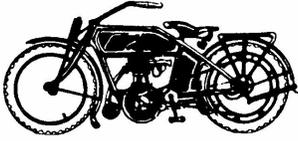


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Editorial

Hello, I'm back! It has been a while since I did a newsletter and quite honestly I have been lax in my duties. Due to my poor performance Lyle has refused to give me a raise but then again I have not received pay for the last 25 years either. Hope I still get a pension!

Fortunately for you avid readers I have quite a few contributing articles this month which is much appreciated. So sit back, relax by the warm fire and read on.

Before I forget, Happy Holidays to everyone!

Thoughts from your President

By Lyle Manheimer

Well the New Year is on our doorstep and I have a few thoughts from myself and some of our members.

Thought number one was from a fellow member, he asked that the minutes of the meetings be posted on the website. I think this is a pretty good idea, we all try to make as many meetings as possible but due to many of us having hectic lifestyles we just can't make every meeting. With that being said I think it would

enable someone who misses a meeting to keep up with what is going on chapter wise. On the other hand, I just sit here and type messages and the like and I have no idea if this would be a monumental task or not, so I will consult with our editor and secretary, stay tuned.

Another member suggested that we meet monthly. I have no problem with that suggestion either. We now try to meet six times a year and sometimes the period between meeting dates becomes rather long and can stretch meeting dates to almost three months. So I would like the membership to think about this and we can discuss this in the near future. If we do decide to meet on a monthly basis I would suggest that we try to schedule meetings the same day each month, meaning the first Saturday, the fourth Sunday, and the third Wednesday.

I made a monumental mistake by not getting the dinner committee organized early enough for 2015 and this tasked the committee with a lot of work in a short period of time. This year, 2016, I will be looking for volunteers to serve on these committees at the first meeting of the new year.

I will be looking for volunteers for the Blood Drive, Picnic and Winter Dinner. So please everyone get involved.

Thank you,
Lyle

Minutes from the November Meeting

by Karen Harrington

Old Business

Lighthouse Run was a 2 Day Event but was not enough time. Next year we need 3 days and start at South end to North .Pumpkin Run had many cars and trucks and a good flea market.

Committees

Membership: No new Members.

Winter Dinner: Dave and Rosemarie Retzko's house or O'Connor's (Charlie's other Brother) \$25.00-\$30.00 p.p. Members decided to have dinner at Dave and Rosemarie Retzko's House on Dec 16th. Cost is free this year. Send a \$25.00 check to Mike Raymond by Dec.28th if you are coming. Check will be returned to you the night of the party.

Note: Linda Raymond sent an Email after the meeting changing the amount to \$15/person – Ed.

Swap Meet: Need new place to hold Meet. Suggestions were Armory's of Cherry Hill, Pemberton, Acme of Pennsville. Call Wendy from Motorcycle Magazine and ask for any available venues? \$500.00 is budget for rental of 10,000 sq .ft building. Club pays for insurance.

New Business: Linda R. asked to create an activity award for members who participated in club sponsored riding events. Motion was passed and Secretary will log attendance at events.

Good and Welfare

Question was asked to members if dues should remain the same? Motion was passed to keep dues at \$10.00 a year.

Blood Drive Committee

Linda R. Ron P. Event will take place at Medford V.F.W.

Membership application

This is on -line now. See Ron for any questions.

Newsletter

Help Ron with newsletter with any projects you are working on or any interesting activities you are doing.

Up Coming Events

Nov. 10th: last Hot Rod Event at Evergreen Dairy Stand at 1643 RTE 70 in Medford.

Nov.21st: 11-3pm Johnson Farm Hot Rod and Toy Run bring an unwrapped toy. Down Shifters Fall Swap Meet

Nov.28th: 8-3pm Hilltop A.A Oakford Pa.

Jan.24th: Neshaminy Swap Meet at Newport Firehouse

Jan.31st: Next meeting at V.F.W. in Medford.

Officers for 2016

Elections were held and the following are the officers for 2016:

President: Lyle Manheimer

Vice President: Paul Shinn

Secretary: Linda Raymond

Treasurer: Mike Raymond

Positions of Chapter Judge, Membership Chairperson, Historian and Editor will be appointed at the first meeting in 2016.

Dues

As mentioned in the minutes the dues will remain at \$10 for the year. In order to stay current you must fill out the application, sign and enclose a check for \$10 made out to "Seaboard Chapter AMCA". Send the application and the check to the treasurer (see list officers at the top of the newsletter). You can also pay at the meeting but it must be before March 31st.

The application is on the Seaboard Website (<http://www.seaboardchapter.org/>) under the "Join" tab.

Winter Dinner

Linda sent an Email to everyone concerning the Winter Dinner. Below is a copy of that Email:

We are having our Winter Dinner on Saturday Jan 23 at Dave and Rose Mary's. Please note that do to being able to accommodate only 90 people and having a growing club, we will not be taking guests at this time. (spouses and significant others are included) Club members must respond to Mike or Linda that they are coming and send a check for \$15 a person (made out to Seaboard) before Jan 3rd. If you come to the dinner your check will be given back to you.

We will see what the turnout is and evaluate if we can take guest after Jan. 3rd. If we do, an email will be sent with how many openings. We ask that if you want to bring a guest it be someone who is interested in joining the club. We thank Rose Mary and Dave for their generosity and want to be respectful of their hospitality and home.

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Blood Drive

The tentative date for the blood drive will be the Saturday after Valentine's day at the Medford VFW. I can't express how pleased I am and Kathy's family that Kathy is still able to give back to others who rely on your gift of life to continue another day with their loved ones.

More information will be available as the date gets nearer. Thanks!

Race of Gentlemen

By Lyle Manheimer

As usual The Race of Gentlemen fell on the same weekend as the Chesapeake meet in Jefferson. That was not the only thing that fell, there was the rain and wind and high seas. This forced the postponement of the ROG until the following weekend. The following weekend weather was much better.

Tracey and I arrived in Wildwood about three on Friday afternoon, we passed by the Troglodytes Show on the way in and the festivities were in full swing. We checked in at the Bel-Air and went for some refreshments after being refreshed, rode back to the motel and readied ourselves for dinner at Little Italy.

The meal was outstanding as usual. We returned to the motel and found the rest of the gang engaged in some deep conversation over a couple of beers. Tracey and I were planning to attend the Troglodytes show but a light rain had begun to fall and then some wind and much heavier rain came so we made the adjustment and hung out over a few more beers.

We got to meet Guido's friend from Arizona Butch Kaiser, they were not supposed to be related but I suspect they may have been distant relatives because as they consumed large quantities of fluids their volumes increased to the point where we could no longer hear the roar of the exhausts from the cars riding by with open pipes. I guess this was a bit too loud as the motel security officer, proprietor, made an appearance to quell the din.

The proprietor made note that there were signs posted about quiet time after ten. I did find ONE. What a party pooper. The next morning I was told he even blinked the outdoor lights.

Fortunately Tracey and I had retired before we could be Blacklisted.

Saturday morning dawned bright and clear. We readied ourselves for the day's festivities and left for the races around ten. We rode down to where the races were being held parked the bike in a lot for seven bucks and headed for the beach.

The line to get tickets was quite long. Last year I purchased tickets online but I did not do so this year due to the weather factor and uncertainty about a refund or reschedule as the event had never been rained out. Suffice it to say I should have purchased them online as the admission line moved extremely slow.

I thought that the ticket price of fifty bucks a head was double that of last year but numerous people told me it was the same as last year and as the years roll by, unlike a fine wine, none of my senses or memories improve.

We gained admission and racing had already begun and with many spectators already in attendance there was only room to get to the fence at the finish line. That was ok with me as that is the place to be to watch the fun.

There are always lots of activities at the race some give aways and I am sure lots of other things, plus the fun factor which takes the sting out of the price of admission. We watched the races until they called it a day and headed back to the Bel-Air, where we caught up with everyone else.

The topic for discussion was where to dine before attending the bonfire back at the races. As the discussion progressed it became clouded and lengthy due in part to the consumption of liquids I suspect. I had little to add due to some digestive issues and not wanting to arouse the intestinal gods I did not succumb to imbibing. I don't think we ran out of liquids but a decision was finally made to walk the boards and grab a bite on the way.

We made our way back to the beach where the bands were playing and the bonfire was roaring. Much discussion about where to stop for food and refreshment on the way. As we neared our destination a place was found that had not only a decent bill of fare but was capable of supplying more liquids. I have found

at my advanced age it is a lot of fun just drinking water and being an observer as was the case over dinner. After dinner we hit the beach for some music and fun.

The bonfire was roaring and the bands were playing. I found myself a bit chilly but I toughed it out for a couple of hours. I think Tracey got tired of hearing me complain about being chilly and the music being played was not really what we typically listen to but what the heck it was fun none the less, so we headed back. We shared the walk back with Guy and as far as entertainment goes Guy was the best entertainment of the evening. The walk back was a little tough on me and I was quite tired after the long day. My head hit the pillow and I was out.

Sunday morning was another nice day for mid October. We got up and loaded the motorcycle for the trip home. I think it was around 9:30 when we checked out and headed north to Wildwood and the races.

Parking on Sunday was a dollar less due in part to fewer people. We walked up to the boardwalk and found out that the tide was still in and they would not be racing for a while. I suggested a walk to Tucker's Pub which has changed hands and names, the new name escapes my memory and we found them preparing to open at 11am, it was only about 10:15 so we had some time to kill.

We walked back to the boardwalk and checked out some of the sights. By 11 I was not only thirsty but hungry as well so we headed back for some Bloody Mary's and a large plate of Chicken Nachos, perfect. By now it was a little after noon time so we headed back to the beach to find racing had begun. I kept eying up the ring the bell with the sledge hammer and the guy told me to give it a try to which I replied "How Much?" "Free" he said. Hey what the heck, I was pretty sure I could ring it after splitting wood for all these years. I rang it three times in a row and claimed a couple of beer cozies and a logoed ditty bag as my prizes.

Back to the races, no problem finding a spot to stand on Sunday. I think a lot of people come Friday and Saturday when Sunday comes they head for home early. There was still plenty of

action as they were getting down to the final races to determine the winners.

I told Tracey I wanted to leave around 2 there was still some racing going on but being on the bike in mid October the setting sun causes a rapid decline in the temperature. We jumped on the bike and headed for home and we got back to my house by about 3:45.

This is an ideal time of year for this event even though the weather can be a big factor. Most of the crowds are gone; a lot of the stores on the boardwalk are still open as are most of the better restaurants. Little Italy was closing after that weekend as were a lot of others.

Stores are closing so inventories are reduced price and Wildwood seems to welcome the last event of the season. Best of all unless you are a complete idiot and I am sure there are a couple, the police there are pretty forgiving which adds up to a big party atmosphere as long as no one gets totally out of control. See you next year and I will purchase my tickets online.

The BIG Hit

By Lyle Manheimer

I know what I usually write about in the newsletter is with regard to old motorcycles but I thought I would relate some of my experiences from a recent accident I had with a more modern motorcycle as I know a lot of us also ride newer iron as well.

One evening in the middle of August I was on my way to Tracey's house on a Friday evening to take a ride and have a bite to eat. I was riding the 2010 Street Glide that I had recently purchased at Brian's H-D. It came without a heel shifter and I do like heel shifters so I had added one. I also am still getting used to this bike as it is much different than my Springer or the Dyna I traded in.

I was on Rt. 38 stopped at a light going west in front of Dadz. The light turned green and I began to accelerate, however I had not down shifted into first gear. I am still not sure if I stopped to put it in first or I stalled. The next thing I knew I felt the bike lurch forward and I could not control it and went down on the right side. By the time I got up off of the ground to

see what exactly had happened the lady that hit me was out of her vehicle and on the phone. I immediately screamed "You weren't on the phone were you?" "Oh no I am calling 911" I would bet otherwise but could not prove it. Let's just say her reaction time for making a phone call is faster than that of her right foot on the brake pedal.

By the time the police arrived I had picked up the bike, yes you can right the big beast by yourself, I had seen the video and it works. I did a quick assessment of my injuries, brush burns and bruises. I had also done a quick assessment of the damage to the bike and we had moved the vehicles to the side of the road.

The bike fared less well than I. I had been whacked by a new Honda Pilot. These are no longer small SUV's they are now more like a Chevy Suburban. I did not even see a scratch on it. I had called Tracey to tell her what had happened and that I would be late but I was fine. She insisted on coming and upon arrival screamed at the lady "Didn't you see the motorcycle?" I did not hear a reply but I know the police officer cast a questioning glance toward Tracey. I convinced her to go home.

The officer had us exchange information and listened to our stories and wrote up the report. The officer said the report would be available in a couple of days. There were no summons issued and I thought this was a bit odd. The officer wanted me to go to the hospital for my injuries but I refused even though I had developed some swelling around the site of a bruise. I was able to ride as far as Tracey's house and park the bike. The rear tire was rubbing on something.

The next morning, Saturday, I called Rider to report the accident and the adjuster told assigned a case number and told me he would send me the proper paper work to fill out. He also told me if her insurance did not cover the damage Rider would have to go to court and sue. He also asked me how much damage the bike had incurred and I replied at least \$2500.00. He asked me about my welfare and I said I was fine. I was afraid this was going to be a big mess.

Monday morning I got a call from Liberty Mutual insurance company. The claims rep

assured me all was well and they would take care of everything. She too also asked about my welfare and I assured her I was fine and would not be seeking medical attention. She wanted to set up for a claims adjuster to come and view the damage and I told her I thought it would be best to do at Brian's H-D and I would call her when I got it over there. It took several days for me to get it over there because I had to remove some bolts rubbing the rear tire at Tracey's neighbor's garage, to make it ride able.

I believe it was on a Wednesday evening I dropped the bike off and talked to the service writer and he assured me they would work with the claims adjuster from Liberty Mutual. I called Liberty Mutual and told them the bike was at Brian's. Liberty Mutual called me a couple of days later and said about \$2000.00 damage. I played phone tag with the adjuster for a couple of days and told him I figured \$2500.00. He left me a message just get it fixed and all would be well.

I went back to pick up my bike and I was going to do the work myself but the service writer insisted the bike was encumbered and Harley Davidson Credit Corp would want it fixed there with all new parts blah, blah, blah. I thought about paying it off and still do it myself but Tracey and I had a trip coming up and I figured just leave it and get it fixed. A couple of days went by and I heard from the service writer, he had called Liberty Mutual and they had sent a check to me for \$2000.00 and that I would need to endorse that check over to Brian's before they would order any parts and there was a 4-6 week lead time on a factory paint fender. WHAT??????????????? You have my bike I can't get it anyway without it being paid for. I got the check within a day or two, took it over and endorsed it.

About a week and a half before our planned vacation to Ocean City Brian's called and said they had my fender. I asked if it was possible I would have it back by vacation and the service writer said maybe but the right saddlebag had not been sent out for paint yet but don't worry that only takes a couple of days. WHAT??????????? There is no body shop on the face of the earth that has stuff done in a couple

of days. Armed with this new knowledge I knew I wasn't getting my bike back in time for vacation. Tracey said call Liberty Mutual and ask for a rental.

I wanted all of my ducks in a row so I went to Brian's and got a price on a rental and was told because my bike was in for repair I was entitled to a discount on the rental but insurance would be \$50 a day. A four day vacation rental would be around \$800. I thought Liberty Mutual will never go for this. I went home and called Liberty Mutual and explained to the claims rep what was happening, she put me on hold for a few minutes and when she got back on the phone she cheerily replied we will rent you a bike for your planned vacation. I told her I could get a better price at Brian's because my bike was in the shop and she said that was what she was doing while she was gone, getting the discount price and reserving my bike. WOW REALLY!!!!!!!!!!!!!! Insurance was my responsibility though and she said Rider would probably cover it but if not to call back. I called Rider and explained my situation to them and the customer service rep said after talking to her supervisor they would not cover insurance.

The next day I called Liberty Mutual back and told them Rider was not willing to cover insurance. My claims rep told me no problem just get me something in writing stating that Rider will not cover insurance and Liberty Mutual will pick it up. I got back on the phone with Rider and a different customer service rep and explained what was happening and that I needed a letter of refusal to insure the rental to which he replied I just went to a seminar on this and I am pretty sure we will insure the rental due to it being a loss but let me check. After a brief wait he was back on the line and said yes Rider would cover the insurance, cool. I asked that he send me a letter to that effect which he did. I knew I would need this before Brian's would allow me to take the bike. I called my claims rep at Liberty Mutual and left her a message that all was well and I would pay for the rental and submit the bill to them for payment when I returned from vacation.

A couple of days later Tracey and I went to Brian's and to my surprise they had rented us a

Road Glide. The rental person was cool he said have it back by noon on the fifth day and I would only be charged for the four days and he said even if you are an hour late no big deal. I completed the paperwork and out the door we went for vacation. Interesting side note here, even though we were renting in Pa, I had to sign paper work that we were required by H-D to wear helmets the entire time. I did check in with the service dept and was told that my bike should be done on Monday, this was Saturday.

We went back to Tracey's house loaded up the Road Glide and off we went for our planned vacation to Delaware and Maryland. Without getting into a lot of detail, me taking the wrong road an overpriced stay at a Motel 6, a great flat track race, a nice stay in Fenwick Island De. And some less than picture perfect weather. We returned on Wednesday to the Road Glide's GPS constantly telling me to turn around I am going the wrong way. One more useless feature H-D decided the consumer demanded. The best part is when you start the bike a disclaimer appears on the screen EVERY TIME you start the thing up and you must hit the accept button before you can see a display. The bike itself was a joy to ride but I sure don't need all the extra crap on the screen that comes standard on all the touring bikes. Make it an option H-D. I do not want to pay for it.

We arrived back home on Wednesday around noon. I called Brian's figuring my bike was done and I could save Tracey the trip but the service dept said it was on the lift and they could not promise anything. Tracey followed me to Langhorne and we dropped the bike off at 1 pm and true to his word the rental guy said that was fine. I walked through the service area just in time to see one of the parts changers, oh sorry Techs carrying a painted part toward the parts counter. I told Tracey probably a couple more days for paint touch up, hah,hah.

On Friday I sent my paperwork to Liberty Mutual and by the following Friday I had my check for the rental, nice. A week after that I got a call from Brian's my bike was done, I guess the touch up took a couple of weeks not days, who would have thought. The service writer told me the bill was another \$3500, WHAT!!!! He

also said he submitted it a couple of days ago had not received payment and he had called to find out what the holdup was and he wanted to make sure that if I got it I brought it over and endorsed it promptly. He also suggested I call them to try and speed the process. I related my experience with payment for the rental and told him I would give it a week and if the check did not turn up by then I would give Liberty Mutual a call. These people had my bike for over two months and now they are in a hurry to get paid? I am right on that. Two days later another call and they had gotten the check and I could pick up my bike, how about that.

Tracey took me over on a Wednesday evening to pick my bike up. I sure was happy to get it back. The service writer handed me the paperwork and when I started to review it I told him something was wrong because the invoice only showed about \$2300 in parts and labor. Oh sorry he said there must be another page and there was. I jumped on it and headed for home. Halfway home one of the aftermarket heat shields had broken and was hitting me in the thigh had that just happened, maybe but I sure was not in any mood to call them back and bitch, I was just happy to have my bike back.

After all is said and done, if someone hits you while on your motorcycle first thing hope they have Liberty Mutual Insurance, an outstanding company to deal with. I would have never thought they would cover a loss of a recreational vehicle for vacation but they did and I probably would not have pursued that if Tracey had not prodded me. If I ever have to have a bike repaired due to accident I WILL FIND AWAY TO DO IT MYSELF. It would have been just as fast and a whole lot less stressful and I am sure I could have done as good a job a whole lot cheaper. I can change parts with the best of them.

Next Meeting

The next Seaboard Chapter meeting is tentatively scheduled for **January 31st, 1:00 PM** at the Medford V.F.W. on Church Road. Directions to the Medford VFW Hall are:

1. From Rt. 70 in Medford, take Medford Mt. Holly Road (Rt. 541 North)
2. At the second traffic light, turn right onto Church Road (Rt. 616 East)
3. Continue on Rt. 616 for approx. 1.4 miles. The Medford VFW hall will be on the left.

Items For Sale

1997 Harley Davidson Dyna for sale. Parts Bike only clear NJ title. Lyle (609) 859-1013

Items Wanted

This may be your last chance to get those items you always wanted before the end of 2016 by placing an add in the Seaboard Sidecar!

Dates

January 23rd: Seaboard Winter Dinner. See newsletter for details.

January 24th: Neshaminy Chapter swap meet at the Newportville Fire Company.

Newportville Fire Company
2425 New Falls Road
Newportville, Pa 19056

January 31st: Tentative date for the next Seaboard Chapter Meeting, 1:00 PM at the Medford VFW

Seaboard Chapter Website

To help offset the cost of the Seaboard Chapter website members can make a donation of \$30 for 6 months. The dedication can include information and pictures regarding the dedication. If you are interested in making a dedication please contact the Editor.

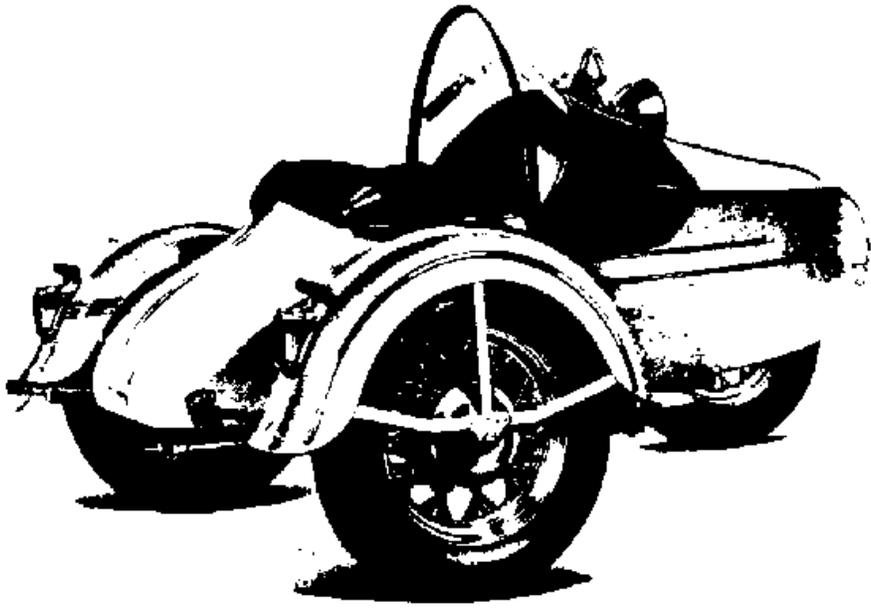
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