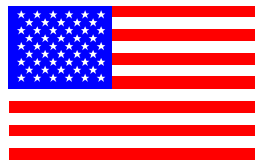


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NEWSLETTER



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director
Dennis Morosin

I am going to assume I will here a lot of good excuses why we did not see many of you at the last meeting. Even with that we had about 32 members in attendance. The sun was shining, motorcycles zooming by. For those that were there I thank you. We had a short meeting basically going over two important subjects. One was next year calendar which is explained below. The other is the major changes in the board. For those who are unaware of the changes, Petra has stepped down from her position due to the demands of her job at the hospital. I did meet with her face to face at he January board meeting where she told me she had decided to step down. I asked her to think about it at least until the February meeting before she made her final decision. At the meeting we read a letter from her stating she was stepping down. She will continue to be a member of the chapter and help the board where she can.

In addition to Petra stepping down, I may be leaving as early as May or as late as August, this would also mean I am taking the treasurer with me. The treasurer is shooting to fly by the 17th of May. I am retiring from the military and buying a house in Beaumont Texas. In addition to that we will also be loosing John Ballard the head road captain, who flies on the first of July. URGENT URGENT URGENT We need to fill these slots. Jason is back from the sandbox so he will be able to step up from asst. director to the director spot for the meantime. Petra's spot for a german assistant director is needed. The assistant directors would be nice to have. Keep in mind the board elections are this year. MOST IMPORTANTLY we will need a volunteer to take the treasurer position. The sooner the better, Brenda would like to show the new treasurer at least a few things before she flies. We are only looking at two more months to fill her spot.

I will do my very best to have the years events best planned out before I leave to the states. I would like to hear that the year went well and all the events kicked off great. I will be meeting with Jason and introducing him to the key players in our events. We have band money for the two events and place. I will not leave the chapter hanging in the air, I will do my best to fill Jason in on this years calendar now that he is back.

Which Brings me to this years Calendar.

We have had great support form Eddie Kane and the military car sales. If you know anyone thinking of buying a new bike please send them Eddies way at Volgehweh. He is also paying for the first year memberships to anyone who buys a bike from him.

We also have had great support from Dave Baker at Pentagon car sales. He will be helping us out this year again with money to support a band at our functions. Also thinking of making the Poker Run stop, one to remember in April. He is very open to helping us out. He is also supporting the chapter on anyone who mentions Rhein Valley when they purchase a car there will be a deposit made to our account.

Our next meeting, March, will be in Heidelberg at the Rod and Gun club.

April: 6th will be the meeting at Eddies place in Manheim. Hopefully this next week I will get all ironed out for a Poker Run that will start at the Rod and Gun in Heidelberg on the 19th of April. I will find out if those who need to pitch a tent can but no after party is planned.

May: Our meeting will be held at the 74th after the Erlanger toy run. We again will have a meeting point so we can all ride in as a chapter that morning to the hospital. The 29,30 and 31 is Praha rally for anyone who would like to go.

June: We will have the meeting at Pentagon at 11:00 with a member appreciation BBQ.

July: We are working on having a 4th of July party at he Heidelberg Rod and Gun, details not yet set. With the meeting being that Saturday the 5th. Also in July will be the Swiss Alps run the 19, 20, 21.

August: we will have a meeting and photo at Manfreds with a late lunch following at the same place the Stuttgart clan had there event. Because of Manfred not being open on Sundays this will be a meeting on Saturday the 2nd. We will have our September meeting also in August on the 24th. This is a meeting to finalize anything that needs to be done before the Toy Run, this will be the last meeting before our big event.

September: We will have our big TOY RUN. Come on guys....we need volunteers to help pull this off even better then last year. WE ran around like chickens last year, we need some volunteers so we all can enjoy the day.

October and November meeting is to far out to make a decision on the place and the Christmas party is set for the 6th of December. Last year was a great set up great cooks, but keep in mind we will not have Brenda here for the inside connection on getting the discount on the food. Keep this in mind, for next year.

Let's have a great riding season

Dennis



treasurer
Brenda Morosin

Hello to all, well the new year came in well for me I now have my bike. Good ole dr. Chaos's came to my door with some help. He and Dennis put a lowering kit on the bike an no shit....I still can not touch the ground, well not enough to ride the bike. I am on my tip toes. But then along came another friend who brought me a badliner seat...I can hold the bike up and stand flat footed on the bike. Now to get a little knee bend I will have to hit the saddle shop to do a little modifying on my seat!! Low and behold I will make it work!!! Looks like I may not ride to much over here for we are leaving.

THE CHAPTER NEEDS A ID CARD HOLDER FOR TREASURER !! Please no one is jumping at the opportunity so if you happen to be the one, please contact me as soon as you can. I will be flying before riding season and I will also be out of town two weeks of every month for my job. Pleaseelections are in December, someone take it until then!!!

FINANCIAL STATEMENT

PREVIOUS BALANCE	\$3884.46	2069.51 Euro
Membership	156.00	
Merchandise	162.00	
50/50	32.00	17.00
Donation	2.00	22.00
Food and Drink for meeting	(-20.00)	
Deposit	332.00	39.00
ENDING BALANCES	4216.46	2108.51

New members : Larry Phelps, Jennifer Gifford, Larry Gifford, Donald Tresler, Dick Clark, Curtis Reed, James Van Leuve, ..sorry if I missed one or two of you.

Time flies and I Apologize to Manfred and Mrs. Manfred for the wait. I did forget to mention at the meeting that Manfreds gave us receipts and are ready for their 1000 Euro. As you can see above we do have it now to give to him. I can write him a check but I did want to bring it up at the meeting first. For those who are new we have had this amount set aside for quite some time for Manfreds shop. As the money person in the group I would highly suggest we write the check now while we have the money.

Thanks for reading our newsletter, see you at the next meeting.

Brenda

assistant director
Jason Moore

Hello everyone! It is great to be back in Germany. I attempted to get my own Chapter going downrange, but the other guys kept wussin out when it got cold. Oh well, it is almost time to ride and we have had some really nice weather lately. It was nice to see so many new faces at the meeting and I look forward to seeing many more in the near future. A HUGE thanks to Eddie for promoting us so well and doing good things for the Chapter, after all it is all of you that make up the Chapter and we can't get things done without you. I think that is what I like so much about this particular Chapter, we are so many different people from different places, but it is more like a family every time we come together. I look forward to seeing all of you in Heidelberg on the 2nd. Take care and keep the shiny side up.

Jason

past assistant director
Petra Naylor

Hello everybody,

I am very sorry I could not be there personally to talk to the membership at the meeting. Plans got changed and I had to be on-call for the hospital. Being away from my hometown for more than 300kms is not an option then.

As some of you probably noticed you have not seen me around very much during the past year. I can barely make it to our meetings and / or rallies. Why? There are several reasons: one part is that I moved to the black forest 2 years ago. This is not the main reason though. I have been riding a lot these past years which is one of the things that I love to do: is ride places with my bike and meet my friends to have a good time. The big part is my job. I work long hours plus I am on-call on weekends. Since we are only 2 people who can do this job, it happens quite often that one is on duty. It also means if one of us is sick automatically the other one has to take over - which happened this weekend. I do not want to bore with details - this is just the way it is.

I have been riding with the chapter since 1996 and been a member since 1997.

Riding a Harley and being a member of Rhein Valley to me is one thing. I have met wonderful people throughout the years and sadly I have seen many people leaving but some coming back, too.

The Chapter means a lot to my - I have always seen it as extended family. I was very honored when I was proposed for a board position back a few years ago. I was happy to get elected and have the trust of people. I went from secretary to assistant director - to me it does not make a difference what kind of position one holds on the board. But being a board member means to dedicate your time - more than before being elected - to the chapter. It is required. If you are not able to do that, you are not able to do the job right. And this is my big problem - since I changed jobs and I do not have as much spare time any more. Since I feel, I can't fill in my position as assistant director of Rhein Valley the way I should, I want to lay my office down.

I feel, I need to step back because the Chapter needs and deserves better. I hope you are able to understand.

I want to thank everybody for electing me and I want to thank all the board members I have been working with: looking back there have been quite some changes in office: the past three directors, assistant directors, secretary and treasurers. You all know

who I am talking about and I want to say thank you for the good time we had to each one of you.

If there is anybody who has good ideas and wants to support the chapter as a board member - please step up. I want to encourage every one of you to think about the option of being a board member to keep Rhein Valley running and to support our director. Rhein Valley is what we want it to be.

Personally I will still dedicate as much time as I can to the chapter.

Looking forward to seeing you soon!

Keep your hair in the wind,

Petra



secretary/webmaster/editor
Pavla Fröhlich

Hi folks,

at the last meeting weren't so many members as should be at so important day. We had lot of stuff to discuss as you read in the director's input. Dennis organized very much for this year. The board needs your help very bad! Please keep the chapter alive. Hope to see crowds of you at the next meeting. Thanks.

Keep your rubber side down. Pavla

GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING MINUTES

32 Members present

1340 Start

Calendar was discussed and went over:

- meetings back to the 1st Sunday of every month will be meeting
- exceptions May + August
- May: Erlanger Toy Run
- August: will be the September meeting on 24th to finalize toy run plans

1405-Watch pictures being sent to the web site, it is a HOG site

1406-Bev motioned and Ed second to approve calendar as is—accepted

1408-Petra stepped down from Assistant director due to her job demands

-open position

1415-New members (3) introduced themselves

1418-Last call for 50/50

1419-Welcome back assistant director Jason

1421-Swap-meet on website and meetings

1425-50/50 giveaway Leslie won 32 \$ and 17 euro

1428-Ride outs from pentagon

-also ride outs from Volgelweh- Eddie Kane

-Ride outs everybody can contribute w/ride outs from where you live

1430-Motion to adjourn

RHEIN VALLEY CALENDAR OF EVENTS

March

2nd 11:00 RVLC meeting at Rod and Gun Club Heidelberg

April

6th 11:00 RVLC meeting at ACE, Bensheimerstrasse 15, Manheim

19th RVLC Poker Run TBA

May

3rd Toy Run Erlangen

3rd 17:00 RVLC meeting at 74"or More club house, Erlangen

30th -1st HOG Rally Praha, Czech Republik

June

8th 11:00 RVLC meeting at Pentagon Care Sales, Kaiserstrasse 1, Kaiserslautern



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