



# TWIGG CYCLES RIDER'S CLUB NEWSLETTER

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Our ice cream rides and dinner rides are every month from April to September.

Ice cream rides, 3rd Tuesday each month. Meet at Twigg Cycles at 7:00 PM and we will ride somewhere for ice cream.

Dinner Rides, 2nd Tuesday each month. We will meet at a restaurant at 6:30 PM. The ride will be your ride there.

The location will be in the newsletter each month.  
"Come Join Us"



## President's Message

The TCRC members have spoken with their nominations. And the Secretarial Report will list the nominees. This will be *this* President's last "President's Message", that is, unless there is some *unforeseeable* change of future events.

I wish to thank all members for allowing me to represent you as your President in all past events. And the past Administration did a fine job in making it reasonable in effort. This was *not* an easy two years. By keeping the Administration "transparent", the Club enjoyed two years of great events and planned rides. The "transparency" was recommended by one of the Executive members and imple-

mented.

I have faith that the future Administration will continue to provide the same experiences, in the future as we have had in the past.

Until the next club meeting and riding day,

*George Burkhardt, President*

## Secretary's Report

The January meeting was attended by 22 members. Travis from TCI reported that the new TCI calendar is available. A vote was taken to make the TCI rep an honorary club member. We currently have a balance on hand of \$1061.66. "The Movie" is still for sale at \$10.00 with all proceeds going to Boys and Girls Club. Cory Eyler (Safety Officer) has training video for sale for \$2.00 (cost of the DVD). New training classes start in March and over 600 people went through last year's course. A new study is being generated on motorcycle crash causes and over 40 age group and sport bike emphasis. Club Logo wear still available- see "Chief" Moulds. Danny Baker and David Rethemeyer will work together on a TCRC 2009 calendar featuring club members and scenery from the ride schedule. 50/50 Raffle netted \$34.50 for the club and \$34.50 for Jake Daley.

## NOMINATIONS FOR 2008-2010 OFFICERS

President- Michael Brown\*  
Vice President- David Rethemeyer  
Treasurer- Peter (Jake) Daley  
Secretary- Judy Williamson

\*after the meeting John Mazzocchi and George Burkhardt declined their Nominations

**COME TO THE NEXT MEETING TO VOTE THESE NOMINEES INTO OFFICE.**

# TCRC 2008 Schedule

## DAY TRIPS

Leave from Richardson's Restaurant after our regular breakfast meeting the first Saturday of each month.

<b>April 5</b>	<b>Marine Corps Museum</b> in Quantico, VA
<b>May 3</b>	<b>Oatlands Plantation</b> (circa 1803) in Leesburg, VA
<b>June 7</b>	<b>Penns Cave</b> , in Centre Hall, PA
<b>July 5</b>	<b>Fort Bedford</b> , in Bedford, PA
<b>August 2</b>	<b>Union Mills Homestead</b> , in Westminster, MD
<b>Sept. 6</b>	<b>Luray Caverns &amp; Antique Car Museum</b> , in Luray, VA

## OVERNIGHT TRIPS

Leave from behind Blockbuster on the dual hwy. in Hagerstown on Saturday morning. There is an AC&T gas station there to gas up. Departure times to be announced, probably 8:00 or 9:00 AM. Motel reservations will need to be made 4-6 weeks in advance. Detailed information will be available as they get closer.

<b>June 21-23</b>	<b>Smith Island, in the Chesapeake Bay.</b> We will leave Saturday morning and return Monday evening, 3 days.
<b>Sept. 27-28</b>	<b>American Mountain Theater and Train ride, Elkins, WV</b> We will leave Saturday morning and return Sunday evening, 2 days.

## Dinner Rides

Dinner rides are the 2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday of the month. These are not group rides. We meet at the restaurant at 6:30 PM.

<b>April 8</b>	<b>Barbara Fritchie</b> , Frederick	<b>May 13</b>	<b>Mountain Gate</b> , Waynesboro
<b>June 10</b>	<b>Dave &amp; Janes</b> , Emmitsburg	<b>July 8</b>	<b>Red Byrd</b> , Keedysville
<b>August 12</b>	<b>Blue Ridge Summit</b> , Blue Ridge Summit	<b>Sept 9</b>	<b>Family Restaurant</b> , Greencastle

## Ice Cream Rides

Ice cream rides are on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday of the month. We leave from Twigg's at 7:00 PM for about an hour ride.

<b>April 15</b>	<b>The Meadows</b> , Hagerstown	<b>May 20</b>	<b>Potomac Creamery</b> , Boonsboro
<b>June 17</b>	<b>Debbie's Ice Cream</b> , Smithsburg	<b>July 15</b>	<b>South Mtn. Creamery</b> , Middletown
<b>August 19</b>	<b>Mikes</b> , Greencastle	<b>Sept 16</b>	<b>Antietam Dairy</b> , Waynesboro





### Website

I am setting up a club website. I should have it ready before the spring season is on us. I **need pictures** so if you have any in digital format e-mail them to me. After it is done I will bring it up at a meeting for approval. If there are any problems I can change it or take it down. It is a flash media site so you do need Flash to view it.

### CLUB LOGO

Chief Moulds is heading the Logo Wear sign up, if you would like to proudly display your club on clothing you can place your order at the breakfast meeting. If you have a shirt or jacket that you would like to use, bring it to the meeting.



## Tires **Motorcycle Maintenance**

Buy good tires and keep them properly inflated. A couple years ago Dunlop (I think) went around to several rallies and checked the tire pressure on a bunch of bikes. They found that something like 60% of the tires were under inflated. These are hard-core touring people and even they weren't properly inflating their tires. Under inflated tires run hotter, wear faster, and are more prone to blow-outs. They also will really screw-up your bike's handling. Buy a decent tire pressure gauge and use it every morning before you start out for the day. Always measure the pressure when the tires are cold.

I never let my tires wear to the wear-bars. I replace them before they get that far gone. I always leave on tour with new or nearly new tires. If you're on the road and find you need a new tire, get it. Don't try to make it back home on an excessively worn tire. When you buy a tire look at the date of manufacture and don't get a tire that's too old. All tires have a number molded into their sidewall. The last three digits, mnn, are decoded as follows: m is the last digit of the year (i.e. 7=1997), and nn is the week number (i.e. 0-52).

Make sure the tire has the proper load rating for your bike. This usually isn't a problem with smaller bikes but I've seen a lot of big touring bikes with tires that were overloaded.

Buy the right size tire for your bike. A lot of people, especially guys on older sport bikes, want to buy a big fat rear tire so that they can look like the racers. This is dangerous. My '90 CBR600 came with a 130/80 rear tire and that's what it should have. The wheel is 3.5" wide and it can't take a tire much wider than a 130. It might take a 140/70 but that's probably the limit. If you put too wide a tire on a wheel the tire will have the wrong shape. The sidewall will be over-stressed and the contact patch may very well be smaller than it would with the proper size tire.

Don't mix radial and bias ply tires. Use the same type on both wheels. Many people say that you should use the same type (radial or bias) as came on the bike new. I'm not sure that this matters all that much but I'm not an expert. It seems to me that as long as they're the proper size you're probably ok. It's up to you. I do know that most bias tires are narrower than most radials and you can seldom find the proper size if you want to switch tire types. It's also a good idea to match the front and rear tire brand and model. Most tires were designed assuming that the tire on the opposite end of the bike is from the same model series. This is usually not imperative but the bike usually handles better when front and rear are matched the way the tire manufacturer intended.

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