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DIRECTOR'S CORNER

We had a good attendance at our January meeting, hope the next meeting is even better. We have to start making plans for our Poker Run, which will be held on Sunday, May 19th. We are looking for volunteers to help out. Just a note to tell members that were unable to attend, the poker run committee is asking that "all" members make at least **one** donation for door prizes. Get rid of that gift you might have received and don't want. Just **one** donation from everyone will make it an even bigger success. Thanks.

The next meeting is going to be at the Golden Corral off exit 15 in Saratoga. It didn't work out at Carl R's for that weekend in February. If anyone has ideas for places that have buffets and will also serve off the menu, let us know. We're running out of places to have breakfast and I can't quite convince Nancy to cook and serve everyone. Hope to see everyone at the next meeting.

GEORGE

FEBRUARY BIRTHDAY'S

Gerri Meyer	2/ 8
Carol Polunci	2/ 9
Sheri Hayward	2/ 9
Traci Guay	2/10
George Braynack	2/11
Ken Fischer	2/11
Matt Diehl	2/15
Donna Brown	2/20
Mike Casey	2/22
George Polunci	2/25
Fumiko Baird	2/29

HAPPY BIRTHDAY
EVERYONE!!

McDermotts Corner

Happy Valentines Day everyone. Watch for sweet heart specials Feb. 5th-16th. Mary and Sharon just got back from Harley University. Quiz them next time you see them, see how smart they are!!

Welcome our new guy in the service department, Dave Fowler.

Check those bikes over for spring! Inspection stickers, oil filter, tires and batteries!!! The guys are very busy.

TOM, ALMA & GANG

ADDRESS & PHONE LISTS

The new riding season is creeping up on us and we have so many new members. I like to send out with one of the monthly newsletters an up-to-date membership list with addresses and phone numbers. This is to keep us in touch with one another and to communicate with the new guys to keep them informed of club rides. It's great when we get phone calls from fellow HOGS to go on an ice cream ride or to be reminded that there's a rally going on. It won't be distributed by e-mail, only with the newsletter and probably with April's newsletter. If anyone objects to having their address or phone number publicized please let me know now and I'll eliminate it from the list.

NEXT MEETING

February 17th at the Golden Corral at 9:30 for breakfast and 10:30 meeting. February 15th is the board meeting at McDermott's shop at 7:00. As George mentioned, we're having problems coming up with different places that will accommodate approx. 50 people. Some want to eat off the buffet and some want to order off the menu. If you have any ideas, please call George at 623-9439 or suggest it at the next meeting.

AMA NEWS

The annual AMA Award Dinner will be on April 6th in Albany. More details to follow, so leave this date open if interested in learning the legal aspects of riding.

NY Governor, George Pataki, vetoed both of the proposed motorcycle toll reduction bills. The good news that could come out of this is that Pataki instructed the Thruway Authority to evaluate the situation with a view toward giving motorcycles a lower toll administratively because the arguments were "compelling." Pataki told them they should evaluate the situation to give motorcycles the EZ Pass break as cars if they can find a way to do it within their budget. This relayed the message that the respective Authorities are the ones to set the tolls and mentioned possible revenue losses.

Pennsylvania House Bill would increase penalties for right-of-way violations causing injury or death. This is based on the AMA's Motorcyclists Matter campaign and by ABATE of Pennsylvania. It will be considered by the House Transportation Committee, so write your state legislators and support House Bill 2057.

John Rucinski, our club AMA rep, would like to personally thank everyone who participated in the Toy Run sponsored by the Red Knights in October. Over 650 kids in Saratoga County had a better x-mas thanks to you. Each year this function gets bigger and better and that's due to everyone's participation and generous donations. Thanks John for your efforts, keep up the good work.

CONGRATULATIONS!!

Speaking of good work, congratulations are in order to John & Paula Rucinski for becoming grandparents to a big baby boy! I'm sure he'll (the baby) be riding soon enough!

CHRISTMAS PARTY

What a terrific time and turnout!!! If you didn't have a good time, it was your own fault. Thanks to Joanne Wilson for organizing a great party. I do believe the attendance is the biggest we've had yet, approximately 89. The horse driven carriage ride was a huge success on a beautiful clear night. The food

was delicious and plenty of it. The music got lots of us dancing, but the pool table was a biggy.

George Polunci said his good byes and introduced what he calls the new "regime." He had a great time being director, but plans on remaining heavily active in the club and riding a lot this coming summer. A special thank you went to Debbie Harrington for being so active in our club over the past 6 years. Debbie's stepping down to enjoy riding and being a grandmother. Let's face it, being married to Jerry Harrington after all these years is a full time job in itself!! Thanks Debbie for 110%.

George Braynack welcomed everyone and reminded us that we are here to have a good time and enjoy what we're doing—riding. He also forewarned us that the name George just goes on and on and on –Georgegeorge, and take it from someone who knows, it's very true!!

Dave Guay worked very hard last riding season and put together a terrific flick for us to watch. It focused on McDermott's Appreciation Picnic and Ride and the Maine Toy Run that takes place each September. It showed our love to ride, eat, have a great time with friends, eat, the beautiful views of Maine, eat and the commodity of motorcyclists. Did I mention that we love to eat?!?! For anyone interested in getting a copy of the DVD, contact Dave at 792-9973 and for a couple bucks to cover the cost of a DVD, he'd be happy to copy one for you. A job well done Dave, thanks you.

Did anyone witness George Polunci and Fumiko Baird doing shots at the bar?? That's after George did shots with Jerry Harrington and Mark Johnson!! I guess you could say George left his directorship with a bang, but it's a shame he doesn't remember it!!

MANCHESTER, VT

This past December 1, Nancy Braynack and Carol Polunci went shopping in Manchester for a girls day away and what a great time was had! A day trip filled with laughs, great bargains and of course food!! Nancy made the mistake of letting Carol drive and the trip home, because it was dark, took twice as long as it should have. We found out that there are a lot of dark, curvy, spooky roads in Vermont. For some reason they always looked better during the daytime on a Harley! Nancy's talking of another trip for the girls to get away. I know I'll be there and this time someone else is driving!!!!

UPCOMING EVENTS

Last spring, George and Nancy Braynack organized a list of rides and events for the riding season and they did a great job. Because Nancy now has a job where she actually has to work and put in 8 hours a day, she doesn't have the time to put 100% into organizing this list without our help. Anyone knowing of a ride, an event that they would like to share, please contact Nancy at 623-9439 and it will be added. Each month this list will be updated in the newsletter and we always have the bulletin board at McDermotts shop to keep us informed.

DUES ARE DUE

I hate to be the nag, but I've been told I do it well! Our clubs yearly registration and dues are now due and the deadline is the end of February. Please fill out the registration form (completely) and include little details such as birthdates, e-mail addresses if you want your newsletter by e-mail. Send to either Alan Baird at 8 McDowell St., Hudson Falls 12839 or to Traci Guay who's address is on the back of the form. If we don't hear from you within the next month, your membership and subscription to the monthly newsletter will be discontinued. Now I am the official nag!

CLUB PHOTO

We have a new club photographer and he's been very busy snapping away. John Payne is planning a 2002 club photo shoot at McDermott's shop at April's meeting. This photo will be on our web page. A great turnout for April's meeting will be a great

photo, so wear your best leathers and chaps and say "Harley!"

2002 POKER RUN

The club voted a couple meetings ago that we would sponsor one needy organization, rather than two like last year. Amanda's House was nominated on and by show of hands, won the vote. Joanne Wilson has been busy and set up with the Queensbury Central Fire Station to hold our Poker Run there. There's plenty of parking, it's a newer centrally located building, and the facilities are just what we need. Amanda's House has been notified and are tickled pink. They too are getting food donations, prizes and volunteers. What a great set up!! Joanne is taking donations, volunteers and suggestions. The next couple meetings will be focused on the one and only fund-raiser this club sponsors. We give 100% and then enjoy the rest of the biking season. Like GeorgeoGeorge said earlier, if every member gave one donation, what a huge success this function would be. And remember, our poker run is noted for it's dessert table, its plentiful and good food, great scenic ride and terrific prizes. This draws the people in plus the fact that the beneficiary is a locally well worthwhile organization.

Dave Guay has designed a beautiful pin and anyone who has artistic talent, please put it to use and bring your drawings to the next meeting. The winner gets to show off 300 pins that were designed by them. John DePalo is checking into a local business for the cost of making these pins.

MENU:

The tradition hamburg, hotdogs, sausage with peppers and onions, couple salads, chips, soda, coffee, and awesome desserts were voted on. The all American picnic! Anyone wanting to make salads, donate rolls, meat, paper products, etc. please contact Joanne at 761-4611 or raise your hand at the next three meetings.

Sr. Road Captain, Mark Wilson, is routing out the bike ride and checking out the roads.