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3rd Sunday of every month

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8:30am Breakfast / 10:00am Meeting

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Directors' Corner

By Marty & Karen Miller
Chapter Directors

September's already over and riding season will be coming to an end soon. The Chapter has had some really good rides this year--like the ride to the Canfield Fair on Labor Day weekend. If you left that place hungry, it was your own fault. And on the way home, we stopped at Bob Evans and had dinner. The weather was beautiful and we had a great time



We also had a great Chapter P reunion picnic at Settlers Cabin in Robinson on August 30th. I would like to thank Walt and Linda Profota for all their hard work in planning this picnic so we could all get together once again. We had hot dogs and hamburgers and all kinds of salads and desserts. We would like to thank our chef, Norm Locke, as he did a great job of grilling the hot dogs and burgers. A few people were playing bocci ball but the rest of us just sat around and ate the desserts. Roy had a hard time finding us but how could he miss the Chapter P banner that is 4 feet high and 15 feet long? Well that's our Roy!!! At least he didn't bring the rain.

A few weeks, earlier we had the PA State Rally in Johnstown and the theme was Back to Bedrock. What a scary sight to see grown adults walking around Johnstown dressed as Barney and Betty Rubble and Fred and Wilma Flintstone. I think we scared some people in that town. On Friday, we had the Stone Capades where the Chapters competed in different events. We had a good showing from the vendors and everyone enjoyed the vendors being in the air conditioning inside the War Memorial. Thursday night, we had the light parade and had about 35 bikes. On Saturday, we ended the rally with a great banquet that had more food than we could eat.

Our District Directors, Chuck & Evelyn Stone, are retiring this year after their three-year

term in office. Our new Directors will be Tom and Renee Wasluck and we wish them luck as they start this journey. We don't have a theme for next year's rally but it will be in Johnstown again. Stay tuned as the announcement will be coming shortly.

Rider Education

By Andy Lucas
Chapter Educator



Once The Tread Is Gone, They're Useless

By Andy Lucas
Chapter Educator

Wearing sandals in the snow is not appropriate. Running shoes for a formal occasion would be very out of place. Just as proper footwear is important to your comfort and correct body alignment, appropriate tires are vital to affecting the overall performance and handling of your vehicle.

An inappropriate tire provides little benefit to the vehicle it supports. A sporty sedan offers little excitement if not supported by properly-designed and fitted tires. It makes no sense if you are seeking optimum performance to purchase inexpensive tires, just as it makes little sense to wear the wrong size shoes.

When choosing tires, just like shoes, look for the proper fit. Understanding tire markings can help you select the right tire for the right job. With the ongoing popularity of light trucks and SUVs tire, manufacturers have worked diligently to offer many tire options.

A tire marked "A/T" is designed for all-terrain use but also performs well on the highway. An all-terrain tread has many independent blocks separated by large grooves for off-road traction. Varied sizes and shapes of tread blocks minimize highway noise. The A/T could be compared to a tennis shoe: comfortable and dependable, but only able to handle mildly rugged conditions.

An A/T tire might offer options that an off-road enthusiast would enjoy, but it is not as aggressive as the M/T tire. A tire designated

with an “M/T” is used for “MAX-RACTION.” These dutiful soldiers easily handle muddy and rocky surfaces frequented by the serious adventurer. The M/T tire is the “hiking boot” of tires. Knobby, rugged tread elements with large tread voids offer excellent traction to handle the most severe driving conditions.

An A/S denotes all-season tires which are dependable for many road conditions. For severe snow conditions, a mountain snowflake pictograph with an M+S represents the industry’s standard for tires, much like snow boots, designed for wintry conditions.

When selecting tires, don’t be intimidated by the choices. Think of it as a chance to shop for shoes—but for your automobile or bike. Search for comfort, style and performance to suit your personal driving habits.

Size up options by visiting a tire retailer, the professionals who want to help you “put your best foot forward.”

Remember protect any portion of your body that you wish to use in life later on.

Ride for Kids

By Marty & Karen Miller
Chapter Directors



I would like to thank everyone for coming out to the Ride for Kids in Cranberry on August 9th. We had about 20 people from the Chapter show up for this worthy cause. Chapter P came in 4th place with \$1594. Great job!!!

The contributions for the entire ride were down a little this year, as we only raised \$44,070 and last year we raised a little over \$52,000. I hope next year we can start to go back the other way and help the kids. We had a lot of kids this year riding and we were even short on sidecars. The kids loved the ride although some of them fell asleep during the 1.5-hour ride. Once we were in Slippery Rock, we had our lunches and had the Celebration of Life with some of the kids up on stage.

Wing Ding 32

Wing Ding 32 will be held directly in the center of our country, in Des Moines, Iowa.

The Wing Ding Raffle: On behalf of the Des Moines Chamber of Commerce, every region was given a FREE 4-night hotel stay for Wing Ding 32. The hotel selected for our region will be announced at a later date. So, in order to make everyone eligible to receive a chance to have their lodging at Wing Ding complimentary, the region will hold a raffle whereby each pre-registration will receive an entry to win the hotel stay. Details about the raffle will be announced in the September Newsletter.

Chapter P Clothing

By Marty & Karen Miller
Chapter Directors

We have made arrangements to get a variety of T-shirts and jackets with the Chapter P logo on them. Check out the price list that’s included in this newsletter. We also have the new Chapter P patches in stock now.

Safety

By Marty & Karen Miller
Chapter Directors

Let’s be real careful out there as Joe and Mary had their bike totaled while they were in New York. The car that hit them didn’t even stop. Because of the safety gear they had on, they only received some bumps and bruises but no broken bones. Joe is now looking for a bike to replace old blue.

Also, our State Educator, Mae Welker was in an accident while going to another Chapter’s meeting. We know she lost control of her trike and she was taken from us at age 73. Mae was the PA State Educator and will be missed by all. Right now, if you go to the Special Notices page on the Chapter P website, you can still sign the guest book

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