

Patriot Chapter Women On Wheels



July 2005 Newsletter

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Upcoming Events

- Next Patriot Chapter Meeting
 - August 2, 2005
 - 7pm at MotoMarket in Acton



Upcoming Events

- **Nelson's Ride 2005**

- August 28, 2005

- Nelson's Ride 2005 will begin, and end, at the
Topsfield Fairgrounds in Topsfield, MA

- Advance Tickets for Nelson's Ride are \$10/person

- Day-of-event tickets will be \$15/person

- **FOR MORE INFORMATION:**

- Contact info@nelsonside.org

- <http://www.nelsonside.org/home.html>

Who's Been Riding?

Stopped in My Tracks

I hope you all missed the thunderstorms if you were out riding on the 25th this month---I decided, late in the day, to take a cruise out to Amherst, MA and visit a bookstore - a nice, peaceful, shady 1-1/2 hour ride. Which I did, and enjoyed immensely. However, at 4:30 I was returning to my bike to head home and a vicious crack of thunder preceded a TOTAL DELUGE: Wind, pounding rain and powerful lightning that stopped even the cars on the road, it was so heavy.

Fortunately I had parked opposite a huge granite church with a large entryway and a good-sized overhang so I ran for that. The lightning show was terrifying, especially since it was right on top of the town. Trees went down in several places, one right behind the church. Power went out. (Later I learned that Route 2 was closed for four hours due to downed power lines from the same storm.)

In the midst of all this I hear piano music coming from the Church behind me.. but nothing like anything I had ever heard before. It was a classical piece... Canon in D by Pachelbel, popular for weddings, (my first one actually!) usually played very stately and slow.....but someone was in there in the dark, slamming through it with total ferocity, banging it out in double time with but one mistake that I could detect.

Did I just fall into some Fellini movie? Very surrealistic and totally entrancing. A wild version of a familiar piece that Matched the savageness of the storm I was waiting out.

Later when the rain stopped I left my "Safe Place" and went to get some dinner and allow more time for the storms to get well away from my route. When I got back to my bike to REALLY Leave this time, I saw a man come out of the church and start Picking up the branches and leaves that had blown down. He crossed the street so I asked him, was that you playing the piano in there? Yes it was, and he seemed very surprised that I heard him. He said he liked to play Pachelbel "with violence." Well, I guess so!

What a strange adventure. If it had not been for the storm I would never have been squashed into the most remote corner of that church entryway, at that particular moment, to hear this gifted, slightly mad rendition of one of my favorite piano pieces while I was witnessing the most violent lightning I had seen in some time.

If the storm had struck just a few minutes earlier I would have already been on the bike and riding in the worst of it, wondering where the heck to stop and seek shelter on a wide-open road in the middle of the woods.

Ya never know where your motorcycle will take you...or leave you for that matter!

Who's Been Riding?

- The 12th Annual Rally for Breast Cancer was held June 5th
- Great weather
- Great turnout



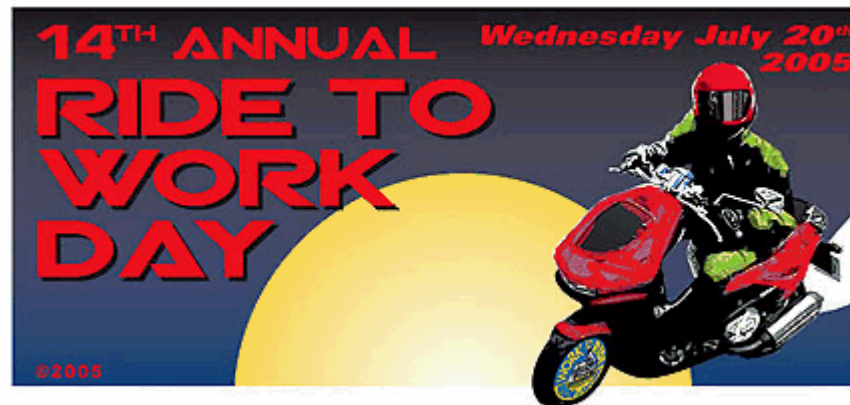
Who's Been Riding?

- Laconia 2005
- Despite the Rain, Rain, Rain, it was a good turnout



Rides of Interest

- Sunday 7/19/05: 8 am - 2 pm Antique Auto Show, Codman House, Lincoln, MA.
- Sunday 8/21/05: 12th Annual Rock Run 2005
 - Benefits MSPCA at Nevins Farm
 - www.mspsca.org
- October 9th: Larz Anderson Museum of Transportation :European Motorcycle Show



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- Folks in the Waltham thru 117 belt
 - BikeWorx in Maynard, run by Galen Miller. Galen does repairs, sells parts, gear and apparel, and sells a few bikes out of his shop in Maynard.
 - 20R Main Street, Maynard MA 01754 (978) 897-0044
 - <http://www.bikeworx.com>
- Paula, a SSWOW member, has a website to check out for those of us that want our long locks to remain tangle-free while riding!
 - www.HairSocks.com

Need Your Help!

- Questions?
- Comments?
- Please provide tidbits, photos, events, rides, info for the next newsletter scheduled for August 2005!
 - Submit to: Tammy_Cox@comcast.net