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# TRIKE RIDERS INTERNATIONAL™

## National Newsletter

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### Bob & Linda Larsen

It has been another very busy month for us with all the traveling and getting all the arrangements completed for the Spirit of Three Rally in Branson in August and we are loving it. We have seen the membership in Trike Riders International start to grow again and that was our goal when we took over the helm back in October,

This years Wing Ding was absolutely great for membership registration. We had a great location and between the group that was working the booth ,we signed up a whole bunch of new members and also had many stop by and renew their membership. Thanks to everyone that stopped by to say hello and to visit, I know that because of the amount of people at the booth all the time, we did not get a chance to say hello to everyone but maybe we can do that in Branson.

We also want to thank everyone that stopped by the booth and offered to give us a break for a while, it was much appreciated. We do want to send an extra thank you to Bob & Pat Nelson, from Fort Worth, TX that came to the rally just to work the booth and also to Pete Woodruff for the time that he spent working with us. By the way, Bob & Pat just joined TRI in June of this year at Americade. What a way to get involved right away. I have some pictures on the following

pages. For those of you that have not yet made their reservation at the Ramada Inn for the Spirit of Three rally in Branson, please remember that the special pricing we received for the rooms expires on August 15th and the prices will go back up to the normal pricing after that. If you have not done so, now is the time to book your room before you forget and have to pay the higher price. Even if you are going to only be there on a day pass, you might as well book your room and get the lower price if you need to stay a night.

The summer issue of Trikes was one of the best issues in a long time and that is because of all the neat stories that you, as members, submitted to Sharon for publication. We need to do the same thing for the Fall issue of Trikes and even have a better issue. Remember, this is our magazine and we need to be the reporters for it. Let's make it one of the best magazines around for trikers. Thanks for all the great stories and we look forward to another great issue in the fall. Lets get those stories in to Sharon about you summer rides and activities. We all want to hear about them.

Have a safe trip to Branson and enjoy the ride.

Ride Safe/ Rider Smart

### *Spirit of Three*

Wow, what a way to have our first rally turn out since we took over TRI. We have had to tell several vendors that want to come to the rally that we are out of space in the vendor area. The staff at the Ramada has been absolutely wonderful to work with, as have the people at Area 57. You cannot believe the cooperation that we have received from this staff and how much they want us to enjoy our stay with them. If what we have experienced setting this up is any indication of what you will experience during your stay, you

are in for a very enjoyable weekend. We want to thank all the vendors that will be participating at this years rally, as without them it would not be a success. We want to send a special thank you to our sponsors that have offered to help make this years event even better by helping us cover some of the cost of our special events. Thanks to Motor Trike, Bushtec, Anpac and TNT Action Sports for their sponsorships and support for this years events.

See you in Branson and lets have a party!

## A TRI (TRIKER) GREETING

All of us participate in the greeting bikers use when passing each other on the highways and byways. Sometimes it is just a casual wave as we pass another rider; sometimes it is more of a salute to a fellow biker. Most often it is what we might call a cruiser wave or Harley wave, with the left arm and hand extended, and down at about a 45 degree angle. And, I've also heard of other, semi-institutionalized waves

What I'm suggesting, fellow TRI trikers, is that we adopt our own "free on three" wave, a wave which we extend to all trikers and bikers which conveys to them that they are being greeted by a triker.

The pictures below convey the greeting better than I can describe it, but I'll make the attempt: Extend your left arm out, with your forearm at a 90 degree angle to the road and only THREE fingers of your hand extended, the

thumb, pointer, and middle fingers (to signify our allegiance to triking). The first picture shows a single triker, using the free on three wave. The second picture exhibits several trikers using the wave Hey, let's try it! We might get some "press" for and TRI the sign. us why we we always pass other wheelers not have our own wave? Its use is easy and even, perhaps, fun.



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Larry Goulet  
Director of Membership Enhancement



The Triker  
Wave

## Welcome Jay & Toby Rosenblum

Lin and I would like to welcome Jay & Toby to Trike Riders International. Jay & Toby have been dear friends for many years and we have many, many miles of riding with them over the last decade plus and have enjoyed every ride and function we have been on together. They came from St George, Utah to visit with us and to let us know that they are moving up a level in riding and having their 1800 wing converted to a trike in August. Not only did they join, but Toby went right out and recruited 4 new members for TRI. Congratulations Jay & Toby on your decision! We are just sorry that we could not have spent more time with you. Ride Safe as you always do.



## TRI AT WING DING



Lin & Pete Woodruff in the TRI Booth  
Taking a break from setting up and before the gates were opened for the day



Meet the ladies that worked the weekend.  
From left to right.  
Linda, Adrienne and Pat.  
When you see these ladies in Branson, give them a big hug for all they did in Tulsa



## International Directors of Operations

Hi trikers, let me introduce are newest TRI Chapter. Please welcome FL-3 from Kissimmee, Fl. Their officers are John Hurd as Chapter Director, Mary Sanderson as Asst. Chapter Director and Shaun Cady as Treasurer. They are sponsored by Trike Traders and the Chapter will be Central Florida Trigers.

We are getting real close to have a TRI Chapter in Calf. I would like to thank Graig Frantz, from Westminster Harley (builder of Champion trikes) and Mike Sanford, who has been a contact person for me. I would like to thank them both, they have been a big help for me. I would like to thank Larry Goulet, who got

the ball rolling in Calf.

We are still looking for members to step up and start a TRI chapter in their area. It takes 7 TRI members to start a chapter. We are also looking for members to step up and be a director for their state they live in. If you are interested in doing this, call me at 319-352-5181 or e-mail me at [m.hough@mchsi.com](mailto:m.hough@mchsi.com).

Things are shaping up to have a Big! Big! Party in Branson

Bob & Mary Hough

Another new  
chapter in  
Florida

## MORE WING DING PICTURES



Yours truly with his bride and the brains of the outfit



Lin hard at work talking to people interested in getting information about TRI.

## The Keatings...Live in Branson

### The Keatings... A Father & Son Musical Experience – Live in Branson

Last month during the annual Wing Ding in Tulsa, The Keatings did a special July 4<sup>th</sup> benefit concert to raise money for The Pediatric Brain Tumor Foundation. Several hundred Wing riders attended and were thrilled by the amazing performances delivered by Ken Keating and his 18 year old son, Josh.

We are pleased to announce that The Keatings will be appearing at the Branson Star Theatre at 5:00pm each night during our rally. If you've never seen them perform, it is truly a treat and something you don't want to miss during your stay in Branson.

The Keatings take you on a unforgettable musical

journey that will leave you breathless. From pop to Broadway... rock 'n roll to gospel... country to opera, and everything in between, this is world class entertainment at its finest. The power of their voices will astound you!

After opening their Branson show last month, The Keatings are already taking the town by storm. They've been nominated for seven awards for the 2009 season, including Best New Show, Best Male Vocalist, and Best Band.

And just for our members... you can see The Keatings at a special group ticket rate of only \$17 per person including tax. Contact the Branson Star Theatre at 877-733-6827 for tickets. Be sure to mention that you are part of Trike Riders International to receive our special group rate. Tickets will also be available at the rally site.



## FI-I Wingnuts (Florida)

The Wingnuts initiated their yearly trek to ride in the Smoky and Blue Ridge Mountains by visiting the GA-4 Directors, Caroline and Robert Baillageron, in Hiawassee, GA. We found that the daily view from the front of their mountaintop home rivals any of the sights in GA, TN, or N.C. Nevertheless, we continued our 12-day ride in the mountains, our annual visit to conquer the Tail of the Dragon, and the Blue Ridge Parkway and Cherohala Skyway. Pictured to the right are some of the Wingnuts on the ride and the Baileregons. Identified from left are: Caroline Baillageron, Katherine Goulet, Valerie Cuce, Joe Cuce, Lynn Eckhardt, Jim Eckhardt, and Robert Baillageron.



*Catch the Keating Musical when you are in Branson*

## WELCOME NEW MEMBERS



Robert and Flora Valdez  
Santa Cruz, MN



Les & Vivian Howe  
Troy, OH



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## BREAKFAST MENU AT THE RAMADA

### BREAKFAST CAFÉ

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 breakfast menu  
 for the rally  
 Breakfast hours  
 6:30 to 9:30 AM*