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# TRIKERS RIDERS INTERNATIONAL™

## National Newsletter

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### Bob & Linda Larsen

As April comes to an end, we can tell you that we have had another very active month with TRI. We have met a lot of TRI members, old and new, at the different rallies that we have been at. We just returned from the Louisiana District Rally that was held in Lafayette over the weekend of the 18th and once again met a lot of TRI members that were there and talked to a lot of people that will be joining us. Don & Becky Guidry, along with Jesse & Jeanette Littleton, spent the weekend at the TRI recruitment booth talking to a lot of people about TRI.

A big thanks goes out to Don, Becky, Jesse & Jeanette for giving up their time to work the booth at the rally. We still have one more rally where we will have a recruitment booth this month and that is in Branson, MO. Joe Jenkins and his crew will be working that one and we will let you know what happened next month. We are also still working on trying to get into the GWRRA Spring Fling District rally in Tenn. but it does not look like they want to help us out with this one.

For those of you that are going to Americade and want to take a TRC, we still have a few openings in both the Wednesday and Friday classes. If you have already registered at Americade, go to the TRI website [www.trikes.org](http://www.trikes.org) to get the TRC registration form. You will find it under the Americade button.

Speaking of Americade, if you are going to be at Americade and would be willing to give Lin & I a hand for a couple of hours in the TRI membership booth, please contact us at [TRI-ORG@tampabay.rr.com](mailto:TRI-ORG@tampabay.rr.com). We sure can use some help.

A lot of TRI members know Pete Woodruff and know his passion for trikes and motorcycling in general and what he has done in the past and continues to do today to promote this sport. For all that hard work, Pete has just been awarded the 2008 AMA Field Rep of the Year. Congratulations Pete from all your fellow TRI members.

### Spirit of Three Rally Update

The rally update this month is still on a very positive note and we are moving forward with getting our vendors signed up and that is going really well for the late start that we had in getting our invitations out. We have even had a couple of the vendors change their schedules so that they would be available for our rally. One of the things that we are going to need are a few people to work for a couple of hours each day to help

the rally staff. If you are willing to give us a little of your time while you are there, please drop me an email so that we can get you scheduled into a time slot.

We have the raffle tickets for the WAGS trailer that we need help selling. If you are willing to take a few and sell them, let me know and we will get them to you. Send me an email at: [TRI-ORG@tampabay.rr.com](mailto:TRI-ORG@tampabay.rr.com)

## Bob Hough, International Director of Operations

Hi Trikers

I thought we were ready to ride our trikes in the upper Midwest. Well I was wrong. On the 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> of April Mother Nature give us 4” of the most wet snow you can get. This means the red trike will be in the garage for a while. Oh well!

We have been blessed with four new chapters in the last few weeks. I would like to thank these people and their chapter members. They are GA-5 with Robert South as Chapter Director, IN-1 with Gary Carlile as Chapter Director, CO-3 with Sherry Cochran as Chapter Director and TN-2 with Will Wright as Chapter Director. Please make them all welcome.

We are always looking for members to step up and start chapters in their area. It only takes 7 TRI members to form a chapter. I am also looking for members to step up and represent their states. If you are interested, give me a call at 319-352-5181 or e-mail at [m.hough@mchsi.com](mailto:m.hough@mchsi.com).

These are a few trike events that are coming up. TRI TX / LA Round-up in Florien, LA, Trike & Bike Show in Kokomo, IN, Central Region Trike-in Litchfield, IL and the 2009 Missouri Camp-in, Forsyth, Mo. Check out our website at [www.trikes.org](http://www.trikes.org) for more details. If your chapter or region has something going on, send your info to Bob Larsen [atTRI-ORG@tampabay.rr.com](mailto:atTRI-ORG@tampabay.rr.com).

Thanks for your support and see you in Branson!



## Larry Goulet, Director of Membership Enhancement

### THE MARVELS OF GROUP RIDING

One of the members of the FL-1 Spring Hill Wingnuts commented the other day that our riding group has afforded the opportunity of seeing parts of Florida that he never would have seen. And, on reflection, he was echoing the sentiments of essentially all of our riders and co-riders. Our chapter has a busy and active riding schedule. The calendar often lists 5-7 longer rides a month, our business meeting and our bi-weekly bike night notwithstanding. The rides usually focus on a destination within 125 miles, a celebrated restaurant, and a day's activities include the ride, enjoying what our chosen destination has to offer, the lunch or dinner, and the splendid friendship and sharing afforded to our members taking the ride.

What I'm suggesting is that all trikers and bikers should have the opportunity of riding with a group. Group riding, for my wife and myself, is what it is all about. I am using our own chapter as the example, but this weekend has several of the Wingnuts (perhaps involving 15 or more trikes) riding to Myakka City to view the practice regimen and show of

the Lipizzaner Stallions—all for free! Other notable group riding activities now currently being finalized include a week-long trek to North Carolina to enjoy our yearly, spectacular riding in the Blue Ridge Mountains, capping off the ride traversing the infamous "Tail of the Dragon". And, our Wingnut long-distance ride committee also meets this week to finalize our 2,400-mile round trip riding schedule to the TRI International Rally in Branson, Mo. Perhaps 20 of us would not be enjoying these events without our group-riding friends.

I know some bikers and trikers, and I've heard of several others, who buy a bike or trike because they've always wanted one. Yet, for one reason or another, they don't hook-up with a riding group; they then get bored with riding alone, relegating the cycle to the garage or place it on consignment where they bought it. Nobody profits in this situation, except the person who buys the unwanted trike for "a steal". We are all entering our prime riding season. Hook up with a group for your riding pleasure. If one isn't around, start one. This is how our Spring Hill Wingnuts began.

*Don't forget to read about the marvels of group riding*

## Signs and Wonders By Sue Hopper (VanNess)

If you are planning on having any Pin Stripping or Mural work done to your trike while you are at the Spirit of Three Rally in August, you might want to call Sue Hopper at Sign & Wonders to schedule an appointment as her schedule will fill up fast. Here's a little of what Sue has to say about how she will help you choose a Mural for your trike or bike

*How do I choose what kind of mural to put on my motorcycle?*

Choosing a mural can be as simple as "I like sunsets and wolves" and leave the rest up to me---or I can pick your brain and help you create the whole thing. Your mural can have your favorite animal painted with a background from a photo you took on vacation. You may have three or four pictures that you like parts of. I can take all those pieces and create a cus-

tom mural to your liking. We can change the season or change the color scheme to compliment the color of your bike. You choose the theme and I will make it look good. Sometimes I like to let the color of the bike be the background. Blue and black make good night skies by just adding stars. Yellow imitates the summer sun and the new red will make the sky seem to change as you walk by. I like to 'take' the customer 'into' the mural so when it is done they feel like they have 'been there'. I go over the story that it tells, so they can re-tell it to their friends.

Contact Information;  
319-696-3611  
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Check out the website;  
[www.signsandwondersbysue.com](http://www.signsandwondersbysue.com)



Be sure to read the information on Sue Hopper From Signs & Wonders being at the rally



Mural by Sue Hopper



Mural by Sue Hopper

## Duane Rippel Long Time TRI Member

As some of you know, long time TRI member, Duane Rippel has been in Saint Mary's hospital in Rochester, MN. Duane went for testing on February 23 and on the 27<sup>th</sup> he was admitted to the hospital. Duane was admitted to the ICU unit and has been moved to the pulmonary care unit. It has been a long 6 weeks, but Duane has a long way to go, but is slowly making some

progress. You can read some his updates on the caringbridge site. You can leave Duane & Sondra a message on this sight. Our thoughts and prayers are with them. Duane & Sondra are members of TRI Chapter IA-I  
Read the latest update:

<http://www.caringbridge.org/visit/duanerippel>

## Our Triker Friends from Down Under



## Just Pictures



TRI Members Bill & Mary Hall with Bob & Linda Larsen in Lafayette LA. 4-17-09



Will & Betty Wright #11866 Chapter Directors Tennessee TRI TN-2

## Don & Becky Guidry Working the TRI Booth in Lafayette LA



Don & Becky spent a full three days at the TRI booth in Lafayette LA on April 16, 17 & 18 meeting many TRI members and talking to many others that were interested in becoming TRI members. Don is the District Director of Louisiana and Becky is our Webmaster. Great job Don & Becky and thanks for all you do.

Bob & Lin



## New Chapter in Pennsylvania Getting Started



The time has come 11:00 until 2:00 the place is set Cross Keys Diner in New Oxford Pa. The reason Lunch and form a chapter of Trike Riders International in Pennsylvania.

The date is May 2, 2009

All is set all we need is YOU, bring your family, your friends. See what we're about. We're just like you we like to ride trikes and we ride with two wheelers too.

Come and join the fun, come see what we are all about.

If you have any questions call me or drop me a line and I'll get back to you.

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