

# Cruisin' News

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## Looking Down The Road...

I want to start this months newsletter by saying that I hope everyone had a very merry Christmas, and I wish you all health and happiness for the New Year. December was a very busy month for us, it seems like I was attending one function after another all month long. The best thing about that was that there were many other Legion Riders right there with me to help out. I want to thank all of you, for donating your time, money, and physical work to help others in need. You all really made me proud as you displayed what the true meaning of Christmas is. I'm proud to be one of you.

Last month we had our election of officers, and I'm happy to say that all officers remained the same. I want to thank all of my fellow officers, for all of their hard work and efforts to keep our Chapter operating and functioning at such a high level. None of your jobs are easy and you all go over and above your duties to help our chapter. I would be lost without you, all your help is greatly appreciated

Well, now it is January, we have a run scheduled for the 1st if the weather permits. Also our January meeting has been moved to Jan 8th, because the first Thursday of the month is Jan. 1st. I'm sorry about the mix-up and the short notice, I would have brought it up at the Dec. meeting but I wasn't aware of it at that time.

As I'm writing this letter, there is about 8 inches of SNOW outside. Today is Dec 19th, it's not even WINTER yet. I hate winter and I

really hate snow!!! I just wish that this winter goes by as fast or faster than last years riding season seemed to fly by. The one good thing that winter offers, is that it is a good time to add any new accessories to your bike or catch up on any needed maintenance or cleaning that needs to be done. It is also a real good time to plan fundraisers. We did a real good job of helping others with our generosity, but now is the time to raise more money for our charity fund. So if anyone has any ideas for a fundraiser, PLEASE let me or any other of our officers know, or you can bring it up at our meeting.

I would like to take just a minute to discuss our conduct at our meetings. Our meetings are quite relaxed and informal to say the least. We need to start being a little more respectful of our Officers and our Guests when they are speaking. I know some of our meeting seem to drag on and on, but most of the time when someone is speaking, it is about something that is important to them. It is very distracting to the speaker and the Chapter, to be laughing and talking while someone else has the floor. The meetings don't take that long and we can all join in talk and laughter as soon as it is adjourned. Thank you!

**SEMPER FI and GOD BLESS THE VET,**

**JOHNNY B.**



## !!!!!!! January Meeting Date Moved !!!!!!!

The Riders meeting has been moved to the **second Thursday of January (January 8th).**

Our regular scheduled meeting happens to fall on New Years Day and after speaking with Director Jonny B and with Post approval, it has been moved to the following Thursday.

Andre is posting flyers that I made at the Post, two behind the bar and one on the bulletin board. Please spread the word.....

If you have any questions, please contact me or Director Johnny B

**HAPPY HOLIDAYS**

**Diane**



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### MILE MARKERS

*ALR General Membership meeting 8-January 7:00pm*

*Ladies Night Out 15-January*

### BIRTHDAYS IN January:

- Nancy 'The Baker' Bowman 7 Jan
- Ruth Babcock 9 Jan
- James 'Bingo' O'Donnell 10 Jan
- Sam 'Bonz' Blair 14 Jan
- Don 'Polish Prince' Blasky 17 Jan
- Kenneth 'Shakr' Smith 19 Jan
- Greg 'Grinner' Price 24 Jan

## Editors Rant

Happy New year everyone. I want to apologize for not getting out a news letter in December. I was unavoidably detained by that four letter word "work" and "boss". Funny how those two words can bring so much grief into our lives., and at the same time allow us to live our lives. Well things are back on track now and should continue to be in the future.

Everyone that sent me a membership form in the mail, should have received their cards by now, If you haven't call me or see me at the next meeting.

Congratulations to our officers for 2009

Director.....Jonny B.

Asst. Director.....Gentleman Dave

Secretary.....Diane Kaledas

Treasurer.....Kitt Kat

Membership / Newsletter..Rob Shaw

Run Coordinator .....Lips

Historian..... Doctor Bob

Store Keeper..... Donna Spiteri

Inspirational Speaker..Mo Price

Congratulations to all of you, and thanks for your efforts in keeping this chapter running.

I hope everyone had a good Christmas and was able to spend it with their families, and friends. I received the following message from the parade committee

"A Huge Thank You to everyone who took part in this years Santa land Parade. It was great to see all the bikes, coming down the road. Of course Mouse fit right in there with her new ride. Also a huge thank you to all the people who wore the costumes. Can't forget the people who drove trucks, and Kim for driving her great red classic. As you can see the riders once again came through . Thank you all again and hope we can count on you next year.  
The Parade Committee".

Also a big thank you to all who volunteered their time to deliver packages to the needy families in the area. It's great to see our riders helping out in and around the community.

And remember we have some great events coming up. The January 1st ride, bikers ball. The national romp is in Willard Ohio this year, and we've already blocked off rooms for Rolling Thunder. Look to Lips corner in the future for more information. Well that's all I have for this month, I hope everyone has a great 2009,

*Don't forget to remember our soldiers and vets , past and present in your prayers*

**Robert  Shaw**



## Renewal Time Is here

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

With the availability of Legion/SAL/ALA cards for 2009 comes the availability of the new ALR cards for 2009. Once you've renewed your Legion family membership, you can renew your ALR membership as well.

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 Rob for one) and show your 2009 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 2009 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 2009 Legion family membership card, and submit \$12.00 dues. (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 web site, or see Rob at the next meeting.

Be sure to visit  
[http://AmericanLegionRiders.net/gc\\_mi\\_alr](http://AmericanLegionRiders.net/gc_mi_alr) for Member Data Forms, Newsletters, and more!



**Lips Corner**



**Happy New Year Everyone**  
**Stay tuned for updates in**  
**future news letters**



**THOUGHT OF THE MONTH**

I was asked earlier to include a new section to the news letter, it's called thought of the month. So without further fanfare here is this months.

"It's faith in something and enthusiasm for something that makes life worth living"



**Rolling Thunder 09**

30 rooms have been blocked at the Marriott Residence Inn for the above event.

Residence Inn  
 8125 Gatehouse Road  
 Falls Church, VA 22042

1-800-331-3131 or 1-703-573-5200

Dates: Thursday, May 21st through  
 Monday, May 25th.

Price: \$114 for single or studio room

Name of Event: American Legion  
 Riders

Wreath Presentation: Saturday, May  
 23rd (I believe the time is 3:15 pm)

Stay tuned for more information as  
 memorial day draws near



**2009 ALR ROMP**

**2009 Buckeye Romp!**  
**The 2009 National ALR**  
**Gathering (Romp)**  
**is planned for July 17 - 19,**  
**2009 in**  
**Willard, OH**

**More Information to follow**



**Dual Membership Notice**

Per the amendment to our by-laws 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.



**STORE NEWS**

The store is no longer carrying any Rider clothes. .

The store still carries hats, flags, rockers and patches. .

See you at the meeting,

Donna



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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  
rarely corrected...*

**8 Jan**—Regular Meeting

**15 Jan**—Ladies' Night Out

**5 Feb**—Regular Meeting

**19 Feb**—Ladies'  
Night Out

**5 Mar**—Regular  
Meeting

**19 Mar**—Ladies' Night  
Out

**2 Apr**—Regular Meeting

**16 Apr**—Ladies' Night Out

**7 May**—Regular Meeting

**21 May**—Ladies' Night Out

**21–25 May**—Rolling Thunder—Washington,  
DC

**4 Jun**—Regular Meeting

**18 Jun**—Ladies' Night Out

**2 Jul**—Regular Meeting

**16 Jul**—Ladies' Night Out

**17–19 Jul**—Buckeye Romp—National ALR  
Gathering in Willard, OH

**6 Aug**—Regular Meeting

**20 Aug**—Ladies' Night Out

**3 Sep**—Regular Meeting

**17 Sep**—Ladies' Night Out

**1 Oct**—Regular Meeting

**15 Oct**—Ladies' Night Out

**5 Nov**—Regular Meeting

**19 Nov**—Ladies' Night Out

**3 Dec**—Regular Meeting

**17 Dec**—Ladies' Night Out

