



THE DRESSER NEWS

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Join us September 17 thru 22 for our 40th anniversary Rally

Hosted by

Bill & Julia Spears,
Cecil & Linda King,
Darryl & Tracy Gunn,
Julian & Harriet Cabaniss,
Sonny & Nancy Coburn,
Jim & Carole Cliborne,
Goldie & Glennadine
Gouldman



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On Eagle Wings

May John rest in peace.

John Ellis our friend passed 11/6/2016



*A heartfelt thank you!
The doctor's say we are
"walking miracles!" We believe that to be true. While we may never get to where we were prior to the accident on January 16, 2016, we are thankful to God that we are*

still here, and appreciate how far we've come. We are so very grateful to all our friends and family for your thoughts, prayers, and support. It has been an amazing journey. This year's Christmas party was an opportunity to see members that we missed at the 2016 rally. For those of you who were not in attendance to be thanked personally, we offer our deepest gratitude. The cards, letters, flowers, fruit and chocolate, were all tremendous signs of encouragement and made a huge impact in our recovery. Never did we realize what a difference it makes to receive a card in the mail. It's like getting a hug, with lasting good feelings. We have had the good fortune, of having some of you share your own accident and recovery processes which also gave us encouragement. Thank you for sharing! God is good..... We may not be biking any longer, Bill and Barbara Taylor joins us in saying "Our hearts will remain with our association friends and family!" Until next time! Blessings, Dottie Megee

Member News

Geraldine Check sent thanks for the cards and support during John's illness and after his passing. She mentioned that they had enjoyed all of the many rallies that they attended and had met many fine people. Geraldine said, "Whenever I hear thunder, I will think of John and all the other Dresser family that has passed, riding their Harleys in heaven."

Mary Clark relayed Bill's thanks to the members for all of the good wishes since his recent stroke and that he hopes to be home soon. Bill and Mary send their 'love to all members'.



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Please notify Linda King about Members health info etc.

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Longevity Awards 2017

5 YEARS 2012

Jun	DeLena	Stepfen & Lisa Marie
Jul	DeMetro	Tony & Michelle
Aug	Chupka	Richard & Mary
Sep	Zizzo	Philip & Lynette
Oct	Saunders	Clifford & Christina

10 YEARS 2007

Jan	Gunn	Darryl & Tracy
Feb	Kenyon	Doug & Joanne
Jul	Groesbeck	Eric
Nov	Oblinger	Lee & Carol

15 YEARS 2002

Jan	Black	Sharon
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25 YEAR 1992

Jul	Megee Jr.	Skip & Dotie
Dec	Groft	Kelly

30 YEARS 1987

Mar	Taylor	Frankie & Barbara
Mar	Groft	Danial
Jul	Neder	Joseph & Alice

35 YEARS 1982

Jan	Youngs	Wayne & Kay
Apr	Oliver	Thomas & Julia
May	Schipper	Gary & Ann
May	Reynolds	Earl & Joyce
Jul	Leard	Ron
Jul	Alcox	Harley & Linda
Jul	Lash	Jeffrey
Aug	Zimmerman	Leonard
Aug	Lex Jr.	John
Oct	Gagnon	Jim & Jean

40 YEARS 1977

Apr	Austin	Del & Virginia
Apr	Theobald	Jack
Aug	Pierpoint	George & Ineke



Harley Dressers Christmas Party, Grantville (near Hershey), PA November 12, 2016



Once again it was great to meet up with our Harley Dressers friends for a beautiful weekend together for our annual Harley Dressers Toys for Tots Christmas Party. We moved our venue to the Holiday Inn Harrisburg/Hershey located in Grantville, PA after many years in Gettysburg. Many members arrived a day or even two before the party to enjoy the weekend away with Dresser friends. It was nice to see new things and different restaurants in the Hershey area as members visited the nearby chocolate attractions, Tangiers Outlets, Susquehanna Harley Davidson, and the Hollywood Casino just down the road. Some people cannot attend our rally during the year, so it is especially good to see them at the Christmas Party, and keep our friendships going strong. We were

very glad to see Skip and Dottie Megee attend. They have been going through a long and difficult recovery from their motorcycle accident in Florida in January 2016 and they are doing really well. Another special attendee was Cassie Kochel and her longtime friend Jeanne Lorah. Cassie is 92 now. You may remember that Cassie was a top seller of our Bike Raffle tickets over the years, always supporting the Association although she couldn't attend rallies any longer. Cassie and Jeanne have been friends for more than 50 years. Jeanne, Cassie and her husband, Chet rode together over 30 years. We were also glad to see longtime members Gary and Ann Schipper attend the party.

Jim and Jean Gagnon hosted our party of 100 people, and provided beautiful handmade centerpieces for each

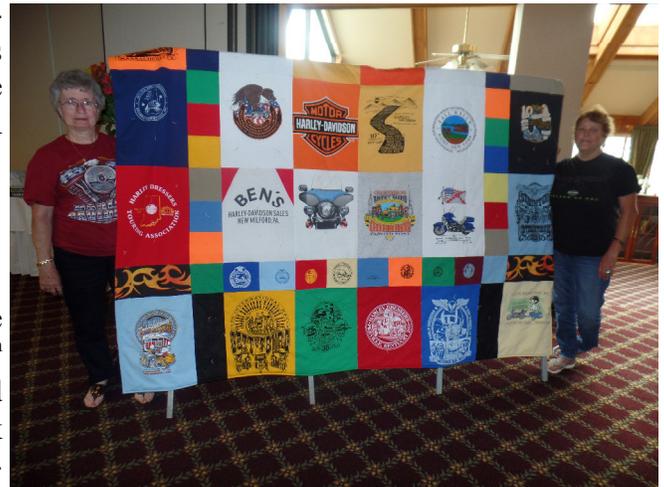


table. Members were very generous with their gifts of toys to donate to Toys for Tots. As they arrived in the banquet room the toys kept stacking up (a lot!), enough to fill five long tables. Thank you everyone for your generosity. Nick D'Apice offered the blessing before dinner, Charlotte Snyder sang the National Anthem after the Pledge of Allegiance, and George Pierpoint honored our Veterans. Thank you Charlie and Sandi Hicks for running the 50/50 drawing. Louise Ortz won \$213. We enjoyed a holiday dinner of turkey, ham and beef tips. After dinner, John Ginrich, Toys for Tots Coordinator, Lebanon City Detachment, and his wife, accepted the toys and expressed their thanks.

The beautiful quilt commissioned by Lil Lafleur and Betty Adams made from Dressers rally tee shirts was displayed one more time at the party. It will be raffled off at our Richmond, VA rally in September. It could be yours!

Tickets \$10 or 3 for \$20

Speaking of beautiful quilts, Sandi Hicks asked Glennadine Gouldman, a master quilter, to make one for Charlie's 70th birthday out of his Dresser rally tee shirts. Sandi surprised Charlie at the party and gave him his quilt. Thinking back to about year or two ago, Barbara Megee also made a beautiful quilt out of Dresser tee shirts for Garnet. We have talented quilters in our Association.



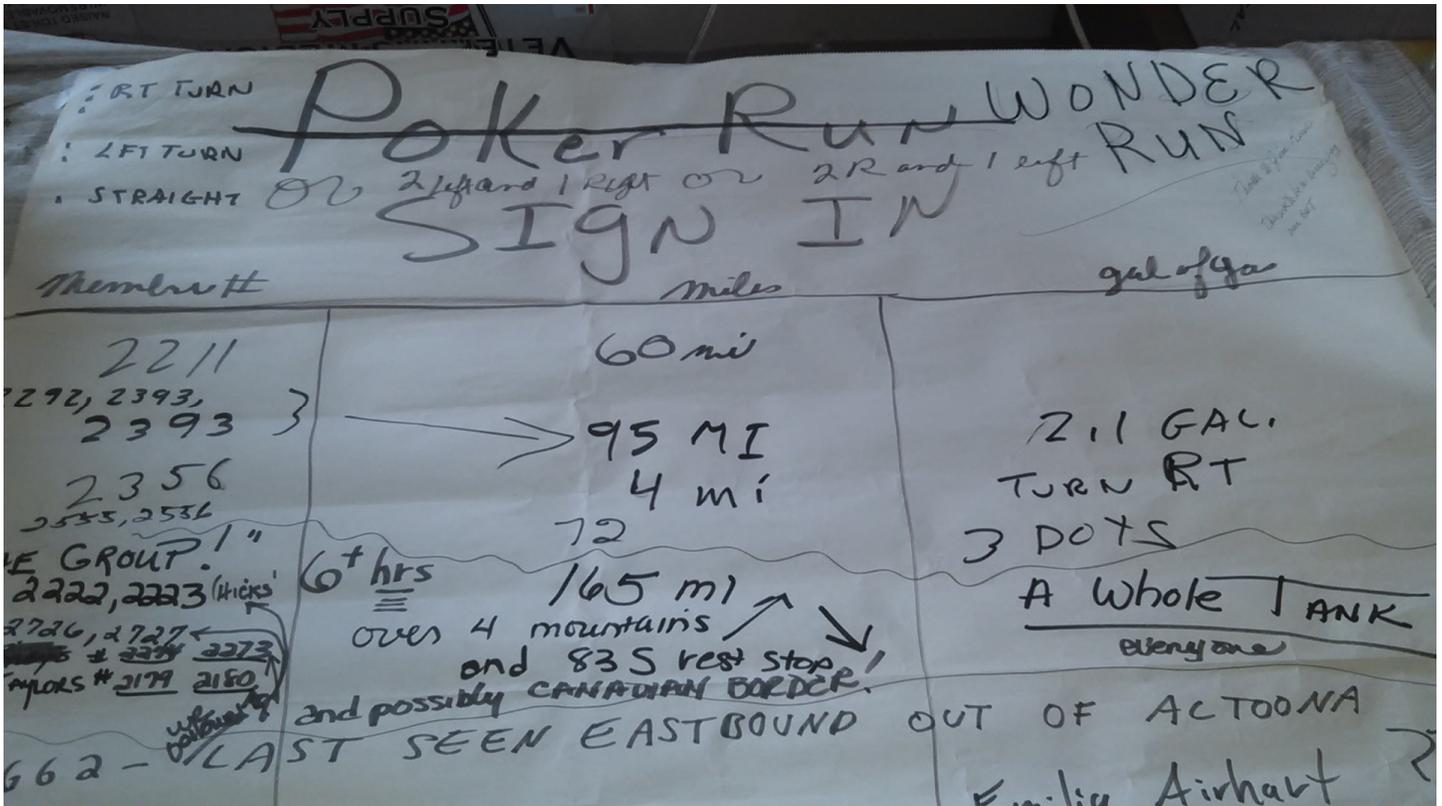


Joe and I will be stepping down as Trustees at the end of 2016 after eight years. Jim and Jean Gagnon will take our place, and we will take their place as Rally Trustees, helping out at rallies when we can. They presented us with a beautiful wooden motorcycle plaque made by our member Paul Lafleur and we have hung it in a prominent place in our home. We really enjoyed our years as Trustees facilitating rallies, and while doing that, having the opportunity to personally interact with and get to know our members (and learn names!). It is all about keeping our great Association and wonderful friendships going. We wish you good health, happiness and safe riding in 2017, and hope to see you at our next rally in Richmond, VA, September 17-22, 2017 at the Sheraton Four Points.

Eileen & Joe Rogers

DRESSER MEMORY

My intent on writing this is to give those who remember a huge smile, to others kinda tells who we are. I was looking at the Handbook list of names, as I saw them my memories flooded back.. I wish to tell of one that happened in Carlisle PA Int'l rally (sorry can't remember the year) ?91? YES I have kept that piece of paper with me for years and will cherish it forever.. The infamous lime bag run AKA Wonder Run.



Salute to Jim Reiss, him and hello to Sally always remembered. Jim was always on the bright side and did a lot for the Association.

There was a lime bag run, we had counted on the dealer to set it up standard rule: (Lime bag run 3 bags turn Right, 2 bags turn Left, 1 bag go straight. At least that is what it was supposed to be.) Well, we sent everyone out, ready to take a break to get ready for the next activities. It wasn't long before a member came back mad as a hatter. Complaining he couldn't figure it out. It seems another group had a lime bag run a few days before (no rain) their bags were there with ours!! OMG It had to be our first International rally (without Del.) Absolute panic set in! What to do? Too late everyone is gone!! All of us trustees were in it together so we were all.....panicked!. Here comes Jim Reiss with an easel, one that has sheets of paper on it. He wrote poker run sign in on it with lists for member number, miles, gallons of gas. With that he laughs and tells us it will be OK. Please see photos. First people back changed the name to the "Wonder Run", wonder where I have been. From there it went all out. "Turned back when hit canadian border", . and more all in good spirits. Most said they did enjoy their ride... (obviously real riders, no cell phone or GPS. LOL)

That was not the end of this story; we had trophies for that run on hand. Folks from the Hicks group approached us. It seemed one of their members was terminally ill and this would be their last Dresser rally. Could we give him a trophy? You BET, no hesitation. I am very proud to have been a part of that. Jack and I enjoy the newsletters very much..fun to keep up with y'all. Thank you ALL!! MISS YOU. We still have tapes of several rallies. Blackmail anyone?

TENTATIVE SCHEDULE
Sept 17-22, 2017

Sunday	9/17	1 pm	Early Check-In & Sales
Monday Shirt Day	9/18	8-9 am	Check-In & Sales
		9 am	line-up in parking lot
		9:15 am	Drivers' Meeting
		9:30 am	Keystone Tractor Museum included
		Noon	Then on to our Host Colonial HD for lunch
		4:50 pm	Line up for Bike Show
		5 pm	Dinner & Meeting – Dinner included
Tuesday	9/19	9 am	line-up in parking lot
		9:15 am	Drivers' Meeting
		9:30 am	Pamplin Historical Park lunch included
		7:30 pm	Light Show
Wednesday	9/20	9 am	Line-up in parking lot
		9:15 am	Drivers' Meeting
		9:30 am	Berkeley /Jamestown Historical Ride Lunch on your own Optional Ride to Jamestown Center
Thursday	9/21	9 am	Line-up in parking lot
		9:15 am	Drivers' Meeting
		9:30 am	on your own
Friday	9/22	9:15	Plan for the day Briefing
		9:30 am	Surprise Day in Richmond
		5 pm	Social Hour (with cash bar)
		6 pm	Dinner Party
		7-10 pm	Heart of Country Band
		10 pm	Raffle Drawing

40th Annual Int'l Rally Richmond, VA September 17-22

Four Points Sheraton 4700 S. Laburnum Avenue, Richmond, VA 23231
888-627-8644 / 804-226-4300. Ask for HDS rate \$94. Breakfast **not** included

Cut off date is August 15, 2017

CG www.rockahock.com 1428 Outpost Rd, Lanexa, VA 23089 804-966-8362

Please fill out rally form or a note and return with rally fee payable to (Harley Dressers)
& shirt size to Jan Travis, 55 Arrowhead Lane, Bullock, NC 27507
Rally check-in is on Sunday afternoon/evening, (Rallies run Monday thru Friday)

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Int'l \$60 single/\$120 couple, children 12-17 \$10, non-family guest +\$5

Name _____ Shirt Sizes _____

of Rally Bars Wanted _____ \$4.50 each.

Guest Names _____ Guest Sizes _____

Attending _____ non-family guests \$5 Additional Total Enclosed _____

Saturday, November 11, 2017 5:00 PM

HARLEY DRESSERS TOYS FOR TOTS CHRISTMAS PARTY !!

Holiday Inn Harrisburg-Hershey, Pa 717-469-0661 Ask for \$90 + Harley Dresser rate.
604 Station Rd. Grantville, PA 17028 I-81 exit 80

Cut off date is September 10, 2017

Book early! Cancellations accepted 48 hours before arrival.

For info call Jim & Jean Gagnon 440-585-1823

Please fill out Christmas Party form or a note and return with a check to pay dinner fee payable to (Harley Dressers) to: Jan Travis, 55 Arrowhead Lane, Bullock, NC 27507

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Names _____ **Cut-off date September 10, 2017**

for Dinner: Adults \$35 _____ Children 4-12 \$17.50 (Boys ages _____ Girls ages _____)

Total _____