



**2<sup>nd</sup> WIND**  
NEWSLETTER  
OF THE  
**AMERICAN LEGION RIDERS ASSOCIATION**  
OF WISCONSIN  
SECOND DISTRICT  
*April 2010 Edition*

**IN MEMORY:** As much as I hate to start out the new riding year on a sad note, we lost a member this last month. Larry Koeppen, from Beaver Dam Post 146 passed away on March 21<sup>st</sup> at the age of 66. Please keep his wife Evonne and their family in your prayers. Larry was a Rider for the past year and we will miss him.

**MEMBERSHIP RENEWALS:** Second District now has 38 members. I have begun mailing out 2010 renewal forms. **For renewals I do not need a copy of your DL.** Just send me the completed renewal form, a check for \$30 made out to District 2 ALRA and a copy of your **paper** (not the plastic PUFL) 2010 or 2011 membership Legion card.

**2010 Meeting Schedule**

***NEXT DISTRICT MEETING: Saturday, April 3rd, 2009 in Mequon at Post 457.***  
Yes – it's Easter weekend, but if you can make it to a meeting, we'd love to see you.

For 2010, District meetings will be on the 1<sup>st</sup> Saturday of each month. On days when the State quarterly meeting is held, we'll either ride to the state meeting after ours, or we may just dispense with the District meeting altogether. [Meetings are open to any Veteran!](#)

**UPCOMING EVENTS:**

Always check the State ALRA Schedule of Events at  
<http://www.alrawis.org/schedule.htm>  
for the latest update on events.

**1. 2<sup>nd</sup> District Rider's Monthly Meeting: 10:00 a.m., Saturday, April 3rd,** at Post 457, Mequon. This is the final Brat Fry planning session and a discussion of whether we will ride to the ALRA Awards banquet the next weekend or take the cages.

**2. State ALRA 2009 Awards Banquet: Sunday, April 11th, at 1:00 p.m.** Location: CJ's at the Wayside, W 13201 Cork Street Rd., Ripon, WI. We've got members from 2<sup>nd</sup> District in contention for mileage awards. Also, come and see who will receive the District President's Award. You should have already received a notice to sign up for this event. Bar opens at 11 a.m., Banquet starts at 1:00 p.m. Weather permitting, we'll depart Post 457 at 10:00 a.m. for Ripon.



**3. 4th ANNUAL DISTRICT TWO LEGION RIDERS BRAT FRY:** To be held from **9:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m., Saturday, April 24th** at the Pick 'N Save in Saukville located on the north side of Highway 33 just east of the I-43 freeway. Come and help, have a few brats, and support a good cause. We need bikes and flags. We're on, rain or shine! Hopefully, this year more shine, less rain! Setup at 8:00 a.m.

**4. Wisconsin American Legion 2<sup>nd</sup> District Spring Conference:** **Sunday, April 25<sup>th</sup> 9:00 a.m.,** Post 157, Horicon.

**5. 2<sup>nd</sup> District Rider's Monthly Meeting:** **10:00 a.m., Saturday, May 1st,** at Post 457, Mequon. A quick 15 minute meeting, then we depart for the ALRA State Quarterly meeting in Appleton.

**6. ALRA State Quarterly Meeting:** **Saturday May 1st. in Appleton, time 1:00 p.m.** The meeting is being held at the American Legion Post 38 in Appleton. Most likely lunch will be available prior to the meeting starting around 12 noon.

**7. Armed Forces Day Ride:** **Saturday, May 15<sup>th</sup>.** Stage at the Navy/Marine Corps Reserve Center on Lincoln Memorial Drive @ TBD a.m., Ride / Parade to the Harley Museum.

**8. Memorial Day Parades:** **Monday, May 31st.** Multiple Locations - (Cedarburg (stage 8:30 a.m.), Mequon-Thiensville (stage 9:30a.m.)). We're going to stage at the Cedarburg parade and then go directly from the parade to Thiensville to join them just before their parade kicks off. Following the Mequon-Thiensville Parade and brief memorial service at City Hall, a complimentary lunch is served at Post 457. Any other Districts that would like to assist with additional riders are welcome to attend.

**9. 2<sup>nd</sup> District Rider's Monthly Meeting:** **10:00 a.m., Saturday, June 5th,** at Post 457, Mequon.

**12. Appleton Flag Day Parade:** **Saturday, June 12<sup>th</sup>,** departing from Post 457 (Time TBD) for a ride to Appleton to participate in their parade.

**13. Action in Jackson Parade:** **Sunday, June 13th,** at Associated Bank on Hwy 60 just east of Hwy 45, in Jackson. Stage at 11:00 a.m., parade starts at 12:00 p.m. My son is graduating from high school that day, so I won't be at the parade. Ted Kern is our point of contact and coordinating the event for the Riders.

**14. Family Fun Before the Fourth Parade:** **Saturday, June 26th,** in Mequon. Stage at Main & Division Streets in Thiensville at 9:30 a.m., parade starts at 10:30 a.m.

**A NOTE ON PARADES FOR 2010:** At our March meeting, we decided to concentrate our strength and assemble all available Riders for a selected parade rather than splitting up between numerous events. We felt that this would make for a more impressive display and better represent the organization. We have parades scheduled for July – Nov 2010 as follows: July 4<sup>th</sup> @ Post Washington & Saukville, July 17<sup>th</sup> @ Fish Days - Port Wash, Aug 7<sup>th</sup> @ Cambria, Aug 14<sup>th</sup> @ Belgium, Aug 28<sup>th</sup> @ Richfield, Sept 11<sup>th</sup> @ Sheboygan and Nov 6<sup>th</sup> @ Milwaukee.



**LZ LAMBEAU:** You should have received separate notices from the State Association about LZ Lambeau events honoring our Vietnam veterans in Green Bay during the weekend of June 21-23. One of the issues that came up is that the ride from LaCrosse to Green Bay is going to be limited to Vietnam era folks only. This is strictly due to the high expected turnout and the fact that DOT and the State Patrol can only accommodate so many riders on an organized run and so far they're planning for over a thousand participants. Separate from that run, I've received notice of a second ride to Green Bay from the Milwaukee area organized by Rolling Thunder Wisconsin. I don't have a lot of additional information or points of contact, but thought I'd share the flyer I received on the event for any of you who might be interested. Here are the details:

**Supported by Rolling Thunder® Wisconsin**

Welcoming Home Wisconsin's Vietnam Veterans

May 21-23, 2010 Green Bay, WI

**The SE WI Ride to LZ Lambeau**

Friday ~ May 21, 2010

<http://www.lzlambeau.com>

**Kenosha - Uke's H-D** 5995 120th St, Kenosha WI 53144

- 6:30AM Staging
- 7:00AM Depart for Milwaukee County Zoo (Distance 37 miles)
- Arrive Milwaukee County Zoo (Fuel stop, if required)

**Milwaukee County Zoo** 10001 W Bluemound Rd, Milwaukee WI 53226

- 7:00AM Staging / Continental Breakfast
- 8:45AM Welcome / Pledge / Briefing / Prayer
- 9:00AM Depart for Appleton - TR Stadium (Distance 100 miles)
- Arrive Appleton (Fuel stop, if required)

**Timber Rattlers Fox Cities Stadium** 2400 N Casaloma Dr, Appleton WI 54913

- NOON Depart for LZ Lambeau - Green Bay (Distance 30 miles)
- ABSOLUTELY NO LZ Lambeau bikes** are to be at TR Stadium after 3 PM

**PLEASE NOTE**

FLAGS: 3'x5' flags **will not** be flown until the Appleton to LZ Lambeau ride portion. 12"x18" may be flown during any portion of this ride

FUEL: Arrive at Milwaukee Co Zoo with a FULL tank of gas. (Three fuel stations within .4 miles of Zoo entrance on Bluemound Rd; Speedway station EAST and Phillips 66 & Shell stations WEST.)



**SHIRT ORDERS:** The latest batch of shirts has arrived! I will bring them to the District 2 meeting on Saturday. If you ordered a shirt and can't make it, let me know what alternative pickup arrangements you'd like (awards banquet, brat fry, etc.)

**ROCKERS:** I'm getting several queries about rockers and also the new front rockers. I have asked the State Secretary about our outstanding rocker requisitions. As I've explained, these things are like watching grass grow – they sort of take their own time in coming to fruition. I have no control over how long it takes to get a rocker. Also, I placed an order for several of the new front rockers – both for regular and for charter members. I have received no feedback on when those will be done or what the price will be. Once they come in, I'll notify the membership of price and availability. My plan is to maintain a small on-hand stock of these for the convenience of our membership which will be available for purchase at District meetings.

**FINAL REMINDERS:** At our December meeting, we approved an event for 2010 to again support veterans at the VA Adult Day Care center at the Zablocki VAMC by sponsoring their summer picnic. The event would involve two aspects of our support. First, we would provide financial support for part or all of the funding necessary to host the event. Also, we'll bring our bikes to show the veterans and spend some time with them in conversation. The event is tentatively scheduled for Friday, August 13<sup>th</sup>, 2010, when the veterans attend day care. Our caterer is available that day and we are working with him on the details. For information, all of the veterans in day care are over 60, and suffer from various disabilities due to age and service. They attend day care in order for their families to get a little time off from the daily demands of care giving.

In order to do this, we will be hosting a brat fry this coming month. Final details for that will be covered at our April meeting. The Brat Fry is scheduled for Saturday, April 24<sup>th</sup> at the Pick 'N Save in Saukville. They provide everything, except nescos and coolers. We have to purchase our product from the store. We have already reserved the site and date. The layout has lots of room and plenty of foot traffic at the store. This is a great location and hopefully, we'll have better weather this year and get lots of traffic.

***Remember, when we ride as Legionnaires,  
We're Second to None!***

**Respectfully Submitted,**

***Elmer "Fudd" Prenzlou***

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