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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 Wednesday – Hood County Blues, Granbury

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Tri-County chapter meets the 2nd Tuesday @ 7:00 p.m. at Bulldog Machine, 211 S. McKinley (south side of Wes-T-Go on Hwy. 6), **Stamford** 79553, (325) 773-3056; Bring a covered dish!

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TO OUR READERS

Gerald R. "Garry" Brookman

Grapevine domestic terrorist incident continued from last month; next scheduled court date is **Friday, December 16, 2005**; 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**; 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

Either vehicle 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.

How do you cry for an entire city? I have had more fun in New Orleans than in any other city in the world. A visitor can be entertained in the "Big Easy" by simply walking thru the streets of the French Quarter 24/365. I was fortunate enough to live there in 1999-2000. My heart is broken.

Louisiana Governor Kathleen Blanco always knows what is best for her citizens. Just ask her, she'll tell you. She was the one who forced re-instatement of the mandatory helmet law. It has now come to light that the Federal Government gave Louisiana \$500K just last year to develop an evacuation plan for the New Orleans area. The money has since "disappeared". So she decided not to contact FEMA until it was too late and let the citizens of New Orleans tread water.

CHAIRMAN'S CORNER

Sputnik

I apologize for not getting an official Chairman's Corner into this Warrior. I have been tied up with personal business the past 10 days and am further behind the deadline than even I can accept. We will do better next issue.

An Open Letter to the Warriors

This is from your state chair and is a letter I hoped never to have to write. I have managed to keep this subject closed but have reached the point that it can no longer not be addressed. We live in a older Double wide trailer. The roof leaks faster than it can be repaired. The floor has fallen through most everywhere and we have bought one or two sheets of plywood at a time to be able to walk in the house. One bath tub has fallen through the floor. Many of our wall sockets have shorted out and we have extension cords running to our appliances. Only one faucet in the house has hot water and that is in the bathroom where the tub has fallen through. The mold inside the house is so bad that it is almost impossible for either of us to breathe there. We maxed out a credit card to make a 5% down payment on a smaller trailer. We maxed out the other to pour the slab and put in a septic system. The bank would not finance the trailer without an additional \$1925 down payment so now we can't even pour the slab and get put in a septic system. The Advisors voted me a \$1250 salary at the May meeting. It is going on five months now and I have not received the first check.

I need help. If each member would make a small donation to the association so I could be paid it would be greatly appreciated. Another solution would be for each member to send a \$2 donation directly to me at the state office

Either way your support would be greatly appreciated. I regret that I have been unable to settle my own financial problems but with no income the situation has become impossible and all my personal funds are tapped out. Thanks to any of you who consider this a worthy cause.

Sons of Liberty meeting

Mike Alvey, Gwen and I attended the Sons of Liberty Riders TEA Party in Oskaloosa, Iowa. It is truly a great experience to spend a few days each year surrounded by Extreme Activists for Liberty. The Party consists of one official meeting to set direction for the next year followed by a few days of food and one on one or small group conversations sharing views. During this trip Penny and Bernie Adams from Virginia traveled thru Pennsylvania en route to Iowa and picked up a Shadow

Ace that Hawk had made available for my use. Your chairman is ready to ride again if it kills him. Friday was our 46th anniversary so the SOLR Members toasted Gwen for putting up with me for that long. She also received a bouquet of roses. One member said we all try to keep how much we spend on biker's rights from our mates because if they knew we would be out the door quick. He went on to say 'except for Gwen and she is a Goddess.'" Headed back to the office early Monday morning I lost ability to breathe again but had oxygen sitting in the truck beside me and was able to once again stave off the inevitable. Slowly traveled the rest of the way to the office while doing oxygen and hit the ground running. We did some probability studies on races for the upcoming election cycle and will have a list of candidates soon. With all our Emails answered we found time to ride the bike about 20 miles yesterday. We have a meeting scheduled with Charles Soechting for Monday morning at Party headquarters to discuss those races we discussed at the DA meeting and get insight from that side. Currently we feel that every uncontested race needs to be looked at very closely. Someone should run for these seats where possible, win or lose. At least we can get issues discussed that affect the common man. Who knows where that might lead.

The following is a personal goal!!!! With my wife being a Geriatric Nurse I am very aware of how much nurses spend buying personal items for their patients because the legislature only allows them \$30 per month for personal needs. The legislature raised that to \$60 per month but nothing got signed during this two month ordeal. The governor says he will add that expenditure to the budget but he needs approval from Speaker Tom Craddick and Lt. Governor Dewhurst. As I say this is a personal deal with me but I would ask that anyone who reads this call the Speaker's office at 512-463-0056 and the Lt. Governor's Office at 512-463-0614 and ask that they support adding this issue to the budget. Time is of the essence on this.

Thank you for reading this,
Sputnik / Proud husband of a dedicated Geriatric Nurse
We have copies of the Biker's Handbook in the office to sell now. We will be sending a few copies of the book to each chapter to sell and return the money to the state office. Each District Advisor present at the DA meeting received a copy to take back to the district and show off. The book is currently in the Biker's Museum in Sturgis as the Collectors Edition. Each book has been signed by yours truly as my picture is on the front cover. Contact your nearest chapter or call the state office to check it out or purchase a copy. We received several calls about being involved in a protest ride to the Waco VA Hospital to day. Your chairman immediately contacted the office of Congressman Chet Brooks and US Senator Kay Bailey Hutchison to learn more on the status of this issue. We were told by Chet's staff that the Secretary of

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State Chair TMRA 2

Veterans Affairs had recommended closing or consolidating 18 hospitals. This recommendation was then changed to doing a year long study to determine what action if any should be taken. We have two of the most powerful legislators in Washington for this issue thanks in large part to the work done by the TMRA 2 Warriors during the staged attempt at removing Congressman Edwards from office by redistricting. They assure me they are on top of this and ask that you be told to contact Waco Mayor Linda Ethridge and/or Bill Mahon, President of the McClennan County Veterans Administration and offer your help to those people to save this hospital. Edward's staff says if the study does not go our way they will address the issue legislatively. Senator Hutchison has already introduced legislation to keep any action by the Secretary of Veterans Affairs from taking place against the hospital due to this study. It appears we are still receiving ample support from these legislators which I have had the pleasure of being aware of for several years. They should receive your thanks and your support through positive action.

We have finally gotten our taxes figured (late) after taking it to the third CPA. We learned yesterday that we owe \$ 2,527.13 in late taxes and there will be late charges and interest added to that when it is filed. My wife paid the \$204.95 for getting it figured. This amount is not from making a profit. It comes from the taxes held out of the 8 months salary your chairman received last year plus the matching taxes on those withheld taxes.

As of August 12th we had finally managed to catch up our back bills and had \$26 left in the account.

Financially we are in one hell of a mess as always. As Chairman of one of the most successful SMROs in the country I have just about reached my boiling point at the number of clubs that so proudly do events for charities who in turn use that money to oppose our issues at the capitol while making use of the legislation we manage to get passed or killed at the capitol to benefit all riders. Muscular Dystrophy, a favorite charity for the Harley Riders uses that money to lobby in support of mandatory adult helmet laws. Their claim is that money spent treating riders with head injuries could better be spent by them. I would say a good bit of it goes for six figure salaries for the executives who run MD and the cost of their lobbyist. Riders gladly support those expenses while the state secretary of TMRA 2 works three jobs to be able to serve the interest of riders in this state. I wonder how many of those will have a pistol on their bikes after Sept. 1st thanks to HB 823 that the Warriors helped write, rewrite and pass. Oh for the days when the wave tossed around by passing riders today was a clenched fist held low on your thigh in passing as a way of saying "Balls – we got them, they don't, and we stand together as one."

Sorry this is so long but I have not posted for a while due to the hectic pace at the capitol.

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!

Big Spring chapter - \$50

Tarrant County chapter - \$100

1st Brazoria county chapter - \$35

Special Thanks!

George & Carolyn Tamplen - \$60

Northwest Texas COC - \$400

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

TO THE EDITOR:

The time has come for us to rebuild not only our southern states that have suffered tremendous damage from Hurricane Katrina, but our sacred country that is suffering from self inflicted government dependency. Our nation is over run with welfare participants that have been taught by the "system" that it is easier to rely on the government for money than it is to roll their sleeves up and make a better life for themselves. The Welfare Program in our country has accomplished little more than taking away all incentives for the people of our great nation to work for a better life. We continue to enable and encourage our people to hold a hand out for money, to expect to be given something rather than to earn it. As we have witnessed, this leads not only to dependency, it leads to a loss of motivation, a loss of self respect, and a loss of the concept of hard work and determination this country was founded upon. The disaster caused by Hurricane Katrina presents a most excellent opportunity to put a program in place that will benefit the victims of this disaster and at the same time, benefit our country as a whole by reforming the Welfare Program into a Workfare Program, and helping build a stronger America by allowing all Americans the opportunity to become self reliant, and a means to rise above circumstances and situations that may leave them feeling helpless and dependent.

The Sons of Liberty Riders (SoLR) proposes the Workfare Program as a solution to the current debacle of the Welfare Program. Let's discuss how this program would function, using the victims of Hurricane Katrina as the example. There are many people who will be in need of government assistance to help rebuild their lives. For those who would normally petition for Welfare in this situation, the Workfare Program will be used. When a person petitions for assistance and is determined to be in good health, he/she will be assigned a "job" to do and will receive compensation for this job. The job given to this person will be a job of helping to rebuild and recover from the hurricane damage. There are countless jobs that this encompasses, to include:

- carpentry work
- painting work
- debris removal
- driving dump trucks
- daycare for the children of other Workfare participants (the daycare is free for Workfare participants)
- manning phone banks
- manning food/water distribution lines

Training can be provided for these jobs by involving the local communities and companies and encouraging their participation in the Workfare Program by hiring these

workers knowing that the government will pay the workers their wages. In those cases where a local, state, or national government contracts with outside sources for labor or services, the contract will specify that a certain percentage (%10, for example) of the labor will be supplied by Workfare participants when the contract describes services that have been defined as work to be performed by Workfare participants. Workfare participants will be free labor to these companies and the only stipulation will be for them to provide the opportunity, help train the workers and report hours work and progress made. Ultimately, as the Workfare participant learns a trade and proves his/her value, the company or individual for whom he/she works will be offered the option of hiring the individual and removing him/her from the Workfare Program. The Workfare participant will also be encouraged to seek employment at a higher pay for the newly learned skill. If an individual applies for assistance and is determined by pre-defined criteria to be physically unable to participate or contribute, assistance will be provided on a case by cases basis.

The current Welfare Program costs Americans billions of dollars each year in money given to recipients and in money needed to administer the program. While there will continue to be a need for funds to administer the program, the gains of the Workfare Program will be in the results it produces and the fact that the money given to recipients will be temporary as these recipients learn to provide for themselves by learning skills they can use for a lifetime. Once these skills are acquired, these recipients will find opportunities to use these skills for higher pay outside the Workfare Program. The SoLR believes the strength of America is in our people. It is in our determination, our will, and our desire for a better life. Reforming the Welfare Program into the Workfare Program is a step towards a stronger country, with self respect and a renewed commitment to a better way of life. Disclaimer: This is an idea for informational purposes only. How a person chooses to act or react is entirely up to them. SoLR, the premiere source of information on Motorcycle Rights and Constitutional issues that directly effect bikers of this Country, does not and will not attempt to introduce any legislation on this or any other issue.

Sputnik

NEWSARTICLES

KEEL CLARIFIES RIGHT TO CARRY HANDGUN IN VEHICLE WHILE TRAVELING

It is well established in Texas that a person who is traveling has a right to possess a handgun for personal protection. The practical problem with this right has historically been that courts have disagreed on the definition of "traveling". The legislature has likewise never defined "traveling" because a definition invariably has the unintended effect of unfairly limiting the term to a narrow set of circumstances. HB 823 becomes effective September 1, 2005, shoring up the right of citizens to carry a concealed handgun while traveling. There have been many inquiries to my office from citizens and media regarding the upcoming change in the law and what it means. HB 823 provides for a legal presumption in favor of citizens that they are travelers if they are in a private vehicle with a handgun that is not in plain view, they are not otherwise engaged in unlawful activity nor otherwise prohibited by law from possessing a firearm, and they are not a member of a criminal street gang. In plain terms, a law-abiding person should not fear arrest if they are transporting a concealed pistol in a motor vehicle. There is no longer the need for a law enforcement officer to apply a subjective definition of what constitutes "traveling" where the citizen is cloaked with the presumption per the terms of the new statute. Under those circumstances the citizen should be allowed to proceed on their way. HB 823 represents the first time a presumption has been crafted in favor of a defendant in the modern penal code of Texas. The presumption applies unless the prosecution proves beyond a reasonable doubt that the facts giving rise to the presumption do not exist. If the state fails to prove beyond a reasonable doubt that the facts giving rise to the presumption do not exist, the jury must find that the presumed fact exists. By enacting this evidentiary standard in conjunction with the presumption, the legislation is intended to have the practical effect of preventing in the first place the arrest of citizens who meet the newly specified prerequisites of being a presumed traveler. It should be noted that the very real problem of citizens having to prove their innocence after arrest by the assertion of their right to carry a firearm while traveling was the reason for a 1997 legislative change which replaced the "defense" of traveling with a classification of the statute of UCW as instead entirely "inapplicable" to a traveler. This change was well-intentioned but did not have the intended effect of protecting honest citizens from potential arrest because the term "traveling" was still left to individual police or judicial officials to define on a case-by-case basis. As a consequence, law-abiding citizens who availed themselves of their right to have a handgun while

traveling continued to face arrest and often later prevailed only in a court of law after proving that they were indeed traveling. In enacting HB 823, the 79th legislature, like all previous legislatures, declined to define traveling as a narrow set of particular circumstances. For example, to require someone to have an overnight stay in a journey in order to be classified as a traveler would be unfair to persons traveling great distances in one day. Likewise, a requirement that a citizen be "crossing county lines" may make no sense, such as in areas of Texas where travelers drive hundreds of miles without leaving a single county. Moreover, the ability of police to elicit such evidence and consistently apply its subjective terms on the street in a traffic stop has not proven practical, at all. The new statute instead focuses on a defined set of relevant, objective facts that are capable of being determined on the spot by law officers.

There are several additional important points that should be made in regard to the enactment of HB 823 and its interface with current law.

HB 823 does not give "everyone the right to carry a gun in a car". State and federal laws applicable to firearms must be noted in conjunction with the new statute's terms, particularly the limitation of the presumption to persons who are "not otherwise prohibited by law from possessing a firearm." For example, persons subject to an active protective order are not covered by the presumption, nor are persons with any felony conviction or even some misdemeanor convictions for offenses, e.g., family violence. The presumption is likewise inapplicable to persons associated with a criminal street gang, even if they have no conviction for any offense. These as well as all other existing limitations on firearm ownership and/or possession make the new statute inapplicable to persons covered by such prohibitions. Furthermore, as stated in the statute, the presumption will not apply to persons who are otherwise engaged in any criminal conduct. This would include persons who are driving while intoxicated, driving recklessly, committing criminal mischief, or committing any other criminal offense outside that of a minor traffic infraction. The presumption also does not apply where the gun is openly displayed. The enactment of HB 823 was the culmination of study, committee hearings and debate by the House Committee on Criminal Jurisprudence. I am confident that the new law will assist law enforcement in doing its job while at the same time protecting law-abiding citizens from the threat of arrest for merely exercising their right to arm themselves while traveling-- a right to which they are already entitled.

For further information, contact State Representative Terry Keel, 512-463-0652.

CHAPTER REPORTS

Big Country chapter

No report

Panhandle chapter

No report

1st Brazoria

No report

Austin chapter minutes for September 6, 2005

Bart Luck called the meeting to order at 7:35pm. He stated that Batman was feeling under the weather a bit and asked that he conduct the meeting in his absence. Pledge of Allegiance was said and there wasn't any secretary or treasurer report since Nanette was on vacation. Dee took notes for Nanette per her request at the prior meeting. We had 25 members present. First Bart announced that there had been two accidents – one a couple of weeks ago and then that Cyclops went down on his way to the meeting and was taken to the hospital. Bart went over some of the bills that have recently gone into effect as of September 1st and some discussion was done on them. Dee reported on status of State Office financial situation, SD 3 advisor's report regarding East Texas COC contribution, 2006 Election update info, the forming of a chapter in Hays County with meeting on 11/12 and Sons of Liberty Riders E-news. Dee announced that she had several of the Bikers Handbooks for sale to benefit TMRA 2. Ragu asked about getting members in the Williamson County area together to help him with the election season and working to organize the Democratic Party there. Flyers were circulated and announcements of upcoming runs and parties were made such as JW Rock ride to Webberville Park on 9/10, Companeros anniversary party at Beverly's on 10/8, Tornados Run, Dark Horse Run on 9/17, Brotherhood of Bikers Scavenger Hunt on 9/16 and Hays County TMRA 2 chapter get-together on 11/12 plus Meeting of the Minds on 9/22 and Mid-South MILE on 10/13. We had one renewal. Dee ran a 50/50 and Dennis Haire of True Few won and donated it all back. Thanks Dennis. Dee is sending the \$35 from the 50/50 to the State Office. We had a moment of silence and the invocation. The meeting adjourned at 8:25pm. The next meeting will be at Vinny's on October 4, 2005 at 7:30pm. Ride Safe and Free

Heart of Texas chapter

No report

Big Spring chapter

No report

DFW chapter minutes for September 14, 2005

As expected the governor did not keep his word about not accepting any legislation until School finance is passed. Instead he just allowed the bills to pass without signing any of the bills from the second special session. We handed out information on the constitutional amendments vote coming up in November. A short discussion over a couple of the amendments was carried out, but for the most part it was presented as information for each member to look at and decide on their own. With the hurricane problems there are a lot of benefits going on right now. However if someone could host a family or just a person you need to contact Terri Williams, at 512-971-8777, or Sputnik at 512-971-6777. Our office number is 1-800-391-7608, or local Austin area call 512-281-0537. The E-mail addresses are unseenpast@aol.com, tmra2secretary.org or Sputnik's e-mail at chairman@tmra2.org.

Because of the great need to help our southern brothers and sisters, I have started "Operation take in a family".. If you are willing to take in even one person, one family, even pets, until they can get back on their feet, which maybe several months, we want to hear from you. We need bikers and friends in Houston, Dallas, Austin, and San Antonio, wherever. We need bikers who have land, ranches, camp grounds, anywhere we can place people and have them fed and comfortable after going through this horrible ordeal.

Notable traffic and criminal laws that go into effect on September 1 (unless noted otherwise) include the following:

SB 1257 prohibits use of wireless communications devices (including cell phones) for the first six months after teenagers get their driver licenses. The bill also prohibits passenger bus drivers transporting minors from using wireless communications devices, except in emergencies or when the bus is stopped.

HB 51 requires an ignition interlock device if a driver's blood alcohol level is determined to be .15 or more (upon conviction). HB 1357 creates a six-month driver license (DL) suspension for a person convicted of providing alcohol to a minor (one year for second offense), and increases the DL suspension to one year for minors who are convicted of a second alcohol offense.

HB 1481 makes it a Class B misdemeanor if a person drives around a barricade where a warning sign or barricade has been placed because water is over any portion of a road, street or highway. It also specifically creates a traffic violation for driving around a barricade put in the roadway because of dangerous conditions. HB 183 states that all children younger than 5 years of age (old law was younger than 4) and less than 36 inches tall are required to be in a child safety seat system. It

also classifies safety seat infractions as moving violations for the first time.

SB 1005 provides that if a driver younger than 25 years of age commits a traffic offense classified as a moving violation, the judge must require the driver to complete a driving safety course—and, if the driver holds a provisional driver license (under 18 years of age), submit to a DPS road test. Failure by the driver to meet this requirement will result in a final conviction for that traffic offense.

HB 1484 specifies that a person commits a traffic offense if they are involved in a crash on the main lane, ramp, shoulder, median or adjacent area of a freeway and don't move their vehicle to an area that minimizes interference with freeway traffic (assuming the vehicle is drivable).

HB 1596 clarifies the definition of neighborhood electric vehicles and motor assisted scooters and allows municipalities to regulate the use of motor assisted scooters on roadways and sidewalks.

SB 1257 disqualifies a person from operating a commercial motor vehicle if the person's driving is determined to constitute an imminent hazard.

HB 754 allows fines up to \$500 for violating the laws for transporting loose material in commercial vehicles.

SB 1258 specifies that an original commercial driver license or commercial driver learner's permit expires in five years instead of six years.

HB 87 allows cities to lower residential speed limits from 30 mph to 25 mph in certain instances. This bill took effect immediately.

HB 2257 allows the TxDOT commission to establish a daytime speed limit of 80 miles per hour on I-10 or I-20 in Crockett, Culberson, Hudspeth, Jeff Davis, Kerr, Kimble, Pecos, Reeves, Sutton or Ward counties. If established, this speed does not apply to truck tractors, trailers, semi trailers, or trucks, other than light trucks and light trucks pulling a trailer. This bill took effect immediately.

SB 1670 requires the Department of Insurance, in conjunction with TxDOT and other agencies, to establish a verification program for vehicle insurance in order to try and reduce the number of uninsured drivers.

HB 120 creates an organ donor education and registry program. Eventually, Texans will be able to indicate their wish to become an organ donor when they are issued or renew their driver license or ID card. With these laws in effect it must be noted that some wrong information has been passed by email recently. We want to be sure that everyone knows that it is still illegal to white line in the state of Texas. Also riding on the shoulder is illegal. You must ride on the road between the stripes.

Make note that it is also illegal to ride side by side down the road in one lane. Motorcycles must be staggered when occupying the same lane.

Southern Cross Conference An organization called the Southern Cross Conference has been established. 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.

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

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.

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. Casino Night by the Tarrant County chapter will be coming up in November. Although the time and date is not known yet, we wanted to make everyone aware the event is coming soon.

We had a nice 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

The Hood County Blues chapter of TMRA2 has decided to move their meetings to a date to coincide with hamburgers being served at the VFW in Granbury where they always meet. Their meetings will now be on the

4th Wednesday of each month at 7pm, and the next one is Wednesday 9/28. Come on out and bring somebody.

Friday night, cruise night on Saturday and a bike show on Sunday. Bill Martin closed the meeting with a prayer.

Independence Riders chapter

No report

Lubbock chapter

No report

Permian Basin chapter

No report

Plainview chapter

No report

San Angelo chapter

No report

Tri-County chapter minutes for August 9, 2005

Larry Trotter, the chapter coordinator, opened the meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance. There was no secretary's report (sorry) and no treasurer's report. The first order of business was to elect a new "Road Captain". Linda Anders was nominated by Vicki Littlejohn. It was seconded by Warren Wilson and the chapter unanimously elected her. Congratulations Linda! We then held a discussion about different insurance companies. Many in the group chipped in about which company their insurance is with and the cost of one, two or even more motorcycles. Some of the companies discussed were Progressive, Dairy land, Foremost, Gieco and Germania. The basic consensus was to SHOP AROUND!! Dean Rosenquist gave a safety officers report. It basically entailed the fact that motorcycle fatalities have risen since the helmet law was repealed in almost every state in which it had existed and the law was repealed. But, it does not take into account the fact that the number of motorcycle riders has also dramatically risen. These two factors have not been accounted for to see how the numbers really tally. The 50/50 drawing was next. We collected a total of \$75.00. Dean Rosenquist won the draw and donated his winnings back to the chapter. Thank You Dean! Bill Martin also donated \$5.00 to the chapter. Thanks Bill! Larry then lead a discussion about the up coming governors race. He extolled the benefits of a non-politician and gave some of Kinky Friedman's pluses. He believes, as I do, that it is definitely time for a change.

Finally, the group was told about a fund raiser to be held to benefit Deborah (Carlton) Huggins. It will be on August 14, 2005 and will include a brisket dinner and a silent auction. Dean Rosenquist then gave a short report on how Deborah is progressing. She, apparently, is improving slowly. Summer's Last Blast will be held in Vernon the same weekend. There will be a poker run on

DISTRICT ADVISOR REPORTS

#01 – Karl Ford

No report

#03 – Cynthia “Kanga” Axtell

It was a pleasure to gather together with the Advisors and Mr. Sputnik for the Advisors' meeting in Elgin on August 13th. It was not as daunting as going to the General Membership meeting in Brady and not knowing but a very few of the folks! A note to members in general-You couldn't ask for a nicer bunch of people! I became aware that I had not done my homework for my district at the meeting. I was supposed to find out who we want to support; who we want to get rid of; who we want to submit for office! It seemed to be definite that there is general agreement to ousting Governor Rick Perry, the "YES" man to the Insurance Industry and a person who has no regard for Bikers or their trampled rights. Regarding the District (#3) that I represent, Chuck Hopson is a super constituent and we need to come out in droves to keep him in office when the time comes! Since I don't live in the District I represent, I would like to get feedback from those of you in my 26 county Senate District regarding your Senators, House of Representatives and County elected officials! My contact info is in the front of The Warrior-phone calls, letters and emails are welcome. If you don't even know what District you are in as a member, you have a lot of homework to do before the next session! The aim of our organization is to have a "biker friendly" person run for any uncontested seat from City government on up and/or even run against incumbents that we have found to be excessively uncooperative with "Bikers'" issues. Senator Wentworth of San Antonio is at the top of this list and we need to let him know that!! Come on San Antonio and get on board. If you need help down there-open mouth! This ain't somethin' any of us have to do alone! I would also like to request at least one contact person in each of the 26 counties that are in District #3 so that we can get an infrastructure of communication up and running before the next Legislative session. The counties of Texas, when they were formed by our forefathers, were created as close to the center of each county as possible so that it was an equal distance to travel to conduct business for everyone. I would like to capitalize on this feature for an informational campaign to each county in my district before the next legislative session. I am not going to wait for someone to get in touch with me-I will be sending requests to people that are current members in District #3 to stand up!

It also became clear at the District Advisors Meeting that there are a lot of people who have not renewed their memberships. If you have not renewed yet, please do so immediately. We need your help! TMRA 2 has reverted

to the date you sign up as a member for your renewal date. If you are confused about when to renew, contact your District Advisor or the State Office.

I was excited to watch as the East Texas COC raised over \$700 for TMRA2 and I signed up 3 new members-one life membership, a couple, and an individual! All in all, there was more than \$1200 raised for the organization August 28th at the bi-monthly meeting for COC. Thank you to the personal contributions and the Clubs that contributed to the donation. And thank you, Lady, of The Cherokee Wind Warriors, for donating back your half of the 50/50! I have been feeling people out around Tyler & Whitehouse about starting a local Chapter for TMRA2 and for having a District fund raiser for the Organization, but it is too early at this juncture to report on interest in this project. Perhaps I will have more on that in the next Warrior.

Let us keep all of the Hurricane Victims in our daily prayers. And as always...

Yr Friend in the Wind, Kanga

#12 – Mike Alvey

No report

#14 – Glen Dial

No report

#17 – Jack West

Had a good month, the Rollin Thunder Car and Bike Show in Angleton, TX gave me the opportunity to meet with a lot of down to earth bikers. The Southern Proud M/C, Guardians M/C, and Gypsy's M/C from Surfside were all in attendance. The Guardians did a great job of running the Bike games. Would like to say a special thanks to 'BB' Bobby Britton (President), Craig Sharp (VP), Chuck Gilmore (Chaplin) and there wives of the Southern Proud M/C, and an independent biker T.S. Carlson. 'BB' and company were fun to watch as they were responsible for signing up seven new tmra2 members and selling lots raffle tickets. T.S. worked the crowds and personally sold a bunch of tickets. Pam (Lady Blue) and Cowboy did there part too, selling T-shirts and raffle tickets. Thanks again to everyone for making the tmra2 booth successful.

I'm working in Beaumont, TX and it is unbelievable the amount of people form New Orleans that are there. May your prayers go to them too. Till next time, ride safe and free, Jack.

#19 – Sam Bray

No report

#22 – Greg Bodovsky

As the riding “season” was in it’s peak, many runs and rallies saw a lot of riders on the road this past month. Still, far too few were doing their part to protect our rights to ride. As Sputnik and others have noted, we are always surprised to find out that they never heard of TMRA2. Any suggestions on doing something about that would be appreciated. I am very proud of all of you who do your part. Please try and get the message out. The more that join (and renew their membership), make it easier on us all, and especially the State office. The Hood County Blues chapter had a good meeting, but they are not satisfied with that, and are looking for ways to increase their membership and participation. They have decided to move their meetings to a date to coincide with hamburgers being served at the VFW where they always meet. Their meetings will now be on the 4th Wednesday of each month at 7pm, and the next one is Wednesday 9/28. Come on out, eat a burger, and have a great meeting.

The Heart of Texas chapter had a good meeting yesterday (9/11), in spite of all the things going on. It was a bit informal, but a lot of good information was exchanged. Two of our local A.I.M. representatives were there and they always bring something to the table. The chapter will also have a booth at the 21st annual Scavenger Hunt & Poker Run at Jim’s Cycle Shop in Axtell next weekend (September 16-18). We can always use help and the Brotherhood of Bikers always put on a good run. I will be attending the Bike Night in Corsicana at the end of this month (Tuesday, 9/27) and will try and get some feedback on starting a chapter there. It will be at Don Jose’s Restaurant at 2312 W. 7th Ave in Corsicana from 6-8pm. If you can make it, please do, or if you’d like to start a chapter (or just explore the possibilities), let me know.

Be sure to get your copy of the new riders handbook. Contact MamaBlue mamablue@boneproduction.org, go to the website at <http://www.nationalbikershandbook.org/>, or contact 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 on the road. 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 At 972-938-7646

#24 – Ron Ashmore

Dist. 24 - Ron Ashmore
Good to see all at the State office for the Dist. Adviser meeting last month. The Biker’s Handbook should really

sell and good luck to Terry with selling the TV production. Good to hear the Brownwood meeting was well attended and a new Chapter is in the making. Thanks, Gary for your hard work there. Still trying to get activity back up at the Big Country Chapter. We are trying to get the COC clubs to send a couple members to each meeting in order to keep the clubs up to date on local happenings. If each local club can do this, meeting attendance will improve and our communications will also.

Looking forward to another political year just around the corner. On the Republican side, it will be interesting to see how Strayhorn is received against Perry for Gov. here in his own back yard. We have met Strayhorn on many occasions and know she is a tough campaigner and we will do what we can to help in this area. So, try to make the Big Chapter meeting the second Tuesday of the month at the American Legion and bring a friend or two and help get the activity back up. We are going to need all the help we can get for the up and coming campaigns/

#25 – Dee McClure

Hey Everyone! I hope you have enjoyed your long summer/early fall and are ready to get back involved with the Texas Motorcycle Rights Association now. As usual, I continue to attend the COC and Austin chapter meetings, plus Meeting of the Minds and the Mid-South MILE this month and I see the People who are intent on making it all happen for the whole group. Thank you for your efforts. On another positive note, I have met with Jo and Mike Secrest of the New Braunfels area and we are putting together an opportunity for people to come out to Rio Vista Park in San Marcos on November 12th and see what can be done about forming a chapter in our area. Everyone is Welcome and bring a friend! See flyer for details. Now let’s address what is really going on! We are in need of people to step forward and become district advisors. We currently have about 14 out of the possible 31 listed in the Warrior and that isn’t even half of what we need to continue our work with the legislators and on behalf of the Association pursue “your right to ride”. I really believe that some of our financial problems could be remedied with there being more district advisors that are willing to show up and promote TMRA 2 at any and all functions that they attend. The job takes a little of your time which you would expend doing the same things anyway. You go to runs, rallies, meetings, the Capitol and of course you get out and interact with others, whether you ride or not. Right? Hey, you now have half the job done! Try running a 50/50 drawing or a membership drive for TMRA 2 at your next function and see how good it makes you feel to help the keep “your right to ride” free a little longer. People, if we don’t step up and I mean NOW, you will

become the largest group of people on mass transit in the near future. I always hear “That won’t happen” and that is exactly what people said right before Prohibition. Our government would like to dumb everyone down to the point where you can’t fight back and each day they get a little closer to it thanks to those sitting around saying it won’t happen. Each day that you don’t renew your membership or put an extra \$1 on your event registration or talk to a fellow rider, co-worker or family member about how we all can do so much together, we get a little closer to not being able to ride or do much of anything else that we cherish. If this Association folds due to lack of funds for basic operating expenses, membership and apathy, you will see your worst nightmares come into being in Texas. Sputnik is tired of beating his head against a brick wall and so are most of us who work continually to bring you updated information, only to have the majority of you more interested in some charity event. By the way, that charity will move onto another group of people with money when you can’t ride anymore and they may even be supporting legislators or legislation, which will ultimately bring about our demise. I joined this Association in order to work with others to make a difference in this world of ours and make it a better place for future generations and I will, as I promised Sputnik and the other district advisors, spill my blood and guts on the floors of the Capitol, if need be, fighting, in order to secure LIBERTY and Freedom for all. But I challenge each of you to dig deep in your gut and find some way to do some small part to help make the job easier for us all. Sputnik has said that he will step down in two years because he feels that we need to begin to pass it onto younger people with fresh ideas and energy, but no one is going to do it for FREE!!! No one is going to be able to give up their lives, family and time to do this job like Sputnik does it so we have to at least make good on a meager salary for whoever does the job to their best ability. Hell, we aren’t even paying Sputnik his salary right now so how do you possibly expect him to want to continue to work like a dog on your behalf for no benefit. I will not apologize if I have offended any of you as it may well be this is what it takes to make you get off of your “welfare ass” and become a part of the solution instead of a part of the problem.

#27 – Jim “The Preacher” Ball

No report

#28 – Del Essary

I have had to miss a couple of local meetings lately due to conflicts in my schedule. It has sure been a busy year. I did enjoy my ride down to the last District Advisor meeting at the State office. Also enjoyed seeing everyone there. Brois Worley has had to resign as Coordinator of the San Angelo Chapter because she’s moving back to Midland. I know they will be happy to have her back. Thank you Brois, for all your hard work down there. Even when you think you’re not making a difference, you definitely are. There are times when it’s hard just to keep a chapter going. I encourage all the membership in the San Angelo area to get behind Robert Hillegas (Asst. Coordinator) and keep up the fight! Since District 28 covers such a large area (46 counties I think), I have appointed Jay Wagner “Wag” as Assistant District Advisor. I simply cannot cover this large an area alone and be effective. Wag is very enthusiastic and I know will be a big help, not only with chapter involvement, but as a voice in our district. Thanks Wag, for stepping up.

I certainly do appreciate the work everyone is doing in the other three chapters too. Like I said, sometimes it hard just to keep it going, but when you keep at it, you will see better times. I’m looking forward to all the campaigns. We need to pay close attention and get involved! See you all soon, all for now.

#29 – Armando “Mando” Parra

No report

#30 – James Griffin

No report

#31 – Dean Maltsberger

No report

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Cynthia Axtell & Joey Allen 09/05
Jim "Preacher" Ball 07/06
Frank Barak 04/06
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Dancer Colao 08/06
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In memory of Nick DeLaCruz 08/06
Tom Maddux 07/06
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Beulah Ott 07/06
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Bandidos M/C, Austin 08/06
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Circuit Riders M/C, Mountain Movers 11/05
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Cossacks M/C, National Officers 11/05
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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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