

## NEPR NEWSLETTER

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

***Happy New Year 2002 and ready for another exciting year of riding.***

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### WHAT NORTHEAST PLEASURE RIDERS RIDE FOR PLEASURE

Only One Beemer

Two of us like the Suzuki Intruder

Five of our members enjoy Harley's (go figure)

We have Nine Yamaha riders (4 Viragos, 3 Royal Stars, 1 Venture & a V-Star)

Nine Cow riders (no milkers here) ,2 are Voyagers, 6 Vulcans and a single Nomad

A whopping 62 put Honda's between their legs, as follows:

40 Goldwings 2 Goldwing trikes

10 Shadows 1 Rebel 3 Valkaryies

1 CX500 1 750 1 Classic

1 Ace tourer 2 VT-1100's

## CHAPTER CLOTHING

When we started this new group one year ago, As a group we decided on the green tee shirts along with the blue denim for over it. We decided that we didn't want to go into any big expense like we have in the past, but we did want something to show that we are a group for when we do parades or mall shows or even for pictures. This does not mean that if you don't have them, that you have to run out and buy them. But if you would like to purchase the shirts just let Oradell Banker know and I am sure she will be able to get what you want. If you are at a

meeting and hear us talking about chapter clothing, or you see different clothing, it is because someone asked for something different. For example maybe you don't like tee shirts and you wanted a v-neck we could probably get it for you, or maybe you didn't like a plain sleeve you wanted checkered sleeves, we could get it. I personally like sweatshirts, so I got one. Maybe you want a different color, or maybe you wanted a nickname put on it, that also can be done. We also have a catalog you can look through for something different. We also have hats for sale. All we ask is that if you do have the clothing please wear the green shirts and denim for parades and mall shows. Please understand that this clothing is not mandatory, and we are not getting into any big expense, We are just trying to please everyone. After all the beauty of this new club is to be able to do what we want to, and feel comfortable doing it. If anyone has any concerns or questions please let me know. You can probably order what you need or what you want at any meeting, just let Oradell or myself know. Thanks for your understanding.

Debbie Rokita

## **Roadside Assistance**

As a member of the HRCA, you'll have a direct, toll-free line to the HRCA Member Assistance Plan. This plan provides you with 24-hour emergency roadside service. A single call puts you in touch with one of our 23,000 affiliated professional service facilities in the United States and Canada. Off-road riders are covered if their Honda motorcycle or ATV is accessible to our service provider. We'll also cover towing the transport vehicle to the nearest Honda Dealership or appropriate repair facility at no additional charge if the Honda is in the vehicle at the time of breakdown. Other Member Assistance Plan services include emergency travel expense reimbursement\* and free towing to the closest Honda Dealer if the problem can't be handled on the spot.

## **Found this article on Bike week.**

March 2 - 11, 2001 will celebrate the 60th anniversary of BIKE WEEK in Daytona Beach. The weather for Bike Week 2000 was picture perfect, the best I've seen in many years. Every day we had sunny blue skies and temperatures in the 70's to 80's. Let's hope it the same for 2001. BIKE WEEK is definitely a biker festival of epic proportions. An estimated 600,000 bikers are expected to attend Bike Week March 2001 and I'm going to personally count each and every one of them (if they'll all stand in one spot long enough). Just kidding... I'll try but I know they are not going to stand still for me. But seriously, there is going to be an astronomical number of people here for the 60th Anniversary. I want to salute all the bikers that attend BIKE WEEK in the city of Daytona Beach... they are our best tourist. It's a very enjoyable time when 500,000 or 600,000 people come

together, all to marvel at the chromed iron horses and their riders. The bikers dropped an estimated \$300 million dollars of revenue into the local economy (I tried counting that too, but nobody would cooperate with that count either). **The biggest bummer that happened last year was that there were more wrecks that resulted in deaths than any previous Bike Week to date.** There were 5 bikers killed in 1999, but in 2000 there was 15 killed. Only 5 of those 15 killed were alcohol related deaths. What excuse did the other 10 have? Come on... drive more careful ALL bikers are welcome, no matter what your ride of choice is. BIKE WEEK started on Main St., but outgrew it years ago. Now, the 500,000 biker that arrive here, are spread throughout the entire county of Volusia. Daytona Bike Week continues to be the #1 annual biker destination, drawing more and more leather clad folks from all over the world.

**Daytona Bike Week is the #1 biker destination:**

#1 Daytona, FL (10 days) 500,000 bikers (March)

#2 Sturgis, SD (9 days) 360,000 bikers (August)

#3 Laconia, NH (9 days) 330,000 bikers (June)

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## HONDA 2002 National Event

### Schedule National Demo Shows

March 6-10, 2002 Daytona Beach, FL Bike Week

June 4-8, 2002 Lake George, NY Americade Rally

June 19-22, 2002 Knoxville, TN Honda Hoot

July 2-5, 2002 Ft. Wayne, IN Wing Ding

July 25-27, 2002 Marysville, OH Honda Homecoming

August 5-9, 2002 Spearfish, SD Sturgis Rally

October 17-20, 2002 Daytona beach, FL Biketoberfest

This summer, experience the motorcycle vacation of a lifetime at the ninth annual Honda Hoot, June 19-22, in Knoxville, Tennessee.

The Honda Hoot offers the perfect chance to immerse yourself in four days of motorcycling magic. Ride long, winding roads through lush, green forests and rolling hills, discovering new destinations along the way. Meet new friends and reminisce with familiar faces while you ride, fish, hike, or sail your days away. Let your days melt into night, living it up at the nightly festivities under the stars. Experience warm Southern hospitality as you discover all the exciting attractions Knoxville and the surrounding areas have to offer. And, even ride your dream motorcycle in the demo area. Enjoy the ride!

Honda Motorcycles would like to thank their 2002 Honda Hoot Sponsors for their support of the event.

## Ten things to think about

1. A pizza gets to our house faster than an ambulance.
2. There are handicapped parking places in front of skating rinks.
3. Drugstores make the sick walk all the way to the back of the store to get their prescriptions while healthy people can buy cigarettes at the front
4. People order double cheeseburgers, large fries, and a diet coke.
5. Banks leave two sets of front doors unlocked and open and then chain their pens to the counters.
6. We leave cars worth thousands of dollars in the driveway and put our useless junk in the garage.
7. We use answering machines to screen calls and then have "call waiting" so we won't miss a call from someone we don't want to talk to in the first place.
8. We buy hot dogs in packages of ten and buns in package of eight.
9. We use the word "politics" to precisely describe our crazy process: "'Poli" in Latin means "many" and "tics" means "bloodsucking creatures".
10. We have drive-up ATM machines with Braille lettering.

We had a nice crowd at our first general meeting on Wednesday night at Petro's. Everyone agreed to do Wednesday's for our general meeting. This will be great during summer, won't interfere with our riding schedule. Wednesday's have been a big hit all year. If anyone needs directions to any of our Wed. nights just e-mail us or call.

Charity Ride was decided to be held in June instead of August. This, hurts on the amount of time we have to put together the event. But should be enough to get things ready. We will most likely use the same route as last year but instead we will do it backwards. More details to follow.

Suggested rides, if anyone knows of a neat place or a great road we would love to hear from you. New places to ride to are always great and we'd love to add them to our Ride Schedule.

In 2001 we noticed again that there is definitely an interest in a bus trip to either the NYC or Phil. Bike Shows. So we will be putting together a trip to either one this fall. Doesn't seem like we would have a problem filling up a bus or two. The shows are really great to see. Tickets for the shows are available at the door, \$15 in NYC and \$10 in Phil.

Last year, Ride for Kids was being held in Penna. for the first time in Pittsburgh and 16 of us rode to the event. We did have a good time riding there, nice ride through the Laurel Mountains. The event was well put together and NEPR's donated over \$600. Ride left Pittsburgh and rode up to Slippery Rock on Route 19 (did go by Crossroad Chrome, but never returned, yet). Ride home on Route 80

wasn't too bad (lot of ice cream stops). We all did have a good time. Ride there again in early May, but there is also a Ride for Kids in Utica NY, on July 21st. This ride is not ever a quarter of the distance both ways, and is a scenic ride also. We would like to add one of these to the Ride Schedule, we will discuss this at February's General Meeting.

A bunch of NEPR'S took the opportunity to ride up to the Harbor Fest in Oswego NY and had a great time ride around Lake Ontario area. A few went for the whole week and a few just went up for the weekend. This year, again around July 26, they will be heading up there again. More discussions on this trip will definitely be mentioned in the upcoming months. This is a great area to ride. Lots of small villages, great views of the lake and good food. The Harbor Fest itself has enough to keep you busy all week.

Americade, heard there is still pretty of rooms available at O'Sullivan's. We have phone number if anyone needs rooms. Snowman and the Brokenshire's have been staying at O'Sullivan few years. Located right in Lake George.

## January's General Meeting Minutes

The January 16, 2002 Meeting was called to order by President John Rokita at 7:02 P.M.

Guests – Tom Katchur ( we just didn't see him in a while)

Oradel Banker read the minutes of the November meeting.

Old Business:

- 1) Dolly is the new Secretary
- 2) Lee is the new Webmaster
- 3) Change of meeting location – A motion was made by Oleman then Seconded by Marge that we change the general meeting to Wednesday evenings at 7:00 P.M. at Iron Skillet restaurant in Petro's Stopping Plaza
- 4) Charity Ride – Sunday June 23, 2002
- 5) Suggested Events/Rides
  - a) Bus trip to Bike show with Home show next door December 2002
  - b) Ride for Kids, Utica, NY July 21, 2002
  - c) Harbor fest – Oswego, NY – July 26, 2002 (Jim Foulkes) Portly Angler Hotel.
  - d) Carousel Ride – July 13, 2002 Endicot, NY. Exhibit with Crafts and arts
  - e) Americade – June 3-8, 2002 Lake George, NY (Snowman's place ?)
  - f) GWRRA Chapter H Poker Ride – Berwick, PA June 2, 2002
  - g) Blue Knights “Blessing of the Bikes” – April 20, 2002
  - h) NEPR Mall show – shooting for 3rd weekend of April 2002

i) NEPR "Blessing of the Bikes" – at "Our lady of Victory" church – April 27, 2002

j) NEPR Family Picnic– September 15 or 22, 2002

6) Bike night at Carvel in Dickson City – 1 day a month starting next spring, John will check and get back to us.

7) Ride Committee – Al Morin & Mark Davenport (Not present)

8) Rider's World – will be having two open houses one as a fundraiser for NEPR, John will check on dates.

9) Rusty Riders – New HRCA in Honesdale – John is on the ride committee for Coordination

Committee Reports Membership – 126 members – Renewal, Reminders in 30 days, then a 60 day notice, then you are out of the group

Special events – Judy – Christmas party Saturday December 7, 2002 at Taurus Club (Main & Market, Scranton) Judy will check. Want to use DJ from Wy & Shirley's anniversary.

Fundraiser – Mark not Present

Education – CPR – Augie will know next week – maybe end of February

Public Relations – Oradel sent an article to HRCA "Red Rider:"

Webmaster – Lee – It should be working.

Treasurer – John B. – Treasury report, available

Secretary – Dolly – No Comment

Past President – Talked about first ride to Catskills

President Elect – Ron Banker – Checked Petros schedule, we are good for March 20th , 6pm-8pm

Upcoming Meetings and Socials –

January 23 Marianachi's restaurant, West Wyoming

January 30 Haystacks, Wilkes Barre

February 5 Staff Meeting, Petros, Avoca

February 6 Bingham's

February 13 Twigs in Tunkhannock

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