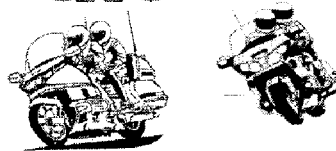


# Northeast Pleasure Riders



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*Friends Promoting Friendship*

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## FROM THE PRESIDENT

The new year is upon us and for many that means new opportunities, new challenges and maybe even some "New Year's Resolutions". Have you made resolutions for the new 2004 year?

According to a reliable dictionary, a resolution may be defined as "the act of determining," or "a formal expression of opinion, will or intent voted by an official body or assembled group". A resolution may then be considered the action of determining something or the decision that was made.

In our daily activities each of us make resolutions. However, we don't consciously consider our daily decisions as resolutions. The term resolution(s) is used frequently as the year draws to an end. As we approach a new year, we frequently make decisions about changes we may want to make and how we want to live the next year.

In the final months of 2003, the assembled body of NEPR elected new officers, thereby deciding who would "lead" the group over the next two years. As a result, I have accepted the presidential leadership responsibility, determined (resolved) that NEPR will continue to support its initial goal, "to provide a positive environment for members to enjoy social gatherings, without political or religious affiliations."

The new Executive Board and supportive staff have begun to plan activities for the year ahead. This organization belongs to you, its membership. therefore, if you have any thoughts on what you would like NEPR to do this year, or how we might improve NEPR, please call me at (570) 833-2260 or e-mail me at [omeb@epix.net](mailto:omeb@epix.net).

I'm looking forward to a year better than 2003 and am asking for all your support in 'promoting a positive motorcycling image' as well as 'practicing safe motorcycling habits'. NEPR is "Friends promoting Friendship", with one common denominator, the sport of motorcycling,  
Best Wishes, Oradell

## TROLLING WITH THELMA & LOUISE

This is a new column of very serious matters meant for bikers by sort-of-bikers (sort of, but actually not really, but we are members of Northeast Pleasure Riders which does give us a modicum of respectability). We will throw in a little style and color, reviews of foreign films, reviews of chrome and interesting leather doodads. Actually, a potpourri of life in the not-so-fast lane.

"Troll," according to the *Oxford American Dictionary* is 1) "to sing in a carefree jovial way," but since only one of us can carry a tune, we passed on that one ~ or 2) something about fishing, but sitting all day waiting for fish is boring, and putting slimy worms on little pointed hooks is just plain yucky! And then there is the matter of sun damage to our skin. So we decided on definition number 3) which has something to do with a mythical, friendly but mischievous, giant dwarf. We especially like this one because it made no sense to us. which is why we chose it. Why do we troll you may ask? Because can. What do we troll for? Well, we troll for people, well certain people, (well, actually it is more like a mission, but we will save that for a later newsletter) and we also troll for hats, jewelry anything artsy or otherwise useless. Where do we troll?' Anywhere the universe takes us.

This month the universe took us to the Baltimore Bike Show on February 1<sup>st</sup>. So, there were a bunch of bikes. ("Bikes?" Louise asked. "What bikes?") But that is what bike shows are about, right? There did not seem to be very many of them, but some of them were very colorful. Also, something about OCC (choppers) being there, but you had to wait in line for about 9 ½ hours to actually see something which would have been fine, except what if you happened to be standing next to someone boring or scary looking?

A few years ago at Americade, there was a scary woman with a partially shaved head whose only hair was arranged in a braided Mohawk. The left side of her face, from forehead to chin, was scribbled with tattoos. Her also tattooed, ample chest was barely covered by a very small but fashionable black lace bra, complemented with a black leather jacket (Yes, leather doodads). Tight black jeans and black leather boots completed the ensemble. I still have nightmares about running into her some night in a dark alley.

But, I digress. Back to the bike show. We feel it our duty to add medical news to keep our fellow bikers healthy. Actually, some of those bikes looked like they would be painful, even backbreaking to ride, especially for the older biker. We do not recommend those for the over 50 crowd.

Some items for sale at the show were very fashionable. Thelma purchased a suede hat, accented with a lovely' faux silk scarf (which can be interchanged) and Louise, turquoise and silver earrings guaranteed to be handcrafted on an American Indian Reservation at Baltimore's Inner Harbor. We debated over T-shirts encrusted with real Swarovski crystals, but at \$40 each we decided to mull it over for a while, but then forgot about them. Louise had her eye on a spiffy black leather thong (No Swarovski Crystals) but the metal studs up the back scared her.

So, we trolled a little more, look our purchases back to the hotel (yes, we stayed overnight. No smelly bus rides for Thelma and Louise) and ate crab until it came out our ears.

Join us next month as we troll . . . wherever the universe takes us. We hope it's the Midget Motorcycle Show in New Zealand.

Troll Safely,  
Thelma and Louise

## FOR SALE

Club member John Farrell is selling a 2002 Honda 1100cc Shadow Sabre. 2,400 miles with 3 1/2 years left on the warranty. It is Orange with Dark Orange flames. Some extra CHROME, too. He's asking \$7,500. Phone: 341-5606 or cell 947-3486. Spring is just around the corner. Debi is back working at the Lazy Boy in Scranton.

Looking for a good home where I can be appreciated to the max. . .  
 1982 **Honda Police Trike** - Blue and White, 450 Original Miles - Collector's Item  
 or Ride and Enjoy. Serious inquires only. Ron Yockey, [mryock@aol.com](mailto:mryock@aol.com) or (570)  
 842-2211.

## RECALL

I'm sure everyone knows by now about the recall, but for those who don't, Yamaha has recalled 2001-2004 Roadies. Seems there is a transmission problem that can cause it to lock up at any speed. Highway, back road or street, not fun unless you like to come to a screeching halt. I don't know of too many people capable of handling that. If you haven't received a recall letter, all you need to do is call Yamaha directly at 1-800-964-7926 and give them your full Vin Number. Better safe than sorry!



### Wednesday Night Socials Dinner at 6:00 Winter Schedule

<b>February 4</b>	DD, Tunkhannock	<b>April 7</b>	DD, Tunkhannock
11	Marianacci's West Wyoming	14	Binghams, Lenox
18	Petro's, Avoca	21	Petro's, Avoca
25	Victory Pig, Wyoming	28	Marianacci's, W. Wyoming
<b>March 3</b>	DD, Tunkhannock	<b>May 1</b>	Blessing of the Bikes, 11 a.m. Our Lady of Victory Church Pole26, Harveys Lake
10	Haystacks, Wilkes-Barre		
17	Petro's, Avoca	<b>Dec. 5</b>	Christmas Party
24	Windsor Inn, Jermyn		
31	Mark II Kidder St., Wikes-Barre		

### Don't Forget....

**Monthly Get-Togethers** are held at Petro's  
 (Iron Skillet) off the Avoca Exit of Route 81,  
 on the third Wednesday. Dinner at 6 p.m. and Meeting at 7 p.m.

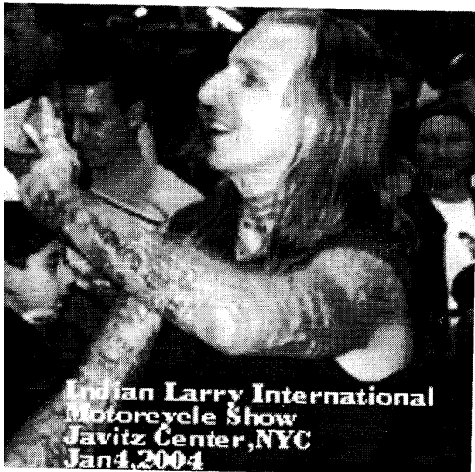
**Staff Meetings** are held on the first Tuesday.  
 Watch Yahoo for locations. Dinner at 6 p.m. and Meeting at 7 p.m.  
 Watch e-groups for any changes in location.

Visit NEPR's webpage:  
[Http://userweb.nni.com/kb6rih/](http://userweb.nni.com/kb6rih/)



Great start for 2004 with a very productive Staff meeting with lots of ideas and things to look forward to. We would like to do most of the same parades as last year and John Coleman has a trailer he'd like to enter in Scranton's St. Patty's Day Parade with a few NEPR Bikes, so we will be entering that event, We should have all these photos finished by the end of January and will post soon after.

### HAPPY NEW YEAR TO ALL?



### MEMBERSHIP

NEPR membership renewal fee is \$5.00 per person and due no later than 30 days after membership expiration date (second and third digits of member number indicate month due). After 30 days you will be considered a new member and renewal fee then becomes \$10.00 per person.

We currently have 205 members. Since the beginning of NEPR, 8 members have withdrawn their membership and 47 have been removed for non-payment of dues. Dues can be paid at any meeting, social event, chance encounter or mailed to Marge Sutton, 1829 Cedar Avenue, Scranton, PA 18505.

Finally, if you have any changes to e-mail, phone number or home address and wish to stay in touch with NEPR, please let a Staff Member know.

Friendship Promoting Friendship,  
Lee and Marge  
Membership Coordinators



Joe Hunt has announced that North American War Horse (All 3 locations) will give a 15% discount on parts, accessories and clothing to all NEPR members. Just show your card.

## Jr. Riders

Northeast Pleasure Riders is starting a Jr. Riders Club. This is a way for younger members to learn about motorcycle riding and safety and what the club is all about (Friends Promoting Friendship). To join just have your parents join Northeast Pleasure Riders. Age Limit: 5-17. --Kristina

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