

Cruisin' News

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Looking Down The Road...

A letter from the Director...

It's hard to believe that it's November already, the days are getting shorter and the nights are getting longer. That's all the more reason to make sure that you can be seen on your bikes. Also with the cool weather, comes the frost and early morning black ice. Please be careful out there, I don't want anything bad happening to any of our members.

We don't have many more runs planned for the rest of the year, but we still have plenty of things to do. We have the Under-privileged children's bowling fundraiser on Nov.4th at 1300hrs (1:00 pm) at Cherry Hill Lanes, and the Detroit Veterans Day Parade on Nov.10th, the Garden City Veterans Day Service and Run to our memorial on the 11th, Grinners Poker Run and our Mich-Ohio St. football game

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

and gathering at the post on the 17th, the Goodfellows paper drive on Nov.23rd, and the Santaland Parade on Nov.24th. I know that this is quite a bit to do, and we can't attend everything, but PLEASE let's do what we can. We are AMERICAN LEGION RIDERS, and that means something in this community! So, lets all get out there and work hard, play hard, ride hard, and most of all have fun.

I'd also like everyone to say a prayer for all of our members and members families that may be sick or distressed, and hope that all will be better soon. If there is anything that the Riders can do to help, please let us know. We are your family and we are there for you!

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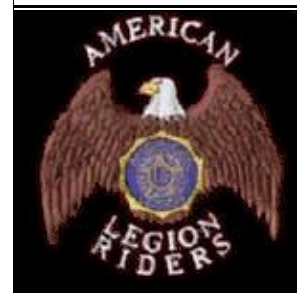
This is one thing the Riders do really well at, so please join us on this day also. This is the way your calendar should be marked:

- 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 8 Nov 7 pm**
- **Grinner's Run 17 Nov**
- **Ladies Night Out 22 Nov**

November Birthdays:

- Terry "TJ" Johnson—2 Nov
- "Crazy" Bob Squires—3 Nov
- Daniel "Rafterman" Rafferty—4 Nov
- Brad "Smiley" Lindsay—7 Nov
- Adam "Big Country" Michalo—9 Nov
- Matt "I Need A Biker Name" Squires—10 Nov
- Jeff "The Beef" Davis—11 Nov
- Robert "42" Spanogle—13 Nov
- Dennis "Streets" Haberek and "Mother" Dave Higgins—25 Nov
- Bob "Osama" Sebes—27 Nov

Don't Call Me 'Ed'...

Happy Thanksgiving!

Well, another riding season has passed into the sunset. With its passage comes many changes; some good, some not so good.

First off, on Wednesday, 17 October 2007, The American Legion National Executive Committee saw fit to approve Resolution No. 35, making the ALR a national program. The Legion is now engaged in putting together the bylaws of this new program—information will be shared as it becomes available.

Next off, with the changes at Ford Motor Company, I no longer have the luxury of knowing I have my evenings free. Soon, I'll be expected to spend inordinate amounts of time away from home on business.

Due to this, unless and until I find different employment, it is no longer a "good fit" for me to serve as an officer of the Chapter—unfortunately, I cannot predict my availability for meetings or other

events any longer. March through September of each year will almost assuredly be spent on the road; therefore, this is the last year in which I will have enjoyed my roles as Newsletter Editor and Membership Chairman. I will not be running for election to any office in 2008, and I will be surrendering my role as Newsletter Editor once those elections are complete.

I'm giving plenty of advance notice so that others with the capabilities required can step up for each role. Here's what I've been up to:

The newsletter is written using Microsoft Publisher. Each month's newsletter is written from the previous month's, so the "template" has been pretty much continuous. If someone is familiar with Publisher, and have the time, you'd be a good fit. Step up, and I'll turn the newsletter files over to you. Otherwise, Publisher is not a requirement—it never was in the past, and the new Newsletter Editor can use whatever they are most comfortable with.

Something to consider: I've found being both Membership Chairman and Newsletter Editor to be the best combination. This way, all data necessary for the newsletter has always been at my fingertips.

I have been developing an Access application in which I keep the membership records. It's powerful, but the user interface is a bit rough. It isn't necessary that you use it, but it does make some of the reporting and mailing easier to do. If a prospective Membership Chairman is familiar with Access, I'll turn that over as well—otherwise, you can do a fine job with just hardcopies.

Finally, I have truly enjoyed serving this Chapter, and look forward to the time when I will be once again able to serve in the capacity of a Chapter officer. That time will come, but, for now, I must focus on providing for my family.

Thanks! It's been a pleasure to serve. Hopefully, a pleasure I will soon have again.

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 (enclosed, 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 an additional Member Data Form, they are available on our web site, 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!

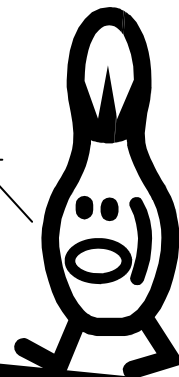
**BOWLING & PIZZA!
PRIZE RAFFLES!
50-50 RAFFLES!**

Benefiting...

- ...The mentally and physically challenged
- ...The United Needy Family Fund of Garden City,
- ...The Penrickton Center for Blind Children

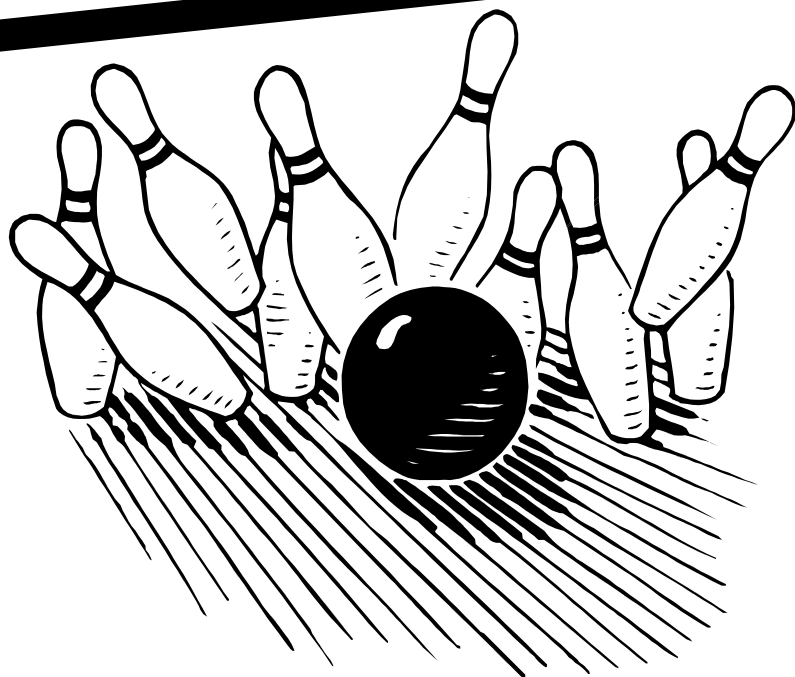
at **Cherry Hill Lanes**
300 N. Inkster Road
Dearborn Heights, MI

Includes 3 games of bowling, shoe rental, 2 slices of pizza and pop!



Bowling Fundraiser!

**SUNDAY, NOV 4TH
1:00 PM**



Adults: \$20.00

Children: \$10.00

For ticket information, contact:
Pat Squires (734) 748-0514
Deanna Spiteri (734) 812-1519



**Mayor's Committee for
Underprivileged
Children**

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-_____

Bowling & Pizza!
Prize Raffles!
50-50 Raffles!

For ticket information, contact:
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Contact the editor if *anything* is
wrong—name as displayed, address,
etc. *Thanks!*

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Sick Call

Dr. Bob continues to recover nicely...
Mouse McAdams
Stormy Reynolds



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Still serving - And Riding!

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HAPPY THANKSGIVING!

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...*

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

1 Nov—Regular Meet-
ing—Post 396 7pm

15 Nov—Ladies
Night Out

4 Nov—Giant
Motorcycle Swap

Meet—Birch Run Expo Birch
Run, MI Contact 800-968-
4242

17 Nov—Poker Run for Grin-
ner—(313) 930-1746

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

11 Dec—Christmas Light Run—Meet at the
Post at 6 pm to ride the Hines light display

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; *event may be cancelled*)

1 Jan—First Ride O' The Year—The in-
trepid among us will meet at the Post at
noon for the first ride of the year...

