

Cruisin' News

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Looking Down The Road...

A letter from the Director...

The summer is officially over, and the riding season is growing short. Now that there is a lot less sunshine out there, please be careful, make sure that others can see you and you can see others. Slow down in the dark for the roads can become slick from the dew and the frost. We sure don't want to see anyone get hurt.

I hope that everyone has had a nice and safe summer. I had a fantastic summer. Nancy and I tried to do as much as our busy schedules would allow, and believe me we did quite a bit. But, the season is not over yet, we still have a lot of riding to do. We have our Cider Mill run on Oct.27th, we will also have the Plymouth Chili Cook-off, and on Nov.17th we will have about 20 Legion Riders from Willard, Ohio coming to our post to watch the Michigan-Ohio State football game. I would like to encourage as many Riders as possible to attend this event as they are coming a long

way just to see where the American Legion Riders were founded. So come on down and root for U of M, or Ohio State, or just to drink beer and meet a really nice group of riders.

We have also been asked to participate in the 2nd annual Detroit Veterans Day Parade, on Nov.10th beginning at 12 noon. It is unclear if they want us to march or ride, I will find out soon. Also our own Santaland Parade is just around the corner, so we are beginning to get a little busy. I know that we can't all participate in everything, but please do whatever you can. It is great advertisement for the Riders the more that we are seen helping and supporting these events and functions.

Remember, we are always looking for some new (or old) fundraising ideas, please bring them up under the New Business part of our meeting.

**SEMPER FI,
JOHNNY B.**



Santa Claus Is Comin' To Town...

The Santaland Parade is coming up faster than you think! Once again we are asking for people to ride in the parade. As in the past the parade will be held on Saturday after Thanksgiving, November 24. The parade will start at 10:00 am and staging will be same as last year. Hope we can get as good a turn out as we have had in the past. In advance thank you for helping make the kids happy on this day.

We also need you to mark your calendars for Friday, November 23 for selling GoodFellows papers on the corner.

This is one thing the Riders do really well at, so please join us on this day also. This is the way your calendar should be marked:

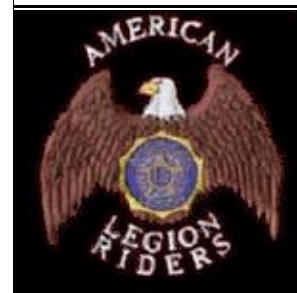
- Thanksgiving on November 22
- Selling GoodFellows papers 11/ 23
- Santaland Parade on the 24.

What a busy time for all of us!

As in the past David Spiteri will be handling the paper sale so if you have any questions please contact him at the meeting.



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MILE MARKERS

- ALR General Membership Meeting 4 Oct 7 pm**
- Ladies Night Out 18 Oct**

October Birthdays:

- Rod "Snipe Hunter" White and Mo Price—3 Oct
- James Frazier—5 Oct
- Sindy Baugher—8 Oct
- Charlie "007" Babcock and Steve "Box O' Rocks" McMahon—9 Oct
- Barbara "Basia" Price and Judy "Stormy" Reynolds—10 Oct
- Steve Nelson, Peter Frazier, and Nicki Shaw—15 Oct
- Dennis Keene—19 Oct
- Rick Siler—20 Oct
- Harry Clynick—31 Oct

Veteran's Memorial Pavers Available...

Thanks to the people who sent in their forms and money for their brick pavers. The money and forms went to the Farmhouse on Wednesday.

It does take a while before they do get finished and installed. To anyone who hasn't got their stuff in yet: there is still some time before it's too cold to do this.

It would be great if everyone could get a brick, even if you are not a Vet, but a rider please think about it. This was a project we took on as a group and it would be great if

more people got involved in it.

Once again, it's a great gift for anyone to give. We have some bricks that are Memory bricks for members of families.

As everyone else is asking for your money, we are

asking also for your help. We all know things are tight for everyone, so please think about it again. We're sure Pat still has the forms on the web in case yours got lost. We do need the form and the money at the same time.

*there's still time
before the
ground's too hard*

Just to reiterate:

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



It's Renewal Time!

It's that time of year again: That happy time when Bobcat nags you to renew your membership!

With the availability of Legion/SAL/ALA cards for 2008 comes the availability of the newly designed ALR cards for 2008.

Once you've renewed your Legion family membership, you can renew your ALR membership as well. Neat!

Here are the requirements to renew:

- If you're a *SPECIAL CLASS LIFE MEMBER*, or a *SUPPORTING MEMBER*, you need only complete a Member Data Form (available on the website, or ask Bobcat for one) and show your 2008 Legion/SAL/ALA card.

- If you're a *SPECIAL CLASS MEMBER* under bylaws paragraphs IIA1 or IIA2, you need to complete a Member Data Form, show your 2008 Legion family membership card, and submit \$12.00 dues.
- If you're a *REGULAR MEMBER*, you need to complete a Member Data Form, show your 2008 Legion family membership card, show your motorcycle registration (if you are a member's spouse, the spouse owning the motorcycle must renew as well in order for you to renew), and submit \$12.00 dues.

If you need one, Member Data Forms are available on our website, or see Bobcat at the next meeting.



Dual Membership Notice

Per the amendment to our bylaws voted in at the 3 February 2005 meeting of our Chapter, you will not be allowed to renew your membership with our Chapter if you intend to hold membership in any other Chapter of the ALR.

Note that revocation of your membership in our Chapter will occur if dual membership is disclosed or discovered following renewal. This revocation will not precipitate a refund of dues paid for 2008.



Be sure to visit
http://AmericanLegionRiders.net/gc_mi_alr
for Member Data Forms,
Newsletters, and more!



**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: **Pat Squires 33623 Leona, 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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Contact the editor if *anything* is
wrong—name as displayed, address,
etc. *Thanks!*

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Sick Call

Doctor Bob is recovering nicely...



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LEGION RIDERS

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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 at-
tending. We do our best to en-
sure the dates, location and
contact info are accurate, but
mistakes are easily made and
hardly corrected...*

23 Sep—Motor City Toy
Run—Leaving from Dr.
Bob's at 11:00ish

30 Sep—Plymouth Chili
Cookoff—Plymouth, MI

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

15 Nov—Ladies Night Out

4 Nov—Giant Motorcycle Swap Meet—
Birch Run Expo Birch Run, MI Contact
800-968-4242

24 Nov—Santaland Parade—Meet at Post
396, 9 am

1 Dec—Santaland Party—Maplewood
Center 8 am

6 Dec—Regular Meeting—Post 396 7pm

8 Dec—Chapter Christmas Party—Post
396 7pm

20 Dec—Ladies Night Out

15 Dec—Needy Family Setup—Maplewood
Center 8 am

16 Dec—Needy Family Distribution—
Maplewood Center 8 am

20 Dec—Chapter Cookie Bake—St. Dun-
stan 8 pm (listed date & time are a place-
holder ONLY. Actual date and time to be
announced.)

Happy
Halloween!

