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INTRODUCTION

Hello fellow Knights. Well October is here, the leaves are changing, the weathers cooler, days are getting shorter, soon we'll turn the clocks back and loose even more day light. I'll be honest I haven't been getting in a whole lot of riding, it gets around this time of year and I just don't have the urge as much as I did a few weeks ago. We have had a few rides that some people have gone on. Before I get to the most recent rides I need to step back a month and comment on a ride from last month that some of our members were involved in but I forgot to mention in last months letter. In September there is a bike week in Wildwood NJ that a few of our members went down to every year and this year Harvey, Kisch and their wives and Bruce went down and represented us. They all made it back and I heard nothing about anyone being locked up so I guess they had a good time, thanks for representing guys. I'm sure that they will be heading back there again next year, well I guess as long as Bruce isn't denied access to the premises. September 18th was the Pottstown POW-MIA Recognition Rally from Home Depot to Memorial Park. We had six bikes and two passengers present for this ride. It was kind of neat cruising down High St. all the way through town with feet up and blowin red lights and not gettin in trouble for it. After arriving at Memorial Park there was a ceremony to honor and remember all those who have never returned from past wars. At the staging area they gave black armbands with POW-MIA in white with the name of a Pennsylvania soldier still missing on it. At the ceremony they read off the names of all the missing from PA, from the Vietnam War. As they read the names one by one if you had that name on your black armband you walked up and rang a bell and they released a black balloon that floated toward heaven. A couple of us stayed for the whole event and participated in the ceremony, it was very cool. Some people didn't fair so well though, there was a veterans group that didn't want to ride with the rest of us and laid back a while, well they missed the window of opportunity to ride through town with out worry of red lights and traffic, and one of them got taken out by a car. I guess it just knocked him over and he hurt his

leg pretty good. All in all it was a good day and a good ride, some of us got to see friends we hadn't seen in a while. I personally got to see a couple of old friends and got to spend some time with them. One of those friends, a very dear friend, ended up getting killed in a motorcycle accident just two weeks later on October 2nd. Although I got to see her that day, spent a little time with her and gave her a few hugs it just seems that, that time was to short.

Well anyway sorry about that ramblin. Other rides that some of us did, there was the Haycock Bikefest in Coopersburg on Sept. 25th. There were 7 bikes total with 6 members and 4 guests. A fall bikefest and music festival, and a good time had by all. Oh yeah I want to congratulate Gene Reynolds for making his first club ride. I damn near fell off my chair when I saw that he made one, I'm sorry I missed it. We will meet up one of these days, Gene. Another ride that a few knights showed up for was the October 2nd Blue Knights XXII of Montgomery County "Fallen Officers Memorial Ride". There were 5 bikes, 6 members and 2 non members on this ride. The ride started out from the Coventry Mall and headed east through Chester County down through Valley Forge Park then over into Norristown past the "Fallen Officers Memorial" and on through Montgomery County to the Upper Gwyned Park out side of North Wales. That sounds like a grest ride I'm sorry I missed that one too. I forgot to ask Toby if they were dodgin deer while toolin through Valley Forge? That can be a scary place to drive through in a car there's so many dang deer. OK that's it for ride updates that have come and gone be sure to check out upcomming rides further on in this letter to see what's commin, now on to the rest of your newsletter Volume 8.

Read and enjoy, "LIVE AND RIDE WELL"

LATEST MEETING

Our October meeting was held at Goodwill FC in Pottstown, on October 2nd 2005, called to order at about 7:15pm. Read off the officers roll, all showed up but one she was workin, one of the others that showed couldn't stay for reasons I am not at liberty to speak of. Anyway we had the pledge to the flag, reading of last months newsletter, oh I mean minutes, ha ha. Treasurer gave the treasurer report, I gave a short ride committee report, yes I said short. There were 13 members and two guests at the meeting. There were no new member proposals to vote on although we had 3 new applications for proposition next month. They are Travis Clemmens who was not present and is Brian & Debs son-in-law and runs with East Greenville FC. Also the 2 guests at the meeting filled out applications and want to join, they are Donald Carter and William "Reds" Horn both of which run with Hancock FC. in Norristown. These guys found out about us when they met another Red Knight at an event and asked about joining a chapter and we are the closest to them. We will vote on these three new proposals at next months meeting.

Poker Run committee, had no report again seeins we aint had a meeting yet.. The Beef & Beer Committee gave their report which basically sounded like quite a scientific inquiry on exactly how much beer it takes to get totally, well you know starts like "sh and ends in faced". No really it sounds like they are movin right along with it and we should have some plans soon. I can't wait.

OLD BUSINESS

Then we discussed "Old Business" which mainly consists of T-shirts. Our T-shirts will be black with Red Knights in red on the front at the breast pocket and our actual main back patch silk-screened on the back with a rocker under it that says chapter PA.#17. The cost will be \$10.00 for size Med. through X-Large and an extra \$1 for every additional X added. The T's are ordered and will be available at next months meeting, come and get um. Toby is also working on an idea for another t-shirt for sale to non members. The non-member shirt will be just like the member shirts except instead of a bottom rocker it will have a top rocker that says " Friend of the Red Knights". We saw art

work of what they will all look like and voted on them and approved them. Now we just have to wait for "International" to approve it all and then we'll get started. The "Friend" shirts will be cool, because we can put them on the Internationals web site and sell them. They will be coming soon, stay tuned.

Colors, if you are qualified to get and wear your colors and have not ordered them yet, you better hurry up and "Git-R-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. Our bottom rockers have been ordered and hopefully will be in by next months meeting. If you've already paid your set if you need it and haven't paid yet you can pay and pick them up when we get them in. We did a 50/50 drawing, which we do at every meeting (see you can show up and win money), Mike who buy's tickets every month and never wins, won it this month. Don't forget the Grand Tour pins and certificates are in so if you went on and completed the Grand Tour you can pick up your pin and certificate at the next meeting or contact Jeanne. If you have not done the Grand Tour yet you can do it when ever you want. Just have proof of pictures and get them to Jeanne and she'll take care of sending the stuff into International.

NEW BUSINESS

We received a letter from international, the issue discussed was about Red Knight Chapters Prospecting new members. This is a process that some clubs use to make sure their new members are worthy of their expectations. Basically the new member will have to do something to earn the right to be a member. This is not a practice the Red Knights support, we do not and will not partake in such a process or activity. Also in new business we will seek permission to attend the Norco Fire Prevention Night at the Clemmens market in North Coventry on Thursday October 13th. If it's ok with Norco FC. we will set up a table and have applications on hand and possibly do a 50/50 drawing. There are some very important meetings coming up in the near future. Officer elections, the offices that will be up for nomination and election will be President, Quartermaster and Treasurer. The next important issue is **DUES**, dues for the **2006 membership are due no later than the November meeting**. Renewal fee is \$10.00 flat fee for any membership weather it is Active, Charter or Social, \$10.00 across the board. If you have not paid your dues for 2006 by the end of the November meeting you missed the boat. You will then have to pay the \$20.00 application fee and start all over again. So this is very important to get your money in by the **November** meeting.

" Please show up and have a say"

Next months will be November 6th
at 7:00pm at Phillis FC.
Penn and Chestnut Sts.
in Pottstown **"SEE YA'S THERE"**

NEW MEMBERS

New members? None this month.

FUND RAISERS

We are looking for FUND RAISER ideas. So please bring yours to the table.
Dance, Car wash, Bake sale, whatever lets get this crap goin.

DATED UPCOMING RIDES AND EVENTS

OK, you ready? Here's what's coming up for the next month or so. The dates that are underlined are definite rides that are happening the rest are just options that are available. If any strike your fancy and you want to get a group together and go start contacting people, send out an email, call

somebody, what ever it takes lets get some ridin in while we can.

Oct. 8th = Pig Roast, Messengers MC, Skippack, PA. Check it out at www.messengersmc.com

Oct. 8-9th = Allentown Motorcycle showcase, Ag. Hall, Allentown Fairgrounds, Allentown, PA.

Oct. 9th = Blocker Enterprises Fall Foliage Run. Parryville, PA, Pocono's

Oct. 13th = Norco Fire Prevention Night at Clemmens Shopping Center in North Coventry
for more info contact Toby

Oct. 15th = Coopersburg Toy Run, Clemmen's parking lot Rt. 309 11:30am

Oct. 16th = Lucky Seven MC, Poker run & Benefit Bash, Ambler, PA. Registration 9-noon at the
Wissahickon FC. 245 E. Race St. Poker run and party afterwards cost \$40. single/ \$50. Couple
Poker run only \$20. single / \$25. couple. Party only \$30. single / \$40. couple. Party after Poker
Run at Reed's Tavern in Center Square, PA from 3-9pm.

Oct. 16th = Reading MC Drags, at RMC, in Oley, PA

Nov. 6th = Del. Val. ABATE Toy Run, Philadelphia, PA 9-noon registration, interested contact Mike
Ondik.

Nov. 12th = Outsiders MC, Toy Run, Reading, PA interested call 610-374-8808 for more info

Nov. 19th = Lehigh Valley ABATE Toy Run, Trexlertown, PA 11:30am

FINALE

Well Knight's that's it for another month. Don't forget to show up at next months meeting . 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.

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Thanks, SHORTY...

P.S. Keep safe John

Dave "Shorty" Alderfer