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

Wednesday Socials

July 10th, Snack Shack on Rte 309 in Wilkes-Barre, Exit 168 off RTE 81, then turn left on Rte 309, about 2 miles. Just look for Green Wing, if not there, check Harvey's Lake, no only kidding I'll find the place?

July 17th, General Meeting at Petros in Avoca, Exit 178 off of Rte 81, times on front page.

July 24th, Blue Ribbon on Rte 92 in West Pittston, ride down Rte 92 from the falls is the nicest way to find it. Or Exit 175A to Pittston then over River, (the bridge furthest north,) then Rte 92 about 1 mile.

July 26th, Bike Night, at Cones & Cups, 99 S. Main Ave in Archbald, 6-10pm
July 31st, Manning's Dairy, exit 201 off of Rte 81, then turn left at gas station and go about 1-1/2 miles. Manning's is on road between Routes 438 & 524

Aug 7th, Maureen's, near intersections of Rte 11 and Rte 29 in Nanticoke, about a half a mile up Rte 29 from Rte 11, Exit 164 off of Rte 81 then straight until reaching Rte 29.

Aug 14th, Jitty Joes in Moosic, Exit 180 off of Rte 81 go down hill turn right at light, then right at Convenient Store. Or ride to Moosic end of Rte 502, if in trouble, ask anyone where Jitty Joes is.

Aug 21st, General Meeting, same as July 17th

Aug 28th, Mays in Berwick on Rt. 11, not just ice cream, food available, West end of town on Rte 11.

Aug 30th, Bike Night, at Cones and Cups, 99. S. Main Ave in Archbald, 6-10pm

Sept 4th, Lenox dairy, Exit 211 off of Rte 81 or ride Rte 106 out of Carbondale, or Rte 92 out of Tunkhannock.

Sept 11th, Jane's in Elmhurst on Rte 435, At 81, 84, 380 Junction in Dunmore head toward Rte 84, Just pass junction you will see Rte 435 exit to your left. Go about 3 miles, will be on your left.

Sept 18th, General Meeting, same as July 17th.

Sept 25th, Snack Shack at Harvey's Lake on Rte 415, behind Grotto Pizza. Exit 170B off of Rte 81 about 8 miles will see signs for Rte 415 to the lake.

Sept 27th, Bike Night at Cones and Cups, 99 S. Main Ave in Archbald, 6-10pm

Ride Schedule & Things to do.

July 11th, Covington Fireman's Parade, at end of Rte 502, meet at 6:30 pm. Parade only 1/4 mile long, Rusty Riders will be there also.

July 13th Carousel Ride, last year we won largest group. Ride will leave Blue Bird Diner in Factoryville on Rte 6 at 8am and will meet other half of group at

Mobil station in Tunkhannock on Rte 6, up hill from end of new bypass.

July 14th Super Sunday in Danbury Conn. at Marcus Dairy, ride will leave Friendly's in Dunmore at 7am and will meet up with Rusty Riders at first Exit on Rt. 84 in New York. Long ride but big event.

July 17th, National Ride your bike to work day. I'm not making this up. Lee you can deliver mail on bike.

July 18th, Ride to Branchville N.J. for Bike Night, leaves Friendly's in Dunmore at 6pm

July 20th, Evening ride near Ricketts Glen, Ride leaving from Friendly's in Dunmore at 6pm then stop at Friendly's in Dallas at 7pm for easy ride.

July 21st Star Rally in Reading, 2nd one with a lot of Yamaha vendors. Not a group ride but will provide info for members interested.

July 21st Ride for Kids in Utica N.Y.

July 21st, Salute to Veterans in with Rolling Thunder, (flyer in newsletter) we will leave Petros at 11 am for group ride to this event. Nice ride lots of bikes.

July 25th-27, Honda Homecoming in Marysville Ohio, big event. See a Gold Wing being built. Also with ride for kids on the 27th

July 28th Harbor fest, discussion at General meeting about this event and other possible ride for members not wanting to go to Oswego for Harbor fest

Aug 3rd, Moscow Parade more info at July Meeting with follow-up on e-groups. Also huge crafts fair at end of parade.

Aug 4th, Hershey Park, ride will leave Petro's at 8am, spend day at park

Aug 11th, Our NEPR benefit for Seth, with ride from Riders World to the dinner, leaving at 2pm. Tickets available anytime, e-mail or phone Debbie (flyer in newsletter)

Aug 18th, Million Dollar Outhouse (yes they spent that much) in Milford area, with short stop to do 1 mile tour of the 3 waterfalls, Then leisurely ride home through the Pocono's. Ride leaves Friendly's in Dunmore at 9am. Possible stop at Kundla's for BBQ

Aug 22nd, Bike Night in Branchville, N.J. leaving Friendly's in Dunmore at 6pm

Aug.24th Summer fest in New Holland, (in Lancaster area) ride a little long been very scenic, leaves Petros at 9am. A favorite. Great food and Bike show, a little tour of Amish area.

Aug 25th, Watkins Glen are for BBQ, last two rides we found a great BBQ on the side of the road first time we were pissed we went by, but second time stopped to eat. It's a great meal and a nice ride in N.Y.

Aug 31st, Ride to Original Woodstock concert site in Bethel, only an hour out of Honesdale, Ride will leave Friendly's in Dunmore at 9am, then scenic N.Y. state ride

Sept 1st, Ride to Benefit 12 year old Amanda Sod, last year a bunch did this ride, it benefited another young girl Elias, and they raised 12,000. Everyone had a great time and the whole day was fun. (Flyer in Newsletter), more info to follow

Sept 7th, Wedding, Matt & Janelle's

Sept 8th, West Point, Ride will leave Friendly's in Dunmore at 9am. Great ride,

and an annual event.

Sept.15th, NEPR Picnic, Mr. Yocki (Ron & Colleen) cook up a feast and as long as you bike and don't fly we will be at Majors Airport (Russ & Shirley's spread, trust me it's and airport) in Sweet Valley, same place we met for the Sweet Valley Memorial Day Parade. Last year 56 members and only \$5 per person and we did have a great and relaxing day. A group ride will leave from Petro's at 10am, in case you never been to Sweet Valley.

Sept. 21st, Ride to Brooks BBQ in Oneonta N.Y, annual ride and great BBQ. Ride goes to Hancock then to Brooks, nice ride.

Sept 22nd, Delaware Water Gap river ride, will leave Friendly's at 9:30 am. Very nice ride with beautiful scenery.

Sept 29th Pa Grand Canyon in Wellsboro, annual ride and scenic all on Rte 6. Wellsboro nice town will spend some time there to visit. Ride leaves Shadowbrook at 9am

Oct 5th & 6th, Overnight ride to Stockbridge Mass. to visit Norman Rockwell Museum. Dolly was Norman's neighbor and knows him well. Same town we can visit Alice's restaurant. At July Meeting we will be taking names so we can get a count of the rooms we will need. With discussion about ride.

All Weekend ride are usually on country roads, except for as few with distance, where we may need to get home quick. But all roads we have been on before and they are enjoyable. So keep list and come out and ride.

We took 3 bikes to the U.S.S. Intrepid in N.Y.C. Lee & Marge, Scott & Marilyn and Debbie and I, (sounds like a movie) easy ride to Lincoln tunnel after paying toll get in left lane through tunnel then this will take you to 42 St. then head west and you can't miss Intrepid, parking tough all side streets, but not that back. Neat tour then we headed to towers pretty sad, and a lot of people there. Is a nice ride to N.Y.C. and we will be doing again with possible tour of Museum of Natural History to follow. Never be afraid of N.Y.C. During weekends it is an exciting place to visit.

OUR DEUTSCH BENEFIT RIDE:

Well the weather was great. Bill again with his generosity helped to make the day great. Tables & chairs, the use of the beverage center with the cover to keep us in the shade. The hot dogs and soda, coffee & donuts and the \$600 in sponsors he provided. Want to thank everyone who sponsored the ride and everyone who helped recruit sponsors. We had, 214 people register for the ride. We took out 4 groups for the tour. Like to thank all the gang that helped lead and gun the tours, all tours were perfectly done, everyone on the tours enjoyed the ride and really liked how safe we made them. It was a long day and everyone at registration, the 50/50's, the door prizes, the hot dogs, setting up and cleaning up and Chinese auction, did a great job and with all the help we had, it wasn't to difficult to have a little fun while working. Chapter Y form Binghamton won trophy for largest group, Rolling Thunder missed trophy by one, and one of Chapter Y's members Wesley St. Onge won a trophy for longest distance 135 miles all the way from

Oneonta N.Y. Ed Bahrenburg from Chapter Y won the 50/50 that was \$74. Willard Cook (the man with beautiful Blue & Silver triked Harley won trophy for oldest rider at age 74. Willard was a road captain from the original Pleasure Riders, you know this man can ride and we will be picking his brain about safety. Jenna Dowend age 3 from Dunmore won trophy for youngest rider. You had to see her face light up when we gave her the trophy, pretty cool little biker. Joe Hynosky won the motorcycle jack at Chinese auction. Haven't seen him since, someone stop by and made sure he's ok (directions were tough). All the door prizes and gifts for the Chinese auction, can't say enough, thanks everyone really came together and pulled the ride together and it was a fun and safe day. We have some shirts left over from the ride and just let me know if you want one only \$5 and they are a pretty sharp looking shirt, (thanks Augie, great job). We will just about be matching the same amount we did last year, but we do have quite a few shirts left and if we sell all of them we will better the \$2019 we did last year. The Duetsch Institute is a great group and all the money raised helps them to provide recreational activities from the handicapped in the same 6 counties of NEPA that our group covers, so there is probably, maybe even a neighbor, having fun because of this ride. Thanks again all for your support and patience, these events take a lot of work, but having fun is our main goal, and The NEPR'S made it look easy.

JUNE BIKE NIGHT

: Well weather finally worked with us. First try we froze to death and ice cream didn't make matters any better. More cars than bikes. But again we had fun, especially watching everyone dressing for ride home, a lot of layers (except Benny) Second try never seen rain blow up? I arrive at 6:01pm rain arrived at 6:02pm. We did our best to save the tents and we lost the one covering the DJ and equipment got pretty wet, after an hour, Bill Moore plugged it back in (mild shock don't think he felt it) took six of us to hold down tent covering fun, mostly everything ruined but save tent and we all took a bath, but the funny part was when Barry and Julie drove in on Wing, just looking for cover and then noticing they found the place. Julies first and maybe her last rain ride, she said it was sunny in Wilkes-Barre. Well our third attempted worked out pretty well a total of 66 bikes and some we haven't seen in a while (Eddie & Cathy Zimmerman) and a few new members, John Coleman joined and following week bought a 2000 800cc Vulcan. The conga line was interesting and everyone was dancing, was Chet dancing didn't notice. Joe & Henny, these kids can dance. Can't thank Lou & Iris enough for all they did for us and having Bike Night, Lou power washes the parking lot every week. (Skinny Jim's Bike, but he said that's normal). Lou & Iris ever bought identical yellow Shadow and joined the NEPR'S. When they are not at the shop they are out riding, and with all they did for us, we voted to make them honorary members. We advertised the event in Citizen Voice (thanks Scott & Marilyn) the Scranton papers and the Carbondale papers also and we have a few more to do. In newsletter flyer, please hang somewhere, so we can continue to make this a bigger and fun event. Next Bike night is July 26 at 6pm at Cones &

Cup at 99 S. Main Ave in Archbald, anyone not sure about Archbald a group will be leaving Friendly's in Dunmore at 5:45pm (Dunmore Exit off Rte 81 behind YMCA)

WEDNESDAY NIGHT AT MONTDALE DAIRY:

Well I caused a little confusion, unknowingly, but it seems to turn out well with 22 bikes showing up for ice cream and having fun shooting the breeze. Thanks to all for catching my blunder (more to follow, just checking to see if everyone on their toes, ya ya) just enough time to fix and nice turn out. Great, seeing all there.

A man appears before the pearly gates. "Have you ever done anything of particular merit?" St. Peter asks. "Well, I can think of one thing," the man offers. "Once I came upon a gang of bikers who were threatening a young woman. I directed them to leave her alone, but they wouldn't listen. So I approached the largest and most heavily tattooed biker. "I smacked him on the head, kicked his bike over, ripped out his nose ring and threw it on the ground, and told him, 'Leave her alone now or you'll answer to me.'"

St. Peter was impressed. "When did this happen?"

"A couple of minutes ago"

Thanks, to Lee & Marge Sutton, they do put a lot of time into our membership as coordinators and we now have a phone tree for all without e-mail, by the time you receive this newsletter we will have the tree up and running, so the info on events and rides will be available, we have all been very busy with benefit ride and now back in full gear. Not a lot of calls, and we will be calling members to let them know about upcoming events, or changes due to weather, We use the 90/ 30 rule, 90 % chance of rain or 30 degrees, we may not ride, but always someone there, we love to ride. But please the newsletter is the heart of the fun, if you ever misplace it, please call Debbie at 347-4940 and we will get another to you.

Most of the staff has a membership list. Thanks to Lee & Marge it's always updated and has phone numbers and addresses and makes of bikes. We were wondering if anyone would object to us getting a copy to all members. It would help if having trouble on road and need help, you would just have to call the nearest member, its lists bikes, so if having problem you would be able to contact member with same bike and maybe be able to discuss a solution to a problem, or maybe just us it to set a ride. Next General Meeting on July 17th at Petros, we will discuss this. It would be a helpful tool.

Here is a poker ride we put together for the American Cancer Society's Relay for Life. Everyone that rode it enjoyed it. Nice ride if you have the time. Full Tank of gas and an empty bladder. Set trip meter on speedometer to zero just before exiting Riverside Park (has to be set right before exiting park and turning on Rte

29). Enjoy the ride.

0.0 Turn LEFT leaving park, then turn right on new bypass heading East.

0.6 Turn RIGHT on Rt. 92 South

4.9 Veer LEFT on Rte 307 South

9.9 Veer RIGHT on SR 2017

11.3 Turn LEFT on SR 2023

12.1 Turn RIGHT on Creek Flats Road

13.1 Veer RIGHT on Blacksmith Road

13.9 Turn LEFT on Falls Road

16.8 Turn RIGHT on Spring Dr.

17.8 Turn RIGHT on Newton-Ransom Rd.

18.0 Turn LEFT on Valley View Dr.

19.6 Straight on Valley View Dr.

20.3 Turn RIGHT on Forest Acre Dr.

21.6 HARD RIGHT CURVE

21.9 Veer RIGHT on Laurel Hill

24.7 Turn LEFT on Milwaukee Rd

26.2 Turn LEFT on Creek Rd.

26.3 Veer RIGHT on Ledge Dr.

27.6 Turn RIGHT on Ransom Rd.

30.6 Turn LEFT on SR 3004

30.9 Turn RIGHT on Main St.

31.4 Turn RIGHT on Newton Ransom Rd

31.5 Turn LEFT on Cherry Hill Rd.

35.4 Turn LEFT on Church Hill Rd.

36.9 Turn LEFT on SR 2013

38.2 Go over Bridge

38.6 Turn LEFT Rte 92 South

38.9 Gas station nice stop.

40.2 Turn RIGHT on Rte 292 West

40.3 Turn RIGHT Keelersburg Rd

49.9 Turn LEFT on Rte 29 South

51.8 Turn RIGHT on Sugar Hollow Rd

59.1 Turn RIGHT on Rte 87, back to Rte 6

Sorry for newsletter being so late, been busy and couldn't get into it. Takes some time, but been getting a lot of different articles and stuff, so here we go.

AMERICADE:

Amazing the amount of Pleasure Riders. 23 so far counted, a bunch being there for the first time and telling us how much they enjoyed it. They said next year, staying

the whole week. Wallace Cady (a.k.a. Santa) was competing for Americade King but unfortunately he bike wouldn't start for the slow driving section of the competition, was offered an identical bike except the clutch was different and floor boards. Decided not to chance it. Next year guarantee it will run. RJ & Ann Marie Warren were busy working as Americade Staff doing all the short tours, not a bad gig working and riding. Next the Honda Hoot. Rich Burns did Americade then to the Harley Rendezvous, he enjoyed both, but did say the Harley crowd was really cool. Dave Collier had the Trike there and did a lot of riding; said weather reminded him of Florida Seen Ole Man relaxing on his bike watching the crowd on Thursday. He said he couldn't believe all the gals riding bikes (he has 20/20) I noticed it also. Missed a lot of the gang they were out enjoying the riding, the roads up that way are amazing. I was only able to do it on Friday and road up with Henny & Joe, Taz & Lindsay & Bruce. Nice ride up Rt. 88, got them settled in, showed them around a bit then headed home. Back down Rte 87 & 84, only 4 miles difference from my house, either way. Then back up with Debbie at 6:45am and only missed half the parade. Then spent the day with Brokenshires, great dinner at My Place on Rte 8 in Chesterville. Saturday night was hopping downtown, couldn't believe the crowd there for the last day. Laconia started following Monday and a lot there heading there also. Did see Chet driving by million dollar beach but was surrounded by 20,000 bikes and no chance to catch him. Rode home with Brokenshires, John put 1300 miles on his new Wing, not bad. Wish I ran into rest of the group, but you do need the whole week to see everyone and everything. Didn't about half of them being there until back home. Bob & Meg, Glenn & Sandy, Jerry & Anna, Vickie, Snowman & Little Joe.

ROLLING THUNDER IN D.C.

Memorial Day weekend 9 members went to Washington D.C. for Rolling Thunder, it also was probably the biggest crowd, about 350,000 bikes. Bruce Harvey was lively, never a dull moment. (just ask him for his ice cream and see what happens) Between Bruce and Joe Hynosky things were quite interesting. The weather was superb and we all had a great time. Lee & Marge

SWEET VALLEY MEMORIAL DAY PARADE:

Was a good day a little warm but we had 25 bikes and a great lunch at Majors Airport. Big parade, a little confusion at start, the dude in charge was call to hospital the twins decided they wanted Memorial Day to be their birthday. But we did get out early and had fun, we did have two Jims (Jim Jenkins and you all know the other) with a little overheating but bikes survived. Crowd was great, and all the bikes looked great.

SOUTH CANAAN 150 BIRTHDAY PARADE:

We had 18 bikes, and a great crowd of both spectators and entries. No, hills on this one, and a great breeze blowing off Salem Mountain. Amazed by the big turnout for the parade, Lee started counting crowd at start of parade, but it really got

bigger over every hill. We had Wyland lead, and we are pretty sure he had a good time. The whole town came out. The Biggest crowd was in downtown.