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these stars
belongs to me.
I'll do what I must to keep it Free!*

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1st Tuesday – Austin Minutemen, Austin

1st Tuesday – Big Spring, Big Spring

1st Wednesday – Panhandle, Amarillo

1st Thursday – Plainview, Plainview

1st Thursday – San Angelo, San Angelo

2nd Sunday – Heart of Texas, Axtell

2nd Tuesday – Big Country, Abilene

2nd Tuesday – Tri-County, Stamford

2nd Wednesday – D/FW, Dallas

2nd Saturday – 1st Brazoria County, Angleton

3rd Sunday – Lubbock, Lubbock

3rd Sunday – North Central, Wichita Falls

3rd Wednesday – El Paso, El Paso

3rd Wednesday – Tarrant County, Fort Worth

3rd Thursday – Liberty Riders, Harker Heights

3rd Thursday – Permian Basin, Midland

3rd Saturday – Independence Riders, Jacksonville

4th Thursday – Hood County Blues, Granbury

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TO OUR READERS

Gerald R. "Garry" Brookman

We have a new group of establishments which have made a financial commitment to TMRAII. Please patronize these merchants who are listed on the "Supporter" page under Bone Production's "Bikers Handbook".

Agenda for TMRAII District Advisor Meeting

Saturday, August 28, 2004, TMRAII State office, Elgin, TX

CALL TO ORDER (1:00PM)

INVOCATION

PLEDGE of ALLEGIENCE

ADVISOR REPORTS

MEMBERSHIP REPORT

PRODUCTS

STATE BILLS & SPONSORS

CAMPAIGNS

NEW POSITIONS

NOVEMBER MEETING DATE

OPEN FLOOR (as time permits)

ADJOURNMENT

What A Great Answer

In case we find ourselves starting to believe all the anti-American sentiment and negativity about our government and its policies, we should remember Tony Blair's words to his own people.

During a recent interview, Prime Minister Tony Blair of Great Britain was quoted giving the following answer to one of his parliament members as to why he believes so much in America and its President. And does he think they are on the right track?

Blair's reply -- "A simple way to take measure of a country is to look at how many want in and how many want out".

Ricky Wheeler "No Helmet" citation status

No court date scheduled yet. The last that I heard was the county attorney had just returned and was working through the stack.

CHAIRMAN'S CORNER

Sputnik

Today we hear people speak of their constitutional rights as if they were scholars. There is not now, nor has there ever been any constitutional rights. The constitution was written, not to give rights but to bind the government in such a way that it could not infringe on our God given rights. History has proven, as some feared, that the Bill Of Rights was a mistake. It opened the door to the destruction of the constitution as written and intended to endure.

According to the Bible God created man to be masters of everything He had created before. To make this possible God gave man the power to think and the power to reason. In His infinite wisdom God was so sure mankind would use those powers wisely that He in turn gave them the right to make their own choices in life.

These are basically the words used during the committee hearing when we fought for change to our helmet law. We won based on that premise and the participation from thousands of Legislative Warriors. Where are those Warriors today? This election is by far the most important in decades. It also shows we have a need for rededication to protect our way of life ad Texans and as riders. This past state legislative session was the worst in recent history. More importantly the Federal session was even more so. We stand to lose sovereignty of our nation and our individual liberty if this election does not see a major effort from riders across the country. I implore you to talk to the candidates and choose one you truly believe has the best interest of our state and our country at heart. Gather your friends to help and follow the guidelines for "The Campaign" in the Five Steps (found on our web sites).

My particular campaign will be working for Richard Morrison in congressional district 22. I have spent ample time meeting with him one on one and am convinced he is the best candidate for this office. This also happens to be my home district. We have no district advisor and no chapter in my district so it falls to me personally to get things going here. That means I will have less time to travel to your district and so must count on you to pull your weight. I know we all have excuses but none of us have a reason not to get involved. I was involved in this campaign last weekend to the point that I could no longer breathe and was throwing up from the heat and humidity. That only required me to stop then but I will remain in the field as much as humanly possible until the November election. Hopefully you will do the same. If you have any questions contact your district advisor. If there is none listed for your district call my cell phone 512-971-6777. We ARE the last hope!!

An open letter to the state of ____.

This is an open letter from one ABATE President to another state ABATE. This is the most profound summation of what all Rights presidents must endure that I have ever read. This shows the fine line that must be walked by a chairman to help a rights organization become successful. Perhaps it will give you some insight as the time draws nearer for a change at the top of the TMRA 2 Officer's Page.

It is with a sense of pride and sorrow that I write this letter to you. Motorcycle Rights is a hard business, it is a thankless business, it sometime is a lonely business. It causes one to spend much time with one's self. At times, it causes you to question lessons learned in life and brings you eye to eye with reality. For a State President it can be a torturous, heart wrenching struggle to do everything right, make all the right decisions the first time around, take on every battle and win. We sometimes win, but most of the times we lose. Especially when we assume that we are all the same, with the same goals and same playing rules. Our culture is a marvelous one, extremely complicated and at the same time simplistic in formation. It is based on motorcycles and respect. One can be bought and the hardest to achieve "respect," has to be earned. We, if you will, are a "nation," we have subcultures within our society, we also have subcultures within those subcultures. Each subculture has its own place within this society. While there are times and places that our paths cross, they are few, and some of these spaces are "deadly ground". The present time is one no one saw coming, the occupying of the same time and space by two subcultures, the oldest and the newest. We have the patch-holder, the warrior, the benefactor of all the tradition, mystique, honor and history of the "biker." The other being the modern day Motorcycle Rights Activist, determined to bring our society to an equal standing with all other minorities and equally motivated to convince the non-riding public that we are the guy and gal next door, misunderstood for so many years, and willing to turn out in mass for any charitable cause. Where does the Motorcyclist Rights Activist fit in this society? We are still finding our place, there is a need for us, we are the future of our culture, we will be the standard bearers of our culture. It is my firm belief that if we fail at our job, our culture will change to the point of non-recognition. I have been to the AMA headquarters in Pickerington and talked to some of the inventors of the technology for Intermodal Transportation and NHTSA, and our Rep. at the Geneva Conventions. I sat and listened to some of the designers of Europe's Vision 2000. They all have a vision, to eradicate our culture. Our own Attorney General has a vision too, eradication of some of the subcultures within our society. If you don't think what I say

is truth, contact NHTSA and request the publication, The National Agenda for Motorcycle Safety and be ready for a shock. Patriot Act 2 will soon be upon us and if it succeeds through Congress, we all will pay the price. So you see, our need is immense, our whole society depends on our ability to do our job. We see it and they do too. However their code is strict and allows for little deviation. If we cease doing our job, then we change in our status and our need to exist. We have no restrictions on our fellow Activist, however if that activist has prior commitments then he must live up to those commitments and we have no right to ask him to do otherwise. Your commitment to our job has shown in your Presidents agonizing struggle with this issue, he is not alone in this struggle, every President that comes on board will go through that same struggle. To your President I say; I feel your pain. To the membership I say, who will do this thing if we will not. Certainly we all have things we would rather be doing. Give your President your council, your compassion, and your strength, for he will need it. May God Bless the great state of ____.

"A TIME FOR CHOOSING"

I am going to talk of controversial things. I make no apology for this. It's time we asked ourselves if we still know the freedoms intended for us by the Founding Fathers. James Madison said, "We base all our experiments on the capacity of mankind for self government."

This idea that government was beholden to the people, that it had no other source of power is still the newest, most unique idea in all the long history of man's relation to man. Whether we believe in our capacity for self-government or whether we abandon the American Revolution and confess that a little intellectual elite in a far-distant capital can plan our lives for us better than we can plan them ourselves. You and I are told we must choose between a left or right, but I suggest there is no such thing as a left or right. There is only an up or down. Up to man's age-old dream-the maximum of individual freedom consistent with order or down to the ant heap of totalitarianism. Regardless of their sincerity, their humanitarian motives, those who would sacrifice freedom for security have embarked on this downward path. Plutarch warned, "The real destroyer of the liberties of the people is he who spreads among them bounties, donations and benefits."

The Founding Fathers knew a government can't control the economy without controlling people. And they knew when a government sets out to do that, it must use force and coercion to achieve its purpose. So we have come to a time for choosing. Public servants say, always with the best of intentions, "What greater service we could render

if only we had a little more money and a little more power." But the truth is that outside of its legitimate function, government does nothing as well or as economically as the private sector. Yet any time you and I question the schemes of the do-gooders, we're denounced as being opposed to their humanitarian goals. It seems impossible to legitimately debate their solutions with the assumption that all of us share the desire to help the less fortunate. They tell us we're always "against," never "for" anything.

We are for a provision that destitution should not follow unemployment by reason of old age, and to that end we have accepted Social Security as a step toward meeting the problem. However, we are against those entrusted with this program when they practice deception regarding its fiscal shortcomings, when they charge that any criticism of the program means that we want to end payments. We are for aiding our allies by sharing our material blessings with nations that share our fundamental beliefs, but we are against doling out money to governments, creating bureaucracy, if not socialism, all over the world. We need true tax reform that will at least make a start toward restoring for our children the American Dream that wealth is denied to no one, that each individual has the right to fly as high as his strength and ability will take him. But we can not have such reform while our tax policy is engineered by people who view the tax as a means of achieving changes in our social structure.

Have we the courage and the will to face up to the immorality and discrimination of the progressive tax, and demand a return to traditional proportionate taxation? Today in our country the tax collector's share is about 57 cents of every dollar earned. Freedom has never been so fragile, so close to slipping from our grasp. Are you willing to spend time studying the issues, making yourself aware, and then conveying that information to family and friends. Recognize that government invasion of public power is eventually an assault upon your own business. If some among you fear taking a stand because you are afraid of reprisals from customers, clients, or even government, recognize that you are just feeding the crocodile hoping he'll eat you last.

You and I have a rendezvous with destiny. We will preserve for our children and their children this, the last best hope of man on earth, or we will sentence them to take the first step into a thousand years of darkness . If we fail, at least let our children and our children's children say of us we justified our brief moment here. We did all that could be done.

America

"Land of The Free"

In watching the news we see how oppressed are the citizens of third-rate countries by their despotic, tyrannical governments. German workers have recently had their two-month paid vacations shortened while the Japanese are finding it necessary to increase their work week to more than twenty hours. Autobahn drivers will now have speed limits put into place to make driving safer. Citizens of England and Australia have had their lives made much safer by governments bans on personal ownership of weapons. These governments have collected and destroyed tons of personal firearms to more easily allow the governments to protect the citizenry of those countries.

Isn't it great to live in America, "Land of the Free and Home of The Brave"? Our founding fathers were far thinking to realize that the stern rule and unreasonable taxation of the king would only get worse. They were indeed brave to set forth the Declaration Of Independence stating their grievances with the king and their proposals to remedy it. These were brave men of honor who upon signing of this Declaration pledged their wealth, their life and their honor to institute that independence. They crafted a constitution that would effectively establish a government devoid of the power to interfere in their daily lives. Thanks to them, America became the greatest Republican form of government ever established in this world.

Today thanks to us we are still a free people;

Free to have our possessions seized and sold at auction without being found guilty of a crime;

Free to have our homes and persons searched without probable cause;

Free to be spied upon by an ever expanding government;

Free to be told what to wear and what to read;

Free to be classified as criminal gangs and enemies of the country based on appearance and mode of transportation

Free to be arrested and held without charges being filed or access to legal representation;

Free to have the government determine the use to which we can put our assets;

Free to live in our homes we bought and paid for, as long as we pay an annual fee to all levels of government;

Free to allow the government to remove their share from the fruits of our labor prior to our receiving it.

Free to have our means of self protection outlawed.

Free to allow the very wealthy to distribute our wealth while keeping their own

You could say we have kept half of the founding father's dream even though this is not the type freedom they envisioned. Unfortunately the absence of brave men has reduced us to this mediocrity of the freedom of liberty. Powerful lifetime politicians with no regard for the wishes of the common man have become the norm. Inside the beltway is a cesspool inhabited by wealthy, greedy men/women intent on their own power trip. State legislators are willing to allow federal mandates to usurp the states rights in an attempt to hold their seats in the legislature that they use for their personal gain. All this at the expense of the common citizen who lacks the bravery to defend that which they were given at great expense by our founding fathers.

It is said by many that if those who founded this great nation came back today they would once again declare war. That probably is true but I fear the declaration would be aimed at us. We alone are responsible for the loss of that which they died to attain.

This freedom that we now possess must be returned and replaced with the Republican form of Liberty as set forth in the constitution. Americans must reach deep inside and find the valor and righteousness once possessed by our ancestors. It is my belief that only Bikers are capable of leading such a movement. May God grant each of us the fortitude to stand up proudly. Remove these power hungry politicians and replace them with men/women of honor and integrity, those with whom we ride. Give us the conviction to pledge our wealth, life and honor to the cause of liberty for our heirs. Help us to accept the sacrifices that come with such a pledge and remain steadfast in our commitment.

If these first two pages strike a note with you then you are a perfect candidate to become a Legislative Warrior with the Texas Motorcycle Rights Association. Our goal is to take back Texas government and return it to a government of the people, run by the people. In an effort to accomplish this task we are asking our biker brothers and sisters to become a part of an army dedicated to returning our government to a constitutional republic. We teach political involvement as the means of getting government out of our private lives. As a Warrior you will receive a monthly newsletter to keep you informed of political happenings. If you are online you can have current updates sent to you as needed or you can check out our website at www.tmra2.org.

Check out the website now and click on Five Steps. This explains the steps we will take from the day you register to vote to running for office and winning with very little money. Browse the rest of the site to learn more. See the different levels of membership. "Bikers are the last hope of America to remain a free country", and we ask that you become a Warrior and do your part.

OK Warriors it is time to get off your tails and prove your mettle. If you or anyone you know live in HOOD or SOMERVILLE county, Congressman Chet Edwards needs your help. They need people who can get 4'x8' campaign signs put out in these two counties. This is where you can really make a difference. Five Steps To Freedom the easy way folks. Get a pickup and a few buddies one weekend, pick up the signs and get to it. I have put out 27 of these in one day by myself. Three or four groups in each county can handle this chore easily. At least you have a very able bodied Advisor, Greg Bodovsky, to give you all the details and make arrangements for where you pick up the signs. Contact Greg at 254-659-7458 - Greg let me know who contacts you. Congressman Edwards has always been there for Texas, especially Fort Hood when we need him. It is time to show our appreciation.

We have the toughest congressional contest of this election in my home county. We have no chapter and no District Advisor to fall back on so most of my time from now until the election is pretty much taken up. Please don't make me have to come up and help Greg do your job.

At least there are some riders out there helping Biker Friendly candidates. These riders are putting out signs for Congressman Martin Frost. Congratulations to them for getting off their tail and getting the job done. Does anyone else put there have any such pictures to share?

This is just a report to let you know what has been going on with your chair. It also gives a brief idea of what we will use for recommendations on candidates for state offices. The attachment of important dates for 2005 are for you to contact the chair and put any event you have for next year to support TMRA2. During the past three and a half months your chairman has virtually lived out of a vehicle. My clean clothes are in the suitcase or laying in the back seat and my dirty clothes in the trunk. I have visited chapters, candidates, and COC's. Attended political functions, worked door to door voter registration drives and still have a ways to go. These past two weeks have made me realize I will never get to all the candidates in time for the September beginning of the real race for political office. The heat and humidity caused some problems with breathing and I am back on heavy doses of Steroids and Antibiotics. Along with that the Congressional Race in my new District 22 must be my priority beginning in September. To that end I will purchase a new top line computer and get DSL or RoadRunner put into my house (at my expense) to do my best to stay on top of things until the election ends in November. To contact me call my cell phone 512-971-

6777. If I am unable to answer the call just hang up and I will call back on the same day. I have upgraded my service to allow free nights and weekends plus more minutes.

I believe you will agree that our legislative goals remain the same. If you don't agree let your District Advisor know of any changes you believe should be made in time for the Advisor meeting on August 28th. We plan to introduce our Insurance Bill, Failure To Yield Bill and a Joint Resolution to change the Constitution to require all Committee meeting votes on Bills and Amendments, and all Floor votes on Bills and Amendments (except Local and Consent Bills) be recorded votes. Votes will be made available on internet for a minimum of 90 days. Start now and contact your senator and Representative and find if they would consider support for these issues. Especially all of you if Chairman Smithee is your Rep, contact him about bringing up the Insurance Bill next session. To find out who represents you now click on the following site, type in the information called for and then contact them on these issues. (you may have to cut and paste depending on how it comes through on your email address). Or go to the TMRA2.org website, click on legislative and click on who represents me.

We are working on recommendations for the upcoming state elections and will discuss them at the Advisor meeting. They will be posted as soon as possible after the meeting. Of course it goes without saying we must support our Warriors.

Representative Districts: These are our members who have contested races.

11 - Chuck Hopson, Jacksonville, Texas
18 - Dan Ellis, Livingston, Texas
45 - Patrick Rose, San Marcos, Texas
56 - John Mabry, Waco, Texas

We are working with Cliff on possibly getting some Motorcycle Awareness Billboards put up around the state. We will be moving forward with this in conjunction with B.A.N.D..

I shall go home on Thursday 19th to take my wife out to dinner on our 45th anniversary. Haven't missed one yet and don't plan to start now. I'll go on to the Tyler Longriders Run from there on Friday and attend the East Texas COC meeting on Sunday. Will return to Irving to meet with Mike Moore, candidate for Rep. District 105. Will pick up the Sputnik Award to get it engraved and present it at the winners next chapter meeting. Will also pass the membership shirts to Butterfly to get up on the Products Site.

Hope to see some of you at the Advisor Meeting at the state office.

IMPORTANT DATES (2005)

Tuesday, November 2, 2004
General election for legislative and other offices

Monday, November 8, 2004
Pre-filing of legislation for the 79th Legislature begins

Tuesday, January 11, 2005 (1st day)
79th Legislature convenes at noon

Monday, January 24, 2005
Legislative Day 2005

Friday, March 11, 2005 (60th day)
Deadline for filing bills and joint resolutions other than local bills, emergency appropriations, and bills that have been declared an emergency by the governor

Saturday, May 21, 2005
TMRAlI State Meeting

Monday, May 30, 2005 (140th day)
Last day of 79th Regular Session

Sunday, June 19, 2005 (20th day following final adjournment)
Last day governor can sign or veto bills passed during the previous legislative session

Monday, August 29, 2005 (91st day following final adjournment)
Date that bills without specific effective dates (that could not be effective immediately) become law

TREASURER'S REPORT

Jan "Dumas" Walker

My surgery will be at Presbyterian Hospital, in Plano, on Sept 21st .

The TMRAII Officers and membership wishes to thank the following organizations and their members for their generous contributions to TMRAII.

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

Thank You for July, 2004!

Tarrant County chapter - \$100

4th Quarter Report – April 1 – June 30, 2004

INCOME:

Membership	\$12,343.48
Donations	\$5,246.11
Total Income	\$17,589.59

Cash On Hand	\$150.00
Bank Balance	\$125.79
Total	\$17,865.38

EXPENSES:

Rent	\$1,800.00
Warrior Printing	\$2,435.54
Electricity	\$208.55
Propane	\$247.50
Phones	\$471.80
Internet Services	\$156.40
Travel Expenses	\$2,597.51
Finance Charges	\$84.02
Chairman's Salary	\$1,560.13
(\$1,750.00 less \$56.00 W/holding, \$108.50 Social Security, \$25.37 Medicare)	
BankCard Fees	\$322.08
Office Equipment	\$115.00
T-shirt Postage	\$33.26
Check Order	\$99.77
Democratic Convention	
Camping/Entertainment	\$350
2003 Tax Prep	\$173.71
Web Hosting	\$75.00
Telephone Re-Connect	\$100.00
Returned Check Fee	\$25.00

Total Expenses:	\$10,855.27
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Net Quarterly Profit	\$7,010.11
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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

TO THE EDITOR:

There are several issues that I would like to address: First: I am so proud of the members of Tri-County Chapter of TMRA II for taking the bull by the horns and writing letters to you as the Editor of the Warrior. There have been several recent articles in the Warrior of "Cop Bashing". As there are several members of law enforcement in this chapter, they took offense to these articles. Every time a new Warrior came out I got all kinds of irate phone calls from members wanting to know if they had joined a cop hating organization. At first I tried to smooth them over, sugar coat it so to speak. Then I decided to take a wait and see attitude to see what would happen. I didn't know if they would quit or take action. They didn't quit, they got mad and took action. They wanted to see that TMRAII is the kind of organization they can be proud to be a member of. I guess in a small way I have you to thank for getting them more involved. I bet this won't be the last time you hear from them.

I joined TMRA II in 1995. I did so because we were going to change the system within the system, by the book. Sometimes it seems we are loosing focus on our goals. Some of the members of Tri-County TMRA II Chapter came up after a meeting and stated that they wouldn't want to get pulled over by law enforcement while wearing a TMRA patch. They felt this would be an automatic ticket. Do we want to put ourselves in that position? I have been in Austin four (4) times for Legislative Day. The DPS officers have always been kind, polite and very helpful. Do we really want to risk losing that? I would also like to thank everyone involved in Old Glory Days. Thank you, Sputnik for driving all the way from Alvin to help and for just you're being there. Thank you guys who did all the work at Bill's to provide shade and a good place to camp and to all those ladies who fed us, the food was great. Thank you all!! And last but not least, Thank you, Brother Bill Martin for your hospitality. You are the most unselfish person that I know.

Larry G Trotter

TO THE EDITOR:

I have had vehicle insurance with Dairyland for years and this is just one more reason that I will continue to insure with them. The two attachments here were a two-sided document that was enclosed with newest premium notice and there isn't even a motorcycle on the policy so it would seem that they sent it to every one of their policyholders. Kudos to them for going the extra mile!

Ride Safe and Free, Dee McClure

NEWSARTICLES

Harley riders claim ride-through record

ALICE SPRINGS, Australia (AP) -- Would you like a hog with those ribs?

A restaurant in the central Australian city of Alice Springs claims it has set a world record after 127 Harley Davidsons rode in its back door and out the front entrance.

And the bikers managed to rumble through the Bojangles restaurant Saturday night without breaking a single glass, said the eatery's owner, Avril Vaughan.

At the time there were no diners in the restaurant, known for its ribs of beef, but not pork or "hog," the affectionate name for a Harley.

Vaughan told Australian Broadcasting Corp. radio that her husband, Chris, dreamed up the event to coincide with a National Hog Association rally in the remote city.

"We knew the guys were coming into town and every year we do have a smaller local ride-through," she said.

"Basically, Chris said, 'while you're all here, why don't we have all of you come through?'"

Vaughan said she'd contacted Guinness World Records to have the achievement formally recognized as the largest number of Harleys ever to ride through a restaurant.

It wasn't immediately clear what the current record is.

The event raised money for the region's Flying Doctor Service.

Plastic Wrap Arrests

On July 13, 2004, Daniel Buckel and his girlfriend, Theresa Brzykcy, were taking a relaxing ride on Buckel's 2002 Honda. As the night air cooled, a hazy fog cover masked the roadway, and Buckel slowed down to around 40 mph. That likely saved his and Theresa's lives. Suddenly, they were catapulted through the air, landing on a nearby driveway. Buckel required 15 stitches to close a cut on his head and received a broken finger. Theresa was knocked unconscious when she hit the ground.

Someone had stretched kitchen variety plastic wrap across the roadway, attached to two sign posts. The consequences could have been deadly, but in this instance luck was on the side of the riders. Waukesha

County Crime Stoppers offered a \$1,000 reward for information leading to the arrest and conviction of those responsible for this act. Attorney Michael F. Hupy, nationally known for fighting for motorcyclist's rights and representing injured bikers, offered an additional \$5,000. According to Waukesha County Sheriff's Department Detective Steve Pederson, they received over 50 tips regarding the plastic wrap case.

Some tips pointed directly to certain individuals, and after interviewing them, the Sheriff's Department received calls from attorneys representing four teens who were interviewed, one 14 year old, and three 16 year olds. The older teens could be waived over and charged as adults, but it is unlikely according to the District Attorney.

Attorney Hupy offered the \$5,000 reward in order to prompt someone to come forward with information. He said the sheriff will determine whom, among the 50 tipsters, will get the reward. He also stated that although he will represent the injured bikers, he will not accept a fee but rather donate any fee to a local motorcycle safety organization. He said he offered the reward in an attempt to make sure this kind of thing doesn't happen again. This type of prank could have been fatal for motorcyclists, and he wants other teens to realize the consequences of such actions.

Ex-Verizon employee charged with fraud

(this redefines the term "Can you hear me now?")

A former Verizon Wireless employee was indicted by a federal grand jury Thursday on charges he stole **more than \$20 million** from the company's prepaid cellular telephone service.

Timothy Charles Mattos, 32, of Folsom, California, was indicted on 10 fraud and money laundering counts. A warrant has been issued for his arrest. As a customer service representative, Mattos had access to a password-protected Verizon computer account in which the company kept a record of prepaid cell phone minutes.

Customers on the plan could buy cards on which were printed 15-digit personal identification numbers. They would then call a telephone number to activate the prepaid minutes to make a telephone call.

Mattos is alleged to have copied more than \$20 million worth of the 15-digit numbers and sold them on his own between November, 2002 and March, 2004. He continued accessing the Web site and copying the numbers **even after he left the company in November 2003**, the charges allege.

He also is named in a federal lawsuit filed by Verizon in New Jersey against Direct Wholesale Inc. and others.

The attorney representing Mattos in that suit, Gerald Saluti, also is temporarily representing Mattos on the criminal charges. Mattos faces three counts of fraud in connection with computers, each carrying a maximum five-year prison penalty; five counts of money laundering each carrying a maximum 20-year sentence; and one count of fraud in connection with access devices, which has a 10-year maximum sentence. The 10th count of the indictment seeks to seize property that Mattos allegedly purchased with the money.

She's not bluffing: Games illegal

Potter County (Amarillo) attorney warns against charity poker

Odds are some charitable folks have broken state gambling laws without realizing it. Whether sit-down affairs or traveling games on wheels, poker games are illegal unless they're held in a private place, the house takes no cut of the winnings and the chances of winning or losing are the same for all who play.

It doesn't matter if the proceeds go to charity, Potter County Attorney Sonya Letson said.

"If you pay to play and there's a chance to win a prize of value at any card game, that is gambling and that is against the law," Letson said. "And there is not an exception for charity."

The only way to run a legal charity poker game would be to charge to play but offer no prizes, or to offer prizes without charging an entry fee, "but that doesn't make you any money," Letson said.

Participants in an illegal poker game could be charged with a class C misdemeanor, punishable by a fine of as much as \$500. Operators of a tournament could face a class A misdemeanor charge of gambling promotion, which could result in a jail term of up to one year and a \$4,000 fine, she said.

The Amarillo Dart Association had to completely overhaul its poker tournament fund-raiser slated for 1 p.m. Sunday at Rocco's Martini Bar to bring it into compliance, said Steve Russell, an ADA member.

Instead of charging a \$20 entry fee, the group has made poker participation free and will have a jar where donations can be placed to help the family of 4-year-old Alec Drerup, who faces several surgeries beginning in

September. Prizes still will be awarded, but to be sure the fund-raiser makes money, ADA has added a legal charitable drawing for other donated prizes, Russell said.

Letson forced the changes by calling ADA members after seeing a tournament flier posted at the Potter County Courthouse, she and Russell said.

"We're not lawbreakers," Russell said. "But this just all boils down to the fact that we're just trying to help a 4-year-old boy."

"I feel that, even though she's doing her job ... with all the other caseload she's got to have on her desk, why go after a couple-thousand-dollar benefit tournament?"

Letson said she is obligated to follow the law and simply tried to warn the group of the legal implications.

"My interest is not in having somebody arrested but to see that the law is complied with," she said.

"When I see advertisements for things that appear to me to be violations of Texas law - such as when an 8-liner establishment would run an ad in the Thrifty Nickel - I send them to the appropriate police agency to investigate, and that's the way we will handle other things that come to our attention."

What hadn't come to the attention of her office, she said, is the increasing number of charity poker runs - traveling games in which players draw cards for their hands at stops along a route - including a run held in June by the Potter County Sheriff's Office.

"I was not personally familiar with how poker runs operated," Letson said. "Nobody had ever complained to me about a poker run."

The poker runs - including the one operated by the sheriff's office - were brought to her attention by Russell.

"Well, my gosh, she must be living in a cave," Russell said. "Really, there are posters all over town. Her own sheriff's department has a poker run every year. It's in the newspaper. You literally have to be not in touch with society whatsoever to not know that some of these things are going on."

Randall County Assistant Criminal District Attorney Richard Gore said he wasn't aware of how poker runs work, and his office hasn't seen complaints about poker runs or tournaments.

But such events could violate gambling laws, depending upon how they're conducted, he said. Complaints would

prompt the DA's office to ask a law enforcement agency to check games.

Letson said she has since contacted the Potter County Sheriff's Office and will meet with someone there to discuss the law.

"They're not going to do that next year," she said.

Initial calls to two organizations planning poker fundraisers were met with surprise and a rush to overhaul the games.

After talking with Letson on Friday morning, Amarillo Senior Citizens Association executive director Judi Solley said ASCA will not award prizes for players' card skills at a benefit poker tournament at 1 p.m. today but will instead give away donated items.

Not offering prizes for poker play shouldn't hurt tournament participation, Solley said, adding that ASCA had 85 registrations by Friday afternoon.

"The truth of the matter is most of these players just want to play poker," she said.

Center City Amarillo on Friday revamped an Aug. 21 poker run - part of the organization's Polk Street Block Party - after a meeting at the Potter County Attorney's Office. Prizes will be given away in a drawing open to riders in the run, board president Garet von Netzer said.

"They have to be noncash prizes," he said. "We will be able to award more prizes this way. The way I view it, it will be a plus - more appealing."

The popularity of televised poker games could be contributing to the frequency of their use as fund-raisers, Letson said, which Solley confirmed.

CHAPTER REPORTS

1st Brazoria chapter minutes for July 10, 2004

Meeting was called to order, followed with the Pledge and a moment of silence. Minutes from last meeting and treasury report were read and accepted. .Relayed information received about the annual budget for TMRA II, the recent conventions, and what some of the member of the House of Representatives have been up to. A challenge was brought up for everybody to return at the next meeting with at least five new or renewal memberships. Final work is almost completed to have a shotgun raffle to raise funds for the State office. Everyone was reminded to make plans to attend Austin in January. Larry proposed getting together for a ride after meeting to show unity of the chapter. Request to fill the positions for District Advisor and Chapter Secretary has no takers at this time, will keep the offer open. Everyone vote to set up a booth to recruit and educate, at the upcoming Bike and Car show happening in August at the Brazoria Fairgrounds.

Next meeting to be held 14 Aug 04.

"Quod habemus defendemus"

Thanks to all who support Their rights.

Frank

Austin Minutemen chapter minutes for July 6, 2004

Glenn Dial called the meeting to order at 7:30pm, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance. We had 27 members and guests attending.

We gave Gypsies International a great "Thank You" for their \$5,000 donation to TMRAII.

Glenn read the updates from Sputnik's website and from the latest Warrior.

We welcomed a new club to San Marcos - the River Haws and reminded everyone that TMRAII renewals are due in July.

Wolfman's cable access program will be returning this fall.

Steven and Nanette gave a report on the State Democratic convention.

Cadillac won the 50/50 and donated his portion back. Thanks Cadillac. Austin Minutemen collected \$24. Our account has \$155.01.

Steven adjourned the meeting at 8:45 with prayer. The next meeting will be August 3, 2004 at Vinny's.

Nanette Townsend

On a personal note - We had more bikers at the El Paso Democratic convention than we had in Houston. Yes, we got our resolutions passed, but it was because we coasted on our reputation. We can't ride on that forever. The next opportunity to show our state representatives that we mean business is at Legislation Day in January. SHOW UP!

Big Spring chapter minutes for July 6, 2004

Greg Bodin started the meeting at 7:10 with the Pledge and Prayer.

I read the minuets and treasurers report from last month. The minuets were accepted and the balance of the chapter account of \$145.08 was accepted.

Greg then brought up the Chapter birthday party plans. The party was set for Sept. 25, 2004 at the Cossack Club House in Big Spring, Texas from Noon til Midnight. We discussed doing a raffel for a shotgun and, I was able to come up with a way to print the raffel tickets on the computer to save money.

The other old business was the Rock the Caprock event in Levelland. The Big Spring Chapter was represented at Rock the Caprock and we recieved \$250.00 from them for our participation. With that money we were able to purchase the shotgun for the raffel and also put the money towards the food for the party.

In the other old business we discussed the Democratic and Republican Conventions.

Greg informed us that there are TMRA II Members that are going to the electoral college from El Paso.

On upcoming events was the Biker baseball game set for July 10th in Midland. They were asking for all bikers that could be there to please come on out and enjoy the game. The bikes are to ride out on to the field for the opening ceremony. July 17, for the next NWTCOC meeting at 4pm at the Aces & eights in Levelland.

Ro suggested that we start meeting at another place due to the excess noise at the LaPosada Restaurant. The motion was voted on and passed. Ro, suggested the Spanish Inn Restaurant and this too was approved.

There were only a few able to show up for the meeting so we dispensed with the 50/50 and passed the hat & collected \$19.00.

The meeting was called to an end.

Please note:

The next Big Spring Chapter Meeting of TMRA2 will be on Sept. 23 (Thursday) @ the Cossacks MC Clubhouse, 1610 N. Birdwell Lane in Big Spring, 7:00pm, (432) 267-4990. This meeting will be to prepare for our fundraiser. After that we will permanently move to our new meeting location @ Spanish Inn starting with the October Meeting 10-05-04. I hope to see you all @ the Party.

Pat Cypert

DFW chapter minutes for July 14, 2004

Light turnout this month so we kept the meeting informal.

Discussed the current issues that have come from the state office.

We had many victories at the Democratic State Convention despite our lower than normal attendance for this event. We must give a big hats off to the El Paso chapter. Not only did they get a member on the SDEC, they also got 4 members to the national convention. All our resolutions passed on the floor. We only had one that was a contentious vote and we got it passed due to respect from the party rather than actual numbers. Overall the Democratic convention was around 70% first time goers. That was quite a number. Our numbers need to reflect that also. Lets get working on it.

Several groups had events that were supporting TMRA2 in one way or another. One had a poor turnout, while others did just fine. Lets be sure to go back and thank those that support us by supporting their events also.

Our own Senator John Cornyn is supporting a bill that will make the Patriot (unpatriot) Act a permanent law without sunset. Currenty the act comes up for review (sunset) after 5 years. If we want a shot at killing it all or at least part of the act, it needs to allow the sunset. Both the Democrat and Republican parties in the state of Texas have adopted the repeal of the Patriot Act. We need to let the Senators know that this is the will of the people and the bill to make is permanent should be shot down. The bill number is S. 2476.

Several House of Representative members have sent a request to the UN to send observers to monitor our elections. It is unbelievable that any Rep would send such a request. Here these people are in office and can make a difference in our laws and they give up and ask

another government to do it for them. These people should no longer be in office. Those reps are Eddie Bernice Johnson of Texas, Julia Carson of Indiana; Jerrold Nadler, Edolphus Towns, Joseph Crowley and Carolyn B. Maloney, all of New York; Raul Grijalva of Arizona; Corrine Brown of Florida; Elijah E. Cummings of Maryland; Danny D. Davis of Illinois; and Michael M. Honda of California. Please send them letters explaining that if the leaders of the free world cannot maintain free and open elections then they should not be in office.

Elmer H. McKeegan

Tarrant County chapter minutes for July 21, 2004

Dancer opened the meeting at 7:08 PM

Invocation by James Tidmore, followed by the pledge.

Sassy gave the Tres report and JQ the minutes of meetings.

Mike told how Louisiana passed a helmet law and now you got to wear them there.

Gary explained what would be in the Warrior next and that it would be a little smaller.

Bill said the Cowtown Chapter would like to consolidate with us. They were welcomed 100 percent.

Sassy said we have decided to move the Casino night party to Nov 20th. We'll get better attendance when it is cooler, and maybe more sponsors by then. Need more door prizes too.

`D' Man suggested we get forms to be filled out to him and others to have handy when talking to prospective people of interest.

Bill introduced two guest: Brad Williams and Alex Backshear. We agreed to not make fun of their Italian bikes.

Andy told about the "Mid South Mile" deal.

Gene Whitcher joined the T-2 tonight. He use to ride old police Harleys for about 50 years. Now he proudly rides a BOSS HOSS! Then he introduced his friend Ken Winters, known as `LIT'L DUTCH.' I don't know why...he's a big dude.

Dreamer said we need some kind of hand outs about the T-2 to put on bikes we find in parking lots, inviting them

to come join us. Mike said he'd get some from 'Sput,' and bring them to next meeting.

Dreamer passed the hat and collected about \$25.00. Then Sassy started shaming everyone for being cheap and got kind'a bidding war going. It finally topped out at \$40.00.

At 7:45 we split. Shortest meeting ever.

JQ

Tri-County chapter minutes for June 8, 2004

Larry Trotter began the meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance at shortly after 7:00 p.m. I followed with a Secretary's Report. Roger English made a motion to accept the minutes, it was seconded by Mark Combs. The motion passed unanimously. Johnnie English followed with a Treasurer's Report. She stated that we have \$1,188.53 in the bank.

Dean Rosenquist followed with a short Safety Officer's Report. He spoke on the dangers of the highway department grooving the roads. A motorcycle will go all over the road on this type of surface and we need to be aware of it and take appropriate precautions. We also decided that as a chapter we need to send a resolution to the state office that addresses this issue.

Next was a discussion of the fact that the state of Louisiana is trying to reinstate their helmet law. This has many ramifications and can definitely affect the state of Texas. We all need to pay close attention to these developments and not get too complacent. We may be the next one's fighting this battle again.

A heated discussion followed concerning the anti-cop comments in a number of previous Warriors, especially the comments in the April Warrior. Many in our chapter were very upset by these statements and the implication that this is the Organization's views and not just one individual's view. Some felt that it was just one person using the Warrior as their soapbox. A few decided that they would write letters. We left this subject to see what responses we would receive.

Dean Rosenquist then spoke on Potter's Bar & Grill in Breckenridge. He says it is a very biker friendly place. They will be hosting a bike show on July 25, 2004. Everyone was encouraged to attend.

Roger English suggested that the money we have in the food fund (money donated to help the people who were supplying the meals) be used to purchase paper goods

(plates, napkins, & silverware). This was discussed and all approved.

The 50/50 drawing was next. We collected \$98.00. Michelle Wilson won the draw and donated her winnings to the chapter. Thank you Michelle!!

Don Ballard brought presents from the Paint Creek Senior class's trip. He brought Larry Trotter and Johnnie English each a T-shirt from the Hawaii Harley shop. The shirts were really nice. Thanks seniors.

This is the last meeting before Old Glory Days. There were a number of last minute decisions to be made. First, we voted on which patch to order, it was decided that we would order the ones from Simply Sweet Designs in Wichita Falls. Larry Trotter made a motion to order 150; it was seconded by Michelle Wilson and passed unanimously.

There will be another work day out at Bill Martin's on Saturday, June 26, 2004 from 8:00 am to 2:00 pm. Everyone was encouraged to come and help. There was also a big "Thank You" to all who helped and cooked for the first work day.

It was also decided that Sissy Gibson would talk to Coke, Pepsi and Ozarka about donations. Dean Rosenquist is going to see about getting us some ice for the festivities. The rest are supposed to bring desserts for OGD and work days.

Poker run starts at 9:00, last bike in at noon. Parade starts at noon and then at 6:30 the bike games. We should have time in between to cool off in Beautiful Lake Boudreau.

Bill Martin made a motion to close the meeting; it was seconded by Sissy Gibson. It passes unanimously.

Dusty Smith closed the meeting with a prayer. Brandon Lewis and Leslie Burkman we specifically mentioned and our prayers continue to go out to their families. Brandon was seriously hurt in an accident and Leslie lost his life in an accident at work..

Keep the Sunny Side Up!!! Susan

Tri-County chapter minutes for July 13, 2004

The meeting opened with the Pledge of Allegiance, a Secretaries report, which was accepted and then Johnnie English gave a Treasurer's report. She said we had \$1,920.82 in the bank. This amount included donations and what we raised at Old Glory Days. Shawn Jordan won the OGD poker run and donated the \$100.00 that he

won back to the chapter and Roger English donated \$100.00. Thank you both, Shawn and Roger for your generous donations.

There was some discussion about what amount we wanted to send the state office. Bill Martin made a motion to send \$1,500.00. It was voted on and there were 20 in approval and 1 in opposition. The measure passed and it was agreed we would send the state office a check for \$1,500.00.

Next, we held a discussion of how everyone thought it went. We let everyone voice opinions about what went wrong, what went right and what should be different. We decided there was too large a gap between the parade and the bike games, and that we needed separate campgrounds for the partiers and those who wanted to go to sleep and that we needed a place to post a schedule so everyone would know when the next event took place and what it was to be. But, all in all, these were minor things and the general consensus was that we did want to do it again.

We had 50 bikes in the parade and had 62 ride in the poker run. We did have some of the patches left and voted to sell them for \$2.00 apiece. Johnnie English stated that we need to give some to the members of CMA that put on the bike games. All in attendance agreed. Johnnie English also will send Thank You notes to CMA, Sputnik, and Pete Porter (he provides the Sunday morning service). I will send a Thank You note to Charles Hughes for all the help and goodies that Coors provided.

We held a 50/50 drawing. We collected \$46.00 and Michael Elkins won the draw. He donated his portion back to the chapter. Thanks Michael!!

We also got to welcome two new members; Pete & Linda Anders. They came out to Old Glory Days and we're glad to have them. Welcome, Pete & Linda!!

Roger English made a motion to add a new officer to our list of chapter officers. He suggested that we nominate someone as Sentinel/Parliamentarian/Sergeant at Arms. This was discussed and we agreed. It was decided the new post would be called "Road Captain". Roger made a motion that we elect Mark Sellers to fill the post. Johnnie English seconded the motion. It was voted on and passed unanimously. Congratulations Mark!!

Larry then went into a couple of events that are coming up. The Hot Dam Rally in Sweetwater on 07/25/04 and the Bike Show at Potters Bar & Grill in Breckenridge on 07/26/04. A portion of the gate fee from the Hot Dam

Rally is to go to TMRAII. Everyone was encouraged to attend one or both of these events if possible.

Larry then discussed a grant, approved by Rick Perry. It is a grant to MADD (Mother Against Drunk Drivers). This may be a deserving cause, but in effect the grant gives money to a lobbying organization. There is a problem with the government giving money to someone who is trying to make or affect laws.

Finally we discussed the helmet and sticker law. There was a motorcyclist killed recently in Brownwood. The news reported that he wasn't wearing a helmet, but didn't report that the person who hit him ran a red light. There is some very one-sided reporting going on and we need to be aware of it and draw attention to it. Also, there was some reporting that some riders didn't have the sticker on their bikes. Fact is, you do not have to have the sticker, but this is not publicized.

The entire group then gave Bill Martin a big THANK YOU!! For all he did, provided and letting us have the festivities out at beautiful Lake Boudreau!!!! THANK YOU BILL!!!!

Mark Sellers made a motion to close the meeting. It was seconded by Bill Martin and passed unanimously.

Roger English closed the meeting with a prayer.

Keep the sunny side up!! Susan

Northwest Texas Confederation of Clubs minutes for July 17, 2004

The meeting was called to order a little after 4:30 p.m. on 7-17-04 @ the Aces & Eights Clubhouse in Levelland TX. The following clubs were in attendance: Aces & Eights MC; Bandidos MC; Boozefighters MC; Los Carnales MC; Cossacks MC; Texas Veterans MC; Los Riders MC; and Survivors United MC. Attendance was low, but I am sure you will not let it happen again. Talked about "Rock the Caprock". It was a success, not as good as some years, but WAY BETTER than last time. We discussed the law enforcement situation in San Angelo in detail. There were some first-hand accounts of the harassment incidents. We read the letter that Steve Brannan COC Attorney wrote to the San Angelo PD. As I was reading it, some bikes rolled in, and Steve appeared from the pack, and gave us a run-down from his end. He reminded us of the EXTREME IMPORTANCE of filing INCIDENT REPORTS. Incident reports show patterns, which are evidence in court. We will need evidence to win, if we ever have to take a case to court. I also reminded everyone that they are also used for legislative purposes as well. I made both COC and TMRA2 incident reports available. Steve

said if could not make the time to file both, he would make his incident report file available to Sputnik upon request. Steve has every incident report on file, that has been submitted to him since we started NWTX COC. Steve reminded us of the 3 big questions to ask when you are unjustly harassed: 1) Am I being charged with anything?; 2) Am I under arrest?; 3) Am I free to go? Other than that you are only required to give the officer the information that is on your drivers license, JUST SAY NO to illegal search, you have the right to remain silent so use it! If you are illegally detained ask the three questions, and hopefully they will get it on tape, that is good for you bad for them. United States v. Pruitt, 174 F3d 1215, 1220 (11th Cir. 1999) "An investigative detention must last no longer than is necessary to effectuate the purpose of the stop. Once the reason for the stop has been satisfied, the stop may not be used as a 'fishing expedition' for unrelated criminal activity." Steve went over the SB 10 hand out. This is the little letter to the officer who pulls you over for no helmet, that Sputnik had in Skunk Dots a few months ago. Steve reminded us that even though the sticker is not required, it sure is a preventative measure from his point of view as our legal counsel. I have put these SB 10 letters into tear off books, and they will be available to every chapter of every club @ the meetings. We also reminded everyone that July 21st is National Ride Your Motorcycle To Work Day, to promote motorcycle safety & awareness and acceptance of motorcycles as viable transportation. Our resolutions are already @ work, in the Republican Party believe it or not. Senators Carona (R, Dallas) & Wentworth (R San Antonio) have co-authored and pre-filed legislation calling for roll call votes. Get on board now and call your senator about this bill, Senate Joint Resolution 5. Remember SJR 5 in January when you go to Legislative Day. Talk with your State Representative about it also, so he will be looking for it when it comes to the house. It was noted when TMRA2 drafted this resolution, that actually getting a bill on this issue was unlikely, but we wanted to raise awareness to the issue. The resolution passed in both parties, thus showing the importance of sending bikers to both conventions, because someone has taken notice. Since this bill is sponsored by Republicans, perhaps it will work to our advantage for a change. We will see in the upcoming legislative session. The bill calls for roll call votes on more than just bills, it includes: amendments, substitutions, the appointment or election of a legislative officer or other public official, and the confirmation of an appointment to a public office. I spoke a little bit about S. 2476 in the U.S. Senate. S. 2476 would amend the Patriot Act to repeal the sunsets. Texas' own John Cornyn is a cosponsor. Everyone was strongly encouraged to write him a letter about it. The next meeting will be held in Big Spring in conjunction with the TMRA2 Big Spring Chapter Birthday Party &

Shotgun Raffle. The Big Spring Harley Shop (Oldest Dealership in Texas) will be hosting a 75th Anniversary Party the same day, so plan to come early and stay late. Try to make both events if you can. Camping available at the TMRA2 party site.

The TMRA2 Party starts @ noon, The COC Meeting will be @ 4:00 p.m. as always

The location for both is:

Cossacks MC Permian Basin Chapter Clubhouse
1610 N. Birdwell Lane
Big Spring TX 79720
(432) 267-4990

The Harley Shop is located @ 908 W. 3rd
(432)263-2322

If you are coming in from East of Big Spring, be advised you may need to find an alternative to the usual route. The bridge between 2nd St. and the railroad track is being rebuilt. It is scheduled to be finished in September, but you know how that goes. These minutes will include a map, but for more information on alternate routes, give me a call @ (432)213-4421.

The November Meeting will actually be in Plainview, hosted by the Los Riders MC. The Location and date TBA after our September Meeting.

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DISTRICT ADVISOR REPORTS

#22 – Greg Bodovsky

Election day is growing ever near. The signs for your candidates should be going out soon if not already. Pitch in and help out. Get to know these candidates and their advisors. Make sure they know what TMRA2 wants. When you get ready to go see them, call me, so I can go along too. Hopefully some of you will ride down to the Advisor's meeting at the State office in Elgin. It is August 28th at 1pm.

Mama Blue (the co-coordinator of the Granbury Chapter), is still selling ads for their website (www.bone-production.com), and ANY chapter that wants to help gets \$15 of each ad they sell. These ads and the businesses that support TMRA2 will be listed in a Nationwide directory of MRO & Biker friendly establishments. Check out their website above.

The next meeting of the Hood County Blues (Granbury) Chapter will be at The Longhorn (Thorp Spring) on Thursday, August 26th, and it starts at 7:00pm during the Bike Night there. There is FREE food, and always a GREAT band. The chapter is looking for a venue to put on a presentation by LEAP (www.leap.cc), so come out and throw in your ideas. Bone Productions is supporting TMRA2, so support them (and have a good time too). Check out their website at www.bone-production.com for more info or call Mama Blue at 817-840-9072 or 817-456-9675 for more info or directions.

The meeting on Sunday the 8th of the H.O.T. chapter at Jim's Cycle Shop was well attended by everyone except Jim :-o Couldn't find him so we met (informally) under the shade tree out front. The P.A.T.R.I.O.T. Act was discussed again, and all agreed that this was a bad thing. The next meeting for the H.O.T. Chapter will be Sunday September 12th, 1pm at Jim's Cycle Shop in Axtell. Getting closer to elections and campaigns are in full swing, so if you are in the area, come on out. Jim's Cycle Shop is also a BIG TMRA2 supporter, so remember that, when you need something for your scooter. Check it out at www.jimscycleshop.com.

Please make one (or all) of these meetings. Remember to put Legislative Day on your calendar (4th Monday in January).

As always, I look forward to hearing from you and my contact information is on the officer's page. My email address is hdrider@htcomp.net. Phone # is 245.582.3252

Ride Safe & Ride Free!

#31 – Dean Maltsberger

July was a very slow month for me as advisor. Still haven't been able to meet with our new SD 31 SDEC member. His schedule and mine just don't match. I do want to take time in this column to express gratitude for a brother and fellow-warrior. Ed Dailing has faithfully served this organization for over 11 years; he joined up and was there at the original Dream Town. Since then, he has served several years as chapter leader for the Permian Basin Chapter, and was responsible for a lot of the good things that happened with this chapter. Ed and his family had an opportunity to move away from this area and settle in the Corpus Christi area. He was a tireless worker for our cause, and he will be sorely missed by those of us who worked with him here. Best wishes to Ed and Nola as they settle their family in their new surroundings. Ed was a regular companion on road trips with me, and I would be proud to ride anywhere with him. But if you do ride with Ed, bring the rain gear because I got rained on every time we went anywhere. Take care, Ed....we will see you on the road.

TMRA2 Major Contributors

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Jim "Preacher" Ball 07/05
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In memory of Grizzly Druipple 06/05
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Austin Vietnam Vets 05/05
Armadillo Cycle Club 09/04
Companeros M/C, Austin 02/05
Cossacks M/C, Permian Basin 05/05
Gypsy M/C, Hill Country 07/05
Gypsy M/C, Normandy 05/05
Iron Riders M/C 12/04
Lost Prairie Cycles 08/04
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Arlington ABATE 01/05
Branch Gypsy M/C 11/04
Davy Crockett Riders 12/04
Del Rio Gypsy M/C 12/04
Denton ABATE 01/05
Gypsy M/C International, Calallen chapter 05/05
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West Texas Motorcyclist Chili Cookoff – 03/05

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These establishments have paid a fee to be listed on the Bone Production's "Bikers Handbook" website, a portion of which was donated to TMRAII. They are the places to patronize that are biker friendly and financially support bikers & their motorcycle rights.

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Walnut Springs, TX
254-797-5000

Red Barn
526 NE Big Bend Trail
Glen Rose, TX
254-897-2525

Simple Simon's Pizza
801 NE Bend St
Glen Rose, TX
254-898-0022

KCD Construction
Granbury, TX
817-840-9072

4 Horse Saloon
9530 Hwy 80 West
Fort Worth, TX
817-560-0123

Mobley Motel
902 Main Street
Blanco, TX
830-833-4502

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708 Rambling Dr
Canyon Lake, TX
830-899-4216

Anchor Motel & RV Park
1302 Blue Water Hwy
Surfside Beach TX
979-239-3543

Lazy T's BBQ & Catering
901 So. Rice
Hamilton TX
254-386-4466

Hico Rib Station
107 Elm Street
Hico TX 76457
254-796-4300

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316 N. Patrick Hwy 377
Dublin TX 76446
254-445-4107

Taco Loco Mexican Food
Hwy 281
Hamilton TX 76531
254-386-5151

USA Auto Title Services
11918 Lake June Rd
Balch Springs TX 75180
972-557-9607

Weber's Bar-B-Q
190 Walnut Ave
Walnut Springs TX 76690
254-797-2506

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237 East Main
Fredericksburg TX 78627
830-997-7772

Flores Cafe/Cantina
503 Hwy 87 N.
Brady TX 76825
325-597-1880

The Branding Iron
319 Main Street
Bandera TX 78003
830-796-3828

Too Good's Restaurant
680 Highway 16 South
Bandera TX 78003
1-866-227-9449

Heart of Texas
Lube & Laserwash
2307 S. Bridge
Brady TX 76825
915-792-0020

11th Street Cowboy Bar
307 11th Street
Bandera TX 78003
830-796-4849

Nubbin Ridge Grocery & RV Park
Hwy 144 between Gaby & Glen Rose
817-573-5331

Apache Motorcycle
2132 Tin Top Road
Weatherford, TX
817-341-2108

Circle M Saloon
2929 Alta Mere "A"
Fort Worth, TX
817-763-8686

Marilyn Phillips Insurance
408 NE Big Bend Trail
Glen Rose, TX
254-897-3948

Casanova's Patio Cafe & Smokehouse
115 Main Street
Blanco, TX
830-833-2139

The Produce Stand
2082 Hwy 521
Brazoria, TX
979-798-8285
Serline's Sunset Club
14070 FM 306
Canyon Lake, TX
830-964-5600

Dan's Waterfront Restaurant
626 Canal Drive
Surfside Beach, TX
979-373-9891

Cody Trading Post
605 N. 2nd
Hico TX 76457
254-796-2806

Ortega's Mexican Restaurant
1204 S. Rice Street
Hamilton TX 76531

TD's Transmission & Automotive, Inc.
4646 Hwy 377 East
Granbury TX 76048
817-279-9494

Pasquale's Mexican Restaurant
608 E. Main
Johnson City TX 78636
830-868-7682

Macy's Country Corner & Back Porch
Cafe
100 West Hwy 6
Iredell TX 76649
254-364-2804

All-Tex Insurance
307 B 4th Street
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830-833-5015
The American Indian Jewelry Stores
311-B Main, Downtown
Bandera TX 78003
830-796-4000

River Inn Resort & Conference Center
2960 Highway 39
Hunt TX 78024
800-841-0501

Denise's Collectibles
17596 US Hwy 87 North
Fredericksburg TX 78624
830-669-2151

Streamline Cycles
198 W. Frey
Stephenville, Texas 76401
254-965-1903

Fredericksburg Laundry
917 E. Main
Fredericksburg TX 78624
830-992-2680

Sneaky's
438 S Chicago
Hot Springs SD 57747
605-745-3626

River Queen
4712 1/2 Hwy 146
Baytown, TX
281-420-1830

On The Square
405 A 3rd Street
Blanco, TX
830-833-0405

J's Bar B Que
14645 River Road
Sattler, TX
830-964-2619

Bay City Inn
101 West Seventh St.
Bay City, TX
979-245-0985

Kitty's Purple Cow
Ocean Ave @ Blue Water Hwy
Surfside Beach TX
979-233-9161

Kent Sunday Insurance Agency
1803-C Fort Worth Hwy.
Weatherford TX 76086
817-613-8800

Collector's Hide-Away
313 Fourth Street
Blanco TX 78606
830-885-2385

Mable's Bakery & Cafe
49B Main Street
Blanco TX 78606
830-833-4930

Pita Stop Deli
600 North 2nd
Hico TX 76457
254-796-1963

Blanco Bowling Club Cafe
310 4th Street
Blanco TX 78606
830-833-4416

Sam Mowery, ABR
807 N. Main Street
Blanco TX 78606
830-833-5511

Longhorn Saloon
2607 Sunrise Bay Court
Granbury TX 76048
817-573-6272

Trading Post
307 Main
Bandera TX 78003
830-796-4445

Keese's Fresh Pit Bar-B-Que
Hwy 16 North
Medina TX 78055
830-589-7474

Steel Horse Cafe
11804 FM 470
Tarpley TX 78883
830-562-3325

Deluxe Inn
901 E. Main
Fredericksburg TX 78624
830-997-3344

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Brady TX 76825
325-597-0404

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FROM NOON TIL MIDNIGHT

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3rd Annual Biker Rights Run

September 11th & 12th, 2004



All Proceeds to Help TMRA II
Registration 8:00 am 'till Noon

\$10 Registration includes evening meal (while food lasts) \$5.00 per hand for extra poker hands
Hi / Lo Winners (30/20)

All Motorcycles, Cars, Pickups Welcome to participate!

Poker run starts at Midessa Motorcycle in Midland and ends in Fort Davis at the Overland Trail Campground. Map will be given at registration.

Last bike in at 6:00 pm at Overland Trail Campground in Fort Davis.

RV Camping \$15 up to four people
Tent Camping \$8 up to two people

For camp reservations: (432) 426-2250 - Must mention you are with TMRA II to get the above rate.

Bike games and off bike games starting after 12 noon at the campground.

For Information Contact:

Ty Miller - (432) 366-0099 - zebmfamels@juno.com
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Ten Things All Drivers Should Know About Motorcycles



Ten Facts and Tips all Car and Truck Drivers should know about Motorcycles

- 1** There are a lot more cars and trucks than motorcycles on the road, and some drivers don't "recognize" a motorcycle – they ignore it – usually unintentionally.
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."
- 10** Motorcyclists are more vulnerable to injury in traffic collisions than other roadway users since they don't have the advantage of being surrounded by 3,000 pounds of steel.
When a motorcycle is in motion, think of it as a person.

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