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Legacy Ride

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The American Legion Riders are members of the American Legion who are also motorcycle enthusiasts. They can be found participating in parades, partaking in motorcycling events and supporting the communities in which they live, work, and play. Members of the ALR come from the Legion, the Legion Auxiliary and the Sons of the American Legion.

The American Legion Riders is **NOT** a motorcycle club (M/C) and does not practice M/C rules or regulations. The American Legion Riders is family-oriented, just as its parent organization; the American Legion.

Greetings Pony Express Members,

We are approaching the dates for the Legacy Ride from Indianapolis - Louisville, August 18-23, 2009, so it is time to begin getting our ride plans together.

FYI, the 1st 5 months of 2009 have been a challenge for Doc and Red.

Each of us had health issues that were unexpected. All is well at the time. I decided to resigned from my position with Kaplan College and devote my time to my family and veterans causes.

I will be riding Rolling Thunder beginning this week end. From there we will ride to Florida, and across country. I would like to meet as many of you as I can. I will be sending more information on our ride later this week.

Let me know if I can help in any way.
Regards, Doc Bart

The above article was submitted by John Collins. John is really wanting participation from the ALR in Legacy Ride.

Please contact John Collins 336-409-6120 or jwcent@hotmail.com for additional information

From our Director

The elections will be held, Sunday June 07, 2009. Please make every effort to attend this month's meeting. I would like to thank all the officers for this past year. We have accomplished so much and I am looking forward to another year. Please remember our Veteran's In Need Ride on June 27, 2009. Our membership is up for this past year, lets all work together to see if we can get more members to show up for our meeting. I will be working on updating a list of all members shortly. Thanks again to each of you for a successful year. Please don't forget about Bike Nite every Tuesday at the Legion *Ken*

Upcoming Rides and Events

June 13th & 14th: Lake Lure camping trip and ride.

July 18th: Hot rides and Hot Dogs ride benefiting Hospice and Palative Care. Ride will begin and end at Smokin' Harley Davidson. There will be food, Live Music and prizes. For more info contact Meredy Swafford 336-287-0108

June 27th: Veterans in Need, This ride will be a Poker Run benefiting either a homeless Veteran or a Veterans in need and his/her family.

July 25th: Juvenile Diabetes Ride/ Slice of Island Life Party, Ride will begin and end at American Legion with a lunch stop at Cripple Creek Road House. Ride will end with a benefit party held by The Parrotheads of the Triad and participation in the ride will buy you admittance to the party.

August 1st: Spurgeon Goss Memorial Ride, This will be a Poker run starting at RV Superstore in Mocksville and ending at the American Legion. Additional stops are Moxie's in Mocksville, N.C., Clemmons Motorcycles Inc., VFW # 1134 on South Main St. Come honor a Marine who died saving fellow Marines and help send a deserving kid to College in the bargain!!

August 23rd: Pediatric Brain Tumor Ride leaving from Asheville. This ride may be included in a weekend trip to Deals Gap. It is still in the works and we will have more info later.

September 5th, 6th and 7th: Rally on the River/Naked on the Broad. Camping trip to the French Broad River. Camping is free and I promise you will have a blast. The Naked part is optional!!!!

September 19th: Tim Lynch benefit Ride. This will be a Poker Run benefitting a returning soldier. More info to follow.

September 26th: Gift of Life Ride. Ride to raise awareness for Organ Donation. Leaving from Smoking HD

October 10th: Out of the Darkness Ride. Ride for suicide prevention. For more info contact Meredy Swafford 336-287-0108

November 15th: American Children's Home Ride.

December 12th: 5th Annual Christmas Ride for the Vets

Note From Ride Coordinator: I wanted to thank each and every one of you for all of the help and support that was given during my tenure as your ride coordinator. As Ken Lewis was the previous holder of this office, I had some pretty large shoes to fill. I care deeply about the causes that we support and always did my best at trying to make sure rides went smoothly. Hope it is a period people will look back on and think "Well, He didn't do too awfully bad". Please continue with you help and support in the coming year for your new Ride Coordinator and show them the Love I have felt from you all during my run. Thanks Again *Timmman*

Chaplain's Message

Please continue to pray for Wayne Brown and his family and our service men and women.

If you have a special prayer request or need please let me know. *Mike*



An A.L.R. Poem

**We ride for our Freedom. For Vets near and far.
 The American Legion Riders, That's who we are.
 Our horses are steel, Our hearts proud and true.
 We hold Old Glory high, For ourselves and for you.
 We honor our soldiers that fight for us daily.
 We ask God in His wisdom to bring them home safely.
 We wear patches and pins and always have a good time.
 But when our country needs us we'll be right there in line.
 We are made up of Veterans, Of Sons, Spouses and Daughters.
 The American Legion Riders,
 That's who we are.
 "Tinnman"**

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
	1	2 Bike Nite	3	4	5	6
7	8	9 Bike Nite	10	11 Convention in Raleigh, NC	12 Convention in Raleigh, NC	13 Lake Lure Convention in Raleigh, NC
14 Lake Lure	15	16 Bike Nite	17	18	19	20
21	22	23 Bike Nite	24	25	26	27 Veterans in Need
28	29	30 Bike Nite				

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misc. tidbits

If anyone has stories or information for our newsletters please forward to me by the previous months end.

This is your newsletter. Thanks *Wendie*

Happy Birthday

June

Tia Byrd June 2
Brent Brown (BB)-
June 4
Johnny Soots June 9
Chuck Davis June 12
Eugene Swaim June 15
JR Payne June 19
Rick Hall- June 26
Susan Temples June 27



I would like to thank everyone for a wonderful year as membership chair. I am looking forward to all our upcoming rides. Membership is up to 75 members. I look forward to seeing this number increase with our upcoming year. I would also like to say a special HAPPY BIRTHDAY to TIA.... I love you!

Jeff