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

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## CHAPTER MEETING SCHEDULE

1<sup>st</sup> Tuesday – Austin Minutemen, Austin  
1<sup>st</sup> Tuesday – Big Spring, Big Spring  
1<sup>st</sup> Wednesday – Panhandle, Amarillo  
1<sup>st</sup> Wednesday – San Angelo, San Angelo  
1<sup>st</sup> Thursday – Plainview, Plainview  
1<sup>st</sup> Saturday – 1<sup>st</sup> Brazoria County, Angleton

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

3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday – El Paso, El Paso  
3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday – Tarrant County, Fort Worth  
3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday – Lubbock, Lubbock  
3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday – Permian Basin, Midland  
3<sup>rd</sup> Saturday – Independence Riders, Jacksonville

4<sup>th</sup> 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 2<sup>nd</sup> Street, Big Spring 79720, (432) 393-5489 Contact: The Blonde Bomber (432) 213-4421

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## **TO OUR READERS**

Gerald R. "Garry" Brookman

There was a recent incident here in North Texas where a 60 year old grandmother found a burglar in her home at 3 a.m. As a CHL holder, she armed herself with her legally owned handgun and shot the burglar who then ran out the door. If this incident had occurred in Grapevine, the police would have arrested her because there wasn't any evidence there ever was a burglar.

TXU is increasing their electric rates by 25% effective January, 2006. Green Mountain Energy is still only \$.1191 KWH with no rate increase scheduled. Switch today.

The residents of San Francisco have voted to ban the possession of handguns. All existing handguns must be surrendered to the police by April 1, 2006. After that date all citizens in San Francisco will be defenseless against fearless armed criminals. This is the same city that refused to provide a home to the USS Iowa Battleship memorial after spending \$3 million in private donations to bring it there because of the way the military treats gays.

## CHAIRMAN'S CORNER

Sputnik

### SOUTHERN CROSS CONFERENCE

We attended the first Southern Cross Conference this past weekend in Charleston. Dad attended to represent Texas ABATE Confederation. The concept of the conference was to get all federal legislators on the same page concerning issues of importance to the southern states. Bikers of course will spearhead that effort. The conference brought out a lot of new riders from several states and the workshops were brand new from any you normally get at these type conferences. All seminars were very well prepared and were backed by volumes of written material. All were aimed at who the southern legislators are, their voting records and how to contact them. A female State Rep from SC started off by addressing the Conference. I believe someone should have given her some guidelines prior to her address. She stated that when bikers venture into the world of politics they should dress the part. She stated that when she went to bikers for their support she wore jeans and T-shirt into their world. She further stated that when we come into her world we should dress the part.

This old man was sitting up front on the chair for speakers and I was about to scream. (but didn't) She was giving the impression that she dressed down for us and we should dress up for her. I wasn't the only one who was getting that impression. When she finished I immediately told her if she would sit down now I would tell her how it really worked as I was the next speaker. She left. The banquet consisted of a fine variety of food and was very plentiful. The evening speaker was the SC Lt. Governor and his talk was a 180 degree turnaround from that previously offered by the Rep. Everything about his talk was positive. The Hospitality Room while being a place to party and enjoy snacks was primarily used as a place to discuss each political view espoused by each person present. It was several round table discussions and moving from one table to the next brought several points front and center. Despite a few glitches the concept was very well accepted by all present. The next conference will be held in Kentucky the last weekend of July. There will be a National Conference of Legislators held on that weekend. Plans are to hold the Southern Cross Conference in a hotel directly across the street from their conference. The Hospitality Room will be open to the legislators and Kentucky Legislature Mitch McConnell will host a Hospitality Room in the Legislator's hotel at which bikers will be welcome. Should be a whole new experience in bikers rights and you are urged to attend if at all possible.

### CIA SECRET UNDERGROUND PRISONS

It has been revealed that the CIA has secret underground prisons scattered around the world where they are holding prisoners without charges being filed and apparently those prisoners are being tortured. Remember the revelation that FEMA has been using their budget to build concentration camps in this country as well as other purposes? Are these secret prisons also being built out of that budget? They are now calling for congressional hearings, not into whether this report is true as it apparently is but, into criminal charges for the person/persons responsible for the leak.

### GOVERNOR SAYS FEMA NOT DOING THEIR JOB

Governor Perry has gone on record condemning FEMA for not furnishing housing for those displaced by the storms. He says about 28% of those in temporary housing will be evicted by Christmas because the motels have not received rent payments. Christmas is no time to be putting those people out in the street. The head of FEMA says this is just grandstanding. Records indicate that each person placed in these motels was given enough money to pay several months of rent but have not used the money as intended. This is like the \$2000 emergency checks that ended up being spent on extravagant shopping sprees and in topless bars. Foot in mouth again.

### OHIO HELMET BILL

The Ohio legislature has introduced a Bill to require anyone under the age of 25 to wear a helmet while riding or being carried as a passenger on a motorcycle. A loss on this Bill would be a loss for all riders as Ohio currently has no helmet law.

### THREE CHEERS FOR PA VOTERS

For the first time in 200 years a PA Supreme Court Justice was ousted from office! The voters of PA were outraged when the legislature voted themselves a large pay raise in the middle of the night. Justice Nigro upheld the legislative pay raise and has paid the price! Score one for the people of PA! The rest of the legislature has been put on notice that the upcoming May-06 primary elections may not be a cake-walk.

### THUMBS DOWN FOR TEXAS VOTERS

With passage of Proposition # 1 voters have agreed that taxpayers should pay the major operating expenses for moving rail lines to the new highways. This amounts to a government subsidy (taxpayer handout) to a company whose profit margin is 83% higher this year than last year. Passage of Proposition # 3 gives our state, county

and city governments the constitutional right to operate with an unlimited deficit budget by allowing the removal of certain debts as liability. Prior to this vote they at least had to pretend to stay within a balanced budget. Do we blame those who voted without understanding what the Propositions said or those who just didn't vote? Did you read the Propositions fully and understand what they said prior to voting? I would certainly hope you weren't one of those 84% who didn't vote. Personally I drove 421 miles round trip to vote Tuesday morning and be back at the office by 12:30 pm to get back to business. Having managed to pass Proposition # 2 Representative Chism says next session he plans to make it harder to get a divorce. Texas has the highest divorce rate in the country and he said he plans to change that during the next legislative session.

We will be attending the NCOM Board meeting in Detroit this weekend. Upon our return we will be meeting with Mr. Stall. He is running for the district 18 Senate seat against Ken Armbrister. Our meeting will be next Friday to discuss issues and how he stands on those most important to us.

If you don't plan on running for office go talk to those in your district who are running and let us know what they have to say. We have to get it right this time. Reports coming in to this office show that "THROW THE INCUMBENT OUT" was rampant throughout the country during this election. Can we do any less next November?

Finally: Da'Lady has become the latest one of our members to join the prestigious "LAWMAKERS" M/C. Your state chair will now become a member bringing the total in our state to 5. Reps Fred Brown and Chuck Hopson along with Senator Kel Seliger make up the list of members thus far.

### **Draft Sputnik**

Please check out the website  
<http://sputnikforgovernor.com>

Forward to everyone you can, and post it to your websites.

### **Run For Office and win With little money**

(1) Which Party is predominate. Whether we like it or not our country is controlled by a two Party system at the present time. To be truly effective one must face that truth and choose one of the two major Parties to be involved with. In every political race you will find that the Republican or Democrat candidate will be successful. There are a few notable exceptions but you will find that those who win in such instances are already a household name through other venues, most

notably through the entertainment fields. It is therefore incumbent upon us to choose one of the two Parties to have a real chance for election on our first attempt. If you go with the Party that is predominate in your district your chances are increased

(2) Which best mirrors your values. No one Party exemplifies all your expectations. It is very hard to identify with either of the two major Parties as they both seek the same thing, re-election, except from different groups. Republicans seek support from corporations and wealthy individuals. To gain these votes they promise to take care of their needs through tax breaks and subsidies. Democrats seek to garner votes from the less fortunate by promising them government benefits paid for by the more successful citizens. Both Parties are at fault for this type handout but neither will ever change without strong objection from the average citizen. That objection apparently is left to bikers.

(3) Get involved. To wage a successful campaign you must have name recognition within the Party of your choice. To achieve this you must work your way inside the system. This is best achieved through the Delegate process of your chosen Party. Each state has their own system to accomplish this. Generally Delegates are chosen during the Primary election process. Once inside along with others of your same persuasion you have an opportunity to build coalitions. The better your skills at bringing others to your way of thinking the quicker you will rise in the ranks of the Party. Being accepted as a builder gives you an exceptional opportunity to get the support from the Party for your campaign. Without that support you will find it very tough to move forward with your plans.

Which office fits. (1) How much time do you have to give. Each elective office requires different amounts of time. Local offices such as City Council, School Board and County Commissioner will generally require at most two scheduled meetings. However you will find much of your time being spent dealing with issues for your constituents. These will not generally interfere with your regular job. State offices such as Senator, Representative or Judge are full time jobs with reasonable salary in some states. A few states still believe in citizen legislators and pay minimal salary. Even when the state legislature is not in session there are committee meetings to attend and local functions in your district that require your attendance. It is important that you stay before the public to enhance your chance for re-election.

(2) Personal financial condition. Local offices generally will not interfere with your personal finances. However in some instances you will find it necessary to lose time from work. It is possible you may at times find

yourself paying for a meal or a motel room while attending certain functions. This money can come from any campaign contributions if you are there to discuss political issues. State offices require much more time and even if you are getting a fair salary it will not be what the average politician could be making in private practice. However for many bikers the salary would be livable without an outside job. However those states that pay minimal salary would need another source of income. That was the original intent, that someone serve a couple of terms and go home. We all know that is not happening.

Choosing the time. (1) No incumbent. You will have a better chance of success if there is no incumbent. Don't choose an office just because there is no incumbent. Determine the office you would want to hold and start planning ahead to get set up for a run. Let it be known you are interested in that office when speaking with your friends and Party leaders. Being seen as someone with a goal can quickly line up supporters and those who may be supporters when your campaign is formally announced.

(2) Specific issue.

Another leading factor in deciding to run for a particular office is when a specific issue is drawing lots of publicity and you feel your views more closely resemble that of the majority voters. Do your homework well in advance of any announcement. Get out and learn how the majority really feels and be certain truthfully match your view. Utilize your friends in this endeavor and be as thorough as possible. Your success depends on this step.

Build a team & file:

(1) Name the necessary staff \*\*\*. You need to name a campaign manager and a treasurer to get ready to file for public office. Some states may have different requirements but generally speaking these are the basic staff needed to head your staff.

(2) File for office \*\*\*

There are two ways to file for office and get on the ballot. You can pay a filing fee or turn in a petition with the necessary number of registered voter's signatures. These fees and/or number of signatures are set by the state and vary for the office being sought. This is where you start saving money and determine if your campaign has the necessary support. Forget the filing fee and go with the petition. The number of signatures necessary to qualify to be on the ballot is small. If you can't get the signatures to make the ballot you have no chance of winning. Walk away and make plans for another time.

The campaign. (1) Phone banks. With the popularity of cell phones the standard phone banks are no longer necessary. With proper coordination small groups of friends can meet on alternate days and make all the necessary phone contacts. This eliminates the cost of phone banks set up in local offices. In fact with the methods outlined here your campaign headquarters can be one room in your home with garage space for necessary signs and literature.

(2) Using the media

If there is no incumbent it is easier to gain recognition from the media. Whether there is an incumbent or not the best use of the media is through "Letters To The Editor". This feature is the most read section of the newspaper, especially by the politically active. Have friends and supporters write letters to the editor of each local newspaper in your district telling them of your activities and why you are the best candidate for the office. Repeated often enough it becomes true and the media pays closer attention to your campaign and what you have to say and it becomes news.

The internet is another innovative media for reaching the voting public. Websites and Email are also a fine way for spreading the word about you candidacy. Many of your friends will have websites and personal address books. As they pass the word along their friends in turn can continue the thread.

A third media that could be helpful is your Biker Magazines. Start early doing interviews with the editor or writing articles for the magazine. We here in Texas are fortunate in that we have four such magazines and Sputnik writes monthly articles for each one with no set guidelines for the articles. Again all of these media uses are free.

(3) Walk and Talk

Get out and meet the public. Walk and talk to the public any time it is possible. Meet people in restaurants, shopping malls or anywhere possible and talk about the issues. Especially the issue that drove you to enter the race. Be specific about your goals if elected. Have your friends pass out handbills and place them on doorknobs and anywhere else that it is legal. Have signs made up and placed in yards around the district. Bumper stickers are more important than signs as they move around and are seen by more people.

The small outlay for these three items will not break you or you simply don't have the financial ability to hold an office. It comes down to your friends to do all the work a candidate normally pays to have done. Your home is your campaign headquarters, your cell phone crews are your phone banks. The Internet and Letters to the Editor will bring you media coverage. Your campaign coordinator will make sure everything stays on track and you are on your way to success.

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02 Dan Flynn R  
 04 Betty Brown R  
 06 Leo Berman R \*  
 07 Tommy Merritt R  
 08 Byron Cook R  
 13 Lois Kolkhorst R \*  
 14 Fred Brown R \*  
 16 Ruben Hope R  
 21 Allan Ritter R  
 23 Craig Eiland D \*  
 24 Larry Taylor R ##  
 26 Charlie Howard R  
 27 Dora Olivo D  
 29 Glenda Dawson R ##  
 31 Ryan Guillian D \*  
 32 Gene Seaman D  
 33 Vilma Luna D \*  
 36 Kino Flores D \*  
 37 Rene Oliveira D  
 38 Jim Solis D \*  
 39 Armando Martinez D  
 40 Aaron Pena D  
 41 Veronica Gonzales D  
 42 Richard Raymond D  
 44 Ed Kuemple R \*  
 46 Dawna Dukes D  
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 51 Eddie Rodriguez D \*  
 53 Harvey Hilderbran R  
 55 Dianne DeLisi R ##  
 61 Phil King R ##  
 62 Larry Phillips R \*  
 63 Mary Denny R \*  
 64 Myra Crownover R ##  
 66 Brian McCall R  
 67 Jerry Madden R \*  
 68 Rick Hardcastle R  
 71 - Open -  
 73 Carter Casteel R  
 74 Pete Gallego D  
 75 Chente Quintanilla D  
 76 Norma Chavez D \*  
 77 Paul Moreno D \*  
 78 Pat Haggerty R  
 80 Tracy King D \*  
 82 Tom Craddick R ##  
 86 John Smithee R  
 87 - open -  
 88 Warren Chisum R ##  
 91 Bob Griggs R \*  
 92 Todd Smith R  
 95 Marc Veasy D \*  
 98 Vicki Truitt R ##

100 Terry Hodge D \*  
 101 Elvina Reyna R  
 103 Rafael Anchia D  
 104 Roberto Alonzo D  
 107 Bill Keffer R \*  
 110 Jesse Jones D  
 111 Yvonne Davis D \*  
 114 Will Hartnett R  
 115 Jim Jackson R ##  
 121 Elizabeth Jones R  
 122 Frank Corte R ##  
 124 Joe Menendez D  
 125 Joaquin Castro D  
 129 John Davis R  
 131 Alma Allen D  
 132 Bill Callegari R  
 135 Gary Elkins R \*  
 139 Sylvester Turner D  
 141 Senfronia Thompson D\*  
 144 Robert Talton R  
 145 Richard Noreiga D \*  
 146 Al Edwards D \*  
 147 Garnet Coleman D \*  
 148 Jessica Farrar D  
 150 Debbie Riddle R  
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**PROPOSED BUDGET 2006**

Office Rent	\$ 7800.00
Utilities	\$ 4000.00
Travel	\$ 5000.00
Warrior	\$ 12000.00
Chair Salary	\$ 18000.00
Sec. Salary	\$ 18,000.00
Taxes	\$ 2759.04
Office Equipment	\$ 400.00
Office Supplies	\$ 900.00
Postage	\$ 600.00
Post Office	\$ 900.00
Membership	\$ 2000.00
Misc.	\$ 500.00
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$ 72,859.00</b>
Round off to	<b>\$ 73,000.00</b>

## **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 December, 2005!**

Austin Minutemen chapter \$100

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El Paso chapter \$240

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## **14th Annual Mid-South MILE Report**

By Dee McClure

Sputnik and I started out for Denton, Texas around 2pm on Thursday, the 13th, and arrived there at the Radisson Hotel around 6pm. We checked into our hotel room and went to IHOP for dinner. Friday was a slow day for check-in but got cranked up that evening with the band RagTag playing in Cutter's Bar and the Hospitality room and everyone getting into dancing and enjoying the music till 2:30 am. I got up at 6:30 am and headed out for some breakfast before the MILE got started. Our Legislative Speaker was none other than Rep. Terri Hodge from the Dallas area and she gave an excellent speech. I had the chance to speak with her afterwards and thank her for some help that she has given me on a personal matter. We had lunch – some of the best barbeque – that was provided by Denton ABATE. Then it was onto the Seminars. I took in the Federal Legislation Impacting Motorcyclists with Jeff Hennie (MRF), Global Situation with Theo Beeldens (MAG), Justice For All with Terry Cook (AMA) and How To Run For Office and Win with Sputnik (TMRA 2). In the Federal Legislation Impacting Motorcyclists seminar, Jeff Hennie of MRF passed out info on the Safety Grants that states can begin working to access thanks to Section 2010 of SAFETEA-LU. He covered the program purpose, eligibility, funding and administration. Also covered were HIPAA, EPA and some info on the Patriot Act and Anti-Gang Legislation. In the Global Situation seminar presented by Theo Beeldens of MAG, he went over some interesting differences between Europe and the US regarding politics, trade, habits and the struggles we all encounter. One difference is that they have 8 political parties to our 3 political parties, which makes trying to get the support for their issues more difficult. Also, although their parliament and ministers are elected, their commission (Energy & Transport, Enterprise, and Environment) is appointed for LIFE. Let's try dealing with that horror or good! Theo also pointed out through pictures some of the craziness on the roadways that make them more dangerous and probably contribute to many of the accidents and right-of-way violations. We countered with some of our own but I can see that riding in Europe could be quite the challenge for even the best riders. Theo and Bart were invited by the Arkansas female soccer team (staying at our hotel) to their game against University of North Texas on Friday night. Since Theo has coached soccer in Belgium, they went but Arkansas lost the game. Terry Lee Cook with AMA held the Justice For All seminar next and delved into the facts regarding causes, statistics and need for legislation to change misdemeanor offenses and small fines to stiffer charges with penalties and fines when serious injury and/or death occur. This legislative endeavor is being

encouraged to take place state by state and AMA is willing to help each state work on it. This isn't affecting only motorcyclists but bicyclists, pedestrians and other road users so we can utilize a wider base of people affected by the problem to fix it. He included a sample of proposed legislation that can be used to affect the change. With Sputnik presenting the How To Run for Office and Win seminar, I knew there would be a great chance to pick up a few more pointers to use to encourage others to complete the Five Steps to Freedom. He explained that a little communication with the people around you such as friends, family, co-workers and neighbors would give you a base for filing by petition, which requires only 500 signatures and would spare a candidate the cost of a filing fee (roughly \$750 in most cases) plus it would start the ball rolling for your name recognition. Sputnik explained that you need to ascertain what party, what position, and how much time you have to devote and what issues are your strengths and weaknesses so you can utilize your efforts effectively. He laid out the way to build a team and file and run the campaign on very little money. This energized me even more to work for more of us in office with ideas of how to make it possible using tools that we already have at our disposal. Saturday evening we attended the Banquet and auction, which funds the following year's MILE. This year we were served salad, beans and rice, beef and chicken fajitas and tacos and dessert. I stayed till midnight and the auction of the state baskets, which was averaging about \$1000-1200 wasn't even over but I knew that I would need to leave out early in the morning to return Sputnik to the State Office before the heat of the day. We had a blast and next year the MILE will be in Missouri so give some consideration to joining us for it. Texas ABATE Confederation – Thanks and YOU did a great job as Host!

## **Mid South MILE Report**

Elmer McKeegan

Friday arrival (What a party!)

I took a day of vacation that Friday to help out. I was one of the designated drivers. Those that would drive people from the airport to the hotel. So I did my part and stayed available and didn't drink (now that was hard). I went ahead and got my room. Two double beds all to myself. I know how these events go so I knew I wouldn't be in my room alone for long. Too many friends that make last minute choices will be showing up and they will need a place to stay. Little by little people started showing up. Friends that we only see at events like this, once a year. We keep in contact, but it's not the same as being there in person. Registration was slow to open up, but who cares, we just all hung around and talked about what's happening. Word came around that an out of state college women's soccer team was in the

hotel. They would be playing the game tonight against North Texas and then be back at the hotel later. Bikers and hot college girls, PARTY! PARTY! PARTY! The COC was responsible for the Hospitality suite, which was just two rooms from mine (What Luck!). The COC did good with the food and fixings. Good selection of meat for sandwiches, lots of snacks for the healthy and the other for the rest of us. It was a great setup and people were already there snacking and talking. I brought in some home made beef jerky. Last year in Kansas, a person brought in venison jerky and it was great. I couldn't let Texas go down without a fight on the jerky war, we had to do it right. From what I heard the jerky was a hit. I'm glad people enjoyed it. I knew that the beer was still a couple of hours away, so we decided to go get some in the mean time for the hospitality suite. Hopefully a couple of cases with tie everyone over till the keg shows up. Didn't want all those bikers going thirsty here in Texas. Wandered around for a while and talked with a bunch of people while waiting to be called into action (still a designated driver and still no drink). Headed back up to the Hospitality suite and saw that most of the beer was gone. Damn thirsty bikers. Well it was still going to be a little while longer before the keg arrived and Texas can't have guests being thirsty. We made another beer run and this time we brought back some MD 20/20. Sometime around 7:30pm when the keg was there I told em I was done being a designated driver, I wanted to party. They said that was fine and I got started. Tony showed up with his concoction of Armadillo Piss. Don't know what's in it besides cranberry juice but it is a delightful substance. Tony always reminds everyone to drink it slowly, don't gulp it down. But it tastes so good it's hard not to take shots of it. However I have survived this concoction before and if you don't follow Tony's instructions you will feel like a ton of cranberries fell on you and then individually each one shit in your mouth the next morning. I had me a couple of swallows and let Tony move on to the next victim which happened to be Big Jim. I wanted to survive this evening. Someone had made a comment on how there was no non alcoholic beer available. Big Kid asked for volunteers for a near beer run and we once again went for more or less beer. Big Kid also mentioned he didn't drink the MD 20/20 we purchased, he only liked a specific flavor, so naturally we purchased a bottle of that too. Now everyone should be happy with the Hospitality Suite, I know I was. We moved on down to the bar where RagTag was getting ready to play. More drink, more partying and more people. It was a good crowd and the people were enjoying the music. People started dancing and somewhere along the line Flipper got Sputnik up to dance. Immediately after I had to get Sputnik his oxygen, Flipper is just too rough on men! We heard the women's soccer team had lost that night to North Texas. A few of the women had showed up in the

bar, they checked out the crowd while the crowd checked them out, and then they left. Guess they weren't impressed with the over 30, 40, 50, 60 crowd. Oh well, don't need anyone here crying in their beer, we're here to have fun. The band played some good sets and when they finished we all headed back up to the hospitality suite. More talk and drink ensued. Between the beer, Armadillo Piss, MD 20/20, and more beer I have no idea what happened after a certain hour. My first recollection was Ken calling me at 9am to say the general session was about to start. With some effort I got my leg out of the bed anyway. The next time I opened my eyes I saw that it was 11:30 am. I got out of bed and woke up Big Jim, told him we were missing lunch. He asked what happened to breakfast? We missed it. Ken mentioned the next day that when he brought Big Jim into the room around 4 am that I was already there sleeping. As mentioned earlier I did wind up with a couple of room mates for the weekend.

## CHAPTER REPORTS

### Big Country chapter

No report

### Panhandle chapter

No report

### 1<sup>st</sup> Brazoria chapter minutes for November 5, 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 out the last minute details for the Chillie Cook Off, on 03 Dec 05, at the Oyster Creek park in Oyster Creek, to raise more money for the State office. More discussions were made of the 9 constitutional propositions that will be voted on in Nov 8 2005 election ballot. Reminders about voting Tuesday was mention also. Info on the Brazoria County Parade was passed. Lot more was talked about, interesting things too, but you had to be there. Next Meeting to be held on 03 DEC 2005 at 1000hrs at OSYTER CREEK PARK, just before the cook-off. See you there. Frank

### Austin chapter minutes for November 1, 2005

Batman called the meeting to order at 7:38pm at Vinny's Italian Café with the Pledge of Allegiance. Steve and Nanette had called Dee to ask her to take notes in their absence so there wasn't any secretary or treasurer report. We had roughly 21 members present. Batman asked for a report from the chapter fundraiser committee. Bart went over some of what they had acquired in the way of raffle items like a T-Shirt and knife and mentioned the intention of asking if they could do the raffle at the True Few party on November 12th. Ragu, also on the committee, mentioned that they were still looking for something real special. He also brought up the fact that at the benefit for Cyclops, Cyclops donated \$400 of the money raised for him to TMRA 2. We really appreciate that Cyclops. Then Batman went over some of the upcoming events such as the last day to early vote, Veteran's Day, the True Few party (11/12), Dee's chapter get-together event (11/12), the benefit for Sputnik on the 19th and Austin COC meeting (11/27) at new place. Batman brought up the MRF endorsement of HR 2048 (Right to Repair) and there was some discussion on it. He also expounded on State Constitution Amendment Proposal #9 regarding the term limits for regional committee members (increased from two to six years) which couldn't get through the legislative session so Rep. Krusee got it put on the ballot hoping the general public would blindly vote in favor of it. A new meeting place was discussed and members of

the local Moose Lodge #1735 explained what facilities they had and informed us of the type of work they do in the community and nationally. Their address is 2103 E.M. Franklin Boulevard and they invited us to come out, visit and check it out. It is definitely is worth the consideration both for the meeting place and future events that any of us might consider putting on. Some amenities included 3½ acres of land, large building with 300-400 person capacity, full bar with reasonable prices, smoking allowed, full kitchen, etc. Dee reported on various issues such as the 2006 Honda with airbags and anti-tampering bolts which were discussed at the Mid-South MILE (see her report on the MILE for more info in the Warrior), the forming of a chapter in Hays County with meeting on 11/12 and Sons of Liberty Riders E-news. Batman shared an inspiring letter that was written by Dwight Eisenhower regarding the state of our country and how we shouldn't tolerate any suggestion such as doing away with Social Security, federal programs, etc. and be wary of anyone suggesting such. We had a moment of silence and the invocation. The meeting adjourned at 8:30pm. The hat was passed and we collected \$68.00 for the chapter. The next meeting will be at Vinny's on December 6, 2005 at 7:30pm. Ride Safe and Free. Dee McClure

### Heart of Texas chapter

No report

### Big Spring chapter

No report

### DFW chapter minutes for November 9, 2005

The Mid South Mile turned out to be a real good event. Lots of good info from various speakers during the conference. I plan on doing write up in the warrior about the conferences I attended.

The hospitality suite was handled by the COC and they did a good job of drink and food. We need to give them a big thanks for taking care of this for the Mid South Mile. The "Get UR Done" rally was a lot of fun. Suds, Butterfly, and myself manned the TMRA2 booth at this event. Didn't get anyone to sign up during the event, but did get some interest, they took pamphlets and bought some products, hopefully we'll get them signed up later. There was good music, food, and plenty of free drink. Unfortunately it was not as well attended as needed. They were expecting a thousand and probably only got around 400. It's too bad because the event has so much going for it. The COC has done a lot for TMRA2 and we need to show our support for them. I understand a lot of events are going on, but we need to pick and choose in support of those who support us.

Read Sputnik's report of the Southern Cross Conference. Hopefully some more people will be able to attend this

event the last weekend of July. That should be good riding to Kentucky. The Meeting of the Minds has recorded some of their conferences. You can listen to them at <http://www.inbradio.com/mrf/motm2005/>. This will make a good way to get educated on events you may not be able to attend. The turnout for this election was close to 18%. A sad number considering what this election is going to impact, but better than most constitutional elections.

Prop. 1 Texas rail facilities funding created - Passed with 53%

Prop. 2 Same sex marriage denied legal status - Passed with 76%

Prop. 3 Economic development programs do not constitute debt – Passed with 51%

Prop. 4 Bail denied for pre-trial release violations – Passed with 84%

Prop. 5 Commercial loan interest rates defined by Legislature – Failed with 56%

Prop. 6 Members added to State Commission on Judicial Conduct – Passed with 62%

Prop. 7 Line of credit advances under reverse mortgage – Passed with 59%

Prop. 8 Certain land titles cleared in Upshur & Smith counties – Passed with 61%

Prop. 9 Six-Year term for regional mobility authority – Failed with 53%

I originally thought that the people of Texas would just vote yes to everything and not think about what they were doing. But it looks like in some cases that people were actually thinking before they voted. Guess the 2nd try for the 6 year term didn't work. Now the people have spoken, hopefully the Rep will get the message (Prop 9). Dallas Mayoral Powers – Failed with 53%. This is the 2nd failure of more powers to the mayor. Although the failure was not as great as before, but still I'm sure they'll try yet again. The time has come for some of our Warriors to step up and proceed onto step 5 (Run for Office). The only way we will continue to be relevant in this state is to take the fight to the next level. Too many of our legislators have no opposition when running for office. Those same legislators oppose our bills and some threaten to put a stop to our so called "dangerous" way of living.

We need to send them a message. That message is that you either get on board with us or become a non factor in the legislative process. However in order to do that we need you to step up and run for office. We know you don't have much money and we don't want you to spend a lot of money running for office. You can run and win with little or no money, all you need is the support of your fellow bikers.

We want to target these legislators that oppose us in our area.

Rep. Myra Crownover

Rep. Phil King

Rep. Vicki Truitt

Rep. Jim Jackson

We don't have much time to find some volunteers, but we will try working to locate a couple. We can't just let these people go unopposed year after year. With no opposition why should they care about us. We have volunteers who are willing to work the campaign, we just need someone in each of the Reps district to step up. It takes just 500 signatures to get on the ballot. Since these are unopposed seats, taking the opposite party spot will mean basically no work needed for the primary. That'll give plenty of time to work out strategies for the months ahead. Hey just to show you what can be done. AMA Board of Directors Chairman Rick Gray was elected mayor of Lancaster, Pennsylvania, on November 8. Gray, a defense attorney, defeated the incumbent mayor by winning 59 percent of the vote in the two-way race. AMA President Robert Rasor congratulated Gray on his victory and said he expects Gray will remain on the AMA Board of Directors through the remainder of his term, which ends February, 2007. Gray's term as chairman ends February, 2006. Gray has represented the northeast region on the AMA Board of Directors since 1995. Elmer H. McKeegan

El Paso chapter

No report

Tarrant County chapter

No report

Hood County Blues chapter minutes for October 28, 2005

First of all the members and guests enjoyed the Wednesday Night Burgers and Fries. Thanks to the Post. In the meeting Greg Bodovsky gave a legislative update and told about the District Advisors meeting in Elgin on November 5th. I was able to represent the Hood County Blues Chapter and I am glad I did. The Hood County Blues Chapter members have voted to pass the hat at each meeting and Kurlee sent \$150 to Sputnik. Greg talked about the idea of getting Sputnik to run for Governor. Everyone was for the idea and so are others I have talked to. All that Greg has talked to have given all positive responses. Two new members were signed up. The chapter would like to host the General Membership meeting in May. Please give us some feedback on that. We usually do the Hood County Blues Chapter Rally in May, but our Chapter would like to sponsor the Membership Meeting instead this year. Please let us know so we can plan either way. We had voted to do the Hood County Blues Chapter Rally the 1st weekend in May, but we can change it to the annual General Membership date.

We have changed the November, 2005 Hood County Blues Chapter TMRA 2 meeting to November 30, because of Thanksgiving. It will be at the VFW post in Granbury on Hwy 377 @ 7:00 PM Come early for cheeseburgers and Fries for \$4. Thanks, Ride Safe & Free, Mama Blue

**Independence Riders** chapter

No report

**Lubbock** chapter

No report

**Permian Basin** chapter minutes for September and October, 2005

September;

The Permian Basin Chapter finally has a Chapter Coordinator, again. We are happy to report that our past CC, Ed Dailing, has moved back to Midland, and has taken the Chap. Coordinator's position back.

October:

Our Chili Cookoff didn't do so well. Can't call it a total flop, though, as we did sign up 4-5 new members, sold a few shirts, and made a few bucks to help support the state office. Had a fair turn-out for the October Meeting. Also at the October Meeting, we got to meet & welcome new members, Steve Forsdick, Richard Borne, and Greg Dearsley. Jan "Dumas" Walker

**Plainview** chapter

No report

**San Angelo** chapter minutes for November 9, 2005

Howdy Fellow WARRIORS.

Happy November, when the riding begins to get a little colder & Please remember to take extra caution while being wrapped up for warmth, not to get run over or hinder your site of vision, Any way on to business at hand. The meeting was called to order at 7:30pm by Robert Hillegas, Robert lead us in The Pledge & Chico lead us in PRAYER, it was very good to see Robert & Chico & others that we have been missing badly, THANKS WARRIORS For coming. Robert brought up the reason why he has not been able to attend the meetings, due to personal reason & other spoke on why they could not attend Tuesday Night meeting, so there was urgent concern to change the meeting back to the same date we started out with to began with. so, after discussion & debate, the motion was brought to the floor & 2nd for vote, those with current membership voted to

move to meeting date **back to the 1st WEDNESDAY of every MONTH**, Beginning WEDNESDAY DECEMBER 7th, 2005 To Be Held @ PEPE'S DINER as usual Starting @ 7:30pm--APPROVED by a 100% vote. PLEASE, be sure to attend the next MEETING, Due to our Chapter Holding Our Overdue Elections, so, PLEASE COME & Let's get our Leaders Elected. Also it was brought up of just who was & who was not a Current Dues Paid TMRA2 Member, for when ask who was current only about half of the room raised there hands & with the changes we have endured, this is something that we need to know, Chico said he would check into who was & was not current. Talked about what the FEDS are starting to Bring Down on other States & will surely hit Texas soon & thats the issue of LOUD PIPES, that also should be freedom of choice, Please be on the lookout for anything you may see or read about motorcylcist & speak up on them. Please do'nt foget that the Concho Valley COSSACKS MC will be holding there 3rd Annual Women & Childrens Christmas Benefit & that Sputnik will be there speaking at the event that day on our Freedoms & what we Must do to KEEP THEM, Ya'll Come. Thank ALL of You WARRIORS FOR ATTENDING & THANKS FOR OUR VISITOR'S FOR ATTENDING ALSO, it was a fairly good meeting. Till next time Everyone Ride Free, Warm & SAFE & KEEP THE FIGHT FOR OUR FREEDOMS ALIVE & WELL. One more time don't forget that the meeting has been changed back to the 1st Wednesday of every MONTH starting DECEMBER 7, 2005 & 7:30pm @ PEPE'S Diner. PEACE WAG

**Tri-County** chapter minutes for October 11, 2005

Larry Trotter opened the meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance. I then read the minutes for the September meeting. Larry Trotter made a motion to accept them, it was seconded by Dusty Smith and then passed unanimously. There was no Treasurer's Report. Linda Anders graciously made calendars for everyone for the months of October and November. She asks that everyone get information to her each month for the next month's calendar. Thanks Linda, the calendars are great. Some of the upcoming events are that on October 11th there will be a bar-b-que at Potter's in Breckenridge, the Full Moon ride will be Monday, October 13th (anyone interested is to meet at Castro's in Old Glory at 6:00 p.m.). There will be a supper run on Thursday the 20th. We will ride over to Anson to Peacock's, everyone is to meet at Super 7 at 6:15. The final event of the month is the Cooler's and Costume's Party at Lonnie and Cathy's in Rule on October 29th. Everyone get dressed up and come have a good time. Finally, on November 11 the Abilene Toy Run will be held. It will start at Nelson Park and they ask that each participant bring an unwrapped toy and two canned goods. Dean Rosenquist

then gave us a good report on how Johnnie English's surgery went and how she is recuperating. Please keep her in your thoughts and prayers. We then voted to send Johnnie a green plant and Linda Anders volunteered to handle that responsibility. We took up a collection and gave it to Linda. Thank you Linda!

Dean then gave a short report on the Pig Roast in Johnson City. It was really cold and wet the first day, but no real problems and it warmed up and was a good run. Finally, Larry read a letter that Sputnik had written. It detailed some of the problems that he and Gwen were having financially (due to the fact that he is still not getting a paycheck). As a chapter we took up a collection to go to him instead of doing a 50/50 drawing. We collected \$96.00. So I sent him a check for \$100 and we pray that it helps. Good Luck Sputnik and Gwen, you definitely deserve a decent place to live. Bill Martin made a motion to close the meeting. It was seconded by Larry Trotter and passed unanimously.

## DISTRICT ADVISOR REPORTS

### DISTRICT ADVISOR MEETING 11/05/05

We had a very well attended Advisor meeting this time including 15 guests. We covered only two very important subjects in an open Floor type meeting. First on the agenda was the Financial report from Jan along with a proposed budget for 2006.

Jan's report painted a very dismal financial picture for the past quarter. The gist of it was that with \$2100 + in the Bank we still owe about \$9000 with a very small chance of making it up before the year closes out and we owe even more.

The proposed budget submitted by Sputnik was higher than any we have looked at. Sputnik explained that he had written bare bones budgets in the past knowing that he would have to make up the difference from his own pocket. Due to his financial condition he will not be able to do that next year so the budget presented was for the actual expected costs for 2006. See approved budget elsewhere in this Warrior. The proposed budget amounted to \$75,000. It included \$2000 to off set expenses for Advisors attending the quarterly meetings. This item was voted down by the Advisors who agreed they could not see accepting payment when the association could not even pay its other Bills. Not only did they refuse to accept that part of the budget Dean then threw some money on the table and said "I will even pay to attend this meeting and I challenge the others to do the same." The money hit the table from Advisors and visitors as well and totaled a \$ 275.00 donation to the state. The budget was then approved minus the \$2000 advisor reimbursement. We then went round the Floor discussing ways to meet the approved budget. It will require 3000 new memberships and renewals for the year. With 750,000 licensed riders in Texas this should not be a problem. The discussion then hinged on how best to meet that quota. Of course if every member renews and signs one new member that would take care of it but that has never happened. Each Advisor was asked to present their ideas and several very good ideas were discussed at length. We will count on the Advisors to find what works best in their district and the state will cover the districts that lack Advisors. You can expect to be contacted on ways to make this work. Next on the agenda was running for office during this election against those who generally have no opponent. You need to set up your staff, get 500 signatures from registered voters in your district and file the paper work before Jan 2nd. Running for an office will not cost you any money. Any cost will be borne by sponsors. Please give this some serious consideration. It will be our first step at getting our message of values across the state at one time. There is a list of those who

ran unopposed last election in this Warrior. An asterisk \* denotes a strong supporter while a pound sign # designates a very strong opponent. Talk to your Advisor or contact Sputnik to learn more. For the open Floor discussion we discussed the possibility of having two major Fund Raisers each year hosted by TMRA 2 Warriors and the Texas COCs. We shall be in discussion with the State COC President as we check all possibilities. Will have a report on this later. Most of us went to Krazy Horse for a late lunch after the meeting. Kanga and Sweeper (representing Mando) were birthday kids. We had a surprise Birthday cake brought out after the meal to celebrate with them and everyone headed for their own destinations. Thanks to everyone who attended and made this a very successful meeting.

Terri  
State Secretary

**#01 – Karl Ford**  
No report

**#03 – Cynthia "Kanga" Axtell**  
No report

**#12 – Mike Alvey**

The Depth of the Mirror

"The level of involvement from any individual need answer only one criterion, the Mirror Test: Look in your own eyes and ask "Have I done all that which I can do?" If you can answer from your heart and into your own eyes, then be proud and know the Texas Motorcycle Rights Association is thankful and glad to have you aboard."

District 10 Advisor Report, Oct. 1999

Our participation, as an organization, in the political process and in the battle to preserve personal liberties and essential freedoms is easily measured in milestones recorded in the Texas Legislature. Our participation as individuals is far less easily measured. Although the successes of the whole is rightfully claimed by each of the parts, only in our own hearts can we know to what degree each of us contributed. From the beginning, Sputnik has always reminded us that the measure of each persons involvement is an inner quality. As such, no one has the ability to measure another persons input to the whole. We are each involved to the extent our lives allow us. TMRA2 puts as much value on the individual that can spare only enough time to write a few letters or join us in Austin only a couple times a year as any one of us who can find the time or resources far beyond that. At what ever level you help, your VOLUNTEER efforts

are greatly appreciated. Texas bikers need every single one of us. The mirror test is designed to force each of us to face our limitations. To make us decide if our limitations are real or if we are making excuses (to ourselves) for not putting forth more effort. Often times when we realize that the self-truth is that we are being lazy - or that we really could be doing more - we react by pulling back even more. Rather than be embarrassed at our self in the mirror, or be embarrassed by how you think others perceive you, it's easier to make up a reason to eliminate that part from our day to day efforts altogether. If allowed, self criticism can be a destructive force.....if allowed, self criticism can also be the driving force behind great accomplishments. It's each person's choice how to use the mirror test, just be honest with yourself. Huge monuments are built from small bricks. Keep laying those bricks! We have a lot of work to do, and we are building a monument to Texas Bikers. Don't give up and don't back off. Every man and woman's effort is absolutely critical to success.

The bricks we have laid together here in Tarrant County are paying off in the sense that we are recognized as an educated and hard working association. Local candidates have been coming to us for support as they look at their chances in the March 2006 Primaries. We must react by providing leadership for them. If we take the reigns now by picking candidates wisely and then truly giving them help to get elected, our payoff will come in January 2007. Then we can look to those we helped put into office and count on their support in our efforts for Texas bikers and Liberty for all. There is another article in this issue of the Warrior that brings this point home in another way. Read it and believe it. It's the real world. The only way we can control our destiny is to put forth an effort. The only way to do that is to take the first step and get more closely involved right now. Ride free, Mike Alvey

Government at work

By Rick Lewis and Submitted by Mike Alvey  
First appeared in Sept. 1990 Road Noise (ABATE of Minnesota). Reprinted May 1996 and also July 1996 in ABATE of SC Newsletter. Still true today!

The scene opens at the State Capitol in the office of a state legislator. Legislator: (to office manager) Good morning! Well, we're back for the start of a new week of lawmaking. What's on the committee agenda for this week?

Office Manager: Good morning. This week is going to be a very busy one. You have seven hearings in two committees, not to mention some floor activities and a dinner to help pay off your campaign bills.

Legislator: How important are these committee bills?

Office Manager: All of them deal with appropriations and transportation. Mostly routine stuff with no real

controversy except for this one bill that would require helmets for adult motorcyclists.

Legislator: Are we catching flack on that issue again?

Office Manager: Yes. So far we have 200 letters from your constituents asking you to vote against the bill. I checked them against your voter list and found 52 of them weren't registered to vote. I threw those out. Three letters suggested various sexual and violent activities that will be performed on you if you vote for this bill. I threw them out also. That leaves 145 solid letters of opposition to this bill. If you count each letter as five votes, that's 725 voters. That many votes could affect the outcome of an election in your district.

Legislator: It could, if they vote. Office Manager: Last session the bikers beat this bill by one vote, but since then the make-up of the committee has changed. All of those in opposition to the bill have either retired or didn't get re-elected. In fact you are the only member that has a record of voting against the helmet bill. The other members are for it or have no track record on the issue.

Legislator: Have we heard from any supporters of the bill?

Office Manager: Just one.

Legislator: Only one!

Office Manager: Yes, just one. You remember the lady from one of the small towns in your district. She was only able to afford a \$4 contribution to your campaign, but she also went to work helping mail campaign brochures and putting up lawn signs. She called this morning and asked that you vote for the helmet bill.

Legislator: Why would this lady have any interest in a helmet law?

Office Manager: It seems she has a neighbor who's son was killed in a motorcycle accident and she thinks they are dangerous. Also, several bikers pass by her house day and night and their loud pipes scare her cat.

Legislator: Every time this bill comes up these bikers come out of the woodwork. They seem to be very organized in their letter writing, but where were they last fall when I faced a tough reelection. Although they were really grateful and full of promises when the bill came up last time, none of them sent me a contribution or offered to help with my re-election. In fact none of them ever called to ask my opinion on the helmet laws before the election. I'm afraid these bikers are all show and no go. I seriously doubt they will put together any effort into getting me out of office if I vote against them. Call the lady that's in favor of the bill and set up a lunch meeting with her before the hearing; and reserve her a good seat. I'm going to vote for that bill and I want her to see democracy in action. THE END

Sound farfetched? It's not. Politicians take care of those who help them. We now have a chance to make a difference in the upcoming election. That chance will be better if we get personally involved with the campaigns

of the candidates. Call them and get their views on the issues. Then if they agree or are undecided, help them. Government is best played from the inside. Get in the game.

**#14 – Glen Dial**

No report

**#17 – Jack West**

Oct-05

Hello Again

Another wild month, Thanks Rita. Hope all the upper Gulf Coast bikers made it OK. My wife, family, and friends went to the Bryan - College Station. The reason I mention this is because while staying in Bryan and after stopping at a local watering hole I met the Road Captain "Coyote" for the LINE RIDERS of BRAZOS CO. He in invited me to tag along with them to the COC meeting in Austin. The COC meeting was a good one, Gimmy-Jimmy ran it and talked a lot about tmra2 and the rights of bikers. He also asked donations for Sputnik and biker hurricane victim's only. It looked like everyone chipped in. He gave me the floor for a few minutes and let me talk, because for him I am now an independent COC member. Again thanks to LINE RIDERS (TMRA2 members): Coyote - Road Captain, Gully - Vice President, Pebbles - Treasure, Fester - Gunner, Rebel -CEO, Rockett - Member, and the crew Amber, Shawn, Rick, plus Glen for having me. They were having a benefit for "Sky Captain" on Oct. 16th in Caldwell, hope it went well. Two side notes, (1.) If one of your groups oil filter falls off there bike on Hwy-71 South there is a bridge north of Bastrop you can party under and (2.) Rebel the CEO is the first biker that I have personally met that worked with Sputnik and TMRA2 to get his No Helmet ticket thrown out of court. Way to go !!! The 1st Brazoria TMRA2 Chapter is my home port. They are getting together a No Holds Barred Chili Cook Off Dec. 3rd at Oyster Creek Park. All proceeds will go to TMRA2. The SOUTHERN PROUD M/C came threw again, thanks BB. I also did what Gimmy-Jimmy did at the COC meeting and got donations for Sputnik and biker hurricane victim's only. The donations will be given to the COC at there Houston meeting Oct. 15th. Until next time, put the wind in your face, be safe, and free.

Nov-05

First my apology to everyone for last months report, thought it had made it in but didn't send to all involved. My mistake. Our advisors meeting in Elgin was best the best one yet. Their were more people than room to set

them almost. I came out of the meeting with a better understanding of what Tmra2 is really about. 'Good meeting Sputnik' We even have someone coming to the meetings from New Mexico. You would think that if there coming from out of state we could get more people involved in Texas. Trying to get the word out, We're tired of what the Texas Government is doing to us, shouldn't be has hard as we seem to make it. Hope everyone voted Tue. If you don't get involved then all is for not. I'll get off my soapbox now. Looking forward to this December's Chili Cook Off in Oyster Creek and then Sputnik will be at our Chapter in Angleton meeting in January. Until next time, put the wind in your face, be safe, and free.

**#19 – Sam Bray**

No report

## #22 – Greg Bodovsky

The District Advisor's meeting on November 5th was one of the best we've had in a long time! 2 members from our District mounted up and rode down with me, to add to one of the best attended meetings in a long time. Both of the District chapters were represented, as Mama Blue, the Assistant Coordinator of the Hood County Blues Chapter came in with members from the DFW area. Everyone at the meeting had a chance to have their voices heard and many did. The meeting ran longer than usual, but we covered a lot of ground. We were presented a budget, along with a report from the State Treasurer. We continue to have money problems, but if each of us could sign up 1 new member, we could solve those problems. So, please remember to spread the word and sign up a new member (or more). Don't forget that we now have a \$40 a couple membership option. Toy run season is upon us, and that's a good time to spread the message. You can tell everyone that TMRA2 defeated bills that would have cost \$2,000 to get the license plates on a \$17,000 Harley. That should make that \$25 membership seem awful cheap!!! The Hood County Blues chapter had a good meeting in October that I attended. The cheeseburger baskets are great, so come early and get some grub Their meetings are normally on the 4th Wednesday of each month at 7pm, but the next one is Wednesday 11/30, due to the Thanksgiving holiday. Come on out, eat a burger, and participate in the meeting. The chapter is looking into hosting the General Membership meeting in May during their annual TMRA2 fundraiser. The details are still being worked out, and we'll let everyone know as soon as possible. Any feedback would be appreciated. The Heart of Texas chapter has their monthly meeting this Sunday (11/13). It's always on the 2nd Sunday at 1pm at Jim's Cycle Shop. At the October meeting they voted to send ALL their funds directly to Sputnik. They passed the hat to add to the pot, and I forwarded it to help our Chairman. I reported to both chapters about the Mid-South M.I.L.E. that I attended in Denton. I would recommend that everyone attend one of these biker rights conferences. You'll come away with a renewed sense that being involved is the only hope for our country. You will meet a lot of great freedom fighters, and the sessions all have something to offer that you can use and pass along. I am still putting together a campaign to draft Sputnik for Governor of Texas. The responses so far are overwhelmingly in favor of doing this. It only takes 5000 signatures to put him on the primary ballot. At the District Advisor's meeting, Sputnik said he was not interested in running, but if he is called to serve (by a strong showing of support), I am sure that he would serve. If anyone would like to help with this effort, please contact me. Once it kicks off, I will be asking everyone for help. The petition to put him

on the Democratic Party primary ballot requires that you do NOT sign another petition to put someone else on the ballot. Also, you won't be able to sign the petition and vote in another party's primary or runoff. You can still sign up other people though. Speaking of candidates, we need to put some more bikers in office! The State office has sent us a list of uncontested incumbents. We have to quit letting the people that work against us skate in unchallenged. Brush up on Step 5, and help find someone to file. The number of signatures required to get on the ballot for State Representative or Senator is small, and that's the way to go. If you have someone in mind, let me know.

Be sure to get your copy of the new Biker Handbook. Contact MamaBlue [mamablue@boneproduction.org](mailto: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. The sales of the Handbook help TMRA2!!! Hope to see a lot of you at a chapter meeting. If you need to contact me, my email address is [hdriver@htcomp.net](mailto:hdriver@htcomp.net). Phone # is 245.582.3252. Don't forget that you can get a new Membership Shirt and other stuff online at <http://tmra2products.homestead.com/> or call Suds and Butterfly At 972-938-7646

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## #24 – Ron Ashmore

No report

## #25 – Dee McClure

No report

## #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

No report

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- 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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