

Cruisin' News

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Looking Down The Road...

A letter from the Director...

Just couple of more days and it will be 2007, where has the time gone ? Before I forget to let everyone know, we are having a bowling fundraiser on January 19 at Vision Lanes. This will be a first for us as a fundraiser. We need everyone to help with this!! We cannot make money for our charity fund without your help. The help we need is everyone to come and bowl, if you don't want to bowl please buy a ticket and show up for the fun. The ticket cost is \$20.00 per person, there is a flyer with all the information elsewhere in the newsletter. Any questions can be answered at our January meeting, remember without your co-operation and help this cannot be a success. Enough said.

Lets see, hope everyone had a good time at our Christmas party on December 9, I know we did. As usual the food and friendship was great. Thanks to Dr. Bob we had a great picture show. Thanks for all the pictures and memories.

Some of us attended the Fort Dearborn Christmas Party on the 16th. Once again Fort Dearborn showed us all a great time and great food. Wow two great parties!!!

The ride to see the lights was held on the 13th because of the rain, but it was terrific on Wednesday.

The cookie bake on the 14th also went well. Thanks to Amos and his donation of 400 cookies things went a whole lot easier. St. Dunstan's kitchen is a great place to bake cookies and have some fun. For those who missed this men's only event, think about it for next year. The cookies were packed at the Post on Sunday, and will be delivered this week to the area fire and police departments. Once again thanks for all the help.

It seems like we keep thanking you all for all you do. We have some members who do so very much for all of us and thanks to all of you.

Please remember that January is when nominations will be taken for the 2007 board. If you would like to run for any position please come to the meeting and voice your opinion. The elections will be held in February. The position for Director will be open.

We will start working on plans for 2007 with runs and fundraisers, once again your input is needed.

May your year be filled with much health and happiness,

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MILE MARKERS

- 1st Ride O' The Year 1 Jan from the Post 12:00 pm (See Doc's new trike)
- ALR General Membership Meeting 4 Jan 7 pm
- Chapter Bowling Fundraiser 19 Jan 7 pm @ Vision Lanes

BIRTHDAYS IN JANUARY:

- Nancy Bowman & Michael "Doug" Duncan—7 Jan
- Ruth Babcock—9 Jan
- James "Bingo" O'Donnell—10 Jan
- Ed Sayre—12 Jan
- Don "Polish Prince" Blasky—17 Jan
- Ken "Shakr" Smith—19 Jan
- Greg Price—24 Jan
- Robert "Cobalt" Coblenz—26 Jan
- Janet Mull—31 Jan

Descriptions Of Offices

The following description of offices is derived from the bylaws and from observed performance of duties at our Chapter. It is intended to guide those who would nominate someone or pursue office.

Director: Serves as Chief Administrative Officer of the Association and presides over all meetings. The Director has general supervision over the affairs of the Association. The Director also performs such other duties as directed by the general membership.

Assistant Director: Assumes the duties of the Director in his absence. Assists the Director in the performance of his/her duties when called on to do so by the Director.

Secretary: Keeps a full and correct record of all proceeding at Chapter meetings. The Secretary also gives detailed minutes at each regular meeting.

Treasurer: Has charge of all finances of the Association. Has charge of disbursing funds as directed by the general membership. Gives detailed financial reports at each regular meeting. Also furnishes copies to the Post if requested.

Sgt at Arms/ Run Coordinator: Serves as the logistics person in charge of organized runs of the Association. Determines dates, times, routes and meeting places for those taking part in a run activity.

Appoints assistant road captains or takes any other measures s/he may feel necessary to help insure the safety of the group during a run. Also helps to maintain order during chapter meetings. Traditionally publishes and distributes the Chapter newsletter.

Membership Chairman: Responsible for maintenance of membership records. Collects membership dues as determined by the Chapter bylaws, and provides same to Treasurer on a regular basis. Reviews and/or collects eligibility documentation as required by the general members, sponsoring Post Executive Board, Department, or State and Local laws. Provides detailed membership reports at regular meetings of the Chapter.

Storekeeper: Maintains Chapter store inventories by pursuing cost-effective means of re-supply. Pursues new and specialty items as necessary and as directed by general membership. Ensures store is available at regular Chapter meetings and fills orders from Chapter members, other Chapters and those coming in via email from the Online Store on the NALRIC website. Provides timely and accurate accounting to Treasurer, and submits all monies received to same, less cash required for re-supply and that required for Store operations.



Renewal time!

It's that time of year again! That happy time at which Bobcat nags you in the newsletter to renew your ALR membership!

With the availability of Legion/SAL/ALA cards for 2007 comes the availability of the newly designed ALR cards for 2007. Once you've renewed your Legion family membership, you can renew your ALR membership as well. Neat!

Here are the requirements to renew:

- If you're a *SPECIAL CLASS LIFE MEMBER*, or a *SUPPORTING MEMBER*, you need only complete a Member Data Form (available on the website, or ask Bobcat for one) and show your 2007 Legion/SAL/ALA card.
- If you're a *SPECIAL CLASS MEMBER* under bylaws paragraphs IIA1 or IIA2, you need to complete a Member Data Form, show your 2007 Legion family membership card, and submit \$12.00 dues.
- If you're a *REGULAR MEMBER*, you need to complete a Member Data Form, show your 2007 Legion family membership card, show your motorcycle registration (if you are a member's spouse, the spouse owning the motorcycle must renew as well in order for you to renew), and submit \$12.00 dues.

Remember: You cannot nominate anyone for office if you have not renewed by the January meeting!



Dual Membership Notice

Per the amendment to our bylaws voted in at the 3 February 2005 meeting of our Chapter, you will not be allowed to renew your membership with our Chapter if you intend to hold membership in any other Chapter of the ALR.

Note that revocation of your membership in our Chapter will occur if dual membership is disclosed or discovered following renewal. This revocation will not precipitate a refund of dues paid for 2006.



Bowling & Pizza! Jackpots! 50-50 Raffles!

Benefiting...

...the Chapter Charity Fund

Price includes:

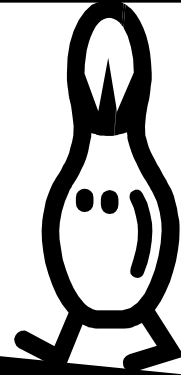
- 3 games of bowling
- 2 slices of pizza
- Shoe rental

And, as usual, balls are free for those without balls of their own...

at **Vision Lanes**

38250 Ford Rd
Westland, MI

West of Newburg, just east of Hix on the
north side of Ford—(734) 641-8181



Bowling Fundraiser!

Friday, Jan 19th
7:00 pm

Admission: \$20.00

For ticket information,
contact:

Pat Squires

(734) 748-0514



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go to the same site...

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dressed?** Contact the editor if *any-
thing* is wrong—name as displayed,
address, etc. *Thanks!*

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http://americanlegionriders.net/gc_mi_alr



Sick Call

No-one is currently on sick call!



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The Runs...

Biker Events In and Around our Area...

*As in the past, be sure to fol-
low up on these events be-
fore attending. We do our
best to ensure the dates, lo-
cation and contact info are
accurate, but
mistakes are easily made
and hardly corrected...*

1 Jan—*First Ride of
'07*—From Post 396

4 Jan—*Nominations
for 2007 Officers*

19 Jan—*Chapter
Bowling Fund-
raiser*—Vision
Lanes, Westland,
MI (734) 748-0514

29 Jan—*Giant
Motorcycle Swap
Meet*—Lansing Center Lans-
ing, MI Contact 800-968-
4242

1 Feb—*Election of 2007 Officers*

25 Feb—*Giant Motorcycle Swap Meet*—
State Fair Grounds Detroit, MI Contact
800-968-4242

11 Mar—*Giant Motorcycle Swap Meet*—
Perani Arena Flint, MI Contact 800-968-
4242

1 Apr—*Giant Motorcycle Swap Meet*—
The Deltaplex Grand Rapids, MI Contact
800-968-4242

15 Apr—*Giant Motorcycle Swap Meet*—
State Fair Grounds Detroit, MI Contact
800-968-4242

22 Apr—*Giant Motorcycle Swap Meet*—
Birch Run Expo Birch Run, MI Contact
800-968-4242

5-8 Jul—*Music City Romp*—Donelson,
TN <http://www.post88riders.com/rally.htm>

20-22 Jul—*Chapter Campout*—
Sherwood Forest Campground Munith,
MI

7 Oct—*Giant Motorcycle Swap Meet*—
The Deltaplex Grand Rapids, MI Contact
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