

Cruisin' News

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Looking Down The Road...

A letter from the Director...

June, is almost over and summer is in full swing. I want to thank all the members that participated in the Penricton Run and the Frankenmuth Bavarian Days Parade. A great time was had by all that attended. Nancy and I and many other Legion Riders also attended the Veterans Hospital Carnival, and escorted Dearborn Hgts. hometown hero, Sgt. Cris Killian, to the Dearborn Hgts. Festival. It was yet another group of days that I felt humbled and proud to be an AMERICAN LEGION RIDER.

Our memorial is almost complete, and the committee will soon be meeting to set a date for the dedication. I can't say enough about how proud I am of the Memorial Committee. They have done what I consider to be a fantastic job of working together, problem solving, and bringing to completion a very long time project. My congratulations to all on the com-

Don't Call Me "Ed"...

I've been asked several times what it was like to present the wreath at the Tomb of the Unknowns. Each time I've stopped to think about the question, something different has come to mind.

Yeah, everyone who served in any capacity sacrificed. Most of those kicking around us today have sacrificed their freedoms, for the most part, while serving. Everyone sacrificed something in that regard.

mittee, I applaud you all.

With, July on us, I'm now looking forward to the Nashville Romp, and the Sherwood Forest Campout in Jackson. For those that were not there last year we had a blast, and I hope that this year, is just as good if not better. I really do encourage all that can attend to be there. Even if you only come out there for the day, you won't regret it.

Remember, our original July meeting date July 5th, has been changed to July 12th at the post. Hot dogs will be sold again for our Charity Fund. If anyone has ideas for other fundraisers please let me know, so we can bring them up at the meeting and start to build up the Charity Fund. Remember the only bad idea, is the one that you don't bring up.

Semper Fi

Johnny B.

Further, many who saw battle sacrificed their innocence. Some lost their trust for others and their sense of humanity after experience the battlefield. Some sacrificed their tranquility and their very sanity.

And there are those who sacrificed their very lives in service to their country.

What struck me was that those who

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MILE MARKERS

- Fourth of July 4 Jul
- Music City Romp 5-8 Jul
- ALR General Membership Meeting 12 Jul 7 pm
- Ladies Night Out 19 Jul
- ALR Campout 20-22 Jul

BIRTHDAYS IN JULY:

- "Uncle Dave" Berg—6 Jul
- Greg Hills—7 Jul
- James "JD" Dean—10 Jul
- Pat "Bobcat" Babcock—11 Jul
- Doyce "Rooster" Waynick—13 Jul
- Blake "The Snake" Baugher—25 Jul
- Robert Kidder—30 Jul

Store Stuff

The store did pretty well at Rolling Thunder in May.!

A great big thank you goes out to Jeanette Babcock and Nancy Bowman for stepping in and helping me out. Couldn't have done it without them. Of course a huge thank you to Al for helping getting everything there.

Please call if you want something that we have in stock

The store is getting smaller, but we still do have some shirts and things left. What we have left for men is mostly larger sizes. In women's we have a smaller variety and sizes. Once again, please call if you want something that we have in stock.

My phone # is 734-425-9689.

Donna
Storekeeper

Sympathy...
The Garden City, MI Chapter of the American Legion Riders would like to express our deepest sympathies to the Kaledas, Spiteri, and Behr families on the passing of Helen Kaledas. Know that our thoughts and prayers are with you during this difficult time.

Don't Call Me "Ed"... (cont.)

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are interred in the Tomb sacrificed all of this and more! These have sacrificed *their very identities!* It is a humbling, sobering thought. One that changes your perspective on how bad you've it.

We truly owe much to our veterans—but we owe even more to those who have sacrificed all in service to our country. A debt that is, frankly, impossible to repay.

On a less sobering note, I finally dug my scooter out of the garage, and old Beulah, though dusty as all hell, is no worse for the wear. I'm looking forward to putting a few thousand miles on 'er this year!

Speaking of riding, has anyone else noticed that the traffic pressure around metro Detroit has simply exploded lately? I can't get over the level of traffic that

seems to be everywhere and at all times. In just the last five years, I can see that the traffic has easily doubled!

This is not a comforting thought! I know I preach that a Rider's safety is in their own hands, but with this much pressure, it is nigh time that motorists be required to take some special training relative to sharing the road.

Crimony! I had some lady pass me yesterday! What's the big deal, you ask? Well, we were both making a left turn from Cherry Hill to Beech Daly, and she

passed me in the turn! Not only is this dangerous, but it is illegal. I don't even think her bleary eyes registered that there was a bike in the turn in front of her.

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That, or perhaps she was dialing her cell phone...

With this in mind, I'll be gathering some MOTORIST education information to publish on the NALRIC site. My goal will be for ALR Chapters to use this information within their communities to educate motorists about motorcyclists. Maybe we can get our collective foot in the door with some Drivers' Ed businesses to allow us to make

brief presentations to their classes. To point out things like how hard it can be to spot a bike—especially if you rely solely on your mirrors when changing lanes. Or how important it is to ensure the road is clear before

starting to roll on your turns. Stuff like that.

Look for this and more in the new NALRIC site to be rolled out in the fourth quarter of this year.

In Review...

Rolling Thunder XX is now in the history books. This year saw two members of our Chapter present the wreath at the Tomb of the Unknowns: Porky and Bobcat!

It was a hectic time for the most part—due to the presentation time, folks were rushing back from Arlington in order to get things in order for the annual barbecue, which was its usual, unmitigated success, providing an opportunity for Riders from across the country to meet, share a meal, some drinks, and their company.



Annual Campout at Sherwood Forest...

Our second annual Sherwood Forest campout is scheduled for July 20-22. If you have not been to this before, it is fun for all. There will still be the ride on Saturday and a barbecue Saturday evening. For those who attended last year's campout, the barbecue will be a little different this year: we will supply all the food and are asking for a \$5.00 donation for this, but you must bring your own drinks. We thought this may make it easier for everyone. (Note that you're still free to bring a dessert or whatever else you wish to share if you like as well, but we'll still need a \$5/head donation to pay for the food we're purchasing.) And, of course Nancy and John Bowman will bring their prize-winning SOS for Sunday morning breakfast J.

If you are planning on camping, please let me know in advance so you will have a spot when you arrive. There is a small per night fee for campsites – on the order of \$10 or so (not sure at the moment). Also let me know if you are coming only on Saturday for the ride and barbecue so there will be food enough for everyone.

You can reach me at my home number: 734-427-9712

Gentleman Dave



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Sick Call

Moe still has a busted foot!

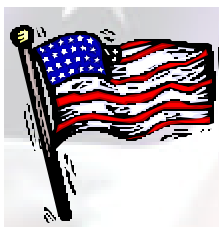


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TO:



Fourth of July
Happy Birthday, USA!

The Runs...

Biker Events In and Around our Area...

As in the past, be sure to follow up on these events before attending. We do our best to ensure the dates, location and contact info are accurate, but mistakes are easily made and hardly corrected...



23 Jun—*Observation
Legacy*—Run, Post 4,
Mt. Clemens, MI

24 Jun—*Ride For
Freedom*—
Wolverine H-D,
Clinton, MI 586-

463-7700

1 Jul—*Run to the North
Wall*—Ontario, Canada,
(519) 981 - 0709 or

www.northwallridersassociation.piczo.com

5 Jul—*Regular Meeting*—Post 396 7pm

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

19 Jul—*Ladies Night Out*

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

28 Jul—*Post Picnic*—Garden City Park
Pavilion, Cherry Hill & Merriman

28 Jul—*Ride for Hospitalized Veterans*—
Wolverine Harley-Davidson, Clinton
Twp, MI (586) 776-9810

2 Aug—*Regular Meeting*—Post 396 7pm

16 Aug—*Ladies Night Out*

19-24 Aug—*American Legion Legacy
Run*

24-30 Aug—*American Legion National
Convention, Reno, NV*

6 Sep—*Regular Meeting*—Post 396 7pm

20 Sep—*Ladies Night Out*

4 Oct—*Regular Meeting*—Post 396 7pm

18 Oct—*Ladies Night Out*

7 Oct—*Giant Motorcycle Swap Meet*—

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