

Staff meeting for September is at D & D Restaurant on Tuesday Sept 9th at 6pm in Tunkhannock

Wednesday Socials 6pm

Sept 10th ... The Village on Rt 435 in Gouldsboro. Almost at R380- Rt 435 junction. First time visiting.

Sept 17th ... General Meeting, at Petro's. We meet in back room of the Iron Skillet. Directions and times on front page.

Sept 24th ... Blue Ribbon on Rt 92 in West Pittston. About a mile up Rt 92 after crossing bridge in Pittston or almost at end of Rt 92 after crossing bridge in Falls.

Sept 26th ... Bike Night, at Montdale diary in Montdale? 6pm. Exit 201 then turn right if coming from Scranton and go about 4 miles, diary on your right.

Oct 1st .. Double D's about 3 miles east of Tunkhannock on Rt 6

Oct 8th ... Shadowbrook on Rt 6 in Tunkhannock now called Perkins

Oct 15th ... General Meeting at Petro's

Oct 22nd ... Montdale Diary Rt 438

Oct 29th ... Blue Ribbon directions above, this time of the year we need to go to the diary because they are always open, I would have added Manning's but.

We had a Wed night at Manning's and a few members said they would never go back there again because of the smell. I didn't make it there that night and sound of it I'm glad. Discussion at Sept. meeting.

September & October Ride List

Sept 6th ... Lansdale Bike Night, starts at 5pm on Main St in Lansdale. Usually thousands of bikes, and a good time. Watch e-groups for times.

Sept 6th ... GWRRA State Rally at Eisenhower Inn in Gettysburg

Sept 7th ... Watkins Glen, ride leaves Shadowbrook at 9am. 2 hour stop in town to see the sights and both ways all country roads.

Sept 13th ... Orange County Choppers in rock tavern NY, ride will leave from Friendly's in Dunmore at 9am. They aren't open on Sundays.

Sept 14th ... POW Ride. Group ride from Petro's for this event at 10:30 am. \$10 donation per

person. Free food and soft drinks. Flyer in newsletter

Sept 21st ... NEPR Picnic, at Russ & Shirley's airport in Sweet Valley. \$10 per person and we do eat. Ron & Colleen cook the pig after Debbie messages it. Group ride from Petro's at 11:30 am to the airport. Nice day last two years about 65 people. Bring a goodie, thanks.

Sept 28th ... Centralia, ride leaves from Petro's at 9am. Couldn't find it last time going by and probably miss it again.

Oct 5th ... Mifflinburg Buggy Museum. Ride leaves from Friendly's in Dallas at 9am. All scenic roads.

Oct 12th ... Pa. Grand Canyon. Annual ride. Ride leaves from Shadowbrook on Rt 6 in Tunkhannock at 9am. Bring a lunch.

Oct 19th ... Rt 44 ride. Ride will leave at 10am from Ricketts Glen on Rt 118 at west side parking lot (the one with the restrooms)

Oct 26th ... Dinosaur BBQ in Syracuse, ride leaves from Shadowbrook at 10am

On August 3 we had 4 bikes heading to Rhinebeck Air show near Kingston NY. The weather wasn't that great and we decided to find the New Jersey State Fairgrounds and we did. It was located in Branchville, same town where they have the big bike nights every Thursday at Sonny's on Rt 206, usually about 200 or more bikes. Then we headed to Sparta to Rt 6 then down Rt 6 to Port Jervis then a long stop at Hawks Nest. Then we rode to Reobling Bridge and did Tow Path Road to Honesdale for lunch. Check the roads on your map and mark down, great fall foliage roads.

On August 7 we had a nice group that headed to the Clarks Summit State Hospital Bike Show, we met at McDonalds on Keyser Ave. We were the first group of many and we arrived first, being our first time and being early I led the group on nice tour of the hospital even threw in a u-turn so they thought I was lost, imagine that. Was a worthwhile night they fed us and they even had ice cream and root beer floats, (Ron's favorite) we all couldn't stop thinking about Ron. Bruce had fun and knew half the nuts up there, he even got the group all on a hayride. Jude won 2nd place at the bike show. They also had a Comic and a DJ and some good fireworks to finish the night. Then we all had an

interesting ride home. We plan to do this one again, but different route home.

The August 9th Moscow Fair Parade and Christy Mathewson Parade were both scheduled on the same day and we had about the same amount of bikes at each event. First we all were in Factoryville for the breakfast before the parade. We had a little drizzle during parade and Wy & Shirley were doing parade with their umbrella. But then it started to get warm, Angelo's bike was getting warm so John & Lily took him up to Rt 6 and we going to meet them and head to Moscow to do other parade. After parade we dropped off Dave Collier's 90 yr old date (local gal that wanted to ride, still not if she wanted to ride bike or Dave, she liked Dave a lot). Then we headed to Rt 6 to find Angelo John & Lily, but no luck so Dave, Alan Thomas and I headed to Moscow with no time to spare we had to ride through one of the worse rain showers I was ever in. Arriving in Moscow it was beautiful out and we joined the parade. We were worried we couldn't do the two of them in the same day and now we know it possible.

The August 10 Wal-Mart Poker Run was cancelled because of insurance reasons and we will find out if the event will be added to next year schedule or just cancelled.

The August 15-16th... NEPR'S 1st Camping Trip at Shore Forest Campgrounds in Hop Bottom. A few NEPR'S got together for a day in the woods. Boy did we have fun. Ted, Kelly and Christine told about their campground in Hop Bottom and we reserved sites for the weekend. They have a nice summer home on beer alley, which wasn't far from our sites. John Coleman brought a 20 by 20 tent, which came in handy with Saturday's showers. We had a nice bunch there, all the Brokenshires stopped by on Saturday, but Judy came Friday Night with Jim Beam, Lee & Marge stopped by Friday night, Tony & Marylou Beam stopped by for two nights and Tony won best dressed at the Saturday luau with his grass skirt, top hat and coconut bra (I still have nightmares) He looked like one of the natives on Gilligan's Island. But Mary Lou looked like Ginger. Vickie was with us also, but I can't remember if she was

at the luau. Bryan & Donna were there also and they had a pop-up camper. Boy can they party. I forgot to give my Debbie directions and she spent 3 hours riding around in Fleetville (OPPS). I thought she seen the sign on our way to carousel ride. We all had a great time and at that time really needed to chill. I haven't camped in 15 years and had a little fun, I remember the rain.

The August 17th Rusty Riders Poker Run. The little bit of rain in the morning may have been the reason for the small turnout. The Rusty riders again put there all into this ride. Tons of food, nice ride. Frank & Craig entered their car in car show and they won second place then Craig wins a nice helmet in Chinese Auction, the same color as their car, he probably race home then Russ & Shirley won a nice motorcycle jack. Lee Sutton won third place poker run \$25 Tony Tickowski won 2nd place poker run 450 and afghan in Chinese auction. Frank & Lily won weekend at Cove Haven. They did sell over 250 dinners but with all the work they did in advertising they hope to do a little better. The crowd that was there had a ball and almost the same crowd as last poker run, they know want kind of run they put on and it's definitely a good ride and a good cause.

The August 23rd summer fest BBQ State Competition in New Holland Pa ride. First off John thanks for lending me your 1800 Wing. It was fun and Debbie was needing a ride and not on the Yamaha, the 650 wouldn't do it. We had a nice bunch of bikes and we did the same route through the farmlands. Not that hard even for me, we only did 81 past Hazelton, then into the woods. About a 130-mile ride to get there with a nice stop in Deer Lake. We got there and a nice day and Ron & Colleen were cooking up a storm. We were like cowboys at a chuck wagon, Ron was passing out his BBQ samples and they all were great. Ron won second place for his sausage and took home a nice size check. The sausage was great and I ate all kinds of sausage. I liked the chicken it had a little kick to it. We had a nice few hours relaxing after our ride and after a while a few wanted to head to the Penn biker Bike Night in Whitehall and we headed out and a few went up Rt 61 and back to Scranton and the rest of us went to Whitehall. I found the place even after missing

sign that Jude seen. Even Lenny was there. Nice Bike night even for their first one, it may be one of the bigger ones and we will keep everyone posted about next years events and dates.

The August 24 Tyler Ride in Tunkhannock.

I didn't make this ride and I did here if was all right. They didn't have that many bikes at the event, but a few told me they had a nice BBQ at Forkston baseball field.

October list coming soon Can't believe it's going to be here already, possible Johnstown Museum ride added. Also the Dinosaur BBQ in Syracuse. Intrepid Bike Show NYC

Other events:

Lansdale Bike Night, Main St. Sept 6

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Next letter all OCTOBER events, all rides on list leave at times posted, so if you want to have breakfast arrive early enough to get rides off on schedule, thanks.

Rider Education

2- Two Ups Rider Courses, The Saturday class had 6 bikes and the Sunday class had 11. The class was nothing like the first one; they changed to whole riding course. But still a lot of slow speed riding and curves and braking. Everyone enjoyed the class and we all left learning a little and ready for certain situations. Next year we will put together another class for the group.

The Ride to OPP, quite a large crowd all interested in finding Opp, but you know me, I didn't find it. Only 12 homes in Opp and the route I took went right by it, it doesn't have a Main St. We were so close. Maybe next year. We all stopped for a brake and I asked the lady in the store if she heard of Opp and she said no and I asked her how long she lived there and she told me all her life. But as I was walking away she said she was in Opp then explained to me that I was pronouncing it wrong. Then gave me a little history about Opp, it is in a nice area to ride in and we had over 20 bikes and stopped at Twin Bridges for a bag lunch, (another place I found?) I found Opp on a map and sound like a neat place to visit.

Located close by is Ottawa, Mexico and California. So maybe next year we can go to Ottawa.

The Covington Fireman's Parade, nice drizzle getting there and was amazed at the crowd we had. We all got a free hotdog and soda. The drizzle stopped with some stone stacking and we waited to join the parade for the long haul of exactly 1.2 miles. We all wandered around the picnic for a bit and Leonard and I waited to see if we won anything and we won the Presidents award. We were the only motorcycles there.

The Route 54 ride, large group for this one and at the start a little discussion on finishing in White haven so we could have lunch at the Whitehaven Family restaurant. I was worried about this because Marilyn could have gotten another hour of sleep. We all agreed and headed to Elysburg down Rt 81 to Rt 29 then Rt 239 then Rt 339 then Rt 487 to Elysburg then Rt 54 to Whitehaven. We were in coal country; this ride takes you back in history, lots of small towns and a few bigger and not any fast food joints or malls. Except for the cars on the roads I thought I was back in the forties. Nice relaxing ride which ended with lunch at about 1:30 with a cheeseburger about as big as you can get one. They ran out of buns and we had to have ours on Texas toast and it still couldn't cover the burger. I wanted to have lunch in Centralia but I never did find it. We will do a October ride to Centralia, we will need some time to look around.

The loop around the Paupack ride, Jude led this ride and had a nice size group. Jude loves the twisties and can find most of them. We were at two-ups and Jude thanks for leading this ride. The weather was perfect for a Sunday ride.

Utica Ride For Kids, 560 bikes at this event and a chilly ride from Scranton. We arrived with Ron & Oradell with only 10 minutes to spare. Santa raised over \$1800 and the kids love seeing Santa ride his motorcycle. 4 1/2 mile line of bikes for the ride and it was 45 miles to Old Forge NY from Utica. Nice day, after event we rode to the turkey farm near Syracuse about 80 miles then home. We totaled 435 miles for the day. Santa great job helping the kids.

Carousel Ride. 29 members for today's ride and we had fun winning the largest group trophy for the 3 year in a row, a beautiful day in NY. Dave Collier took longest distance he is from Florida. Rich Burns won 3rd place on poker run and Bob Miller won youngest rider at 39 yrs old. (I thought he was nearing 50, only kidding young man) Allan Thomas won a 50/50 and Wyland Clift won eldest rider and Shirley Clift won eldest co-rider, it made for a great picture of the two and will soon be on the web site. Nice ride up to Ny without a hitch, my tour of carousels included only 2 u-turns and we all did real well, must have been the 2 ups class. RJ Warren tail gun for the tour and got everyone through the number of lights which made for a smooth tour. The tighter the group the easier to get through the lights. Debbie did a great job telling me where to go, she did it even after the ride? Congratulations to the winners, we nailed it again

Thanks for a fun day everyone.

John & Debbie

Patches at July's Staff meeting we have 12 designs and decided on 2 and took them to the General Meeting and the group decided on a patch. We will be sending out to find the cost of making them.

Membership

There are currently 212 members

Two things of importance that must be addressed.

#1. Email or address changes must be brought to our attention if you want your e-mail or newsletters. Also a change in bike or phone number would be helpful so please give new info to any staff member. If you do not have the new website please ask.

#2 Renewals—they are only \$5 for the year. The \$5 gets you a monthly newsletter and the discounts at Riders world and Andretti's (which are given to current memberships) Make sure you tell them at Riders World that you are with NEPR'S when signing your work order for service to receive discounts on parts. We put the upcoming renewals on e-mails, and if you are overdue we e-mail, call or write you. Failure to respond could result in removal from the club. The

usual time to remove is 30 days from the due date, however we have been very lenient and waited up to 3 months because we realize these days everyone is so busy. As of September 2002 we started to put expirations dates on your membership cards so that should help.

By failing to renew you may miss out on all the fun we have, like John's U-TURNS and Bruce's wit (who only knows what he will donate for the Mystery Prize). Anyone is welcome to join in on our events but without email or a newsletter you will miss out on a lot. And remember Friends promoting Friendships.

Thanks, Lee & Marge

We would like to welcome new NEPR members

Robert Rozzi.

Robert & Cindy Petroshuk

Mark Mayock

Josephine Balsamo

Chris Breleski

Ryan Brown

Chiller Williams

I have known Ron & Oradell a long time and rode a lot with them. When I was Director of a group before the NEPR'S I picked Ron & Oradell to be our club couple. I took a lot of heat from a few in the staff that weren't fond of them. After a while I stayed with my gut feelings and put them in this position. They traveled about 21,000 miles that year promoting the club, visited every club in the state and visited 11 districts and were the first couple to visit the 11 districts and passed out a million wing nuts to everyone they met (and made every wing nut on their days off at home). They went above and beyond. The whole group was so proud of them. But politics got in the way in the end and they got &#%^ . But the whole state knew they should have won. They had a ball that year. I'm lost for words.