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All submissions intended for Warrior publication must be received by the **16th** of each month. **This date is ironclad as the Warrior goes to Tony on the 18<sup>th</sup>.** Send Warrior material to the State Office. The monthly Warrior would be much enhanced if each chapter and each Advisor would submit reports so all members would know what was happening all across the state. Please give this a try.

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### **From The Chairman:**

**Not one chapter has sent in a list of their membership. Possibly you didn't read the last post.**

**We shall drop any chapter from the Report list that has not sent in a report for the last three months. We shall do the same with the Advisors from the advisor report list. No point in taking up space if no reports are forthcoming. They shall be added back when a report comes in.**

**NEW - NEW - NEW**

**If you personally sign up six new Warriors, during the year, your membership will automatically be renewed at no cost to you. Be sure your name appears on the application. If the chapter name is on the application the membership will be awarded to the chapter.**

### **CHAPTER MEETING INFORMATION** listed by *city*

**Big Country chapter meets the 2nd Tuesday @ 7:00p.m. at Harlow's Bar-B-Que**Contact: Ron (915) 692-9389

**Panhandle chapter meets the 1st Wednesday @ 7:00 p.m. at Soncy Beech Road House, 6740 Hester Dr., Amarillo 79124, (806) 376-4804**

Contact: Cody (806) 376-4804

**1st 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**

**Heart of Texas chapter meets the 2nd 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 last Thursday @ 7:00 p.m. at Big Bois Sports Bar, on S. 87 past Wal-Mart.**  
Contact: Pat (432) 270-2321

**D/FW chapter meets the 2nd Wednesday @ 7:30 p.m. at VFW Post 4477, 300 S. Smith St., Dallas 75211, (214) 339-5800**  
Contact: Elmer (214) 316-3405

**El Paso chapter meets the 3rd Wednesday @ 7:00 p.m. at Mulligan's North Bar & Grill, 10710 Gateway Blvd. N., El Paso 79924, (915) 822-9366**  
Contact: Jerry Kelly (915) 433-8955

**Tarrant County chapter meets the 3rd Wednesday @ 7:00 p.m. at American Legion Post 516, 6801 Manhattan Blvd., Fort Worth 76120, (817) 451-7222**  
Contact: Mike (817) 468-7328

**Hood County Blues chapter meets the 4<sup>th</sup> Wednesday @ 7:00 p.m. at VFW Post 7835, 3670 W. Hwy. 377, Granbury, 76048, (817) 573-9350**  
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**Texas Owners Group chapter meets the 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday at L.P.Cycles on Hwy 164 10 miles East of Groesbeck.**  
Contact Tom (254)729-2602

**Independence Riders chapter meets the 3rd Saturday @ 12:00 noon at VFW Post 3984, Memorial Dr. & US 69, Jacksonville 75766, (903) 586-1306**  
Contact: Tommy Wilson (903) 589-7888

**Lubbock chapter meets the 3rd Thursday @ 7:00 p.m. at Aces and Eights Clubhouse, Lubbock 79401,**  
Contact: Tiny (806) 778-5243

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**Plainview chapter meets @ 6:00 p.m. the 1st Thursday at VFW Post 5399, 1024 N. Broadway St., Plainview 79072, (806) 288-0149**

Contact: "Cel" (806) 296-9714

**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**

Contact: Toni 325-227-8450 tdement@ethus.jng.com

**Tri-County chapter meets the 2nd Tuesday @ 7:00p.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

## **TREASURER'S REPORT**

### **THANKS:**

Permian Basin \$100  
Austin Minutemen \$100  
San Antonio COC \$50

### **Special Thanks:**

Dickweed M/C Bronze Supporter  
NW Texas COC \$100  
Soldiers For Jesus Supporter  
Mark Webber Life Member & Supporter  
G&N Scooter Shack Bronze Supporter  
D J Doc Supporter  
East Texas Chopper Guys Platinum Supporter

**Our next Advisor meeting will be August 12<sup>th</sup> at the State Office. Meeting starts at 1:00pm.**

## **CHAPTER REPORTS**

**Texas Owners Group** chapter  
JUNE 4, 2006

Meeting was called to order by Pat Stephens, Chapter Coordinator. Minutes were read from the May meeting and approved by all. We held a 50/50 drawing which ended with Marvin Bice from Groesbeck being the winner and adding another \$71.00 to our treasury for this chapter. That brings the treasury report for the TOG chapter to a total of \$271.00. Tom Maddux will get the information needed on legalities of keeping our Chapter as non-profit and opening a bank account.

There was discussion of the rally that is scheduled for October 27-29, 2006 here at the Lost Prairie Cycles Ranch, and a name for the rally was voted on, Lone Star Halloween Biker Rally. And work has already begun for this rally.

Tom told all members present about his and Sputnik's trip down Sixth Street in Austin at the ROT Rally, and most importantly about Sputnik being voted into the Lawmakers and receiving his patch. That is quite an honor and we are all very proud of our Chairman – Sputnik!!!

There was discussion and an example of a T-shirt being made for this chapter representing that we are TMRail

members, each individual's shirt will have the same design on it, but with their hometowns name. On the back of these shirts we will have the official TMRAll logo design. Orders were taken for these to be sent in.

The East Texas Chopper Group will be having their rally at Sawmill Town on June 16-18, 2006, everyone wanting to ride out as a group needs to be at Lost Prairie Cycles on Friday, 16<sup>th</sup> by 4:00pm.

A very important bit of information was brought to everyone's attention concerning the NPA- United Nations meeting that will be taking place in New York on the 4<sup>th</sup> of July. This meeting is being held to finalize a treaty that will take away all our rights for self-protection as U. S. Citizens.

Our next meeting will be held on Sunday, July 9<sup>th</sup> at 1:00pm, due to the 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of the month falling on a holiday weekend.

We only had 13 members present at the June meeting.

Until next month, everyone ride safe!!!

Shari

### **1st Brazoria chapter**

May 06, 2006

Meeting was called at 11:00 a.m. to order, followed with the pledge of allegiance and a moment of silence. Minutes from last meeting and treasury report were read and accepted. Roddy Mohler was re-elected as Assistant Coordinator for the chapter.

### Treasury report:

Current: \$814.26

Riverfest Donation: \$168.00

We had 3 new members join.

Discussions on HB3 & HB5 were brought up. Roddy presented a Proclamation to the city of Freeport to declare the month of May as Motorcycle Safety and Awareness Month. It was approved by Freeport.

We talked about the safety signs for motorcycles. They were approved but not for highway use due to the shape and color. The suggestion was brought up for the chapter to pay for one sign. The cost is \$240. No decision was made at that point.

We received a trophy for the cleanest campground area at the run in Groesbeck. The trophy is on display at Sissy's. BB invited everyone to his place on the 27th for a crawfish boil. The fifty-fifty drawing totaled \$52. Cowboy won and donated \$21 back to the chapter.

Next Meeting to be held on 03 JUN 2006 At Christies in Angleton.

See ya there.

"The issue today is the same as it has been throughout all history, whether man shall be allowed to govern himself or be ruled by a small elite."

- Thomas Jefferson

Frank

### **Austin Minutemen chapter**

Minutes for June 6, 2006,

Batman was unable to attend. Steven Townsend called the meeting to order at 7:40pm, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance. Steven was asked to temporarily chair the meeting and called for nominees for permanent chair. It was requested that a vote be postponed until other members could be contacted to see if they would be interested. We had 34 members and guests attending. Reading of the Minutes was dispensed.

Steven gave an update of current events across the United States. As upsetting as the news is, he reminded us that we still have the power to vote and write letters to change things. **THINGS DO NOT HAVE TO PLAY OUT THE WAY THEY ARE BEING SET UP! DO SOMETHING!**

Sputnik has a letter writing campaign to the EPA. They have sent 14,000 letters to independent shops to stop the EPA setting regulations. If they do, it will mean the end of independent bike shops and thousands of people out of work. He has a sample letter and Terri is starting a program (to help those of us who are letter-writing challenged) to write letters for us so we can approve the final product and send it.

The Democratic State Convention is this upcoming week. Plans for a ride-in on Friday, with the Motorcycle Caucus

held at 1:00pm. All bikers have been asked to attend (whether a delegate or not). Sputnik is putting the Legislators on notice. Work FOR the people of the State of Texas or lose your job.

Sputnik warned everyone that there is an E85 yellow circle gasoline that is being sold that is 30-50 cents cheaper than unleaded, but if put in a vehicle that is not built for it, will burn up your engine. The engine runs hotter and will get less gas mileage. The gas is 85% ethanol.

Dee gave an update from the Sons of Liberty Riders and encouraged everyone to write letters, vote, attend the State Conventions and **PARTICIPATE!**

The July meeting will fall on July 4. A motion was made to hold the meeting on the second Tuesday of July if the hall is available. The motion was seconded and voted unanimous.

We received \$100.65 in donations. Our account has \$81.59. The meeting adjourned at 8:45 with prayer. The next meeting will be July 11, 2006 at the Moose Lodge pending.

Nanette Townsend  
Secretary/Treasurer

**Heart of Texas** chapter

No report

**Big Spring** chapter

No report

## **DFW** Chapter

### Chapter Meeting Minutes June 14th

#### Democrat Convention (Biker Caucus)

About 75 bikers showed up for the Biker Caucus. A very lite turnout which means our effect on the convention is going to be even less. We heard from many speakers in our 2 hours. Sputnik reminded us that we need to give our all on the candidates we choose to support. This will be a make or break for both parties. They need to see it our way or we'll move our business to another party. Also we need to work harder on getting more membership for TMRA2 and ABATE. The status quo will no longer work. If we can't be a force to be reckoned with then we don't need to exist.

Robert of Abate stepped up to let everyone know that there would be supper at the campsite Friday night and breakfast Saturday morning.

Robert stated that it really wasn't about that one vote that changed history, but it was just one more vote than the opposition. Everything we do is based on getting just one more vote than the opposition. Whether it is to stop a bill or to get one passed, we work on getting that one more vote that'll give us our win.

Someone stated our children is our future, however someone else blurted out that we are our children's future.

So although our children will be our future, without us our children have no future.

#### Democrat Convention (Main)

The biggest battle was the State Chair race for the Democratic Party. 4 candidates were on the ballot and it took an hour to gather up all the numbers from the counties. With 4 candidates we didn't get the 50% + 1 for a candidate to win. So we had to do the vote again with only two candidates. This again took an hour to tally up the numbers. Finally we had elected a state chair of the democrat party.

A resolution to impeach Pres Bush was put up for a vote. After some debate a voice vote was taken and then a call for a record vote was requested. People stood up both for the yeas and nays, in the end the resolution failed. This led to a quick call for a quorum. I guess the people who lost the vote wanted to make the convention fail. Its really too sad when those that stand up and say they support the party and then do something that hurts everyone just because they didn't win on one vote. The convention chair looked out and said the lights were in his eyes but he could see clearly that the first 3 rows were full so he would not recognize the call for a quorum. Cooler heads prevailed and the convention continued.

Out of the resolutions that made it out of the resolution committee, only one by us failed on the floor. It was a short battle but in the end we had no where near the

numbers to win that battle. This was the right of way bill. I think it could have passed had it not mandated 30 days of jail time. But without those 500 supporters we normally had, there was no way for us to win this battle. The Convention chair however did state that with the mandatory jail time off the resolution that the SDEC would be willing to look at the resolution again.

It was after 8pm before the platform document showed up and the convention was fairly bare. Only the a few hung around but that was enough for the debates. The platform with only a few modifications was passed and now it was close to 9pm.

Another call for a quorum was done. The Convention chair stated he would accept a call for a quorum if it included the remaining resolutions to be decided at the next SDEC meeting. The call for quorum was modified and with a loud yea vote the convention ended. It was the longest I ever attended, but in the long run I believe it was the most fairly done.

### 3rd Special Session

Well its complete and now we have to live with the consequences. Another \$1 per pack of cigarettes. They lowered our property tax by 6% and counties like Travis and Tarrant raised their appraisal values over 8%. The legislation knew this would happen but didn't want to deal with it until the next legislative session. Properly tax doesn't affect businesses the same as the people so as it goes, the people pay higher taxes while businesses got

out with a tax break.

Teachers got their well deserved pay raise, now they are getting paid only \$3,000 less than the national average. Of course Rick Perry quickly got on tv to show how he led the legislation to give us tax breaks and the teacher their pay raise. The pay raise that Rick Perry says the so deserved. Well in case you forgot it was Rick Perry who vetoed the last teachers pay raise in the fateful Father's day massacre in 2001. Guess after 7 years they really did deserve their pay raise.

### State Rally

The rally did not get the numbers we were hoping for. Very lite turnout means very little money.

The State Meeting was interesting and enlightening about some of the candidates up for election.

LP Cycles is going to have another party at the end of October. Sputnik will challenge the government again with a run and gun poker run. The Southern Cross Conference will be in Newton Tx (Motorcycle Campground) at the beginning of October. This is another convention like that of the Mid South MILE except this is designed to work the power of the southern states senate.

### EPA Update

June 21st is the last time the public can make statements on the EPA rules.

By 2010 you will not be able to adjust how your bike runs in your shop. You cannot change your exhaust or run

straight pipes without being in violation of the EPA's Standards. The EPA is allowing each American to build on kit bike per lifetime that does not have to meet EPA standards and you can't sell the bike for five years after completion. You can not take a factory built EPA approved bike and rebuild it. It must be a new engine. If your kit bike is wrecked, stolen, or lost, you are out of luck. You only get one kit bike in your lifetime.

The EPA is allowing bike builder to produce only 24 custom bikes per year / and the bikes can only be legal to ride on the street if your riding it to a bike show. Bike #25 and onward must meet EPA emission regulations.

As of the end of 2006 Harley Davidson Inc. will remove all aftermarket parts from their dealerships and will place a computer chip in new engines that will keep it from running if there is any change in the air intake or exhaust or fuel. They did this on their own.

To stop this we are asking all bikers and shops to send typed or handwritten letter's to:

Marianne L. Horinko  
Enviromental Protection Agency  
Ariel Rios Building  
1200 Pennsylvania Ave.  
N.W. Washington, DC 20460

Elmer H. McKeegan  
Chapter Coordinator

## **El Paso Chapter**

This past weekend was very sad for me. It was great to see my brothers and sisters there. Nancy welcome back, it was great to see you. We had a great time at the campsite, even though there was only a hand full of us. I would like to say Thank You to Sputnik and the handful of warriors that made the effort to attend. A big thanks to the Texas ABATE for dinner and breakfast. I served on the resolutions committee along with Mike Alvey and Janet. All of our resolutions passed in committee but when the Failure to Yield hit the floor we lost the battle! If we would have had more of our warriors there we could have won the battle!

It is really sad when you work so hard to get it to the state convention and through the committee and then have it die on the floor due to very low participation from the rest of the warriors. This year we could have ran the convention in Ft. Worth if we would have had a lot more warriors there. All of the other caucuses had a low turnout so we could have just taken the convention over like we have done in the past. There are few reasons but many excuses, you have two years from when the convention is over to make plans to be at the next one.

We have Legislative Day coming up in January 2007. There is plenty of time for everyone to make plans to attend. You also have two years to get ready for the next democratic or Republican convention.

Like Advisor Mando says everyone just wants to ride on the swing and the handful of us are getting tired of pushing that swing. We need more warriors to get off of that swing and help us push.

Debbie Rios

Secretary

El Paso Chapter

**Hood County Blues** chapter

No report

**Permian Basin** chapter

No report

**Gruene** chapter

No meeting this month

**San Angelo** chapter

No Report

**No report again**

**Tri-County** chapter

May 9, 2006

The meeting was opened by Larry Trotter with a Pledge of Allegiance. It was followed by Secretary's Report from Susan Trotter. There was no Treasurer's report. Linda Anders, chapter road captain, gave us a list of some of the up coming events:

Saturday, May 13 – There are two separate events going to happen on Saturday. First, Kent's will be hosting Hogs for Dogs; A dog and cat adoption event sponsored by the humane society. Bill Martin and the Putaglide will provide the music. Secondly, is the moon ride. Moon to rise at 9:26 & Roger English is going to bring his grill, so everyone bring something to throw on and share.

Thursday – Saturday, May 18 – 20, the HOG Rally will be in Abilene.

Friday – Sunday, May 19 – 21, the TMRA 2 State meeting will be held.

Thursday, May 25, we will meet at Peacocks for supper and fellowship.

Dean Rosenquist, the safety officer, shared a handout he received on motorcycle safety with the group. Some of the hints were for car and pick-up drivers concerning motorcycles. They included:

Don't follow too closely

Be aware of motorcycles

Be careful judging distance

Never assume a one-eyed vehicle is a motorcycle

Bicycles are hard to see (especially at night)

Show respect for motorcycles and bicycles

Use extra caution around bikes of any kind

Do not crowd a bike of any kind

Two-wheeled vehicles can travel fast; make sure you can safely pass

Before you open a vehicle door, check rear and side mirrors There were more hints and I will cover more at a later date.

Larry then discussed the Special Session our Legislature was going through. The reports that he was getting was that the Republicans were fighting among themselves and the Democrats were just watching.

Next topic was that my tryke (1964 Harley Davidson Servi-car) won Best Vintage Harley at the 10th annual Hill Country Run, held for the first time in Fredericksburg. It was fun.

We then held a 50/50 drawing. We collected \$48.00. Bill Martin won the draw and donated his portion back to the chapter. Thank you Bill!!!!

There will be a work day held at beautiful Lake Boudreaux on June 24th. This is the last Saturday before Old Glory Days. We will cook out and there will be some work and a good time. Everyone needs to come if possible to help mow, weed eat and generally get ready for the up coming weekend.

Bill Martin made a motion to close the meeting. It was seconded by Kenneth Carlton. Kenneth said a prayer for us and we closed the meeting.

YA'LL COME TO OLD GLORY DAYS!!!!

Keep The Sunny Side Up!!!!

*Don't miss this one. It is a real laid back time to relax and enjoy good company. Bill is a great host and the Tri-County guys and gals know how to make you feel at home. Sput*

## LETTERS

Bernie and I were standing in front of the house, anxiously awaiting the arrival of the 18 wheeler that would be delivering our saw mill. We had ordered the saw mill with the dreams of what we could inexpensively build once we finally sold our home in town and moved to the middle of our 65 acres. We had high hopes that the saw mill could even be a source of income for us once we got there. So when the driver of that 18 wheeler called to say he was almost there, we went outside with great anticipation and excitement to be beacons for its safe arrival.

The huge rig pulled up to the front of the house. Bernie and I went to the door on the back, excited to see what was inside. The cab door opened, and out stepped a slight black man with a stern look on his face. He walked back to us and said "That you're bike?" Bernie said "It's hers" "Um hmm" was all he said. The drivers tone was not pleasant and it put me on edge. Bernie said "I'd like to put it right here", pointing to a spot on the driveway. The driver pulled out a piece of paper and said "You see this box right here?" I squinted at the paper and saw he was pointing to a box that said "Lift Gate. Inside Delivery". We bobbed our

heads to indicate “yes”. He said “That box ain’t checked. That means if I unload this stuff for you, you gotta pay more. The shipment weights 1,700 pounds.” I gulped. Well great, there is no way Bernie can do this alone, and I wasn’t sure exactly how much help I would be. He’s going to charge us a butt load of money to unload this stuff. I was just about to ask how much it was going to cost us when he said “That’s why I asked if that was your bike. I know bikers. Bikers are good people. Since you two are bikers, I’ll do it for nothing. I don’t get paid nothing when we charge for unloading, but when I show up to someone who thinks they’re 10 feet tall and talks down to me, I check that box and I charge them. You’re good people. I won’t check the box. And I’ll put it right where you want.”

He unloaded the freight, all 1,700 pounds of it, and he put it right where Bernie pointed. We chatted as he worked. He asked about the “For Sale” sign in the front yard and we talked about our hopes and dreams of moving out to our property. He shared similar dreams and we talked about life in general. When he was finished, we walked him to the cab of his truck. We shook his hand and Bernie shoved \$20 at him and thanked him for all his help. The driver threw his hands in the air and refused to take it. Bernie insisted as the driver started to climb up in his truck. Suddenly the man walked back to us, put his hand on Bernie’s shoulder and said “I’m just happy I met some good people.” Bernie put his arm around me and as we

watched that big rig pull away he said :Ain’t it great to be a biker?

I thought of a hundred different instances in our lives. I thought of working for bikers’ rights and how thankless a job that can be. I thought of great rides with great friends. I thought of how trying to herd this crew together at the Capitol or just to go for a ride is like nailing jello to a tree. And I thought how this biker community is family to us. I sighed and said “It has its moments”.

Penny Adams

Virginia Freedom Riders - Legislative Officer

Member Sons of Liberty Riders

TMRA 2

*Penny is my little Brother from the Sons of Liberty Riders.*

*I am also a member of VFR.*

Sput

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Hey, just wanted to let anyone that is interested know that I won my case against the no helmet ticket I got from a bored Selma cop. Boy was the local prosecutor pissed. First, he tried to scare me into pleading "No Contest" and he would dismiss the charges and I would only have to pay a small court fee. I told him no freaking way.

Next, the prosecutor said that since i did not have the sticker on my license plate that I was automatically guilty. I told him that is not what the law says, so he asked one of the cops in the court room what the law said and they gave him their version. Which all in all was close, but still

not accurate, so I pulled out of my back pocket a downloaded copy of the State helmet code.

He was not amused, but I was.

Then after reviewing his own book on state codes the nut says that I should be considered guilty because my insurance card does not show a specific amount of dollar coverage on it. I told him that I was a licensed insurance agent and I had never seen a medical insurance card that showed all of the dollar amounts of coverage on its face. I assured him that my group insurance (The Principal, a cadillac plan) was more than adequate, even offered to pull up my account on line to show him.

He was not amused, but I was.

As a last ditch effort to screw me, the prosecutor says that since I did not have my insurance card on me at the time of the ticket then I was in violation of the law, sooooo, once again I pulled from my back pocket the helmet code and read aloud the part that says "That at the time of the written offense one must have either the driver safety course or the prescribed amount of personal insurance to be exempt." Here I pointed out that no where does it say that I have to have that proof on me at the time, only that I HAVE it. I acknowledged that by not having the sticker on my plate or my insurance card on me that it made me liable to go to court to show that I did meet the exemption requirements, which is what I was doing. I also pointed out that the motorcycle that I was riding at the time was not

mine but a friend's and the law does not allow me to obtain a exemption sticker for a bike that I do not own.

At this point the judge mentioned the fact that the quarterback from Pittsburg was just critically injured while riding a motorcycle without a helmet. He went on to say that he thought it was stupid to not wear a helmet while riding. I told him "Well your honor you may be right but at this time there is no law against being stupid" and that I was simply exercising my rights as a Texas citizen. The judge agreed and dismissed my case. On my way out of the courthouse a court cop asked me how come I knew so much about the helmet law. I told him "Of all the people that could be pulled over, the officer chose to pull me over, and as the Senate 26 District Advisor for TRMA2 one of the few laws that I do know very well is the helmet laws." he was not amused, but BOY, I was...hahahahahaha! Laters all.

Dennis Maricelli

"Four wheels move the body, two wheels moves the soul."

## **DISTRICT ADVISOR REPORTS**

### **#03 – Cynthia “Kanga” Axtell**

TMRA II Report for June

It is with a low spirit I write these words. The Democratic Convention for the Great State of Texas was dismal to say the least. At a time in the history of Motorcycles, when

riders all need to be united and of one mind, there were not even the 50 riders we had at the same Convention two years ago.

I was unimpressed with the very apparent lack of organization at this Convention, and not at all pleased with the back door deals that occurred for the Vice Chair position for the Texas Party headquarters. I didn't witness anything "democratic" about it at all.

If there were 50 riders from each county (not an impossible goal) we would have out numbered the general attendance after 5:00 that evening quite possibly 2 to 1. The Failure to Yield Right of Way Resolution was shot down in flames due to our small numbers which had a lot to do with the fact that we pissed the majority off when we all stood up against the Resolution to Impeach Bush. The rest of the Resolutions that was prepared at the all but unattended Precinct Meetings were passed thanks to Sputnik and the few attendees that remained.

Apathy is our enemy, friends. Only personal recognition of your individual responsibility to vote and exercise your guaranteed right to do so, will turn the tables on the regulations that people who have never ridden a motorcycle create for us to all live by.

A call went out for letters to the EPA regarding the Clean Air Act which has suddenly reared its ugly head after being "off the burner" for almost two years. I sent my letter. Did you? The deadline was for June 21<sup>st</sup>. This is the most deadly blow to the freedom of motorcyclists ever devised by the establishment and you guys are sitting on your rear ends doing zip, nothing, nada, bupcus! When all of the after market shops are a thing of the past, you can only build one custom cycle in your whole life, and Harley Davidson completes its deal with government to have a monopoly on the repairs of its products, there won't be many men standing that will have room to bitch, whatsoever. It is truly a black day for freedom in the wind.

District #3 Advisor  
Cynthia Axtell

### **#05 – Tom Maddux**

District 5 and The Texas Owners Group have been busy this last month. Texas Owners Group has lots of new members, at our last meeting on June 4th we had BBQ, lots of great ideas and voted on a name for the next BIG party at the Lost Prairie Cycles Ranch, that name is The Lone Star Halloween Biker Rally to be held on October the 27th, 28th and 29th, 2006. The bands being featured will be "Mean Gene Kelton and the Die Hards", "Blind Dog

Cooley", and the beautiful "Janet Z and the Bert Willis Band". And the lovely Miss Shari is also concentrating on some big name sponsors for the "The Lone Star Halloween Biker Rally". Look for the flyer in your Lone Star Warrior monthly magazine.

I have been all over this state in the past 30 days, riding to the state office on June 3rd to meet up with Sputnik and Terri to go to 6th street and do some filming for the T.V. Show, YES, we have a TV show that covers Austin and surrounding area on PBS. If you get PBS out of Austin, check your listings for Tuesday night, Sputnik tells it like it is, if a politician is screwing up, he tells it like it is. ANYWAY, I was proud to walk down 6<sup>th</sup> street with Sput and Terri, we were stopped many times by bikers telling Sput they have seen the show and loved it.

Just got back from "The East Texas Chopper Guys Rally" in Newton, 6 of the Texas Owners Group members rode in from district 5, James, Maya, Daryl, Barbara, Shari and myself, my 2 oldest bro's Ron and Raymond rode in from the Brazoria area chapter and we all had a blast, The East Texas Chopper Guys really know how to party, Thank you Dennis for a great time. Dennis assured me The East Texas Chopper Guys would be at the "The Lone Star Halloween Biker Rally". Woooo Woooo, I see a party in the making for October!

Until we meet again, ride safe and free and support TMRA 2.

District 5 Advisor,  
Tom Maddux

### **#17 – Jack West**

*Tmra2/June-9*

Hello Again, Good to be back in the states!! Things are getting better and better every day. So far since being home my local chapter has signed up five new members and while I was gone has been given two Proclamations. One from the City of Freeport and one from the Brazoria County Commissioners Court both declaring the month of May as Motorcycle Awareness Month. Congratulations to the members of the 1st Brazoria Tmra2 Chapter. Just keep working with the hard headed ones as I try to do and eventually things will be better for us bikers.

Till next time,  
Jack

### **#22 – Greg Bodovsky**

The Hood County Blues Chapter hosted the State General Membership Meeting and Rally last month and everyone that attended was there. Can't be much more said about that because the numbers just didn't turn out. We still managed to raise a little bit of money for TMRA2 as well as have 2 good meetings, and a little fun. The

people that helped out, deserve a big THANKS, as well as the vendors, and those that did show up.

The State Conventions are history, and the only one I attended was the Democratic Convention. I ended up with one of those "...only by one vote..." situations in the SD 22 Caucus. I got someone to nominate one of our Warriors (Henry Hill) from McLennan County to the Resolutions Committee. Another gentlemen was nominated from Hood County, and had been lobbying for the position for a few weeks. We lost by 1 vote!!! Our Warriors from the other districts that made it to that committee, sure could have used some help from us with another member sitting on the committee!!! As far as after the resolutions were sent to the convention floor, those that showed up fought like hell, but without the numbers, we couldn't get our Failure to Yield resolution passed on the floor. Another member from each of our counties, and some from the other districts, would have made a difference. Please try to put being a Delegate to your State Convention as a priority for 2008.

The Hood County Blues Chapter cancelled their May meeting since it fell right after the State meeting. They are back on their regular scheduled meetings now and the next one will be June 28<sup>th</sup> at 7pm at the VFW in Granbury. Hope to see a lot of you there.

The Heart of Texas (H.O.T.) Chapter meeting is normally on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of the Month at 1pm. I left from the Democratic Convention in Fort Worth just in time to be late for the June meeting. Sputnik did the same thing, except he was early. He gave a Convention and Association report/update which put into light that unless we get some participation we are going to lose it all. We ran on reputation alone at this Convention, and we can't get by that way much longer. We can still salvage it, and we actually have a chance to add to our influence by getting out there and helping with some campaigns. We know the next 2 years will be wasted if Perry gets re-elected, and Chris Bell is the ONLY other candidate with the backing of a major Party, and a chance to win. I have already contacted the Chris Bell campaign and signed on to help my County coordinator and to help throughout SD 22, and wherever else I am needed. If you don't know who to call to find out how to help, contact me.

If you need to contact me, my email address is [hdrider@htcomp.net](mailto:hdrider@htcomp.net). Phone # is 245.582.3252 Ride Safe & Ride Free (while U steelcan)!

Greg

#### **#24 – Ron Ashmore**

Darrell Mitchell, Lenny & Linda Testa and myself were the Delegate members to the Republican State Convention last weekend. While our numbers were way down, so

were the county's at only 15 of 72 allowed so we still had about the same percentage. Sadly, we did not meet anymore TRMA2 Delegates but were approached by a group of four from East Texas who said they were Bikers. They said that they thought it would be a good idea to get together for a Biker group. I asked if they had ever heard of TMRA2 and they said NO !!!! They promised to be with us next time.

Of interest was a resolution to do away with the rule that Candidates must complete a question sheet on support for the platform to get campaign money with the argument being that it was in violation of the election code. ( This is in the platform as a result of one of the resolutions a few years ago called "Honesty in Politics"). After much debate, the rule remains and it remains in the platform.

Another interesting resolution was to repeal the business tax portion of HB3 (already passed ) ,This failed after great debate, but many were not happy with Rick Perry and the tax reduction bill. Ha. The main theme of the convention seemed to be that we should all get over it and not be divided or the Democrats would take over and that elected officials were not upholding the platform but they must be supported anyway, for the time being.

Thanks to the small group who chose to be a delegate instead of the ROT rally. On the trip down, group after group of riders were passed riding to the rally. If we could only get a tenth to go to the convention but at least it was

something to pass the miles away working thru the slow groups of traffic congestion. Other challenges were a dead battery in downtown San Antonio. Thanks to Darrel for the ride to Wal-Mart for a new one. Then on the way home, Darrell suffers a blowout and we wait for a wrecker to get his bike into a shop where he has to wait until Monday to get a new tire.

Good luck to all at the Democrat Convention at Ft. Worth next weekend.

Ron Ashmore

#### **#25 – Dee McClure**

Hi! I hope everyone is enjoying their summer and staying involved with protecting their Liberty and rights. I have been busy and will continue to be as this is now my mainstay in life. As you all know, I was laid off from my position at the law office in February and have been working as an Aid to Injured Motorcyclists representative part-time for awhile and I must say that I am enjoying it as I get to go to the shops and rallies for a good cause. If you are not signed up with A.I.M. yet, see me to sign up.

I have attended the TMRA 2 State Meeting, both San Antonio and Austin COC meetings, ROT Rally, Austin chapter meeting and will have attended the Texas State Democratic Convention by the time this comes out, along with going to the Old Glory Run. There is so much going on and all that I ask is that you take a moment to talk to

your friends and anyone else who will listen about TMRA 2. We have new tri-fold brochures now and we need to get them into the hands of every person that we come across in hopes of guiding them onto a very rewarding path for all of us.

I believe more than ever that we must replace our politicians, especially those who don't support us with our own people NOW. This election cycle will definitely be an important one so make sure that you are registered to vote and vote educated. We must fight with our vote to take back our government and the rights, freedoms and Liberty that is being encroached on daily by such things as the Patriot Act and the gang bill, right to repair bill and other bills aimed at taking our right to BE away from us.

My chapter is in need of PEOPLE to show up at the meetings and become involved. Should you receive this before July 8th – PLEASE come to the meeting at 11 am at the Secrest's Place (2125 Gruene Road) and let's get this back on track and if necessary change the time and dates so more can attend. Bring friends and ideas!!! We Can make it happen so be there! Be a part of the solution or else – you are part of the problem.

I attended the Convention and was sorely disappointed at the turnout of motorcyclists. There were some of the "old guard" and some new faces, which I hope will spread the word to others for a better turnout next time. Bottom line, People, we can't continue on our reputation when so few are present. Please talk amongst yourselves, figure out

what it is going to take to get you off your ass, more interested and willing to "walk the walk". I am willing to talk to your group if that is what it will take to make this happen. Please remember this above all else – "Enough is enough and failure is not an option any longer."

Ride Safe and Free, Dee

### **#26 Dennis Maracelli**

Well I wished I could have been in two places at the same time, but as of yet I have not worked out that whole space-time continuum thing. While at Eagle Lake and the State meeting I did say I would not be able to make the Convention (That nasty 2-job gig keeps rearing it's ugly head) and that I would be more than happy to do what ever I can to help make the Southern Cross Convention a success, as well as, do what

I can to make the 2007 NCOM a success. I attend all club meetings and events in the S.A. area that I possibly can and promote bikers rights and homeless rights (That is one of things I do for a living) to the point where some people run when they see me coming. I do try my best to pick the events and meetings that I think will provide a forum for these causes, sometimes I choose unwisely. For that I apologize, "My bad.", but I do try. And yes I am proud to say I not only wrote my EPA letter, but I called them as well. I am also happy to report as of the

last meeting we have registered to vote over 90% of the S.A. COC.

Nothing but respect,  
Dennis

**#28 – Del Essary**

No report

**No report again**

*Del's job load has increased and put him on a tight timeline.*

*Sput*

**#28 – Asst. Jay “WAG” Wagner**

No report

**No report again**

**#29 – Armando “Mando” Parra**

I want to thank TMRA II delegation and their guests that had the courage to show up at Ft. Worth for the Democratic Convention. For the rest of the membership that didn't make the time to go fight for your motorcycle rights shame on you! Again we gave the right to the people that ride cages to run us over and kill us with their cars because we didn't have the time to show up at the convention. We lost our Failure to Yield Resolution. A hand full of dedicated TMRA II members is not enough to keep us safe on the roads of Texas. We needed you there! So put on your helmets and enjoy the ride. The

Texas Motorcycle Rights Association has the leadership to do what is right for the motorcyclists in Texas. The leadership can not do it alone. Our warriors did not show up for the battle that we needed to win to continue to ride free in the State of Texas.

Again THANK YOU SPUTNIK AND THE TMRA II LEADERSHIP THAT SHOWED UP FOR THE CONVENTION. There is nothing more important to me than my right to ride free.

MY STATE MY COUNTRY MY FREEDOM

District Advisor

Bandido Mando Parra

**#31 – Dean Maltsberger**

No report

**No report again**

**TMRA2 Supporter Members**

**SUPPORTER - \$100 or more**

Jim “Preacher” Ball 07/06

Frank Barak 04/07

Don Bigbie 09/06

In memory of Al Coburn 08/06

Dancer Colao 08/06

Max Coon 09/06  
In memory of Nick DeLaCruz 08/06  
Scott & Billie Kirkham 02/07  
Trey Lillitch 03/07  
Tom Maddux 07/06  
Keith "Stroker" Marks 02/07  
Beulah Ott 07/06  
Thomas Rees 09/06  
Jerry Suttle 07/06  
Bob Windham 05/07  
Armadillo Cycle Club 07/06  
Bandidos M/C, Austin 08/06  
Boozefighters M/C Chapter 69 River Oaks 5/07  
Bone Productions 11/07  
Boozefighters M/C, Chapter 17, Lubbock 08/06  
Boozefighters M/C, Chapter 20, Abilene 08/06  
Canyon City Automotive 07/06  
Cossacks M/C, Concho Valley 08/06  
Disciples M/C 07/06  
G & N Scooter Shack 07/06  
Gray Ghost M/C, Shreveport, LA 07/06  
Gypsy M/C, Capital City 04/06  
Junk Yard Dawgs M/C 11/06  
Latin Steel M/C, Austin 07/06  
Circuit Riders M/M 04/07  
Soldiers For Jesus 6/07  
Mike Weaver/Prime Strategies Inc. 5/07  
Gypsy M/C Sour Lake Chapter 5/07

Tim Moore 5/07  
Mark Webber 6/07  
**BRONZE - \$250 or more**  
Karl & Cheryl Ford 04/07  
Gideon & Jan Jones 10/06  
G&N Scooter Shack 6/07  
Davy Crockett Riders M/C 10/06  
LaFeria Gypsy M/C 07/06  
Dickweed M/C 6/07

**SILVER - \$500 or more**  
Mad Mike & Brenda  
Elmer McKeegan 5/07

**GOLD - \$1000 or more**  
Biker Rallies of Texas – 06/06  
The Brownswords  
\*\*In memory of Cyndi Calhoun\*\*  
East Texas COC 09/06  
Houston Area COC 02/07  
West Texas Black Gold Rally 08/06

**PLATINUM - \$1500 or more**  
East Texas Chopper Guys  
Gypsy M/C International  
Northwest Texas COC

## **CHAIRMAN'S CORNER**

It would appear that based on Ron's report, neither Convention accomplished much of anything. Prior to the convention I had met with several candidates including Chris Bell (governor), David Van Os (attorney general), Nick Lampson (congressional district 22) and others. These three candidates headline a strong slate of biker friendly candidates. I will leave the reporting of the conventions to others with one exception.

When Chris Bell spoke at our Caucus he ended by saying "I will never go against Sputnik." Of course he was including anyone who believes in fair government.

We are still very active and it will get even more so as we move closer to the November elections. I haven't been spending more than two days in any one town. During the next two months I will attempt to make every chapter meeting and every COC meeting. Hopefully we can bring it home to more riders how important this election cycle will be.

We will be speaking in Waco tonight and from there will go on to Old Sawmill Town for the East Texas Chopper Guys Rally. The Channelview riders will have a booth set up for us in Anahuac at the Bikers Rally of Texas run the same weekend. We will attend the Freedom Ride in Abilene on the 24<sup>th</sup> to try and rekindle the spirit in that area.

Of course we will attend Old Glory as well as anything that comes up in between. My son will be home on a two week

leave beginning July 2<sup>nd</sup> and I will take some time off to spend with them. I have been promising myself a vacation since "Dream Town" and I am going to do it this time.

The riders in Channelview said they are ready to start their chapter as soon as I can get down there to help set it up. During this time we will get the chapter going up there as that is close to home.

The Bryan riders are also ready to put their chapter together. We are awaiting word from the Independent Riders chapter as to whether they plan to continue their involvement in the association. We will be out that way to help with the campaign for Rep. Chuck Hopson who is a Warrior as well as a member of the "Lawmakers" M/C. His opponent is wealthy and Rep. Hopson has to count on us to work his campaign to keep this office from being bought. This will be my message during the trip to East Texas this weekend.

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"Liberty and freedom and democracy are so very precious that you do not fight to win them once and then stop. You do not do that.

Liberty and freedom and democracy are prizes that are awarded only to those people who fight to win them and then keep on fighting eternally to hold them.

" Sgt. Alvin York"

Medal of Honor winner WWI

## **EAST TEXAS CHOPPER GUYS RALLY**

The East Texas Chopper Guys, Fathers Day Rally was a success despite the low attendance and torrential rains. Heavy rain gives the feeling of being in "Lonesome Dove" rather than Old Sawmill Town. It also makes the Field Events much more interesting, at least for the spectators. Those hard riding East Texas Riders come in to compete and they do one hell of a job giving it their all. Bikes were dumped several times but were quickly righted and the riders continued in the competition. During the drag races on the muddy track the winner was a real surprise. The winner dumped his bike but was going fast enough to head over heels across the finish line ahead of his opponent. Like their Flyer says "NO WIMPS."

Nancy cooked up some chicken spaghetti Friday night so George could rest up. The meal was great but that didn't keep George from jumping in and doing his steak on a stick and other fine morsels. Of course Saturday was his world famous chicken and dumplings, along with chili and all the other foods G&N has become famous for.

Cricket's party at the gate was a blast despite the rain and mud. Nothing dampens this lady's spirit. Bubbles was her usual fine host that everyone has come to love and respect for her hospitality at Old Sawmill Town.

Janet Z didn't back off any because of the small crowd on Saturday night. That little Lady could put a smile on a rock

with her fantastic voice, attitude and looks. We are looking forward to seeing her back out at Groesbeck for the Lone Star Biker Halloween Rally the last weekend of October.

Thanks to Dennis Leggett and the East Texas Chopper Guys for being such strong supporters of TMRA 2. Thanks also to everyone who took part as a worker or participant during the weekend. Your support enabled TMRA 2 to be the recipient of \$1792 at the end of the day. As one member said "Dennis Leggett supports TMRA 2 and the East Texas Chopper Guys support Dennis Leggett." Thanks Dennis for being so dedicated and thanks to the rest of you guys for being willing to follow such a dedicated leader.

Sputnik