



Mid-Atlantic Rider's Rag

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Message from the President

Since this is my first newsletter, I'd like to start by thanking all of you who have supported Ed Lombardi during the time he's led this club.

I've been a member of the Mid Atlantic Riders for almost a year now but have not made many breakfast meetings due to my "part time" job with the Delaware motorcycle training program. That has kept me busy almost every weekend during the year. This year, I will make the meetings and hope to see more of you as well. I want to meet you, the members, and learn more about what you want in a club. This is *your* club - not Tracy's and not my club. Without your input, we can only guess at

what you want or need.

I hope that in the future, more of you volunteer to lead rides to interesting places—places that you like for whatever reason. I mean, isn't riding your motorcycle one of the reasons you bought it? Most of my rides will be to a restaurant that I like. If it's out of the immediate area, it will be on major highways. (I like interstates.) You don't need to plan a route as a round trip. I expect folks to be able to find their way home from wherever they're at. Also, it's not necessary to plan a route at all. If you have a favorite ice cream place, just tell us where and when to be there.

Finally, I'd also like to

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acknowledge and thank Robert Davis for his duties as Event Coordinator and Webmaster as well as his contributions to the club with Maintenance and Tech days. I hope he continues these roles.



SAFETY

How many of us ride too fast for the conditions? Around here, that can often mean speeding in fog. When you hear of a 72 car pile up, you would think if you were the 70th car moving down the highway that you'd say, "Hey, there is a 69 car pile up ahead." If you are driving too fast for the road conditions, you may not have the chance to form that thought. Accidents such as this happen because drivers are driving (or riding) too fast for the road conditions.

Remember, you should drive no faster than you can see two seconds ahead of you. This is commonly known as the "2 Second Following Distance".
By David Hrenchir

Line-X: It Isn't Just For Pick-up Trucks

By Tracy Novacich

Shortly after purchasing my F650 GS last year, my husband, Matt, told me "There are those that have, and those that will." His meaning was that sooner or later, I would drop the bike. Well, it's happened <twice>. No real damage done other than the I've managed to destroy one saddle bag and scuff up its mate. Some people would call them dents, others see it as a badge of honor. I saw it as a reminder of my stupidity.

In my opinion, the BMW cases

are cheaply made. If you look at them too hard, they will dent. So to help keep them looking nice, I took them to First State Line-X and had them sprayed.

Tim and Les Reinert, own the shop located on Ogletown Road in Newark. In no time, they had the cases sprayed with a protective coating—the same bed liner used on pick up trucks. The material is surprisingly light weight and extremely durable. In fact, while I haven't put them on a

scale, there is no noticeable difference in weight.

In fairness, I have to give some credit to Geoff Ward for giving me the idea. Geoff had various parts of his R1200 RT sprayed and I think it looks great. Other people I've heard from have had engine guards sprayed as well as the underside of a sidecar.

For more info, stop over and see Les or Tim at First State Line-X. 2221 Ogletown Road,



Meet Our New Members: Jim and Mary Atkins

Jim and Mary moved to Newark from Prospect Park, PA in 1999. Prior to that, they lived in "way way northern" Maine for over 20 years.

Mary is a new rider, getting her license two years ago. Jim has been riding since 1966 but like many others, sold his ride to finance his marriage.

Three years ago, Jim realized that if he was ever going to ride again, he'd best be doing it. He

purchased a 2004 HD Sportster. It was then he realized that while 30 years ago, he and Mary were built for speed, they are now built for comfort.

Always having a "thing" for side cars, they decided to give one a try. "We hung it on the Sportster and I was happy as a bedbug in a mattress factory", Jim tells us. However, the car was too small for traveling and Mary wasn't getting any riding time because Jim always had

the bike. The solution was a rock solid bike that Mary could depend on and a car large enough for more than a day trip. They purchased a K1200 and had the car installed in August.

Jim and Mary have a daughter graduating high school in the spring. They look forward to having more travel time—just as soon as they are able to get the dog to ride in the side-car.



Jim and Mary Atkins with their K1200 Sidecar Rig

CLASSIFIED AD

FOR SALE: 1982 Honda Goldwing 1100 Aspencade Professionally repainted, red. New battery and new rear view mirrors. Radio, etc works but no helmet cable. Runs nice, smooth, and quiet. Brakes and tires good. Been down once, low-sided on a corner.

Therefore some scratching on the roll bars. Three hard cases. Lids fit tight. Probably needs new rear shocks. Selling because it's too big for my wife. Paid \$2300, will settle for \$2000.

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Dr. Edward Goldenberg Receives Award

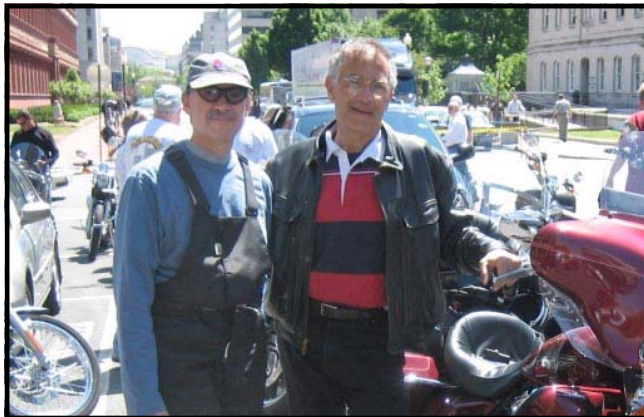
By Tracy Novacich

*October 5, 2006 from the
Wilmington News Journal*

On Wednesday, October 4th, Wilmington Mayor James Baker and City Council President Ted Blunt presented the **Wilmington Awards for Civic Accomplishment** to twenty eight individuals and groups. Among the winners was MARS member, **Dr. Ed Goldenberg**, a senior cardiologist at St. Francis Hospital.

“These awards honor those who care about Wilmington’s future and have chosen to take an active role in making the city prosperous and attractive”, Mayor Baker said. “They serve as examples to others.”

Congratulations, Dr. Goldenberg!



Ed Goldenberg and Ed Lombardi in Washington D.C.

Plans Are Underway for the Mid-Winter Banquet

Mark your calendars!

Saturday

January 27, 2007

Planning has begun for our annual Mid-Winter banquet to be held at the Mapledale Country Club in Dover.

For the low low price of \$65 per couple, your reservation includes an evening of dining, dancing, and entertainment, not

to mention the sight of your fellow club members dressed to <somewhat> impress! Entrée choices are as follows: Grilled Filet Mignon, Chicken Sorentine, or Chesapeake Crab Cake. A cash bar will also be available. Reservations will begin during the December breakfast meeting.

Furthermore, I am pleased to announce that Jim Ford will be our special guest this year. Jim

left his career at Bob's BMW to begin The Rider's Workshop: Zen Motorcycling. Jim will be on hand to talk to us about his unique approach to motorcycle riding which you can read about by visiting his website: www.ridersworkshop.com

So make a plan and join us for a fabulous meal, great company, and a fantastic evening!



Jim Ford

Report: Annual Goat Roast BBQ

By Rogers George

Saturday, October 14. The day dawned crisp and October. Perfect day for a ride but I have work to do. A dozen or two hungry people were going to descend on our house and test my goat-cooking skills. But first, Val and I had breakfast at our favorite restaurant down the street, then headed home to put the meat on the spit. It had been thawing overnight after I had butchered two weeks before. Fortunately, Bobby

Mocchia dropped by early and it took both of us to get the goat and lamb properly suspended on the spit. By 2:00 pm, people started arriving in earnest and the meat looked more like food instead of buzzard bait. The weather continued to be beautiful and sunny. I needn't have worried that folks would ride instead of attend - they rode here from as far away as Harrisburg. Around 3:00 our Jamaican neighbor suggested

we carve the finished meat right off the spit and let the inside meat continue to roast. He and I could hardly carve fast enough! Everyone said the goat was delicious, even better than the lamb. By the end of the evening, almost every shred was eaten including both hearts. The tough guys dared each other to sample the lamb's, um, mountain oysters, not finding out until later what they actually were! Everyone

still had room to pile their plates with salads, hot dishes, chicken and desserts. The kids (children) happily chased geese and were amazed at the eggs fresh out of the chicken. The last folks left well after dark and when we counted unused name tags, we figured there had to have been about 75 guests. Oh, don't forget our next event: The annual pig roast will be held on June 23rd and we'll have the famous folk singer, Bill Staines singing for us!

November 2006

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1	2	3	4 <i>ABATE Toy Run to Children's Hospital</i>
5 <i>Punkin Chunkin Ride to Lewes</i>	6	7 <i>Election Day</i>	8	9	10	11 <i>Veteran's Day Club Breakfast at Mapledale</i>
12	13	14 <i>Ride to Eat: Wally's in Smyrna</i>	15	16	17	18
19 <i>Ride To Eat: Country Buffet in Newark</i>	20	21	22	23 <i>Happy Thanksgiving!</i>	24	25
26	27	28	29	30		

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

NOVEMBER

- **Saturday, Nov. 4th - ABATE's annual Toy Run to Children's Hospital. Contact Tracy or Matt Novacich: for info: Novacich@comcast. Net**
- **Sunday, Nov. 5th - Punkin' Chunkin' /Polar Bear Gran Tour. Starting at Hanks's Restaurant in Chadds Ford at 7:30 am and riding to Lewes, DE**
- **Saturday, Nov. 11th - Club Breakfast, Mapledale Country Club, Dover, DE 9:00 am**
- **Tuesday, Nov. 14th - Ride To Eat: Wally's BBQ, 224 S. Main St., Smyrna. Meet there at 6:00 pm.**
- **Sunday, Nov. 19th - Ride To Eat: Country Buffet on Christiana Road across from Christiana Hospital. Meet there at 9:00 am.**

DECEMBER

- **Saturday, Dec. 9th - Pre-Holiday Club Breakfast, Newark location to be announced. 9:00 am**

FURTHER OUT ON THE CALENDAR

- **Jan 12 - 14, 2007: 26th Annual Cycle World International Motorcycle Show, Washington DC**
- **Feb. 9 - 11, 2007: Mid Atlantic Motorcycle Show, Timonium Fairgrounds, Timonium, MD**
- **June 23, 2007: Rogers and Valerie George will host their annual pig roast in Newark.**

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