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## **TO OUR READERS**

Gerald R. "Garry" Brookman

R.I.P. HB264, the TMRA2 "clean" helmet bill died after being delayed to DEATH!

You can now have "Amber Alerts" regarding missing/abducted children sent as text messages to your cell phone(s). Visit [www.wirelessamberalerts.org](http://www.wirelessamberalerts.org) to register your cell number and zip code.

This month's "Too Stupid to Breathe (TSTB)" award nomination in the Law Enforcement Division goes to the Southlake, TX motorcycle "officer" who stopped me at 8:30 a.m. on a weekday morning to inquire as to my failure to have a "helmet sticker". After identifying myself as an officer of the Texas Concealed Handgun Association, a Texas Concealed Handgun License holder, and that I was armed with at least one firearm on my person, I told him it was my understanding that if were wearing a helmet, which I was at that time, you didn't need a "helmet sticker". It's a difficult concept for some people to grasp. After I told him "No, you can **not** search my person or my vehicle", I asked him if I was "free to go". With no response, I rode off on my bike. I can only assume that his "helmet sticker" training was provided by TV news.

## CHAIRMAN'S CORNER

Sputnik

This session is proving to be far worse than the nine month session of 2003. Of course despite the fact that Republican leaders say they will get everything done in time to end the session on time we can be certain of one thing. If the major Bills do get passed in the time frame allotted they will be even worse than those in place now and will have to be redone next session and it will take years to get back even for the losses incurred under a hurried up passage of bad Bills into law. Updating our Bills: HB 264, our helmet Bill, is still in Calendars with just 36 hours to go before it must be officially pronounced dead. Chairman Woolley gave us every reason to think she would be giving us a hearing quickly. Over a month now the Bill has laid in her committee despite her knowing we had the votes for passage and that the Governor had said he had no opposition to the Bill. She says she is not holding the Bill up there are just so many Bills to get onto the Floor. She said "I'm doing the best I can." That is probably true but the lack of experience is holding up everything. She appears to have aged about 19 years in the past month.

HB 514, Failure to Yield, has not received a vote in the Transportation Committee and can not possibly get to Calendars and be posted in the next 36 hours if it was passed out of committee today so it is dead. HB 3277, the HIPAA Correction Bill did not even get a hearing in the Insurance Committee for the second session in a row. This despite Chairman Smithee saying if we found a sponsor he would give us a hearing. Rep Isett, the Insurance Vice Chair, sponsored the Bill. Rather than give us the hearing Smithee personally sent the Bill to Sub Committee where it died without a vote. We now know just what his word is worth. The loss of our Bills again does not reflect negatively on our participation in the process. Quite the opposite we have better support from riders than ever and yet we can't get past the Republican (sic) leadership. No one has been able to do that this session.

The House has introduced over 3400 Bills and only 33 of those have been passed by both Houses. The Senate has introduced 1690 Bills and only 42 of those have been passed by both Houses. HB 823, the right to carry a weapon in your personal vehicle without a permit, has passed the House and was scheduled for a hearing in the senate tomorrow but due to the funeral for Rep Joe Moreno it has been moved to Thursday. If that works out it will be one of the few good Bills to slip past this session.

And finally we will be contacting all chapters to have at least one officer at the meeting in two weeks. We will be making some major changes in our modus operandi during this meeting and all chapters and Advisors will be affected. We are about to become a very tight knit group

of Warriors over the coming two years. You will be even more proud to be a member of our growing army. We will not allow either Party to hold us back in the next session.

## **R.I.P. HB264**

Pardon me for ruining your day but HB 264 did not receive a vote last night before midnight and therefore died. When we arrived to pick up the schedule for the House Floor yesterday morning there were seventeen pages of Bills to be heard. We were on page 15. The war again began early. We took a break to testify in the senate committee on HB 823 and returned to the gallery. By 9:00 p.m. it was apparent that most of the Bills on the list would not be heard and HB 264 would be one of them. Still we had come this far and could not walk away until the midnight deadline passed. With DaLady on the Floor and I in the gallery we finished the 16 hour day and then walked away in silence at midnight. HB 823 is still alive in the senate and we will see what happens to it in the next couple of days. Thanks for all your effort. We fought the good fight and will continue to do so.

## **NCOM CONVENTION**

We, along with several other Warriors attended the NCOM Convention in Nashville this past week. They really out did themselves this time as the hotel was like a gated castle. We did our show Tuesday night then made a dash for home. Switched vehicles, picked up Gwen and was on the road by 2:00am. The trip up was a blur as we headed out I-10 for the 14 hour trip. We noted two major differences from Texas as we made our way through Louisiana, Mississippi and Tennessee. Number one our roads are better than theirs but their speed limits are 70 mph day or night. Number two their law officers are much more friendly than ours. They are truly there to Protect and Serve. We passed police cars in all three states while running well in excess of the posted speed limits. Not one officer ever started up and gave pursuit of anyone because of speeding. From city up to state they were generally running 10-20 mph over the speed limit and not bothering anyone. We did see officers in all three states stopped to assist disabled cars. In Mississippi we even saw a state trooper changing a flat tire for a traveler. Now that is what you call serving.

We arrived in Nashville in time for some grub, a bath and a little nap. Thursday morning during the closed Board meeting your chairman was given a position on the NCOM Board replacing Bill Carlton who resigned. During the open Board meeting we were sitting in our place when we got a call from our secretary. The news she passed along sat like a stone in my stomach the rest of the weekend. Our good friend Rep Joe Moreno had

been killed in an auto accident. It fell to me to announce the tragedy over the mike to the other Texans in attendance

Joe was always there when we needed him and was getting his new Fat Boy the next week so he could become a Warrior and a member of the Lawmakers M/C. He will be sorely missed in our circle of brothers. The days were filled with conversations between the workshops about what the Texas Warriors were doing and the nights were filled with stories on Fox News about the antics of our legislators. Not one night went by without our legislators being on the TV arguing their Bills. Everyone was really gassed up about Da'Lady with her Pom Poms protesting the cheerleader Bill by Rep Al Edwards. Both she and Rep Hupp the next night came across as heroes. We took part in two Task Force Meetings and did our share of talking on how to talk to your legislators on Friday. We spent as much time as possible with our SOLR Brothers & sisters during the evening breaks.

On Saturday we had the ringing of The Bell for brothers and sisters lost during the past year. This is a very moving experience and as Joe's name had been added at the last minute it once again brought tears to your chairman's eyes.

When we broke out into Regions your chair learned he had been named Co-Regional chairman for Dist. 2. Finally as things were winding down to get ready for the banquet there was only one more event scheduled at 5:00pm. Yours truly made his acting debut in a play written, directed and done by members of CBA/ABATE of North Carolina. It was just a small part but was there for shock value. The play told the story of motorcycling up thru 2010 and the challenges we will be facing by then. It took place in a Biker Bar as riders discussed events. We unobtrusively entered the bar right behind the bikers, got a drink at the bar and sat alone at a table in the corner. After they had done their bitching about the government and walked out the door to ride off I pulled out my cell phone and said, "This is Officer Sputnik with Unit 69 to dispatch, do you copy? I have three bikers leaving the Do Drop In and heading toward the roadblock on I-87 and Lockwood Dr.. Would you radio ahead and make sure they are stopped? They are wearing colors or some kind of patches, might be gang related." The uproar from the audience was deafening. My wife even wanted to hit me in the head with her shoe. Not sure if we will be taking the show on the road or not but it was really fun working with that group of guys and gals. The Banquet was fine and we were really happy to see Big "D" from New Mexico receive the Ron Roloff Lifetime Achievement Award. It was too bad that all his brothers with the Hells Lovers M/C were in Dallas attending the funeral for Big John. Another one is past now. Information shared old friendships renewed and new ones made. Now it was time for the flying dash

home change vehicles again, drop off the wife and head for the office. Duty calls and we must be in the capitol early Monday morning. This is without doubt the largest and most informational Rights Convention in the world. Everyone should try to attend it at least once. The next Convention will be held in Louisville Kentucky.

The Lautenburg Amendment was killed by a vote of 69-28. Now call your senators and say thanks. Saying thanks is as important as asking for a vote. Any of you who contacted Chairman Woolley on HB 264 give her a call of thanks also. I have already gone by her office to say thanks. HR 1279 The Criminal Gang Bill passed the House overwhelmingly. Win some, lose some. Hope to see some of you at the capitol tomorrow.

### **TREASURER'S REPORT**

Jan "Dumas" Walker

The TMRA2 Officers and membership thanks the following organizations and their members for their generous contributions to TMRA2.

In addition to these groups, we also thank the numerous individuals who have joined or renewed their memberships, and their additional contributions.

### **Thank You for May, 2005!**

Tarrant County chapter - \$100

Thanks to the NW Texas COC for their monthly donations for \$100. Despite being Platinum members with no expiration date and not being a TMRA2 chapter, these brothers have steadily made a \$100 donation each month since I asked each chapter to do this so we could afford a State Secretary. Thanks NWTCCOC Brothers!!!

## NEWSARTICLES

### Gun Rights at Minuteman Project

I went to the Arizona - Mexico border, with my close friend Brad Beebe, to witness for myself what was going on with the Minuteman Project (MMP). Gun rights were under a microscope, I had to look with my own eyes. Nearly everything I had heard in the news was flat wrong. These were the most decent, friendly, dedicated, concerned bunch of people I have met. And Mexico must be far worse than the news media paints it, with 5,000 people A DAY trying to escape from there -- that's worse than the communist countries experienced. The fresh volunteers who drifted in as we arrived that morning were from Minnesota, Illinois, Louisiana, Texas, California and we were the only two from Arizona, which concerned Brad. Two women volunteers at the briefings were overheard saying, "What a great group of guys... every day, another great group." I half expected to find a bunch of gun-toting bubbas milling around, hoping to hunt down Mexicans (the news-media perspective). Instead, I found a highly organized, quasi-military sense of command, control and communication, because the men best suited to run such a large-scale "neighborhood watch" were all ex-military, and there they were using those skills. They were able to haul out their old military training, set up a chain of command, assign people to positions on the line, and make the whole thing work. What's the next step below completely green recruits? Civilian volunteers, and that's all they had to work with. They made it work. There was no racism evident anywhere. I had no trouble getting involved.

So far (4/26/05), 847 Minutemen have volunteered, and 330 captures have been made by the Border Patrol (BP) due to MMP reports, according to an MMP supervisor. A BP captain informed us they had caught a total of 268,000 "illegals" (the word people use down there) from Oct. 2004 thru April 25, 2005 (that's roughly 1,300 per day; their fiscal year starts in Oct.) About 20,000 of these were OTMs, the BP captain's term for "other than Mexicans," and he wouldn't reveal how many were from terrorist watch list nations.

#### WHAT IT IS

The Minuteman Project is essentially an exercise of constitutional rights under the First Amendment. We were using the guaranteed rights of speech and assembly, that's all. Have you seen that in any media reports? People were gathering on land where they had a right to be, and communicating. In some countries you could be shot or jailed for such impertinence. We were exercising rights we have a right to exercise.

#### Rules of Engagement

#### 1. A 100% no-contact policy.

You were to have no direct contact with any illegals spotted. Don't offer them food or water, don't converse, avoid them. If they come toward you move away. Some illegals had attempted contact, and then made claims of assault to discredit the MMP efforts. Don't even wave. These immigrants understand that if a BP agent makes a downward waving motion, they are to sit down right where they are and wait to be picked up. If you waved, you had to put your hand down afterwards, and the illegals might take that as a command to sit. If they sat, then you had detained them, with negative legal impacts on the project and yourself. Avoid all contact. If they approach or even attack, get in your vehicle and leave. Leave your goods behind if necessary. It was this approach that has kept the MMP squeaky clean and above reproach (despite media hysteria otherwise).

#### 2. Observe and report.

Note how many illegals you observed, how many men, women, children. Are any in apparent need of medical help, we don't want people to suffer. What are they wearing, are they carrying babies, or anything else, especially backpacks which would be indicative of drug smuggling. Which way are they headed. Then call BP by cell phone -- everyone was given the emergency response phone numbers -- and your job is done. We were to assist the BP, not to be the BP. We were not freelance police, we were observers. We were not protecting a spot. After BP arrives, leave promptly so they needn't include you in their report, which undesirably increases their workload.

#### 3. Be respectful.

Joining up with this team, it became each person's responsibility to project a good clean image. This was a joy. It was a point of pride. It made Brad and I walk tall. And it was easy, because everywhere we went, people gushed with thanks and congratulations on the good work we were doing. They were delighted that the project had been created, and that the flood of illegals, at least for the time being, had stopped. More than one person said they were getting better sleep because the dogs weren't barking all night long. A few started out in whispers, then gradually, enthusiastically, revealed stories of their own contact with the illegals, for as long as they had a Minuteman's ear.

#### 4. Avoid the news media and the ACLU.

The dirty tricks that had been tried were blood curdling. The news media could, and many did, take anything you

might say and twist it for sensationalism, and to make the MMP look bad. You've read the news reports these people generated, how closely does that match the eyewitness report I'm giving you here? The solution the organizers applied was to avoid giving them unwitting support. Both the media and ACLU "observers" had tried to instigate trouble by dressing as illegals, emerging from the woods, and attempting to provoke hostilities. The ACLU have made fools of themselves, have been disrespectful, set fires, baited us, under the "leadership" of a young individual named Ray Ybarra, with support from their leadership locally and nationally.

#### 5. On the line, all guns stay holstered.

Don't show it off, examine it, clean it, fix it, load it, lube it, take it out for any reason, except to save your life, if that becomes immediately necessary. In the unlikely event that you are shot at from across the border, do not return fire, duck, and leave. No exceptions, zero tolerance, and no long guns on the line. This is Arizona, and wearing a gun (literally, "bearing arms") is perfectly legal (as it ought to be in all states). The news media has showed an unethical, totally anti-rights bias on this point, using ridicule, derision and a homophobic sense of distress that cries out for medical attention. What better place to exercise this right than in a notoriously bad neighborhood, with illegal hordes and criminals streaming in. Since you were supposed to avoid all contact and depart if approached, all guns stayed holstered. More than half of the people I saw were armed, a comforting sight all things considered, and more than half of those carried revolvers. Our trainer made it clear that we were being watched very closely -- the whole world was watching -- and the last thing we needed was to give these people, and the media's bigots, any excuse at all to malign the good work we had set out to do.

#### 6. Do not step over the border into Mexico.

If you do, and are caught, you can be arrested and spend two years in a Mexican prison. They don't have a revolving door immigration policy like we do. The rules were clear, with no wiggle room.

## WHAT IT ISN'T

It isn't racism, the KKK, skinheads, Nazis, bullies, bubbas, yahoos or most anything else the news media, and especially hyperventilating editorial writers, have claimed. Most especially it is not vigilantism. Vigilantes take the law into their own hands. As observers, that was not remotely our role. Vigilantes are by definition bad. Being vigilant, on the other hand, is something the Dept. of Homeland Security has asked all Americans to be, and it's smart. We were complying. That felt good. Surprisingly good.

Despite media reports, the MMP isn't hated by the Border Patrol. It's just the opposite -- the BP union publicly stated that they welcomed the support, and that the MMP was effective, courteous and doing good (U.S. Border Patrol Local 2544, their statement is at the end of this report; the union says it is the ACLU people that have been causing trouble). The official BP position is that they have no position, and do not support the effort. Privately, tacitly, it was obvious we were not hated, even though our presence complicated some of BP's tasks -- just look at all that news media they have had to deal with and navigate around. And the lack of illegals has left some of the agents, well, bored.

Rather than make this email too long, I'll get the rest of the report posted on my website by tomorrow. Look for a blue Minuteman Project button at [gunlaws.com](http://gunlaws.com), to read about:

Minuteman orientation, working the line, why there's a problem, where it's headed, and anecdotes.

Statements from U.S. Border Patrol Local 2544 website (the largest Border Patrol union local in the country): <http://www.local2544.org>

"We want to make it clear -- because we've had a lot of questions about this -- we have not had one single complaint from a rank-and-file agent in this sector about the Minutemen."

"Every report we've received indicates these people are very supportive of the rank-and-file agents; they're courteous. Many of them are retired firefighters, cops and other professionals, and they're not causing us any problems whatsoever."

"Reports of [Minutemen] causing 'ground sensors' to go off are exaggerated because most of those are being set off by the ACLU sneaking around trying to find the Minutemen doing something wrong."

## CHAPTER REPORTS

### Austin chapter minutes for May 3, 2005

Batman called the meeting to order at 7:35pm, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance. We had 29 members and guests attending. Reading of the Minutes was dispensed. Batman stated that too many of the proposed laws come from too many people trying to mind other people's business. He said that while he has grievances against things that our government does, he has no problem pledging his allegiance to our flag because it represents our right to address our grievances to our government. Dee read Sputnik's update and required actions for the week and reminded everyone of the TMRAll General Meeting at Richardson Park in Brady, May 21 at 1:00. A quote from Dakota: "Goals are dreams with a time table". Our goals are clear. We have a chance to affect our local, state and federal governments with our voices. Make that phone call, write that letter, visit your (and everyone else's) Legislators. We CAN make a difference. Gonzo (Scott Williams), with BACA, ran for City Council and stopped by after early voting to remind everyone to vote. Upcoming meetings, benefits and runs were announced. We received \$16.00 in donations. Our account has \$407.88.

Steven adjourned the meeting at 8:10 with prayer. The next meeting will be June 7, 2005 at Vinny's.  
Nanette Townsend

### Big Spring chapter minutes for May, 2005

The meeting was called to order at 7:45 pm. We dispensed with the pledge and prayer as well as the quote of the month due to low attendance. We had 6 members in attendance. An informal meeting was held. The financial report was given by Pat Cypert. "Help Me To Help You" fund raiser was a large success, A huge Thank You goes out to all who participated and helped us achieve our goal .The winner of our shot gun raffle was Pasqual Pascas of Big Spring, Second Place winner of the TMRA 2 membership was Paul Solis. Local chapter member Tim Paton was the winner of our chaps drawing and Scott and Tee Bennett were winners of our pine picnic table raffle. Turn out was good and every one had a great time. Plans were finalized for our trip to Nashville, TN, to the NCOM convention. Will have a group of three members leaving from Big Spring at 8 am, Thursday the 5th. New business was discussed. Members were asked to contact Chairman of Calendars committee, Beverly Wooley concerning the helmet bill. Greg also talked about the HIPPA , HB 514, Illegal Search and Seizure , Red light camera , Carry in car, lane splitting and HB2206. Plans were made to purchase TMRA 2 Banner for the purpose of advertising, design was discussed. Tuesday, May 14th , Bikers to be invited

to City Council chambers for the reading of the motorcycle Proclamation. It's to be presented to Our Chapter coordinator, Greg Bodin, and Big Spring Motorcycle Safety Unit Officer, John Young. All are encouraged to attend and join in the presentation. Up coming events include: TMRA 2 State Meeting on the 21st in Brady, Memorial day, disaster in the pasture in Mingus on the 29th, June 17th and 18th, Rock the Cap Rock to be held in Level land, Cinco de Mayo celebration, Big Spring on 6th and 7th of May, June 10th and 11th in Stanton, Old Sore Head Trade Days. The hat was passed and 50/ 50 was preformed.

### DFW chapter minutes for May 11, 2005

We discussed the current legislative situation. HB264 is due to be heard on the House Floor on Thursday May 12th. Anyone who can attend please do. Our other bills are dead or virtually dead at this point. Any House Bill that was still in committee is now dead. We do have the SB1310, but the time restrictions and the major effort it would take for the Senate and House to move this bill is not going to happen. On a happier note the road block bills have also met the same fate. They are now all completely dead. The only way any of these bills could come back at this time is an amendment to a bill that is being voted on the floor. HB823 (update to travelers gun law) is still alive and in the Senate. A public hearing will be done on the 12th of May. SB1195 (requiring a person to sign a form prior to a search) is in the House committee. Without some quick action this bill will be lost also.

The Lautenburg Amendment was killed by a vote of 69-28. Now call your senators and say thanks. Saying thanks is as important as asking for a vote. Kay Bailey Hutchison 202-224-5922 John Cornyn 202-224-2934. HR 1279 The Criminal Gang Bill passed the House overwhelmingly. Win some, lose some. The funeral mass for Rep. Joe Moreno took place on Tuesday at. Condolences may be sent to his parents, Mr. & Mrs. Frank Moreno in care of Earthman Funeral Home. 2420 Fannin Houston, Texas 77002. Motorcycle Safety and Awareness month is underway. Many cities are doing proclamations. Three proclamations from Denton, Flower Mound, and Lewisville were presented for the group to look at. More proclamations are still underway and we need to support as many as we can. Events coming up include the COC meeting Sunday May 15th at 1pm in the Thunderhorse saloon in Lewisville. General Membership Meeting - The TMRA 2 State meeting will be held at Richardson Park in Brady on May 21st. Advisor meeting at 11:00am and the General meeting at 1:00pm. Camping is allowed both Friday and Saturday nights. June 17 - 19th -East Texas

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Elmer H. McKeegan

### El Paso chapter minutes for April 20, 2005

The meeting was called to order by Jerry. The Pledge of Allegiance was said by all. The invocation was given by Glen. Debbie read the minutes from the March meeting. Jerry said that before entertaining motions to accept those minutes, one thing had changed, Big Daddies did roll over. They do allow colors now, so we can take them off our list. A motion was made by Glen and seconded by Dimple. Passed unanimously. Jerry turned over the meeting to Glen so he could discuss the Anti-Discrimination run that was coming up. Jerry then went over all of the Bills. He did tell everyone that if they wanted to keep track of the bills to go to the TMRA2 website and click on the link to the legislature. The bills discussed are as follows:

- HB 264     Helmet Bill   (For)
- HB 514     Failure to Yield   (For)
- HB 309     Checkpoints   (Against)
- HB 2418    Authority of Peace Officers   (Bill of Interest)

There are many more bills but we have some speakers here so again everyone should go to the website and take a look at the bills.

Jerry introduced our first speaker, Stephanie Townsend Ayala an attorney from Terry Hammond & Associates. She spoke about the 5 documents that keep government out of your personal private family business. The 5 documents are a living will, will, guardianships, medical power of attorney and statutory power of attorney (general - deal with money).

Our next speaker, Sylvia from Western Tech College. She came to speak of the Custom Bike Show held on May 7, 2005 benefiting the scholarship fund. Next speaker Mike from Monkey Sports and EP Fitness. He came to speak of the Custom Bike Show held on May 14, 2005. Jerry introduced City Representative Alejandro Lozano from District 3 is running for re-election. He has opponents this time around. He has backed us up on a lot of things here locally. Jerry stressed that everyone needs to get out and vote. Early voting started today. Jennifer asked if a group was going to get together again this year like we did last year and go to early voting. Lupe Ibarra from State Representative Norma Chavez informed everyone that one of the stops from the Cesar Chavez run is at the mall where they are having early voting at.

Bear spoke to everyone about the FYI sheets that are being published. They have released the first issue at this time. Jerry turned the floor over to Lupe Ibarra from State Representative Norma Chavez Office. She went over the upcoming events leading up to the 2nd Annual Cesar Chavez Memorial Farm Worker Food Bank and Poker Run. She did go over the letter that State Representative Chavez wrote to all of the Clubs that are donating goods to the Sin Fronteras Center. The Representative would like for each club to take there donation to the Sin Fronteras Center instead of the Rude Dog Leather or the Flowershop so that everyone could meet and visit the farm workers that are at the center. If there are any questions or you need directions to the center you can call Representative Chavez's office at 778-9960. Lupe went over the stops for the Poker Run and she did inform everyone that one more stop was added. The stop added was Barnett Harley Davidson. Jerry informed everyone that we have registration forms at the table for the NCOM that will be held in Nashville, TN.

A motion and second was made to adjourn. The meeting was adjourned. Next meeting is on May 18, 2005 at Rancher's Grill at 9530 Viscount (corner of Gateway West and Viscount).

Debbie Rios

As the El Paso coordinator, I would like to make special mention of the fact that "Da Lady," Representative Norma Chavez is a member of our Chapter. All to often, it is forgotten in our minutes, the contributions made to TMRAII by Norma and her Assistant Lupe. Either Norma or Lupe attend almost every session with the latest word of TMRAII efforts in Austin. Like most of the Warriors, we are each busy with our own professions and businesses as well as the duties of the offices we hold. As for myself I am an Officer in four separate Organizations and there are times when I have difficulty editing all the correspondence that crosses my desk. It is indeed an Honor for El Paso TMRAII to have "Da Lady" here with us and the Warriors of TMRAII can rest assured that when not in Austin Norma is here fighting beside us. Jerry (Thumper)

### San Angelo chapter minutes for May 10, 2005

Our meeting was held at Pepe's Diner. Meeting came to order at 7:30 p.m. with eleven (11) present. Pledge and prayer led by Brois. Talked of upcoming events. The new member and renewals effective date will be the date each member joined. Be sure all mail-in member and renewal applications are to be mailed to the TMRA2 State Office. Please call or email Congress and Senators NOW! Watch for Anti-gang laws. Call or write your

Congressman and Senators to show your support against the bad laws against clubs. Meeting adjourned 8:12 p.m.

**Tri-County** chapter minutes for April 12, 2005

Larry opened the meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance. He followed with a report on some of the E-Mails he had gotten from Sputnik. One was that HB (House Bill) 264, the helmet bill, still looks good. Sputnik still thinks it has a good chance of passing. Next, Michael Elkins got word that his grandmother had passed away. He and Donna Cartwright left the meeting. Our condolences go out to Michael and his entire family for their loss. I then read the minutes of the previous meeting. They were accepted. The treasurer's report was just a bank balance of \$517.40 that Johnnie English had called to me. The Safety Officer, Dean Rosenquist, gave us a quick check list of things to do to ride safely. A condensed version is to ride in good shape. Be sure you are not impaired by drugs or alcohol and that you are feeling well. Be sure you have good tires and do a quick inspection of your bike. Watch out for cattle trucks (and all 18 wheelers) and if on dirt roads, watch the cattle guards. Mark Sellers, the Road Captain, gave a short report. He focused on the Easyrider's Bike Show in Dallas. He also let us know that the same weekend Potter's in Breckenridge is having a Car Show with a Motorcycle category. The Luckenbach Rally is coming up the end of the month and seven or eight people from this chapter are planning to go to that event. The next topic was getting ready for Old Glory Days. It will be held July second and third. CMA is willing to do the bike games again. Mark Sellers said he would be in charge of the poker run. Dean Rosenquist said he would again do a flyer for the run. We discussed the other events we might try to have and postponed deciding on any until later. We are looking for any old or tattered flags that need to be destroyed. There will be a flag burning on July 1, 2005; it is the Friday night before Old Glory Days. There will be two weekend cleanups at Bill Martin's before Old Glory Days. All are needed and anyone who can volunteer is appreciated. Finally we held the 50/50 drawing. We collected \$55.00. Evelyn Wilson won and received 1/2 of the total. Evelyn and her husband Jim Wilson just got a motorcycle and have decided to join our organization. Welcome Evelyn and Jim!!! Dusty Smith closed the meeting with a prayer. Keep the Sunny Side Up!! Susan

## DISTRICT ADVISOR REPORTS

### **#03 – Cynthia “Kanga” Axtell**

#### REPORT ON NCOM 2005

We rolled out of the driveway shortly after morning showers and headed east and north on wet roads and a hint of rain drops. The weather lifted as we got closer to the Arkansas border and was well behind us as we came into Little Rock for a stop at the local Harley Davidson shop there. At 5:30 in the afternoon, we decided to hook em' on up to Memphis for a night of rest.

After unloading the bikes and securing our bed for the night, we ran into downtown Memphis to the famous Beale Street for some Blues and grub. Little did we know that it was "Bike Night" there, with 2 blocks of the notorious street blocked off for bikes only and bikes every where. We ran into COC's Big Kid and some of the people traveling with him as we ate some bodacious food and listened to some great music.

After a good night's sleep we pounded on over to Nashville to get our room and register for the convention. We never even hit downtown Nashville. The convention took 12 hours of each day, with information coming from all directions. Our intention, even though we were on vacation, was to learn from others and bring it back to share with riders in our state. A lot of people didn't attend some of Saturday afternoon's functions—maybe they have been to 20 of these meetings, who knows? Yeah, I know, some of the meetings could be dry, but they were all informative and imperative to state and national legislative efforts. Sputnik was seated as a board member at the NCOM Board of Directors' meeting and sat at the big table! It was awesome to see 50 plus representatives from the COC sitting up on the stage representing that many states. Listening to the COC reps speak about their state's particular problems was an eye opener. We ain't got it as bad as other states when it comes to rider's rights, but the door is there. Vigilance is the only action that will keep the hounds at bay. Roo and I exercised our vacation "rights" on our way home and stopped in to see our brother Jason Taylor and his new cycle shop, Taylor Made Cycles in Monroe, LA., your friendly alternative to local H.D. robbery. The chickens were glad to see us when we got home and are laying a dozen eggs daily! I am looking forward to the Advisor's meeting next weekend and meeting all of the Warriors that guard our rights!

### **#22 – Greg Bodovsky**

It looks like all the runs are going full swing, so don't forget to let everyone know of the work the association did this session. We will know by the time this is published if our work paid off. This session was such a

mess, that it should tell us that we're going to have to work on getting some Warriors in office so that we can get back to taking care of the people's business. I'm sure our Representatives should have been spending their short time in Austin on something more important than risqué cheerleading routines!!! Both the Heart of Texas and Hood County Blues chapters continued to have well attended meetings. We continue to sign up a few members at each, and we need to keep that up. Any success we achieve in Austin this session is a credit to each of you who show up and make the contacts with our Senators and Representatives. I hope to see each of you at a meeting, and maybe on the road, enjoying the freedoms that this association is helping to gain back and maintain. I wish I could say that our work is over, but it never will be. Thank you all for doing your part. This Legislative session will be over on May 30th, so that chapter of the book will be closed. If you can think of any ideas to help TMRA2 continue to be the premier State MRO, and insure our sustainability, please let us know. If you need to contact me, my email address is [hdriver@htcomp.net](mailto:hdriver@htcomp.net). Phone # is 245.582.3252. Don't forget that you can get a new Membership Shirt and others online at <http://tmra2products.homestead.com/> or call Suds and Butterfly at 972-938-7646

### **#25 – Dee McClure**

Well, I missed the COC - San Antonio meeting in April due the date being changed and my not getting notice of the change but I will make the next one. I was able to make the COC – Austin meeting in April at which I gave a legislative update and that along with a few announcements of upcoming events made up the bulk of meeting since there wasn't an attorney present. I made the Austin Minutemen chapter meeting as well and gave them the most recent update from Sputnik and reiterated how important it is that we do our part to contact the powers that be and get our bills out of committee by the deadline. I also thanked everyone for their involvement which makes this position so great to hold. I also asked everyone to make the State General Membership Meeting. As Sputnik has said this has been a rough legislative session and we will probably have another special session, so we still have plenty of work ahead of us to do. I am sure there will have been plenty of discussion at the General Membership regarding this work and the strategy we will need to use to achieve our Goals and Victories. At a general membership meeting some years ago at Eagles' Landing, I was taught by Del "Dakota" Raney that "the difference between Dreams and Goals is that Goals are Dreams with a timetable". We have set our Goals for this session and with the efforts of all of us combined, we will achieve our Dreams. To all of you who have done what you can – THANKS. If not, there is still time and work to be done

and it will be greatly appreciated. Stay the course and take the time to make your local chapter meetings, COC meetings, and talk to someone new about what we are working on accomplishing for everyone's benefit. I was able to attend NCOM for the first time and will be writing a complete report on it for next month's Warrior since the deadline is so close for this one.

### **#31 – Dean Maltsberger**

Finally got a response from one of the letters to Austin. Rep Lon Burnham replied with a very nice letter in response to my request for his support of HB 264. Picked up our proclamation from the Odessa Mayor's office and delivered copies to the Odessa American newspaper and all three TV stations here in Odessa. Been writing letters and talking to everybody I can get to listen. We'll see how the fruit falls. Stay safe.

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**Look for motorcycles, especially when checking traffic at intersections.**
- 2** A motorcycle may look farther away than it is. It may also be difficult to judge a motorcycle's speed.  
**When checking traffic to turn at an intersection or into or out of a driveway, realize that a motorcycle is closer than it looks.**
- 3** A motorcycle can be easily hidden in a car's blind spots or masked by objects or backgrounds outside a car such as bushes, fences and bridges.  
**Take an extra moment to thoroughly check traffic, whether you're changing lanes or turning at intersections.**
- 4** A motorcycle may seem to be moving faster than it really is.  
**Don't assume all motorcyclists are speed demons.**
- 5** Motorcyclists often slow by downshifting or merely rolling off the throttle, thus not activating the brake light.  
**Allow more following distance. At intersections, expect that a motorcyclist may slow down without visual warning.**
- 6** Turn signals on a motorcycle usually are not self-canceling, thus some riders – especially beginners – sometimes forget to turn them off after a turn or lane change.  
**Watch for other signs that the motorcyclist is making a turn.**
- 7** Motorcyclists often adjust position within a lane to be seen more easily and to minimize the effects of road debris, passing vehicles and wind.  
**Understand that motorcyclists adjust lane position for a purpose, not to allow you to share the lane with them or to be reckless or show off.**
- 8** Maneuverability is one of a motorcycle's better characteristics, especially at slower speeds and with good road conditions.  
**But, don't expect a motorcyclist to *always* be able to dodge out of the way.**
- 9** Stopping distance for motorcycles is nearly the same as for cars, but slippery pavement makes stopping quickly difficult.  
**Allow more following distance behind a motorcycle because it can't always stop "on a dime."**
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