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JEANNIE SWARTZ 95th BIRTHDAY!

contributed by Lois Hendershot

17 BCMC members & 3 Motor Maids gathered at the home of Jeannie Swartz. When I pulled into her driveway ahead of the group, Jeannie was outside coming down the driveway on her John Deere Gator. Off in the distance I heard a deep rumble of motorcycles. The rumbles grew louder as they neared her home. Ron Ketwitz, BCMC Group Road Captain, cruised up to the top of the driveway with 15 motorcycles behind him. Perfect sound to announce there was about to be a biker birthday party to begin. Ron looped all the bikes back down, parking the motorcycles around the party area. Jeannie was there to welcome each rider and passenger. There were a few who had only heard stories of Jeannie. While the riders went through a getacquainted kick the tire and feel the celebration to begin, several of us pulled a decorated party table from the garage. We set up the table with the cake and

a festive cluster of birthday balloons. This all officially was the beginning of a Bikers 95th Birthday Party.

Everyone had the opportunity to share a memory of Jeannies life. We encourage her to tell her own stories of her early years around the BCMC Clubhouse. This was at a time that a woman could not be a member of BCMC. Jeannie was a full contributor volunteering with the BCMCs Ladies Auxiliary. The ladies were a wife or a sister of a member. The auxiliary contributed to support food at the annual flat track races. She could ride her own motorcycle to local events. Members followed and frequently attended National Motorcycle Races across the Northeast, South to Richmond, VA, Hagerstown, MD, and Syracuse, NY.

In 1967 Jeannie joined the Motor Maids. There were no MMs near to her home in Harleysville, PA. She would ride 70 miles to meet up with these ladies of Lebanon County on weekends. The MMs really expanded her riding by miles. Annually she attended the Motor Maid National Convention. Her annual vacation from Philco Ford was scheduled around the Motor Maid Convention. She has an impressive collection of Convention Ribbons. Her active riding years were from 1965-2002. 2002 was her last convention in York, Pennsylvania. Later around 2010 her active riding was minimal. She maintained her motorcycle and much memorabilia in an outside shed called The Harley Shed. Around this time she agreed to sign on as a Retired Member. It was her time in life to hang up riding a motorcycle.

2012 she donated her homemade Banquet Dress to the

Motor Maid National History of memorabilia. Jean's dress was first displayed at the 2012 Convention in Spartanburg, SC. Her highlights also included participating in Motor Maid Parades at Conventions and many of the race tracks such as Syracuse, Hagerstown, Laconia and others.

Visiting and sharing Jeannies 95th Birthday, we who organized this party wanted to emphasize the importance, Jeannies history of riding her motorcycle.

Jeannie as a member of both Blue Comet MC & Motor Maids, Inc Clubs. She selected two great motorcycle clubs that honor their charter members wishes and continue her lifetime of rides. Both Clubs Mission Statements are the reality of great motorcycle clubs.

Thank you, Lois, for this glimpse of Jeannie's many motorcycle memories. And now for some party pictures!





That same weekend... 10/2/21

Opie, Flash, Russell, JJ & Rosko had themselves a Dukes of Hazzard ride! Here they are at Cooter's Garage with the famous General Lee, a 1969 Dodge Charger driven by the Duke boys.



The guys even got to meet Tom Wopat, better known as Luke Duke.



Then a visit to the amazing Luray Caverns.



Scott, Russell, Rosko, Brian, JJ



10/16/2021

Crazy Coffin Run

Congratulations to Co-Chairs Greg Mohl & Jason Redman, and to the whole BCMC for a successful Crazy Coffin Run.



We had 53 competitors on the beautiful Fall day, including friends from Indian Valley HOG, BACA Bucks, BACA Montco, Last Days Ministries, Freedom Riders, Alternative MC & Motor Maids. Our stops were at BACA's Patty Leonard's house, Cuddy Park, Fernbrook Park & Green Lane.

Thank you so much to all our members who came through, as always, on the food donations. We had quite a spread! We offered beef BBQ, pulled pork, sloppy Joes, chicken soup, chili, bean soup, minestrone soup, seafood chowder, cabbage rolls, kielbasa, mac & cheese, loaded roasted potatoes, tomato pie, tomato/ cucumber salad, cole slaw, pasta salad & macaroni salad. There were several desserts such as pumpkin pie, pumpkin roll, brownies, 7-Up cake, cupcakes, pumpkin brownies, peanut butter pie & tiramisu.



Round up the



usual suspects





Here's Greg with our winners!

(left to right)

3rd place Aubrie Slawecki
1st place Tim Ewing
3rd place Tammy Hossler
Chairperson Mole



10/19/21



This time we met at the Energy Station in Harleysville for some good food & conversation.

We are drawing quite a group these days, 22 people this time!



Everybody got their food except Terry! Finally it came.





Lois said her "good-byes" (with Steffi) as she planned to head back to Florida that evening (and has arrived safely.)

Last, but certainly not least, Bob Joseph dropped a bombshell at the end of breakfast...Bob & Terri Joseph are now OFFICIALLY Bob & Terri Joseph! Congratulations on their marriage which took place the Sunday before the brunch.



First Food social of the season, 10/22/21

We had a very brief meeting followed by a delicious meal of pork, mashed potatoes, corn & gravy prepared by these ladies. Thank you!



These 2 sliced the pork roasts.



After the dinner, we had a surprise BCMC wedding celebration with club newlyweds, Terri & Bob.





★ UNITED WE STAND ★

November is a great month for the BCMC:

Nominations for officers Nov 5th & 19th.

Grey Rules meeting Nov.10th

Nov.25th honor our VETS at the war memorial in Phoenixville.

"All of us have a lot to be thankful for"

Next exciting G/R meeting is guaranteed to be of interest to all of our BCMC family. Hope to have a packed house on Weds.

Nov. 10th at 7:30pm.

Thanks,

The Grey Rules committee



On 10/31/21, R.O.N., Jim, Fred, Rosko, John, Brian & Russell took a ride to see our long missing Brother, Bill Downing, who has been very ill for several months. Both Bill & Karen were excited to see the guys!

(Russell took the photo)

Next Grey Rules

11/10/21, 7:30am

Next Breakfast Club

11/16/21, 10:00 am