. For the weekend and Alfredo was the only person that signed up!! (that is ok... we got a good deal!

More Stories

While looking through the old newsletters, I found this article written by a member about her and her husband's reasons for seeking out new friends.

Did You Lose Something? Did You Find Something?

We all fit into one or the other category. Did you lose a husband, a wife or a child whether to divorce or death? Have you children grown and left home? Did you find the lost overwhelming at times? Did you lose the desire to go out and do the bar scene or tired of cleaning the car or the house? Did you find yourself wanting fun? Were your friends lost? Did you find yourself looking for new friends?

Well John and I feel into the above category. We were both divorced and had divided the family, friends and what ever else could be divided. What we found was the Pocono Mountain Chapter of RMTC. We both loved motorcycles and after four years, we decided in was time to indulge ourselves with a bike. Riding alone for a while was fun, but something was missing. John was ready the local paper and there was the advertisement for RMTC. We decided to attend and see what it was all about. Well, the rest if history. What we found was new friends, We became involved and what fun has followed! Always getting back more than we gave. When I was sick, there was concern When I was well, a hug and a laugh welcomed me at each and every meeting or ride. The club has allowed Johan and I to create our own memories with our friends having much in common. Recently, John lost his mother who had lived with his sister Rose for the past 12 years. Rose had also lost her husband just three months prior to her mother's passing and this Mother's Day was going to be a hard day to face. With the Mother's Day ride coming up, we wanted to go, but leave Rose to face the day alone, and a phone call came Friday night, it was Larry Predmore. He was going on the ride and offered to take Rose as his passenger. As everyone knows, the weather was a challenge, warm by temperature, it was no, but warmth felt by your friends made the day one of the greatest! Our special thanks to everyone.

As I looked around the dining room at the restaurant where we had dinner, there were many smiling faces, these were our friends, and we count ourselves lucky to be part of it. We may have lost something, but what we found was each and every member of the club. What a treasure!!!

Love Van and John

PS Larry had given his mother a choice, a gift or dinner... she chose the gift, and we got Larry!! What a deal!

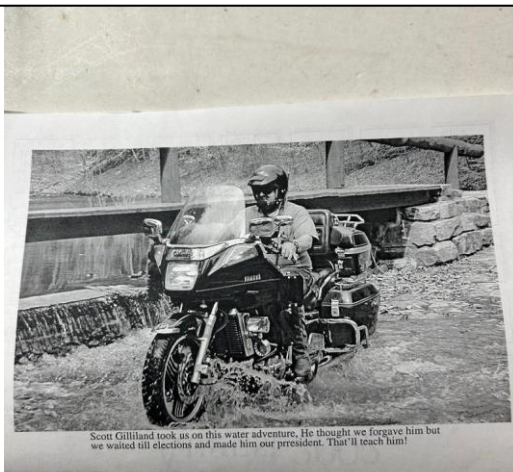


The President's Gadgets

Many of you know my propensity for motorcycles and motorcycle gadgets. I am going to try to give our members a monthly update on new items that become available. This month I am showcasing a product called the Cycle Hill Tire Changer. A few years ago I had the pleasure of watching a 100lb young lady at Americade change a 280 chopper tire in less than a minute flat using the No-Mar tire changer. This was a very impressive demonstration however the price of the unit was close to \$800. I thought that I would need to change a lot of tires to make it pay for itself. Fast forward a few years and No-Mar is marketing a new product called the Cycle Hill Tire Changer with a price of \$375. Now I am really interested. The company noticed that they were getting a lot of requests for their patented no-scratch mount/dismount bars far more than could be attributed to sales of their own machines. The owner of the company thought that perhaps there were a lot of people who would like a high quality, though lower cost, machine to change tires two or three times per year on their own bikes. He designed the Cycle Hill Tire Changer as a lower cost alternative to their No-Mar line. It is made from the same materials and the same strength as their more expensive units. Wing World just did a test with one changing the tires of a Wing. They claim that Wing tires are one of the hardest to change due to a very stiff sidewall. They gave this unit quite the review and stated that it is a cost effective alternative that will give professional results without damaging our precious wheels in the process. They also sell a number of great accessories for it including a mount to place it on the trailer hitch of your car, truck or SUV and a static balancer. You can check it out at www.cyclehilltirechanger.com. The website also contains self-help videos on how to operate the unit. Now, my only problem is to convince Jennifer as to how much money I can save by buying this unit! Wish me LUCK!

Scott T. Gilliland

The caption reads; Scott Gilliland took us on this water adventure. He thought we forgave him, but we waited till elections and made him our president. That'll teach him!



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There have been a few editors of the newsletter and those who have added to its contents. One of Scott Gilliland's first President's Gadget articles (now known as Scott's Gadgets) is on the left. An example of one of many Sue Boland's contributions and my first newsletter... January 2012!

Let it be said that you don't have to be a "writer" to place something in the newsletter, but if you have something to say, or would like to include photos, we'd be happy to work with you! The newsletter is published on the website and people looking for a club get to know us through membership stories!! Tell us yours!!

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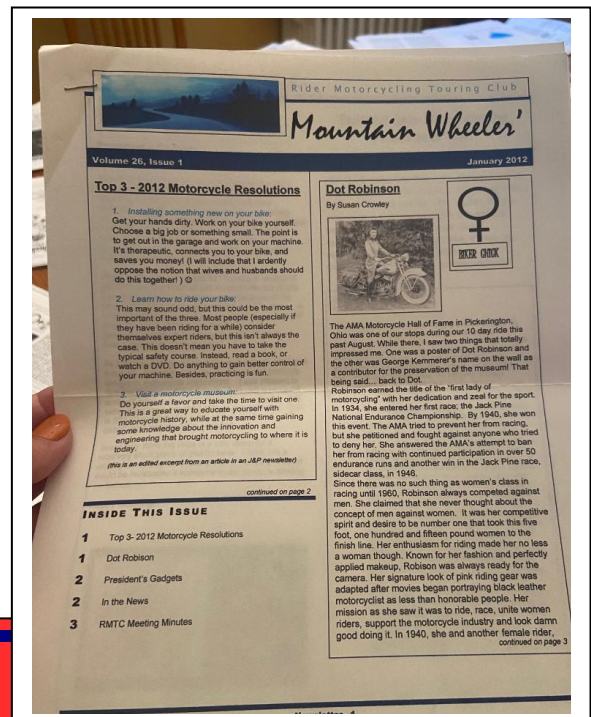
...by himself - I tried to talk him into laying his bike down and teaching the rest of us to pick it up. Don't know why - but my suggestion was ignored!!!!

FROM SUZIE'S QUILL

Fellow Riders,

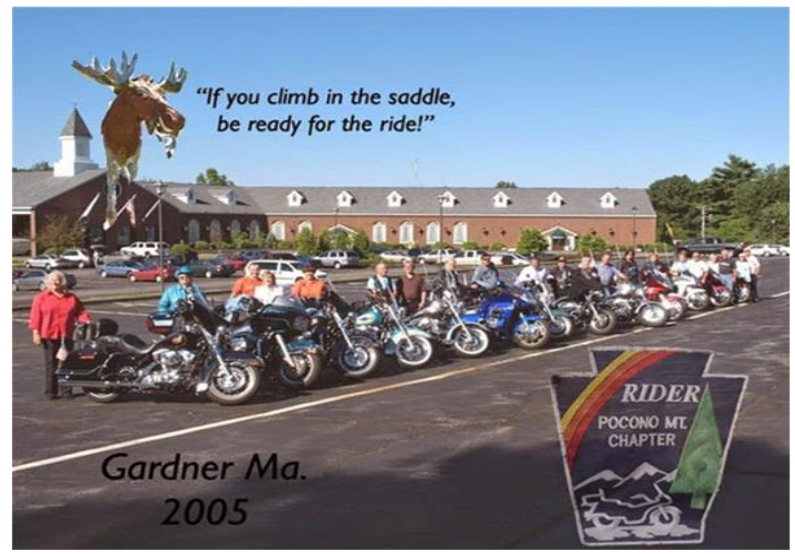
About three weeks ago I got my baby back. I was ready to ride forever. I thought I'd like to take a long scenic ride to nowhere. Little did I know there were other things in store for me! I awoke on Thursday with thoughts of an early morning start. I had a big surprise when I stood up and felt like I hadn't slept at all. I got out of bed telling myself that I would feel better after a nice hot cup of coffee. That didn't work. I still felt like I was coming down with something, so I decided I better not ride. Maybe I would feel better either later in the day or the next day. By that evening I was really sick. I either had the flu or some other kind of virus. I was in bed for four days. I rarely get that sick where I have to stay in bed especially when I have riding fever.

The next weekend when I felt well enough to ride Len and I decided to take a ride to see Tony and Joyce Scatton (past Rider members) at the show. When



RIDER MOTORCYCLE TOURING CLUB PINS

Compliments of Mr. Joe McNeil, Publisher of Rider Magazine, we now have RIDER MOTORCYCLE TOURING CLUB PINS available to our members. The pins were passed out at the last meeting. For anyone who was not at the meeting, please see Linda and she will give you your pin. These pins are rather unique to us because there is no longer a National RMT; it has been replaced by RIDER CLUB. As you know our Chapter opted to continue with our original Chartered Name "Pocono Mountains Chapter Rider Motorcycle Touring Club" rather than switch to Rider Club primarily because we felt the "touring" was significant to our type of organization. Our thanks to Mr. McNeil for the pins.





Gray Ghost is our go-to place when we head to Vermont. I am not sure how many years we have stayed there, but I bet Larry would know! This was his ride... every year and one of the club's favorites!

The family-owned business has been the center of many motorcycle get togethers and we love its atmosphere and good breakfasts!

The church is Valley View historic church. A place visited every time we head to Lake George. The story goes that one of our members loved it there so his ashes were spread behind the organ. Quite a few trips later, we noticed that the organ had been moved and we can only assume TJ and the Hoover now have a lasting relationship!



Gray Ghost

If Gray Ghost could only talk! What a bunch of stories it would have to tell!! A lot of discussions, conversations, and bitching happens in front of this fire in the dining room of Grey Ghost!



Message From The President Toy Run 2003

Another riding season has come to end as has our annual Toy Run. I am very pleased to report that we collected over 1100 toys with more coming in daily. Our ride saw over 64 bikes in attendance. Master Sergeant Yarnall has indicated that he is off to the best start in the history of his program. On December 18th he will distribute the toys to the needy children of Monroe County.

This years program would not have been possible without the help of many gracious benefactors. Dutchs Custom Cycle; Victor, Jeff, Pop, Mom and Kate Martens, Ray and Mark, who all worked tire-

lessly to collect toys at their annual Open House and throughout the fall. They opened their business as our starting point and provided their truck and trailer to transport our toys.

To Gary Brasseur of the Walmart Distribution Center, who donated over 20 cases of toys on our behalf and rode in the event as well.

To Fran Kintz and the Pocono Motorcycling Sisters, who collected toys at their events and who fielded a large contingent of riders. They also provided a super afternoon ride to cap off a wonderful day.

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Santa and his helpers getting ready to kick off the Christmas Season



10th ANNUAL TOYS FOR TOTS MOTORCYCLE RIDE

SPONSORED BY
Pocono Marine Corps League

WHEN: SUNDAY OCTOBER 17th
WHERE: MOUNT AIRY CASINO
TIME: REGISTRATION STARTS AT 11:00 AM

TOYS FOR TOTS

DONATION \$20.00 PER PERSON INCLUDES FOOD AND BEVERAGES, DJ RAUL, AND A SCENIC MOTORCYCLE RIDE THROUGH THE BEAUTIFUL POCONO MOUNTAINS. WITH A POLICE ESCORT.

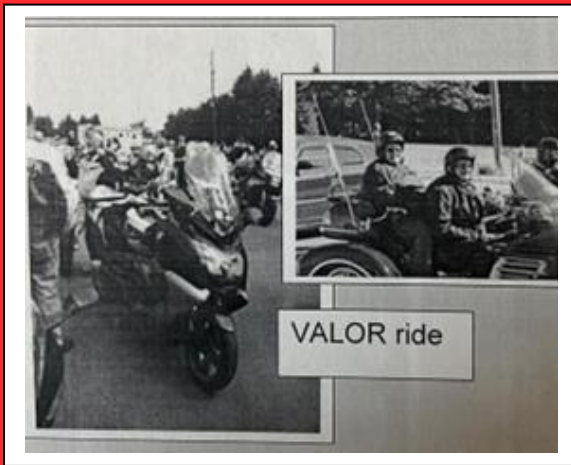
NEW AND UNWRAPPED TOYS WILL BE GREATLY ACCEPTED

Please remember, every child deserves a little Christmas.

Contact info: connedevilla515@ushope.com

My first experience with RMTC was helping with the Toys for Tots collection and ride. Fran was our president in our all-girl club (Pocono Motorcycling Sisters) and we worked with RMTC in making this special event a wonderful happening. It was not the first time the club collaborated with the community touting the toy drive. Commendable!!

Pocono Motorcycling Sisters also worked with the community giving donations to local agencies.



RMTC had many members that joined in the Ride for Freedom called Rolling Thunder. Many of our club members are/were Vietnam vets and you will see in our photos, bikes and vests have symbols of Veterans service, MIA and the United States Flags. We did charity rides for Vet's hospitals, and Valor honoring our military who need help. We also took part in rides to the moving Vietnam memorial. That ride was one I will remember forever as I toured the grounds with one of members who solemnly searched for names of friends.

We have also participated in rides for fallen troopers, one in particular was Josh Miller. Admiration and respect for our fallen heroes in part of our club rides as several of them have taken us to places memorializing the victims of 911.

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RIDE FOR FREEDOM

POW-MIA
 "We Will Never Forget"

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Washington, D.C.
Memorial Day Weekend
May 25, 1997

WWI 3,350
 WWII 78,777
 KOREA 8,172
 Vietnam 2,159
 Persian Gulf 41

Assemble Area: North Pentagon Parking Lot 8 am.
Leaving: 12 noon for the ride through Washington, D.C. to the Vietnam Veterans Memorial to pay our respects to our brothers and sisters, and for the accounting of all POW-MIA's
Reflecting Pool: Speeches and music at the Reflecting Pool. For the return of our POW-MIA's that our government has abandoned!! This is a demonstration for our POW-MIA's. If you love your freedom fight for theirs.
Leaving Kentucky: Owingsville May 22 at 8AM for more info call Greasy 606-674-6799
RUN FOR THE WALL: Leaving 9 AM Friday May 14 from TA truck stop at intersection I-15 & I-10 in Orlerio, CA. For information, time of departure & arrival in states along the run from CA. to Washington, D.C. Call Bungee 209-542-1708.
 Last year we had 200,000 + riders. Demand a full accounting of those known taken captive! Correct the past and protect future veterans from being left behind. If you care, be there for them POW-MIA. All Veterans organizations and citizens are welcome. If you don't ride be at the Vietnam Veterans Memorial at 12 noon.

After the Run "Everyone Please go to the Reflecting Pool"
No Attitudes: Confirmed

Artie	908-369-5439 (NJ)	Don	908-904-0373 (NJ)	Casino	609-652-5831 (NJ)
Greasy	606-674-6799 (KY)	Mike	207-787-3900 (ME)	Jake	610-935-1846 (PA)
De	718-389-3939 (NYC)	Eugene	912-987-9715 (GA)	Low Rider	516-285-0701 (Long Is)
Deid	518-868-9922 (NY)	Bob	603-622-2461 (NH)	Andre	203-888-4120 (CT)
Deid	914-754-7167 (NY)	Bob	901-382-1552 (TN)	Phil	919-693-3039 (NC)
Deid	804-872-6962 (VA)	Tom	616-947-8126 (MI)	Lee	608-882-6173 (WI)
Deid	540-667-5536 (VA)	Garb	314-462-2467 (MO)	Buzz	317-467-9361 (IN)
Deid	505-881-7318 (NM)	Gil	514-429-5418 (Canada)	Motzman	813-936-8037 (FL)

THEN... the FUN STUFF!!

Halloween parties, hayrides, bowling, and many other activities were part of the club's repertoire when they weren't riding or touring. Most holidays were celebrated at a restaurant with dinner and happy hour! But then there were those with John and Van like the one to your right... please read.

Other perks of club life were the life-long friendships that were forged between members.

Fortunately, those perks still are around today!

HALLOWEEN PARTY - OCTOBER 31, 1998 -
WHERE WAS IT: IN "THE GARAGE"
AT VAN AND JOHN'S

Another great party in the garage transformed into a fall, pumpkin, and harvest wonderland by Van and Martha. Some corn stalks, hay bales, and other decorations along with Martha and Van's creativity and wow! Halloween time!! We were a bit short in the costume area, but those who dressed up were great and entertained us all. DJ's Rich and Becky started the Halloween Parade with "the Monster Mash." Van and John won the prize for the best scarecrows in town - Veronica presented them with was a fire extinguisher and a warning not to get too close to the heater. Austin portrayed a creepy fly and won a coffee server and our treasurer was an escaped convict complete with chains. He gave me the creeps! George's prize was a toaster - now he has no excuse not to participate in the male cook-off that we will be planning for the new year. (We plan to have a get together where all the men cook the dish that they want to contribute to the meal.)

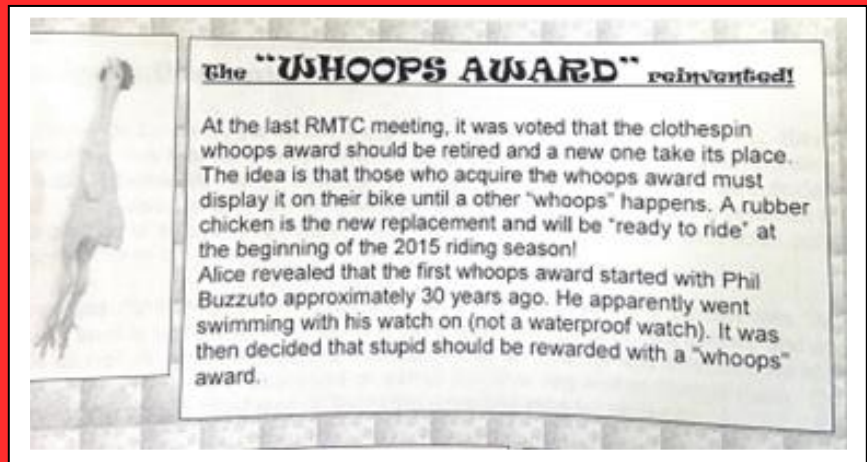
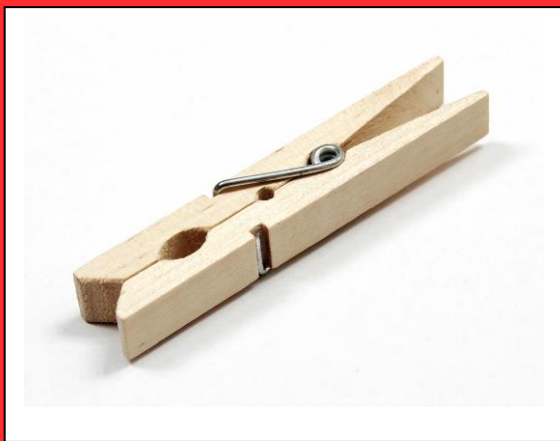
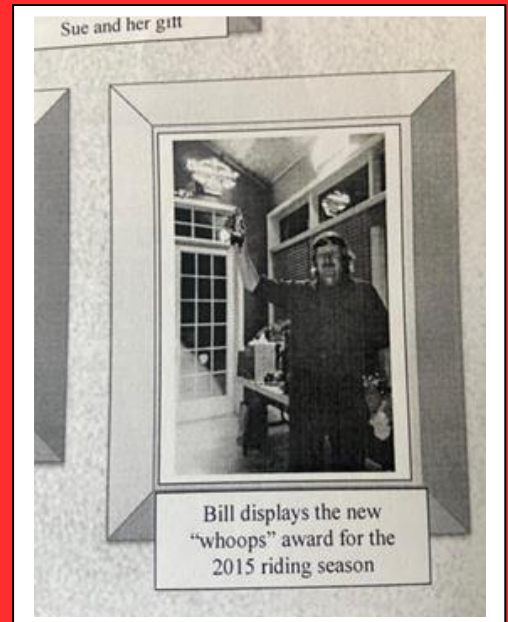
WHOOOPS!

The Whoops award happened early in the club's history.

The clothes pin was the trophy that people got when they made a stupid mistake.... And have we had plenty!! One particular "whoops award" went to Scott Gilliland after he filled up his bike on his way to Massachusetts with the group. He topped off his tank and started duck walking it back to pull out of the way when... son of a gun, was not his son right there behind him with a shiny new bike!
(whoops)

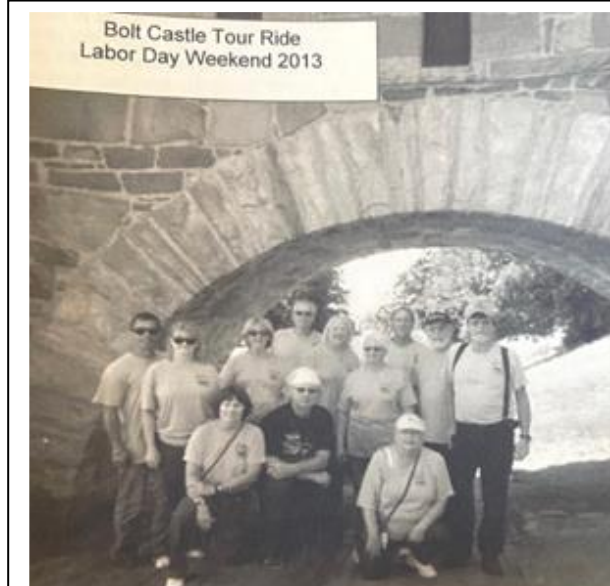
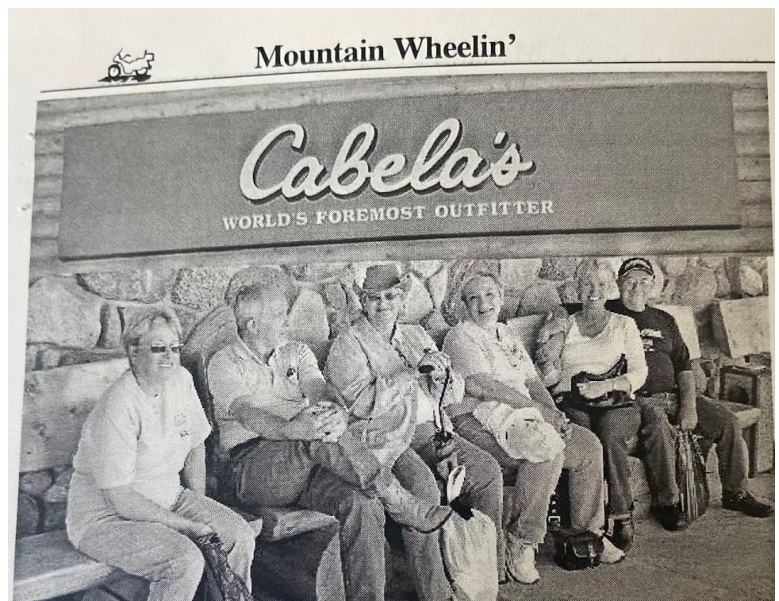
The rules of the award that you had to keep it (and the shame) until the next "winner" was chosen!

The clothespin stayed with us until Bill Freese took over and switched out the clothes pin for a rubber chicken!





Alice having a pipe on the porch of the cabin at Americade.



Bolt Castle, Thousand Island... been there, done that and would love to do it again!!



Mike, Bob, Jimmy, and Max ventured out on Route 66!

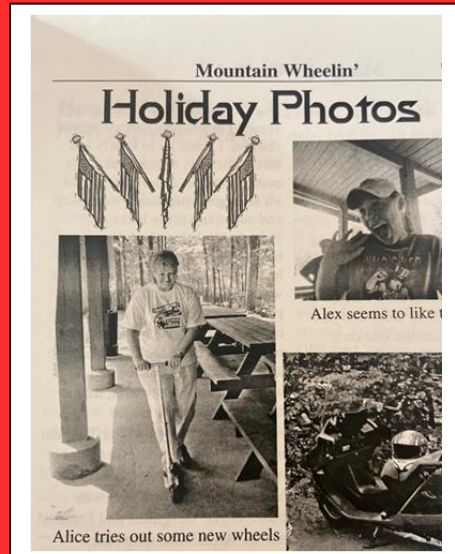
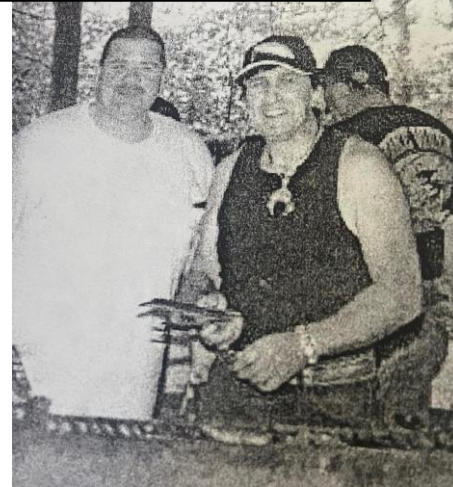


Chatterbox Bike Night

The ride to the Chatterbox was a good one ... always great turn out. We were saddened when the building was sold and torn down.

4th of July Picnics

Always a wonderful day of camaraderie and food, food, and did I say, food???



The 4th of July picnic was always a club favorite. Any reason for getting together was a good one especially if food was involved! Everyone brought a dish... even one of our members brought large sheet cakes from her business! After eating, we had auctions trying to get rid of some of our motorcycle junk... you know what they say... one man's junk is another man's treasure! Always a good (and filling) day!





First Annual

Ride For The Boobies

The ride was held on May 22, 2005 with our club responsible for organizing and leading the ride and delivering approximately fifty motorcycles to the Streamside in Canadensis for a Roast Beef Luncheon put on by the Ride for the Boobies committee. We were entertained by the McWilliams Brothers and Dad who was great on his fiddle. Who



would have guessed that he just turned 81 the way he was bowing and jiggling!!! Diane Edwards and her committee did an excellent job which, if I understood correctly, raised \$2000 for Cancer Research. Door prizes were abundant and purchased by the length around one of the gal's boobies. Bob was enjoying himself and purchased more than one length. It paid off with him winning a pair of earrings designed by Bill Sorick. Hope he gave them to Sharon, they did not look like his style.

And speaking of style, Neil Anderson and Alice Swink were wearing stylish crowns and boobie necklaces and they were dubbed Boobie King and Queen.

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Mountain Wheelin'



Bob DeYoung will reign and keep the Boobie Throne in our Club

- 10/29 10:00 AM Leave DWG Visitors Center
- 11/4 10:00 AM TOYS FOR TOTS, Wal-Mart-Mt. Pocono
- 11/7 6:30 PM Billy s Diner, Tannersville, PA, Dinner and Meeting/nomination of Officers
- 11/18 5:00 PM THANKSGIVING DINNER
Larsons Turkey Farm, Rt 206 & 24 Chester, NJ
- 11/19 8:30 AM Bartonville Travel Center, Breakfast & Meeting, Nomination/Election of Officers
Scott s Tour of the Poconos

Inside:
Calendar

Community involvement ... Ride for the Boobie Charity Ride

Bikers ride charity rides for several reasons:

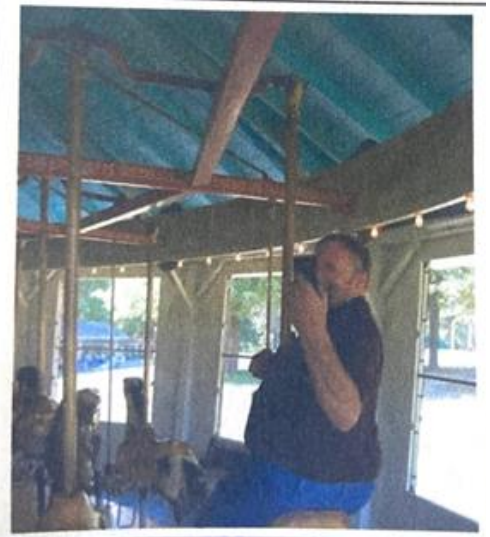
- Raising vital funds: Charity bike rides aim to raise large sums of money to support the work of chosen charities.
- Camaraderie and fun: Participating in charity rides fosters a sense of camaraderie among riders.
- Health and fitness: Riding provides a fun way to connect with other motorcycle enthusiasts and contribute to positive perceptions of motorcyclists.

We have taken part in many charity rides supporting breast cancer, veterans, police, military, fallen heroes, those in need.

BINGHAMTON CAROUSEL TOUR
Make Reservations at:
The Econo Lodge @ 690 Old Front St
Binghamton NY 607- 724- 1341



Carousel Tour New York



Larry taking photos while riding his steed!



How about a biker on a frog?

Answers:

- 1) American Eagle, 2) Victory,
- 3) Harley-Davidson, 4) The Fat Boy, 5) Indian Motorcycle Manufacturing Company



From the archives: Honda Hoot 2001

Taming the Dragon



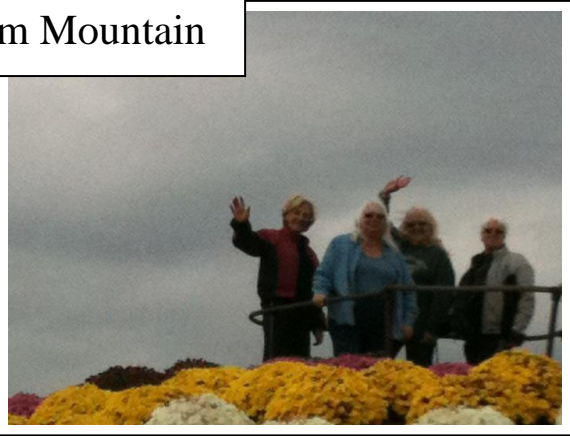


Ringing Rocks



Tennessee Cruising

Mum Mountain



Rock and Roll Hall of Fame



It's a Bob Dog with Everything



Dearborn, MI touring The Ford Museum



Ask Sue Boland and she'll say "comfort"! Touring a day in the museum in Michigan took a toll on everyone's feet. (notice Sue is holding her boots!)

Winery trip...



Ben & Jerry's





Lake Placid
(again!)
One of our favorite rides!

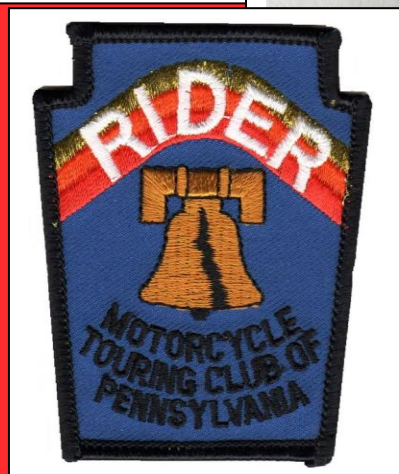
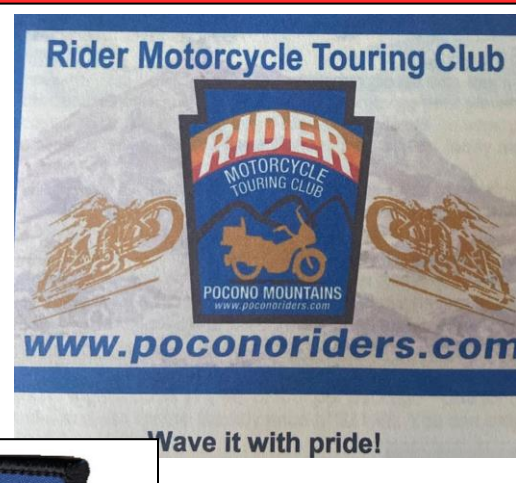


The many facets of RMTC Membership Drives



Bill and Sue Freese represent our club at Pocono Harley Davidson

Part of being a part of this club was participating in recruitment. Setting up a table with photos, brochures, business cards at parks, businesses, events was part of promoting the club and encouraging new members to come ride. We had business cards in local businesses and brochures in the cycle shops. Many members still carry business cards with them, ready to hand them out to interested riders!



After Holiday Party



Never know what is going to happen!!



George displays his gift challenging the others to steal. (if they dare!)



Pocono Brewing Company January 24, 2015



Happy Happy Happy at the holidays



Connie and Susan smiling for the camera after a good meal and conversation.

I hoped you enjoyed our little trip down memory lane. But more than that, I hope you understand and admire the love and devotion behind the creation of this club and the continued support it needs to be a successful and thriving motorcycle club.

At our last meeting, we decided that one of our 2025 goals is to focus on recruitment. We have decent membership numbers, but we'd like to see more of you riding on scheduled events and at the meetings (that are now only once a month and Sundays, before a ride). We would like your input on what rides you would like to participate in. We would like your participation making this club run efficiently... seriously, some of the original members are here still doing it!! (Sue Boland... still writing, leading rides, and Sunshining... she volunteered again to be the official sunshine officer!... thank you, Sue) If you could help in party planning, or lead a ride, or help creating the ride calendar this year, or doing something as small as sending photographs to Pat and me for publication. I have a lot of faith in where the club is going. At the last meeting, we were enthusiastically bombarded with "the new kids" taking up the mantle in the officer's election.

I ask you, please, to get involve and share your ideas. We have had a lot of great things happen in the past, as you can plainly see... now, someone made mention that I should highlight the "new" club since we have changed our name! Well, that is certainly a possibility!

Please scroll down to read the minutes of the last meeting and look for the announcement of the next one coming in January! Hope to see you there!



Pocono Riders

POCONO RIDERS MEETING

12/1/24

MINUTES (pertinent notes are provided in bulleted form for easy reading)

ATTENDANCE – 18

- President Rob Heh began meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance
- Last meeting minutes: none available
- Treasury Report: none available

- **Old Business:**
- Fred Klee ordered and donated a new Pocono Riders banner

- **New Business:**
- Rob Heh announced the vacancies for the PR including the presidency. Other positions up for nominations included VP, secretary, treasurer, back up treasurer, directors, newsletter, sunshine officer, product manager, party coordinator, road captains.
- Meeting places were discussed. Finding a restaurant where meetings and meals could happen simultaneously has become an issue. Harley Davidson in Tannersville has a large meeting room with a full kitchen and restrooms. It was discussed that finding a place to eat was not as important as a place to meet.
- It was voted on and approved that HD in Tannersville would be our new meeting place. Party planners will look into the possibility of bringing light snacks. Members who want breakfast can meet at any of the many diners in the area an hour early on their own.
- There will be one meeting on the 2nd Sunday of every month. Times will be announced at a later date.
- Ride planning meeting will be announced soon. Rob Heh will call Scott Gilliland about scheduling a date, time, and place.
- New membership recruitment will be a topic of discussion in the upcoming meetings.
- Discussion of altering the website to make it more palatable for younger people via their phones. Pat gave a tutorial to members in attendance on how to navigate it on the phone. Members decided to keep the website as it is. Dakota and Taylor are looking into creating a facebook page for the public and making our facebook page private therefore encouraging new riders but keeping the private page free of information that does not pertain to our club.
- Tonya Storm will look into getting our logo printed on vinyl for future products, shirts, hats, etc.
- Discussion ensued about the responsibilities of the directors.
- **NOMINATIONS AND ELECTION OF OFFICERS**
- Directors: Rob Heh, Dakota Staples, Tonya Storm
- President: Dakota Staples
- Vice President: Tonya Storm
- Secretary: Susan Crowley
- Treasury: Pat Fardella
- Website: Pat Fardella
- Newsletter: Susan Crowley (4 newsletters per year)
- Sunshine officer: Sue Boland
- Party Coordinators: Taylor Heh, Tonya Storm
- Products: Tonya Storm
- Photographers: Chris Krohn, Alfredo Sausa, Pat Fardella, Susan Crowley
- Road Captains:

Future Meeting Suggestions

- Member recruitment ideas
- Group Riding including jargon, safety, rules of the road, hand signals, etc
- Community involvement...i.e. charity rides, etc



We're on the web visit us at:
www.poconoriders.com

Meeting Place:

We will meet at the PA Visitor's Center at Delaware Water Gap

Sunday Rides: On Sunday, anyone considering becoming a member of our club is more than welcome to ride with us for a maximum of two rides. In order to continue riding with the club membership is required.

Wednesday Rides: Departure location via email or message board on www.poconorider.com Perspective members welcomed.

Attention: Ride Leaders: Please post some additional info about your rides on our message board the Wednesday prior to your ride. ...