

Taking the High Road

Northeast Mystery Riders Donates \$1,000 to Steeple Fund.

It was 1993 when Ken Higgs founded the Northeast Mystery Riders motorcycle group. He grew up in Kittery and Portsmouth and has been “hanging out at the square and in front of the church since the 60’s.” He founded the group as a social club to spend time enjoying their love of riding and to bring the 42 members together on a regular basis.



*Bob Peterson, Owner of REP Enterprises in Greenland,
and Ken Higgs, Founder of the Northeast Mystery Riders.*

Bob Peterson, owner of REP Enterprises in Greenland, has been part of the Mystery Riders since it’s inception and has been riding Harley’s for fifty years. The group congregates in the square where most days you’ll see many of their bikes lined up in front of Breaking New Grounds. They’ve been watching the construction and renovation of the steeple since it began.

Bob was baptized at the North Church, used to attend Sunday school at the old Parrish House (now the Salvation Army building), and has been to numerous family weddings and funerals there. He has a soft spot for the church and says the steeple is the symbol of the city. “Portsmouth would not be Portsmouth without that steeple. I can’t tell you how many times I’ve sat on those steps, how many years it’s been a part of my life.”

That’s why — as he noticed the articles in the newspaper and the banner on the scaffolding about the fundraising campaign — he came up with the idea to get the group behind the effort to save the steeple and make a donation.

Ken Higgs said, “The first we heard of the idea, it was an immediate YES. We all agreed it was an excellent idea because it’s close to home, we can see where the money goes and we can feel good about it.”

“So,” added Bob, “we got 100% participation from the group and emptied out our entire treasury. It was great for me to be able to walk in and hand Reverend Dawn Shippee a check for a thousand dollars. It’s not a lot of money, but we feel like we did it right. It’s something we can all be proud of, to lose the steeple would be tragic.”

The Market Square Steeple Fund is a non-profit, non-sectarian organization with a fundraising goal of \$1 million dollars. To date, this community wide initiative has raised \$XX toward that goal.

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