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National Newsletter

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Bob & Linda Larsen

By the time that you get this newsletter, Lin and I will be on our way to Americade in Lake George, NY to man the TRI membership booth that we will have there. We are also putting on a Trike Rider Course on Wednesday and Friday for the trike riders that would like to take one. I am glad to see that several TRI members have signed up to take the course. I'm sure the a lot of you remember Pete Woodruff and Pete will also be at Americade doing a seminar on Wednesday night. If you are going to be there, be sure to plan on attending and if you can't, then stop by the TRI tent down by the Trike dealers and say hello as he will also be spending some time with us.

Also, plan on being in the parade this year as all the trikes will be the last group in the parade and will be riding together. Stop by the TRI booth to get the parade information.

As I mentioned recently, Lin & I and several other TRI members have been present this year at several different rallies and the time and effort of all the people involved in this program is beginning to pay off. We are starting to see a nice increase in membership and with the rallies that we still have planned for the rest of the year, we should end the year with some nice numbers.

In addition to the rallies, we will be running a

couple of membership incentive programs and specials for current members. Those will be announced in the summer issue of TRIKES magazine.

We want to thank Jeff & Carol Wagner of WAGS Trailer for the very generous donation of one of their cargo trailers for the raffle this year in Branson. They even had a special bra made for the front. Take a look at the picture on page five to see how really nice this trailer is and how lucky the winner is going to be..

Speaking of the trailer; we do need your help with selling the raffle tickets, so give us a call at 352-746-3413 or drop us an email with your information and we will get some to you. Tickets are \$2.00 each or (6) six for \$10.00 and you do not have to be present to win. Lets all get out there and start selling these tickets and help out the staff.

Thanks for being a member of TRI and we are looking forward to meeting everyone in Branson, MO. in August.

RIDE SAFE / RIDE SMART

Spirit of Three Rally

Time is running out to get those plans made for the trip to the TRI rally that we are having in Branson, MO. on August 20, 21, 22, 2009. Lets all plan on being there this year and meet all your fellow TRI members and just have a good old time riding, hanging out and enjoying each others company. We need all of you to make this one a great big party.

Just a reminder that early registration for the rally will end on July 6th. After that, the cost will increase by \$5.00. You can get a registration

form by going to the TRI website www.trikes.org and clicking on the Rally 2009 button on the left side to download a rally registration form.

We still have some open spots in the TRC that is being held at the rally, so if you are in need of some trike training be sure to sign up for that when you register. If you have already registered and want to add it to your activities just give us a call. Also remember that you must be a registered rally participant to get into the Thursday movie and Friday nights entertainment.

Larry Goulet Director of Membership Enhancement

IT ISN'T FAIR

I am writing this short piece for the Newsletter primarily to thank all of you who contribute to the Message Board on the TRI National Website. Why thanks?Because you give me and others the opportunity to know you.

For some, your contributions permit me to gauge the level of enthusiasm you have for TRI, your riding, or your trike. For others, the Message Board provides the opportunity to ask questions (and receive answers) to trike or TRI questions. Still others use the Message Board to disseminate information of general interest to trikers, whether it be about rides, rallies, the weather, a compliment or a gripe about this or that. But this is what the Message Board is all about. All of us who contribute to the Message Board have our own reasons for the contribution. But, how many of us think that our contribution is a way of "reaching out and touching" other TRI members? How many of us who pose a question on the Message Board realize that you are saying that you respect your fellow TRI members and value the answers they will provide to your questions? How many of us consider that our contribution to the Message Board tells the readers just a little bit about ourselves?

Spend some time examining the contributions on the Message Board---for example the General Chat Forum. Note that each contribution published provides the opportunity for a response

and for member interaction and communication. If you follow the successive series of interactions to a specific contribution, you will conclude that fellow TRI members really do care to provide an appropriate answer to a question or to provide their viewpoint. And, if you follow the contributions and the answers (the interaction among members) on the message board across days and weeks, you will readily see that friendships emerge---between or among individuals who have never met one another except through this interaction.

Go back to the title of this little exchange. What isn't fair about the above? Quite simply, what isn't fair is that the very largest majority of our members never permit me or others to get to know you through your contributions to the Message Board. And, you don't provide me or others the opportunity to answer your questions, to know what you like about triking, or...? One last comment---As you are reading the Message Board contributions, note what happens when a first-time contributor appears on the Board. This member is welcomed by more-frequent contributors.

So, thanks Joe, Emmitt, Donald, Larry B., Barb, Will, Dave, Cork, Jim, Jack, D.G., Bob, Don, Becky, Ray, Wayne, Roscoe, Doug, Phillip, G.W., Cheri, Paul, D.J., Tom, John, Brad, Tracy, and all others who have permitted me to know you in some way. Where are the rest of You?



Be sure to read
about
Westminster
California
Chapter

NEW TRI CHAPTER BEING STARTED IN CALIFORNIA

Here is the opportunity for some of our California members to get involved with a chapter in your state and have some fun.

On Friday 6/19, Saturday 6/20 and Sunday 6/21, Craig Franz from Westminster Harley is having an open house at the dealership in Westminster Calif. and will have Trike Riders International information there. We have a couple of trike riders in that area that are ready to work on getting a chapter started and Westminster Harley will sponsor the chapter so here is a great opportunity for you to get involved in a TRI chapter. Plan on going to Westminster and get in touch with Craig and let him know you are also interested and he will put you in touch with the other trikers that want to get something started. You can also let Larry Goulet know of your interest by dropping him an email at lgoulet1@tampabay.rr.com.

It is going to be a good time with all that is going on at Westminster Harley.

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THREEDOM DAYS

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12:00 Noon to 2:30 PM
BBQ at Westminster Harley
3:00 PM Factory Tour

SATURDAY 6/20

9:00 AM Poker run at Westminster Harley
12:30 Chili Cook Off
Downtown Huntington Beach

SUNDAY 6-21

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International Director of Operations

We would like to wish our sincere sympathy to the family of Duane Ripple. Duane was a long time member of TRI and a Charter member of Iowa I.

I would like to thank Jeff and Carol Wagner for their generous donations of a Wag's Trailer to be raffled off at the 2009 Trike Rally in Branson. This is the second year they have been a partner with TRI.

We have been getting a number of calls inquiring how to form a chapter in their area. It only takes 7 TRI members to start a chapter. If your interested, give me a call at 319-352-5181.

June will be a busy month for TRI. On June 1st thru the 6th will be Americade in Lake George, NY. TRI will have a free trike training course .

On June 6th there will be a Trike and Bike Show in Kokomo, IN. On June 12th 13th 14th Central Region will have their Trike-in. It will be in Litchfield, IL. Check the trikes.org website for more info. If you have a event coming up, please send the info to Bob Larsen at TRI-ORG @ tampa-bay.rr.com

Thanks for your support and see you in Branson. Check out the www.trikes.org website for details.

Bob and Mary Hough



Niehaus Days

THIS IS WHAT HAPPENED AT OUR FIRST NIEHAUS DAYS. WE ARRIVED AT 6PM ON THURSDAY THE 14TH. ALL OF BRADS GUYS, INCLUDING HIMSELF, WERE MOVING MERCHANDISE INSIDE BECAUSE THEY WERE CLOSED. THAT DIDN'T STOP BRAD FROM STOPPING WHAT HE WAS DOING TO INTRODUCE HIMSELF TO ME AND WELCOME US. HE JUST TOLD US WHERE OUR TRI BOOTH WOULD BE AND TO GO AHEAD AND REST UP FOR THE NEXT DAY.

THE NEXT DAY WAS FRIDAY AND A NICE DAY, A LITTLE WINDY, BUT WE HAD A NICE LOCATION IN FRONT OF THE SALE MERCHANDISE BUILDING THAT WAS LINED WITH TRIKES. IMAGINE THAT!! WELL THE WIND CAME UP AND THEY STARTED MOVING TRIKES. WE STARTED MOVING OUR TENT OVER OUT OF THE WIND A COUPLE OF TIMES AND BY THEN THEY HAD ALL THE TRIKES MOVED ABOUT 25 FEET FROM US BUT THE WIND WAS SO BAD WE TOOK THE TENT DOWN. WE WEREN'T GETTING MUCH ACTION THAT DAY AND WE UNDERSTOOD THAT BECAUSE IT WAS A WORK DAY. ALTHOUGH ROSCOE AND SHARON FROM SOUTHERN IL. MADE IT UP TO TALK WITH US, WHICH OF COURSE WAS GREAT WHAT A MEETING OF THE MINDS. THERE WERE ALSO OTHERS MEMBERS THAT CAME BY BUT TOO MANY TO NAME,

SATURDAY WE DECIDED TO MOVE OUR BAG OF GOODIES TO THE INSIDE. WHAT A DIFFERENCE!! WE WOULD HAVE FROZE TO DEATH -48 DEGREES WITH A 30 MPH DRAFT, HAHA. LISA AND I DECIDED TO OFFER A 1 YEAR MEMBERSHIP DRAWING FOR ONE PERSON/COUPLE AT THE END OF THE FESTIVITIES SUNDAY. WELL THE REST IS HISTORY, SATURDAY AND SUNDAY WE REGISTERED 50 PEOPLE (WE USED OUR HANG TAGS) NEEDLESS TO SAY WE WERE QUITE BUSY FROM THAT POINT ON. THE BEST THING OF ALL, THEY ALL SAID THEY WERE TRIKERS !!!!!!!!!!! WE HAD A COUPLE OF PEOPLE GO AHEAD AND JOIN. I DON'T THINK WE HAVE HEARD THE END OF IT. EVERYONE WAS EXCITED THAT THEY FOUND US AND THEY WANT CHAPTERS IN THEIR AREAS.

MY THANKS TO ALL THAT CAME TO HELP LISA AND WAYNE-MAX AND DOTTIE, THEY CAME FROM GREAT DISTANCES TO ATTEND AND HELP US OUT.

I ALSO WANT TO THANK THE MEMBERS FROM MO-5 THAT CAME ON SUNDAY TO HELP. TOM, JODY, BOB, DON, BETH, AND RANDY. BY THE TIME SUNDAY ROLLED AROUND, LOU ANN AND MYSELF WERE PLUM TUCKERED OUT.

JOE AND LOU ANN

*Our Sincere
sympathy to the
family of Duane
Ripple.*

TX/LA Round Up Was A Huge Success

The first roundup between the two states of Texas and Louisiana turned out to be a huge success. There were 90 to 100 people at this year's TX/LA Roundup. We had lots of trikes to look at and met a lot of really good people. We would like to thank TRI Chapter LA-2 for planning and guiding the ride to Natchitoches and the surrounding areas.

They had about 18 trikes to go on the ride and everyone came back excited about what they saw and did. Great job LA-2.

We also want to thank TX-2, TX-4, TX-5, LA-1 and everyone that attended for making this roundup such a success. The staff at Emerald Hill Resorts treated us like royalty. Great job Emerald Hills Staff. We want to thank the following leaders for coming for this year's roundup. Alexie Lopez - South Central Region Director, Jim Benton - Director of Special Projects, Don Guidry - LA District

Director and Henry Vaughan - TX District Director.

We had a very special birthday guest with us. Don Guidry's mom turned 96 that Saturday, April 25th, we celebrated with singing and a cake. Her wish was to come to our TX/LA Roundup and ride a trike. So we helped her up on the trike and she was off. We hope she has many more celebrations to come. We want to thank everyone for participating and being so kind to mom at her birthday celebration.

We all agreed to come back and do this again next year. Looking forward to seeing everybody in 2010.

Don & Becky Guidry
Louisiana District Director & TRI's Webmaster



Don & Mom going for a ride on her birthday.



TX/LA
Roundup

ThEngraver will be at the Rally

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are members of this fine organization.

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We are lifetime members of GWRRA, Chapter FL2-A. Greg is also a retired Master Sergeant with 22 years in the United States Air Force. We look forward to meeting everyone in Branson for the Trike International rally on August 20-22nd. See you there!

Greg and Joanne
www.thEngraver.com

TRI Members in Branson, MO



TRI Members in Branson MO, at the GWRRA District Rally trying to stay dry. Joe Jenkins and a group of TRI Members worked the TRI Membership booth at the rally the last weekend in April.

Talk about wet, it was like this all three days



Joe Jenkins Rune Trike & New Trailer



Central Region Trike In 2009

Central Region Trike In 2009
June 12-13-14, 2009
Schedule of Events

Friday, June 12, 2009

Noon - 5 PM Meet & Greet @ Kamper Kompanion, Self Directed Rides will be available plus a 5 PM Dinner Ride Meeting @ Kamper Kompanion

Saturday, June 13, 2009

10-2 Rides Multiple self Directed Rides Available, 3 PM to 4 PM Trike Show, 5 PM Potluck @ Kamper Kompanion, Trike Show Trophy's, 50/50 Drawing, Closing Ceremonies, Music & Story Telling & Relaxing

Sunday, June 14, 2009

Leaving for home...

Contact Phone number:

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 Wayne Wert's Cell 612-267-3643
 Joe Jenkin's Cell 217-316-1333

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