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*One of
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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Big Spring chapter meets the 1st Tuesday @ 7:00 p.m. at New York's Finest Hot Dogs, 109 E 2nd Street, Big Spring 79720, (432) 393-5489
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Contact: Larry or Susan (325) 773-5086

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

If either vehicle is on a public roadway being 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 produces: 1) photos and/or videotape of anyone in these vehicles engaging in unlawful activity and/or possession of weapons, drugs, alcohol, stolen property, etc. and/or 2) leads to a lawful search of either of these vehicles and contraband (weapons, drugs, alcohol, stolen property, etc.) is found by any LEO.

CHAIRMAN'S CORNER

Sputnik

Is President Bush using the Bad Biker image as an Energy Hog?

To help sell the conservation campaign, the administration will use its new cartoon figure, the Energy Hog, to warn consumers about wasting energy. Hoping to have the same impact as Smokey The Bear and McGruff the Crime Dog, the government's Energy Hog - a pig wearing blue jeans and a leather jacket - will soon appear in magazines and on billboards. The FBI wants to weaken its tough rule on hiring people based on their use of Marijuana and other illegal drugs earlier in life. Could they be getting low turnout for applicants because of their rigid standards? Seems other agencies hire these same people and they receive top security clearance. Shouldn't this tell them something?

One of the new Supreme Court decisions will be on Oregon's state law allowing doctor assisted suicide. The administration is seeking federal intervention saying that goes against everything a doctor is supposed to stand for. Now I don't take sides either way on abortion except to say I believe government has no moral authority in the issue any more than they do in the assisted suicide issue. If the Supreme Court rules against Oregon then doesn't that mean they will overturn Roe V Wade? The webs politicians weave to get what they want. Speaking of webs, State Rep Mike Krusee in one of the best at spinning them. Last session he sponsored and passed a Bill to allow the Regional Mobility Authority board members to serve six year terms instead of the two year terms laid out in the constitution. The law was challenged on constitutional grounds and overturned. This year he sponsored and passed a Bill to change it back to two year terms. He then introduced and passed a House Joint Resolution to amend the constitution to allow the change to six year terms. Despite this being against all reason as well the choice of the people it will pass as a constitutional amendment because people don't even know what they are voting on when they mark the ballot. Like the rest of the nine constitutional amendments proposed on the ballot they mainly serve only to help political allies who make large donations to campaigns. To read the proposed amendments go to www.tmra2.org scroll down to Constitutional Amendments and click on the site. All nine of these proposals will draw a loud NO from this old man. Remember they wouldn't consider Eminent Domain Protection or Recorded Vote requirements to be sent to the public for a vote. That should help you to understand their line of thinking. Big money wanted the nine that got passed to be voted on. The average working man wanted the two that didn't make it. The EPA Regulations are still moving forward and will surely put

the individual shops out of business. SOLR is making a full scale effort to try once more and get the shops informed and active. Mike Alvey our district 12 Advisor is heading the Texas part of the effort. As many shops as possible will be notified of one last chance to save their livelihood and allow us to enjoy our ride as we see fit. There will be major changes in the legislature next year some planned, some not planned. Some of the planned ones could be very detrimental to our cause. Senator Whitmire of Houston is stepping down. Senator Barrientos of Austin and Reps. Terry Keel of Austin and Bob Hunter of Abilene are stepping down. All four have been strong supporters of ours and in fact of every average Texas citizen. We must be very active in these campaigns You will note there are two members from each Party on this list. Rep Joe Nixon of Houston is also stepping down which will be good for us if those in Houston will get off their butts and get busy. Nixon plans to run for the Senate seat held by John Whitmire. We have a strong supporter, Deborah Danburg, who will also be running for that seat. Winning this contest would give us an opponent out of the House and a supporter in the Senate. This is a very important contest. We will be discussing a proposed budget for 2006 at the Advisor meeting on November 5th. The proposal will include a salary for a chairman. When someone is elected to replace your current chair they will have to make a livable wage and be able to count on a paycheck when it is due. We shall also lay out ways to attain that budget and that will require concerted effort on everyone's part. As this issue of the Warrior goes out we have removed 283 members from our mailing list whom did not renew in July. That amounts to \$7075 that we anticipated but did not get. If you know of anyone in your area who has not renewed talk to them about renewing. See about getting new members to join and getting clubs to add \$1 to their registration. Some of course will say they can't do that because they are tax exempt. They could however sit a jar at the gate and tell each person who comes through registration to drop a dollar in the jar. Again Gwen and I thank those who helped in our time of need. Hopefully we will be able to repay you in some way. We all owe a debt to those of you who donated to the association. Though this may not make a payday it will surely help pay the back taxes and keep us moving forward.

Ride Free – Ride Sober

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 November, 2005!

Austin Minutemen chapter - \$35.00
Dee McClure - \$25.00
1st Brazoria chapter - \$650.00
El Paso chapter 09/05 - \$100
El Paso chapter 10/05 - \$100
Tarrant County chapter - \$100

Special Thanks!

Keith Marks - \$300
Robert Wilson - \$300
Thomas Rees - \$125
Don Bigbie - \$100

Treasurers Report – 3rd Quarter 2005

INCOME:

Membership: \$14,213.00
Donations: \$2,581.00
Total Income: \$16,794.00
Cash On Hand: 0
Beginning Balance: 2,021.62
Total: \$18,815.62

EXPENSES:

Rent: \$1,950.00
Newsletter Printing: \$3,226.21
Electricity: \$594.41
Phones: \$432.37
Internet Service: \$161.67 Travel Expenses:
\$1,713.14
Web Hosting: \$75.00
Bankcard Fees: \$82.50
Chairman's Salary: \$1,560.13 (net) for May
\$1,750.00 Gross
-\$56.00 W/holding
-\$108.50 SS
-\$25.37 Medicare
Secretary's Salary: \$3,789.12 (net)
\$4,500.00 Gross
-\$366.00 W/holding
-\$279.00 SS
-\$65.88 Medicare
Returned Checks & Fees: 0
Finance Charge: \$17.17

Office Equipment: \$64.92
Office Supplies: \$207.53
Post Office: \$239.30
Pins/Patches: \$430.00
Continuing Education (staff): \$165.00
Workshop Fee: \$240.00
Tax Prep: \$204.95
Texas Workforce Commission: \$467.38
Internal Revenue Service: \$1,027.22
Total Expenses: \$16,648.02
Quarterly Profit: \$2,167.60

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

TO THE EDITOR:

The letter in last month's Warrior was not sent out to be placed in print. In fact I asked that it not be put on any website. It was there however and Gwen and I want to thank everyone who helped out with our predicament. You know who you are and we know you didn't help out for the public praise but there are a few who must be mentioned.

Members of the Firemen M/C renewed 6 months early and East Texas COC signed on as a Gold member to place more money in the treasury. NW Texas COC and Central Texas COC both made donations. A few clubs helped us out especially from Austin and El Paso where Debbie also went after those members who hadn't renewed and sent in nearly 40 renewals and new memberships at one time. We especially want to thank three individuals who are Life Warriors almost from the beginning. Rory & Cheryl Miller along with Frank Barak went way beyond anything anyone could expect. Your individual generosity brought tears to this old man's eyes. The support from all those who helped brought tears to Gwen's eyes. I have sent letters of thanks to all who came through. Thanks to all of you Gwen will have a house with hot water everywhere it is supposed to be, a ceiling and floor in every room and appliances plugged into the walls instead of extension cords running everywhere. May God bless each of you and always send help when you need it.

Thanks,
Sputnik & Gwen

TO THE EDITOR:

On Saturday September 24, the North Texas C.O.C. met at 4:00 in Levelland TX at the Aces and Eights clubhouse. Del read a short letter from Sputnik. We decided to pass the hat and raised \$399. We then at that moment decided to take a vote and donate from the N.W. C.O.C treasury sufficient funds for a total donation of \$1250. As the N.W. C.O.C. Treasurer I challenge the rest of the C.O.C.'s to do the same. Sputnik does a lot of good for bikers more than we realize. A lot of us take his activities for granted. So reach in that tight rear pocket and make a donation. Then Sputnik can concentrate on other things besides a lot of personal problems. Remember he is helping us. Thank you.

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REPORT ON THE MEETING OF THE MINDS

Dee McClure

We arrived in Little Rock AR, on the evening of September 22, 2005 and checked into our hotel. Note that we were staying at the overflow hotel since that was all that was available when I booked the room. We caught the hotel shuttle for a little around the town tour and stopped off to eat at the Flying Fish restaurant, which had great food. Caught a ride with some other people (Jim and Ann) over to the Wyndham where the MOTM was actually being held and went into the hospitality rooms and mingled. I met quite a few people that I hadn't known before and saw a few that I recognized from other places such as the Mid-South MILE and NCOM. Was up and rolling out early so I could get registered and be in the General Session on time. The General Session covered the opening ceremony and a Legislative Update from Jeff Hennie and "Hardtail" Willard and a FARS Data overview by Teri Stobbs and info on the Sound Summit by "Hardtail". We were on our own for lunch and returned for the afternoon Breakout Session. I chose to attend the "Just How Accurate is the FARS Data?" session since this is the info that is often used by various entities and the government (NTHSA) against us. Teri Stobbs presented the info such as Texas hasn't recorded any = 0 motorcycle vehicle miles traveled since 1997. The interesting thing is that they aren't required to and it is an option. Duh! So while 0 vehicle miles traveled are reported and the number of deaths are reported, you already have bad statistics and it gets worse from there with three sets of numbers for different reporting times. No wonder the statistics are stacked against us but MRF is investigating it further and asking questions. After a short break, I returned to the session on "How To Be Successful in Your SMRO" with Mark Buckner and learned some other things to apply in my quest to better TMRA 2. Later we checked out the products store and auction items before going on the PAC fundraiser River Walk Poker Run through the River district. I could really use the exercise since sitting still all day is hard for me to do. We went to three bars on Walk, where yours truly just had to stir the pot up with a little action regarding a "Dress Code" sign in the second bar. While no one was turned away due to violations of dress code, they still had a sign at the front entrance saying no bandanas, no doo-rags, no sleeveless (men's) T-Shirts and no Colors, etc. I took offense that a bar on the Walk would display such a sign and pointed it out to Revvv and another gentleman who promptly snatched it up and we all left. When we arrived at the next bar with the sign, the bouncer was nervous about the sign being in there with us so Revvv and I left with it and he gave to the ABATE of Arkansas people with instructions that it was to go in the Live Auction. It did and Ian King

bought it for about \$500. We visited with quite a few people that evening before returning to the hotel. AMA sponsored breakfast on Saturday and lunch was sponsored by Harley-Davidson Motorcycles and was more than enough food for this gal. During the morning there was a General Session, which included the European State of the State of Motorcycling presented by Kees Meijer and Bob Tomlins of FEMA (Federation of European Motorcyclists Associations) and Rider Impairment – What Can Be Done with a panel made up of Marietta Bowen (NTHSA), Terry Cook (AMA), Vicki Ernst (Dial-A-Ride), Duane Taylor (MSF) and Steve Peale (Harley-Davidson) and Ian King (MRF). While riding impaired is a significant problem today, it was clear that the majority of the people would rather police their own than to allow the government to handle it and this was the message that was given to Marietta Bowen (NTHSA) to take back to Washington. In the afternoon, we attended breakout sessions. I chose to take in "How To Lobby in Our Nation's Capital" with Jeff Hennie (MRF VP-Govt. Rel.) and Cheryl Pearre (ABATE of IL) and "Right of Way Legislation; How To Get It Passed" with Robert Collins (ABATE of AR). Jeff Hennie gave us some valuable tips on visiting Washington, DC to see our legislators there and how to plan wisely to assure that everyone gets as much as possible out of the experience. The Right of Way session was primarily a see-what-everybody-is-doing forum with some brainstorming on better ways to get the legislation passed. With the sessions over, I went and changed for the evening's cocktail hour and awards banquet and auctions. Rain from Hurricane Rita had already begun to fall so we were all content to wander about and socialize. After dinner and during the auction, the hotel began to experience problems with first the electricity going out, then a small electrical fire somewhere in the hotel, which brought the fire trucks out and sent everyone outside for a very short time and then the AC was out due to generators powering the electricity, but we carried on through it all. We returned to our hotel, which hadn't seemed to experience any problems in regards to the storm passing through. It was raining at checkout in the morning but quickly cleared away to a beautiful sunny and HOT ride home. A good time was had by all.

MRF Report

The Blonde Bomber

Toni, Dee, Rev, and I were the TMRA2 Warriors who attended the Meeting of the Minds (MOTM) in Little Rock, AR. There was a full weekend of MRF business meetings, seminars, and 'round robin' discussions on motorcycle rights issues from the local to the international level. There were legislative updates from around the country as well as D.C. There was a wide

range of seminar topics such as: Campaigns, Primaries & Elections; Motorcyclist the so-called "The Social Burden"; Dos & Don'ts of Recruiting MRO Members; Grant Writing; The Accuracy of FARS (Fatality Analysis Reporting System); Changes in Rider Ed; Dealing with the Media; SMRO Legislative Planning; How to be Successful in Your SMRO; Rider Impairment; Lobbying in D.C.; Motorist Awareness Programs; Electronic Communication; Right of Way Legislation; and Introduction to the Intelligent Transportation System just to name a few. One of the most interesting events was the program presented by FEMA, the Federation of European Motorcyclists' Associations. They discussed the World Motorcycle Test Cycle (WMTC) and the GTR (Global Technical Regulation). The global harmonization of motorcycle laws is a real bad deal. This is just one more reason to oppose the United Nations. We must continue to fight for the sovereignty of our nation. We must not let the UN or the World Health Organization govern our motorcycle laws here in the United States. This was my first MOTM; it was an informative and worthwhile conference. I hope to see some of you there next year.

Don't forget that the US Congress has a two-year session. It is easy to forget about the bills that may affect us as they hide out in committee. Keep writing those letters to your Congressmen and Senator in D.C. If by chance you find yourself in Washington, contact the MRF office and accompany our lobbyist Jeff Hennie to the capitol for a day of lobbying. Jeff will be glad to guide you through the process. S.577, our HIPPA bill has been sitting in the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions since March 9th. The related bill in the House, HR 2973, was referred to the Subcommittee on Employer-Employee Relations, and has been there since July the 11th. We need to encourage the support of our Congressmen and Senator to help move these bills. Remember that last session's version of S.577 passed unanimously in the Senate, but the session ended before it was heard in the house. The gang enhancement bills are still looming out there also. HR 1279 has passed House and has been sent to the Senate Committee on the Judiciary. S.155 is still in the Senate Committee on the Judiciary. HR.970, the companion bill to S.155, has been referred to the Subcommittee on Crime, Terrorism, and Homeland Security. These bills all contain very broad open-ended interpretations of the definition of a gang. There is some language that opponents view as unconstitutional. Just because the Texas Legislature has adjourned, does not mean we can rest and relax. Fire up the computers fax machines. Make those phone calls and write those letters. Let's take our government back now before it is too late. Live to ride, ride to live, WRITE TO RIDE. Flex Your Rights

CHAPTER REPORTS

Big Country chapter

No report

Panhandle chapter

No report

1st Brazoria chapter minutes for October 1, 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. Worked on some ideal to increase memberships, such as business card and posters for bike shop and biker hang outs. Made plans for a Chili Cook Off, on 03 Dec 05, at the Oyster Creek park in OysterCreek, to raise more money for the State office. Our Shotgun raffle brought in \$600.00 and Southern Pride M/C donated another \$50.00 to go along with it. Got to love it. Thanks to all. Jack our new DA, mention a relief fund for Sputnik and Biker's effected by the Hurricanes, \$59.00 was collected. Thanks Again. The new Bikers National handbook was passed around and purchased. The 5 steps of being a Warrior were discussed, and talked about supporting different candidates. Mention was made of the 9 constitutional propositions that will be voted on in Nov 8 2005 election ballots. There were a lot of unknowns there. Remember if you don't know, vote NO. Tug spoke about the "Tax on Talk" grassroots movement to wipe out a TEMPORARY, 1898 Federal Excise Tax that President McKinley imposed on the very wealthy to fund the Spanish-American War. Rich folks were the only one that had phone back then, but now everyone who uses a phone is still being taxed the 3% a month. There should be have enough funds to really whoop the Spanish by now. Anyway the bills to support are S. 1321 and H.R. 1898 to repeal the tax on talk. Next Meeting to be held on 05 Nov 2005 at 1100hrs at Sissy's. See ya there. Frank

Austin chapter minutes for October 4, 2005

Batman called the meeting to order at 7:30pm, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance. We had 24 members and guests attending. Reading of the Minutes was dispensed. Dee gave us the updates on Louisiana and Mississippi's biker population that have been damaged by Katrina and Rita. There is information through the TMRAII, AIM, and NCOM websites to tell us where we can send our donations to help our brothers in those states. The November ballot has 9 Constitutional Amendments on it. Log on to the Texas Legislature to read them. As always, if they sound confusing, it's always best to vote "NO". Batman said to read the Warrior and to take action. Don't just read it. There are a number of places

in Austin that are trying to enforce a dress code (translated – no colors). Sherlock's Pub, Fast Eddie's and Midnight Rodeo were specifically named. We can't let them set precedents for our future. The COC cards that are FREE, (that you can hand to the managers of these establishments) tell them why they can't do that. Batman thanked Bart for filling in for him at our last meeting (I would also like to thank Dee for doing the same for me). Bro. Cyclops is back. Austin Minutemen would like to thank Dark Horse MC for their donation of \$250.00. Bart presented an idea to get independents involved with raffles at Bike Nights, and Charity events. It would involve donation of items from all of us and getting a schedule of who and where to hold them. Dee also reminded us that 50/50's work really well. Ragu made a motion that a committee for raffles be set up, it was seconded, motion approved. Batman appointed Bart and Ragu to head the committee. They then asked for volunteers and ideas. A bike wash was suggested to raise funds.

Batman read Sputnik's letter asking us for financial relief. If anyone deserves more help and has been given the least, it's Sputnik. Treasurer's report – COC donated \$231 to help Sputnik at the last meeting. I added that to our regular monthly donation and sent in \$331 to the State office. No Spokes gave us some good news. Alan Babin had his last surgery today and it looks to be successful. If any of us have time, we need to post to his website to let him know we are thinking about him. The address is caringbridge.org/tx/alan'sangel's. Upcoming meetings, benefits and runs were announced. We received \$56.00 in donations. Our account has \$395.88. Randy adjourned the meeting at 8:30 with prayer. The next meeting will be November 1, 2005 at Vinny's. Nanette Townsend
Secretary/Treasurer

Heart of Texas chapter

No report

Big Spring chapter minutes for October 4, 2005

The meeting was brought to order with the pledge and a prayer at 7:10 pm. We had 12 members in attendance. Greg gave the quote of the month: "the constitution is not an instrument for the government to restrain people; it's an instrument for the people to restrain the government-lest it comes to dominate our lives and interests" Patrick Henry
The minutes were read by secretary, Toni Reese and the financial report was given by treasurer, Pat Cypert. New contact numbers and information was given, due to the demise of Greg's' phone. He may be contacted at home 432-393-5642 or 432-268-6421 till the end of January. Old business was gone over. touching on

HIPPA , including S.577 , HR2973, S.397, and a brief report given on the passing of the 'sputnik' award . New business included the Constitutional Amendment Referendum November 8th, MOTM overview and interesting new laws posted by Elmer M. A handout or info sheet was provided for each. Gwen and Sputniks' financial situation was touched on and a donation was sent to them from the Big Spring Chapter. Upcoming events were announced and discussed. The Mid-South Mile takes place Oct.14-16th. Southern Cross Conference, South Carolina on Oct.29th. Permian Basin Chili Cook-off, Oct.7th Spookathon , Concho Valley MC (Cossacks) Oct.29 Permian Basin MC (Cossacks) halloween party Oct. 29. Brisket Cookoff (Cossacks Permian Basin MC) Oct.19. Information was given on following the chain of command when addressing public concerns , dealing with local and state elected officials and what we learn of these steps from the organization. The meeting was ended, the hat was passed and 50/50 was preformed. Also a reminder of our new meeting location here in Big Spring . The Monthly meetings are now held at "New York City Hot Dogs" On second street in Big Spring Texas . For more information please call 432-268-6421. Respectfully,
Slim/ SA 65

Attached is a new meeting schedule for the Big Spring Chapter. The meeting change was not noted in the front of the Warrior. I sent the schedule out to many people. (Month before last) My secretary sent a new schedule to you along with her report. In the warrior you printed her report the noted the meeting change @ the bottom then signed my name to it. The report was not written by me, it was written by her. Our chapter officers deserve credit when it is due. Signing the persons name who actually wrote the report is a must in my opinion. PLEASE MAKE AN EDITORIAL CORRECTION TO THAT EFFECT. We also sent a schedule change notice in for last months Warrior as a report since we did not have a meeting. The Warrior noted no report of any kind for Big Spring, we were depending on that meeting change notification in our report section to let some of our members know who could not be reached by telephone. Furthermore the Big Spring Chapter has a tendency to raise hell with the Secretary in office if they don't feel that person is getting the job done. The Secretary raises hell with me if my name is on her work, and now the cycle continues. Please make these changes and corrections for my chapter. I, as always, thank you for the work that you do for the Association. I do not envy your job. You are appreciated. This schedule change was written & sent by me. Toni will send you her report before the end of the day. Thank you for your time.
The Blonde Bomber

TMRA2 Big Spring Chapter
Announcement of Meeting Change & Calendar:
The Big Spring Chapter of Texas Motorcycle Rights Association will now meet at the "In Town" location of New York's Finest Hotdogs, 109 E. 2nd Street, Big Spring, TX 79720 @ 700 pm on the first Tuesday of each month (except November 05), until further notice.
Schedule:
November 2005: No Meeting December 6, 2005: Elections, 7:00 pm 2006: Monthly meetings to resume after the 1st of the year! 1st Tuesday of each month, 7:00 p.m. The goal for 2006 is to have a shorter more concise meeting, sticking to the current issues affecting bikers at a local, state, and federal level, and not to cloud the issues too many other bills not on the current motorcycle rights agenda. However we will still be open for discussion on any issue, and we may choose to put new issues on the table. We would also like to include a short educational seminar at each meeting. Tentative Schedule: January 3, 2006: Meeting @ 7:00 pm @ New York's Finest Hotdogs Proposed Seminar Topic: Jury Duty, Pain in the Butt or Constitutional Safeguard?
Speaker: The Blonde Bomber Information: Material from "The Citizen's Rule Book"
February 7, 2006: Meeting 7:00 pm @ New York's Finest Hotdogs Proposed Seminar Topic: The Five Steps to Freedom
Speaker: The Blonde Bomber Information: Material from Sputnik, TMRA2, & NCOM
March 7, 2006: Meeting @ 7:00 pm @ New York's Finest Hotdogs Proposed Seminar Topic: Communication with Legislators & Candidates / the Legislative Agenda of TMRA2 Speaker: The Blonde Bomber Information: Material from TMRA2, Sputnik, NCOM
April 4, 2006: Meeting @ 7:00 pm @ New York's Finest Hotdogs Proposed Seminar Topic: (back by popular demand) Identity Theft Prevention Speaker: Sheriff Dale Walker Information: Sheriff Walker/Howard Co. S.O.
May 2, 2006: Meeting @ 7:00 pm @ New York's Finest Hotdogs June 6, 2006: Meeting @ 7:00 pm @ New York's Finest Hotdogs
July 4, 2006 Independence Day: Meeting postponed until next Tuesday due to the Holiday July 11, 2006: Meeting @ 7:00 pm @ New York's Finest Hotdogs 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 Blonde Bomber
(schedule subject to change)

DFW chapter minutes for October 12, 2005

Mid South Mile is coming up this weekend. 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 need a few more people to volunteer to pick up people at the airport and drive them to the event in Denton. If anyone can help please contact Sputnik. Bone Productions and Gunslinger Tattoos are promoting a Bike Raffle. All proceeds to benefit TMRA2. Tickets are \$5 a piece and only 200 tickets will be sold. Let me (Rosanne Kayl woodtx99@sbcglobal.net) know how many tickets you want, they are \$5 each. Mail your check to me Bone Production P.O. Box 150441 Ft. Worth, Tx 76108 and I'll mail your ticket/tickets back to you or if you are in Ft. Worth, I can meet you with tickets. The Intelligence Reform and Terrorism Prevention Act of 2004 requires that by January 1, 2008, travelers to and from the Caribbean, Bermuda, Panama, Mexico and Canada have a passport or other secure, accepted document to enter or re-enter the United States. In order to facilitate the implementation of this requirement, the Administration is proposing to complete it in phases following a proposed timeline, which will be published in the Federal Register in the near future.

This is a change from prior travel requirements and will affect all United States citizens entering the United States from countries within the Western Hemisphere who do not currently possess valid passports. This new requirement will also affect certain foreign nationals who currently are not required to present a passport to travel to the United States. Most Canadian citizens, citizens of the British Overseas Territory of Bermuda, and to a lesser degree, Mexican citizens will be affected by the implementation of this requirement. By Jan 1, 2008 all citizens will be required to purchase a passport in order to cross to Canada or Mexico. Some points were brought up on a couple of the proposed amendments. One of the points was referring to unintended consequences. This of course was to the Marriage amendment. The language reads: "The constitutional amendment providing that marriage in this state consists only of the union of one man and one woman and prohibiting this state or a political subdivision of this state [such as a county or city] from creating or recognizing any legal status identical or similar to marriage." In Ohio and Utah, courts have interpreted similar language to nullify domestic violence protections for unmarried heterosexual couples, and various other tests are in the courts there and in other states where such amendments were passed last November. This amendment would go much farther and ban not only civil unions; but also common law marriage benefits for

heterosexual couples; and the powers of attorney many people draw up to allow non-related people to make medical decisions, visit them in hospitals, and inherit property. In many cases of medical emergencies only relatives are allowed to make decisions, this amendment would negate unmarried couples ability to make those decisions. Each case will have to be decided individually in the courts: Glen Maxey called the measure "full employment insurance for lawyers."

Make sure you go out and vote on November 8th.

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 <http://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. The band is set and we have flyers. We hope for a larger attendance this time around and keep the event growing. 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 like the thank Bill Walker for bringing in a new member. Glad everyone came out, hopefully we'll see you all soon again.

Elmer H. McKeegan
Chapter Coordinator

El Paso chapter minutes for September 21, 2005

Jerry called the meeting to order. The Pledge of Allegiance was said by all. Debbie read the minutes from the August meeting. A motion and a second was made to accept the minutes as read and passed. Jerry brought up incident reports. He said that he has been told by a couple of people that they had been stopped but no one is turning in any incident reports. The Sputnik Award is on display at Mulligan's North.

On membership I would like for all of you to talk to your friends and ask them to join or renew. A lot of things are coming up and we need everyone to get involved. The National Handbook for Bikers has several 1000 biker friendly places to go, good maps and laws for each state. Sputnik sent me some that he autographed and they are going for \$ 25.00 each. When I get rid of the ones he sent me then I will ask him if he could send me some more. Mando said that he thinks that every road captain of each club should have one. Southern Cruisers El Paso Chapter is going to donate \$ 50.00 to Sputnik and they ask each club to match their donation. Elections are coming up soon so if anyone happens to have a candidate that you know that will back motorcycle issues ask them to come in and talk to us at one of our meetings. There are editorials in the El Paso Times coming out a lot lately, mostly on helmets. They are all complaining about motorcycles cutting in and out of traffic, speeding, and popping wheelies. The sport bike rider is generally the guy that they are complaining about. Let's see if we can increase our image and talk to these people. We need to start working on our image that we got instead of being over powered by the El Paso Times which is syndicated by Chicago. We need more of us to start writing editorials to the Times and see if you can educate people more. The majority of people that are buying sports bikes are in their early 20's and some in their teens. A motion was made and seconded to adjourn. The meeting was adjourned. Next meeting is on October 19, 2005 at Rancher's Grill at 9530 Viscount (corner of Gateway West and Viscount).

Debbie Rios

Tarrant County chapter

No report

Hood County Blues chapter

No report

Independence Riders chapter

No report

Lubbock chapter

No report

Permian Basin chapter

No report

Plainview chapter

No report

San Angelo chapter minutes for October 11, 2005

Howdy Fellow Warriors

This is my 1st attempt to send in the minutes for Octobers 11th, San Angelo TMRA2 Chapter & not real sure who to send it to, but with no leadership except for me being appointed District # 28 ASST- ADVISOR Under Del Essary, here goes;
October 11, 2005 The San Angelo TMRA2 Chapter was called to order at 7:30 pm, with the Pledge Lead by Linda Ashton, and a few moments of silence held for personal Prayers. We had 9 Members present, glad they were there, but come on fellow WARRIORS, LET'S MAKE OUR MEETINGS! Ron Rviz a 2 year WARRIOR spoke up that he has not received a single Lone Star Warrior since he joined 2 years ago, would someone at the top check in to this, Please for Ron. Linda was approached by a Bicycle Cop for the SAPD and asked if she could get our Members to call the City Manager, Commissioners to fix the trip circuit at the left hand turn signals in San Angelo, cause neither a bicycle or a Motorcycle is heavy enough to signal them to let us turn left & Linda also talk to him about maybe sharing a beware of Motorcycles & Bicycles Signs in our area, Hey What Ever it Takes "Right", Thanks Linda. Also Linda is going to write a letter to all the Motorcycle Clubs in our area to try & get more Bikers involved, as there is strength in numbers. WAG is going to contact the local Thrifty Nickel & see about getting an ad put under the motorcycle section to make Bikers aware that TMRA2 is here & needs ALL Bikers. WAG with the COSSACKS M.C. Concho Valley Chapter talked about our up coming Fund Raiser with a \$1.00 per Person going to TMRA2 on October 29th & the Benefit for The ICD Women & Children's Shelter with a \$1.00 per person Going to Sputnik who is going to be attending & speaking on TMRA2's plans of action for the up coming year on December 3, 2005. The Road Runners also talk about a toy run there putting together for the ICD Women's & Children's Shelter, TBA. Thanks to Linda Ashton for helping head up this meeting. Till next time Everyone Ride Free & Play Safe, PEACE. Meeting adjourned at 8:30pm. WAG

Tri-County chapter minutes for September 13, 2005

The meeting was opened with the Pledge of Allegiance. Larry then took a few minutes to thank those who had helped him clean out our lake cabin after it had flooded. Dean Rosenquist, Ben Littlejohn, and Bill Martin came out one day and helped him get stuff out and we really appreciated it. I then read the minutes of the previous meeting. Larry Trotter made a motion to accept them; it was seconded by Bill Martin and then passed unanimously. Next, Richard Powell was remembered. He was well known among the bikers in the Stamford area and had passed away last month. He was a good friend to many of us and will be missed greatly.

I then gave a short treasurer's report. Johnnie English had relayed to me over the phone that we had \$1,029.15 in the bank.

Larry then lead a discussion about whether or not the chapter still wanted to send a check to the state office every month. There was actually more money in the bank than what most of the members had thought, so Dean Rosenquist made a motion to continue sending a check to the state office. It was seconded by Ben Littlejohn and passed unanimously. Dean Rosenquist, the safety officer, then reported that he had been in Hattiesburg, MS working on repair crews for Katrina relief. He said he slept in his truck for three days, but at least it was dry in the area. Flooding wasn't the problem; trees had blown down and pulled down many electric lines. He did have a few statistics for us on motorcycle accidents. He said that fatalities are up 85% and alcohol is a factor in most. Linda Anders, the road captain, gave us a report on many up coming runs. Aspencade in Ruidoso, NM will be September 14 - 18; the Full moon ride will be Sunday, September 18. The Rule Jubilee will be held Saturday, October 1st. We are to meet at Lonnie & Cathy's Place and there will be a parade and many events in the park and hamburgers at 5:00. Everyone is invited. Finally, the Pig Roast in Johnson City will be October 7 - 9. There will be a group leaving from Bulldog Machine at 9:00 am on Friday morning. On October 13 - 16 there will be a South Padre Island run.

Next, there was a letter from Lonnie and Cathy Rollins. It stated that we are all welcome at their place in Rule but they ask that no one carry out any kind of open container. It's a great place to go and this is a very reasonable request, let's all be considerate of their wishes. The 50/50 drawing was next. We collected \$65.00. Bill Martin won the draw and donated his winnings back to the chapter. Thank you Bill!! Larry then showed the Blue books that he had received from Sputnik. He told a little about them and then passed them around. We will be selling them for \$20.00 a piece.

Finally, we had a small discussion about the Supreme Court nominee. Nobody knew much about him. Larry Trotter made a motion to close the meeting. It was seconded by Bill Martin and passed unanimously. Larry closed the meeting with a prayer.

DISTRICT ADVISOR REPORTS

#01 – Karl Ford

No report

#03 – Cynthia “Kanga” Axtell

One issue I would like to bring into awareness is that there is going to be (and probably already is.) a large influx of new motorcycle riders out on the roads with us and them (you know, cages, autos, trucks and cars)! I saw every small to medium motorcycle out of half of everyone's garage for sale after Katrina pushed gas prices out of sight. What I feel this means is that there are going to be new motorcyclists riding underpowered motorcycles without a CLUE! This could be a serious ramification to the accidents, injuries, and death statistics that are always the prime reasoning used by the constituents for helmets. I would like to be able to head off some of the bad press by bringing this to the attention of our Legislative constituents and the news media and even those new riders that may not heed or want advice. What cha gonna do? I have always had the philosophy that regardless of what you do or try in life, one starts at the same place that anyone else does, from knowing absolutely nothing about something to learning step by step about "it". I realized early on that I would never have the proficiency at riding my motorcycle that some of the people I ride with have. They have simply ridden hundreds of thousands of miles and are that far ahead of me. This doesn't mean I can't be a safe rider and get from point A to point B without wrecking. It simply means that they have a wealth of information from the school of hard knocks that can serve me well in my endeavors to stay whole, ride in the wind and keep the rubber side down and the shiny side up. I will endeavor to share the same with those I meet and take comfort in the fact that I know those who receive this publication will do the same. Another issue I have strong feelings about is to get as many people off their asses to vote. VOTE! I will quote from a newspaper article that is more eloquent than I in getting the message across. (I hope I do this correctly)

Waco Tribune Herald

Saturday, September 17, 2005 "Jihadist for Jesus" speaking to local Christians on Islam By: Terri Jo Ryan (Tribune Herald Staff Writer)

A Christian preacher who charges that Muslims plan to take over Americas by 202 through "silent jihad" is speaking this weekend ..

Muslims in this country are willing to take advantage of American naiveté to advance their agenda of "silent jihad" as they infiltrate every aspect of the U.S.

Government, Abid said. Laila Al-Qatami, communications director for the American-Arab Anti-Discrimination Committee, said the Christian convert "sounds like a bit of a demagogue." End of Quote

This fella is a born-again-Christian out to educate fellow Christians about something I already had an idea about. In February of 1997, about 400 policemen and 70,000 Muslim militants tore through a Christian village and killed, raped and pillaged. Abid has said that there are over 35,000 references to "jihad" in the 1,400 year old holy book called the Quran. Ms. Al-Qatami felt he had "a most limited world view, good versus bad, without adding much in the realm of tolerance and diversity." I like to think that these people have what she said. "I like to think that these people have what she said." adding much in the realm of tolerance and diversity". I have a problem when a belief causes a woman to be lower than chattel, someone to be doused with gas and set on fire because she wanted to wear fingernail polish or simply because her husband could get a big dowry from a new prospect. I have a really hard time keeping an open mind about a belief that is used as an excuse to kill innocent people all around the world because they don't have the same belief. And I really, really don't want these people, who may be productive American citizens in spite of our differing faiths, telling my children and grandchildren they can't say "under God" or "In God we trust" just because I couldn't get people up off their asses to vote. The first line of defense would be to understand the enemy. Do I think American-Arab Muslims are my enemy? Truthfully, I don't know. I do know I want Americans, to the core, deciding the rules I have to live by and the only way to accomplish that is, to get the word out! Register to Vote! (Step #1 of the TMRA2 Five Steps) .Yesterday, October 10th was the last day to register to vote in the next round of Propositions. If you find that you really wanted to vote on Proposition 2, the marriage act (marriage is between a man and a woman.) but you couldn't because you didn't register, my advice would be to register tomorrow! That way you will be ready for the Next Time! Remind your family and friends that it is our Patriotic Duty to participate at the voting booth. Many have shed their blood for our right to vote. Let's don't waste their precious sacrifice by doing NOTHING! So, when someone asks you "Did you vote?" I hope your reply is "You're damn right I did!" Yr friend in the Wind

#12 – Mike Alvey

Let me start with an apology for my lack of reports to this section. Beginning with this one, I will not miss another month. I made that promise a few months ago at a District Advisor meeting and am finally making it right. I do promise though, that I have not been idle at all, I just have a hard time making myself type. That being said, let's talk about what's coming up in the next few months.

Our area has the Democratic Party fairly well covered but we're lacking input from the Republican riders. We need to weigh all the information from both sides so we

know who we count on in the next session, 2007. I know at first glance that sounds far away, but the parties are both gearing up right now for the March Primaries. Each party has to figure out within itself who they want to present to the voters next November, 2006. This is the process where bikers have the biggest impact on gaining credibility within each Party.

Remember there are two stages, in Texas, to being a rights activist. The first, and the one that most of you are familiar with, is the legislative year. It's this period every other year that we get our chance to write bills and pass into law those things we hold dearly as bikers. For you new folks, each session year (all the odd-numbered years) we have "Legislative Day" at the end of January. The legislative critters only hold "church" for the first five months of the year and TMRA2 makes sure they know we're watching right from the start. The second, coming up in 2006, is the purely political side of our fight. This is actually the fun part. There's nothing to lose, only things to gain. What we're after though is control of each of the parties. In our "Five Steps to Freedom" pamphlet, we are all encouraged to run for office at some level. The contacts and friends that are made in the party primaries are tools for getting our work done. This is the time that we show our strength, in numbers, to our local political leaders. This is when we make believers out of the ordinary party members. Right after the primaries we start the Delegate Process. In order to control party politics, you have to be IN the party. In order to have a voice in the strategies and direction of either party we must attend the Democrat and Republican State Conventions. That's what the Delegate Process is all about; getting to the State Convention. Jump in now, if you haven't, this really is the fun part. Remember our meetings on the third Wednesday of each month. The info is in the front of the Warrior. And one more thing; NOVEMBER 19 is TMRA2 CASINO NIGHT at the American Legion Post 516, again see the info up front. And remember, we're still looking hard for good donations as door prizes and stuff for the silent auction. Bring everything you have to the November meeting.

I actually got lots more, but I'll stop for now. Get in this fight now, and bring your heart.

#14 – Glen Dial

No report

#17 – Jack West

No report

#19 – Sam Bray

No report

#22 – Greg Bodovsky

I've paid over \$3 a gallon a few times too many already. The Energy bill that Tom DeLay and the House leadership passed during a 5 minute vote that lasted almost an hour, will do NOTHING to help the price at

the pump. In fact it LOWERS the penalty for PRICE GOUGING. One of the outcomes is obvious already. More scooters on the roads, and a lot of new riders. Advise them to take a motorcycle safety course. It'll get 'em a discount on their insurance and it will meet the requirement for the freedom to choose when/if to where a helmet. The Hood County Blues chapter had a very good meeting in September! The cheeseburgers were hmmm good!!! They are planning on May 5th-7th for their annual rally, and it will be at Indian Creek Lodge. Their meetings are now on the 4th Wednesday of each month at 7pm, and the next one is Wednesday 10/26. Come on out, eat a burger, and have a great meeting. We had one of our members stand up and say they'd run for State Representative!!! Think about it yourselves.

The Heart of Texas chapter had a booth at the 21st annual Scavenger Hunt & Poker Run at Jim's Cycle Shop in Axtell September 16-18. Sputnik and Gwen came out, and the Brotherhood of Bikers put on a good run. I'd like to welcome the new Warriors that signed up there. Sputnik brought us some of the National Bikers Handbooks, and a few are still left for sale at Jim's.

The H.O.T. chapter had their monthly meeting this past Sunday. The weather was nice and we had the meeting outside under Jim's new covered patio out front. After the legislative update, I asked the members for their opinion on running Sputnik for Governor of Texas. They were unanimously in favor of it. I have been asking around for the past few months in an attempt to "explore" the possibility. It only takes 5000 signatures to put him on a primary ballot. I would like to know what the Warriors inside and outside my district think on this issue.

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 the next District Advisors meeting in Elgin at the State Office on November 12th. 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

Ride Safe & Ride Free (while U steelcan)!

#24 – Ron Ashmore

With sadness, we learn that our old friend and State Rep. Bob Hunter will not seek re-election. For 22 years, Bob has held the office. He has always given us his support and always ready to visit with us in his office at Abilene or at the State Capital. Bob has prostate cancer and will spend his time with the treatment. With this in mind, we can no longer coast on the past. Next election we will have to make sure that we support a candidate who will take Bob's place in supporting our goals. We must figure out a way to get more involved in order to have the exposure to get the new candidates attention and respect if we are even going to come close in having a Rep. that supports us. The Abilene Chapter is moving the meeting place to Harlow's Bar-b-que as reformation is in the works. Thanks to Darrell and Lenny for the help in getting the word out and still trying to involve more people. We now have a E-mail list for area members so its easier to get the word out. So, Big Country members, get ready for action after the first of the year as the next political season will be upon us.

#25 – Dee McClure

Hey Everyone! Hope everyone weathered the recent storms with minimal damage and cost and that all is well with each of you. This report will be short since I did an in-depth report on the Meeting of the Minds in this Warrior also. We did get confirmation on the pavilion at Rio Vista Park for our November Get-together in Hays County on the 12th. Everyone is welcome no matter what as long as you are willing to learn and become more educated. I need to thank Mike and Jo Secrest for their help, interest and hard work in advance – Thanks! We plan to get this ball rolling in SD 25 and continue to work hard for our Liberties and Rights. Join Us! By the time this Warrior gets out, I will have attended the Mid-South MILE and maybe the District Advisors' meeting as well and we will have a lot of information at the get-together to share with the public. I will continue to attend as many meetings in my area and work for the Association as much as time will allow. One thing to note, people, is the Constitutional Amendments that will be on the ballot in November. Please do your homework on them before you vote for or against them. There are a couple of sites where you can view them and some discussion, which will shed some light on what's really being said in the amendments. As Sputnik says, "If they don't make sense to you, vote no." This is a good rule of thumb since less is better in most instances. Take note that Texas voters have approved 432 amendments to the state Constitution since its adoption in 1876, which probably means a good housecleaning is in order but it will be a major undertaking for all of us. Maybe curbing our desire to add more, especially frivolous ones, is a direction that we need to address at times like this where we are presented with nine of them. Since we

are the voters, it is our job to use discretion in this regard. Well, I hope to see y'all down the road. 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

Finally, I'm getting the e-mail account set back up after being away for a month. Trace and I have moved into a lower maintenance dwelling, hopefully resulting in more time or at least some time to do the job of district advisor. We have moved to a neighborhood where Trace feels safer when I'm out of town. Telephone is still (432)550-7361, and mailing address is still P.O. Box 14191, Odessa, TX 79768. I have not been able to participate in any local politics for the last couple of months because they are always scheduled during the day while I'm at work or fall on the nights I have to teach classes. I'm looking forward to the new year and the work it will bring. I was able to go to the chili cook-off that the Permian Basin Chapter sponsored in Water Valley on Oct 8, and enjoyed the fellowship. There were about 70 in attendance. I have not yet heard how much was raised, but I'm sure it will come up in the chapter meeting next week. We did have a couple of new members sign up and a couple of renewals. It was great to welcome Ed Dailing and Brois Worley back to the Permian Basin Chapter, and to have Ed resume his position as chapter leader. I hope to have more to report next month. Till then, stay safe and ride sober.

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Ten Things All Drivers Should Know About Motorcycles



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

- 1** There are a lot more cars and trucks than motorcycles on the road, and some drivers don't "recognize" a motorcycle – they ignore it – usually unintentionally.
Look for motorcycles, especially when checking traffic at intersections.
- 2** A motorcycle may look farther away than it is. It may also be difficult to judge a motorcycle's speed.
When checking traffic to turn at an intersection or into or out of a driveway, realize that a motorcycle is closer than it looks.
- 3** A motorcycle can be easily hidden in a car's blind spots or masked by objects or backgrounds outside a car such as bushes, fences and bridges.
Take an extra moment to thoroughly check traffic, whether you're changing lanes or turning at intersections.
- 4** A motorcycle may seem to be moving faster than it really is.
Don't assume all motorcyclists are speed demons.
- 5** Motorcyclists often slow by downshifting or merely rolling off the throttle, thus not activating the brake light.
Allow more following distance. At intersections, expect that a motorcyclist may slow down without visual warning.
- 6** Turn signals on a motorcycle usually are not self-canceling, thus some riders – especially beginners – sometimes forget to turn them off after a turn or lane change.
Watch for other signs that the motorcyclist is making a turn.
- 7** Motorcyclists often adjust position within a lane to be seen more easily and to minimize the effects of road debris, passing vehicles and wind.
Understand that motorcyclists adjust lane position for a purpose, not to allow you to share the lane with them or to be reckless or show off.
- 8** Maneuverability is one of a motorcycle's better characteristics, especially at slower speeds and with good road conditions.
But, don't expect a motorcyclist to *always* be able to dodge out of the way.
- 9** Stopping distance for motorcycles is nearly the same as for cars, but slippery pavement makes stopping quickly difficult.
Allow more following distance behind a motorcycle because it can't always stop "on a dime."
- 10** Motorcyclists are more vulnerable to injury in traffic collisions than other roadway users since they don't have the advantage of being surrounded by 3,000 pounds of steel.
When a motorcycle is in motion, think of it as a person.

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