

Cruisin' News

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Looking Down The Road...

A letter from the Director...

By the time you read this letter, July will be almost over and the Sherwood Forest Campout will be but a memory (Please don't believe all the campfire stories that you hear).

The Memorial Dedication will be our next major event. It will held Thursday, August 2nd at 1800 hrs.(that's 6:00 pm). I, for one, will be very happy once that it is a thing of the past. It has been a huge project, that has gone on for way to long. I want to thank everyone for their dedication and desire to see the project through to completion.

Having the memorial is only part of the project, we now have to help Mo and the paver stone committee sell stones to Veterans, Riders, and Supporters of our cause. I don't want to this to be a one man show—that just wouldn't be fair. I would like to see everyone that can help do so. If we

Don't Call Me "Ed"...

Well, you've missed it again! The Chapter Campout at Sherwood Forest has come and gone for another year.

Everyone had a great time again, though there was no "let's see who can drink the longest, go with the least sleep, and still be functional in the morning" contest as there was last year—though I have to admit to seeing several bleary

all pitch in, it will make it a lot easier for the committee.

The August meeting will be held at the post following the Dedication Ceremony. Only business that is absolutely necessary will be conducted—it should be a very BRIEF meeting. This is because we are expecting many guests to be at the post after the dedication.

We have seen the end of the hot dog sales before the meeting. After buying all the supplies and cooking them, there was very little profit for the charity fund. (It was a good idea. Wish more took advantage of it.). If anyone else has any other ideas for fund-raisers please let me know.

Until we meet again, Ride Safe and have fun. Life is not a dress rehearsal, enjoy it the first time around.

Semper Fi
Johnny B.

eyes and "green about the gills" faces at breakfast Sunday. :)

I'm always amazed at the small percentage of members who make it out to the campout at all. It's a beautiful ride out North Territorial to get there (it's not a bad ride out I-94, either, if you're so inclined). The campground has always been pretty well maintained, but even more so now with the new man-

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MILE MARKERS

- **Memorial Dedication 2 Aug 6 pm**
- **ALR General Membership Meeting/Community Social 2 Aug 7 pm**
- **Ladies Night Out 16 Aug**
- **Legacy Run 19-24 Aug**

BIRTHDAYS IN AUGUST:

- **Jim "Jimmie" Williams & Kathy "KitKat" Spisz—1 Aug**
- **Andrew "Amos" Ianitelli & John "Cruel John" Bowman—9 Aug**
- **Ron "Baron" Weyer—14 Aug**
- **Helen "Toots" White & Sue Wert—15 Aug**
- **Wynona "Nonie" Stabenow—24 Aug**
- **Diane Kaledas—26 Aug**

Veteran's Memorial Pavers Available...

For everyone's information:

The brick pavers for our monument are

for all to purchase. So if you are a rider or a spouse or want to buy one for your Dad, your Mom, your brother or sister—now is the time! They do make a special gift for a birthday, Christ-

mas or just for the heck of it!

Imagine: your recipients name forever immortalized in brick on display at the Veteran's Memorial!

Bricks are available in two sizes: 4"X8" goes for \$50.00, and the 8"X8" sells for

*buy one for your
Dad, Mom,
brother or sister*

\$75.00.

We will handle the orders and the money through the Riders. There is a form on the next page that you can fill out to order your brick. Please note that we require your payment at the time you turn in your form. We would like to have all the Riders together when the walk is laid, so please get your order in ASAP! What a great way to show we care.

Thanks,
The Brick Pavers Committee

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

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agement.

Next year, we're shooting for the second weekend in July to coincide with the air show and balloon festival in Jackson. If you haven't been at the annual

campout yet, next year's should prove to be a great opportunity!

As Johnnie B has pointed out, we will be dedicating the Veteran's Memorial at the Garden City Historical Museum at 6:00 pm, Thursday, 2 August 2007—yes, this is one hour before our meeting. The meeting, by the way, will be very brief—critical business only—as we will be having many guests to the Post after the dedication.

It would be great to have a

large contingent of ALR members at the dedication, so please do your best to be there, and to spread the word to other local Chapters. Yes, it is at 6 pm on a weekday, which makes it very challenging for

those still working to make it there, but you have to take the opportunities where they are available—again: please do your best to attend.

Finally, it is renewal time once again. As both the newsletter editor and the membership chairman, I can tell you that this is **not** my favorite time of year! You can help make it more pleasant by doing a couple of things:

First, (a) provide all the documentation I need to process your

membership. All members must provide a copy of their TAL, SAL, or ALA card for 2008 (or a copy of the receipt showing renewal) and a completed Member Data Form. Regular members must provide a copy of their motorcycle registration. Regular and Spousal members must also provide \$12 dues for the new year.

Second (b) provide these documents EARLY! You can renew your ALR membership as soon as you renew your Legion membership, and the Legion membership renewals start by July of each year. And the more I get early, the fewer get lost or delayed due to the Holidays. (If you saw the "desk" I work from, you'd understand the "lost" part...) Also, because of the way the cards are printed, the more I get all at once, the better and easier the process of providing your new card is.

*Spread the
word to other
local
Chapters.*

2008



The American Legion Riders

Please Note
Per Chapter 2003 vote, **Every member** – Regular, Supporting, or Special Class Life - must complete and file a new form each year. **Only one** (1) member's information should appear on this form. **Those joining as spouses** must complete a separate form.

Post 396, Garden City, Michigan

Member Information Form/Application for Membership

About You: Complete this section in its entirety. Check one: I am a New Member I am Renewing

Last Name: _____ First Name: _____

Nickname/Rider Name: _____

Home Address: _____ Apt: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Home Phone: (____) _____ - _____ Cell Phone: (____) _____ - _____

Wife or Husband's Name: _____

Birth Date: ____/____/____ email address: _____

Check one.

AL/SAL/Aux

Member of: Legion SAL Auxiliary at Post # _____ Member#: _____

Emergency Contact Name: _____ Phone: (____) _____ - _____

This is who we would contact should something happen to you.

About your bike: Complete this section if you will be riding a motorcycle with the ALR. Cross it out if you will be a passenger

Year: ____ Make: _____ Model: _____ Displacement: _____

About the lawyers: Check the box alongside the appropriate statement below. Motorcycle owners should check the first section (in **bold**) and sign and date it and the last section Sign and date. Spouses should check the second section (in *italics*), sign and date it and the last section, and draw a large "X" through the "About your bike" section above.

"I, the undersigned, certify that the motorcycle listed above is registered in my name and in accordance with state, city, and/or local licensing and registration requirements. I further certify that I carry property and liability insurance for myself, my passengers, and my motorcycle which meets at least the minimum state, city, and/or local insurance requirements. I also certify that I carry a valid driver's license with either a cycle endorsement or a valid Motorcyclist Temporary Instruction Permit in accordance with state, city, and/or local laws. If my status changes, I will request, complete, and submit a new Member Information Form."

Signed: _____ Date: _____
Sign and date here to signify your understanding of and agreement with the above, if it applies to you (box checked).

"I am joining as a passenger of the following Rider: _____ . I will not be operating a motorcycle as an American Legion Rider, but may be participating in American Legion Rider events as a passenger. If my status changes, I will request, complete, and submit a new Member Information Form."

Signed: _____ Date: _____
Sign and date here to signify your understanding of and agreement with the above, if it applies to you (box checked).

"I, the undersigned, agree that the American Legion, and the American Legion Motorcycle Association (henceforth referred to as 'The American Legion Riders' or simply as 'Riders'), shall not be liable or responsible for damage to property or injury to persons including myself during any Riders activities, even where the damage or injury is caused by negligence (except willful neglect). I understand and agree that all Riders members and their guests participate voluntarily, and at their own risk in all Riders activities. I release and hold the Riders officers and the American Legion harmless for any injury loss to my person or property that may result through my participation in the Riders and/or their activities. I understand that this means that I agree not to sue the Riders officers, whether local, state or national, nor the American Legion for any injury resulting to myself or my property in connection with and Riders activities."

Signed: _____ Date: _____
All members must signify their understanding of and agreement with the above by signing and dating here.

Check here to opt out of the Chapter contact list. Understand that **only Chapter Officers and those listed can receive a copy**. Dues for new members are \$1/month, including the month in which you are joining. Renewal for existing members is \$12/year. Mail completed form with dues payment in form of **check or money order payable to ALR**, a **copy** of your 2008 TAL, SAL, or ALA card, and a **copy** of your motorcycle registration to: **ALR PO Box 871309, Canton, MI 48187-6309** ALR Membership Number: MI-396-_____

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FRIENDS OF THE GARDEN CITY HISTORICAL MUSEUM
PAVER BRICK ORDER FORM

Be part of the grounds at the **Historical Museum 6221 Merriman Garden City, Mi.** The bricks will be installed around the grounds of the Museum. Purchase a brick engraved with a special message. You may want to consider a brick in honor of a loved one, a brick for you family or even one for each of your children. You may prefer an inspirational message, your company name, or a brick to commemorate a special event or accomplishment.

Your contribution of **\$50.00 for each 4" x 8" brick** and/or **\$75.00 for 8" x 8" paver brick** will be used to fund the purchase of the **Straight Farm House** and is tax deductible to the extent allowed by law.

Make **checks** payable to **Friends of the Garden City Historical Museum.**

Mail your complete **order form** and check to: **Donna Spiteri 28503 Sheridan, Garden City, MI 48135**

Name: _____ Phone: _____

Please print your message below exactly as you would like it to appear.
There are 12 characters per Line, including spaces and punctuation.

Brick #1

4" x 8" Individual Brick, 3 Lines

Brick #2

8" x 8" Individual Brick, 6 Lines

If you have questions, please call: Straight Farmhouse 734 838 0650. The above brick(s) as ordered will remain the property of Friends of the Garden City Historical Museum.

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wrong—name as displayed, address,
etc. *Thanks!*

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No-one on record!



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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...



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

29 Jul—Scavenger Hunt for
Wounded Vet—Farmington,
Motor City Hog 313-438-3464

2 Aug—Memorial Dedic-

tion—Garden City Historical Museum
6pm

2 Aug—Regular Meeting/Social—Post
396 7pm, following Dedication

16 Aug—Ladies Night Out

19-24 Aug—American Legion Legacy
Run—<http://www.legion.org/legionriders>

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

25 Aug—The Dave & Wanda Harrison
Memorial Ride (benefiting Children's
Leukemia Foundation) - Clarkston, MI
<http://www.leukemiamichigan.org>

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—
The Deltaplex Grand Rapids, MI Contact
800-968-4242

28 Oct—Giant Motorcycle Swap Meet—
State Fair Grounds Detroit, MI Contact
800-968-4242

1 Nov—Regular Meeting—Post 396 7pm