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**** NOTE CHANGE IN SUBMISSION DEADLINE****

LONE STAR WARRIOR MATERIA DEADLINE

All submissions intended for Warrior publication must be received by the **11th** of each month. **This date is ironclad as the Warrior goes to Tony on the 15th.** 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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CHAPTER MEETING INFORMATION listed by *city*

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

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 Cindy's Gone Hog Wild, Hwy 71 in Garfield.

Contact Bart 512-925-3524

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 first Monday @ 7:00 p.m. at New York's Finest Hot Dogs on 2nd Street in Big Spring.

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

Lake Granbury Liberty Riders chapter meets the 4th Wednesday @ 7:00 p.m. at VFW Post 7835, 3670 W. Hwy. 377, Granbury, 76048, (817) 573-9350

Contact Smiley

Texas Owners Group chapter meets the 1st Sunday at L.P.Cycles on Hwy 164 10 miles East of Groesbeck.

Contact Tom (254)729-2602

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

Permian Basin chapter meets the 3rd Thursday @ 7:30 p.m. at Warfield Restaurant, FM 1788 and I-20, Midland 79706, (432) 563-4900

Contact: Ed Dailing (432) 262-3450 or Brois Worley 432-262-6111

San Angelo chapter meets @ 7:30 p.m. the 2nd Wednesday at Pepe's Diner, 3618 W. FM2105, San Angelo 76901, (325) 655-5511

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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.

Navarro County Freedom Fighters chapter meets the first Tuesday of each month at "That Church" in Corsicana at 7:00pm Contact James at 902-641-9438

TREASURER'S REPORT

3rd Quarter 2006 Report

INCOME:

Membership \$17,656.00
Donations \$1,289.00
Total Income \$18,945.00
Cash On Hand -0-
Beginning Balance \$2,829.11
Total \$21,774.11

EXPENSES:

Rent \$1,950.00
Newsletter Printing \$3,057.14
Electricity \$561.05
Phones \$652.50
Internet Service \$177.21
Travel Expenses \$2,654.45
Web Hosting \$75.00
BankCard Fees \$109.15
Chairman's Salary \$3,445.11 (net)
\$3,750.00 Gross
-\$18.00 W/holding
-\$232.50 SS
-\$54.39 Medicare
Secretary's Salary \$3,789.72 (net)
\$4,500.00 Gross
-\$366.00 W/holding
-\$279.00 SS
-\$65.28 Medicare
Returned Checks & Fees \$29.00
Office Equipment
Office Supplies \$62.35
Post Office \$279.59
Pins/Patches \$708.00
Blackgold Rally \$95.00
Check Order \$110.22
Charge Card Fees \$106.80
Advertising \$408.69
2nd Qtr. Tax Prep \$25.00
Texas Workforce Commission \$75.29 (late fees)
U.S. Treasury \$364.47 (2nd Qtr '05)
Texas Workforce Commission \$43.20 (2nd Qtr '05)
U.S. Treasury \$411.76 (3rd Qtr '05)
U.S. Treasury \$177.31 (4th Qtr. '05)

Total Expenses \$19,368.01

Ending Bank Balance \$2,406.10
4th Quarter 2006

INCOME:

Membership 12,668.00
Donations \$4,107.27
Total Income \$16,775.27
Cash On Hand -0-
Beginning Balance \$2,406.10
Total \$19,181.37

EXPENSES:

Rent \$1,950.00
Newsletter Printing \$2,079.55
Electricity \$368.88
Phones \$496.59
Propane \$400.00
Internet Service \$199.43
Travel Expenses \$1,752.04
Web Hosting \$75.00
BankCard Fees \$110.54
Chairman's Salary \$1,148.37 (net)
 \$1,250.00 Gross (April Salary)
 -\$6.00 W/holding
 -\$77.50 SS
 -\$18.13 Medicare
Secretary's Salary \$3,789.72 (net)
 \$4,500.00 Gross
 -\$366.00 W/holding
 -\$279.00 SS
 -\$65.28 Medicare
Returned Checks & Fees \$28.00
Office Equipment -0-
Office Supplies \$8.00
Postage \$170.29
Pins/Patches \$1,201.00
P.O. Box Rent \$14.00 (Treasurer)
Charge Card Fees \$58.00

Southern Cross Conference \$229.00
Member Shirts \$500.00
U. S. Treasury \$1,054.50 (2nd Qtr.)
I.R.S. \$1,686.53 (Bank Levy-2003)
Bank Levy Fee \$100.00

Total Expenses \$17,419.44

Ending Bank Balance \$1,761.93

Don't be fooled by this balance which looks like we are doing well. We still owe back taxes, Warrior printing of \$ 1900, Credit card balance of \$ 1800 and Sputnik has only received 4 pay checks this past year. We are still running way in the red.

Jan Walker
State Treasurer

Thanks

Austin Minutemen \$ 77
1st Brazoria Chapter \$100
Texas Owners Group Chapter \$100

Special Thanks

NW Texas COC \$ 100
Boozefighters M/C / River Oaks Silver Supporter
Texas Wheels M/C Comanche Chapter Supporter
Veterans of Vietnam M/C of Shreveport La. Supporter
Elden Smith Supporter
Texas Wheels M/C Weatherford Supporter
Walton Mosby Life Member

CHAPTER REPORTS

Navarro County Freedom Fighters Chapter

Texas Owners Group chapter
1st Brazoria chapter
06 JAN 2007

Meeting was called to order at 1100 a. m., followed by the pledge of allegiance and a moment of silence. Minutes from last meeting and treasury report were read and accepted.

Meeting is scheduled 22 Jan 07, with City of Freeport to discuss Motorcycle awareness signs. All were encouraged to show support at the meeting. Our Fish Fry was somewhat of a success, even though Mother Nature was not being cooperative, we did sign 8 new members. A vote was taken to send Austin office some more funds. Will be delivered the 21 Jan. More encouraging words were spoken about Legislation Day, the Bills we will present and what to expect while at the Capital. More plans were set in place for Motorcycle Awareness month in May. We will be celebrating our anniversary for the 1st Brazoria Chapter next month after our meeting.

Discussions on how to get more members and raise monies really came up with some good thoughts and ideas. Now we will see what and when we will get them going.

Next Meeting to be held on 03 FEB 2007 at Christies in Angleton, 1100am.

See ya there.

Austin Minutemen chapter

Heart of Texas chapter

OUR MEETING BEGAN WITH THE PLEDGE OF ALLIGENCE AND AN OPENING PRAYER.NO OLD BUSINESS. FOR NEW BUSINESS GREG DISCUSSED LEGISLATURE'S DAY. ISSUES,

GETTING FLYERS OUT ABOUT LEGISLATURES DAY AND AN UPDATE ON THE ACTIVITY FOR THE DAY IN AUSTIN WERE THE TOPICS. THE FAILURE TO YEILD AND HELMET BILL

WERE ALSO DISCUSSED FOR CLARIFICATION. WE SHOULD ALL BE IN AUSTIN ON SUNDAY FOR THE MEETINGS BEING HELD FOR LAST MINUTE UPDATES ON LEGISLATURE'S DAY.

THIS MEETING TIME WOULD BETTER PREPARE US FOR MONDAY AT THE CAPITAL. WE DISCUSSED WHAT TO DO ONCE YOU GET TO THE CAPITAL AND HOW TO BE MOST EFFECTIVE WITH THE TIME THAT YOU SPEND THERE CONTACTING YOUR REPRESENTATIVES AND SENATORS.

THE CHAPTER RECOGNIZED THE LOSS OF A LIFE TIME MEMBER OF TMRA2, DON POOLE. DON WILL BE TRUELY MISSED IN THIS CHAPTER'S FUTURE ACTIVITIES. I FEEL THAT IT IS SAFE TO SAY THAT ONLY HIS DEATH WOULD HAVE KEPT HIM AWAY FROM ATTENDING A TMRA2 MEETING. WE DISCUSSED HAVING A PLAQUE AND/OR PATCHES MADE IN HIS MEMORY. EVERYONE THERE AGREED.

WE MET OUR FIRST DEADLINE FOR OUR NEWSLETTER. THIS ONE IS LATE DUE TO OUR MEETING DATES AND EDITORIAL DEADLINES.

CLOSING TOPICS FOR THIS MEETING INCLUDED THE FOLLOWING:

INFORMATION ABOUT A SWAP MEET IN HILLSBORO WAS HANDED OUT. TMRA2 WOULD BE REPRESENTED

THERE BUILDING UP MEMBERSHIP. 9TH-11TH OF FEBRUARY.OFFICER ELECTIONS ARE COMING UP. PAY ATTENTION TO THAT AND BE MORE ACTIVE AS A MEMBER.ELECTION RECOUNT UPDATE INFORMATION IN HILL COUNTY WAS PRESENTED. THE NAFTA SUPER HIGHWAY WAS ALSO A TOPIC OF MUCH DISCUSSION.

MOTION TO ADJOURN WAS MADE, SECOND AND CARRIED.

QUESTIONS OR COMMENTS CONTACT

ME AT KFATS61@HOTMAIL.COM

HOT CHAPTER SECRETARY, KAT

Big Spring chapter

DFW Chapter

El Paso Chapter
January 17, 2007.

The meeting was called to order by Glen. The Pledge of Allegiance was said by all. Big Foot gave the invocation. The minutes were read by Debbie. A motion was made by Pete and seconded by Karen to accept as read. The motion carried.

Glen asked how many people were planning on going to Austin for Legislative Day. Nine people said that they were planning on going. Our chapter will pay for the rental of a van and everyone just has to split the cost of the gas.

Glen informed everyone of the accident that Representative Chavez was in at Austin. He also informed everyone that she was okay.

Arkansas is asking for our help. They emailed Debbie and would like our opinion on if everyone should wear a helmet. You can email your opinions to www.kark.com (website).

Mando gave the District Advisors report. He asked everyone that has received a helmet ticket or warning, no matter how far back it was from, to let him know before Legislative Day so he can take the copies if any to Sputnik. He also informed everyone that they would be leaving on Saturday morning at 7:00 a.m. for Austin to attend Legislative Day.

Karen made a motion to adjourn and it was seconded by Danny. Glen adjourned the meeting.

Our next meeting will be on February 21, 2007 at 7:00 p.m. at Mulligans North.

Ride Safe
Debbie

Lake Granbury Liberty Riders chapter

Permian Basin chapter

San Angelo chapter

Tri-County chapter

LUBBOCK Chapter

LETTERS

Hello,

It was a HUGE Success!!! If you were there, I'm sure you'll never forget it. We were recognized from the floor in a Resolution by Representative Norma "Da Lady" Chavez, in her Leather, along with (after an Ammendment) Sponsorship by the ENTIRE House!!! Senate District 22 was well represented too. ALL of the SD 22 Chapters had Warriors present, both at the Sunday meeting, and Monday at the Capitol. Sputnik personally assigned Smiley (Asst Coordinator - Lake Granbury Liberty Riders) to guide people to their Representative and Senator's offices.

When he made the assignment, she said, "...but I don't have a Yellow Ribbon...". To which Sputnik replied, "...You don't need a ribbon; You're Smiley!...". Her and Momma (thank you Momma) walked up and down the Halls of the State Capitol, and into the offices, introducing people to their employees ALL day. She had an emergency at home, but she held off until she helped fill the gallery with every available biker we could find. We packed that place and made it ROAR!!! Several Standing ovations from the floor, and many fine statements. We'll have to hold them to those gracious words, and work WITH them to produce legislation that we need.

Rep Da Lady had a big cake (with Harley's on it) and personally invited several of the SD 22 Warriors to follow her to her office for some, and we did! My daughter still has blue fingers from the part of the icing, and we all had blue teeth and lips for awhile, but it was goooooood!

I'll upload pics to the Legislative Day website asap. Special thanks to Sandy Duckett for helping my daughter Laena watch me. ;-)

Representative Terri Hodge had some questions for Laena too, but she evaded them.

Nobody from East Texas called today and said he's been swamped with calls about Legislative Day. They got TV coverage today, and said it all looked good. I didn't notice anything here, but if anyone did, let me know.

For everyone whether you made it or not, we'll need to be able to go back during Committee Hearings on our Bills that are making their way thru the system. Also, the Texas ABATE Confederation has their "Breakfast with the Bikers" coming up, and that's another good time to go en masse to the Capitol to visit your employees (Senators and Representatives).

Greg Bodovsky

To whom it may concern,

I, Jenifer L. Edgett, do hereby formally submit my name as a candidate for the position of TMRA2 State Chairman. As a biker, a veteran and rights activist, I have the skills and knowledge required to reorganize the membership database, accountability for TMRA2 funds, and making sure that all members receive pertinent information in a timely manner. To do this I would create a flow of information from the state office to all members and have persons in each district be responsible for informing those with out e-mail capability. I would also initiate a flow of information to the motorcycle shops to help with generating letters through their customers. I would also encourage the use of getting information out through our members who work different rallies and events. I cannot do this as an individual but I can do this as a member of a strong team who's ideas, experience and knowledge would help me to make changes needed to improve on the foundation already laid down by our founder, Sputnik.

I have the 5 endorsements necessary to comply with the policy. Since today is the deadline to announce my candidacy, I would appreciate any and all endorsements at your earliest convenience. Thank you. Jenifer L. Edgett Sgt At Arms, Lone Star Ladies Chapter of Women in the Wind

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DISTRICT ADVISOR REPORTS

#01 Karl Ford

#03 – Cynthia “Kanga” Axtell

It is with great anticipation that I look forward to Legislative Day. It is the culmination of two years of hard work, a celebration of friendships, new and old, and tasks to get done for the new Legislative session. It is our small chance to make a difference in the laws that govern us and will impact, not only our lives until we pass, but our children's lives and maybe even their children. Yep, it is a very important small chance that becomes legendary when thousands of like minded riding individuals choose to exercise their Constitutional guarantees.

Given at a time when the weather is at its worst, late January; on a day that is at its worst, a Monday; with the deck stacked against us, riders show up in droves to walk the halls of their Capitol and meet with the representatives who may or may not see eye to eye with their thoughts and wishes. But, guess what! Each person can represent up to 250 votes to those officials' eyes and, while they may not like it or may not see reason in our legislative efforts, they know without a doubt that if we decide to get rid of them, we could do it at the next Primary. That power of the vote is why we need to have a cohesive front with united minds willing to see and be seen.

All of this comes to naught if the voters don't vote, become a regular at their representatives' office, and stand up for their rights. One or a few cannot do this. All of us can! Thanks to each and every one of you who head out in dreadful weather for Austin on Sunday, January 21st, and give up a day of wages or a sacred day of vacation to spend Monday there walking the halls and attending meetings. Thanks to you, we will make a difference in the rest of *everyone's* lives, not just riders, but even cagers, because that is just how bikers are.

We have a bunch of Districts without Advisors which leaves us a lot of people out there who don't get to hear about the valiant

efforts made by the too few that help keep this organization running. I am pleading with you—you know who you are... Now is the time to stand up and take the mantle of leadership. If you have been thinking maybe in a few months or a year you will have more time to take on the duties of Advisorship, I say to you that may be too late! Many of you have been thinking that same thought for the three years I have been Advisor. The time will never come when you will have “more” time. The time is now!

We have an awesome new year in front of us with a new Chairperson in the future, a solid and nationally acclaimed lobbyist in Sputnik, and a Legislative Committee that is on the job as watch dogs for our rights as American citizens and residents of the Great State of Texas.

Let's roll!

Kanga

#05 – Tom Maddux

#17 – Jack West

#22 – Greg Bodovsky

It's looking to be a good Legislative Session, as long as we clean up some of OUR OWN BILLS! Our Signal Light Bill ONLY PERTAINS to NEW signal lights!!! And, Our Failure to Yield bill ONLY APPLIES IN A 4-WAY STOP SIGN INTERSECTION!!! Is that what you want? Let me know!

The Navarro County Freedom Fighters meeting was great because it was the 1st time I've shown up early (or on time). James saw me ahead of him on the highway, and almost cut me off to beat me there (you can ask his wife). The members that attended Legislative Day had bragging rights at this meeting (and well deserved). Legislative Day Rockers should be available soon for those of you who went.

The Lake Granbury Liberty Riders had a big presence at Legislative Day too. I have already reported the following, but it bears repeating.

We were recognized from the floor in a Resolution by Rep Norma "Da Lady" Chavez, in her Leather, along with (after an Amendment) Sponsorship by the ENTIRE House!!! Senate District 22 was well represented too. ALL of the SD 22 Chapters had Warriors present, both at the Sunday meeting, and Monday at the Capitol. Sputnik personally assigned Smiley (Asst Coordinator - Lake Granbury Liberty Riders) to guide people to their Representative and Senator's offices. When he made the assignment, she said, "...but I don't have a Yellow Ribbon...". To which Sputnik replied, "...You don't need a ribbon; You're Smiley!...". Her and Momma (thank you Momma) walked up and down the Halls of the State Capitol, and into the offices, introducing people to their employees ALL day. She had an emergency at home, but she held off until she helped fill the gallery with every available biker we could find. We packed that place and made it ROAR!!! Several Standing ovations from the floor, and many fine statements. We'll have to hold them to those gracious words, and work WITH them to produce legislation that we need.

The Heart of Texas Chapter meeting was today, Sunday, January 14th, and we had a good turnout (thanks to the Aces and Eights). We heard from candidates for the State Chair of TMRA2, and the members agreed that a campaign was a good thing, and we should learn something in the process.

After careful consideration and consultations, I added my name to the list of candidates for State Chair. My name will also remain on the ballot for District Advisor. I will continue to need your support to fulfill the duties of either (or both) of these positions. So please vote. A ballot should be in this issue of the Warrior. Contact me if you have any questions.

Ride Safe & Ride Free (while U steelcan)!
Greg

#24 – Ron Ashmore

#25 – Dee McClure

Hey to Everyone! This month's report is going to be about going back to the Capitol. For the month of January, we (Jenifer, Sputnik & myself) were going to the Capitol to walk and talk with the legislators – your legislators. It was amazing to hear from the Reps and Senators and aides how you people walked and talked to them. We were told about one Rep's office that didn't have any visitors so we went by there ourselves. If Rep Dan Branch is your guy, please contact him at 512/463-0367 and introduce yourself. Since Legislative Day we have been busy making the rounds and talking about our Equal Access, which is HB 706 by Rep Senfronia Thompson and it looks like we will have the support we need but that doesn't mean that you shouldn't continue to contact your Rep's office and keep the line of communication open with them. While we make appointments with some legislators, most only need to know what we are working on and what their constituents (YOU) want them to do. So take a few minutes to write a letter, an email or fax or call them and let them know how you feel about our bills. Be sure to stay with one issue/bill at a time so not to confuse them. The meeting with the Governor's office was definitely positive and we intend to capitalize on the fact that Senator Armbrister (Governor's Legislative Director) has been and continues to be our friend. A little history on him is that he carried our Equal Access bill in 2001 so he is on our side for getting it signed by the Governor this time.

I attended the Austin COC where we raised about \$500 for TMRA 2 and picked up several new members and a few renewals. Welcome to all of you and stay tuned to the Warrior and the website for updates and information. We, Sputnik and I, attended a Southern Cruisers meeting in Houston and signed up a few new members there too. So memberships are the answer for getting people involved. Just carry a few applications in your pocket and talk to people about it. The price of an annual membership comes out to about \$2.50 a month and most people

spend that without thinking anyway so why not get something worthwhile for your money.

I am back out there working the shops for AIM also so if you know of a shop in the Austin, San Antonio or Dallas/Ft. Worth area that is new or doesn't have an AIM box in it, please let me know and we'll see about getting by the shop to talk to them about it. I will be working the South Texas Motorcycle Show in San Antonio so come by the AIM booth and say "hi" if you are there.

We continue to do the TV show and it is really going to be interesting as the legislative session continues to see the content of the show take on new life as we review what is going on at the Capitol. We should see the TV show really take off as soon as we are streaming online but I don't know when that will be yet. We'll keep you posted because I think this is a show that a lot of people will enjoy watching and learning from.

Work at the Capitol during the month of February proved to be riveting as we contacted Reps regarding their support of HB 706 and work on a list of 100 "yes" votes before asking for a committee hearing and passage of the bill. This is, according to Sputnik, how to work our bills with the most possibility of success and it makes absolute sense.

The next bill to be worked will be our toughest one – HB 727 – the helmet bill. This is personal to me because Sen. Wentworth is the one that put the amendments on it originally so now it is time to remove them since they are counter-productive and invite police harassment. On this note, we continue to need copies of your tickets and warnings so if you get a ticket/warning and are legal (have met the requirements) then copy them and send it to the state office so we can use them in the upcoming committee hearings. This is where your help is vital in proving our point. Incidents where helmets have failed are useful as well. Let's utilize all our resources and win the battle, knowing that we will need to continue to protect it but did succeed to begin with cleaning it up as we promised in 1997. Keep in touch with your Representatives and Senators on these issues and we will Ride Free.

Ride Safe and Free, Dee McClure

#26 Dennis Maracelli

28 Celinda "CC" McCormick

For all that made it to Legislative Day in Austin, pat yourselves on the back! A job well done folks. Even with sketchy weather the turn out was good. It was great seeing so many individuals and patch holders come together unified by a common cause only fighting for our rights as motorcyclists.

To see the host hotel overrun by black leather clad folks was a welcoming sight. One thing was made clear, the hotel wasn't staffed for us. The room problems just added to the adventure and made for some fun photos and stories...later that is, not too funny at the time, lol. But we all improvised, adapted, and achieved what we went for, to be seen and heard! Thank you to everyone that donated such generous items to the auction (especially the jello shot filled coolers, lol). If you didn't make it, you missed one hell of a speaker at the hotel... besides Sput that is! Barry Cooper, a former top narcotics officer, former K9 instructor, and DEA trained gave a lecture that was very eye opening. If you missed it, you can go to www.nevergetbusted.com (<http://www.nevergetbusted.com>) to buy his DVD and book about how narcotics officers and their K9 companions set up the innocent and destroy the lives and families of good people. He is trying to educate everyone on the unjust War on Drugs campaign that is being waged against citizens.

I admit it was quite an eye opener for me sitting in on the session at the Capitol. For those that weren't able to make it let me try to describe some of the events. From early on in the morning the TMRA2 Legislative Task Force worked their butts off showing us newbies to the Capitol where our reps officers were. There seemed to be extra State Troopers there that day but all were courteous and helpful. Before the session started the Floor was quiet but as soon as the session started I was personally shocked at how many elected officials decided it was social time to walk around talking and laughing loudly, visiting with other

elected officials. It reminded me of a large room full of Kindergartners whose teacher had left the room. Their vocal noise sometimes over powered those speaking at the microphone. I tell ya, it took all my power to not stand up and yell "SIT DOWN, SHUT UP, AND LISTEN!" It's amazing that #1 they know what the hell is going on on the floor, and #2 actually get anything accomplished. But it was a powerful moment to have all of us bikers present stand up, be recognized, and applauded by our reps.

I tried to speak with District 28 Senator Robert Duncan and was told he was unavailable. So I then went to the office of House District 72 State Rep Drew Darby. No luck there either. We were told he was in a meeting while we could hear him on the phone in his office. At both offices we left our names and information about the bills we were there to support and will keep trying to meet with them and other elected officials to discuss and hopefully gain their support of these important issues. If you haven't done so already, contact your representatives and make your voice heard so we can get these bills fully backed.

On a side note, anyone driving through the town of Burnet, Tx, drive UNDER the speed limit. The little town cops there are ticket writing fools. I've found that I wasn't the only one they ticketed for allegedly going over the posted speed on my way home. I had my cruise control set at the speed limit but was ticketed for going 11 miles over to the tune of \$200...fast, easy money for them and the officer refused to let me see the radar detector he claims caught me speeding. In all, it was a successful and enjoyable weekend and week day. While still chilly in the mornings, the weather held out and produced really nice afternoon riding weather for the most part. We bikers were seen and heard not only there at the Capitol, but as far away as NY with the media coverage of Legislative Day. Thank you again to all that participated, it was a pleasure meeting so many new faces and catching up with the known faces. GREAT JOB EVERYONE!

CC McCormick
District 28 Advisor

#29 – Armando “Mando” Parra

#31 – Dean Maltsberger

Greetings, fellow soldiers. As I write this, I'm sitting in a hotel in Williston, ND and the temp is -2 degrees and falling. I miss the familiar sound of the motorcycles that cruise around Odessa this time of year. There is a reason I live in Texas!!! Rick and Tina Kennedy went with me to Legislative Day, and our time was well spent. We had good visits with Senator Kel Seliger and Representative Buddy West. It was great to be there in the house gallery when we were recognized from the house floor by Rep Norma Chavez.

Many of you are aware of the raffle the Permian Basin Chapter is hosting for a \$500 gift certificate to Academy Sporting goods. All of the tickets were handed out to be passed out to members for sale. When I get home, I'll follow up and see how the ticket sales is going.

The Permian Basin Chapter continues to add members. Now we just have to get everyone involved. If you are not involved in phone calls and writing letters to your legislators to support our positions, why not? Keep up the good work.

Dean Maltsberger
District 31 Advisor

LEGISLATIVE TASKFORCE REPORT

Another day at the Capitol. Well there's always a need to spend another day at the capitol. If you talk to Sputnik, he will tell you that to get one bill passed requires anywhere from 400 to 600 meetings. That's a whole lot of "walkin and talkin", as Sputnik would say.

The Taskforce has been down at the Capitol since December and today I can proudly say that we have 51 yes votes from our Representatives on HB 706. The first step was to talk with as many folks in the Capitol as we could and let them know what issues we would be working on this session. Then we had our Legislative Day and showed those folks that we have lots of friends and bikers that we represent. Then we started asking for

support on our first Bill that received a number. HB 706 Equal Access. Each week we visit the offices of every Representative that we haven't received a yes vote from. Once we have received enough yes votes, we will ask that our bill be heard in committee. And yes that means a trip to the capitol to testify in the committee hearing. We will continue following the progress of this bill until it becomes a law or dies. And now we have HB 727 our Helmet Bill. As a new week begins, Sputnik will pave the way for the HB 727 while Dee and I continue to ask for support on HB 706. We will continue working on HB 706 until Sputnik tells us its time to work on HB 727. During this process we not only walk and talk to the Legislatures but we send e-mails to every contact we have and ask for their support.

While we are focused on the folks down at the Capitol, one of the founding Taskforce members, Dangerous Danny is sending out e-mails to Motorcycle shops in Texas asking for them and their customers to write and/or call Legislatures and ask for support. And of course we have our warriors who are out there doing the same thing. So I say to you, thank you Legislative Warriors and keep up the good work. I don't think that we could tell enough people and spread the word enough on how important YOUR voice is.

Remember that we need you to write and/or call asking for support on each individual Bill, and get as many people involved as you can. Divided we fall, UNITED WE STAND. The only way to keep our freedoms of choice and our liberty will be to maintain vigilance in what we believe in, just like our forefathers who fought at the Alamo. Ride Hard, Die Free. Jenifer

CHAIRMAN's CORNER

Another month gone by and a very exciting month it was with being on the road, in the capitol or pounding on the old keyboard almost constantly. It has been a pleasure to watch the Legislative Task Force try their wings.

We tried to get help from the D/FW COC to get a Laptop to make things a little easier for Legislative Day and we could pay them

back on Legislative Day. We didn't even get a response from them.

This Legislative Day wasn't as large as the last one but we got our message across as we moved up and down the halls. We were honored by the House after the Resolution by Rep "DaLady" Chavez was passed. Once again many of those who were present were first timers and to say they were awestruck would be an understatement.

We had three different people running video cams during Legislative Day and Terri will be making a documentary DVD out of the tapes when she gets the time. They will be for sale at a very reasonable price.

We attended the Austin COC meeting on the 28th and mentioned we needed a Laptop and didn't have the money to get one. They immediately dug in their pockets and threw \$546 on the pool table. The owner of Cyndy's Gone Hog Wild came over and said get what you need and I will pay the difference. Another gentleman comes up and says Sputnik I don't have an unlimited checking account but get what you need and I will match what you took in here if you need it. I want to do my part.

Another rider with the Boozefighters M/C Chapter 50 asks for an address and said he bought a Laptop and hasn't used it very much. He would mail it to us. Thanks for being there for us Austin COC, you have never failed to come through when we ask. That is what being a Bro is all about.

The next week we attended the Austin Minutemen Meeting. This chapter has really come on strong in the past 2-3 months. It sure is nice to go to a meeting with 70-80 members present.

We started working the Equal Access Bill first as we had a number on it first. After about 5 days of work we had 51 votes.

We stopped for the weekend and I went down to attend the Houston COC meeting on Saturday. There wasn't a really big turnout but we picked up a few members and several riders took applications. Everyone was told to join TMRA 2 and if they saw a club in the area that wasn't a member to report it and someone would go by and talk with them.

Today, Monday 12th we turned HB 706 over to Dee and Jenifer while Jerry Rose and I started work on the Helmet Bill. They reported this evening that we now have 70 yes votes on HB 706

from the House. Jerry and I picked up 22 yes votes from the House on the helmet Bill HB 727. We will keep a running tally of the votes on both Bills on the websites. Check and see if your Reps name is up there. If it isn't then give them a call.

WE met with Mr Polunsky, the Committee Director for the Senate Transportation and Homeland Security Committee today. He is the right arm for Senator Carona who is Chairman of the Committee. The meeting went very well and we anticipate a meeting with the Senator in the near future.

Well after asking for several years that someone run for State Chair we finally have an election contest coming up. Yesterday, on the final day to put your name on the Ballot we drew two more candidates. Jenifer Edgett has put her name on the Ballot and you have read what she had to say. She is a member of the Legislative Task Force and is doing a really good job in a short time. Greg Bodovsky, District 22 Advisor is running for State Chair and for District 22 Advisor at the same time. Greg said he wants a lesson in running a campaign. He thinks it is time that we all see how a campaign is run. The Heart of Texas Chapter in his district won the Sputnik Award this past year for participation. He has done a good job as a District Advisor.

So on to the campaign:

Not to take anything away from the other two candidates I am of course supporting Dee McClure for State Chair. We started working together over twenty years ago in ABATE. When I founded Texas Motorcycle Rights Association she was a Charter Member. She also became one of the first life members.

Dee was a Delegate to the State Democrat Convention in 1994 and has been one ever since. We have worked campaigns together in Alvin. She has served as Precinct Chair, Election Judge and District Advisor in District 17. She started two chapters in Dist 17 and served as Coordinator when needed.

Dee moved to San Marcus and became District Advisor for District 25. We worked campaigns for Rep Patrick Rose in that district. She has worked booths at Rallies for us and constantly works to bring in new members. When the law firm that she worked for in San Marcus closed I asked her to not find another

job if she could get by without it. I said I needed her to train to become State Chair. WE needed a new Chair and no one seemed anxious to run. Each time I spoke of stepping down I was told we will just write you in. I agreed that I would serve in the vacant position of Vice Chair and always be there to help as much as possible. She agreed to give it a try.

For just over a year now I have been training Dee McClure to step into the position. On her own time she has traveled to meetings with me and been introduced to the membership. She went with me to COC meetings to become acquainted with those members and has met with several legislators in the past year. Dee represented us at the Mid South Mile when I stayed here to attend the Howl-o-ween Rally. Dee is not a new comer, she knows this association is like a child to me and will do nothing to damage it.

We all have things in our past that we aren't proud of. When we won the Ron Roloff Lifetime Achievement Award Jesse McDugald was going to present it. He called me up and said he was going to tell the people a little about my past. I replied "Jesse, we have started an organization here that really works and the people believe in me. If you tell them my past they may not be inclined to do so." He agreed to tell just what needed to be told. When he finished laying out some of my past he said "Now I'm not telling you this to say that Sputnik is a bad person. I'm just telling you he isn't special. You too could do what he has done if you had the heart and the commitment."

I say to you now that Dee has the heart and the commitment and would serve this association well as state chair.

GET THOSE BALLOTS SENT IN!!!

Sputnik

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Frank Barak 04/08

Legacy Harley Davidson 9/08

PIG M/C 10/07

Scott & Billie Kirkham 02/07

Trey Lillitch 03/08

Tom Maddux 07/07

Keith "Stroker" Marks 02/07

Beulah Ott 07/07

Houston Area COC 10/07

Bob Windham 05/07

Bandidos M/C, Austin 08/07

Boozefighters M/C Chapter 69 River Oaks 5/07

Bone Productions 11/07

Boozefighters M/C, Chapter 17, Lubbock 08/07

Circuit Riders M/M 04/07

Nobody & Goldie 6/07

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Tim Moore 5/07

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Denton ABATE 10/07

Andrew Silva 11/07

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Veterans of Vietnam M/C Shreveport, La. 2/08

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Mad Mike & Brenda

Elmer McKeegan 5/07

T-Twisters M/C 11/07

Boozefighters M/C River Oaks Chapter 1/08

GOLD - \$1000 or more

Houston Area COC 02/07

Northwest Texas COC

Abilene Gypsy M/C 11/07

Amigos M/C 9/07

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