



# Spoke 'N Word

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## It Can Only Get Better

We all thought that January was bad for motorcycling. Little did we expect that February was going to be a disaster as far as the weather was concerned with record breaking blizzard conditions. The only thing I can say is, "thank heavens January and February are now in the past and temperatures are on the way up". Springtime is close and we'll be riding before long.

We expect a banner year for day rides and multi-day tours. Details of the June Endless Mountain Tour have already been finalized and the price per person set. Please be aware that some tours may have a limit as to how many riders can sign up. To ensure you are not left behind, contact any PARR officer and reserve your spot on the tours. It's also helpful to the ride leaders to know how many to plan for.

PARR Trifolds have been placed in dealerships in an effort to increase PARR membership and bring in new riders. Perhaps you know of riders in search of an active club. We encourage members to keep some trifolds on hand to give to riders you meet. Trifolds are available at our monthly club meeting.

It has been a slow month for the *Spoke 'N Word* with very little activity to write about. So this month there is only one page to our newsletter. If you happen to have an interesting story, experience, or just some thoughts you'd like to share with us? We'd love to include it in our monthly SPOKE. Just send it to: [smichaelwascak@aol.com](mailto:smichaelwascak@aol.com). Don't worry about grammar, punctuation, or spelling. We'll take care of the editing.

## What You Missed

I know it won't come as a surprise to you when I say that it was a slow month for this motorcycling club. Because of the record breaking snow fall, we had to delay the February Monthly Business Meeting by one week. If you didn't get the chance, check out the minutes of the meeting on the PARR Website in the Members Area of the PARR Forum. **Our next meeting will be held on March 9th.**

Since we couldn't get out on our bikes, we had a non-motorcycling club activity. We enjoyed the first ever, PARR **Dim Sum Luncheon** held at the China Garden Restaurant located in Rosslyn, Virginia. This unique luncheon came about due to the combined efforts of Carol Thomas and Chet Phillips. It was well-attended and thoroughly enjoyed! For those who wonder what a Dim Sum is, well, it is the name for a southern

Chinese cuisine which involves a wide range of light dishes served alongside Chinese tea. The meal is served family style.

## Masonic Lodge Sunday Breakfast Discontinued

We are sad to report that the first Sunday of the month breakfast at the McLean Masonic Lodge has been discontinued. The kind folks there tell us it's related to the downturn in the economy. PARR has been meeting at this location for more than 10 years. They have been wonderful to our group and we will surely miss the kindness and, of course, the wonder breakfasts they have prepared over the years.

Until we decide on another location, our 1st Sunday of the month ride will meet at our 3rd Saturday Ride meeting place, Starbucks, located in the Colonnade Shopping Center in Clifton, VA. Please make a note of this and we'll keep you informed of any changes.

## Upcoming (April) Rides

Hopefully all the bad, snowy days and freezing temperatures are now behind us. With that in mind, our riding season begins!

Our April 4th Sunday Ride will take us to Jamestown, Virginia. (Don't forget to meet at the Colonnade Shopping Center and not the Masonic Lodge.)

Since there is a possibility of showers, (April showers bring May flowers), keep checking the PARR website for any changes or call one of the officers for any details or information updates.

## PARR MEETINGS AND RIDES

**Monthly Meeting:** Second Tuesday of each month

**Location:** JCC 8900 Little River Turnpike, Fairfax, VA.

**Note:** Go to front desk to sign in and you will be directed to the location of the meeting room. Meeting time is 7:30 pm

**1st Sunday Ride:** Meet for Coffee at Starbucks (Temporary)

**Location:** Colonnade Shopping Center, 5722 Union Mills Road, Clifton, VA

**3rd Saturday Ride:** Meet for Coffee at Starbucks at 9:00

**Location:** Colonnade Shopping Center, 5722 Union Mills Road, Clifton, VA

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