

# TMISC Owners Manual

## **Brief Overview:**

The Three Mile Island Scooter Club was formed in 2002 by four guys in Mechanicsburg PA. In the beginning it was a nameless group that got together from time to time for conversation and scooter rides. It grew slowly and the Three Mile Island name was adopted in 2004. At that time, a Stella-riding graphic artist named David Ciccocioppo designed the logo and “Eat My Fallout” slogan. He has subsequently done all of the artwork for the club: T shirts, rally posters, bumper stickers, etc. Although he now lives in Austin Texas, he still provides us with rally art each year.

Club activities include weekly meet-ups, group rides, parades, holiday parties and scooter rallies.

## **Weekly Meet-ups:**

We meet on Wednesday evenings throughout the year. During riding season, we meet at Juice & Java at 3rd & Market Street in Lemoyne. From there, we take a leisurely ride to some location with food, beer and soft drinks. During cold weather, we meet at a predetermined location on the first and third Wednesday of each month.

## **Group Rides:**

We have several group rides each year. This can be a ride planned weeks in advance, or something that comes together in a matter of hours because the sun came out when rain was predicted. We often ride as a group to and from scooter rallies hosted by other clubs. Information about group rides, and everything else, is always posted on the TMISC Yahoo site: <http://autos.groups.yahoo.com/group/3MileIslandScooterClub/>.

If you plan to ride with our group, you should become familiar with standard group riding procedures and techniques, and with our group riding idiosyncrasies. Here is a link that shows general group riding techniques: <http://www.sunsethog.com/GroupRiding.html>. You will find that scooters ride a bit closer together than the Harleys shown on the video. This is especially true in town. A tight formation allows the entire group to get through intersections on one green light.

## **Parades:**

We participate in the following parades each year. We may ride in other parades as the opportunity arises.

1. Harrisburg St. Patrick's Day Parade
2. Camp Hill Memorial Day Parade
3. Mechanicsburg Halloween Parade
4. Camp Hill Toys for Tots Parade
5. Harrisburg Christmas Parade

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## **Holiday Parties:**

We have two official club parties each year: one on Memorial Day (following the Camp Hill Parade) and another during the Christmas Season. Other parties may erupt as the spirit moves us and the opportunities arise.

## **Meltdown Scooter Rally:**

Rally hosting began in 2004. Our first two rallies were held at the White Oak Campground in Lancaster County, south of Strasburg. Subsequent rallies have been held at Fred & Sheila's Campground on the Conodoguinet Creek in Camp Hill. Our rally is always held on the second weekend in August.

## **Guiding Principles:**

Although the club has grown considerably, we have managed to maintain our original philosophy: to have a maximum of fun with a minimum of structure. We still have no officers, no clubhouse, no dues and no rules\*. We do have a short set of "Guiding Principles" which are listed below. (\*Some insist that guiding principles are really rules, but others agree that they are merely compulsory suggestions. Everyone is always welcome to voice opinions and ideas).

1. Be nice to everyone.
2. Stay out of trouble.
3. Keep religion and politics out of the conversation and off of the TMISC internet sites.
4. Please do not commit the club to anything unless a consensus has been reached.
5. Please do not use the TMISC internet sites to work out personal issues.

## **Obligations:**

1. Post a photo and short bio on the Members' Page of the TMISC website.
2. Learn how to ride safely with our group.
3. Do your best to follow the guiding principles listed above.
4. Have fun.

## **Structure:**

1. We have a small steering committee which makes decisions regarding routine matters.
2. Major event planning and decision making is achieved by interested parties getting together after information has been posted on the TMISC Yahoo site.
3. To avoid confusion and duplication, all publicity and media contacts should be coordinated through a single media liaison.

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## **Communications:**

We have three internet sites which we use to provide information to our members and to the general public.

1. Yahoo site: <https://groups.yahoo.com/neo/groups/3MileIslandScooterClub/info>. This is our major communications site. To get on the site, you must sign up and be approved. If you mention that you have a scooter and live in the Harrisburg area, approval is automatic. All information about club events and activities goes through this site. It also serves as the club chat room. Members can post to this site by sending emails to [3MileIslandScooterClub@yahoogroups.com](mailto:3MileIslandScooterClub@yahoogroups.com).
2. Web site: <http://www.tmisc.org>. This site gives other clubs and the general public a look at us and what we do. This is where members post their head shots and short bios.
3. Facebook: <http://www.facebook.com/tmisc>. This is a social media site where we can post information for public consumption. Information regarding club events *MAY* appear here. It will *ALWAYS* appear on the Yahoo site.

## **Individuality:**

Anyone is welcome to propose ideas for rides or other sorts of entertainment. Individual projects are strongly encouraged. Scooter Night at the Ballpark started because one guy thought that it might be a good idea. Same for the Gettysburg Fly-In and Pancake Breakfast. Both are now annual club events.

Many rides are a result of someone posting that he or she is going to scoot somewhere, and inviting others to come along. Such activities do not require any more planning than originator wants to put into them.

The beauty of scootering is that you can come when you want, leave when you want, go with the group or ride your own route.

It is the hope of the Three Mile Island Scooter Club that everyone will participate as much or as little as they want, and that we can all continue to have great fun with our scooters.