

2006 The Year in Review

2006 started with several vacant positions in the Chapter staff. Ray & Cheryl Hartman continued for another year as the Chapter Director. However, at the end of 2006 the Chapter Educator (John & Jane Johnson) had to step down for medical reasons. The Assistant Chapter Directors (Cliff & Lissia Pica) have decided to retire leaving their position in the Chapter vacant. The Chapter Directors asked Ross & Cindy Barker to take the position of Assistant Chapter Directors. They accepted. Tim & Anna Grimes previously held the position of the Chapter Newsletter Editor accepted the position of the Chapter Educators. Dennis & Nancy Zimmerman asked to step down from the Goodwill Ambassador position because of family issues. Nikki Matteson volunteered and was accepted as the new Goodwill Ambassador. New chapter members in 2006, Dan & Laura Watts took on the responsibility of the new Chapter Newsletter Editors. Since Ross & Cindy Barker accepted the position of new Assistant Chapter Directors, Doug Walmsley took on the position of the Chapter Ride Coordinator. Ross & Cindy Barker were designated as the Chapter Photographer in 2005, they were also given the position of Chapter Historian. Tony Fontaine continued in the position of Chapter Webmaster. The Chapter Director decided to establish a new position in the Chapter. Bob and Julie Ahearn were named the Chapter Event Coordinators. Since Rick & Gerri Yager were placed in the position of Chapter Couple late in the year, the Chapter Director decided to keep them in the position for 2006.

January

Polar Bear Ride

1st - Polar Bear Ride. The chapter gathered at Motovation Cycles with several members from the Southern Maryland Cruisers and many other motorcycle riders. The weather was a little cool but everyone was excited about the first ride of the new year. There were 33 bikes in all as we departed. The group was divided into three small groups for the overall safety of the entire group. Dan & Brigid Kenney led the first group through back roads up the the Silver Diner in Annapolis where the group meet up with other members of SCRC. The majority of the group ate at the diner but a few of the people in the party were not optimistic about getting seated as a group, so they ate at the Popeye's Chicken next door.

Winter Thing 2006

12-15th - MD GWRRA Rally - [WinterThing](#), Ocean City, MD. 14 Members of Chapter I (Mike & Brenda Harley, Ray & Cheryl Hartman, Ross & Cindy Barker, Dan & Laura Watts, Rick & Gerri Yager, Dan & Brigid Kenney, and Doug Walmsley & Donna Levay) all gathered at the Clairon Hotel to participate in the Maryland District Event. The weekend was filled in lots of fellowship and the opportunity to represent the Chapter at a District event.

Visit to Chapter J

21st – Visit to Chapter J Gathering. 14 Members of the Chapter (Ray & Cheryl Hartman, Ross & Cindy Barker, Dan & Brigid Kenney, Jim McEwen, Jody Groves, Rick & Gerri Yager, Dan & Laura Watts, and Bob & Julie Ahearn) visit the Chapter J gathering to welcome the new Chapter J Chapter Director to his position. After the meeting, Chapter I had a short staff meeting to discuss fund raising activities for the upcoming year and other topics.

February

Valentine's Night Out

11th – MD-I Dinner – Valentine's Night Out. Participation is up! The Blair Mansion Inn Mystery Dinner theater outing was a success. 25 of Chapter I members attended the function. The event was almost cancelled because of the impending threat of sever weather. The evening forecast called for 6-10 inches of snow. Everyone made it to the event and was returned home safely. The evening started around 7 PM with everyone enjoying the buffet meal which included broiled salmon, prime rib, stuffed chicken and ham. After dinner we enjoyed the play "Murderous Matrimony". One member of our group (Rick Yager) was asked to be a participating member of the cast. Rick graciously accepted and was provided the necessary costume and makeup to portray the wedding party flower girl. He was quite stunning. The larger party of the group was recognized as the last supper with Dan Kenney sitting at the head of the table as Jesus Christ. The play lasted for about an hour and 45 minutes and was a fun filled evening.

MD-H Spaghetti Bingo

18th - Visit - MD-H Spaghetti Bingo. Fourteen members (Sheila Moore, Tim & Anna Grimes, Ross & Cindy Barker, Ray & Evelyn Bonds, Doug Walmsley, Donna & Michael Levay, Ray & Cheryl Hartman, and Rick & Gerri Yager) and one guest (Sheila Moore's mother) of the Chapter attended the annual MD-H spaghetti bingo event. Great food and socializing was enjoyed by all.

March

Maryland District Cruise

12-18th MD District Cruise. While the weather was unseasonably warm here last week and all of you were out riding we were stuck on a cruise ship! We want the warm weather back so we can catch up on the riding we missed; don't you all feel sorry for us? The total head count for the cruise was 38 couples total, 4 from Chapter I, Ross & Cindy Barker, Dave & Candy Snelling. Doug Walmsley & Donna Levay and ourselves. Just a few words of advice, if you plan on taking a cruise, choose your cruise line and itinerary carefully. Of the 7 days, we were at sea for 4 of them. Trust me; there are only so many hours in a day that you can lay on a lounge chair in the hot sun. Also choose the time of year you go very carefully. March is spring break time, enough said. We all managed to do our fair share of shopping, you know, have to keep the economy up. We were just doing our civic duties. Ray was the only good one; he was diving all day in St. Thomas & St. Maarten so he wasn't able to shop. He did however manage to get into some trouble that I'm sure will be covered in other articles and there is also video taped evidence that should be available for your viewing pleasure soon. We all took tons of pictures and they will be available for viewing on the website soon. Another word of advice, don't lie (or conveniently forget things) when you fill out your customs declaration. A small over site kept us there for about ½ an hour while the officials rummaged through everything in our baggage and combed over every receipt we had. It wasn't fun and it was more than a little embarrassing. Overall we had a great time (of course the company was great) but we have decided that we prefer flying to an island and staying put for the entire week. Heads up, Tom McCormick from Chapter A has an idea and is looking for partners. He wants to open up a chain of topless ice cream parlors though out the Caribbean. The French side of St. Maarten has nude beaches and apparently he got inspired! Ray & I have dibs on the franchise in St. Croix.

Chapter B 16th Anniversary

The 16th Anniversary was held at the Old Country Buffet in Forestville, Maryland. There were a total of 12 representing Chapter I. Attending was: Robert & Julie A'Hearn, Ray & Cheryl Hartman, Doug Walmsley, Tony Fontaine, Steve & Linda Norbrey, Rick & Gerry Yager, and Dan & Laura Watts. Most of us arrived with our 4 wheels with the exception of Tony Fontaine and the Norbrey's who chose to brave the chilly weather on their Wings.

Upon arrival, everyone was given a program, Busy Bee stickers, and a memento. After lunch, the meeting was called to order. During the rider

education portion, a Motorcycle Safety Briefing guide and T-CLOCS checklist was handed out. Throughout the afternoon, many received door prizes. One of the grand prizes was a Motorcycle helmet donated by Motovation Cycles. Robert & Julie Ahearn won a gift certificate from "Outback Leather" for 1 custom made belt. After the closing remarks, it was time for us to head home to relax and prepare for MD-A's Bowl-a-thon the next day.

The Anniversary celebration was a great time enjoyed by all.

Maryland Chapter A Bowl-a-Thon

26th - Visit - MD-A Gathering, then Bowl-a-Thon from 12:00 noon to 4:00 pm. Attending were: Robert & Julie Ahearn, Ross & Cindy Barker, Jim & Angela McEwen, Dave & Nikki Matteson, Dan & Laura Watts, Doug Walmsley, Donna & Michael Levay, Rick & Gerry Yager, Cliff & Lisa Pica, Charlie Schappet, Ray & Cheryl Hartman, Dan & Bridget Kenny, and Evelyn Bond. Our 2 non-member guests of the Hartman's were John & Laura Smith.

April

22nd-23rd - MD-I Overnight Ride to Gettysburg, Pennsylvania.

Delaware Hobo Stew

29th - Visit - DE Hobo Stew. Lums Pond State Park, Bear, DE. Leaving from Cedarville 7-11 at 7:00 AM. Two hour trip.

May

Norfolk Pizza Ride

6th - MD-I Annual Norfolk Pizza Ride. Leaving 8:00 am from Sheetz in Dahlgren, VA.

MD-I Bike Show

13th - **MD-I Bike Show** - Chaney Building. Entrance to Waldorf (north)

Maryland Chapter F Fun Day

14th - Visit - MD-F Fun Day, Family Recreation Park, Boonsboro, MD.

Visit to Smoke Hole West Virginia

19th-21st - Smoke Hole, WV.

Rolling Thunder 2006

28th - Ride - Rolling Thunder. Group leaving Motovation. Contact Dan Kenney for time.

June

Maryland Chapter C Pig Feast

17th - Visit - MD-C Pig Feast and Poker Run. MD-I Dinner Ride.

Honda Hoot 2006

21st-24th - [Honda Hoot](#), Knoxville, TN.

July

Wing Ding 2006

3-6th - Rally - [WING DING!](#) in Nashville, TN.

Honda Homecoming 2006

27-29th - [Honda Homecoming](#), Marysville, OH.

August

Maryland District Rendezvous

18-20th - MD District Rendezvous. See MD District [website](#).

Wine Tasting Adventure

19-20th - [Virginia Wine Tasting Festival](#). - Pictures of 2005 Festival.

9-11 Ride

19-20th - [9-11 Ride](#).

Grand Canyon Overnighter

25-27th - MD-I overnight ride to [Grand Canyon, PA](#) (2 nights).

September

Wings over the Smokies

21nd-23th - Wings Over the Smokies, Fletcher, NC. See NC District [website](#).

Ride for Kids

24th - [Ride For Kids](#) in Baltimore/Washington, MD. Great cause. Be there!

October

Rally in the Valley

5-8th - VA District, [Rally in the Valley](#), Salem, VA.

8-9th - MD-I camping trip to Williamsburg, VA. Contact Cliff & Lissia.

21st - MD-B's Fall Dance.

Cass Scenic Railroad State Park

21st-23rd - [CASS Scenic Railroad State Park](#), Cass, WV (two nights).

4th Annual Fall Harvest

29th - MD-I 4th Annual Fall Harvest Festival/dirt bike ride at Dan & Brigid's place.

November

December

Chapter I Holiday Party

2nd - MD-I Holiday Party at TBD. Cocktails @ 6:00 pm. Dinner @ 6:30 pm.

New Year's Eve 2006

31st - New Year's Eve Dinner Party - TBD