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President's Message
August 2018

Hello Cruisers;

Happy August, Happy Weather, Great Rides and Great social events.

I will start by offering that flat out the Cruisers had a terrific time this past Saturday with the Chicago Dogs – Chicago's newest Pro Team with a brand new stadium in Rosemont. I think the count was 30 Cruisers and guests who enjoyed this evening. Thanks again to Jeff The Party Planner, who put this all together.

August saw our general meeting have a pair of guest speakers from The Law Tigers. These are the folks who specialize in helping motorcyclists who have had difficulty with legal issues. They spoke on a number issues and took a number of questions from the Cruisers who were in attendance. The Law Tigers will answer your inital legal questions without charge. They suggested that we could call them with questions as required. They covered insurance policies and what was supposed to be included your insurance policy. Very informative and presented in an understandable fashion.

Some terrific rides await starting with Poopy's , The Chicken Little Run, and The Covered Bridges Ride for the Labor Day Weekend. Having been on The Covered Bridges Ride ride previously (or at least on one like it), this ride includes some terrific scenery, interesting bridges (lots of history) and some of the best riding roads in the mid-west – not a bad Labor Day Weekend!

Some interesting Cruiser events are just around the corner – The Cruiser 20th Anniversary Party is scheduled for October 27th. The anniversary committee is hard at work coming up with great ideas to enhance our celebration. This will be a terrific party, keep this event/date on your calendar.

The "Wake the Dead" Ride, Halloween Party at Jim and Yvette's and a "Buddy" Ride to McMiller's in Eagle Wisconsin are just a few that are available to The Cruisers this year.

Thanks for all of the pictures that have been taken and posted to Smug Mug and sent over to Jeff to be included in the Cruiser Newsletter. Some really great pics that offer who we are and what we are all about.

Although mid- August, it isn't too early to begin the conversation about the forth coming Cruiser Board Elections.

You will note that this past year saw new members step up on the board and as Road Captains to provide new thoughts, new direction, new rides and events. We continue to have new members joining as the year continues to move forward. I am hopeful some of these folks will want to contribute as new members of the board and or Road Captains to guide us to new roads and destinations. Will you be the one to step up and guide the Cruisers in 2019?

Abate and The AMA continue to watch our backs and offer up, both on a state and national level, The Motorcyclists view point. An important effort as our environment continues to evolve with the addition of automated 18 wheelers, and now most recently automated self- driving motorcycles. I am kind of struggling with this whole concept of a self- driving motorcycles. At least to me it seems to defeat the purpose of riding (can't imagine going down the Dragon in a motorcycle that steers itself). Oh well with the velocity of change increasing I am happy someone is watching out for us.

Hope to see you all soon- Ride Safe.

July 2018 Treasurer's Report

Ben Aldridge

Chicago Cruisers		
July 2018 Treasurers Report		
General Fund Balance	6/30/2018	$1,260.15
Charitable Fund Balance	6/30/2018	$797.00
Total Fund Balance	6/30/2018	$2,057.15
Income:		
50/50 (Charity)	7/2/2018	$70.00
Cruiser Dues (General)		
Cruiser Gear, Hats (General)		
Cruiser Gear, Patches (General)	7/2/2018	$35.00
Misc.		
total income		$105.00
Expenses:		
Waitress tips (General)	7/2/2018	-$20.00
total expenses		-$20.00
Months Bank Info		
Deposit	7/2/2018	$85.00
Total Month Bank Deposit		$85.00
Bottom Line		
General Fund Balance	7/31/2018	$1,275.15
Charitable Fund Balance	7/31/2018	$867.00
Total Fund Balance	7/31/2018	$2,142.15

Meeting Minutes August 5th, 2018

Date: 08/5/2018 Board Meeting Started @: 8:00am Meeting Ended @: 8:44am

President – Jim & Marsha Buol, John B, Diane Gruner, Jim Grant, John B, Tony & Terri L, Ben A Darryl, Pete O, and Cavin P.

The Law Tiger's will be coming to the General Meeting to discuss Riders' Rights and Insurance coverage.

Treasurer Report:

General Fund:	$1275.15
Charitable Fund:	$867.00
Total Fund:	$2142.15

We discussed rider safety. The board discussed the Road Capt. has ultimate say on who can ride within the group on their specific ride.

By the end of 2018, the Board will review the current by-laws and discuss possible changes with the General Membership.

There will be a September Board Meeting on Sunday, September 9th, at 8:00am

Club pins are in. They will be sold at $5.00/each.

The 20th Anniversary party will be held at American Legion in Elgin on Saturday, Oct 27th, from 5:00pm to 10:00pm. John B will be the DJ.

Mike R is looking into another option for Go Daddy hosting.

Date: 08/5/2018 General Meeting Started @: 9:05am Meeting Ended @: 10:08am

Guest today:

New Member: Wayne Moody, Tammy Hanns & Jeff Soland

Treasurer Report:

General Funds	$1,275.15
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Total Funds	$2,142.15

Posey Meeting – Local area Motorcycle Clubs Presidents get together and have meetings a couple times a year and discuss various topics.

The Law Tiger's, Steve Graef (Marketing) & Joe (Lawyer), were here to discuss Riders' Rights and Insurance coverages. How does someone from the club contact the Law Tigers? The Tigers are a nationwide law company. Business cards were handed out.

Rita from A.A.I.M was in to discuss their charity event. Flyers were handed out.

Newsletter – Submit your articles to Jeff O one week after the General Meeting

Membership - Diane Gruner

Name	Comments
Total Club Membership	58-55 Paid Members, 4 are Life Members

50/50 Raffle – Diane Gruner

Amount	Split	Winner	Comments
$120.00	$60.00	Joe O.	

Upcoming Events
(Revised on 6/10/18)

Day	Date	Ride 2018	Starting Point	Start Time	Road Captain
Sunday	8/12	New Diggins, WI	TBD	TBD	Wayne M
Sunday	8/19	Poopies & River Run	Denny's	9am	Pete O
Sunday	8/26	Chicken Little Run Rockton, WI	Volo	7:30am	Pete O
Saturday to Monday	9/1 to 9/3	Labor Day Weekend Covered Bridges - Indiana Closed Ride	Hinsdale Oasis	8am	Rich G
Sunday	9/9	Board Meeting General Meeting Burlington Custard Run	Denny's	8am	Rich G
Sunday	9/16	Starved Rock	Yorkville	10am	Daryl
Sunday	9/23	Lowden State Park	Denny's	9am	Pete O

August 11th – Chicago's Newest Minor League Baseball Team game, Jeff O will purchase tickets. Need a headcount on who would like to attend.

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Membership August 2018

Diane Gruner

Club Anniversaries

Name	Year
Pete O	1999
Vicki R.	2000

Birthdays

Name	Date
Buzz V.	Aug 9
Diana C.	Aug 13
John W.	Aug 15

Stars

Ben A.
Cavin P.
Jim G.
Vicki R.
Pete O.
Mike R.

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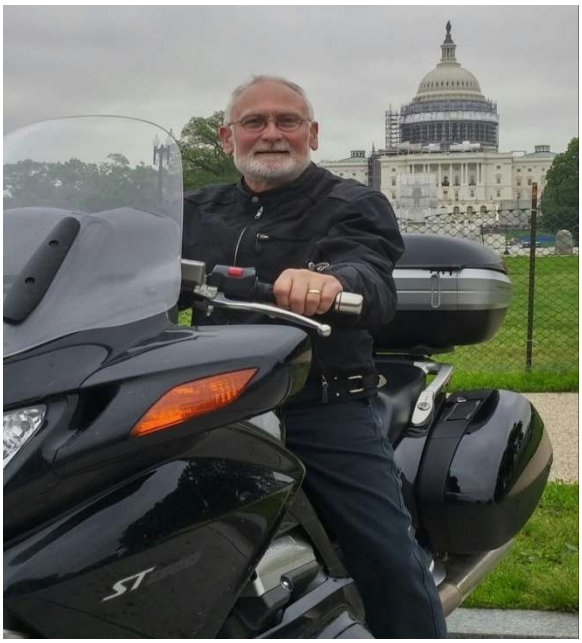
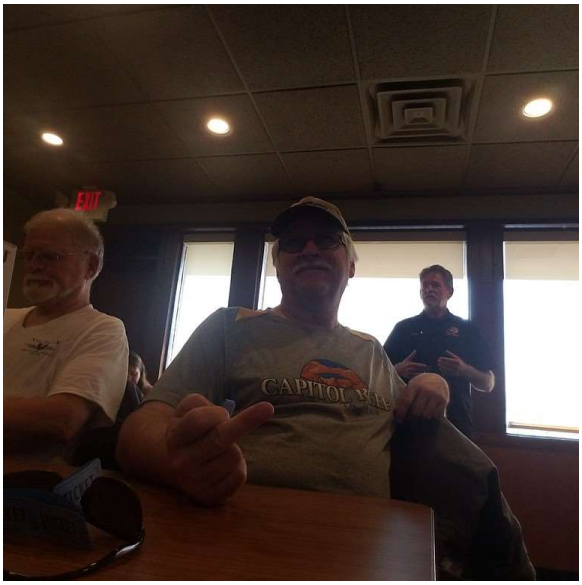
http://www.amajjoin.com/CHCRMO



Legislative Update August 2018

Rich Gruner

Sorry I was unable to present this update in person at Sunday's meeting, I was in Springfield working with other members of ABATEPAC grading the incumbents and candidates that are running for election in November to the Statehouse. At the next couple meetings I will discuss the survey questions and let you know the grade your legislators received ahead of the election. With the state legislature home for the summer, this is a short column.



From the AMA and the MRF:
In Congress, HR 5855…the Consumer Protection and Fuel Transparency Act of 2018 was introduced by Austin Scott (R-GA) and Lois Frankel (D-FL). This bill would

require the EPA to update labeling requirements at pumps that dispense E-15 and to conduct a consumer education campaign to inform users of the risks in using E-15 improperly in engines not designed for the product.
Seven of us on the Three State Ride saw firsthand how confusing current pump labeling can be.
The Casey's in Guttenburg, IA had pumps with four choices. Regular 87 Octane (E-10) next to Regular 88 Octane (Marked Pure Gasoline but priced higher) next to E-15 next to E-85. Intentionally or by mistake go with the higher but cheaper ethanol blends…you damage your older model car, motorcycle, boat or lawn mower engine. I am happy to say ALL of us went with the pure gasoline. Personally, I got 51 MPG on the tankful of pure gas. Both the AMA and the MRF support this bill. Please contact your Congressman, ask them to support this bill. Once this moves out of the House, I will ask you to contact our Senators (Duckworth and Durbin) for their support.

Thank You!
Rich Gruner