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## “THE NEWS TO KNIGHTS”

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### INTRODUCTION

Hello fellow Knights. Well, here we are in July. June was a good month with a bunch of great club rides. There are some good ones coming up this month and August too. I want to as briefly as possible touch on some of the highlights of some of the June rides we had, just so those of you that aren't showing up know what fun your missing. First there was the 16th annual "Ride For Freedom" which is the POW-MIA rally from Norristown to Penn's Landing in Philadelphia. If you have never done this ride before, shame on you. This is one of the best rides around this area for many reasons. Mainly the POW-MIA issue, or supporting our troops that served in the past and are serving now here and abroad. Another reason to do this ride is just the ride its self, when else can you ride your bike with a large group and not have to worry about red lights, other traffic, or noise. The streets are ours, the traffic stops and yields our way, the cops salute and waive at us and the crowds of people on the streets and sidewalks cheer and waive as we thunder by . I don't know about anybody else that has done this ride but for me it's a rush for all the reasons. Anyway, here I am rambling again. We did this ride in June, it was a great ride even though my bike ran like crap through the whole dam thing. I think everyone else had a good experience, well except for maybe when Jeanne who (by no ones fault but, well, we'll leave it at that) got lost from the rest of the group on the way home and was MIA in some unsavory neighborhoods in Philadelphia. But being the trooper she is she ended up beating us home. We had 11 bikes and 5 passengers. Next was a "Grand Tour" ride, which is a Red Knights event where you ride around to different fire companies and get pictures in front of the fire house or it' sign and document it on an official grand tour application. Submit the applications and photos to international and everyone that completes the ride gets a pin. We had 12 member bikes and one guest bike, total we had 13 bikes, 5 passengers. We stopped for a late lunch on the way back at a great biker bar with great food, I believe we all had a good time. A special thanks to my friend Bruce and his wife Diane who went along an took all the photos. While leaving the restaurant Bruce's bike had a major problem we spent about 2 hours trying to get it up and running. Thankfully an off duty Harley Mechanic from "Cross Roads Harley" in Coopersburg just happened to stop and help us out

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along the road. I did have one issue with that ride and that was when we were done eating we all split up into smaller groups and left. The problem was that I was kind of the ride contact person or the person responsible for the ride so to speak. Toby told me that he and his little group were leaving and which way they were going by the time I and my group got out side the other group pulled out with out saying a word. It's a good thing everyone got home ok, but when we are on a ride like that we need to let others know when we're splitting up and which way we're going. That's the way it's suppose to work with a club and the rides, that is why there is a "Road Captain" or a ride contact person that person should know where and when the ride group changes. Then there was the Pen Del Poker Run for Camp Joy, only two bikes from our club showed up but they had a great ride and a good time. Next was the Pottstown 4th of July Parade, another good turn out. We had 13 bikes and 5 passengers, we lost one bike pretty early on to not running well. Thought we were gona lose another to burning oil pretty well, but it hung in there and finished the parade. The Boyertown Bike Night for the Children's Miracle Network was our last ride we had 6 bikes, 5 members and 1 guest and 4 passengers show up for this ride. We just met up, up in the north end and road to Boyertown, 2 other bikes had ridden over on there own. Well, that might not have been as brief as it could have been, but believe me , it could of been a whole lot worse. Anyway on to what's up and coming in the future. Stand by for more "News to Knights".

Read and enjoy, "LIVE AND RIDE WELL"

#### **LATEST MEETING**

The July meeting was held at Ringing Hill Fire Co. at their small pavilion. The meeting was called to order at 7:11pm, we had a grand total of 15 members at the meeting, a pretty good turn out but it could have been better. Jeanne read the minutes from last month and they were excepted. We have three new members up for nomination, sorry can't remember their last names (forgot to right them down) but they are Joe (the Buel Guy), Peter (Charlies friend), and John (Todd and Karen's neighbor). We need money from the first two before we'll vote them in, so we voted in no new members this month. I gave the Ride Committee report, Jeanne gave the Treasurers report (if you want to know how much money we have you'll have to show up at the meetings). Then we discussed "Old Business" which mainly consists of T-shirts. We are still waiting to get the trademark agreement contracts from International, they have had some personnel changes there and have gotten behind on paperwork. Just a reminder our T-shirts will be black with Red Knights in red across the front and our actual main back patch silk-screened on the back, the cost will be determined when we have them done. Toby is also working on an idea for another t-shirt for sale to non members, these will have to be done in a separate color to keep it easy to distinguish members from non members.

Colors, if you are qualified to get and wear your colors and have not ordered them yet, you better hurry up and "Get er Done". We are also getting ready to order our "Chapter PA # 17" rockers, they get sewn on to the back of your vest under the large club patch. If you have your club patch and top rocker already you can order the chapter rocker for \$20.00, if you are eligible and ready to order your full three patch set it will be \$50.00 total. We need to order a minimum of 30 chapter rockers so we need orders and money. So basically what I'm sayin is "Bring your F'N money" to the next meeting or get it to Karen McNear, ASAP. We did a 50/50 drawing, which we do at every meeting (see you can show up and win money), Karen won and it's going toward her "New Harley Fund", you go girl.

We also voted on the chapter bi-laws, we accepted them, some of us with reservations over some issues (enough said). We accepted them none the less, so if you have any gripes down the road you should a been there and had a say. We also discussed some ideas for future fundraisers. A couple of us are going to go out for a ride and map out a course for a future poker run to raise some money. There was also an idea for a 50's dance of some kind, which we could probably tie in with a beef and beer or something. If you can come up with any fund raising ideas "PLEASE" come out to the next meeting and let us know. Speaking of next months meeting it will be a somewhat of a special event. A club picnic/meeting, we will hold this at Ringing Hill F. H. at the small pavilion starting at 5:00pm with the picnic and at 7:00pm we'll have our meeting. There will be burgers, hot

dogs, buns, chips/pretzels, macaroni salad, tator salad (sorry, no tator tots), and maybe water melon and other desert type stuff. It's BYOB, that's bring your own BEVERAGE. There will be a \$5.00 per person cover charge, to cover the cost of the food and hopefully raise a little scratch for the club. That's pretty much it, we adjourned at 8:20pm. Check out the ride and event schedule for meeting place and time. Don't forget to show up at next months meeting.

" Please show up and have a say"

Next months meeting will be at Ringing Hill FC.  
In Upper Pottsgrove, Aug. 7th  
Picnic at 5:00pm , meeting at 7:00pm,  
at the small outside pavilion near the Ringing Rocks skating rink.  
Please, Show up and make our first picnic a success.  
"SEE YA'S THERE"

#### **NEW MEMBERS**

New members voted in at the July meeting.

NONE

#### **FUND RAISERS**

None on the table at this time. We did briefly discuss options of holding a poker run next year and possibly some sort of a dance and or a beef and beer.

#### **DATED UPCOMING RIDES AND EVENTS**

OK, you ready, there's a couple great rides coming up this month, pay attention and show up.

- July 20th= 14th Annual, National Ride Your Bike to Work Day. (your on your own)
- July 23rd= Crystal Cave and The Kempton Rail Road, we will meet at the Pottstown Diner for breakfast at 8:00am, head out about 9:30am
- July 24th= Patriots MC. 1st Annual Charity Cancer Crusade, 11am - 7pm, Hatfield American Legion, \$20. each, 2 for \$35. kids under 12 free. more info at [www.patriotsmcpa.com](http://www.patriotsmcpa.com)
- July 28-30= The Reading MC 91st Anniversary Bash.
- July 30th= East Greenville F.C., 4 County poker run, meet for breakfast at Angelino's (the old Apple Dumpling) in Bechtelsville at 9:00am. Sign up is 10-12, at \$15.00 per person.
- July 31st= 1st Annual Federation Tigt War Memorial Poker Run, support POW-MIA's, a scenic ride to several obscure War Memorials in the area. sign in 9-11am, at Smaltz's Harley, in Eagle PA. Cost is \$10.00 per person. Prizes, Trophies, 50/50, Food and beverage.
  
- Aug 7th= Club picnic and meeting at Ringing Hill FC. at 5:00pm, meeting at 7:00pm.  
cost is \$5.00 per person. BYO Beverage.
- Aug 28th = Reading, Ride for Freedom - Friends of the Forgotten
- Sept 10th= Landsdale Bike Night, Landsdale, PA
- Sept 18th = Pottstown, POW/MIA Recognition Day-Friends of the Forgotten
- Sept 18th = K.O.P. to Longwood Gardens - Kids With Brain Tumors

#### **FINALE**

Well Knight's that's it for another month. Don't forget to show up at next months meeting and have a few burgers you weenie, huh no have a few burgers and weenies, yeah that's it. Don't forget your F'n money for you patch and or rockers. And try to make it to some of the great rides that are coming up in the next month. Hopefully the weather and the "Bike Gods" are with us and all the future rides are worthy.

**“ LIVE AND RIDE WELL”**

**Thanks, SHORTY...**

**Dave “Shorty” Alderfer**

**P.S. Keep safe John**