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# TRIKES RIDERS INTERNATIONAL™

## National Newsletter

June 2009

### Bob & Linda Larsen

First we would like to apologize to everyone for the May newsletter being delivered late last month. I know that there were some issues in it that were time sensitive and it was not sent until after those time sensitive dates. We put the newsletter together here and then send it off to the business office in Phoenix to be sent to everyone using a distribution program that they have.

The newsletter was sent to them on May 25th but for whatever reason, only they know and are not sharing, it was not sent out until June 11th and then only after two reminders that we sent. If I sound like I am upset, you betcha I am! I guess that we are going to have to go back to doing it the old way.

Lin & I will be leaving for Wing Ding on June 29th to continue our drive to build TRI by getting new members and getting as much exposure for TRI as possible. If you are going to be at Wing Ding, stop by the TRI booth and say hi. If you have some time on your hands and would be willing to give Lin & I a break for a while by working the booth, that would be great.

If you have not seen or talked to Pete Woodruff for a while, be sure to stop by and say hi and catch up on old times with him as he will also be at the TRI booth working with us.

It is with much regret that we have to announce that Cork Garner has stepped down as our Director of Rider Education. Cork will be staying on and helping out wherever he can, but for personal reasons, he cannot continue in his current position. We are currently talking to a couple of TRI members that have the background and experience that we need to fill this very important position.

The summer issue of TRIKES magazine is out and most of you will have received it by the time that you get this newsletter. I want to say thank you to all of those members that sent articles in to Sharon to have them included in the magazine. Every issue of TRIKES keeps getting better and better and this issue is the best yet, thanks to you, the members. Thanks again to everyone and lets see if we can do even better on the fall issue. Remember, this is your magazine and we count on you to keep the stories coming and the magazine interesting. Send your stories and articles to;

editor@trikes.org

Be sure to see page 17 in TRIKES magazine on a special membership recruitment drive we are running.

Ride Save / Ride Smart

### Spirit of Three Rally

The rally is really starting to shape up and the vendor list is growing with some good vendors that handle some really nice products. We are not trying to overload the vendor area but rather work with a select set of vendors that will fit the needs of all our members. Hopefully we will fulfill that goal. The vendor list will be on the website shortly. On page 7 of the newsletter is the rally schedule. Please keep in mind that it is still somewhat tentative and is subject to change.

We have received several door prizes from local area businesses and one that I would like to win is one of the gift certificates from the RIB CRIB, BBQ & Grill. When we went to Branson in February to make the arrangements for the rally at area 57, we had dinner at the RIB CRIB and it was great, if you ask Joe Jenkins or Cork Garner they will confirm this. That evening they had an all you could eat special and both Joe and Cork got more than their fair share. Try the RIB CRIB, it really is a great place to eat.

## AMERICADE RALLY

Lin and I recently returned from the Americade rally in Lake George, NY., where we had been invited by the Americade Staff to conduct two Trike Rider Courses and to set up a membership booth at the rally to sign up new TRI members. Part of the agreement was that TRI would handle all the TRC registrations and provide the instructors for the course. The handling of the registration was not a problem but the instructors proved to be a problem because of the distance from our nearest ones to Lake George, NY. As most of you know, if you have been following some of my reports on working closer with the rider education group of GWRRA, I figured this would be the perfect time to see if we could get a couple of local GWRRA instructors for these courses. It did not take long before we had two instructors signed up to help us. We put on the two courses and had a great turn out. The entire two days went off without a hitch and the comments that came back from the riders and co-riders was "great job from both TRI & GWRRA". This just proves my theory that by the two organizations working together, we can get more classes scheduled for all trike riders. By the way, this was the first class that everyone of them had ever taken.

On Monday when we had our table set up at the Americade registration area, we were visited by Clement Salvatori, a writer from Riders Magazine that wanted to sign up for the Wednesday TRC. He was on a test ride for Harley on the Tri-Glide and felt that since he was riding a trike, it just might be another way to bring his riding skills up a level or two.

We left Florida for Lake George on Friday May 29th and arrived on Sunday morning in time for the 1:00 meeting that Americade has for all of the volunteers. At the meeting, we met up with some old friends and some new ones. If any of you remember Pete Woodruff, the first Executive Director of TRI, you will be glad to know that he is still very active in the motorcycling community and was part of the Americade planning group. After visiting with Pete for a while, and making arrangements for him to help us at the membership booth, we decided that it was time to go check into our motel. The place we were staying at was about thirty miles from Lake George in Saratoga Springs and as we had never stayed there before, we had no idea what to expect. Let me tell you that the Roosevelt Inn & Suites is one sweet place! It is quiet, the landscaping is some of the nicest I have seen and the rooms are large and immaculate. (See a picture of the Roosevelt Inn and Suites on page

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The owners of this motel are some of the nicest people you ever want to meet and are also very accommodating, and cater to your every need. If you are ever in the area and are looking for a nice place to stay, be sure to give them a call. You won't be disappointed.

We have been to Americade Rallies in the past and at every one we have had rain on one or more days. This is the first time that we have been at an Americade that it has been dry for the 7 days we were there. We had about 2 minutes of rain on Sunday going into Lake George but other than that, it was a completely dry week—hot but dry. By the way, the numbers I heard for people in attendance was in excess of 50,000.

During the week, we had the opportunity to talk to many TRI members and even more people that will be joining TRI in the near future as they will be converting to trikes within the year. We even had some 2 wheelers that signed up at Americade just so that they would get the magazine and information on triking their bike. It still amazes me about the amount of people that are going to be triking in the near future and also the amount that had no idea that TRI existed. All in all, the week was very successful. We signed up a lot of new members, talked to more than we can count and had the opportunity to work with Pete Woodruff again.

On the way to Americade we went for the shorter mileage and went up I-95 thru Washington DC. As we went through there on Saturday, it was not too bad but decided that on the return trip we would do the extra mileage and make our way over to I-81, the scenic route, and take that south of DC and then over to I-95. It added an extra 100 plus miles to the trip but I would do it again in a heartbeat as it was a beautiful ride and very light traffic. The total mileage for us for the trip, including the running around at Americade that we did, was 3,056 wonderful miles. I told Lin that what we should do in 2010 is to put a Trike Riders International ride together starting in Florida and pick up members along the way and make it one great big TRI party in NY. Don't count this out as it may just happen.

On page 3 are some pictures of a few of the new members that we signed up at Americade and also pictures of the riders and co-riders that completed the TRC.



**Our trip to  
Americade to  
sign up new  
members was  
great**

### Americade Pictures



Roosevelt Inn & Suites  
South Broadway  
Saratoga Springs  
1-800-584-0980



This is just some of the lush landscaping at  
Roosevelt Inn & Suites



Linda at the TRI membership table at Americade.  
We had a location at Roaring Brook ranch by  
most of the trike vendors and the demo rides.



New Members that joined at Americade  
Bob & Pat Nelson  
Fort Worth TX.

*Meet some of  
the many new  
members that  
joined us at  
Americade*



New Members that joined at Americade  
Pat & Floyd Kramer  
Sellerville, PA



New Members that joined at Americade  
Robert & Linda Thorsby  
Middleport ,NY

## TRC Pictures from Americade at the top of Prospect Mountain



Class photo from the TRC class held on Wednesday June 3, 2009



Class photo from the TRC class held on Friday June 5, 2009



## Carolyn Perea Has Been Promoted

For all of you that have had the opportunity to talk to Carolyn Perea at the home office, you must have experienced the same passion for TRI that the rest of us have. Carolyn has accepted a new position within the organization and she will no longer be working with TRI in member services. During the past year that I have had the opportunity and pleasure of working with Carolyn, it has been nothing but a positive experience and I fully understand why others would want to her to be part of their team.

We are going to miss you Carolyn and thanks for everything you did for us.

The entire customer service team in Phoenix is great to work with and will do whatever they need to do to get you the information that you want or to resolve an issue. If you have a problem or need some assistance, give customer service a call 1-800-843-9460 and they will get you the information that you need or take care of the problem that you might have. As always, if you still are having a problem please feel free to contact me and I will see what I can do to resolve the issue.

Bob Larsen

*Our  
Carolyn Perea  
from the  
Phoenix office  
has been  
promoted*

## Bob & Mary Hough International Directors of Operations

On May 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2009 we lost a TRI member. Rick and Donna Wierck (TRI # 1291) were killed in a car/motorcycle accident. I would like to wish our sincere sympathy to the family of Rick and Donna.

We get calls every month about how to start a TRI Chapter. This month is no exception. We have got calls from West Linn, Oregon (Portland Area), Westminster, Calif (Los Angeles Area), Coopersburg, Pa (Allentown Area) and Kissimmee, Fl (Orlando Area) and Dover, Pa (Harrisburg Area). If you live in these areas and you would like to be part of a trike chapter, give me a call at 319-352-5181 or e-mail me at m.hough@mchsi.com

TRI had a number of events the last couple

of months. All these events were very successful. I would like to thank all the TRI members that took time to help put them on. I think you will see these events again.

I work very close with Membership Services at the home office. I would like to thank Carolyn for keeping me straight. She has been a real big help to me and TRI. I would also like to thank all the people in Membership Service for the great job they do.

Just a reminder that the International Trike Rally will in Branson, Mo on Aug 20-22. It is at a very good location and some good vendors coming. Check out our website at trikes.org.

See you in Branson

## Meet your Seminars Presenters in Branson

### Dave Bickford



About Dave Bickford  
TRI member 11719

Dave and his wife Reenie currently own and operate two manufacturing companies in Wanatah, Indiana, making oil filters and oil filtration systems for industrial use. Dave has been active in motorcycle maintenance since the early 60's. He is one of those folks who enjoy working on bikes and trikes just as much, if not more, than riding them.

Harley-Davidson® motorcycles are Dave's primary passion, although he does not care what one rides, just that they do ride. Over the years he has written Harley® maintenance and repair articles for a variety of publications, including J&P Cycles, AIM and Iron Horse Magazines, TRIKES magazine and TrikeTalk.com. His articles are written from practical experience and cover not only typical maintenance items, but also major modifications, overhauls and a host of upgrades and new special tools. He is especially well versed in the Delphi Fuel Injection System, and tuning. Dave and Reenie currently own 2 two-wheelers as well as a 2007 Harley-Davidson® FLHX with Motor Trike 'Trog' kit installed. Both have their motorcycle endorsements and enjoy riding whenever they can.

### Pete Woodruff



Pete Woodruff  
TRI member 004

A lively discussion on trikes past, present and future. Will also cover some "do's" and "don'ts" on the ART of trike riding, my first trike ride, "amazing I'm still alive" and other topics to include loading, tires and trailer pulling. Don't forget to bring your Co-Rider.

With over 35 years of riding experience, Pete Woodruff is the holder of the Gold Wing Road Riders Association/s **LIFE GRAND MASTER** Tour Rider Certificate 001 and 750,000 Safe Mile Awards. Pete is twice retired--from the U.S. Army in 1984 where he flew helicopters, with three tours in Vietnam, and from Lockheed Martin in 1988 as a safety coordinator. He now enjoys riding his trike (over 15,000 miles a year), traveling, and providing motorcycle safety seminars all over the world.

Pete will also be gathering input from all in attendance on the 2010, 3rd TRI International Rally



**Seminars  
at the  
Branson Rally**

## Show this to your children and/or grandchildren.



### **THE YEAR 1909**

This will boggle your mind; I know it did mine!  
The year is 1909....one hundred years ago.  
What a difference a century makes!

Here are some statistics for the Year 1909:

The average life expectancy was 47 years.  
Only 14 percent of the homes had a bathtub.  
Only 8 percent of the homes had a telephone.  
There were only 8,000 cars and only 144 miles of paved roads.  
The maximum speed limit in most cities was 10 mph.

The tallest structure in the world was the [Eiffel Tower!](#)

The average wage in 1909 was 22 cents per hour.  
The average worker made between \$200 and \$400 per year .

A competent Accountant could expect to earn \$2000 per year, a dentist \$2,500 per year, a Veterinarian between \$1,500 and \$4,000 per year and a Mechanical Engineer about \$5,000 per year.  
More than 95 percent of all births took place at

**HOME.**

Ninety percent of all doctors had **NO COLLEGE EDUCATION!**

Instead, they attended so-called medical schools, many of which were condemned in the press **AND** the government as 'substandard.'

Sugar cost four cents a pound.

Eggs were fourteen cents a dozen.

Coffee was fifteen cents a pound.

Most women only washed their hair once a month and used Borax or egg yolks for shampoo.

[Canada](#) passed a law that prohibited poor people from entering into their country for any reason.

Five leading causes of death were:

1. Pneumonia and influenza
2. Tuberculosis
3. Diarrhea
4. Heart disease
5. Stroke

The American flag had 45 stars.

The population of [Las Vegas, Nevada](#) was only 30!

Crossword puzzles, canned beer and ice tea hadn't been invented yet.

There was no Mother's Day or Father's Day.

Two out of every 10 adults couldn't read or write.

Only 6 percent of all Americans had graduated from high school...

Marijuana, heroin, and morphine were all available over the counter at the local corner drug-stores. Back then, pharmacists said, '*Heroin clears the complexion, gives buoyancy to the mind, regulates the stomach and bowels, and is, in fact, a perfect guardian of health.*'

(Shocking? DUH! )

Eighteen percent of households had at least one full-time servant or domestic help.

There were about 230 reported murders in the **ENTIRE U.S.A.!**

*I am now going to forward this to someone else without typing it myself.*

*From there, it will be sent to others all over the [WORLD](#) - all in a matter of seconds!*

Try to imagine what it may be like in another 100 years.

**IT STAGGERS THE MIND**

# **TRIKE RIDERS INTERNATIONAL™**

## *Spirit of Three*

### 2<sup>nd</sup> International Trike Rally

#### Schedule

(Schedule subject to change)

#### **Wednesday August 19<sup>th</sup>**

6:30 AM ---- 9:30AM Breakfast in the breakfast café (FREE for hotel guests)  
8:00AM ---- 4:00 PM Vendor Set Up  
5:00 PM ---- 7:00 PM Early Registration, Registration Building

#### **Thursday August 20<sup>th</sup>**

6:30 AM ---- 9:30AM Breakfast in the breakfast café (FREE for hotel guests)  
8:30 AM ---- 5:00 PM Registration opens, Registration Building  
9:00 AM ---- 5:00 PM Vendors  
9:00 AM ---- 5:00 PM Hospitality Building (Sponsored by Bushtec Trailers)  
9:00 AM ---- 5:00 PM Ticket sales 50-25-25  
9:00 AM ---- 5:00 PM WAGS Raffle Tickets, Sponsored by WAGS Trailer  
9:00 AM ---- 5:00 PM Door Prizes  
Dusk ---- 10:00 PM Drive in Movie (Vendor Area at Dusk)  
All day Self guided rides

#### **Friday August 21<sup>st</sup>**

6:30 AM ---- 9:30AM Breakfast in the breakfast café (FREE for hotel guests)  
8:00 AM ---- 12:00 PM Trike Course Classroom (Seminar Building) Sponsored by Anpac Insurance  
8:30 AM ---- 3:00 PM Registration opens, Registration Building  
9:00 AM ---- 5:00 PM Vendors  
9:00 AM ---- 5:00 PM Hospitality Building (Sponsored by Bushtec Trailers)  
9:00 AM ---- 5:00 PM Ticket sales 50-25-25  
9:00 AM ---- 5:00 PM WAGS Raffle Tickets, Sponsored by WAGS Trailer  
9:00 AM ---- 5:00 PM Door Prizes  
2:00 PM ---- 3:00PM Pete Woodruff Seminar (Seminar Building)  
4:00 PM ---- 5:00 PM Dave Bickford Harley Seminar (Seminar Building)  
7:00 PM ---- 10:00 PM Dance Party, Live Band (Vendor area)  
9:00 PM or dusk Light Show, staging area to be announced  
All day Self guided rides

#### **Saturday August 22<sup>nd</sup>**

6:30 AM ---- 9:30AM Breakfast in the breakfast café (FREE for hotel guests)  
7:00 AM ---- 12:00 PM Trike Course (Range) Sponsored by Anpac Insurance  
9:00 AM ---- 12:00 PM Registration opens, Registration Building  
9:00 AM ---- 4:00 PM Vendors  
9:00 AM ---- 4:00 PM Hospitality Building (Sponsored by Bushtec Trailers)  
9:00 AM ---- 5:00 PM Ticket sales 50-25-25  
9:00 AM ---- 5:00 PM WAGS Raffle Tickets, Sponsored by WAGS Trailer  
9:00 AM ---- 4:00 PM Door Prizes  
10:00 AM --- 12:00 PM Trike Show Judging, grass by vendor area  
1:00 PM Blessing of the bikes, grass by vendor area  
1:00 PM ---- 2:00 PM Chapter, District, Region Directors lets meet, Seminar building  
4:00 PM ---- 5:00 PM Closing Ceremonies