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THE PRESIDENTS CORNER:

I want to reflect back on 2003 just a little. Wow! What a year it has been. The following is only a small part of what has been done and what you have been up to.

I know that W&F members from around the world have been in the wind. All you have to do to confirm this is pick up a bike magazine. Wind & Fire MC and its members have been in print and on TV around the world several times this year. It is great to hear about all the things that you have been doing.

You know that our club's primary focus is to bring firefighters who ride Harleys together to ride and have fun. Our secondary focus on charity has been overwhelming as well. You guys are awesome in what you have done. I just want to remind everyone to be sure and use the club release form and to plan your events so that they are as safe as possible. Remember to contact Skipper for some good group riding tips.

Our club has continued to grow to a new high of 2,700 members. You can be very proud that you are part of one of the largest motorcycle clubs in the world. We have 112 chapters with another 27 locations around the world showing interest in starting new chapters. Remember whether you are an "out-rider" or a member of a "chapter", what you get out of our club is a direct reflection of what you have put into it. So if things seem a bit slow in your area, get involved, bring your ideas forward, you can make a difference.

We now have five National W&F MC Rallies. They are the Eastern Rally in Daytona FL, the Western Rally in Hollister CA, the Southern Rally in Austin TX, the European Rally and our USA/World Rally held in Hill City SD. The Ride to Remember is now an annual event in Lakewood CO and there are far too many other chapter events to list. I know that a lot of you have only taken part in local chapter events or may just ride as an out-rider in your area. To really see what our club is all about you need to attend one of the national events and meet members from around the world. It is awesome. Then you will really have the true feeling of our "international family".

A very good video has been produced and has now been released that documents the Ride to Remember and the NY to CO ride in 2002. You can find out how to order this video from our webpage in the Ride to Remember section. Or you can call Scott at 303-233-1198 or Jeff at 303-933-8691. This is a good video, take a minute and order your very own copy.

We have four new National Board Members, Skipper, Mike May, Hef and Lynn. Skipper is our National Road Captain, please contact him when you are planning your rides for some good safety tips and ride plan ideas. Hef is our National Rally Coordinator. If you are one of the five chapters that will be putting on a National Rally in the year 2004 contact Hef with your questions. Hef and his crew have handled all of the USA/World Rallies held in Hill City SD. Lynn Kerstetter is our new Charity Officer, contact him with your charity questions. Mike is our Canada rep and National Board of Director's Secretary. If you plan any rides into Canada be sure to contact Mike he can really make your trip enjoyable.

We changed from mailing our annual newsletter to all members in April to a webpage free newsletter with a hard copy newsletter available by subscription only. You can figure this one out pretty easy; if we mailed 2,700 newsletters at \$1.25 each we just spent \$3,375 on one newsletter. Because we don't have any annual membership dues finding that kind of money can't be done. So if you want to receive a hard copy newsletter you must contact John Denning and subscribe for it or you can get in for free from the "members only section" of our webpage.

The Ray Feasel lawsuit is still moving slowly through the system. I am sorry to inform you that the Sheraton Hotel the owner of the vehicle involved in Ray Feasel's accident and has brought suit against W&FMC International. If any of you were at the accident that sad day and think you may have information that can help our club please contact me at 209-384-7408. There isn't much more I can share with you at this time. The Club has retained a lawyer in California and I am working with two attorney's NJ to decide what course of action we should take.

The USA/World W&F Rally that was held during HD's 100th birthday bash was a great success. We had over 300 members make the trip to Janesville WI and the big W&F party. If you missed this one, you will just have to wait another 100 years for the next one. Special thanks go to Dean, Rob, Wendy, Jason, Jeff, Hef, Bubba (Glenn) and George Petropoulos. I know that there was many more involved in making this run happen and all of us that attended thank you for a job well done.

It looks like we will be getting our first member from the main land of Japan in the near future. This is great news and should lead to a new chapter in that part of the world. Those of you that were at the 100th may have met Shinji Fujimura when he rode in on his Harley trike while traveling from California to New York. Eddie and the crew from Europe met Shin on the road and invited him to ride with us on our W&F ride. Shin and his film crew rode the whole route and were very pleased with how our club welcomed them.

As a Club we attended several firefighter memorial services around the world for firefighters that lost their lives during this past year. These events are always very sad but rewarding and well worth the time you gave in support of the fallen firefighters and their families. I want to thank those members that organized these rides.

With the holidays behind us I want to tell the families of those serving in the armed forces and protecting our great country that we are thinking of them and we appreciate everything they are doing. If it wasn't for them we may not have the freedom to ride and enjoy the good ol' USA as we do. Just in the past few weeks honorary member George Petropoulos has been activated along with his Army unit from Omaha NE and will be out of the country for 18 months. Shawna wife of Joe Petree from our Central-Sierra chapter has been called to active duty in Kuwait. Take a minute and wish them the best and give their families your support.

As always I want to hear your thoughts about our Club, you can call me at 209-384-7408 or email me at my new email address jr.wfmc@sbcglobal.net

I hope everyone had a great holiday season and that you are getting ready for a whole new riding year in 2004. [JR- President]

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EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S CORNER:

From the Don Tompkins:

HAPPY NEW YEAR! I hope all had a great Christmas and New Year's holiday.

2004 will be more back to business as usual for our Club. What is usual? I suppose usual for us is possibly extraordinary for many other MC's considering activities for us include 5 major Club rallies plus numerous Burn Camp runs etc. Some chapters are very active and do many things on the side, impressive. Make no mistake W&F MC will continue to grow and we'll have more fun times as the popular Harley Davidson motor culture is still trending in our direction. I foresee another great year.

Ride Free, Don Tompkins

“SAN DIEGO FIRESTORMS” I've received a number of inquiries from different club members regarding the San Diego Fires. Here's just my personal account and viewpoint.

For a week starting around October 18th, 2003 we had record high temperatures with low humidity in San Diego backcountry. Weather reports of a Santa Ana coming started about Thursday October 23rd, a combination for disaster. By Saturday the 25th major fires broke out in areas east of Los Angeles.

Sunday morning 10/26/03 I woke just before sunrise having spent the night in my motor coach near the ocean. Heading east I saw the sun rise to an ugly incredible smoke filled sky from two separate fires. I'd never seen this kind of combustion from fires so early in the day. Turning on news radio I heard reports of the largest fire still well east of San Diego City neighborhoods.

Coming on duty I arrived just before 7am thinking this is going to be a day like no other. Many city apparatus were sent out during the previous night including several of ours. As we were going through shift change it was plainly evident that personnel to make up a crew were spread thin. FD administration later did an emergency call back on radio and television. I was assigned to Truck 40 my usual assignment for this day. Since our rig has no water or hose we hadn't any idea how we would be utilized in the upcoming event. Hose and fittings were scavenged so that we could possibly hook up to a hydrant. The “Cedar Fire” storm which was a few miles south and mostly to the east was now nearing the San Diego neighborhood of Scripps Ranch. By 8am smoke from 3 major fires in San Diego County filled the air with ash and blocked out the sun for the next three days. It was the un-easiest feeling; nuclear winter or Armageddon comes to mind.

Finally our Truck/Ladder Company: Tom, John, Barry and I were called. We didn't have far to go, the "Ranch" is just one fire district away for us. The freeway was closed down thus sending thousands fleeing on jammed surface streets as we came closer. It looked like "Hell" was coming. We would spend the next 2 days there.

We arrived and took an assignment trying to save homes near a ridge top while keeping from getting our own asses burnt. We were in the middle of the most intense firefighting action imaginable. We were surrounded by so many burning houses each needing a first alarm assignment to extinguish. Many were lost a few saved thanks to the hose we'd brought. By nightfall the wind fortunately settled down, we got some rest. The fire didn't burn all the way to the ocean as first presumed.

Monday 10/27 was spent putting out remaining fires and mopping up. Operations sent us packing back to our firehouse around 8pm. They were done with us. Rest was had by our crew, aching lungs subsiding.

Scripps Ranch was the hardest hit neighborhood, 326 homes burned. There were approximately 20 homes burned in other areas of the city. When the Cedar Fire was over (officially Dec. 4th 2003) it was the largest most destructive fire in California history. I'm not completely certain but I think the numbers included: 16 lives lost, one a firefighter from Novato, California. Around 300,000 acres, 2400 homes burned, countless out buildings and game that will take years to replenish. I heard that a number of Harley Davidson's burned in the fire. Word from pilots flying above the fire reported seeing area ignition (flash over in the sky) unlike anything they had seen in recent memory. It was obviously THE FIRE of my career.

Some fire officials knew of the potential for wild fires in our county. But no one could have imagined quite what we saw. With the climate we have, the lay of the land/ocean, mountains and vegetation it's unimaginable that any other county in the U.S. can burn like this one. Many citizens here forgot about the Laguna Fire in 1970 but not the old timers. It truly is beyond belief how wildfires can burn here. Many changes are coming to better "try and handle" a fire of this magnitude in the future. It was a miracle that more lives civilian or firefighters were not lost in this fire. Winter is here so it's now back to the usual structure fires and medical aids.

[Don Tompkins]

FOUNDER / CFO: Happy Holidays! It's pretty cool to belong to an international family "Wind & Fire MC Inc." especially when getting along internationally doesn't seem to be happening much lately. Anyone anywhere that belongs to the Fire Service cherishes the duty to aid others in emergencies. Fire-Service-duty and Harley-riding are the simple bonds that cause our members to be "family".

The last few months I have been working with Honorary Member Dave Barr of Barr Publications to transfer the workload of W&F MC membership and merchandising. The transfer is coming along. Dave is handling orders to PO 6066 and operating our e-mail address wfmcpo6066@aol.com. You would be surprised at the amount of detail necessary to record and process this job. On December 1st the Club's Microsoft Access 2003 member/chapter database consisted of 2803 records. Besides the database there are Excel spreadsheets on income, expenses, vendor orders, charity activity, approved rockers, and custom embroidery records.

Coming in April will be an updated version of our pewter membership pin. The pin's shape will be a tiny bit taller and now feature the newer "bike logo and font" found on our present Maltese and membership patches. [JE]

LAWYER, CPA, & TAX FEES: The last six months = \$3200.00. [JE]

LIFE & RIDING! Well almost thirteen months have passed since I missed getting killed; good luck and bad luck but got beat-up and totaled a 100th Anniversary Softail. I got my bell rung in sort of a "check to see if I was paying attention to life." The crash caused some serious moments to surface at home.

It's taken a year since I crashed to bring me back to fully enjoying riding, though I still flinch when I see a vehicle start to pull out from the roadside or crossroad. I started pondering and philosophizing, even more than usual, about the big question, "What is the meaning of life" Life is about love, a person's individual

world, and the whole of everything else. Life is short, compare 100 years to the timeline of the rest of the world.

Riding motorcycles is dangerous as hell but it can carry a visceral emotional bliss, a relaxing & electrifying body/mind state. Riding puts "life" into life. Why make "safety" rule life when life is short. It seems a waste to just sit there watching TV or holding back from risks just for the sake of living longer or in an attempt to prevent any hurt. "Life is risks." I'm not talking extremes here. An extreme risk is to ignore being cautious and staying alert to the point of taking stupid chances. The other extreme is being overly safe to the point of fear-induced stress, lack of activity, muscular atrophy, and food avoidance that becomes poor nutrition. [Evo Red]

GOING TO JAPAN? The Club is looking for any member who happens to be going to Japan anytime between now and the end of April. Wind & Fire could use a representative for an enjoyable presentation. If you are making the trip in the designated time frame contact Jerry Eibert at 805-964-4544 or send a note to PO Box 6066 Santa Barbara. CA 93160

CHAPTER FRANCE: Since the fantastic coverage of our European Rally in *Freeway* magazine, Chapter France has been growing and will soon and will soon swell to over 60 members. Way to go Fred and Eddy!

EUROPEAN DIRECTOR:

Eddy Styven -- Diamond Chapter #18

7 Belgian members headed for Milwaukee:

Bozeman, Montana, Yellowstone HD, there's uglier places to start from.

Havin' arrived the other evening, a few Bud lights in the local bar, a short nights rest and up we go again. This third time cruisin' in the US, would make it, once again, another experience.

The final goal, Milwaukee for the 100 th was the reason to come, and we looked to find a combination, ridin', meeting with people, enjoy America's beauty, gather with the Wind & Fire family.

We left Montana early morning, bright sunshine, great 2003 dressers on east 90 then south 89 for Yellowstone Nat'l. Park. We encountered black bear, deer, moose, and eagle, buffalo that was a great introduction, especially for those who'd never been to the States before. Nice and easy bikin' enjoying the parks nature and beauty. We had to change direction due to severe forest fire and closed roads, to end up in Lander Wyoming the first night. Casper, Douglas was on the road to HD land the Black Hills in South Dakota. We stayed the night in Custer and left early morning again to visit Sturgis, low season. Hard to imagine how it would have been a few weeks early. Plenty place to park in front of Broken Spoke, private tour trough the museum, nice local people tellin' wonderful story's from rally's long time gone etc. Sioux-Falls, into Minnesota north on 35 for the Twin Cities. It's not that we Europeans lost the right track, Milwaukee is southeast, no, no. Our brothers from Eau Claire, Wisconsin, Indianhead chapter invited us to come and see them on their party, and join them on the ride to Milwaukee. What a great decision to take the offer, thanks Brian, Drew, Jaimie, Brio and the ladies for the Incredible welcome we received. You guys really have the Wind & Fire spirit. A new friendship made, what resulted in shared rides, BBQ 's, lots of beers in Janesville, lots of fun and honest friendship. Thanks again y'all

Our shared dinner, the good organisation by the local chapter, the poker run, bad –good luck story everything was OK.

Shin, our Japanese friend, disabled, but on his way on a HD trike to Milwaukee joined us on our Wind & Fire ride, and showed people should stick with their dreams.

A late arrival for the official Police & FF party organised by George, is a never to forget ride, ask Don, Mary-Jo, Mike, Hans...

Our Texan brothers and sisters, Ron, Karen, Mike, Diana, Californian Hans and Kappy,

Resi and I enjoyed to see you again, and despite the short time spent together, it was intense, honest and warm.

Having met Mike May we decided to visit him and family in Calgary, Canada. Takin' a few days off, Mike and Bob proposed to ride out into the Banff, Lake Louise, Lake Moraine area, and again what a ride this was. The enormous beauty is one we will never forget, and we'll be back, you bet.

JR and Carolyn, JW and ridin' friends rode together with us to Glacier National Park and stayed the night in Kalispell. After the bye-bye dinner somewhere downtown Calgary we' split up the next morning. Mike and Bob escorted us out of Canada, and pointed out the nicest ride into the US again.

Great Falls, our last stop on the road presented with " hey guys, it's rainin' "

The Yellowstone HD mechanic hardly could believe his eyes when we turned in the bikes, 5000 miles more on the counter in only 16 days.

Soaking wet, frozen, tired, happy and sad it was over, glad we made it, thankful for the safe ride it was, we hugged each other and promised ourselves and the others we'd have to do this again.

To feel the freedom again, cruisin' on America's interstates and highways, to meet the other guys, to hear the same story's once again, to be proud we're part of this group of good people.

By the way,..... I almost forgot, seems the guy performing on the HD 100 th. Party is very famous. I 'm still trying to find any link. Maybe HD 'will think it over for the 200th celebration, we'll see it then, cause we'll be there. Seems the party's 'will be organised on the moon.

Eddy Styven
European director.

CHARITY DIRECTORS REPORT:

Requests are starting to roll in and we need the chapters that are going to be hosting events to get your request in for 2004 Pins and Patches. As you should know by now the new pricing policy is as follows: pins \$3.00, patches \$1.00. The first \$100.00 is free. On anything over the \$100.00, you must send a 50% deposit with your order. Orders are due February 1, 2004.

The Board of Directors has voted a "minimum pin and patch event sales price" of \$10.00 each or \$15.00 for a set. This pricing will help cover cost with minimal sales and provide funds for the charity or firefighter memorial if profits are made. Make sure and provide me with Chapter # and proper identification when you send in your orders.

If you have any questions I will get back to you as soon as possible. Being new to the position may cause for a short delay in an answer. I want to make sure that I am answering your question correctly; therefore I may have to do a little researching to give you the proper answer. You may contact me at kerky@msn.com or 863-858-6913.

SEND REQUEST AND DEPOSIT (checks to: WIND & FIRE MC) TO:

Wind & Fire MC, Attn: Charity Director, PO Box 6066, Santa Barbara, Ca. 93160
Wishing you all a Happy Holiday Season and a great New Year.

Respectfully,
Lynn E. Kerstetter
National Charity Director
Central Florida Chapter #80 Director

**NATIONAL SECRETARY REPORT:
SEASON'S GREETINGS**

Hey everybody, I just wanted to take a minute and wish my Wind & Fire family a Merry Christmas, and a Happy New Year. Thanks to all of you for all of your efforts for the club this past year and I thank you for your friendship as well. Have a safe and joyous holiday season, and I look forward to being in the wind with you in 2004. [Mike May]

EDITORS CORNER: New e-mail address ... editorwfmc@verizon.net

The subscription price of the W&F Newsletter is \$15 mailed in the USA (\$23 mailed Outside the USA).

When sending in your check for the newsletter, **PLEASE make out the check to John Denning**, as I do not have an account for Wind & Fire MC newsletter. The banks do not want to cash them with W&F MC. Thanks. [JD]

****** Information to be put in the Quarterly Newsletter needs to be sent by the 10th of the month before the Newsletter is published. March 10th before the April newsletter, June 10th before the July newsletter, Sept. 10th before the Oct. newsletter, Dec. 10th before the Jan. newsletter**

Last Issue of the Quarterly Newsletter

Rick Franz	Dave Woodward	Walt Golden	Dennis Swan
Warren House	Jeff Covault	Scott Davidson	Lynn Kerstetter
Darren Bortmas	Timothy Miscovich Sr.		

Quarterly Newsletter Dues --- Due!!!!

Due January: 04

Guy Monroe Dustin Witherspoon Terry Dickman
George Lucchesi

Due February: 04

Rush Bell

Due March: 04

Ed Halcomb	Tom Tschida	Michael Dorety
Edward Young	John O'Connell	Edward Lake
Warren Ziegler	Dana Van Leuven	

Please everyone read the list of "**subscriptions due**" above. That is the only way that I am going to contact you. The way it works is — I put down the month you are due; then if no payment is received, your name appears in the next edition on the Last Issue list.

You have to send in your \$15 US - \$23 OVER-SEAS to receive a Quarterly Newsletter Subscription for two years.

Sorry but that's the way it is. [JD]

If you have already sent your money for another 2-Year subscription - Let me know!

Newsletter Info. On Rides, Events Etc:

Make sure you send information before the event is going to happen: Newsletters are sent April (Quarterly), July (Quarterly), October (Quarterly), January (Quarterly). You must send in before the Newsletter is printed. It does not work to send info for say May and the next Newsletter is the July issue. It's OK to send info about the event after it happens.

When sending information or newsletter material, "State-Which-It-Is", so that I Do-Not put information in the Newsletter that is just information for me ---- Thanks. [JD]

NEW W & F CHAPTERS & CHAPTER DIRECTORS:

C110 – Steve Vasser Central - PA
C111 – Curt Graves Big Sky Firefighters
C112 – Ken See Southern Florida

Sunshine Section:

I have not received any reports of any misfortunes. So no news is good news.
Send me information if you know of anyone who should be added to this section.

UPCOMING RALLIES & RUNS FOR 2004

Wind and Fire M C National Eastern Rally, Daytona Bike Week 2004

Hosted by Central Florida, Space Coast, & Ormond Beach Chapters

On **Saturday March 6th 2004 at 10:00 AM** the Wind and Fire MC will meet at the First Baptist Church in New Smyrna Beach Fl. for a free breakfast.

Following the breakfast the Group will ride the to a local fire department to hold our group meeting to give out pins and patches, (\$20.00 per set), hold and on site poker run, have a bike show for members only bikes (to be judged by members present), present other awards, hold our 50/50 drawing, pass out maps for a self guided observation run and hear from any of our National Officers, if they have any words of wisdom for you.

This is our first Eastern Rally to be held in conjunction with Bike Week, so we are looking for a big turn out. We will be taking only a part of one day of your trip to Bike Week, so this should not cause you to miss anything you desire to attend during this great weeklong event.

Directions to the church are as follows. Take Rt. 1 south from Daytona into New Smyrna. At Washington Street, (BP Gas Station & Red Light) turn left and go three blocks to the Church Community Building on your right. Directions to the fire station will be given to you at the breakfast and will be listed on the coming events and calendar of events on our web site.

Any who desires to ride the observation run prior to our get together on Saturday please let me know and I will e-mail you a copy of the route. This information will be available after the first of the year. Space Coast Chapter will be setting up this beautiful ride for your pleasure.

Any further questions you may have contact me at kerky@msn.com or by calling me at 863-858-6913

Looking forward to see all of you in New Smyrna in March. "Ride Safely"

Lynn E. Kerstetter, Director
Central Florida Chapter #80
International Charity Director

Wind & Fire Southern Rally 2004

Get ready for the hottest time in the south. The 2nd annual Wind & Fire MC Southern Rally will be held in Austin Texas June 3rd – 6th 2004. Again, it will run in conjunction with the Republic Of Texas Biker Rally (ROT) which attracted over 33,000 riders last year.

The Southern Rally Planning Committee has been working hard to make sure that this years Rally will be even better than the inaugural event last year. We're looking forward to doubling the attendance, and showing even more members true southern hospitality at its finest.

Once again, Goose from the Irving Texas Chapter has secured a great deal on some rooms for us. This years host motel is Studio 6 Suites located at 6603 North IH-35 in Austin. Their central reservation number is 1-888-897-0202. You will be asked for a code to get the special rates we obtained, and it is Fire-ROT Rates are \$52.05 a night for a single bed, and \$60.95 for a double. There is a May 1st deadline to insure getting a room at this rate, so we strongly suggest making your reservation as soon as possible.

Plans for this year include a meet and greet party that will be held at Crocodile Rocks on 6th street in Austin from 3-5PM on Friday June 4th. The Southern Rally will be held at Hanovers Draught Haus in Pflugerville Texas on Saturday the 5th from 12-4PM. A great place with lots of room and one that is really looking forward to hosting us. Good food and lot's of cold refreshments. 30+ beers on tap at last count. This will be followed by the Wind & Fire Camp Site Party from 7PM till ?? This is one party you don't want to miss!

If you attended the rally last year you will be receiving registration forms via e-mail or snail mail. If this is your first time, you can check out the Rally website <http://wfmcsonthernrally.tripod.com> for info on how to get forms, or you can contact Bruce Reibly at 972-790-3228, or Ron Snider at 254-718-5889., and they'll be glad to help you out. A reminder, it costs absolutely nothing to register and join in on the fun. However, if you want a Rally T-shirt, patch, and run pin , there will be a \$30.00 fee. More info will be posted on the International Website as needed. Hope to see you in Austin!

Ron Snider- W&F Lone Star Chapter
W&F Southern Rally Planning Committee.

Houston Chapter #016:

The Houston Chapter will host an "Un Rally" May 2nd - 7th, 2004 at the Iron Horse Stables in Eureka Springs, Arkansas. They are Biker friendly! They offer camping, cabins and rooms. Call now (479-253-0440) to make you reservations because they fill up fast. There are no FEES, so come for a great time and some awesome riding. Web Site- www.ironhorsestables.com Butch Stone - W&F MC-Houston

HIGHLIGHTS OF COMPLETED RALLY'S & RUNS:

Linoma, NE Chapter #40:

Wind & Fire MC proudly announces that the third annual "Burn Camp Poker Run" was a success. The total sum that was raised to help send the burned children to a summer camp was \$1460.38. St. Elizabeth hospital in Lincoln NE. supports the Nebraska burn camp. It was held in Burwell NE. at camp Keleo during July 26th- 31st 2003.

I would like to thank the volunteers because without them none of this would happen. I thank the participants for their kind efforts. I also thank the motorcycle clubs and groups which showed their monetary support as a collective which were the Omaha Firefighters local 385, Grand Island Fire dept., Fremont Rural Volunteer Fire dept., Hells Angels of NE. and the Christian Motorcycle Association. Next year the poker run is July 10th 2004 at the same time and place.

Stay vertical
Wind and Fire – Linoma Chapter Director MC Flott

Lewis & Clark Chapter #099:

Toys for Tots 2003

Lewis & Clark Chapter of Wind & Fire MC participated in the Louisville Toy's for Tot's Toy run sponsored by the United States Marine Corp. The weather was cool but dry on November 30th it seemed everyone enjoyed the ride and just having one last yearend ride. Our chapter numbers are small but we have done a pretty good job of getting things started in the Louisville area for this being our first year as a chapter 99.

The chapter held its very first annual Poker Run to help the Hoosier Burn Camp and the WHAS TV Crusade for Children to benefit local Kids which was a huge success.

We will be putting together a group ride to head down for Daytona Bike Week if there are any members interested in meeting up with us e-mail me at Windfiremc99@aol.com we will be leaving hopefully on February 27th. Thanks [Mark Goodlett]

100th / 12th Anniversary has Come and Gone:

Thanks to everyone who helped out before and during the event from within Wisconsin and beyond. Everyone from the Southeast Wisconsin Chapter had a good time meeting everyone.

Events started on Monday with us meeting with about 70 bikes to ride into House of Harley dealership for a firefighter recognition day and parade. We had an unauthorized escort onto the highway by NBF. The parade was fun. Wednesday a small group of riders went to Seagrave for a tour. The New London chamber of commerce put on a nice lunch for us on our way. We got some great pictures with a FDNY fire engine. Thursday another group headed up to Pierce Mfg. for a tour. They threw out the red carpet welcoming us and also gave us a great lunch and a patch.

Thursday night the club dinner was held. There was plenty of food and cold drinks, along with fun raffle prizes. The Janesville Fire Department really did a great job organizing this. Friday's poker run was successful. Everyone made it through safely, despite some near misses with spectators. After the run concluded many of us enjoyed a party thrown by a police group. Thanks to George P. for the invite.

Over the weekend the Harley planned events had many of us crossing paths. There was a lot to see and do. The birthday bash finale bands may have been a disappointment for many, but the fireworks were awesome.

The hotel manager was grateful for the business. When presented with a plaque of appreciation, he commented that we were one of the best large groups he has ever had to accommodate. We are welcome back any time.

Thanks for everyone who donated time and items to make this a success.

Come back to Wisconsin—don't wait another 100 years. ---- Rob & Wendy Tyler

This is an email I received from RobTyler from the SE Wisconsin Chapter about George. George is our Honorary Member for 2003.

Hello, I just wanted to let you know that I will be out of the Country for about 18 months. I was mobilized with an Army unit from Omaha, NE. If you could please pass the word to the rest of the group I would appreciate it. I hope to be home to ride with you all in June of 2005.

Peace,
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SE Wisconsin Chapter

Thunder Mountain Chapter #81 – Charity Run 2003

Hello all,

Well we had a very successful run on September 14th, we raised \$2,805.50 for the northern Colorado Burn Center. It actually turned out better than we had hoped for our first one. We were real fortunate to hook up with the local Chicago Pizza parlors in the area and they bent over backwards to help us. We look forward to doing this every year.

We also had a lot of help from Wal Mart Corp. We have also gone through all the process of obtaining our 501-3c.

I just want everyone to know that we are having a lot of fun with our chapter and W&F MC. The members of Chapter #81 are great for all the hard work they have done. [Keith Gregg, Director Thunder-Mountain]

FOR SALE

If you have anything for sale or trade just let us know and we will add it to our next newsletter. Or you can contact the club webmaster and have it posted on the W&F webpage at www.windandfiremc.org