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Interested in joining **Northeast Pleasure Riders**? Would you like more information?

No Get-together for December, it would be too close to Christmas, and we all have enough to do getting ready for the holidays.

On November 11th, we helped the Deutsch Institute with their Celebrity Brunch at the St. Mary's Center in Scranton. There were about 500 people attending and we were in charge of selling 50/50 tickets. The largest amount they ever did selling them. The 1st drawing was for \$70, the 2nd was for \$180, 3rd was for \$230 and the 4th was for \$92. Ron won a Sony Playstation in the raffle. We had a good time and met a lot of people that were interested in our next ride for the Deutsch. The Villa Capri Cruisers are coming and a Corvette Club. We got there Saturday night to help decorate and it didn't take that long and it looked pretty nice. The MC for the Brunch was the Deutsch President Bill Gerrity, He must of thanked us a thousand times for all the help and the donation we made from our Charity Ride. I rode the Wing there with the trailer and got some funny looks on the way there and parked next to the front door, it might have been the reason everyone was pointing at me all morning. It wasn't that cold out.

We have a new Honda Riders Club. The Rusty Riders from Rusty Palmers in Honesdale. We look forward to riding with them. This group, got things together pretty quick. They love to ride and head to N.Y. a lot (the roads are nicer) the West Point area, the lower Catskills. Bennie with his GPS system he finds some neat roads that your not sure which direction you are heading in. They know just about every road. The two groups have been riding together for a while and having a ball.

Our Wednesday nights have been fun, Oct. 24th, there was a nice crew at the Family Affair. Oct 31st we were at Friendly's in Dunmore and had a ball chewing the fat and then there was a hint about a possible chicken ride to Brooks in Oneonta N.Y, the Rusty Riders were heading out on that following Sunday morning and it wasn't that cold out. We all left Honesdale at 10am, we arrived at about noon and just after ordering we looked out the window and there was Russ Majors getting off his Wing. Couldn't believe our eyes we all thought he was still in Michigan. And to boot, it was his Birthday and he was out riding. Her was wondering why we keep heading north, especially this time of the year. Nov. 7th, we were at Friendly's in Dallas. Al & Sandy were there and Skinny Jim showed up also. It was great to see them, always good conversation about the trips they have been doing. We were all talking about Bike Week and this may be a good year. We thought Jim would have brought his Harley and we were disappointed. The only nuts with bikes, was Benny and ME. It wasn't that cold out. Wednesday's are just a good time to get the group together and shot the breeze, it's always fun and we have a good time. So if we are in your neck of the woods come on out and join us.

It's been a great year for the NEPR's. Everybody's been a great help when things needed to be done. You don't even have to ask, just a mention and somebody's off and running. This is the reason we have been so successful.

The Ride for Kids on May 5th was fun . We donated over \$600 and had a nice ride to Pittsburgh. Sixteen people went there and we stayed over night, at a great hotel. With a great free joke teller, we had a lot of laughs. Except for those two scary white things coming through the parking lot, but then we recognized them and everything was ok. Then the next day a nice easy ride home.

The Mall Show, besides wasting a beautiful day, we all had fun showing off the bikes to the crowds, and with all the help with the information table, this was professionally done. It looked like we did it all the time. The table had tons of info and there was always a bunch there talking to the people asking about the NEPR's. The shirts that suddenly appeared for that event and are still being worn. The Display Panel, the craftsmanship (perfect) and the panels were beautifully done. The whole day was great.

The Bike Show/Bake Sale at K-mart. We should have been inside this day, but again we out did ourselves. K-Mart was great with all the stuff they donated and supplied us to help with a successful day. The ladies with their bake goods, they kept rolling in and I never ever thought we would sell everything. But by the end of the day we had nothing left. Even met a great couple from Dickson City who not only joined the NEPR's but bought a whole Carrot Cake.

We like doing parades and when we didn't have a banner, suddenly it appeared. A very nice one too. We did probably as many as last year and a few different ones. This year all in warm weather. Sweet Valley, on Memorial Day, and a few of us just made it back from D.C.,we had a great time there. Always fun in Sweet Valley. Tunkhannock, at the firemen picnic, Nieko doesn't like this parade West Pittson,.. The Wyoming Ave slow maneuvering figure eights were something to see, pretty hard to do with 30 bikes. Still wondering how I got so wet on a sunny day. Scranton, Veterans Parade good turnout. We rolled behind Rolling Thunder. Scranton had a better turnout after changing date of parade to May instead of October. Moscow another great hill climb. We had a large group. We thought we'd win another Best of show. But we learned two in a row in impossible, even in Lancaster.

The quiet Thursday night at Americade, (the deck party). Always a turnout, people leave on Thursday just so they don't miss this event. The perfect evening to a great day at Americade, (the perfect chance to discuss any sales on CHROME) and enjoy some great chili. It's also a good time to talk to any NEPR's, who are on their first visit. It's always funny hearing about what a great time they are having.

The added comfort for our co-riders with the brackets. With all proceeds going to the NEPR's. They have been a big hit and really work well. Only two left one that will be going to Factoryville, when my other headlight goes out, (only kidding) or when Boston wins the WORLD SERIES.

Another great night was Bike Night at Lonestar. With Wing specials and Sharpe's N/A Beer. Weather wasn't that great but we did have fun. The wings were great, just don't order hot.

Was told they weren't hot, probably a new batch of sauce. With the bad weather we still had 36 bikes, not bad. We were there earlier in the year and celebrated a birthday and had fun also. We will check to see if we can go back soon.

Great success at the Carousel Ride in Eddicott. 30 bikes showed up at the Blue Bird in Factoryville and we headed out for a nice ride upstate. Heading there thinking we had the largest group, it was a lock. We did and won the Carousel. They changed the ride, instead of big to do at state park, they stayed in Eddicott at festival. Which was great because we never had time to really check it out after going there as long as we been. Lots of good food. We also got a first and second place rider for the event.

Salute to the Veterans Ride was another great day. We had a great turnout and enjoyed another good, safe ride with Rolling Thunder. We met a lot of people that day and quite a few people joined the NEPR's. This was another large event, they raised over \$6000 for the Northeast Veterans Home. Again the only one on TV was Nieko and his co-rider, he should be in the actors guild.

We also did a ride to the Shady Maple in the Lancaster area. We did all right but don't try to use a rest room in New Ringgold, and if you really need one. You will have to go to the True Value. Remodeled Shady maple Restaurant, now seats a 1000 people. After an \$18 buffet we started back. After we all parted we continued to Pulaski for the Harbor Festival and met with a large group of NEPR's which included the UPS crew. The next day we headed to Ithaca and missed a bunch of NEPR's at the falls state park by only 10 minutes thinking they headed south we raced along never seeing them. Then found out they headed to Watkins Glen for chicken instead, the same chicken bbq we passed out earlier in June. They said the chicken was so good, we're going to add to next years ride list.

Charity Ride was a great learning experience. We all did a great job. Tons of help at the tables and selling tickets both 50/50's and raffles. Judes ride layout was perfect every kind of road possible and even a few twisty's. it was so good we are going to do it backwards next year. Everybody at Bill's were very helpful when we needed anything, no problem. Bill was great donating soda, food, coffee, donuts, tables and chairs. Augie did a great job with the shirts and the sponsors. The Deutsch brought some consumers and we took them for a ride around the parking lot, we needed about 15 bikes. The Red Cross was there and they were a fun bunch, it was nice to meet them and we learn a bit about them and their projects. A few weeks later we were able to hand over a nice check to the Deutsch Institute and they were shocked by the amount. Great photo opp, and the fake check is hanging on the wall at Riders World.

Riders World Open House. A busy day, first everyone was busy putting together the NEPR's information desk, and this was a very busy place all day. We had a bunch of people working there. We had Peg & Meg greeting everyone that arrived. We had just two people cooking and they were probably the busiest of us all. They said they would do it again next year. We had a large 50/50's and tickets for door prizes. George had tents and a radio station, that even mentioned us. The dunk tank that Mark brought was the hit of the day and raised a lot of money for the Red Cross, which was enough to help them buy the trailer they needed. The five dunkee's (Janelle, Ron, Glenn, Jack and Me) got pretty wet and the water was freezing, next year propane water heater. We had about as much fun as George and his staff did meeting everyone that showed up for the Open House.

The Pig Roast was a tremendous event. 65 attended and the food, "Ron & Colleen", it was great. Ron & Augie started cooking at 6am, they needed to massage to pig (that's what they told Debbie) but it must of worked because it was delicious. The chicken was even better, and tons of it, (Ron said he cooked over 65,000 chickens this summer. Russ & Shirley, thanks for letting us use your airport, never played volleyball in the middle of a runway. There was tons of room to eat and have fun. The whole day was relaxing and everyone just loafed around , played a few games and laughed. But we ate like kings.

A bunch of us helped Wyland & Shirley (a great couple) celebrate their 50 anniversary and we enjoyed spending the night with them and their family. A large crowd on hand to party with them. Good food and dancing, you have to see Chet, he got the groove. Chet was on another coffee buzz and was dancing for hours. He knows all the dances, the mash potatoes, alligator, the Charleston, you know the hip hop stuff. On Nov. 5th , their granddaughter was born, Brianna Rose, just over 7 pounds. Congratulations

Membership Coordinators: Lee & Marge Sutton

Hi

Just to let everyone know there are currently 121 members and here's where we're from.

Albrightsville	1	Hawley	3	Plains	1
Blakely	2	Honesdale	2	Pocono Pines	1
Clarks Summit	2	Jessup	4	Scranton	18
Dallas	3	Lake Ariel	4	Shavertown	1
Dickson City	1	Lake Winola	2	Shickshinny	6
Dingsman Ferry	1	Luzerne	2	Sweet Valley	4
Dunmore	5	Mayfield	3	Syracuse, N.Y.	1
Dupont	1	McAdoo	1	Towanda	1
Durtea	3	Mehoopany	2	Tunkhannock	3
Edwardsville	2	Moosic	2	Waymart	2
Elliot City Md.	1	Moscow	3	West Pittson	3
Eynon	1	Nanticoke	2	Wilkes-Barre	6
Factoryville	5	Old Forge	3		
Forty-Fort	2	Olyphant	2		
Gouldsboro	5	Peckville	2		
Greenfield Twp.	2	Pikeville, N.C.	1		

Wednesday nights:

Dec 19th.. Bingham's (old exit 64 off Rt. 81)

Dec 26th.. No Social

