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## A Tribute to Our Past President and Friend

It was 1998 when Don and Sandy Peterson joined Camden County HOG, it was the same year that Jeffrey France became Director and served in that capacity until 2001. Jeffrey had also been the Assistant Director for three years before that.

Jeffrey was nominated year after year for the Director's position and won year after year. It was 2001 when the power that be decided to flex their muscles and tried to remove Jeffrey from the office he was elected to. It was later decided that Jeffrey would be able to stay in office until the next election, but that Jeffrey would no longer be eligible to run for the office of Director. Jeffrey was loyal to the club and a majority of the club was loyal to Jeffrey. So it was decided that we would form a new club. Jeffrey and friends did most of the footwork to get the club off the ground. Jeffrey and his friends found the club's first sponsor, Chrome Palace. It was under Jeff's leadership that the club filed for incorporation and became a not-for-profit corporation. It was also under Jeff's leadership with the aid of Patty and Kathy that the CooperKids Toy Run has grown to what it is today. We started very, very slowly that first weekend at the 4-H Fair and collected a total of \$500.00 for the entire weekend. Today we all know what the club has done for the CookerKids.

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*"Therefore do not worry  
about tomorrow, for  
tomorrow will worry about  
itself. Each day has enough  
trouble of its own."*

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Jeffrey and kids – what more needs to be said – he is a friend or uncle to most of our kids. He continued to fight to make our CooperKids toy run the biggest and best that it could be, for the kids. He honored our kids for their helping collect at the 4-H Fair for the kids at Cooper Hospital. I can't talk for all the kids, but I would venture a guess that if asked each of the kids would tell you that they miss Jeffrey very much. I know from Darrian that she is totally heartbroken that Jeffrey has stepped down. She seemed to know instinctively that his stepping down meant he would be leaving the club. She has had a difficult time handling his leaving and misses him. Lil Eddie misses him immensely and constantly questions him about his leaving. Jeffrey had a way of endearing himself to many people. He has left a void that others will try to fill, but there will always be only one Jeffrey, he is unique. The club will go on under new leadership and will continue to be successful, but Jeffrey will always be missed.

Thank you my friend, you will always be in our hearts. We love and miss you. We (the club) will always be here for you if ever you need us. Take care.

## 2008 4-H FAIR

I was fortunate enough to have one of our members share their insight for the 4-H Fair. While I am sure we have all experienced the same things happen to us, it is nice to read about it and realize just how fortunate we really are.

First and foremost, HOT,HOT, HOT!! But once you get past that, it is smooth sailing. Friends helping friends help the "Kids" who are our main mission in all that we do at the 4-H.

When you first start out, you have to warm up to asking for a donation. After the first few drops in your collection bucket, you are a well-oiled machine, tracking down the next donator.

Most are willing to help. You get a few who want to pretend you are invisible. I would just like to squirt them in the back of the head with a water pistol to let them know I wasn't a figment of their imagination. Did I say that?

The 4-H is an opportunity to meet friends from the past and also make some new ones. Each year, it overwhelms me when I ask teenagers to give, and that a good part of them do. They think what we are doing is AWESOME. I especially LOVE when you don't have to ask and the people just come up and give a donation. They read the sign and know what we are about.

You think you got it rough? There was a man who happened by with his three children. Well pictures this? One son was mute, one son was deaf, and the daughter also seemed special and would not stop talking. The gentleman had another daughter participating in the horse show events. This man was as happy as could be. He gave to us, when I am sure he could have used a small donation himself. Times like this make you appreciate all the blessings that are bestowed on you.

Our regular favorites were there, B-101, Star Wars crew and our favorite water – ice lady. What would the 4-H be without them?

4-H .... A HUGE success. Many thanks to all who helped in any way: planning, collecting, setting-up, breaking down and for just being there for all of us. We all work together as a team and the winners are...the KIDS!

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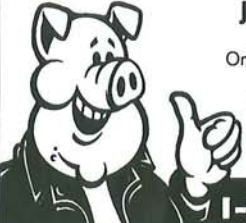
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September 28  
Autism Ride

October 4  
Ride to Cape May Light House then up RT9 to  
Somers Point to have a late lunch at the Crab Trap  
Meet at Five Points at 11:30 a.m.

October 11  
Bushkill Falls  
Meet at Five Points at 9:30 a.m.

October 18/19  
Open Days - Suggestions welcome

October 25  
Cooper Kids Toy Run  
VFW Mantua  
Times to be posted Later

November 2  
ABATE PA Toy Run  
We will be parking bikes  
Times to be posted Later

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