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Up Coming Rallys

Lancaster PA 9/13-18/2020

Gorham NH 8/15-20/2021

Georgetown KY 9/18-20/2022

On Eagle Wings

May He Rest in Peace.

Norm Zimmerman passed away 8/19/2019



Norm

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Lil & Betty Thank all that brought door prizes to the Rally



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**Clarksville, VA - 42nd Harley Dressers
International Rally
Sept. 16-20, 2019**

On the road again.... to meet up with dear friends for our annual Rally in Clarksville, VA.

Arrival day on Sunday is always special, seeing one another again after almost a year. Lots of trikes rolled in, and I admire that the members who rode in on their bikes are still able to be long in the saddle for a full day (or two) ride to our destination. And from distant places they came ... TX, NH, NY, MA, DE, VA, PA, OH, NJ, SC, TN, MD, KY. Mike McFadden came 1,500 mi. from Texas, and another 350 mi. from PA. Our Moose people, The Lefleur's and Betty Adams, came 900+

miles. I also consider Wayne, Kay, Kyle and Debbie Young's from way upstate NY as our Moose people too. Some members trailored their bikes, and some of us came in four-wheelers without bikes for various reasons. The important thing is that they came even without bikes and enjoyed our rally vacation together. We were glad to see Mary Jane Dinger, Louise Ortz, Betty Adams and Sally Pavinski at the rally and staying in the Dresser family of friends. It was pleasant to travel away from the interstates to a tranquil hotel on beautiful Kerr Reservoir, minus traffic, noise and congestion that so many of us have at home. One thing for sure, rain was never discussed – because there was none all week. We enjoyed temperatures in the mid 80's with lots of sunshine. Each of our rallies are different and give us the opportunity to ride the back roads to visit interesting local historical sites and museums we never would see on our own.

Monday was hot and dry and Cecil King led the ride to Chase City, VA. We visited McCallum More Museum & Gardens, Bondurant Brothers Distillery and the South Side Roller Mill. Robert Bondurant gave a tour and talk about their legal distillery, followed with samples and sales. They learned the business of making moonshine from their grandfather. During the Prohibition period, the Bondurant Brothers were legendary for running moonshine. So much so that a movie, Lawless, was made about them. The now closed Roller Mill crushed and sifted wheat into flour, one of only 12 left in the country with original equipment. A lunch of delicious fried chicken made by local ladies was provided at McCallum More Museum.

Tuesday we rode to the Tank Museum in Danville, VA. What kind of tanks you might ask? It was a private collection of military tanks and memorabilia. A collection of military tanks means a large museum. It was a World War II buff's dream come true. The museum was moved from Long Island, NY to Danville, VA, and relocated to a former factory building large enough to contain this amazing collection. Afterward, it was lunch at Thunder HD, in Danville. Many members spied a DQ in the area, and it was a destination after lunch. It's a tradition for some of us to have at least one visit to the DQ for sundaes and banana split treats. Tom Vacula had his traditional banana split, and so did Vern Little and my husband, Joe. I believe the tradition began at the Helen, GA rally.

Wednesday – perfect weather and shirt day –we visited a bison ranch (not buffalo as in water buffalo) in Gladys, VA. A father (85 years old) and son began the herd with one bull and four females for something to do as the dad retired in 1996. The present-day herd is at ~ 60. The dad was born on the farm/ranch of 600 acres. After living and raising his family in Raleigh NC, he retired back on the farm. He said he works harder now than before retirement. The bison are wild (cannot be led around) and live outdoors all year and keep together in a herd. The owners said they are more agile than a deer and can run up to 40 mph. It was comfortable to know they were corralled by an electric fence. Our Hi viz rally shirts may have made the bison move or maybe it was the bikes.



Thursday was a scenic ~60 mi. ride to Durham, NC to Raging Bull HD for lunch and shopping. We passed ranches of cattle, horses, goats and more. ('More' means I couldn't identify some of the animals out there.) All the rides during the week were on pristine lightly traveled country roads. We were in good hands following our Virginia members, Cecil King and Sonny Coburn, our fearless leaders. Now let's see, where can we find a DQ? Ineke Pierpoint "wazed" (GPS) a nearby DQ for our second treat of the week.

Friday began with a ride over local roads to the Kerr Reservoir Dam. A notable thing for me was the quiet and absolute absence of 'people sounds' as we stopped for pictures overlooking the reservoir. Living in suburbia above New York

City, we seldom have that pleasure.

Charlie Hicks acquired another bike and attached a sidecar, so he and Sandi have a matched set now. Maybe he was tired of Sandi getting all of the attention riding around at home. Mary Jane Dinger and Louise Ortz attended together and rode in Charlie and Sandi's two sidecars. Skip and Dottie Megee joined the rally on Thursday. I look at them and tears come to my eyes thinking of their close call with death with their motorcycle accident in Florida in 2016, along with Bill and Barbara Taylor. All survived and Dottie, Skip and Barbara persevered through a long recovery of two years to continue their lives with "a new normal". Bill was the only one that did not get hospitalized. God bless them all. Dottie wrote a book entitled [A Beautiful Day, a Crash, and a Thousand Blessings](#). I just finished reading it and at first, I couldn't read very many pages without tearing up and putting it down.

The Harley Dressers business meeting was held Monday evening, with a status report of the Association given by Joe and Jan. We were glad that our door prize ladies, Lil Lefleur and Betty Adams, were able to be at the rally this year, after life's hurdles they experienced. Lil was treated for breast cancer, and Betty lost her husband, Dick, to cancer.

Our Friday evening banquet began with Nick D'Apice who provided his thoughtful prayer. Charlotte Snyder sang a medley of American patriotic songs that got us all singing, i.e., My Country Tis of Thee, God Bless America, and many more. She also gave some history of each song. Well done, Charlotte. Thank you Cecil and Linda King, and Sonny and Nancy Coburn for leading the rides. We were in their neighborhood where they ride and they know the area well. Our rally charity was Clarksville Cancer, a local foundation, and the donations are kept in the area to give only to Charlotte county residents in need. They were presented with a Harley Dressers check for \$500. The 50/50 was done by Sandi Hicks and Dottie Megee and they collected \$370. Half of the winnings were given to our rally charity. The winner was Mary Jane Dinger, and she donated \$100 of her winnings to the charity as well.

Entertainment was provided by the local Tobacco Road Band with excellent country music that got people up and off their chairs (and Jim Cliborne on his table). Red Weishorn (aka Mrs. Claus) was having fun with the bandleader. Best dressed – Jim and Shirley Shinaberry. Shirley has been going through a long course of treatment for cancer, and we were glad she was able to do a four-hour ride to the rally from Staunton, VA on their trike. Light show winners (with an outside judge): 1st – Jim Shinaberry, 2nd – Cecil Rose, 3rd – Cecil King. A secret contest for Best bike sound/pipes (with outside judge): 1st – Donna LaCavalla, 2nd – Mark Kelloff, 3rd – Fred Ray

Jim Gagnon reminded everyone that the annual Harley Dressers Christmas Party is on November 16, 2019 at the Holiday Inn Harrisburg/Grantville. Joe Travis announced that next year's rally will be in Lancaster, PA, and the following year is planned for the Moose people to host a rally in New Hampshire.

A Special Thank You, Ed Lyons, for your beautiful rally shirt designs. Through the years you have provided us with the best rally memento on the shirts. Each design brings back many happy memories.

Ride safe, Eileen Rogers

Harley Dressers Annual Christmas Party, Grantville, PA November 16, 2019

Each year we look forward to getting together with our Dresser Family for the annual Toys for Tots Christmas Party in Grantville near Hershey, PA. This year we had 81 people attend. Many of us come a day or two early to enjoy a long weekend together. Over the years we have kept the party in the so called 'bulls eye' area of beautiful southeast Pennsylvania to equalize the distance members need to travel. Some members really came a distance, as Mike McFadden flew up from Texas, and Gene and Charlotte Snyder drove over 500 miles from Tennessee. Sandi and Charlie Hicks have a long ride from near Boston, MA, and Joe and Jan came up from Bullock, NC. We are always glad to leave busy Nanuet suburbia near New York City to come to tranquil Amish country. Cassie Kochel passed away this year, and her longtime friend, Jean Lorah, drove >30 miles to bring us 'Cassie memorabilia' to remember her long association with the Dressers. It was so good to see Dickie and Lois Lednum just 3 ½ months after his open-heart surgery for valve replacements. Dickie said they have attended all the Dresser rallies since they joined except Clarksville in September, over 100 of them, and they have a very large bag of pins to remember each one. We are glad that Gary and Ann Schipper were able to come, as last year Gary was in the hospital. Also, we were glad to see Dan, Kelly and Olivia Groft once again. It is so good to keep our friendships strong, even if people cannot ride at rallies anymore. The Christmas Party is a great event to do just that. We welcomed new members Galen and Debbie Haar from York, PA, and Dennis Chiulli and his friend Joyce from Valley Cottage, NY (where Eileen grew up, by the way). Dennis and Joyce aren't exactly 'new members' but haven't attended events until now, so they are 'new' faces.





Our banquet began with a prayer offered by Jean Gagnon. Charlotte Snyder sang our National Anthem, and then honored our Veterans. She told us some history of past wars beginning with WWI, the number of soldiers who fought at each war, and the numbers of those gone and those still here. Some veterans were in our midst, and as they stood up, we thanked them for their service to our Country. Charlotte made note that the VFW, National Honor Guard and American Legion need our veterans to continue to support and participate in these organizations to continue their important work to remember all of our veterans, past and present.

John Ginrich, Marine, Ret., Chairman, Toys for Tots Lebanon City &

County Marine Reserve, and his wife, Beverly, accepted the toys and expressed their appreciation. Dottie Megee and Sandi Hicks ran the 50/50. This year's winner, Mike McFadden, won \$185.50 and the remaining amount was donated to Toys for Tots. Chuck and Red Weishorn slipped away for a while and lo and behold shortly after, Santa and Mrs. Claus arrived to officially launch our Christmas Season. Jean Gagnon organized a fun Ugly Christmas Sweater contest. We had lots of participants acting like little kids once again, sporting some really cool sweaters not to be caught dead in. The prize went to Mark Kelloff, and he won a cookie mix to make ugly Christmas sweater cookies. I haven't seen that mix in our local stores yet, but Jean found it somewhere!



On behalf of all the Dresser Members, Joe and Jan thanked Jim and Jean Gagnon for being Trustees for the last three years. We also want to thank Jim and Jean for hosting the Christmas Party, and for providing the beautiful handmade table centerpieces. They get nicer each year. Thank you both. Joe and Jan announced that Linda and Cecil King have accepted the positions as Trustees replacing the Gagnon's. They are always actively supportive of the Association at rallies, and we thank them for stepping up to keep the Association going so that we all can maintain our special friendships and good times together. That is the incentive of being a Trustee, and so worth the effort. Joe and Jan also awarded the annual Trustee Awards to Ineke

Pierpoint, Eileen Rogers and Nancy Wrede for their help and support at rallies also Linda King for her work with Our Sunshine notification and our Facebook page and Charlotte Snyder for her inspirational support of our Functions. Dottie Megee came forward on behalf of Skip and herself to thank those that read her book, [A Beautiful Day, a Crash, and a Thousand Blessings](#), for their warm thoughts, kind words and prayers. Thanks everyone for your generous donations of toys for the Toys for Tots charity.

We wish you and your loved ones a Happy Thanksgiving and blessed Christmas. We look forward to seeing you at next year's rally in Lancaster, PA September 13-18, 2020.

Ride Safe. Eileen & Joe Rogers



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43rd Annual Harley Dressers International Rally

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Cut off date August 13, 2020

Book early! Hotel cancellations accepted 24 hrs before arrival

For info email dresserstrav@gmail.com

Please fill out this 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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of Rally Bars Wanted ____ \$4.50 each,

Green Apple Dinner Theatre your cost \$20 per person # _____ no refund after 8/13/2020

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

Names _____ Shirt Sizes _____

Guest Names _____ Guest Sizes _____

Attending _____ non-family guests \$5 Additional # dinner theatre _____

Total Enclosed _____

HARLEY DRESSERS TOYS FOR TOTS CHRISTMAS PARTY!!

Saturday, November 14, 2020 5:00 PM

Holiday Inn Harrisburg-Hershey, PA 717-469-0661 Ask for \$92 + tax HD rate.

604 Station Rd, Grantville, PA 17028 I-81 exit 80

Cut off date is October 14, 2020

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Please bring an unwrapped toy

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Names _____ cut-off date October 14, 2020

for Dinner : Adults \$30 _____ Children 4- 12 \$15 (Boys ages _____ Girls ages _____

Total _____