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f **WOW: Twin Rose Lady Riders Chapter**

Greetings Roses & Friends,

Due to a questionable weather forecast, International Female Ride on May 3 became a drive. It turned out the other five PA WOW members also drove! It was wonderful to spend time with them! Great conversation, yummy ice cream and (turns out) beautiful weather. The rain still hadn't arrived when I got home, so I jumped on the bike and enjoyed some IFRD time on back roads before dinner.

Our second sanctioned ride started out encouraging! I was planning on 4 participants. Unfortunately, things happened. A migraine, a scheduling conflict and an allergy attack struck various Roses Saturday morning. But it was a lovely (albeit windy) day and there were a couple of Roses expecting a nice rendezvous at September Farms. Bernie – in town for Mothers Day – and Sigi and I shopped there at the store then headed to Wimpy's Diner down the street for lunch. Once we got to the diner, I asked Sigi if I could stow my helmet in her car. It was windy, and I didn't want to risk it falling off the bike. After lunch I waved goodbye to them, and as they drove down the road, I realized I was also waving goodbye to my helmet! I quickly called Bernie and retrieved my wayward brain bucket. As I was putting my wallet in my saddlebag, I tweaked my back. I gingerly started home, happy that most of my journey would be sans signal lights or stop signs. Apparently not all Wimpy's food agrees with my sensitive stomach so I took advantage of a quick comfort stop. The rest of the ride was relatively uneventful — until I reached Mount Joy. All my planning to avoid the Make a Wish Convoy was for naught! I was about the fifth vehicle in line just as they were turning from Rt. 230 onto Strickler Road. So I assessed the situation and made a (safe) three-point turn in the middle of the road and jumped back on 283. After a bit of navigating, I arrived home safe and relatively sound!

I was able to cross an item off my bucket list this month. In 2017, while riding the back roads of Virginia in a rainstorm, I noticed an octagonal white building and glanced at a historic marker about 'Warm Springs'. In 2019, they restored that building and began offering 45-minute soaks. The hot springs are natural, bubbling through the ground at 98°, collecting 14 minerals on their way. It was smelly, warm and ridiculously relaxing. I rounded out the weekend touring Monticello and driving Skyline Drive. Although I've been on Skyline Drive quite a few times, this was only my second time in a 4-wheeler. Do you have special roads like that? Funny how much a motorcycle has exposed us to beautiful places!

Our next ride will be June 8. I was planning on riding to Thurmont, MD, but if you would like to ride along but prefer to stay more local, please let me know. Plans are always flexible. Take care and stay safe!

Natalie

Meets 2nd Sundays:

NOV – MAR: 11 AM brunch

APR – OCT: Check ride calendar or call for details on meeting sites or specific ride/rendezvous plans.

Welcome Prospective Members!

Would you like to ride with an enthusiastic local WOW chapter? Call any of the names above to chat, or check our web site and events calendar and drop by a meeting point. Support Guys always welcome, too!

If you'd like to continue receiving chapter eNews, forward \$15 (check payable to Twin Rose Lady Riders) to the Treasurer. Email lynnmtrlr@comcast.net for her address. It's an annual donation toward operating expenses.

Membership Policy:

Women On Wheels® members and guests are welcome to participate with any chapter. We encourage you to **join the nat'l organization, as WOW membership is required for continued chapter participation** and because members are protected under our insurance plan. Application forms are available in the WOW magazine or from any chapter officer.

Happy Birthday

Audrey Dawn.....June 10
Lynn.....June 19
Dawn PawsJune 26
Trish.....June 27

Roses, if your birthday has been missed send it (mo/day) to suespittle@comcast.net



From Iron Valley in Manheim to Schaeffer's in Orwigsburg with 4 stops in between.

The annual Women's Harley-Davidson Carnival Ride was held on Saturday, May 17. The weather looked iffy in the morning, but it turned out to be a beautiful day. It's always a good time getting together with other women riders for a day of food, games and fellowship, and everyone had fun. Trish and Dawn caged it but they ran into Kathy M and 3 other MAWMR Board Members at the White's stop. For Kathy, it was a 225-mile ride. There were 6 stops this year, ending at Schaeffer's HD in Orwigsburg. Attendance was less than previous years due to the unpredictability of the weather. Lucky day for Kathy and Dawn as they each won \$50 cash! Thanks to the ladies who put the day together.



Trish and Dawn at stop #1. Trish tries her hand at one of the games.



Trish, Dawn and Kathy M with the 2025 WOW® Ride-In Mascot.



Sue, Dawn, Trish, Julianne, Shawn, Robyn, Pat, Nat and Anna with mascots — reminiscing about past WOW® Ride-Ins and thinking about this year's.



IFR(F)D

International Female Riders Fellowship Day

The weather report was threatening but the Roses wanted to meet up with Winding Road and Keystone chapters at a mid-way point, so Trish chauffeured us to Schell's eatery in Temple, PA. Turned out everybody 4-wheeled it! It was still really fun to meet and greet fellow PA WOW® riders.

A Cautionary Tale...

by Audrey Dawn

Most of you remember Joyce, and if you didn't know her, you've heard about her. She was our charter director, she was a passionate fundraiser, she was an avid rider, she was my mom... and she was one of the many loved ones we've collectively lost to cancer.

May is Melanoma Awareness Month, so now is as good a time as any to relate her story one more time in the hope that it can possibly save a life.

Mom had a freckle on the inside of her lower leg from the time that my sister and I can remember. It was just always there; when we look back at old pictures, it's now something that sticks out even more in our minds. It never bothered her; it was just a part of who she was. Fast forward from the '70s to 2008, and now that freckle had started to become a little painful. Without telling either of us girls, she went to the doctor, had it checked and ended up having a biopsy. After about a week, she finally called us on a conference call and told us that she had been diagnosed with melanoma.

She didn't drag her feet, and neither did her doctors. The biopsy had been done at the very beginning of November, and she had surgery two days before Thanksgiving. They thought they had caught it early enough and that, even though it was serious, it wasn't yet potentially life threatening. However, when they removed the tumor, they found that it was larger than they thought and that it had grown tentacles that were already starting to attach to her leg bone. Surgery was successful, she was on the mend and was being watched closely for any further signs of cancer.

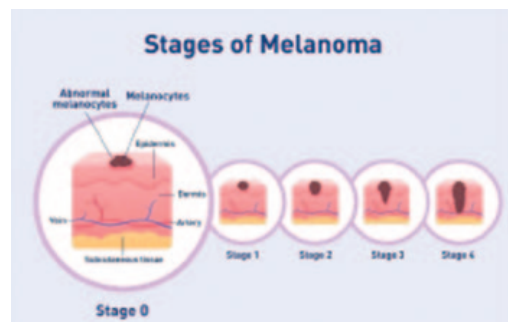
After three years of dealing with almost constant tests, minor surgeries, multiple medications, and the constant fight to beat melanoma, it moved into her blood stream and was finally untreatable. Mom lost her fight on August 9, 2011. [ED: *The Roses rode across town to her wake, leaving one slot open in our staggered formation for Joyce.*]

As you can imagine, my sister and I weren't going to take any chances because not only did we spend a fair amount of time in the sun over the years, but now there was the possibility of genetic predisposition. We started going for our annual skin checks religiously, making sure that our doctors were aware of our medical history.

Fast forward again 13 years to September 2024. My sister, Lori, went for her annual skin check and they found something they didn't like. They did a biopsy, and she was diagnosed with *melanoma in situ*. She had the offending cells removed at the end of October and was given a clean bill of health when she returned to have the stitches removed.



I went at the end of February, and they found a spot on the top of my head. They asked me how long the "mark" had been there, and I was kind of flip with my answer. I know, hard to believe... "I have no idea. I can't see up there, and nobody taller than me said anything." When she asked if I wanted to leave it alone, watch it and come back in six months for another check OR take a scraping and have it tested, I went with removal. They called me a week later and told me it was *melanoma in situ*.



Five days later, I was in their office having a wedge cut out of my scalp. Another week of waiting for test results, and I was back in their office to have the opening in my head closed up. As of right now, it's almost totally healed, and there is no further sign of melanoma cells.

Melanoma in situ is the very beginning stage of cancer where the cancer cells are still within the epidermis and haven't spread to deeper layers or other parts of the body. It was kind of creepy that Lori and I were both diagnosed within six months of each other with the same extremely early form of the disease that took our mom. We're VERY lucky that it was caught early in both our cases and could be easily removed without further issues. When I looked back at my calendar, I figured out that the mark on my scalp could have only been there for about five weeks because it was almost time to go back to get my hair cut when it was found, and when I asked my hairdresser about it, she said there hadn't been anything there at my previous cut. So, this popped up quickly, unlike the mark on Mom's leg that had been there for almost 40 years before it caused a problem.

My sister and I are both healthy today because we are going for our annual skin checks. Our Mom taught us a necessary lesson at a high price. Now it's our turn to teach the lesson. Annual skin checks are painless and only take a few minutes of your time. It is every bit as important as going for a mammogram, having your eyes checked or going to the dentist. Something that wasn't there yesterday can be there tomorrow; something that has been there all your life can mutate into something serious over time. Please put it on your to-do list, sooner rather than later. I heard Trish say many years ago, **"We want to ride WITH you, not FOR you."**

Lots of
details
to come!



2025 Twin Rose Lady Riders Calendar of Events

BOLD = Chapter Rides
(Let's support other clubs' charity runs, too!)

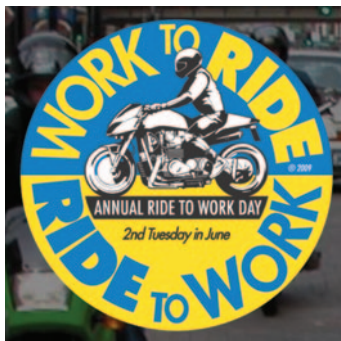
Please arrive fueled & ready to ride.

KSU = Kick Stands Up

FOO = First One Out

Must be registered & insured for WOW® rides.

Must sign 2025 insurance waiver
(see Dawn H before ride begins)



June 10, 2025

- June 8** Thurmont, MD ride; FOO: Nat
Meet: Wrightsville Rutters; KSU: 10:30
- June 12-14 MAWMR
- June 23-26 WOW® Ride-In™ — back to West Virginia
- July 12-14** Caboose Weekend in Western PA including a
Monday AM tour of Franklin Bronze Plaques
- July 20** SOYOCO Ride, FOO: Kathy R
- July 20 Margaret Moul Charity Ride, YMC, 9-2

Aug 10

Details to come. FOO: NanC

Sep 14

**Ride to the Apple Museum and Farm Store in
Biglerville, 154 W. Hanover St.**

(Opens at 1:00. No fee but donations accepted)

MEET: Mountville Rutter's for KSU 11:30

— For Roses interested in brunch before we ride,
meet at 10, Mountville Diner, 350 Highland Dr.

FOO: Kathy M



Sep 20

Saturday, Ride for HOPE; Eisenhower's H-D

Oct 11

Five Club Run

Oct 12

FOO: Lynn

York Motorcycle Club

Breakfast - \$6

3rd Sundays

8:00-10:30 AM

2333 Whiteford Rd.

(just west of Galleria Mall)

Sept 13 - AYCE Chicken Potpie Dinner, 4-6, \$10

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