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From your directors...

Our apologies for not keeping up with the monthly newsletters.

We have had a full plate here at the DeBarge home front. Our son, Nicholas, was deployed to Iraq and, as most of you know, we also have a seventeen year old, who is typically seventeen. That said, summer is here and the news from other chapters is slim to none.

A word of thanks however, to Bill and Darlene who send the weekly reminder out so that we are all aware of what ride is scheduled. Thanks to Bill and Darlene, and keep up the good work.

Recent Sundays have not been great for riding so *stop picking up those pennies that are face down!*

Mark & Marie DeBarge
Chapter Directors

J A M . . . (Just A Member)

We would like to introduce a new segment to our newsletter—JAM.

- Have you been on a motorcycle ride lately?
- What did you think of it?
- Who did you meet?
- Would you suggest it to someone else?

All these things are important for us to continue to find places to visit and new people to meet. This segment is for your thoughts. Please send us a short story that we can format and forward to be included in the newsletter. If you do not want to sign your name that's ok too. We look forward to having your ideas on paper in the near future.

Send your message, story or idea to Claude at
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...And now, for some monthly

J A M

This chapter has wanted to go to Quechee Gorge in Vermont at least 4 times in the past 7 years but *never* made it due to inclement weather. This year we had our own "Mr. Sunshine," (Claude) with us so we knew we would get to our destination this time.

The roads were a motorcyclist's dream: mild, winding roads; very little traffic; and beautiful scenery. The weather was warm but overcast all through Massachusetts and New Hampshire into Vermont. Then our own "Mr. Sunshine" who has a curse of Vermont brought on the rain. We did get to the Gorge—in *the rain*. We had lunch at a nice little restaurant so we could watch it rain. Then we took a few pictures of Quechee Gorge, *in the rain*. So we decided to head home.

About 15 minutes down the road, Vermont noticed that our own "Mr. Sunshine" was leaving its fair state and decided to stop raining. So we had a mostly dry ride home. We did decide to go back to the Gorge without "Mr. Sunshine" again because it's very beautiful and there are a lot of things to see.

Hope to see you there,

--Claire

*** Ride for Shriner's Update ***

Date: Sunday, August 17, 2008

Time: 10:00 am Formation / Noon Departure

Place: Leaving from Suburban Chevrolet, Route 10/202, Southwick, MA

Cost: \$25 / bike

Stop in at the hospital and food at the Salty Dog in Springfield after the ride!

Monthly Features

Attendance: 18 Members
Guests: Dennis and Debbie Carden

New member:

Next Meeting: August 18, 2008
B'Shara's, West Springfield, MA
7:30 pm

Biker Bakers: August – Mark
September – Claire
October – Al
November – Bill L

If interested in helping let us know—we can use the help. A small payment is paid for supplies, and about 30 members come to a meeting.

Birthdays...

July...

17 Joe Marsche

August...

3 David Hawley
10 Chris Lamontagne
10 Ken Walker
16 Roger King

September...

14 Ann Marie Gentile
15 Barbara LaPalme
15 Mary LaPalme
30 Neil Newman

Note from Faith: If I'm missing any birthdays, please let me know!

...and in other news...

If anyone has anything **bike-related** they'd like to sell and would like it included in the newsletter, please send a note to Mark & Marie DeBarge (gwchptd@comcast.net).

...classifieds / articles for sale...

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