

John Rokita called the General Meeting to order on February 19, 2003. The minutes were read and approved. We had 52 members and guests at meeting. Guests were with Jim Jenkins. Eric & Tanya Skurka and also Matt Nyren. Marty Menichello and guest were there from MSF Dunmore site.

Old Business

Mall Show – April 27, 9am –5pm, we will use both center courts for the bikes. March commitment needed, if you would like to display your bike. See Oradell at March get-together or email Good time for all. Sign up sheet was passed around at Get-Together. We would like to take pictures of kids on the bikes at the show, at \$2 a picture. If anyone can donate a pack of Polaroid film or knows of a place with a good price, let us know. Pictures on Harleys are \$40 for the big kids, only kidding.

Blessing of the Bikes – April 26, 2003 at noon at Harvey's Lake. \$5 per bike. The money will be donated to Make -A -Wish (Father Rafferty's favorite charity). This ride will be open to other groups and also for parents to bring their kids and their bicycles. We will put together a ride at about 60 miles.

Make-A-Wish Weekend. Monies from both the Blessing and Mall show will be donated to Make-A-Wish. Dolly suggested maybe trying bake sale at Mall Show and Oradell will be asking the Mall people.

Scranton Veterans Parade – May 17, 2003. We have a 10 am, set –up on Olive St. We will meet at Arby's (off 7th Ave Exit

of Scranton Expressway at 9:45. Level parade and route only takes about 1/2 hour then to Friendly's in Dunmore for lunch. Great TV coverage for the Group. Last year really bad weather and about 7 bikes, this year if nice we would love to see a large group of Pleasure Riders. Parade route is only 1.2 miles and all level. The crowd has been getting bigger each year, and the kids really like the bikes.

Gettysburg Ride – GWRRR Pa Convention is Sept 7th and there are a few vendors there and if we get rooms we can do the ghost tour on September 7, 2003. More to follow this spring.

Membership –We just went over 200 members at February's Get-to-gether and we are keeping renewal membership at \$5.00. We basically get by with 50/50's and Mystery gift, so no need to raise renewals at this time. Debbie's been having trouble with printers and we will be having work done at a cost by a printer. About \$50 a month. The last few newsletters were unreadable. But we do get free postage from Riders World. Lee & Marge Sutton do an outstanding job keeping all this information in order. Newest Members at Feb.'s Meeting. Carol Sell- Prompton
Danny Albertson- Springville
Rick Mancini- Bear Creek
Frank Valvano- Scranton
Patricia Valvano- Scranton
Craig Valvano- Scranton
Valerie Scandale- Old Forge (I heard Val bought a matching 1800 and is ripping up the streets in Old Forge)

Ride Coordinators – Ron Banker and John Rokita. Two rules: full tank of gas and have fun. That's all. We will again be trying to set up rides across our area

so members will have rides near their homes. This will help spread the early departures. Also if your church, high school, or fire hall is having a fund raising breakfast or dinner. Let us know and we will coordinate a ride around event and stop for a meal. These events are usually delicious and reasonably priced and have a facility at accommodate us. Plus always a great cause.

Fund Raising – Xmas Party booked on Sunday, December 7, 2003. The cost is \$20.00.per person. The contract for the music has been faxed and the same price for last year. Entertainment will be an extra hour of dancing. The magician will be coming back. The cost of the magician will come out of the treasury with funds generated with the mystery prizes. Lee & Marge put together the Mystery gift and it's been a hit. (December 2002party -Marge and Lee paid for the magician). John Graham was a big hit. Thanks Lee & Marge, for a fun night.

Education – Ron Banker, MSF Safety Course – save money on your insurance. March 1st is a great time to start calling to book a spot in class. 1-800-845-9533. Have drivers license handy when calling. Great class, 10% off insurance with beginners class and additional 5% with experience class. NEPR's were first group in state to do the two-up class. Ron Banker brought Marty Menichello, (the top MSF instructor at the Dunmore site at February's meeting). He discussed the new classes and how to get registered. He also had a video on Street Smarts, we always try to have Marty at Feb.'s meeting to brush us up on safety before riding season. Frank Paris expressed interest in having another two-

ups course. So we will be working to get a date. MSF will also be trying to have a trike and sidecar class available soon.

Technical – Lenny was at Staff meeting and followed up with article about Deka batteries (back of newsletter) and told us about his buddy that will be selling them at his shop.

Public Relations – More publicity on the events.

St Jude's Radiothon – March 1st 3 shifts and we are hoping to work the noon –8pm shift. More information to come and will be posted. Oradell will follow up (games, watching items and answering phones). This will be our 3rd year helping. Radiothon is held at Center court of the Wyoming Valley Mall.

Webmaster – Working - FrontPage with upgrades. Lee Rominger really does a great job with site and always adding something.

Delphi forums – Page up. Delphi forums-bulletin boards for motorcycle groups. (<http://forums.delphiforums.com/nepr>) - new link. Jim Jenkins put this together, nice page and a few links also. Check it out.

Goodies – Green t-shirts, hats. The denim shirts are \$35.00 includes logo and name. Patches are in limbo. Design made and well liked so far. Frank Paris suggested a flag on patch and we will be adding one. They will be a 10 inch round patch. Available later this summer.

Bike Night – April 25, 2003 is our projected date. Montdale Diary expressed interest in hosting us. We are

still looking around at other places. April newsletter will have definite location.

Pride Ride – August 15, 2003 – Anniversary Harley included in raffle \$25.00 for chances and seven other prizes, 1000 tickets (Jail Break) to Harrisburg. Correctional officers on disabilities. Pride M/C is from Luzerne County. We can get tickets for anyone interested.

Carousel Ride and Speedy Fest – July 2003. We took largest group 3 years in a row. We have fun at this event. We will have all info later.

Mark your calendars: July 4th
Wally, AKA PA Whitebeard, AKA Santa sent this info on July 4th Pride Ride.

In past years, the closest point to join the Pride Ride is at Bob's Cycle Shop (Honda, Yamaha, Suzuki) in Sayre Pa.

The ride usually originates at the Elmira/Corning regional airport, goes to Bob's Cycle Shop & picks up more riders there, then on to either Troy or Mansfield for a lunch stop. After lunch, north to Corning NY, another rest stop (food & drink available), then to the Veteran's Hospital in Bath NY, and gather under the shade trees that line the

square. Then it's up and over the hills to Watkins Glen to the racetrack for one lap around the (road course) track in small groups.

The ride has a police escort with out riders to close off the side roads to let the 1,000 plus bikes pass as a group. Quite a sight to see, nothing but taillights in front and headlights behind.

Price of admission, an unwrapped toy for "Toys for Tots". Santa has been known to be at the ride.

People come out to see the spectacle pass by. Many on the overpasses with signs, folks in their front yards waving flags, etc. cheering as we pass by.

More details will be posted, as they are made available.

Chrome World – In March 2003 to Selbyville Delaware. Taking place after the St. Patrick's Day a long ride but we'll need one soon. You can also visit online at www.chromeworld.com.

January's Meeting– Mystery Prize
Scott Franklin won walkie-talkies
\$24.00 - 50/50 Scott Franklin

February's Meeting- Mystery Prize
Ron Yockey- Crystal vase
\$33.00- 50/50- Jim Jenkins

Membership Coordinators
Lee & Marge Sutton

In order to keep NEPR Club membership current and accurate we encourage all members to please inform one of the staff members of any changes, such as phone numbers, address, bike info or E-Mail. There are some members who think the entire list should be published (remember the list has your birthday, home phone number and address) please let the staff know how you feel about this. The other drawbacks are that printing 200 copies monthly would be expensive and not everyone gets E-Mail. At the Monthly meeting there will be available a list of all members names, their city of residence, and their motorcycle information. If you joined in Sept 2001 you are definitely overdue your \$5.00 renewal fee if you plan to continue your membership with NEPR please renew before March 18th.

Our current membership stands at 195 and we grow larger every month, remember the club motto "Friends Promoting Friendship"

We would like to welcome our newest members
Bill & Kathy Polt, Honesdale
Frank & Alice Martin, Lake Ariel

Notice

Over the past several months your officers have received many complaints about excessive e-mail/posted messages on our Yahoo/e-groups site. Therefore this is a reminder and/ or notice of the policy for posting messages on Yahoo groups.

The principle purpose of our Yahoo site is keep members aware and informed of Rides, Special Events, or give and get directions .In general, the site is for club Business.

It should NOT be used to promote other purposes i.e.: political, religious and /or personal causes. Also it should not be used to transmit cartoons and jokes to the general membership If you have a need to contact another member, E-mail links to all members that have one are available on our Yahoo site. Use the links.

If it fits your needs, you can change how and when you receive e-mail from our Yahoo group;

you can elect not to receive e-mail and go to the message site and review messages at your leisure: you can also elect to receive a daily message digest. You will then receive all the messages of the day at one time without attachments. It should, be noted that the digest is not timely during the riding months, and normal messages are a better choice.

Remember the Yahoo site is for the good of the NEPR. Use it for the good of the NEPR and consider others. LETS RIDE

Fun Roads in PA. Sent to us by Barry Kurkowski

- Pa RT 125 from Pine Grove in Schuylkill Co. to Shamokin in Northumberland co. Plenty of curves and hairpins.
- US RT 30 through Fulton and Bedford counties. Lots of fast sweepers as you cross the mountains.
- Pa RT 44 through Potter and Lycoming counties. No stop signs.
- Pa RT 120 through Clinton and Cameron counties. Great scenery.
- Pa RT 154 - Sullivan and Bradford counties. Constant hills and curves.
- Pa RT 18 from Washington Pa to the West Virginia line. The section north of Sycamore along Brown's Creek is exceptionally nice. Plenty of easy curves.
- Pa RT 666 in Warren & Forest counties. Lots of easy curves as you travel through the Allegheny National Forest. Watch out for gravel from the intersecting roads.

We add the RT 125 to our ride list every year and it's always a hit. Shamokin is just over an hour from Scranton. A very nice road over the, mountains down to Ravine. A few switchbacks and some large hills and usually pretty crowded with other riders. Then we usually take RT 209 back to McAdoo after lunch at Granny's in Pottsville.

RT 120 out of Lock Haven should be added to the list, 45 miles along little Sinnemahoning River with only one light in Renova. Then you wind up in St. Marys. This area is the location of Pa.'s Elk herd, about a few hundred elk.

August, September is about the best time of the year to see the elk. We'll do our best to add some of these roads to 2003 ride list and follow up with stories about lodging and restaurants in case you make a weekend trip.

If anyone has a road to add to this list, that would be a great bike road. Let us know and we will add to ride list. We all love winding roads and with the membership covering, 8 counties we'd love to explore these areas.

Also we'd like to put together 60-mile poker runs in these areas for members that don't make group rides. Then they can do the run at a time best for them. Poker runs are also fun we would post a few on-line and in newsletters. You can put one together in you spare time or even on the way to work.

Example below is a poker run we put together last year for the Relay for Cancer team from Tunkhannock last year. They did it last July 4th, it starts in Tunk. And ends in Mehoopany.

Full Tank of gas and an empty bladder
Set trip tic on speedometer to zero just before exiting Riverside Park
(Has to be set right before exiting park and turning on RT 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 RT 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 RT 92 South
- 38.9 Card Stop on right, Post Office
- 40.2 Turn RIGHT on RT 292 West
- 40.3 Turn RIGHT Keelersburg Rd
- 49.9 Turn LEFT on RT 29 South
- 51.8 Turn RIGHT on Sugar Hollow Rd
- 59.1 Turn LEFT on RT 87
- 59.7 Turn LEFT (Dunlop's Grove)

If you cross bridge you need to go back. Over river to grove.

Last year we were given a neat 7 Cover Bridge ride when we went to **Summerfest** last August. We had the van being it poured all the way to New Holland, nice weather when we got there but before we left a pisser of a storm blew in and we were really glad to have the van. But a few of us went back down and did the ride and it took us threw some nice Lancaster areas and we will post this poker run sheet in future letter. So if you have a free weekend you to can enjoy this ride. If you visit New Holland Summerfest you can get familiar with this event, we go every year to cheer on Ron Yockey at the Pa State BBQ Contest they have there.

Americade is coming and reserving rooms should be done soon. If you go to Lake George Chamber of Commerce. Then go to lodging you can get a 12 page list of hotels and campsites. Also registration forms and the complete schedule for this year are on their web site at www.tourexpo.com. The weeks schedule is amazing, so many events and if it's your first time the newcomers seminar is a must. If you do a tour R.J. & Ann-Marie Warren may be you're Road Captains for the day. They always lead a tour.