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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 Saturday – 1st Brazoria County, Angleton

2nd Sunday – Heart of Texas, Axtell
2nd Tuesday – Big Country, Abilene
2nd Tuesday – San Angelo, San Angelo
2nd Tuesday – Tri-County, Stamford
2nd Wednesday – D/FW, Dallas

3rd Wednesday – El Paso, El Paso
3rd Wednesday – Tarrant County, Fort Worth
3rd Thursday – Lubbock, Lubbock
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

Grapevine domestic terrorist incident continued from last month – the TSTB's have been identified as GPD officers Aaron Cox #6818, and Daren Yarbrough #6952; the four (4) domestic terrorists have been identified as Adam Taylor Wood, age 19; Adam Wilson, age 18; Blake William Mann, age 16; and Kyle Daniel Carlson, age 15; Federal firearms laws prohibit possession of a handgun by anyone under age 21 with a mandatory five (5) year prison term upon conviction; There were \$300+ worth of explosives and incendiary devices confiscated and two Grapevine municipal court citations issued with a penalty fine of \$500 each; the vehicles involved were 1) **1994 black two-door Cadillac TX License B15-YDX** R/O: Charles & Debra Mann, 2029 Harwell, Grapevine, TX 76051 and 2) **1993 green? Honda CLX TX License W92-RWY** R/O: Carolyn Wilson, 3381 FM 1446, Waxahachie, TX 75167

If you see either one of the above vehicles on a public roadway driven by a young person, **it is probably "dirty", i.e., the vehicle contains a handgun!**

I am personally offering a **four-figure cash reward** if your or anyone's actions lead to a lawful search of either of these vehicles and contraband (weapons, drugs, stolen property, etc.) is found by any LEO.

The big concealed carry news this session is Rep. Keel's HB 823. Under this law effective at midnight Thursday September 1, 2005, as long as a person is not otherwise prohibited from possessing a handgun, they are "traveling" if they are in a private motor vehicle and the handgun is not in plain sight. This definition has been a long time coming and represents a significant step toward the right to keep and bear arms. It eliminates the need for "two county lines" and "overnight trip" legal guesswork.

A new Federal law allows you to "opt-out" of those dozens of "Pre-approved" credit card offers that arrive in the mail each week; visit www.optoutprescreen.com or call 888-567-8688 to register; you must do each person in your household separately

CHAIRMAN'S CORNER

Sputnik

This Special Session has been a totally wasted effort by our legislators and a very taxing time for everyone involved with trying to keep track. After spending nearly \$4,000,000 and wasting two months, nothing of any importance has changed.

School will begin with the same amount of money as what Governor Perry vetoed at the end of the regular session and no new Tax Bill. Several Bills have been passed but none will be signed as the two Primary Bills have not been passed.

FEDERAL LEVEL:

S 397 The Senate passed this Bill prior to going on their month long break. Supposedly it is to protect gun manufacturers from lawsuits when their product is used for illegal purposes by criminals. It sounds like a great Bill but the real story is always way down the line in a Bill. Why did so many Ant-gun Senators support this Bill? Check this Bill out for yourself. Pay special attention to Sec. 6 :

Part 1: Makes it against the law to manufacture, import, sell or deliver Armor Piercing Ammo except to government agencies or for testing purposes by the U S Attorney General.

Part 2: Enhances penalties for using Armor Piercing Ammo in the commission of a crime.

Part 3: The US Attorney General will be the sole authority on what constitutes Armor Piercing Ammo. Armor has always been considered to be a one inch thick plate of cold rolled steel. Word is that the new testing will be done on phase 1 vest material. Any rifle bullet including 22 caliber long cartridges will penetrate this material. Most pistol bullets will also penetrate it. You can see where this may be heading.

Under S 397 the Attorney General will have sole authority to set the standards and ban ammunition with no appeal process. We can't get your weapons so we'll take your ammunition. Congress will take up the Bill upon their return to DC. It must be stopped there.

HR 3 The Transportation Bill passed and is signed. The Bill is called SAFETEA-Lu. There are many good points in this Bill, especially the motorcyclist issues that were pushed by the Motorcycle Riders Foundation and SMROs from around the country.

There are safety issues and requirements to be met by auto manufacturers such as reinforced roofs and rollover prevention measures. AS with any Bill it also includes many Pork Projects. At \$286.4 Billion the Bill is \$30 Billion higher than what the president said he would sign. There are 6.371 Pork Projects, many that have nothing to do with transportation, at a cost of over \$24 Billion. We urge you to read these Bills if you have

computer access. For a real eye opener type in highway bill to see what is really in store for us from our federal legislators. By doing so you will catch just a glimpse of what your chairman and others across the country find and share with each other in an attempt to stay current with happenings nation wide. Just to pique your interest I will tell you that the feds are planning the stick and carrot campaign to accomplish several goals including Road Block Laws just like we have defeated during the past two sessions. Also in the works is a coordinated national Police blitz to check traffic for DWI and Seat Belt infractions.

Start checking some of this stuff out by reading the actual Bills and/or Resolutions.

NATIONAL ENERGY BILL :

This massive Bill contains \$ Billions of subsidies for those in the business of energy production. Why should the taxpayer have to pay the cost of producing the energy which they in turn sell to us at outrageous prices? NO reason that I can see except to increase the profit margin of those companies who pay the legislators big bucks to get this type Bill passed. Look how many of these companies have been found to be ripping off billions of dollars in crooked schemes to make a few of them ultra wealthy. The Bill contains \$400,000 for a Public Education Campaign to get Americans to have the proper air pressure in their tires. It also sets standards for ceiling fans, refrigerators, heating/air conditioners. There is even \$6,000,000 to convince the public to ride bicycles instead of using their motor vehicles in an effort to save fuel. Do you think any of them plan to give up their SUVs and Limousines?

The most glaring thing missing in this Bill is fuel efficient guidelines for automobiles. EPA did a study showing that the manufacturers have not even met the present standard for fuel efficiency and in fact have gone backwards. They chose to hold the report until after the Energy Bill was done. Ford was found to be the worst offender for decreased fuel economy. If this Bill was truly about energy efficiency it would have addressed the most glaring use of energy in the country. Of course auto manufacturers lay out mighty big bucks in Washington also. Again I urge you to make use of your computer to read some of this information as it is written and if you disagree with your chairman's assessment please contact me at chairman@tmra2.org or write a letter of rebuttal to the Warrior Editor.

DISTRICT ADVISOR MEETING

We had the best attended Advisor meeting we've had in a long time and a lot of ground was covered. We had the Invocation and the Pledge and then each Advisor present gave a report on current happenings. Kanga said that

Dist. 3 would have a booth at the Longrider's M/C "Hot Fun Summer Run August 19th. She is working with the LongRiders M/C for more support and is planning a Fund raiser for her district.

Mike Alvey reported that District 12 doesn't have much going right now except working on their Casino Night again. Jack West passed out Flyers for the Rolling Thunder Car and Bike Show in Angleton August 25-27. TMRA 2 will have a booth there and will giveaway the shotgun they are raffling as a fund raiser. He also is working with the Surfside Gypsy M/C for support in dist. 17. He has plans to speak at a meeting of the Guardian M/C as well.

Greg, dist. 22 says they will have a booth at the Brotherhood M/C Scavenger Hunt at Jim's in Axtell Sept. 16-18. He also suggested a reduced membership cost for couples who sign up at the same time. (held for later discussion.) Ron Ashmore, dist. 24, has lined up two TMRA 2 Reps to attend and hopefully speak at the COC meetings to recruit members. He has been working with the Phoenix M/C to add the dollar charge for TMRA 2 to the admission at their events.

Dee, in dist. 25 is still attending the Austin and San Antonio COC Meetings as well as the Austin Minutemen Chapter Meetings. Dee attended a meeting of the Clean and Sober group who are looking at ways to work with TMRA 2. Plans are still moving forward on establishing a chapter in the New Braunfels area. Dee has also agreed to volunteer time to assist with the Texas Politics – Biker Style TV Show. Del, from dist. 28 reported that the Rock The Caprock and Old Glory Days were both successful fund raisers. He also noted that Patch Holders in the San Angelo area are being targeted for stops when not wearing a helmet. Officers have reportedly singled out individual Patch Holders for stops while allowing the rest of the group to ride on.

The Revvv sat in for dist. 29 as Mando was still vending at Sturgis. They are holding their Don't Gamble With Your Rights Run August 27th. TMRA 2 is working closely with the COC and the El Paso area Coalition of Motorcyclists to coordinate events so as not to step on each other's event dates.

Dean from dist. 31 was not present but sent a report to be read during the meeting. They are planning a Chili Cook-off in Water Valley during the month of Oct. He reported a rash of injuries and deaths in the Odessa area. Many of those have been caused by riders who were under the influence while riding. This is a very serious problem all over now.

Jan had sent in a report that was read and discussed at the meeting. (Read her report elsewhere in this Warrior) Keeping the association running from month to month has always been a problem that has been dealt with in one way or another, even if it meant that your chairman utilized personal credit cards to keep things going. We are about to grow out of the ability to continue in this

fashion. Getting and retaining memberships was discussed. You remember that we switched to a July renewal date to make it easy to remember. To date we have 412 members who have not met that July renewal date. That is over \$10,000 in dues that we sure could use about now. We discussed Greg's idea of a couple membership rate and settled on a \$40 couple's rate if they join at the same time. The couple would only receive one Warrior. This rate is effective immediately. New applications will go out today. Next we discussed the Biker's Handbook being put out by Bone Productions. While this discussion was taking place Mama Blue called from Sturgis and informed us the Handbook (with your chairman's picture on the cover) had just been placed in the Biker's Museum in Sturgis. What an honor we have received from your dedication to biker's rights in Texas. Thanks to all the fine Warriors who made this possible. By the way our state secretary planned and shot that photo for the cover. We shall begin selling the book within the next two weeks. If we are willing to put in a little effort this could become our means of funding the association.

We discussed campaigns to look at and each advisor will investigate the probability of our being able to reach the desired outcome in each of these races. More to come on that later.

SOUTHERN CROSS CONFERENCE

We have established an organization called the Southern Cross Conference. It is structured much like the Mid South Mile except it consists of the Southern States from Texas to the East Coast, From Virginia down to Florida. The purpose of SCC is to establish continuity at a Federal Level to utilize the combined voting strength of the Southern State's Congressmen and Senators. This enterprise has been a work in progress for some time by a lot of SMRO

members and leaders especially from Virginia to South Carolina. The planning stage is an ongoing process but the first meeting is scheduled to be held in Charleston SC on October 29th. It will be a weekend affair. To learn more about the Southern Cross Conference go to www.southerncrossconference.com. If anyone would like to consider making history by attending the First Annual SCC Meeting Click on www.southerncrossconference.com/SCC-Registration.pdf and register on line with credit card or print out and mail to address listed.

Contact the state office if you plan to go so we could maybe all go together.

Sputnik
State Chair / TMRA 2

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 September, 2005!

Tarrant County chapter - \$100

El Paso chapter - \$100

Austin chapter - \$200

Texas Wheels M/C - \$40

Gypsy M/C, Del Valley - \$40

Gypsy M/C, Liberty Hill - \$40

Gypsy M/C, Round Rock - \$40

During the months of April, May & June the bank account got very low, and it was hard to pay all the bills. At times I thought we would have to let our office go, or let our secretary go, because I didn't see how we could pay both. But, as Sputnik promised ... The money came in, and the bills were paid. At one time, this year, we owed two Warrior printing bills. But, since July, we have managed to get caught up there. Also, at one time this year, I was not able to pay the Capital One bill, in full, and I worried that we might not be able to pay for Sputnik's gas and keep him going.

There again, since July we have been able to pay the balance on the charge card, and keep it paid. But, now, as membership renewals are beginning to slow down, I am already beginning to wonder how we'll do in the 3rd & 4th quarter. I paid bills earlier this week. At present, everything and everyone is paid up to date, except our Chairman, Sputnik. Beginning June 1st, our Chairman's salary was lowered from \$1,750.00 to \$1,250.00. But, so far, we have not been able to pay his salary. To get Sputnik caught up, we need to pay him \$3,445.11 (net) for the months of June, July, and August. Between the 20-25th of each month, I pay the office rent - \$650.00, and the webhosting - \$25.00. And, will pay the secretary's salary on the 1st - \$631.62 (net). That's a total of \$1,306.62. The bank balance is \$1,326.75. I no longer keep cash on hand.

MRF Report

The word from Washington is both good & bad. Unfortunately the Patriot Act renewal passed the House 257 to 171. The House version would make 14 of the provisions permanent and place a 10-year sunset or expiration date, on sections that permit roving wiretaps of terrorist suspects and court-approved searches of business records in terrorism cases, which could be used to monitor library records. The Senate Judiciary Committee included four-year sunsets for those sections and voted to permanently extend the other 14. The White House issued a statement supporting the House bill but expressed disappointment with the decision to include the sunsets, calling them "unnecessary and detrimental." Both bills included some efforts to limit the reach of the 2001 law (PL107-56), but not enough to satisfy opponents. The next step to make the changes permanent is the full Senate must take up the bill, and then send the bill to Conference Committee to work out difference between the two pieces of legislation. After that the measure will be sent to the White House to be signed into public law. The passage of the Patriot Act (when signed into law) coupled with the recent passage of the CAFTA is the certain death of our Constitution, freedom, and sovereignty. And it gets worse, the CAFTA is a precursor to a far worse scenario in the works: the FTAA (Free Trade Area of the Americas). We must activate Congress to stop the FTAA, and keep our nation independent. For more info on CAFTA & FTAA, visit the website www.stopthftaa.org. I may well join some of you at the Democrat Convention next time, over this. I was at the last Republican Convention; I have a copy of the platform; I am amazed every day that laws are passed by the Republican regime that are contrary to the party platform. Enough is enough. The Gang Enhancement bills S.155 & HR.970 are still idle in committee, but don't stop calling and writing letters opposing these bills. HR 1279 has passed the house and is currently in the Senate Committee on the Judiciary. We must not let these bills pass as written, because they threaten to undermine the Constitution. The news, however, is not all bad. For freedom loving, firearm loving Americans I have good news. Anti gun folks have tried several times to bankrupt gun manufacturers in outrageous lawsuits. If I was shot in a robbery, by a Smith & Wesson firearm, a gun control freak might try to get me to sue Smith & Wesson. Yet, it is not the firearm manufacturers fault. That SH!# ain't right, and it's days are numbered. S. 397, "The Protection of Lawful Commerce in Arms Act," will protect law-abiding firearms manufacturers and retailers from predatory lawsuits. S.397 has passed the Senate, but with some amendments, which rumor has it will be addressed in Conference. The NRA states: "There has been some discussion this week concerning two

amendments to S. 397. The first, by Sen. Herb Kohl (D-Wisc.), requires federally licensed dealers to provide a "secure gun storage or safety device" with the sale/transfer of every handgun (it does not apply to long guns). The measure, which passed by a vote of 70-30, does not require gun owners to use the device, does not apply to private transfers, and does not create any new civil liability for gun owners who choose not to use these storage devices. Virtually all new handguns today are sold with some type of secure storage or safety device. The amendment has no significant impact on current law. The other amendment, by Sen. Larry Craig (R-Idaho), passed by a margin of 87-11, and was offered this year (as it was in 2004) in a successful attempt to defeat Sen. Edward Kennedy's "armor piercing" ammunition amendment that would have banned all centerfire rifle ammunition. By providing an alternative to Sen. Kennedy's amendment, pro-gun senators were able to marshal the votes to defeat the Kennedy amendment. Here's what this amendment does: * The amendment (section 6 of the bill) restates the existing prohibition (in 18 USC Sec. 922(a)) on manufacture, or on sale by manufacturers, of "armor piercing ammunition," except for government use, for export, or for use in testing or experimentation authorized by the Attorney General. This law has been in effect for nearly two decades. * It increases the mandatory minimum sentence for the use of "armor piercing ammunition" in a crime of violence or drug trafficking crime. Use of armor piercing ammunition in a crime of violence or drug trafficking crime is already a federal offense punishable by 5 years in prison; the amendment increases the penalty to 15 years, and authorizes the death penalty if the ammunition is used in a murder. * It directs the Attorney General to conduct a study "to determine whether a uniform standard for the testing of projectiles against Body Armor is feasible." In fact, we know such a standard is "feasible" because the National Institute of Justice (NIJ) has been testing projectiles against body armor since the early 1970s, and has regularly written and updated the standards for testing projectiles against armor. NIJ's research has saved lives by improving the design and manufacture of body armor. Here's what this amendment does not do: * The amendment does not give the Attorney General (or anyone else) any new authority to ban ammunition. * The amendment does not change the definition of "armor piercing ammunition." Under current law (18 USC Sec. 921(a)(17)(B)), ammunition is only "armor piercing" if it has a bullet that "may be used in a handgun" and that is made entirely from certain hard metals such as tungsten, steel, bronze or depleted uranium; or if the bullet is "designed and intended for use in a handgun" and has a jacket that weighs more than 25% of the weight of the projectile. The current definition has been in place for more than 12 years. *

The amendment does not create any kind of new ammunition ban. The only ammunition that is banned as "armor piercing" is ammunition that fits the current definition, and neither the amendment nor the study would change the definition.

As you know, the fight now moves to the U.S. House of Representatives, so it is critical that you once again contact your U.S. Representative and urge him/her to pass S. 397!"

Finally we get to the real good news. Since it's almost midnight at the time of this writing, I'll just let the MRF Press Release do the talking: August 10, 2005 #05NR20 - President Bush Signs Highway Bill President Bush signed a comprehensive highway measure into law Wednesday morning in the home district of Speaker J. Dennis Hastert (R-IL). Flanked by the Secretary of Transportation, Hastert and throngs of Members of Congress, Bush declared that the \$286.4 billion dollar package will "improve the safety of and modernize the nation's highway system". He added "and in a fiscally responsible way, this bill does not raise any federal gas taxes" Bush then signed the legislation into public law.

Bush had been brandishing a veto threat of any proposal that spent more than \$284 billion, but in the end, decided the measure was worthy legislation and a good compromise. The legislation had been running on a series of unprecedented monetary extensions, many observers doubted that the package would ever see public law.

The package known as SAFETEA-LU or Safe, Accountable, Flexible, and Efficient Transportation Equity Act: A Legacy for Users, if you are not into brevity, marks a monumental victory for motorcyclists. The bill makes available \$25 million dollars for motorcycle education and awareness campaigns, and calls for the organization of a motorcycle advisory council to advise the Federal Highway Administrator on road and road furniture design.

All of these provisions are a direct result of the efforts of the Motorcycle Riders Foundation (MRF) and the various State Motorcycle Rights Groups and individual motorcyclists that traveled to Washington DC to lobby, contact their Members of Congress, or maintain a healthy relationship with their elected officials. The MRF would like to thank all of those that have worked on the inclusion of the motorcycle language. Without you, the highway bill would have once again ignored the needs of the motorcycle community.

"Now that the highway bill is public law, the individual states will be able to improve upon, or in some cases, implement rider ed programs and awareness campaigns." said Jeff Hennie, MRF Vice President of Government Relations "This groundbreaking legislation has the potential to save thousands of lives, something we should all be very proud of."

NEWSARTICLES

Southern Maryland Blessing of the Bikes really had someone watching over them.

(Ed. Note – you were wondering what use you could possibly find for that new shotgun you won at the last TMRA2 raffle!)

If a kite appears to be following you in La Plata, Md., it very well may be.

The Charles County Sheriff's Office recently monitored a gathering of motorcycle riders by launching a remote-control aerial camera to watch for emergencies or troublemakers. An official said yesterday the battery-powered spy plane was launched as a test run and that he's not sure whether the agency will buy the craft ? but the results were good.

"I liked what I saw," said Lt. Chris Becker, the agency's commander of homeland security and intelligence. "A tactical operations team member could readily carry it in the trunk of his patrol car and assemble it in just minutes." Still, not everybody is pleased with the mini spy plane, marketed by Cyber Defense Systems Inc. and sold regionally by Applied Techniques Corporation. Susan Goering, executive director of the ACLU of Maryland, said devices such as CyberBug are an intrusion on a citizen's civil rights.

"The concern is, obviously, a privacy issue, but also that the constitutional right to assemble is being chilled," Miss Goering said. "We are fast approaching the time when the government will be monitoring our every move."

She also said the issue is of special concern when citizens rally against the government. "Dissent in this country is the lifeblood of democracy," Miss Goering said. "If someone is attending an event that's [anti-government], they should be able to do so without fear the government will retaliate in some manner." Lt. Becker said the "CyberBug" went on two 30-minute flights April 17 over the 12th annual Southern Maryland "Blessing of the Bikes" at the Charles County Fairgrounds, which organizers said was attended by about 8,000 people. "I was quite impressed with how easy it was to launch and how well it monitored the area," he said. "Besides crowd and traffic control, I see law enforcement using the CyberBug in a multitude of applications especially when it comes to crime fighting and homeland security." A base-model CyberBug costs \$7,500 and can be placed in a stationary position or controlled with a joystick device. It can stay in the air for more than three hours and comes with a variety of features including the camera, a global positioning system and **an explosive trigger for qualified customers**. Cyber Defense Systems is marketing CyberBug as a low-cost way for law-enforcement

agencies, military forces, business owners and state or local governments to monitor their properties, including potential terrorist targets. Lt. Becker said Sheriff Frederick E. Davis will make the decision on whether to buy the CyberBug and that he knows of no other agencies in the region that have it.

WHERE TO BUY YOUR GAS

Here are some large companies that do **not** import any Middle Eastern oil:

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CHAPTER REPORTS

Big Country chapter

No report

Panhandle chapter

No report

1st Brazoria chapter minutes for August 6, 2005

Meeting was called to order, followed with the pledge of allegiance and a moment of silence. Minutes from last meeting and treasury report were read and accepted. Mostly we talked about all the liberties we are giving up with all the new and proposed laws, and how phone calls and letters really make a difference. One example brought up about the security at airports, if you buy a round trip ticket you can pretty much walk through security, but with a one way ticket you will get patted down. Go figure. Seems the poker run benefits are under attack again. This will not stop until run players and beneficiary's contact their Reps in office and have the law amended to include this type of run. Heard that before anyone. Members were reminded about the Rollin Thunder Car and Bike Show the last weekend of Aug at the County fairground and the opportunities to gather new members. A Benefit for the Women's Center of Brazoria County will be held on Saturday 19- 21, at Islander's in Angleton.

Everyone was reminder membership due are up in July. Signed four new members. Christy won the 50/50 and donated all her winnings back to TMRA2. One big ata girl for her was given. Due to Labor Day Weekend the Next Meeting to be held on 10 SEP 2005 at 1100hrs at Sissy's. See ya there. Frank

Austin chapter minutes for August 2, 2005

Batman called the meeting to order at 7:30pm, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance. We had 31 members and guests attending. Reading of the Minutes was dispensed. Batman told us about "I.C.E." (In Case of Emergency). He suggested that we program our emergency contact numbers into our cell phones under the initials ICE for Emergency Services to contact. Sputnik's updates were read and discussed. Actions to be taken on upcoming bills were given. Membership dues for 2005-2006 are now due. Upcoming meetings, benefits and runs were announced. We received \$72.00 in donations. Our account has \$289.88. Steven adjourned the meeting at 8:00 with prayer. The next meeting will be September 6, 2005 at Vinny's. Nanette Townsend

Heart of Texas chapter

No report

Big Spring chapter minutes for August 2, 2005

Announcement of Meeting Change:

Due to some problems with our meeting room, the Big Spring Chapter of Texas Motorcycle Rights Association will have a slight change of schedule. The schedule for the rest of the year is as follows:

September 2005: No Meeting

October 4, 2005: Meeting will be held at the "In Town" location of New York's Finest Hotdogs. 109 E. 2nd Street, Big Spring, TX 79720 @ 700 pm

November 2005: No Meeting

December 6, 2005: Elections, 7:00 pm, Location TBA after October Meeting.

2006: Monthly meetings to resume after the 1st of the year! 1st Tuesday of each month @ 7:00 pm. Location TBA after October meeting.

Hopefully the change of season and change of scenery will boost attendance and participation. Every time you climb on your bike with out your helmet, remember why you have the freedom of choice. Remember who made it possible. Support your local TMRA2 Chapter. We Hope To See You There!

The meeting was called to order at 7:40 pm. There were 10 members and guests in attendance. The prayer and pledge were forgone and the quote of the month was read

Old Business: Hwy. Bill passed after 11 extensions. School finance, HIPPA, HB 823 passed and becomes law as of sept.21.,HR 3199 passed making 14 provisions of the patriot act permanent.

Greg made the announcement to vote democratic after failure of Republican Party to stick to their platform.

New Business: Passed SB 397, Hr 30-45 was discussed as well as FTAA., and the Dr. Jeffery Rundge Situation,

A motion was made to change locations for TMRA 2 meeting. They are to be held at New York's Finest Hot Dogs on east second St. Beginning Oct. There will be no meeting held in Sept or November. The meetings will resume in January as usual.

Dates were given for the Shrambo Party , to be held in sept.Greg touched on MRF meeting to be held in little rock ark. In Oct.

The hat was passed , 50/50 was preformed and the meeting was ended .

The Blonde Bomber

DFW chapter minutes for August 10, 2005

We went over the status of the two special sessions. Other than bowing to big business and taking money away from local communities nothing was done about financing education. I don't believe the governor will keep his word about not accepting any legislation until School finance is passed. But since we know how he

sells out it will be interesting to see how much verizon and sbc contribute to the gov's campaign fund should he not veto the bill.

A note for Rep. Jim Pitts of Waco in this 2nd special session. Apparently Rep Pitts has received a 1000 letters from his constituents urging him to vote no on the bill. Stating how unfair the School finance was to them. So Rep Pitts did vote no this time. Its good to see that a Rep does listen to his constituents on issues that deal with them directly. However as I recall Rep Pitts voted Yes to the bill last time because he owed it to his constituents. Sounds like he was listening to the wrong people the first time around.

The President signed the Highway Bill so now we have a program to help states put in or maintain Motorcycle Safety Courses. Its easy to qualify for the money the first go around, lets hope our state will take advantage of the funds.

Well the Patriot act has passed, congress and the president has decided the constitution is a worthless piece of parchment. To add insult to injury they also passed the Cafta agreement. This means business can pump more jobs to 3rd world countries legally. Automobile helmets for kids. This issue has come up in the media, although limited to just one area. It might spark some more interest in the next couple of years. Safetycrats have been wanting helmets in cars for years, now someone is trying to design a helmet for kids that kids would want to wear. It's a multimedia helmet, you can listen to music, watch dvd's, and play video games. This will be another item we'll have to watch out for. After all if they get helmets in cars, then motorcycles have no chance.

DFW Chapter Fish Fry is tentatively set for Feb 26, 2006. We hope for a larger attendance this time around and keep the event growing.

The District Advisors Meeting will be coming up on August 13th at the State Office at 1pm. Information will include info on the special session, campaigns, and Party conventions. Information on the Mid South MILE (14 - 16th October in Denton TX) and the Meeting of the minds (22nd - 24th September in Arkansas) was presented.

Rumor has it the TMRA 2 will be doing the transportation to and from the airport for our attending guests. Mike Alvey said he would check on that at the District Advisors meeting. We must make every effort to attend the Mid South MILE since it is here in Texas. It's a great event with lots of information. The Banquet is another must attend, every year it gets more and more entertaining.

We had a good turnout this time thanks to those that brought guests in. Glad everyone came out, hopefully we'll see you all soon again.

Elmer H. McKeegan

El Paso chapter

No report

Tarrant County chapter

No report

Hood County Blues chapter

No report

Independence Riders chapter

No report

Lubbock chapter

No report

Permian Basin chapter

Multiple months reports

District 31 Advisor, Dean Maltsberger, conducted the Permian Basin Chapter, June meeting. On the date of the June meeting, Bob & I were at Hord's Creek Lake, enjoying a two week vacation and visiting with family at the 39th Annual Walker Family Reunion. Two new members signed up at the June meeting. And, in the last P.B. Chapter report, I forgot to mention that we gained two new members in May. We welcome Joe & Sandra Halfacre, Rob Mason and Steve Forsdick to the Texas Motorcycle Rights Association, and to the Permian Basin Chapter. Dean was working out of town, and Bob & I were busy setting up our trailer for the Blackgold Rally, so the July meeting of the Permian Basin Chapter, was canceled. The Permian Basin Chapter held it's August Meeting, on the 18th. We had 10 Members and 2 guests present. By the meeting's end, one guest, Lee Ann McDaniel, had signed up to join Texas Motorcycle Rights Assoc., and in doing so, became the newest member of the Permian Basin Chapter. We welcome Lee Ann to our Chapter. We were happy to see & welcome our past Chapter Coordinator, Ed Dailing, back to Midland and back to our chapter. Other faces that we were happy to see were George & Carolyn Tamplen, and Randy & Cindy Terrill. With a new member joining, and members renewing their membership, there was a few bucks changing hands at our August meeting. And, quite a nice sum was handed over by our NWTCCOC Rep, Walker Dunn, too. Due to our Sec/Tres (and Assoc Tres), Jan Walker, being on vacation, and then the canceling of the July Meeting, Walker had not been able to pass along the \$100 monthly donations from the NorthWest Texas COC. At last night's meeting, Walker turned in \$300, for June, July & August. We can't say enough good stuff about the NWTCCOC. A \$1,500 donation put them among the Platinum Members of the T.M. Rights Association. But, their support did not end there. On top of the \$1,500 Platinum Membership, they have

continued to donate \$100 (or more) each month. Still minus a Chapter Coordinator, Dist. 31 Advisor, Dean Maltsberger, conducted our August Meeting. With Legislators in the last few hours of the second Special Session, and still doing little or nothing at all, we had no Legislative things to talk about. But, concerning our Sept. 7-8-9 Chili Cookoff & Camp-out, we had plenty to discuss. It seems almost everything is ready - The building is reserved, fliers have been made and are being distributed via the Internet and chapter members, the chili judge*s forms have been printed, paper goods and other necessary items have been donated, coffee & supplies and a big coffee urn have been donated, and the last thing on our list of things to do - decisions/decisions about the trophies - was done at last night*s meeting. This will be our 4th (I think) yearly event, but it will be our Chapter*s first chili cookoff. Water Valley has a beautiful riverside park, with free tent camping, and September is a good time of the year to cook & eat chili. So we*re hoping for a big turn-out. For more info, you can contact our Sec/Tres, Jan Walker, at 432-366-6432 or itsdumas@grandecom.net. Or you will find the flier under "Events"at www.tmra2.org. In case you*re wondering, Water Valley is on Hwy 87, about halfway between Sterling City and San Angelo.

In the past, we have always canceled our September Meeting, because almost all of our members are in Ruidoso, NM, attending the Golden Aspen Rally, on the date of our meeting. But, at last night*s meeting, it was decided that we needed to come together, one more time, before our Chili Cookoff. So, this one time, the Permian Basin Chapter*s September Meeting, has been changed to the second Thursday of the month. P.B. Chapter Members, please take note, we will have a September meeting. It will be held September 8th, same time, same location. Please be there. We need to assign members to work specific jobs, at our chili cookoff.

Plainview chapter

No report

San Angelo chapter minutes for August 9, 2005

29 Total Attendees; 18 members and 11 Visitors (Non-Members) The Mtg. was called to order by Brois at 7:30 p.m. and pledge led by K.J. and prayer by Kendall. Brois apologized about previous minutes of anyone she offended as printed in the Warrior. She spoke on the Patriot Act and we need to keep close watch on this. Also read an article spoken by Sputnik. There was much discussion on showing up and taking part as a Coordinator had not felt much of her leadership worked. In my opinion she has done a great job only missing twice in two years. We again discussed change of meeting date and voted to leave as is. It takes people as group there is strength in numbers. Renewal fees to

TMRA2 for \$25 per year at your joining date. Please get your dues in as soon as possible. August 20 - Blessing of the Bikes; October 7-9 - Water Valley Chili-cook-off benefits TMRA2. October 29 - Los Carnales MC Club to give benefit for girl with cancer; LC Clubhouse; Sept. ??? - Ruidosa, NM Golden Aspen Rally, 3rd weekend. Guest Preacher Russ spoke about trying to start a worship service each Sunday 4:00 p.m. and place TBA just for bikers. The "Kid" talked about the law enforcement remote controlled pilot less spy drone watching attendees at the Blessing of the bikes on August 20. Talked more about the Patriot Act and reminder of making your calls, emails, and letters to Washington. We have got to best the threat to our Freedoms and to get involved with "share the road". Talked about Andrew Read coming up for parole after serving only sixteen months for killing two bikers here in San Angelo. Let's do something about it for the November Parole hearing time. The Cossacks raised \$100 at their last benefit for TMRA2. Many Thanks for all who attended. Thanks to each one who bring ideas every month for discussion. There is strength and safety in numbers. There is \$206 held by Treasurer for a benefit coming up. Meeting closed 8:32 p.m.

Tri-County chapter

No report

DISTRICT ADVISOR REPORTS

#01 – Karl Ford

No report

#03 – Cynthia “Kanga” Axtell

With the fast pace of summer and a busy season at work I haven't gotten as much done as I should have. We are gearing up for another Legislative Season and Sputnik is still down at the Capitol watchin' the Special Session. We are kicking off a Membership Drive for 2006 with a special sign up price for joint memberships for couples. A new couple signing up for membership together can now get 2 patches and one news letter to the same address for \$40. If you have been a member in the past two years, you can still bring your dues current and retain your old membership number. If the time has been longer than two years since you let your membership slide, you would be considered a new member and would qualify for the new joint membership. There have been many reports by people who have used the credit card payment for membership that they have not received anything from the TMRA II State Office. There seems to be a glitch in the program and the money has been going somewhere other than into our coffers. If you signed up on the web site and paid with a debit or credit card and never received anything, check your bank statements for the charge to your debit or credit card and find out where your money went. You can go to your bank for help to dispute the charge for a debit transaction or call the 800 number for your credit card and explain the situation. Also, please call your District Advisor or the State Secretary, Terri and let us know!! We have a great secretary now and it has taken a while to get the mess straightened out and going in the right direction, with no reflection on Cindy, but we can't do anything about something we don't know about!! Terri told me at the Advisor's meeting it can take up to 6 weeks to get the news letter out and a little less for patches if we have them in stock. We have a pause in membership fees coming in due to the change from July, back to your sign up date for renewals. Everybody needs to sign up at least one new member!! Please! Let's get the nations Number 1 Motorcycle Rights Organization funded with the dollars it needs to reflect the quality we achieve! It was also mentioned that we have over 400 members that have not renewed. I will be contacting my Districts's members to get them back on board. If you sense a little bit of aggressiveness about members here, they are not only money to the organization,. They are the power of the VOTE! When we go to Austin for Legislative day one person counts for 100 plus votes to the people we have elected to run our State and Country. The same applies to our organization. So, stand up and be counted, register NOW to vote for a new Governor, and make an

appointment to meet your Senator and House Representative at their offices to let them know what you think! Yr Friend in the Wind

#12 – Mike Alvey

No report

#14 – Glen Dial

No report

#17 – Jack West

No report

#22 – Greg Bodovsky

The 3rd “Special” Session is underway this report. Last month, the 1st was underway. By the time this Warrior is published, they might be in their 4th. It's disgusting. Let's make sure there is a full slate of candidates running to take their place. Then let's get out and support them. Attendance at the Heart of Texas chapter meeting was very good, and better than the last! Their next meeting is this Sunday 8/14. The Hood County Blues chapter cancelled their last meeting, because all the officers were going to Sturgis (which is going full swing as I'm writing this on 8/12). Their next meeting is Thursday 8/25.

I feel like this District could handle another chapter (or 2). If you would like to help start a chapter (or know someone in another city that might), contact me. Get as few as 10 people interested to show up, and we'll work it into Sputnik's schedule for a presentation. Be sure to get your copy of the new riders handbook. Contact MamaBlue mamablue@boneproduction.org or me for more information. There are links from the state TMRA2 websites. Hope to see a lot of you at a chapter meeting or at the Quarterly District Advisors meeting tomorrow, Saturday 8/13, at the state office in Elgin. If you need to contact me, my email address is hdrider@htcomp.net. Phone # is 245.582.3252. Don't forget that you can get a new Membership Shirt and other stuff online at <http://tmra2products.homestead.com/> or call Suds and Butterfly 972-938-7646

#24 – Ron Ashmore

No report

#25 – Dee McClure

Hey People! Your advisor has been out and about quite a bit lately with more travels to come. I made the Gypsy GDI Run and worked the booth with Sputnik and Terri and have met with Jerry McKnight, a member from Lockhart who is putting together a clean and sober group of riders and explained how they could be involved with

TMRA 2. I am still pursuing a chapter in my district and hope to have more on that before I turn this report in. I did make the Austin Minutemen chapter meeting and picked up a \$40 donation check to the State from Bart Luck and the Texas Wheels from their Cyclops Benefit along with a \$100 Major Supporter donation from the Austin Chapter Bandidos. The meeting was short and to the point and very well attended which does the ol' heart good to see. By the time this comes out, I will have made the district advisors' meeting at the State office in August and I will have also made the two COC meetings in my area – San Antonio and Austin hoping to have collected some more money for the State office. Your membership renewal is vitally important to the budget needed to run this association so be sure to renew on time. Most people's renewal was due in July and I sent the people on my list a reminder. I will continue to send a reminder to those who are due each month and ask that you take the time to write the check or money order or call the State office with your credit card number. If you have complaints, take a few minutes out to call me so we can see if we can remedy them. I contacted the Senators who worked hard during the special session to stop HB 3 and thanked them plus I contacted Senator Wentworth, my senator, regarding my disappointment in his lack of involvement and reiterating my position, just in case I wasn't clear in the past. If any of you are interested or know of someone to replace Senator Wentworth, please contact me as he has been a difficult person to work with, is not interested in our well being or in representing his constituents and I believe there is a need for change in that office. We also need to identify people in various districts without district advisors that may want to step up to the plate. If you are one of these people, please feel free to call me (832/867-5819) and I'll explain the job to you. It would be great to have all 31 districts represented by November's District Advisors' meeting. So think about it and let Sputnik, Terri or any other district advisor know and we'll put you on the path to helping the Association become stronger yet. Everyone is welcome!
Ride Safe and Free.

#27 – Jim “The Preacher” Ball

No report

#28 – Del Essary

No report

#29 – Armando “Mando” Parra

No report

#30 – James Griffin

No report

#31 – Dean Maltsberger

Greetings fellow Warriors. This past month has passed by so fast I didn't even see it. As usual, my job has really interfered with my DA responsibilities. In the past 4 weeks, I have been out of town a little over 2 weeks, so I haven't had time at home to take care of my business. Tonight is the first time in 4 weeks I've had the time to check e-mails at the house. I was able to attend the July Permian Basin chapter meeting where we signed up two new members. We still don't have a Permian Basin Chapter leader, but we are getting along as best we can. The Black Gold rally was held while I was out of town, but I'm told a good time was had by all. We had a booth set up, but I haven't had time to see how we did at selling memberships and t-shirts. The rally organizers had committed \$1 per entrant to our organization, and I'm told that totaled a little over \$1,000. We will keep on keeping on. I just wish I was better able to pull my share of the load. We have had a rash of motorcycle crashes in the last month or so here in Odessa. the results have been 3 killed, some serious injuries, and some minor injuries. Causes range from distracted cage drivers to drunk riders. When will we learn that you can't ride drunk and live long? Keep safe and ride sober. Till next month.

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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.
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