



*The* **September 2011**  
**Battering**  
**Ram** *An Organ of the*  
**Rochester Rams**

**DEFIANT PRIDE**

*Ed. S., Full Brother*

Understanding and having a clearer picture of your past and who you want to be, will make the efforts right.

The bond that we share as a club will always be tested by ourselves and forces outside of the perimeter, but for the past 36 years the legacy of our club has proven stronger than most would care to test out, and we will continue to thrive. We are men who understand each other and have a shared vision of ourselves as gay men to this community; we do not hide who we are, and what we represent.

Over the past several years I've been hearing from people outside of the perimeter, giving suggestions on what we need to do to make ourselves better, or bringing ourselves into the future, or reaching out to the younger gay men that might share the same interest we have with brotherhood, leather and fetish.

My answer to all of you that want to post the challenge is to, **MAKE YOURSELF KNOWN!** This club has played a major part in the history of gay culture, so when you choose to point a finger and have a good laugh about us, you had better realize that without this sector of gay culture, (which started in this country nearly 65 years ago) you wouldn't be able to express yourself as freely as you do today. Many fallen brothers endured a lot of pain, so you can enjoy the pleasure; so instead of standing back and assuming the worst of us or basing an opinion about us from silly bar talk, stand up and be a man, or better yet, start confronting yourself.

I will not apologize for who we are to anyone, anymore.



**JONES PONDS RED HOT LEATHER WEEKEND**

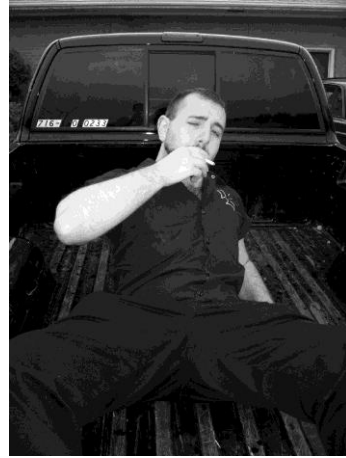
*By: Dan B., Road Captain*

The first weekend in August, the Rochester Rams all got together to attend a fun-filled event at Jones Pond: Red Hot Leather Weekend. I began my term as Road Captain in January and it was the first trip that I helped coordinate with the club. I was really

excited that we had a chance to leave Rochester and do something together as a group. The Rams hosted a cocktail party on Friday night, featuring our new signature drink: Lemon Spikes (Limoncello, vodka and sprite). They were so popular that we ran out after 90 minutes, but we left the crowd happy and a little wasted. There was a fun dance party afterward and we got to enjoy the camaraderie of our fellow campers.

The next evening featured the Mr. Jones Pond Leather 2011 competition, in which there were six participants, myself included. There were three parts to the competition; outfit/attire/presentation, a question and answer session with the four judges, and the talent portion. My favorite question that was asked of me was "If one of your coworkers saw a picture of you in leather on Facebook and confronted you at work about it, what would you say?" My reply was "Did it turn you on?" which got a great roar of laughter from the crowd. The talent portion involved a two minute bootblacking exercise and whoever could shine the boots the best won that portion of the competition.

When it was time for the results I was a bit nervous at first, since I didn't seem to be the obvious favorite due to the crowd's reaction to some of the other contestants. However, when they announced the winner my name was called and was presented with a very nice leather sash with the title embossed in metal. The added bonus for me was that it was given to me by last year's winner, who happened to be my very close friend Evan R. It was a special moment for me, getting to represent my club, The Rams and getting to earn the title of Mr. Jones Pond Leather 2011.



## JUST TO SAY THANKS

*Mike A., President*

Well I have to say this has been one hell of a year and I for one am glad it's almost over.

First let's start with my finding out need prostate surgery: yeah that's was fun news. Then of course during my recovery, it rained almost all of April, nothing better than being locked in a house all day every day. Damn!

So my partner figured it was best to get me out of Rochester for a bit, so off we went to Ft. Lauderdale, met up with two good friends and Rams associates, David E. and Jon T. Love you guys! All I did was float, tan, eat, and drink: that's what I call recovery!

Then we returned home, I was able to get back to work, and then of course we had that "Long Hot Summer." You do know that was also a movie with Elizabeth Taylor? If you didn't, the demerit will cost you one buddy pin from your colors.

At the end of August, we Rams had our annual run and I am very proud of the great job done by the whole club. Thanks for pulling together so well, guys. If you weren't there, you missed hanging with a lot of great people. It is nice to know we have



brothers and friends like these guys. Thanks to all of our run guests and we hope to see you again soon.

Fall is almost here, the leaves will change, the air will get colder, and the nights shorter.

Soon it will be time to bundle up. Put the bike away and wish it well until next season. Even though outdoor season is coming to end, don't forget that our monthly bar night is held the 3<sup>rd</sup> Saturday of the month. Our November bar night is our annual toy drive and as always the Rams appreciate your support in this annual event. It brings a lot of smiles to those who need it most.

Until next time, stay safe, play hard and love a lot. Peace!



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**TOY DRIVE**

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**and the**  
**Rochester Rams**

**FORMAL**  
**LEATHER**  
**BARNIGHT**

**Saturday, Oct. 1**

**Underground Nightclub**  
**274 Delaware Ave.**  
**Buffalo, NY**

## PERSPECTIVE ON FINDING YOURSELF

*Ken H., Secretary*

I would like to speak about the wonderful thing it is to be a part of great club with great brothers. I am sure it has been talked about before, but I cannot let it go without being said. I used to be shy about how I felt sexually or just about different fetishes I wanted to try, because of a past relationship. Since becoming a member of the Rochester RAMS, I have been able to have my mind and body (yeah) experience different things without feeling like a freak, but an accepted member of society with a few kinky thoughts.



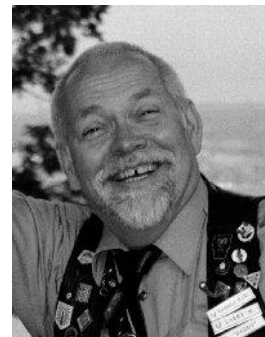
Without my new brothers and their friends near and far, I believe I still would not have known my limits (If any, ha ha) and what it is like to experience even half the things I now enjoy. I also believe that the sense of security I have, is because of my new brothers and the club. They have helped me move emotionally from my past and helped me grow in my new relationship with my current partner Scott.

I would like to thank all the club brothers, both inside and outside the Rams for helping me find me.

## TIME FLIES

*Larry W., Vice-president*

It's amazing how time sneaks up on you. I realized that this year marks my 31st year as a Rochester Ram. We just wrapped up our 36th anniversary run and for me, it was a great time. Because it was a smaller run, I had the chance to chat with all of the guests. I guess they were as surprised at me at how time flies.



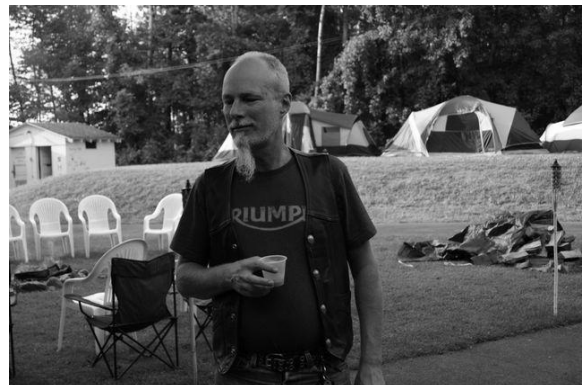
I am serving this year as Vice-president which means I am responsible for organizing all of our bar nights. Bar nights are held the third Saturday of every month from 9 PM to 2 AM at the Bachelor Forum Bar at 667 University Avenue in Rochester. There is a list of themes on the back page of this newsletter or check out [www.rochesterrams.com](http://www.rochesterrams.com) on the web. Leathermen from all over the western New York area meet there, so join us for a good time. If you're a club member visiting from out of town and need housing or a guide to the city, please contact us.

**Rochester Rams general meetings are open and are held on the Wednesday prior to bar night in the basement clubhouse at the Bachelor Forum bar. All interested men are welcome to attend.**

### **GENERAL MEETING DATES**

**October 12, 2011  
November 16, 2011  
December 14, 2011  
January 18, 2012**

# 36TH RAM RUN PHOTO MONTAGE



**ROCHESTER RAMS**

Mike A ..... President  
Larry W. .... Vice-President  
Dan B.....Road Captain  
Russ S. .... Treasurer  
Ken H. ....Secretary  
Bob F. .... Full Brother  
Ed S. .... Full Brother

**UPCOMING EVENTS**

**September 17, 2011  
Chaps & Boots Bar Night**

**October 15, 2011  
Uniform Bar Night**

**November 19, 2011  
TOY DRIVE NIGHT!**

**December 17, 2011  
Long Johns Night**

**OTHER AREA EVENTS**

**1<sup>st</sup> Saturday:** Empire Bears Night  
Bachelor Forum, Rochester, NY  
Bulldogs' Bar Night  
The Underground, Buffalo, NY

**3<sup>rd</sup> Saturday:** Rams' Bar Night  
Bachelor Forum, Rochester, NY

**4<sup>th</sup> Sunday:** Gay.com Party  
Bachelor Forum, Rochester, NY

