

## Wednesday Socials 6:30 pm -?

**Jan 7<sup>th</sup> ... Staff Meeting** info on front page  
**Jan 8<sup>th</sup> ... Double D's** about 3 miles East of Tunkhannock on Route 6  
**Jan 15<sup>th</sup> ... General Meeting** info on front page  
**Jan 22<sup>nd</sup> ... Summit Diner**, across from Clarks Summit Post office, near intersection of Route 6 & 11 and Winola Road (last traffic light in Clarks Summit before heading to Dalton)  
**Jan 29<sup>th</sup> ... MarkII Restaurant** on Route 309 in Dallas  
**Feb 4<sup>th</sup> ... Staff Meeting** info on front page  
**Feb 5<sup>th</sup> ... Bingham's** in Lenox at intersection of Routes 106 & 92 off Route 81 at Exit 211  
**Feb 12<sup>th</sup> ... Haystacks** on Route 309 in Wilkes-Barre. Around the corner from Riders World.  
**Feb 19<sup>th</sup> ... General Meeting** info on front page.  
**Feb 26<sup>th</sup> ... Gins** in Factoryville on Route 107 just behind the BlueBird Diner then under bridge and on your right.

**Happy Holidays to all.** Hope Santa got everyone the new bike they wanted. Just got home from Decembers meeting and writing while things are still fresh in my memory. 25 members there tonight and we had fun a few laughs mostly credited to my screw ups, which were plentiful.

Oleman (Tom Ashman) brought to our attention earlier this month a thought and we put together a slush fund that will set aside an amount for a member loss of \$100 and \$50 for immediate family. The group at meeting voted an agreed. Starting in 2003.

Jan 12ths Bike show to NYC is moving along nicely as of tonight we have 36 paid and we are hoping for 44 to fill bus and brake even.

Gerry David found out that if we order tickets before 1/5 /03 and buy 20 or more we can get them for \$10 instead of \$12 or \$14 the day of the show. So looks like we will get them for \$10. Show tickets can be paid for on the bus. So bus and tickets for show and being in NY for \$25 is a pretty good deal. Bus will leave Keyser Oak Shopping Center at 8am with breakfast about half way there. Keyser Oak is off of Exit 191B of Rt 81 then to Keyser Ave exit, at Keyser Ave turn

left. Deluxe Prevost non-smoking video bus. We save \$100 by not smoking and got a newer bus, but we decided to stop for breakfast for smokers. Depart from NY about 6pm. With possible dinner stop. If interested send \$15 per person to get seat on bus before 12/27, pay for show ticket day of the show.

Christmas party was a ball and we had a nice crowd and a lot of laughs. The hall was nice and the food was great. Great dancing music and John the Magician who put on a great show and did some amazing card tricks. One feed back the party could have been a little longer and this will be a definite next year according to Judy. The Magician was there thanks to Lee & Marge. JAHM Entertainment we met at Wy & Shirley 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary party and we again had a ball with them. So try and make next years party it's sure again to be a hit. Check out web site a lot of pictures including one below, I don't remember her, I must have been putting balloons on sign.

(Picture removed to save download time)

We are going to do another Mall Show. This will be our third and we usually have a nice bunch of bikes at Mall. All cleaned up and ready for the new season. The crowd gets a kick out seeing bikers in the mall, especially this rowdy bunch.

Blessing of the Bikes is scheduled for April at Our Lady of Victory Church at Harveys Lake with Father Rafferty and \$5 per bike goes to Make-A-Wish followed by scenic ride. This is our third Blessing of the Bikes.

Geisinger will be June 1<sup>st</sup> and this year being an anniversary year they are combining carnival and ride together. Should be an interesting day and always a good ride.

Americade looks like a good one. Going to be a lot of NEPR'S there again this year and some being their first time visiting and to see their faces, it's a lot of fun at Lake George and some great riding in upstate New York. A few of the gang are staying at the Travelodge (518) 668-2507.

Visit website at [www.tourexpo.com](http://www.tourexpo.com)

We will have registration forms in February for anyone needing one. Day passes are \$20 so doing whole package worth it, this enters you to winning some great prizes and other perks. We have phone numbers to all hotels and campsites for Americade so just ask and we will get you the info.

Harborfest in Oswego NY is a great weekend of riding. Ride along Lake Ontario on the Sea Way Trail which if you want to goes all the way around all five great Lakes, this is one I been wanting to do. I did hear it takes about 2 weeks. The entire trail is marked, even I can't screw up? If the Seaway is not you kind of riding then maybe riding to small villages in the Adirondack State Park, which is huge and very scenic.

We all stay at the Portly Angler

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in Pulaski . 39 of the most comfortable rooms in Oswego County located on Rt 13 along the Salmon River

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Last year before Harborfest Debbie & I Rode to Cortland NY then to Rt 13 to Pulaski then Rt 12e to Clayton then Rt 12 to A-Baythen to Messena then down Rt 30 to Fonda and found Rt 80 to Cooperstown, About 9pm and no rooms and nothing all the way down rt 88 until Binghamton. Woke up and went back to Cooperstown then to Brooks BBQ for lunch Rt 28 & 10& 268 to Hancock, then home. We covered just over 1000 miles that weekend, and really enjoyed each one.

We been for a while discussing an overnight trip to Gettysburg to do the ghost tours and we were always hoping to go in September to try and beat the heat. Well since GWRRA is having a GoldWing Rally Sept. 4,5,6,&7<sup>th</sup>, what better time to cruise to Gettysburg to see what's going on. We will check the area for rooms for that weekend so the gang can stay together or we can stay at the Eisenhower Inn where the rally will be held. Wear your green shirts. Day passes also available for \$10 if you just want to do a day trip. I'll introduce you to my little friend. Also Gettysburg Bike Week July 10-13 hosted by Battlefield HD. Been a well received event and gets bigger each year.

Great website with a calendar, that would be impossible to do.

<http://www.motorcycleevents.com>

Then go to events calendar. Just about every ride is posted with all links for any info.

Again this year another group going to Washington D.C. to ride, in Rolling Thunder, on Memorial Day weekend. The site of seeing 300,000 bikes in one parking lot is enough to bring you back each year. Just looking around you can't imagine the amount of money all those bikes can be worth.

This is a great ride and lets everyone know the amount of support for the POW/MIA's and other Veteran issues.

I hope to get to either the Honda Homecoming in Ohio or to Knoxville for the Honda Hoot. Homecoming is at Honda Factory with great tours of the factory and a few vendors. The Hoot offers some great riding in Tennessee. Also a ton of other events all provided by HRCA.