

Suzie previously spent some time recovering from a fall.

Employees sang "Happy Birthday," then Jackson rode her around some more before taking her home.

"This would be a wonderful way to see the country," Suzie remarked. Then she asked Ken to take her again some time.

The ride attracted considerable attention from local media, and both Jackson and Maxfeldt, as well as the Holdrege Daily Citizen, were presented with the AMA's MVP Award.

Heaven on Wheels

Motorcycling 'Super Priest' to give blessing at Sturgis

►RIDING A 1988 Harley-Davidson Electra-Glide, Father Mike Flanagan gives new meaning to "delivering the message."

Nicknamed "Super Priest," Flanagan often traverses the country to perform bike blessings at various events. This year, he will oversee the blessing of the bikes during the 60th annual Black Hills Rally August 7-13 in Sturgis, South Dakota.

Flanagan will fly in from Florida to perform the ceremonies. Two blessings are scheduled, flanking the week of activities. The first blessing will be held at 11 a.m.



With God as his co-pilot: "Super Priest," the Rev. Mike Flanagan, rides to bless bikes.

Sunday, August 6, at St. Joseph's Catholic Church in Spearfish, South Dakota. The second will be at 11 a.m. Sunday, August 13, at St. Therese the Little Flower Catholic Church in Rapid City, South Dakota. Both ceremonies will begin with an optional Catholic mass at 10 a.m.

"Riding is such a wonderful way to see and feel the surroundings," said Flanagan. "I can't ever see myself not cranking it up and hitting the road. I especially enjoy the look on people's faces when I come roaring up on my Harley with my priest collar on."

When Flanagan is not performing bike blessings, he works at Food for the Poor (FFP), a Christian international aid organization that helps the poor of the Caribbean and Central America.

For more information about the bike blessing ceremonies or other rally events, log on to www.sturgis-rally.com.

ROAD CALENDAR

The following is the official listing of road riding meets sanctioned by the AMA. It is as accurate and up-to-date as publishing lead time will permit. American Motorcyclist cannot be responsible for corrections and changes made after the closing date (15th of the third preceding month) of each issue. Many clubs and promoters have more than one event at the same location during the month. Multiple dates are shown in one listing. For schedules of racing and other off-road events consult our monthly Racing Lines section.

AMA Dunlop Elite Touring Series

AMA VINTAGE MOTORCYCLE DAYS

JUL 7-9: MID-OHIO SPORTS CAR COURSE, LEXINGTON, OH: AMERICAN MOTORCYCLIST ASSN, C/O WILL STONER, EXT. 1227, AMA 13515 YARMOUTH DR. PICKERINGTON, OH 43147; (800) AMA-JOIN.

Conventions

The Road Riding Convention series is composed of some of the largest road-riding events in the world. As such, it represents the cream of the crop in organized road-riding activities. For specific information on the conventions, contact the organizations below.

GOLDEN ASPEN RALLY

SEP 20-24: RUIDOSO, NM: GOLDEN ASPEN RALLY ASSN INC, C/O RON ANDREWS, PO BOX 1458, RUIDOSO, NM 88345; (800) 452-8045

REGIONAL CONVENTIONS

NORTHEAST

JUL 17-23: SNOWSHOE, WV: COUNTRY ROADS MOTORCYCLE RALLY, CLASSIC PRODUCTIONS, INC, C/O TOM SPRUILL, PO BOX 4068, CLARKSBURG, WV 26302; (304) 457-1053

NORTHWEST

AUG 24-27: GRAND JUNCTION, CO: SIERRACADE, C/O GENE WAGNER, 4180 S PECOS RD 105, LAS VEGAS, NV 89121; (702) 597-2887

National Championship Poker Run Series

The AMA National Championship Poker Run Series is a collection of events comprising a championship. Winners will be named at each, and their scores sent to the AMA office. At the end of the year, champions will be named by comparing scores from all events.

JUL 30: KOKOMO, IN: DIST 15 ROAD DIVISION, DIST 15: C/O CHARLES KIRKMAN, 10488 W 400 N, KOKOMO, IN 46901; (765) 453-6648

AUG 5: DURANGO, CO: ABATE OF COLORADO, DIST 25: C/O CAROL BULLOCK, PO BOX 1327, DURANGO, CO 81302; (970) 385-5249

AUG 6: THREE BRIDGES, NJ: BLUE KNIGHTS OF NJ XIV, DIST 2: C/O GERALD CUMMINS, 15 RAMSEN RD, MIDDLESEX, NJ 08846; (732) 563-1454

AUG 12: POLO, IL: POWELL PERFORMANCE, DIST 17: C/O STANLEY WEBSTER, 110 N JACKSON, POLO, IL 61064; (815) 946-2603

AUG 20: RED HILL, PA: FREEDOM RIDERS M/C, DIST 6: C/O SONY HARTMAN, 12504 CHILTON RD, PHILADELPHIA, PA 19154; (215) 679-4766

SEP 3: YOSEMITE NAT'L PARK, CA: DIST 36: C/O DAVID STEPHENS, 22080 EAST 3RD AVE, LINDEN, CA; (209) 887-3283

SEP 24: GRETN, NE: DIST 33: C/O APRIL LASENIEKS, PO BOX 30179, LINCOLN, NE 68503; (402) 476-0675

District Tours

AMA District Tours are the most important road riding events of the year at the district level. Events often include one or more AMA-sanctioned road runs, field events, bike judging, supplied meals, camping and other recreational opportunities. Details on each event are available from the organizer.

JUL 10-13: TWO HARBORS, MN: LAKE BASIN PROMOTION INC, DIST 23: C/O JOHN ZABROCKI, PO BOX 9, CARLTON, MN 55718; (218) 384-9936

AUG 9: STURGIS, SD: JACKPINE GYPSIES M/C, DIST 30: C/O BOB MOORE, PO BOX 627, STURGIS, SD 57785; (605) 347-3418

OCT 27-29: DEMING, NM: MESILLA VALLEY ROAD RIDERS, DIST 45: C/O BEN WRIGHT, PO BOX 8036, LAS CRUCES, NM 88006; (505) 526-6778

Gypsy Tours

AMA Gypsy Tours were first organized in June of 1925. Created to provide opportunities for riders to share their love of motorcycling, Gypsy Tours were often short rides to local state parks, picnic grounds or amusement parks. That tradition continues with the organizers listed below.

JUL 15-16: COLUMBIA CITY, IN: OLD FORT M/C, INC, DIST 15: C/O DONNA ROWE, 6615 S 800 E, HAMILTON, IN 46742; (219) 488-4222

JUL 17-23: SNOWSHOE, WV: CLASSIC PRODUCTIONS INC, DIST 5: C/O TOM SPRUILL, PO BOX 40689, CLARKSBURG, WV 26302; (877) 987-4337

JUL 22: MCCLEARY, WA: AMA DIST 27: C/O DOUG SCHNEEKLOTH, 1815 DOUGLAS ST, MT VERNON, WA 98273; (360) 336-2817

AUG 8: STURGIS, SD: NATIONAL: JACKPINE GYPSIES, C/O BOB MOORE, BOX 627, STURGIS, SD 57785; (605) 347-3418

AUG 27: ORIENT, OH: DIST 11: C/O MARY HAMILTON, 9706 BORROR RD, ORIENT, OH 43146; (614) 877-1777

District Rallies

AMA District Rallies are events that are similar to but somewhat smaller in scope and prestige than AMA District Tours. Details on each event are available from the organizer.

JUL 13-16: LINCOLN, NH: PAUL W COTE CONSULTANT, DIST 1: C/O PAUL W. COTE, 1 BIRCHWOOD PTE 102, AMESBURY, MA 01913; (988) 388-3629

JUL 20-23: HIAWASSEE, GA: GREATER ATLANTA BRITISH ASSOC, DIST 9: C/O BRAD FITZGERALD, 4806 HABERSHAM RIDGE, LILBURN, GA 30247; (706) 896-2274

AUG 11-13: FRANKLIN, NE: NEBRASKA BMW NIGHT RIDERS, DIST 33: C/O JERRY RAPP, 745 1ST ST, MILFORD, NE 68405; (402) 761-3124

AUG 19-20: KOKOMO, IN: MIDNIGHT RIDERS M/C INC, DIST 15: C/O JACK MCKINNEY, 2422 N APPERSON WAY, KOKOMO, IN 46901; (765) 566-3807

AUG 27: HIGHLAND PARK, NJ: DISTRICT 2 OF NEW JERSEY, DIST 2: C/O ROD SAVITZ, 13 PARK PL, MIDDLESEX, NJ 08846; (732) 968-7217

SEP 1-4: YOSEMITE NAT'L PARK, CA: DIST 36: C/O BOB HANSEL, 7773 BONITA AVE, ROHNERT, CA 94928; (707) 793-0251

SEP 2-3: LINWOOD, MI: TRI-CITY TRAVELERS, DIST 14: C/O JOSEPH SCHULTZ, 74 JANICE CT 222, ESSEXVILLE, MI 48732; (517) 893-7307

District Events

1 NEW ENGLAND

ROAD RUN

AUG 20 NORTH OXFORD, MA: CHARITY: PEDIATRIC BRAIN TUMOR FDN