

A Message From 2 Alpha Chi Rho Riders in the Pan-Mass Challenge

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To our AXP Brethren:

When Sean Gregory, AXP-DSPhi '98[Scroll #616] called me (WPI '97 [#597]) last year and said, "hey, lets ride 190+ miles at the Pan-Mass Challenge (PMC) and raise \$10,000 for Jimmy Fund and Dana-Farber Cancer Institute, I said DEFINITELY... next year" as I was scheduled for knee surgery for ACL replacement and Severe Meniscus tear.

Well, its next year.

Sean is riding in his 2nd PMC in honor of his cousin, Karen, who is battling a rare form of cancer called leiomyosarcoma and is currently under hospice care. Karen was a role model for Sean growing up and continues to inspire him every day. Riding the PMC in Karen's honor is my way to acknowledge that she is always in our thoughts and prayers. Please check out her blog and help me Cheer Karen On. For me, The Jimmy Fund has held a soft spot in my heart since that radiothon spot I did in '83. 100% of PMC donations go to cancer research. Also, I'm still several month away from my recovery, so I thought this could make my Montgomery Burns looking leg get better faster. My specific personal connection is riding in memory of my Mother-in-law who we lost to cancer 10 years ago.

From an AXP side, both Sean and I remember living in the house over the Summer of '96. As there were extra rooms, and a handful of undergrads around, and the house isn't far from Mass Medical Center, a favorite grad came back to stay at the house as well as he was undergoing treatment for cancer nearby. He made it through as he always does, but we remember those days where he wouldn't get out of bed in the Presidents room. Then after some few weeks of treatment, he'd be bike riding, building something with us for the house, or just being himself again. Many of you know who I'm referring to and you know what a guy and brother he is.

That being said, we are working on raising \$10,000, and to help our cause. We've put together a few extras including:

- Receive one raffle ticket for every \$20 you donate. 1st place: iPod Nano 2nd place: \$100 spafinder.com gift card
- Team T-Shirts... Donate \$30+ and [when asked] we'll add a person's name to our Team Shirt - "specify 'in honor' or 'in memory'".
- Donate \$250+ and we'll add your corporate logo to our Team Shirt. Corporate Matches are encouraged as well.
- Order a shirt for an additional \$30 shipping included - We'll ask sizes later.

To read-on, click here

http://mtricomi.home.comcast.net/~mtricomi/pmc/2012_PMC_TeamOfTeams.pdf

(If troubles opening the brochure, putting details below)

Otherwise, if you are inspired to donate, click here <http://www.pmc.org/egifts/MT0161> or you can instantly donate to Matt Tricomi's Ride by clicking one of these links:

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[Click Here to make a \\$50 Donation](#)
[Click Here to make a \\$100 Donation](#)
[Click Here to make a \\$500 Donation](#)
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Or text a \$10 donation with your cell phone by texting "PMC MT0161" to 20222. Then answer yes to the confirmation text message and you are done! \$10 will be donated to and your cell phone number will appear on Matt Tricomi's MyPMC page. \$10.00 will be added to your mobile phone bill or deducted from your prepaid balance. Message & data rates may apply. All donations must be authorized by the account holder. Service is available on most carriers. Terms: www.hmgf.org/t Text HELP to 20222 for help, text **STOP** to 20222 to cancel. [Privacy Policy](#)
<http://www.pmc.org/profile/MT0161#.T-zXibW> [Rog.email](#)

We have all been affected by cancer in one way or another. Please join our team and donate to a worthy cause. 100% of every dollar raised goes directly to the Jimmy Fund. Please check with your employer to see if they would consider a matching donation; ask a friend, neighbor or relative to consider a donation. Anything you can give is truly a blessing. We thank you so much for your contributions. If you can't give, any boo-rahs or other cheerleading you can send my way is very much welcomed!

Also, if you are curious if we'll be riding through any of your old stomping grounds, here are the maps:

Day 1: <http://ridewithgps.com/routes/75550>

Day 2: <http://ridewithgps.com/routes/75558>

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As well, if anyone is riding and training, let us know. We found out just last week that another AXP-DSPHi brother, Ken Knowles is riding his first PMC as well for Day One, and we think we got him hooked on Day 2 now as well. Also, I'll be flying out from Colorado to Mass. for our first Century (100 mile) training run on 7/2 if anyone interested.