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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> Thursday – Plainview, Plainview  
1<sup>st</sup> Saturday – 1<sup>st</sup> Brazoria County, Angleton  
1<sup>st</sup> Saturday – Gruene, New Braunfels  
  
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  
2<sup>nd</sup> Wednesday – San Angelo, San Angelo  
  
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 Country chapter meets the 2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday @ 7:00 p.m. at American Legion Post 57, 302 S. 11<sup>th</sup> St., Abilene 79602, (325) 672-8348 Contact: Ron (915) 692-9389**

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**1<sup>st</sup> Brazoria County chapter meets the 1st Saturday @ 11:00 a.m. at Sissy's, 2610 N. Velasco St., Angleton 77515, (979) 849-4932  
Contact: Frank (979) 964-3480 or Roddy Mohler (979) 233-1439**

**Austin Minutemen chapter meets the 1st Tuesday @ 7:30 p.m. at Moose Lodge 1735, 2103 E M Franklin Ave., Austin 78723, (512) 926-4203  
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**Heart of Texas chapter meets the 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday @ 1:00 p.m. at Jim's Cycle Shop, Highway 31, Axtell 76624, (254) 863-5460 Contact: Jim (254) 863-5460**

**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  
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**D/FW chapter meets the 2<sup>nd</sup> Wednesday @ 7:30 p.m. at VFW Post 4477, 300 S. Smith St., Dallas 75211, (214) 339-5800  
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**El Paso chapter meets the 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday @ 7:00 p.m. at Mulligan's North Bar & Grill, 10710 Gateway Blvd. N., El Paso 79924, (915) 822-9366  
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**Tarrant County chapter meets the 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday @ 7:00 p.m. at American Legion Post 516, 6801 Manhattan Blvd., Fort Worth 76120, (817) 451-7222  
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**Hood County Blues chapter meets the 4th Wednesday @ 7:00 p.m. at VFW Post 7835, 3670 W. Hwy. 377, Granbury, 76048, (817) 573-9350**  
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**Independence Riders chapter meets the 3<sup>rd</sup> Saturday @ 12:00 noon at VFW Post 3984, Memorial Dr. & US69, Jacksonville 75766, (903) 586-1306**  
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**Plainview chapter meets @ 6:00 p.m. the 1<sup>st</sup> Thursday at VFW Post 5399, 1024 N. Broadway St., Plainview 79072, (806) 288-0149**  
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**San Angelo chapter meets @ 7:30 p.m. the 2<sup>nd</sup> Wednesday at Pepe's Diner, 3618 W. FM2105, San Angelo 76901, (325) 655-5511**  
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**Tri-County chapter meets the 2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday @ 7:00 p.m. at Bulldog Machine, 211 S. McKinley (south side of Wes-T-Go on Hwy. 6), Stamford 79553, (325) 773-3056; Bring a covered dish!**  
Contact: Larry or Susan (325) 773-5086

## TO OUR READERS

Gerald R. "Garry" Brookman

On Friday, January 6, 2006 a charge of "Deadly Conduct" against Gerald R. Brookman of Euless, Texas was dismissed by Judge Brent Carr in Tarrant County Criminal Court #9. The charge against Mr. Brookman resulted from an incident which occurred at Lake Grapevine's Meadowmere Park on Saturday, June 25, 2005.

Mr. Brookman is an officer and life member of the Texas Concealed Handgun Instructors Association. Mr. Brookman is a conditional life member of the Texas State Rifle Association and a member of the National Rifle Association. Mr. Brookman is a member of the Texas Motorcycle Rights Association and serves as editor of its monthly publication the "Warrior".

On that Saturday afternoon with the temperature over 100 degrees, Mr. Brookman visited Meadowmere Park on Lake Grapevine accompanied by his certified registered canine service animal "Rusty". While observing Rusty wade in the lake from the shore, gunfire rang out. Persons on the opposite shore of the cove about 50 yards distant started screaming "STOP SHOOTING! PUT THAT GUN AWAY! THERE ARE PEOPLE OVER HERE! THERE ARE KIDS IN THE WATER!" After a few seconds two shots were fired at Rusty in the water with the strikes hitting near his head and body. Rusty panicked and ran out of the water to Mr. Brookman. They both returned to Mr. Brookman's truck where Rusty was secured. Mr. Brookman did not observe anyone on his side of the cove because of shoreline vegetation. Mr. Brookman first contacted Grapevine Police Department 911 at 3:02 p.m. and reported that someone was firing a handgun at Meadowmere Park on Lake Grapevine. The response was "we'll send someone". Mr. Brookman then recorded the license plate numbers of the five (5) vehicles parked parallel to his truck. Mr. Brookman then backed out of his parking spot and started south on Park Road 4. About 100 feet distant there were two (2) other vehicles parked parallel but separated by one space. These vehicles were later identified as a 1994 Black Cadillac 2-door, Texas license B15YDX, R/O Charles E. and Debra Mann, 2029 Harwell, Grapevine, TX 76051 and a 1993 Green Honda CLX, Texas license W92RWY, R/O Carolyn Wilson, 3381 FM 1446, Waxahachie, TX 75167. There were four white males present who were later identified as Adam Taylor Wood, 19, (DOB: 12/14/1986), Adam Wilson, 18, (DOB: 7/20/1987), Blake William Mann, 16, and Kyle Daniel Carlson, 15, standing outside the vehicles.

Suspect #1 standing by the open driver's door of the Cadillac had a chrome plated Ruger Mark III semi-automatic handgun caliber .22LR in his right hand. He was placing it on the floorboard behind the driver's seat

when Mr. Brookman stopped his truck across the road from their vehicles. Mr. Brookman was recording their license plate numbers when they noticed his activity. They began screaming profanities at Mr. Brookman asking "Why are you writing down our license plates?" Mr. Brookman lowered his window and told them "I called 911." Suspect #1, who had the handgun, screamed more profanities at Mr. Brookman and then stated "Get out of here man or I'm going to shoot you!". With no response from Mr. Brookman, he then started reaching down into the backseat of the Cadillac. Fearing for his life, Mr. Brookman drew his stainless Ruger P-90 semi-automatic handgun caliber .45ACP from the center console of his truck. Mr. Brookman exited his truck and ordered Suspect #1 to "Step away from the vehicle!". Confronted by a person with a large caliber handgun who appeared to know how to use it, Suspect #1 complied, backing away from the open door of the Cadillac until he reached and sat upon the railing surrounding the parking area. Mr. Brookman then lowered his weapon since no one was threatening him with deadly force. Suspect #1 then urinated and defecated on himself. On the ground next to the open driver's side door of the Cadillac were two (2) large paper grocery bags containing sixteen (16) pounds of explosives and incendiary devices, i.e., fireworks. Mr. Brookman again contacted Grapevine Police Department 911 at 3:08 p.m. stating "I'm holding them at gunpoint. You need to send someone right away." At 3:10 p.m. the Grapevine Police Department 911 operator called Mr. Brookman on his cell phone and told him "You have to put your gun away otherwise I can't send any officers there.". Mr. Brookman, thinking that GPD officers would be arriving shortly, complied by placing his handgun on the center console inside his truck. Mr. Brookman left his cell phone on with an open line to the 911 operator so all subsequent conversations could be recorded. All four suspects began screaming statements at Mr. Brookman which were recorded, i.e., "The Grapevine Police department won't be here for at least 45 minutes; if they show up at all!", "All they (the GPD) know how to do is write speeding tickets!", "We come up here all the time and shoot.", "If you let us go, we'll give you some meth", and the most terrifying "We have been shooting at the planes flying over Grapevine Lake.". A 22LR bullet weighs 40 grains, a muzzle velocity of 1100 ft/sec, and a range of up to 1.5 miles (8000 feet). If a 22LR bullet were to be sucked into the intake of a low flying commercial airliner, the sudden loss of power of that side of the aircraft would cause the aircraft to "cartwheel" into the ground. For forty-five (45) minutes Suspect #1 could have left with the other suspects but they refused to let him enter the Honda CLX because of his soiled clothing. At 3:55 p.m. two Grapevine Police department cars arrived. One parked in front of Mr. Brookman's truck; the other

parked across the road near the Cadillac. Officer Aaron Cox #6818 approached Mr. Brookman who was standing by the front of his truck and asked "Where's your gun?". Officer Cox then took possession of Mr. Brookman's handgun and placed it in his patrol car. He then went across the road to join Officer Daren Yarbrough #6952 who was interviewing the four (4) suspects. The officers confiscated the fireworks and placed both bags in the trunk of Officer Yarbrough's patrol car. This action brought more screams of profanities and threats against both officers from all four suspects. After fifteen (15) minutes, both officers approached Mr. Brookman. Officer Cox stated "You are under arrest. The charge is Deadly Conduct which is a misdemeanor." Mr. Brookman was handcuffed and placed in the rear of Officer Cox's patrol car. Officer Cox then drove off with Mr. Brookman leaving Officer Yarbrough alone with four enraged suspects armed with a handgun. Officer Cox left Officer Yarbrough in a life-threatening situation; the suspects could have retrieved the handgun from the Cadillac, walked to Officer Yarbrough's patrol car, shot him in the head, recovered their identification, opened the trunk, retrieved the bags of fireworks, and simply driven away. At that time there was no record of the vehicle license plate numbers. Mr. Brookman's truck was impounded; his canine service animal was seized by Grapevine Animal Control. Mr. Brookman's handgun with magazine, three (3) spare magazines, ammunition, holster, magazine pouch, and Texas CHL were confiscated as "evidence". At the Grapevine Police jail, Mr. Brookman was never advised of his Miranda rights, denied access to legal counsel several times during the night, denied medical care and medications for his heart, lung, and insulin dependent diabetic conditions, and denied food and water. Mr. Brookman suffered a heart attack during the night in jail which was not discovered until 7:00 a.m. the next morning. Grapevine Fire Department paramedics were summoned and based upon their diagnostic equipment displays transported Mr. Brookman to Baylor Hospital Emergency Room. The last statement spoken in Mr. Brookman's presence by the Grapevine Municipal Judge was "Get him out of here before he dies on us!". Mr. Brookman immediately filed reports regarding the four suspect's violations of Federal and Texas laws with FBI agent Lana Whitener (817-989-3343), Texas DPS Counter Intelligence unit (866-786-5972), Army Corp of Engineers Park Ranger Steve Lindamood (817-822-1313), and Grapevine Police Department Detective Sutton (817-410-3279).

## CHAIRMAN'S CORNER

Sputnik

This past month has been interrupted by a medical problem that cost your chairman some time off for treatment. With a change of doctors another physical will be required later in February.

We managed to honor a request to speak at the Lobby Days for W. Va. ABATE . We received thanks for having made this the best turnout for a Lobby Day in that state with record numbers of riders making the trip to their capitol on Monday. The next weekend we attended the Houston COC meeting on the 21st. During this meeting we discussed the upcoming elections and the type involvement needed to keep the association politically viable. We also pointed out the need for memberships to keep the association financially sound. Gimme Jimmy then told those riders present that he wanted the COC members to join TMRA 2. We picked up ten new members and more have been coming in as a result of that meeting. After learning we were paying for our travel expenses they took up a collection that would pay about two weeks of gasoline and it was appreciated. The Line Riders M/C had members at this meeting and said they would be represented at the Feb. District Advisor meeting. This will probably result in a new chapter being formed in Bryan and a District Advisor for SD 15. The next weekend we attended the Austin Area COC meeting. Again we discussed the upcoming elections and the Texas Independence Day Freedom Rally. We picked up a few more members and a donation to the Association from the 50/50. Then we had to head back to Houston for another doctor's appointment. Back in Austin again Greg Bodovsky, dist. 22 Advisor, came down to be a guest on our TV show Tuesday. He seemed to be impressed with how it works and may try to get something going up in his area. Following the show we ran over to attend the Austin Minutemen Chapter meeting at the Moose Lodge. It was well attended and again we picked up some new memberships. After all the discussion it was agreed to hold their March meeting again at the Moose Lodge the night before the Primary and do a workshop on how to take part in the delegate process on election night. Except for the medical time lost during the past month we had a very successful time since our last report. The Advisor meeting will be covered elsewhere in this Warrior. Go out and sign up a friend.

### **Advisor Meeting Report - February 11, 2006**

23 members present, 7 Advisors and 16 guest.  
Meeting called to order at 1:00pm. Pledge of Allegiance and Invocation given by Steve Dist. 22 report given by Greg giving information on the Texas Independence Day

Freedom Rally in Groesbeck Mar 3-5. They are starting a new chapter in Ellis County. They plan to set up a booth at the Spring Fling Mar 17-19. Discussed the Resolutions. Greg recognized John Poole to ask support for a Resolution concerning Municipal Authority responsibility to the folks who live in the community. Was told to send a copy of Resolution and let us see if it would be feasible.

Ron Ashmore, dist.24

Struggling to get members to attend meetings. Working to get the Rebel Riders M/C to get involved. President Rodney is to attend next meeting. They have met with legislators and candidates Bob Hunter is stepping down and his Aide is running for his seat. Terry Middleton is running for Congressional seat in the Lubbock and Plainview area. Middleton is very supportive of our issues.

Dee, Dist. 25 The Gruene Chapter is well organized.

Dennis, new member signed up at the Austin COC meeting is supposed to attend the meeting today. He lives right on the line of District 25 and 26 and is interested in becoming a District Advisor for District 26 in San Antonio. Dee will set up a booth at the Mountain Breeze Run. Kanga, dist. 03

Working for right to wear colors. Feels we must replace Senator Wentworth. Reported that Judge Louie Gohmert is running but she has no faith in him. They are planning to attend the Conventions, Groesbeck and the May meeting at Eagle Lake. Suggested sending out bio sheets on TMRA 2 on TMRA 2 members to those running for office.

Tom Maddux, District 05

Said he has just been working on the Groesbeck Rally. Southern Cruisers have expressed intention of attending Rally in Groesbeck.

Sputnik told about Cap Hutton complaining about the Flyer having Bikers For Bikers on it. Cap was quite sarcastic with Tom and Sputnik with intention to be intimidating. The remaining Flyers will be changed but there is no way anyone could believe that the statement could be misconstrued to mean Cap's Bikers For Bikers as everyone knows they are good at what they do but they do not put any effort into Bikers Rights.

Sputnik helped get Bikers For Bikers started and would do nothing to hurt that organization. Jay Wagner, Assist. Advisor district 28

Jay reported that the San Angelo Chapter is going well – is growing and has 33 members now. He was filled in on the fact that the State has no claim on Chapter funds, but each Chapter is supposed to file a quarterly report with the State Office. No money is to be spent on anything except political endeavors. No alcohol shall be spend with Chapter funds. They said that they had met with State Representative Scott Campbell and were impressed with him.

Mondo District 29 They have been working with Norma Chavez as she has an opponent in this election. Gary Kelly, coordinator for the El Paso Chapter, is running for State Representative against Joe Pickett. Mayor Willie Gondola is running against State Representative Quintinella. The Chapter is continuing to grow and holding regular meetings. They pass the hat at every meeting and send the State Office a \$100 donation each month. Sweeper said we must keep an open mind, go forward and grow stronger. El Paso Minutes are not showing up in the Warrior and we need to fix the problem. The report is sent out by Debbie after each meeting; however, they don't show up in the Warrior. Discussion followed and Sputnik said everyone should bcc: their reports to the State Office. More people discussed at that time about problems they were having with the Warrior. Sputnik said he will mail a letter to each District Advisor to see if they have any ideas to rectify the problem. This will be handled through the District Advisors. Each District Advisor was given a copy of the Constitution, By-Laws, and duties for Advisors and other parts of the rules were discussed. State Office needs a record from each Chapter of their officers after each election. We have El Paso's information. The membership list is sent only to District Advisors. It is the responsibility of each Chapter to keep track of their members and of the members' expiration date. If you have any questions, send a list of your membership to the State Office and we shall respond with status of members. Only members can vote in a Chapter and vote in only one Chapter. Mondo said that the El Paso Chapter collects renewals from their members at their meetings and forwards them to the State Office. Nanette said that each Chapter needs to send out renewal memberships to each Chapter. Said they need an initial list of their current members. It was agreed that the State Office will send out a list of those members who may be in a Chapter - one time only. After that, it will be up to each Chapter to keep up with their membership. Terri said there is a need for Austin to have a District Advisor, as district advisors are the only ones able to obtain a membership list. She also said that when you take up money at your Chapter, be sure to let people know that it will be 7-10 days before the batches can be mailed back to the new member. Discussion followed on Packs and endorsements of candidates. Sputnik reported that District 19 Advisor, Sam Bray, has not turned in any reports and does not make any of the Advisor meetings. He said he would entertain a motion to remove him from the District 19 Advisor position. Motion was made and seconded and passed by unanimous vote. A motion to remove Glenn Dial from the position of District 14 Advisor passed by a unanimous vote. Sputnik appointed David Richy (Batman) as District Advisor of District 14. He is currently the coordinator of The Austin Minute Men

Chapter. Dee made motion to approve, seconded by Mondo and passed by unanimous vote. Sputnik appointed Dennis Maricelli to be District Advisor of District 26. Dee made motion to approve and Mondo seconded. Motion passed with unanimous consent. The folks in Bryan will be starting a Bike Night over there the first Friday of each month and they will try to build a Chapter from those meetings. Sputnik thanked Mondo for the new "America Held Hostage by the Patriot Act" t-shirts. T-shirts are on sale \$15 up through XL, \$16 for 2XL and \$17 for 3XL. Shirts will be given to Butterfly at the Groesbeck Rally. Sputnik also thanked Tom for holding the Rally in Groesbeck. Tom then stated that we all must pull together and make this run happen. Everyone needs to be there, bring someone and let's make this an annual event to remember. Sputnik then laid out the ground rules for the Run-n-Gun Poker Run to be held at the Texas Independence Day Rally. Everyone agreed this would be much more fun than the old style poker runs. No further information will be put out on this until after the Poker Run. Kanga said to keep in mind we need to get fliers out for the May run at least 6 weeks in advance and that she was interested in sponsorship for the Groesbeck run and will pay \$100 just to be on the t-shirt. We need to know event dates for the following year in plenty of time to obtain sponsors. Terri then thanked Mondo for the t-shirts and thanked Tom for hosting the Rally. Chair entertained Motion to Adjourn. Motion made by Dee to Adjourn the Meeting. Meeting Adjourned at 3:35 p.m.

### **TEXAS INDEPENDENCE DAY FREEDOM RALLY - March 3-5, 2006**

Fellow Warriors: Celebrate the Birth of our state and the rebirth of our government

L P Cycles is hosting the "TEXAS INDEPENDENCE DAY FREEDOM RALLY" in Groesbeck, Texas on March 3-5. This is a do or die Rally for the Association. Tom is fronting the money to cover expenses for the Event with 100% of the profit (if any) going to the state office.

The location has 100 acres of camping space with plenty of room for self contained campers. There will be Field Events for all bikes, featuring the Lady Liberty Ride which will become the Texas Motorcycle Rights Association's trademark event. A Bike Show will have Antique, Custom, Stock and Rat Bike classification. Naughty Nighty Contest - Wet T-Shirt Contest (\$100 to winners) The main feature of this Rally will be a RUN-N-GUN Poker Run Like none ever held in Texas before Sponsored by Sputnik. This will test whether we can conform to the Atty. General's ruling against Poker Runs. Sputnik will take sole responsibility whether or not we meet the criteria.

Pre-registration is \$30 (price includes T-Shirt) Cutoff is Feb. 15<sup>th</sup> At the gate is \$ 30 (no T-Shirt) Live Music Friday and Saturday featuring KICK ASS BANDS JANET Z - Max Attack - SOUTHERN STORM - BLIND DOG COOLEY and HARD TIME TRUCKING

Location is at: LOST PRARIE CYCLES RANCH, 5544 HWY. 164, Groesbeck, Texas 76642. 10 miles East of Groesbeck on Hwy. 164.

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### **INSURANCE COVERAGE RESOLUTION**

Whereas Congress has passed the Health Insurance Portability and Affordability Act (HIPAA) and; Whereas this Act states that Group Policies cannot be withheld from employees based on legal lifestyle, and; Whereas Insurance companies now sell the policy but refuse to pay claims if you are engaged in any non-work related activity they consider to be dangerous, and; Whereas the Federal government has said this should be addressed at the state level and; Whereas Texas Riders are required to have medical coverage to comply with the Texas Helmet exemption, Therefore be it, **RESOLVED**: A medical insurance policy sold in Texas cannot refuse payment to any covered individual for injuries received while engaged in any lawful activity except for public demonstrations, sanctioned races, and other professional or semi-professional competitions.

### **FAILURE TO YIELD RESOLUTION**

Whereas Texas Riders spend over \$1,000,000 per year on rider training and;

Whereas most motorcycle crashes are caused by inattentive drivers and;

Whereas motorcycle riders are not as well protected from injury in collisions as drivers and; Whereas most driver's excuse is "I didn't see him/her" and; Whereas in most instances the charge is generally just failure to yield and; Whereas those drivers generally go home after paying a small fine,

Therefore be it, **RESOLVED**: Failure to yield right of way to Pedestrians, Bicyclists and Motorcyclists resulting in an accident, shall be classed as a class A misdemeanor. Where serious injury or death occur due to failure to properly yield right of way the minimum sentence must include at least 30 consecutive days jail.

### **SIGNAL LIGHT RESOLUTION**

Whereas, signal lights are electronically controlled to efficiently regulate the smooth flow of traffic and; Whereas, the device to trigger changes to the light are placed inside the roadway and are controlled by size and/or weight of vehicle and; Whereas, motorcycles are recognized by state and federal law as a motor vehicle and have increasingly become a chosen mode of transportation for many and; Whereas, the size and weight of these vehicles are insufficient to trigger the device to signal that they are waiting for recognition, therefore be it, **RESOLVED**; The Party will support changes to the trigger mechanism be made to enable recognition of motorcycles and until such time as these changes are complete a motorcycle rider, after waiting a reasonable length of time for the light to change shall be allowed to proceed when it can be done safely.

### **RECORDED VOTE RESOLUTION**

Whereas, those candidates seeking legislative office from Texas voters make campaign promises of what they will work for while in office and; Whereas; these campaign promises are comparable to filing a job application in the private sector and; Whereas, the only way a constituent can determine whether the winner lives up to expectations is by following their individual voting record and; Whereas, many votes taken are by voice vote and are not available to those trying to determine how their legislators vote, therefore be it, **RESOLVED**; The Party shall support a constitutional amendment to require that all votes except Local and Consent issues be by recorded vote and that vote be made available to the general public in an easily accessible format.

Sputnik

## **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 March, 2006!**

Austin Minutemen chapter - \$100

Permian Basin chapter - \$100

Tarrant County chapter - \$100

### **Special Thanks!**

Dean & Tracie Maltsberger - \$20

Northwest Texas CoC - \$100

Cuero Gypsy M/C - \$50

Dana Young - \$100

Calvin Tucker - \$50

"Big EZ", "Unomas", and "Boot" - \$100

George & Carolyn Tamplen - \$15

## CHAPTER REPORTS

### Big Country chapter

No report

### Panhandle chapter

No report

### 1<sup>st</sup> Brazoria chapter minutes for February 4, 2006

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.

Again we had a full house and this time Rep Dennis Bonnen brought some words of wisdom and insight as to our communications with our Reps, school taxes, voting, accountability of votes, Motorcycle poker runs, and appraisal caps. We kept him there longer than the time that was allotted, But like Rep Bonnen said if we can't talk with him or he doesn't make the time to listen to the people he represents then it's time to step down. Glad he's not ready to step down.

What best form of communication is the big question. Handwritten one page notes for or against an issue seems to get more reaction than form letters. So there you have it. Still trying to have motorcycle awareness signs erected near MC hangouts. A reminder that the General membership meeting will be on the 3rd Saturday in May in 2006. We have a generic TMRA2 business cards for sell, \$1.00 a sheet. Back to the poker run issue, Rep Bonnen said he would help to get an amendment to the law where the rest of the gambling issues are noted and include the runs. Just need to help with the wording. Had several new applications turned in and several said they would get theirs in the mail themselves.

Tug mention that there is a survey on the MSR and TMRA2 sight to fill out and send in to question what the EPA is trying to do. Last piece of business, We elected some new and some old, Chapter officers.

Coordinator/Frank Dietz, Assist Cord/Mike LaBath, Secretary/Pam, Treasurer: Larry Luke, Sgt Arms/ Tug Grumbles. The TEXAS Independence Rally will be at Lost Prairie Cycles Mar 3-5, 2006, in Groesbeck, TX. There will be plenty of camping space and good line of entertainment, really sound like a good time. Finally an event that celebrates TEXAS Independence. Just a reminder May is Motorcycle awareness month. Next Meeting to be held on 04 MAR 2006 in Groesbeck, TX See you there. Frank

### Austin chapter minutes for January 3, 2006

Batman called the meeting to order at 7:40pm, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance. We had 19 members and guests attending. Reading of the Minutes was dispensed.

Batman introduced Sputnik, who gave us an update on the "doin's on the Hill". There are a lot of open seats. He said to talk to people who might be interested in running. We should be able to get around the problem with the Poker Runs since even the Governor has a football bet going. Sputnik said that we need 3000 members to keep the State Office running. He introduced Terri, who is the State Secretary. She has offered to find another job, but without her, the office can't run. Batman has issued a challenge. At the next meeting, we are to each bring an old member and a new member. There shouldn't be a problem coming up with 3000 members, since there are over 400,000 registered bike riders in Texas. To get their attention, let them know how what we are doing affects THEM. Tell them how we stopped the "Pay-at-the-Pump/No Fault" insurance bill. Tell them what we are doing. Reach out to other groups (Li'l Animal suggested the Austin Powerboat Assoc. that got tagged about their Poker Run.). Think about what we are doing, how to present it – be precise. Thinner came with information to move our meetings to the Moose Lodge at 2103 E.M. Franklin Ave., Austin, TX 78723. It was moved and seconded to try the Moose Lodge for the next few meetings. Motion passed. Upcoming meetings, benefits and runs were announced. We received \$43.00 in donations. Our account has \$280.88.

Steve adjourned the meeting at 9:00 with prayer. The next meeting will be February 7, 2006 at the Moose Lodge.

Nanette Townsend  
Secretary/Treasurer

### Austin chapter minutes for February 7, 2006

Batman called the meeting to order at 7:45pm, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance. We had 45 members and guests attending. Reading of the Minutes was dispensed. Batman thanked the Moose Lodge for allowing us to meet at their facilities. We had LOTS of room. He also thanked everyone who came – both old and prospective members. True Few Dennis gave us an update on Operation Helmet Upgrade for our troupes overseas. The unit at Ft. Hood will be receiving the upgrades through the military, so he is now checking on other local units who will need a helmet upgrade. He needs volunteers to assist with the organization and solicitation of local businesses. There will be more info on the True Few website. Bart gave a brief introduction to Primary Precinct meetings, introduction of resolutions. There will be a "seminar" going into more detail just before the Primary Elections. Bart also thanked everyone who came to the fund-raiser that Tribal Iron threw.

Nanette made a motion that the next meeting be moved to the Monday BEFORE the Primaries, Dee seconded,

motion passed. A motion was made to hold the meeting at the Moose Lodge, seconded and passed.

Sputnik gave us his recent updates. The resolutions that we will be presenting this year will include the "failure to yield" bill. Check the TMRAII website for the others. Dee suggested checking with the County Chairmen to see if they will include a copy of the resolutions with the Precinct packets for the Precinct Conventions. There are some scary scenarios coming up. We have GOT to get busy and fight for what is left of the rights that our Constitution gave us.

Batman will be the new District 14 advisor. Dee introduced Terri (our State Secretary). Sputnik will be hosting the Poker Run March 3,4, & 5 at Groesbeck at the TMRAII Fund raiser. EVERYONE GO! Upcoming meetings, benefits and runs were announced. We received \$36.00 in donations. Our account has \$216.88. The meeting adjourned at 9:00 with prayer. The next meeting will be March 6, (MONDAY) 2006 at the Moose Lodge. Nanette Townsend, Secretary/Treasurer

#### Heart of Texas chapter

No report

#### Big Spring chapter minutes for February 7, 2006

The meeting was called to order at 7:50 p.m. Greg gave the pledge and a prayer and the quote of the month: Quote of the Month: "All political power is inherent in the people, all free governments are founded on their authority and instituted for their benefit. The faith of the people of Texas stands pledged to the preservation of a republican form of government, and subject to this limitation only, they have at all times the inalienable right to alter, reform or abolish their government in such manner as they may think expedient..." TEXAS STATE CONSTITUTION Article 1 Sec 2. Formalities of old, new and pending business were set aside. As well as the reading of the minutes and treasurers report. In their stead, Candidates for upcoming judicial race were invited to meet and speak to our local TMRA2 chapter. Meet with the candidates. Among those invited to speak were Special guests; Present Judge Benny Lockheart, candidate hopefuls included City councilman, Woody jumper, Candidate Mark Barr, Accountant Mark Morgan and Local Mechanic and Nomad with Cossacks mc, Ron Sawyers. We were pleased that all candidates were able to attend and give their presentations. There were question and answer sessions and a video was shown, featuring Sputnik out lining the "Five Steps of Freedom". Jim Moutons daughter was able to attend, representing her fathers campaign for State Representative, as well as Cathy Lusk, who is Running for county commissioner.

Up coming events were announced; February 11 DA Meeting @ State Office;

February 17 Feedback Show 2-4pm; Feb 21 First Day to Early Vote; Thursday March 2, Mandatory Polling Place Training; March 3rd Last Day to Early Vote; March 3-5 Texas Independence Day Rally; March 7th ELECTION DAY & PCT CACAUS; March 13 First day to register for run offs; March 25 County Conventions. The meeting came to a close at 9 pm with a motion made to forgo a march meeting, Taking back up again in April.

Respectfully, Slim

#### DFW chapter

No report

#### El Paso chapter

No report

#### Tarrant County chapter

No report

#### Hood County Blues chapter minutes for November, 2005

Hello, from the Hood County Blues Chapter TMRA II. **We are behind on sending in our monthly meeting reports**, so here goes the catch-up! Greg Bodovsky our Senate District 22 District Advisor gave us an update on legislative issues and the Patriot Act. We discussed our December meeting and decided to have it the week after Christmas and our annual Christmas Party. We decided to have our party at our December meeting after Christmas. We discussed and voted to sponsor the TMRA II State General Membership Rally for 2006. Wood & Mama Blue

#### Hood County Blues chapter minutes for December, 2005

We had our monthly meeting and Christmas Party. Greg gave us the updates on the Patriot Act and other issues. Wood & Mama Blue

## Hood County Blues chapter minutes for January, 2006

We discussed the TMRA II Rally and it was approved for us to do it! It will be May 19-21 at the Indian Creek Campground at the far North end of Boat Club Rd. The physical address is 12792 Morris Dido Rd. Ft. Worth, 76179. For information and directions contact Mama Blue 817-243-8870. This is the same place we had the rally last year. The flyer is on the TMRA II website. Everyone still knows the road as Boat Club. The District Advisors Meeting will be at 11:00 AM on Saturday and the General Membership Meeting will be at 1:00 PM Saturday. Bike Games will start at approx. 3:30 PM. We will be having a Bike Show also. The cost is \$10 per person and \$15 per couple. TMRA II members get a \$5 Discount off those prices. New Members and Renewals get in FREE if you sign up or renew at the gate when you get to the campground. Vendors Welcome !! Contact Mama Blue. Tent Camping is free and There are cabins and RV spaces by reservation. Come on out for a good time and help us "Fight the Fight for Bikers Rights ". This is our State TMRA II Annual Fundraiser!! Hope to see you ALL there!! We also discussed and voted to have a Pre-Registration Party and Poker Run in April TBD. We decided that with the meetings during the rally, we invite and encourage everyone to attend, we would

do the Rally Poker Run on a separate day, so all could attend the Meetings, Bike Games, and Bike Show. The country around the campground is great for riding, around Eagle Mountain Lake. Remember: "The Only Goal You Can't Accomplish is the One you Don't Pursue " Greg also discussed the Patriot Act being extended and other issues. The National Bikers Handbook is still on sale. We still need people in your chapters to help us get business supporters in your area. This will make money for your chapter and the state office. Contact Mama Blue for info. Greg put in \$200 and Riddler put in \$100 for the campground fee for the rally. All proceeds for the rally go to TMRA II, Also we got both bands for free, they wanted to donate their time for this event!! Ride Safe & Free!!

Wood & Mama Blue

## Independence Riders chapter

No report

## Lubbock chapter minutes for January 19, 2006

The meeting was called to order at 7:30 p.m. by Del Essery at the Aces and Eights Club House in Levelland. There were 24 people in attendance. Nominations were held for officers for the New Year. Chapter Coordinator will be Poodle; Assistant Chapter Coordinator will be Otis Cook; Secretary/Treasure will be Neva Martin; Legislative officer will be Kyle Fought.

Del Essery talked about possibly separating the chapter and having a Levelland Chapter and a Lubbock Chapter. Discussion followed and it was decided that we would push for a really big attendance at the next meeting and possibly making a decision at that time. Del asked A.K. ( President of the Lubbock Booze fighters) if he would consider making it mandatory for his members to be a member of TMRAII as the Aces and Eights are. He said he would consider it.

Del informed everyone that we did not get the 5000 signatures needed to get Sputnik on the ballot for governor. We need to closely watch the campaign, as it gets closer. Del discussed the Proposed Resolutions to pass this year. They are the Recorded Vote and The Signal Lights. If anyone has any resolutions that they would like to see passed Del said we could take them to the TMRAII Board and have them worded properly so they could be presented. Del announced that he now has a box of The Bikers Handbook and he will be selling them for 20.00.

Del reminded everyone of the Texas Independence Day Freedom Rally that will be held March 3-5 at Groesbeck, TX. This will be a major fundraiser for TMRA.

Otis Cook informed everyone that there was an article in the Lubbock AJ stating that motorcycle deaths had increased last year by 41%. He also mentioned that he had looked into the Motorcycle Riders Course that is given in Lubbock and said he was very impressed by what he found out. He thought it was a good idea and encouraged others to check it out. Poodle mentioned that the Patriot Act has been blocked for right now but we still need to let our Congressmen know that we are against this. He also discussed the new EPA laws that they are trying to pass. The next meeting will be held February 16, 2006 at 7:00 at The Aces and Eights Club House. Lucky suggested we pass the hat for Sputnik. The meeting was dismissed at 8:30. Neva Martin

## Permian Basin chapter

No report

## Gruene chapter minutes for February 4, 2006

Jo Secret called the meeting to order at 11:11 a.m. at their place with the Pledge of Allegiance and a moment of silence. There were 4 members present, and all we made a decision to notify members in advance of the next meeting. The minutes of last meeting were read and approved. Pyro reported that there was \$63 in the treasury, and that a bank account would be opened before the next meeting. After the meeting the new total to be deposited was \$81. In the legislative district advisor report, Dee McClure reported that Sputnik needs support, and that the travel is more stressful than it used to be. Dee covered the wire tap lawsuits, state convention, delegate process, breath test refusal, and the

speeding ticket frenzy. An update was given on the Patriot act, and the abuse possibilities. Senator Corwin, and Kay Bailey Hutchinson are for the Patriot act. Barbara Radnofsky, who is running against Hutchinson is against it. The new EPA laws prohibiting the modification of bike exhausts was brought up. This particularly disturbs me. One of the many reasons I ride, is the lower fuel costs. I commute over 100 miles a day to Austin, to work. I can't believe the number of John Qs that commute every day in 1 ton diesel trucks. And I've asked a lot of them how they can spend a house payment in gas monthly. Most tell me they love their trucks, and feel safe in them. A diesel truck pollutes 100 times more than my bike. In my humble opinion, the EPA must have severe prejudice against bikers, or be f'in idiots.

Our next meeting is scheduled for 3/4/06, and so we plan on having it at the TEXAS INDEPENDENCE FREEDOM RALLY. The meeting was adjourned at 12:26. Ride On! Pyro

#### Plainview chapter

No report

#### San Angelo chapter minutes for February 8, 2006

Meeting was called to order by Prayer and Pledge of Allegiance. Minutes were discussed from last months meeting. Old and New business was discussed. Treasurer report stated that our chapter had a total of \$241.70 and opening a checking account was discussed by all present and tabled until the next meeting in March. Also discussed was House report 09333, continuing of the Patriot Act, 305.6E, Title 18, and the newly enacted S E & S Act that "could" be used/misused for arrests at will, and the new addition of the term "ANNOY". We had a guest speaker, running for County Commissioner, Smokey Angelmeyer. Members and supporters were informed that we could procure T-shirts with TMRA II, Tom Green County logos on them, which we could sell to earn money for our chapter.

Topics discussed were the San Angelo Standard Times newspaper article on the vehicular accident that involved a Pickup and a Motorcyclist that resulted in the head on collision, resulting in the death of the Motorcyclist, Richard Duran, a supervisor at Ethicon. No citation was given to the driver of the Pickup that struck Richard Duran even though it (pickup) crossed a lane of traffic and the median into oncoming traffic. The article "just" had to mention that this man was not wearing a helmet. A helmet would not have helped him in any way in an accident of this sort, and we are unhappy about the spin of this report. We will be contacting the San Angelo Standard Times Newspaper in regards to this article and the San Angelo Police Department about the finding of

this accident. We, (Tom Green County TMRAII) feel as representatives of the local motorcyclist that we should address this locally controversial topic. Our prayers go out to the Richard Duran family. Also discussed was the subject of the traffic signals that will not trigger because of the lighter weight of motorcycles so a person can turn left. A representative of the city traffic department stated that the person in charge of answering these questions was unable to attend and the subject was tabled until the meeting in March.

We had three guests, bringing the total to 25 persons present. The meeting was then brought to a close at 8:30pm. The next meeting is scheduled for March, 8, 2006, @ 7:30pm at Pepe's Diner. Toni Epperson, Secretary.

#### Tri-County chapter

No report

## DISTRICT ADVISOR REPORTS

### **#01 – Karl Ford**

No report

### **#03 – Cynthia “Kanga” Axtell**

Greeting and Salutations! I have just arrived home from the Advisors meeting at our State Office in Elgin. It has been a long day with some camaraderie, long hours of driving and a lonely meal for one. The fellowship from meeting always perks me up and I think it is good to get my battery charged up after months away from my fellow believers. Kudos to Mundo and the folks in El Paso! You guys are doing a great job! It is always great to see you and really commendable that you don't miss them! I came to realize at this meeting that I have fallen short of my obligations regarding District Meetings and I will take immediate steps to remedy this oversight. I remember when I first became an appointed Advisor to finish a term, I had glorious plans to have meetings in all 26 counties. HA! HA! It isn't that I didn't realize the huge task I had set for myself. I really did understand that. What I didn't understand is the overwhelming bucket of apathy I would run into when I started this journey. It is not just strangers that shrug this organization off, it has been my friends and brothers and sisters that do the same. Really, when you get down to it what can this cost? One weekend of beer! out of 52 weekends. Or how about 10 more years of riding freedom versus maybe three or five. It will be too late then. You don't get to look back and wish that maybe you had done something then!

When I first started being a Warrior, it was not a huge demanding imposition on my daily routine. And it isn't for the person who wants to start now. It is real simple. Follow the Five steps! Register to vote and then do it!! Show up in Austin at Legislative Day! Go the Party's Convention of your choice. (We don't care which one, just GO!) And then plan one more day in Austin during the Legislative Session on your own to increase awareness of Bikers presence there! These are the recommendations that have been touted at COC meetings across the State for at least six years! I think we need to add...JOIN TMRA2 or there isn't going to be one.

As always, I am available to talk to about any issues you may have about this organization, willingly, longingly and especially. If I don't have the answer I can get it!  
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cynthia\_axtell@hotmail.com<mailto:cynthia\_axtell@hotmail.com> If none of these work try telepathy! Yr Friend in the Wind, Kanga

### **#05 – Tom Maddux**

No report

### **#12 – Mike Alvey**

No report

### **#14 – David “Batman” Richey**

No report

### **#17 – Jack West**

No report

### **#19 – Sam Bray**

No report

### **#22 – Greg Bodovsky**

Just returned from a very good District Advisor's meeting at the State Office. Had a good turnout for the meeting, and it turned into a long one, which is fine by me. A portion of the meeting was spent on TMRA2's Constitution and By-Laws. They are only a couple of pages long, so if you get a chance, please review them. They are available on the web sites, or you can contact any officer for a copy. I also got a list of members in my District at the meeting, and a lot have expired memberships. This is putting a strain on the State Office in meeting it's budget, and I will be contacting all Warrior's in my District with expired memberships. The Hood County Blues Chapter has been having very good meetings, and has finalized plans for the State General Membership Meeting and Rally, which will be May 19-21. The Advisor's meeting will be at 11am, and the General Membership meeting will be at 1pm, both on Saturday, May 20th. There should be a flyer in this edition of the Warrior. The Chapter is also planning a Pre-Registration Party and Poker Run, which will be a few weeks before the Membership meeting. We'll get that information out to you a.s.a.p. Will have a H.O.T. Chapter meeting later today, and I will pass on information from the Advisor's meeting. The turnout has been slim, and with it getting down in the 20's last night, it might keep some away, but with the primary elections in less than a month, we can't let down our guard. So plan on trying to make it to the meetings coming up, bring someone with you if you do, or send someone in your place if you can't. Be sure to get your copy of the new Biker Handbook. Contact Mama Blue or contact me because I have a few left. There are links from the state TMRA2 websites. The sales of the Handbook help TMRA2!!! If you need to contact me, my email address is hdrider@htcomp.net. Phone # is 245.582.3252. Ride Safe & Ride Free (while U steelcan)!

Greg

### **#24 – Ron Ashmore**

No report

#### **#25 – Dee McClure**

Greetings People! Well, I have been getting out and attending as many meetings as possible over the last month. I made it to the Austin COC at Cindy's Gone Hog Wild where the turnout was great. I ran a 50/50 and Dennis Haire won it (\$54) and donated it all back plus with Sputnik and Terri there, we got several (7) new memberships. I even have a possible prospect for a new senate district advisor in the San Antonio. Dennis also told us about an ongoing effort to involve local businesses in helping to supply the proper headgear for our troops out of Ft. Hood. We talked about the Patriot Act, the delegate process, and the resolutions that we want to pursue.

Our Gruene chapter met at the Secretst's on 2/4 and discussed all the updates that I had from the COC, AIM/NCOM and TMRA 2. It proved to be quite interesting. Attendance at the Austin Minutemen chapter meeting up by quite a bit also and the Moose Lodge turned out to be a great improvement over Vinny's with smoking allowed and plenty of seating for everyone. Bart and Thinner covered the political process and since the next meeting date would fall on the night of the Primary Election, it was decided that we would meet at the Moose Lodge on the Monday night before it. We are going to concentrate on the political process to become a delegate and introduce resolutions. At all of the meetings the Texas Independence Day Rally in Groesbeck flyer was distributed to all. I also attended Sputnik's TV show a couple of times and that was a hoot. I am planning on making the Mountain Breeze Run on the Guadalupe River in mid March plus as many events as I can, including the NCOM convention in May. Ride Safe and Free, Dee

#### **#26 – Dennis Maricelli**

No report

#### **#27 – Jim "The Preacher" Ball**

No report

#### **#28 – Del Essary**

I apologize for not making the District Advisors meeting. It was just not possible. As I said when I was re-elected, this would be a very busy couple of years for me at work and it might cause a few problems. For this reason, and distance to the San Angelo area, I appointed Wag as my Assistant Advisor to help cover the southern portion of the district. I understand there have been some problems, and we will work to resolve them. The good of the Rights Association is where we need to focus. There has been discussion in the Lubbock Chapter of

possibly changing it to a Levelland Chapter, and creating a new Lubbock Chapter. It is hard to get good attendance from both cities at the same meeting. Another suggestion was to create one chapter combining Levelland, Lubbock, and Plainview, then rotate the meeting place each month. My concern with this option is that people will only meet once every three months when it is convenient for them. We intend to try for a large attendance to discuss this further on February 16th in Levelland. There may be enough interest in Sweetwater (especially with the Aces and Eights MC) to start a new chapter there. We might could include some members from Snyder. Warriors in that area should contact me with comments as we look into it further. I haven't been there, but I trust the Tri-County Chapter is doing well. They are good steady Warriors in that Chapter. The resolutions look good, and I encourage everyone to study them and prepare for your precinct and county meetings.

#### **#29 – Armando "Mando" Parra**

No report

#### **#30 – James Griffin**

No report

#### **#31 – Dean Maltsberger**

I just got in town from a two week visit to North Dakota, and found out yesterday afternoon that I have to turn around and head for Grand Junction CO for a few days. Had every intention of being there till about 5:00 this AM when I put on a cup of coffee and decided I just can't do it all. Sorry to let the assn. down by not being there. As far as the Dist 31 report, all I need to say is that I have written US senators and my congressman urging them to insist on less invasiveness into the private lives of citizens in whatever form the Patriot Act may be passed. Congressman Mike Conaway is the only one I have received a reply from, and he assures me that whatever passes will be a fair balance between security and privacy...whatever that means. Locally, it seems the Republicans are planning a coup for the district court and county seats. One of our district judges is retiring, and it seems that the Governor will now appoint someone to fill that vacated seat, and all the noise is pointing toward our current DA who has twice now plea bargained down to probation cases involving drunk drivers killing someone. If he is appointed, that will leave the DA seat open for Perry to appoint someone to fill in till the election. I see bad things coming on the horizon for justice in Ector County. The Ector County Democratic

party is trying to regroup itself after being in such disarray for the last few years. But still nothing coming out except negative accusations and slander. I wish the party would come up with something positive to do instead of always concentrating on tearing down. I am looking forward to seeing you guys in March at the Rally. Take care and stay safe. Oh yeah, I just found out when I got home yesterday that a lady passenger on a bike was killed here in Odessa last week when the car in front of them made a u-turn in the middle of an intersection. Gotta run.

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