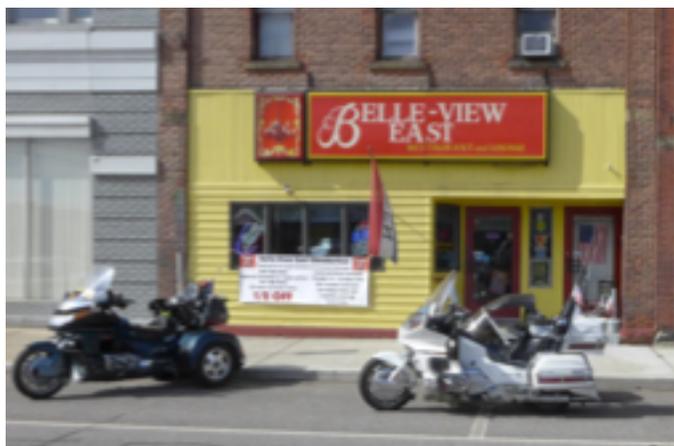




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July 2016 Newsletter

Next Meeting
August 7, 2016
Picnic at Cliff & Nancy Schaals



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Upcoming events

July 20, 2016	Dinner Ride - Nic-L-Inn	Meet 6:15 pm Kwik-Fill Route 60
July 30 - Aug 1, 2016	NASCAR Weekend - Poconos, PA	Contact Roger 716-499-6765
August 3, 2016	Dinner Ride - GiGi Route 6 Diner	Meet 6:15 pm Kwik-Fill Route 60
August 7, 2016	Meeting & Picnic 1:00 pm	Cliff & Nancy Schaals
August 17, 2016	Dinner Ride - Murdock's	Meet 6:15 pm Kwik-Fill Route 60
August 20, 2016	WWII Museum - Eldred, Pa	Meet 8:00 am Kwik-Fill Route 60
August 31, 2016	Dinner Ride - Wildwood Grille	Meet 6:15 pm Kwik-Fill Route 60
September 14, 2016	Dinner Ride - Millers' Grove	Meet 6:15 pm Kwik-Fill Route 60
September 25, 2016	TBA	Meet 1:00 pm Kwik-Fill Route 60
September 28, 2016	Dinner Ride - Alfies	Meet 6:15 pm Kwik-Fill Route 60
October 12, 2016	Dinner Ride - Tom's Tavern	Meet 6:15 pm Kwik-Fill Route 60
October 15, 2016	Rt 666 Fall Ride	Meet 8:00 am Kwik-Fill Route 60



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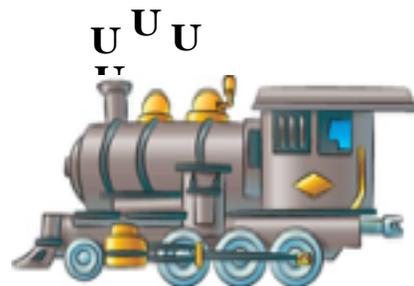
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Chapter U Director's Corner

As many of you already know, I had a very interesting month. It started on Sunday, the day before Memorial Day. We had some friends over for a nice picnic and from there it quickly went downhill. I ended up in the emergency room and then was transported by ambulance to another hospital. I won't go into the ugly details of my stay, but I will say that eight days in the hospital is way too long. I also want to say that there is power in prayer. The doctor had scheduled me for surgery Saturday and Friday night "things started to move." He said he didn't have an explanation and was extremely surprised. I told him it was an answered prayer! In any event, I finally got to come home on Monday. I want to thank everyone for all the cards, flowers, food, and prayer. It is great to have so many awesome friends.

Of course, right in the middle of this ordeal, I understand that there was a really great Ride-In. I was so sad that I couldn't make the event. I also heard how wonderful the accommodations were. Kudos to Chapters D and T for a well-planned Ride-In.

After being home for only three days, we boarded a plane to Florida to attend our new grandbaby's baptismal. Although I was still not back to normal (what is normal anyways?), we had a great four days and then back home and to work. I might add that everyone at school has been very supportive during my time away from school.

Next it was off to our mystery weekend and it was a complete surprise until we almost got there. Roger is writing an article on our trip so I won't go into it other than to say it was an awesome weekend and we had lots of fun, laughter, good food, and even saw a huge black bear! In total, we traveled 1,300 miles – my butt was getting sore!!

We have some great rides coming up and I understand that the plaque is within our reach. It would be wonderful to bring it back to western NY and show everyone that we really are the "Little Chapter that Does." Our next dinner ride will be July 6 to the Tavern on the Mall in Forestville. This ride will be followed by a ride on Saturday, July 9 to the Stars Air Show. Last but not least, the NASCAR weekend will be upon us followed by Bi-State convention and then our picnic on August 7 at Cliff and Nancy's. Our Chapter will supply hot dogs and beverage. Please bring a dish to pass.

With the 4th of July right around the corner, please remember to take extra caution watching for the other guy at all times. Also, it is extremely important to wear all the gear all the time, T-clock your bike, and above all, be safe and have fun.

Happy 4th of July.

Ride safe and enjoy – all the gear all the time.

Arlene – Chapter U Director



The View From the Road

Roger Connelly - Ride Co-ordinator

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Another month of our lives has gone by and the riding has been great. The first ride in June was to Cortland, NY for the Ride-in. My wife was sick for the event and we didn't make it. From the pictures I've seen and the stories I have heard this was the Ride-in of all Ride-ins. It sounds like it was well planned and well organized. The accommodations were fabulous, the rides beautiful, and the classes were very informative. Congratulation to Chapter "T" & "D". I am very sorry I missed it.

From there we had our meeting on Sunday and with my wife still in the hospital, Brenda stepped up to the plate and ran the meeting very well - good job.

The month continued on with the Americade held up in the Lake George area of New York. Unfortunately, I have not heard of anyone from our Chapter going to this huge motorcycle event. Cliff spoke up at the last meeting that next year he was going to plan a ride to Americade which is held the first full week in June. That would make it the 7th thru the 11th of June next year, put it on your calendar.

The next weekend was Father's Day and it was great, I hope you got out and did some riding. I went to Hanks Frozen Custard, life is good.

Next was the mystery ride, I hope to write an article about the whole weekend. The short story is we went to Berkeley Springs, WV., where we had a fabulous weekend. Friday we rode down to Berkeley Springs where we pulled into the Country Inn which is where we will spend our nights. Saturday the women were treated to a full day spa treatment, everything you can think of. The men rode out on the north border of Maryland and came back on the south border of PA. Sunday we woke up to another great day and we all rode to the Shenandoah National Park. We rode 100 miles of the most scenic highway I have ever been on. Next day was the ride home which included a stop at the Horseshoe curve near Altoona, PA. This is a very famous railroad curve and it is fun to watch the trains maneuver the curve. More about the trip later.

Dinner rides were to Foresters which was more like a late fall ride temperature but the food was great. Plummers near Ripley was just a great ride weather wise and the food was also very pleasing.

July we will have our meeting on the 3rd at the Belle-view. Next weekend is the Stars air show at the Olean airport. This is a model airplane show, but it is free and should be fun to watch. I plan on riding Saturday but if the weather is bad we will go on Sunday. July 17th and 24th are TBA as Arlene and I will not be going to the NE District Rally. The 31st will be our NASCAR weekend in the Pocono area of PA.

Dinner rides will be July 6th to the Tavern on the Mall in Forestville, and we will travel to the Nic-L-Inn for dinner on the 20th. So I hope to see you all at some of the rides.

Roger J. Connelly, Ride Co-ordinator for Chapter NY-U

Risk Management Part# 2

Last month I discussed the first “P” in the 3 Ps program, Proper You. This month I want to address the second P, Proper Gear. I know that we are all guilty of not doing our best in this area of riding. “It’s too hot for all this stuff.” How many times have we all said that statement? So let’s start with the top and work our way down.

Helmets. There are many styles, each one providing more protection than the next. First is the “Shorty”. This provides the least protection covering only the top of your head and offering little to no protection from the side or front. Second is the three quarter. This now offers protection from side impact but still leaves your smile and nose exposed. Third is the Full Face or Modular. This style offers the best head protection, covering your head from all angles. Whichever style you choose to use, please make sure that the helmet has been certified buy either DOT, SNELL, or ECE. If you don’t see any of these stickers, don’t wear it, it won’t protect you.

Eye wear. Your windshield is not enough! Use your face shield or wear safety glasses or goggles. Let’s face it, “you can’t ride if you can’t see.” Protect your eyes.

Long Sleeves. Wear a jacket or long sleeves. It adds one more layer between you and the road should you have an accident.

Full finger Gloves. Your fingertips have the most nerve endings in the human body and are the only part that cannot accept skin grafts. Protect your hands if you want to be able to grip the throttle again.

Long Pants. Just like long sleeves for your arms, you want to put a layer of something between you and the bike and the road.

Over the ankle footwear. Also the shoe should have a good sturdy sole. You want to give yourself as much support as possible when you support the bike when you come to a stop.

So where do you set your Risk Factor? After all, these guide lines are only just that, guidelines. But I ask you, as you look down at the road as you ride, doesn’t it look a little like a belt sander waiting to grind you’re ###. Let me just leave you with this last thought, cover any part of your body you plan on using later in life.

All the Gear All the Time!



Ride Safe

Cliff



Let's Celebrate July 4th!

The Fourth of July is a great excuse to kick back and to throw a massive summer cookout. We love to get together with friends and family and pig out on all-American favorites like juicy hamburgers, sizzling hot dogs, ... you know, all those summer party foods. Before the cookout, there's the local parade where there is plenty of flag waving, marching bands, and red, white, and blue. In the evening we stretch out in the park to watch booming colorful fireworks and relish the warm weather. For history buffs, the day is filled with references to the Declaration of Independence. But mostly, it's the day we celebrate our nation.



But Independence Day has not always been about barbecues and parades. Over two centuries ago, rag tag bands of patriots were fighting for freedom from the British, hoping that one day the colonies could be a separate, independent entity.

Initial battles of the Revolutionary War began in 1775 with the most radical colonies, but by 1776, representatives from all thirteen colonies decided to declare independence.

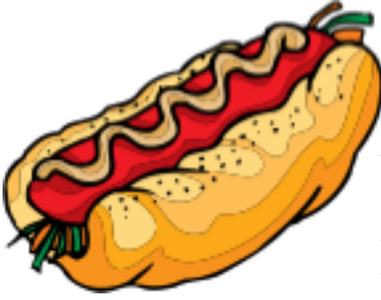
That July, the Continental Congress voted in favor of independence, and two days later, the Declaration of Independence was adopted. This historic document, drafted by Founding Father Thomas Jefferson, changed the destiny of the colonies and formed a new nation, The United States of America.

Most of us learned all about early America in our history classes, but what about what's not in the textbooks? The somewhat sketchy details of the Fourth of July conceal a treasure trove of trivia. That history includes misinterpreted dates, food and flag legends, old and new traditions, as well as highly coincidental deaths.



Most of all, let's remember that we are the land of the free – United States of America - thanks to our forefathers.

Did you know?



Summertime backyard barbecues are nothing without hot dogs, but the Fourth of July is the biggest hot dog holiday of the year, when more than 155 million hot dogs are consumed. This is more than enough to stretch from D.C. to L.A. more than five times! Even though they are an American staple, no one really knows where the hot dog even came from, but it is likely that the

hot dog was derived from common European sausages brought over by butchers. Today, we eat burgers and hot dogs by the dozen on Independence Day. Our Founding Fathers, however, feasted on completely different foods to celebrate the Nation's birthday. According to the stories, John Adams and his wife indulged in turtle soup, New England poached salmon with egg sauce, green peas, and boiled new potatoes in jackets for their July 4th meal in 1776, followed by Indian pudding or Apple Pandowdy for dessert. Turtle soup? Not sure that would fly at this year's 4th of July cookout.



June Birthdays

Dick Wilson 7/7, Mark Peterson 7/22, Nancy Schaal 7/30,

Anniversaries

Cliff & Nancy Schaal 7/3, Harold & Marge Zell 7/12,
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