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TRIKE RIDERS INTERNATIONAL™

National Newsletter

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From Bob & Linda Larsen

This is the first issue of the National TRI Newsletter that we hope to publish monthly to keep the membership up to date on what is happening in TRI and to keep all of you better informed. We believe that communication is going to be one of the keys to the success and future of TRI as we move into 2009.

Speaking of communication, I have been receiving a newsletter from TRI Chapter TX – 2, but no one else. Please put me on your distribution list to receive a copy of your newsletters, we like hearing from you and to hear about what you are doing. Nice Job Bobbie on the TX-2 newsletter

Another area of communication we have is our magazine, *TRIKES*. We are always looking for interesting stories and pictures for publication in the magazine. If you have been on a recent trip that you feel others would be interested in please share that with all of us. If your Chapter has had a recent event we want to hear about it by having it published in *TRIKES*. Don't be bashful, tell your

stories and keep us all informed of what you are doing. Pictures also help to tell the story.

We have been in office now going on two months and what an interesting two months it has been. We know most of the TRI Staff, and still need to get to know some others. The TRI Operations Manual had to be updated. That is now done and the manual is back on the website. Most of the officers forms have been updated and revised and are now on the website. The forms are listed by form name so that they can be viewed and downloaded directly from the website.

As we move forward in the next several months, there will be additional positive changes that the staff will be making in an effort to streamline some things and to eliminate others. We are working on getting training materials written so that our Chapter, District & Region Directors will have a better understanding of what their position entails.

2009 TRI INTERNATIONAL ALL TRIKE RALLY

We are really looking forward to a great rally this year and sure hope that everyone is planning on coming to Branson MO. on August 20, 21 & 22. The rally location is the best that Branson has to offer and everything will be in one location, including the hotel, vendors and all other activities. The only thing that might be off site is a TRC if we can locate a suitable site close by to Branson. The location of the rally is on flat land so if

you know of any two wheelers that would like to join us, please have them come along. The Rally registration form should be on the website by the later part of January. There is currently some information for the hotel on the website and so far the reports from the hotel are that they have already received a lot of reservations. Call early!

DIRECTOR MEMBERSHIP ENHANCEMENT

We hope that by the time you receive this newsletter, or shortly thereafter, we will have a Director of Membership Enhancement on board and working to help all of the membership of TRI and discovering new and exciting ways for the membership to grow.



INTERNATIONAL DIRECTOR OF OPERATIONS

TRI membership, I would like to introduce Bob and Linda Larsen. They have accepted the TRI Executive Director positions. They come to TRI with many new ideas that will help TRI grow. Please welcome them.

The 2009 International Rally will be in Branson, Mo. The dates are Aug 20-22, 2009. Branson offers many things to do such as Music Shows, Museum, Boat Rides, Shopping and we don't want to forget Food and more Food. More details will be coming.

One of the many things that Bob has done is update all of the TRI paperwork. It needed to be overhauled and simplified. I think you will find out it will be much easier to fill out. In order to keep our website and Trikes Magazine current, we need to keep our paperwork current.

Thanks for your support and help.

Bob and Mary Hough
International Operations Director

*Changes
coming to our
Rider Education
Program*

RIDER EDUCATION

We are still in the early stages of reviewing our Rider Education materials and will be working on getting additional material available for Chapters. One of the positions that all chapters will need to fill at the chapter level in the future is a Chapter Educator. All you Chapter Directors start to think about who in your Chapter would best fill this position.

Cork Garner is currently reviewing the GWRRA Rider Education manual for trikes and Bob Berry of GWRRA is doing the

same with the TRI Trike Riders Course manual.

As most of you know it is a massive job to design a Rider Education Program from scratch, and because GWRRA is a sister division to TRI, and has the best trike program around, we are working with them on an agreement to have a set of TRC training manuals that would work for both TRI & GWRRA.

We will keep you posted on this. Bob L.



David Hatten TRI TX-2
Pasadena TX

Florida District Directors

The Florida District of TRI is welcoming the New Year with the appointment of George Armstrong as the Assistant District Director for Florida. We are working on the design our first-ever Florida District patch to adorn our vests, and a State-wide campaign to increase the TRI presence in the form of new Chapters and significant increases in membership.

George, the first of three Assistant Directors to be appointed, will serve the mid-Florida area. He already acts as an Assistant Director of the FL-I Wingnuts Chapter, the inaugural Florida Chapter in TRI. We will unveil our Florida State patch soon.

We hope to contact every Florida TRI member in the near future reminding you all that the impact of TRI depends on and reflects the enthusiasm of our members. We also hope to appoint two additional Assistant Florida District Direc-

tors and many new Chapter Directors to our leadership team charged with guiding TRI's growth in Florida.

We also invite all of our current Florida TRI members to introduce yourselves to trikers you see or meet and suggest that they join TRI. Remember, it only takes seven members to start a chapter. Do so and it will grow and prosper before your eyes! Call us if we can help, support, or otherwise discuss starting a new chapter.

Contact us also if you might consider joining us as an Assistant Florida Director of TRI. Don't hesitate to nominate yourself or someone else.

Larry & Katherine Goulet
Florida District Directors



Southwest Region, Arizona, California, Hawaii, Nevada and Utah.

At the present time we have two chapters in Arizona and one chapter in Nevada. Phoenix is the location for the Arizona-1 chapter and Tucson houses the Arizona-2 chapter. Arizona-1 is not active at this time and we are looking for a new Leader and Assistant Leader. Arizona-2 meets the 2nd Sunday of each month under the leadership of Judd Star.

Nevada has the only other chapter in the Southwest Region. The Nevada-1 Leader is Jim Lytner and the chapter is sponsored by

Motorcycle Specialty Trike Toys in Henderson, Nevada. Many Local motorcycle groups joined Jim Lytner's TRI Group Nevada-1 Escorting the Vietnam Memorial Wall from the Boulder Dam area to its temporary viewing place in Las Vegas.

Jack & Joyce Weddle
Region Directors

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Vietnam
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Trike-In 2009 Central Region Trike Riders International June 12-13-14, 2009

Host Hotel:

Hampton Inn

11 Thunderbird Circle

Litchfield, IL 62056

217-324-4441

Block of rooms:

"Trike Riders International"

Host Camp Ground:

Kamper Kompanion

\$10.00 registration per person
TO register for the rally go to the
events section on the TRI website,
WWW.TRIKES.ORG

Or for additional

Information contact: Lisa Wert Cen-
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TRI Group Nevada-1

WE NEED OUR MEMBERS

We need members to step forward and give us a hand in several positions in TRI. We have open positions for Region Directors in.

The North East Region to cover the Districts of, (CT,MA, NH, NY, PA, RI, & VT.

In Middle East Region to cover the Districts of IN, KY, MI, OH, & TN.

We also need people as Districts Directors as well as Asst: District Directors to help establish and run each district.

We are going to be establishing new Chapters across the United States to give our members more riding activities and social events to keep them active and busy. We cannot do that from the our office and need

you help to set up these new chapters. We are in the process of setting up each District (state) into zones based on members in a given area. We have already finished several Districts and for the Districts that have District Directors, that information should already be in their hands and if not will be shortly. The idea here is to find the areas with the most members and contact them about starting a chapter in that area. If you are interested in working with us, please contact Bob Hough at mhough@mchis.com or Bob Larsen at tri-org@tampabay.rr.com we would really like to hear from you.



NEWSLETTER

As I stated in the first part of the newsletter this is the first copy that we will be publishing monthly to help keep all of our members informed as to what is going on in TRI. We will try to have a short but informative article each month from a different Region and District letting you know what is happening in their areas of responsibilities, We will try to have an up date article from the TRI staff updating all the members on what they are doing and what plans they may have for the future.

To keep all of this information flowing, we need a National Newsletter Editor to join us on the National staff. This person would need to have experience in putting together a monthly newsletter without a lot of supervision. Anyone interested please contact me at TRI-ORG@tampabay.rr.com with a phone number, date and time that I can contact you to talk about doing this.

**NO TRIKER
LEFT BEHIND
IN 2009**

*Join TRI and
Join the Fun*

MEMBER TRIKES



Jeff & Carol — Hartford, NC



Carlos A Cejas
Wyndmoor PA



Wayne Wert
MN