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From the Director's Chair...

We have survived B'Shara's closing and have the Christmas Party booked and a new location.

We have a new meeting place the LAMA's Clubhouse and had the first meeting there September 21st. There is enough room for us, and you don't have to buy food. When I announced the loss of our meeting place, the LAMA'S offered their Clubhouse to us right away! It is clean, and they have enough tables and chairs for us. **My staff and I want to thank the LAMAs for their offer.**

Directions to the LAMA Club House, 120 Maple Street, Holyoke, MA.

If you come on Route 391, go to High Street,
Turn right,
Go all the way to the end,
Turn left
Then take next left which is Maple Street.
120 is the next block on left.
There is on street parking.

The weather has been awful so far, but there have been some good Sundays. Last month's rides included:

- August 23 Changed to Castle in the Clouds. The ride up was dry but the ride back was damp.
- August 29 MA District Event ~Barre Dam~ was a four-wheel ride as it was also damp.
- August 30 Devil's Hopyard was nice day
- September 6 Changed to Hemming's Museum in Bennington, Vermont.
- September 13 Mega Maze. A dry day, and those who went and got lost in the maze.
- September 20 Chapter W Chicken BBQ. A great sunny day and, as usual, the food was good.

Coming month's rides:

- September 27 Run for Funds ~ Loraine's Soup Kitchen poker run.
 - October 4 Foliage Tour ~ 9:00 am (Jack G leader)
 - October 11 New Fame Country Fair ~ 9:00 (Jack G leader)
 - October 18 Chicken Run to Village Haven ~ 10:00 (Bill C leader)
 - October 19 Chapter Meeting ~ 7:30pm ~ LAMA's Clubhouse
 - October 25 Rays of Hope Walk & Bike Show ~ 8:00 am
- Pickup Rides weather permitting on Sundays

Start thinking about next year's rides—we will have other chapter's fundraisers in November!

Bill & Darlene Clark
Chapter Directors, MASS Chapter D



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Chapter Sponsors:

Ace Shoe Repair

1215 Parker Street
Springfield, MA 01129
(413) 782-3770

Center City Muffler

709 Russell Road
Westfield, MA 01085
(413) 562-3944
(413) 562-2929

PL Krynicki Ins. Agency

459 Main Street
Indian Orchard, MA 01151
(413) 543-9119

Latin American Motorcycle Association

120 Maple Street
Holyoke, MA

Liquori's

659 Westfield Street
West Springfield, MA
(413) 737-9690

Ludlow Heating

1056 Center Street
Ludlow, MA 01056
(413) 583-6923

Main Street Auto

77 Main Street
Indian Orchard, MA 01151
(413) 543-3211

Once Around

325 Walnut Street Ext.
Agawam, MA 01001
(413) 786-0266

Popoli Powersports

46 Springfield Road
Westfield, MA 01085
(413) 562-5661

Sarge's Cycle Service

32 Rood Street
Ludlow, MA 01056
(413) 589-9261

Valley Motorsports

216 North King Street
Northampton, MA 01060
(413) 584-7303

Other news...

Christmas Party

This year's Christmas Party will be held on December 6th at the Ludlow Elks on 69 Chapin Street in Ludlow, MA. We will be having a sit-down dinner family style. The meal will be roast sirloin of beef and roast loin of pork with gravy. There will be soup, salad, potato, vegetable, assorted rolls, coffee, tea, and cake. The price is \$5 per person. We need to know who attending, and we need the money by November 22nd. We will also do our Chinese auction this year. Everyone who is going to participate in the auction should bring a \$10 gift. For our new members, we will explain the auction at the next meeting. As of now the time is Noon – 3 pm. We must be out by 3 pm. We are going to see if we can start at 11 instead of noon, and we can do half the auction before we eat and finish it after. We will inform you if we can start at 11 am.

Rays of Hope Walk

The Rays of Hope Walk (walk for a cure for breast cancer) is October 25th. Jack Gilroy will be leading from McDonald's on Burnett Road in Chicopee to the walk at 8:15 am. We must be on site by 9 am because they close off the road at that time. This year we are inviting all the chapters to join us. We have made plans with Chicopee Savings Bank to us their parking lot at the Burnett Road Branch for anyone who wants to trailer their bike to join us. We know it can be very cold in the mornings in late October, and not everyone has electric gear. Remember, we are there for a bike show only and not to walk—but you can walk if you want to. There will be free coffee, donuts, and other great foods in the morning, and afterwards there will be free sandwiches and desserts. Let's have a good bike show and show our support for this great charity. If you never have gone before, you are in for an awesome day. There is entertainment and to see 15,000 walkers is unbelievable.

Secret Pal

There has been some interest in starting up Secret Pal again for next year. Please think about it, and we will discuss it at the next meeting and explain what Secret Pal is to our newer members.



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Safety & Education

Street Strategy / Rooftop Risk

By Ken Condon

*(from April, 2009 * Motorcycle Consumer News, by permission)*

Traveling on the highway can get tedious, especially when you've been on the road for hours. You know that the highway is one of the safest places to ride, but you also know there are plenty of opportunities for mishaps to occur, so you plan to exit to take a refreshing break.

Before you can exit, you notice one such opportunity presenting itself. You see an SUV far ahead in the right hand lane with a mattress and box spring precariously tied to the roof. The driver's 65 mph speed indicates that he is unconcerned that the wind is deforming the mattress and may stress the straps beyond their ability to hold the cargo in place.

You keep an eye on the load as you approach the SUV. A closer look reveals that the violent windblast seems to be stretching the straps holding the mattresses, threatening to rip the cargo from the roof. Riding behind and next to the SUV is not a good idea, so you decide to make quick work of passing this driver. Your plan is to slow slightly to increase space between you and a second vehicle ahead that is also traveling in the left lane. This will allow you to accelerate hard past the SUV without getting dangerously close the rear end of the car ahead.

All goes as planned; you slow to let the car in front get farther ahead, and then when the time is right, you downshift and twist the throttle. You dart ahead of the SUV and the flailing mattresses.

Once past, you look in your right mirror to see the front strap break and the two pieces of bedding stand almost vertically on the roof. Another quick glance sees the other strap break and the mattress and box spring sail into the air and onto the roadway in front of an unlucky driver who attempts to avoid the cargo without any luck. You exit at the next opportunity to take a break and count your lucky stars.

You were indeed lucky, and you were also smart to recognize the potential for disaster and to have a plan for keeping your distance and for getting by quickly. Had you passed the SUV in a leisurely manner, you might have been in the wrong place at the wrong time.



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Birthdays & Chapter Meeting News...

Chapter Meeting News...

Attendance: 10 members
New Member(s):
Guests:

Next Meeting: October 19, 2009
 LAMA Clubhouse, 120 Maple Street,
 Holyoke, MA
 7:30 pm

Biker Bakers: Looking for volunteers!

Monthly Drawing: Paul Gallant

Coming soon: Chapter Store Information

Reminder to all of our birthday babies!

Save yourself a headache! Don't forget to check the expiration date on your drivers license! You may be up for renewal. Massachusetts isn't sending reminders anymore!

Chapter Birthday List...

September

15 Barbara LaPalme
 15 Mary LaPalme
 30 Neil Newman

October

2 Eddie Colon
 7 Jack Gilroy
 8 Claude Pouliot
 9 Bill Clark

If your birthday is missing from our list, please let us know!

Classifieds...

If anyone has any ads they'd like to post in this newsletter, please contact our chapter director, Bill Clark, at masschapterd@charter.net.

Looking to BUY: Used GL1500--preferably 1998 - 2000 Contact Gary Heard (413) 267-5656.

Looking to SELL:

Front rim - 1500 - pictures on request. Had as spare. Bought 1800. \$200 + shipping (what I paid for it). Contact: Burnickas@Comcast.net

Cruiserworks Waterproof riding boots. Size 9W Ladies. Pull-on style. Good condition. Asking \$100 or BO. Contact Faith at (413) 596-8507.

Two KG rain suits—one size large; one size small. Color: blue with black trim. Contact Jack Roberts (413) 583-8662 (home); or (413) 222-4409 (mobile).

2007 CSC Escapade Trailer fully loaded. Original cost of \$5700 for sale for \$3900. Less than 1000 miles on it; looks like new. Ad on the GL Board: <http://gl1800riders.com/forums/showthread.php?t=224578>. Contact: Steven Vieira, Rehoboth, MA; Mobile #: (508) 962-3267



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“NOTICE”

NO SERVICE WORK WILL BE DONE

I WILL BE SELLING PARTS ONLY
SATURDAY FROM 9:30 AM. TILL 3:30 PM.

AT

50% OFF

**UNTIL THE PARTS ARE
GONE**

PLEASE NOTE; EXCEPT THE OIL WHICH WILL BE
30% OFF THE REGULAR PRICE

(IF YOU TO COME DURING THE WEEK*CALL 589-9261*)
SARGES CYCLE SERVICE
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