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**LONE STAR WARRIOR MATERIAL 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 15<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.

**For Ads and Rates in the Warrior contact the state office.**

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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-Que**Contact: 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 2<sup>nd</sup> 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**

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**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 4<sup>th</sup> 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 1<sup>st</sup> 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**

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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 Monday of each month at "That Church" in Corsicana at 7:00pm Contact James at 902-641-9438**

## **TREASURER'S REPORT**

### February Financial Report

\$ 83,600 Budget for 2007  
+ \$ 14,550 Unpaid Salary, Warrior printing & Charge card  
\$ 98,150 Total

\$ 8,179.17 Monthly budget requirements

\$ 3,461.80 Received in February

\$ 9,160.70 Total income 2007 – to date

\$9,000 short for 1<sup>st</sup> two months

## **Thanks**

Tri-County Chapter	\$ 80
N.W. Texas COC	\$100
Austin Minutemen	\$108
Third Coast Cruisers	Supporter
D/FW Chapter	\$600

## **CHAPTER REPORTS**

### **Navarro County Freedom Fighters Chapter**

March 5, 2007

Call to order

Pledge

Old business:

Derrick Days coming up April 28th. We are going to have a TMRA2 booth set up and be selling sausage on a stick. All proceeds go to TMRA2. We will have information about us, what we stand for and how to sign up available. Spider from the Aces and Eights has donated a banner he is having made.

Independence rally went well. Aces and Eights made a big show. Still need to write letters to our legislators Equal Access and Helmet Bill.

Coming Events:

Circuit Riders Annual Campout Weekend of March 23-25 in Gary Tx. everyone welcome. [www.circuitriderscfm.org](http://www.circuitriderscfm.org) for more information. UMME Rally on Sat March 31st, Ride for the Risen, Pleasant Grove United Methodist Church 1437 S. 45th Street, Corsicana Tx

Next meeting April 2nd, 2007 at THAT Church, Corsicana Tx

Thank you,

Amy Chadwick

**Texas Owners Group** chapter

**1st Brazoria** chapter

**Austin Minutemen** chapter

**Heart of Texas** chapter

3-11-07

Our meeting began with a pledge to our Flag and then right to business. We discussed our old business in regards to the membership drive/b-b-que fund raiser. Still ironing out detail on that.

The topic of the Texas Trans Corridor is always on the table. Henry H. shared about the day in Austin and what took place on that day at the Capital. New business consisted of the following: There was a good turn out at the Texas Independence Day Rally. Thank you for all the brave souls that conquered the weather that weekend for such a great cause. Discussion was made about insurance with TMRA2 membership and child emergency notification sign ups both of which could be included in our membership package. We are still waiting for final details from the state office as to when/if this would be an option in the future with membership. We also discussed HB 706(equal access) and HB 727 (Helmet Bill). Some of our representatives are not supporting these bills. We need to be in contact with our local District Reps to push for support on these bills.

The next topic was about the State Rally, when and where this would be held was discussed. We are waiting on word from the state office with details. The next topic mentioned was the monthly Warrior. As of this writing no one present at our meeting today had received their Warrior. It is available on the internet if you have access to that. The concern about not receiving the Warrior was voiced. I, Kathy, as secretary, brought up the fact that our February 11th meeting minutes were not included in the March Warrior. For the Record: Minutes should be published as submitted. January and February minutes were e-mailed at the same time and only our January minutes were published.

The information provided to our members through the Warrior is time sensitive and important, especially when we have elections in process and many other activities taking place this busy time of the year. I assured the chapter that I would submit our meeting minutes on time today in hopes that they would be placed in the April Warrior.

Meeting adjourned. If you have questions or want to voice a concern please contact me at [kfats61@hotmail.com](mailto:kfats61@hotmail.com) sincerely,  
Kat

CORRECTION: IN THE JANUARY MINUTE NOTES; LEGISLATURES DAY SHOULD HAVE READ LEGISLATIVE DAY. Respectfully submitted. kat

**Big Spring** chapter

**DFW** Chapter

February 21st

We went over the various bills and their current status in our legislature.

Be sure to write you representative to support HB 706 and 727. Our legislative task force is doing a lot of leg work to get the votes, we need to get our pens ready and start helping them out.

Here is a listing of bills.

**Bills we support**

HB 2309

Introduced by Rep Patrick Rose. Due to the opposition to mandatory jail time last go around this Bill calls for major cash penalties in lieu of jail. Go to [www.capitol.state.tx.us](http://www.capitol.state.tx.us) and read the Bill. It is quite forceful.

HB634

Subject: Relating to certain limitations in health benefit plans and health insurance policies

This bill has provisions to require health care coverage of persons intoxicated or using narcotics, except in special circumstances. This is the bill we want to add our Hipa legislation onto. We will let you know when the bill is properly stated.

Current status is that the bill is in committee

HB653

Subject: Relating to charitable poker runs that benefit certain nonprofit organizations; providing a penalty

This bill only pertains to poker runs held for charitable organizations and can only be run by non profit organizations. Although this bill does nothing to help our rights organization, it does put a foot in the door for others.

Current status is that the bill is in committee

HB706

Subject: Relating to equal access to places of public accommodation

This is our equal access bill and we need everyone to take pictures of or report discriminatory incidents to Sputnik. We keep complaining of discriminatory practices, well it time to put up the proof and be accounted for. Call or send information to TMRA2,

Current status is that the bill is in committee

HB727

Subject: As the bill stands now it will allow anyone over the age of 21 to ride helmet free without any further restrictions. It eliminates the insurance and rider safety clauses

Current status is that the bill is in committee

HB1279

Subject: Relating to the requirement that a detector for certain traffic-actuated electric traffic-control devices register the presence of a motorcycle

Currently this only requires that signal lights must comply with the law. We want to add that we can go after its safe and the light does not recognize a motorcycle.

Current status Left pending in committee after a public hearing

## **Bills we oppose**

HB253

Subject: Relating to the authority of the Department of Public Safety and certain local law enforcement agencies to establish a checkpoint on a highway or street to determine whether persons are driving while intoxicated

SB59 is the Senate Companion bill.

Current status of both bills is that they are in committee

## **Bills of Interest**

HB55

Subject: Relating to the power of a local authority to enforce compliance with a traffic-control signal on a highway under its jurisdiction by a photographic traffic signal enforcement system

Basically stating that a city or county can't have red light cameras on state highways.

Currently in committee

HB103

Subject: Relating to the use of force or deadly force in defense of a person without being required to retreat first

SB378 - Companion Bill - Current Status – Public hearing on the 28th

HB284 - Duplicate - Current Status – Public hearing on the 27th

HB118

Subject: Relating to the securing of a child passenger in a motor vehicle, changing to 8 years old instead of 5.

SB60 is the companion bill in the senate

Current Status, both bills waiting for full floor vote.

## **Fish Fry 2007**

Games for the Fish Fry are now the Burp Gun shootout and the Crap shoot. The Band Syndrome has agreed to play at the Fish Fry. They play a good mixture of new and old rock music. It

should prove to be a good show. Lets have everyone ready at 10 am Sunday morning to get started.

It was voted on and accepted that the money from the Fish Fry other than \$100 to be put back into the bank would be sent to the State Office to help with expenses.

### **Breakfast with the Bikers**

Breakfast with the Bikers will be on March 19th. This event is one that ABATE sponsors and provides coffee and doughnuts for legislators and aides. Being in March this gives us a better look as to how our bills are going along and also gives us some face time with our legislators. We can sit down with them at a breakfast we bought for them and talk about our issues. Make plans to be down there for this event also.

### **Upcoming Events.**

Mar 2-4<sup>th</sup>, 2007 – Texas Independence Day Rally in Groesbeck, Tx

Mar 19<sup>th</sup>, 2007 – Breakfast with the Bikers in Austin. Start asking for that day off.

Elmer H. McKeegan  
Chapter Coordinator

**EI Paso** Chapter  
February 21, 2007.

Glen called the meeting to order. The Pledge of Allegiance was said by all. The invocation was given by Glen. Debbie read the minutes from the January 17<sup>th</sup> meeting. A motion was made by Bear and seconded by Woody to accept as read. The motion carried.

Glen asked how many people went to Legislative Day for their first time. There were 4 people. Glen then asked them to come up and speak about what they had experienced. Doppler said that it was a very educational experience. The meeting that was held on Sunday was very informative. There were representative from all over Texas. He then called Woody up and they both

spoke about their visit with Representative Joe Pickett. They went into the office and introduced themselves. Representative Pickett told them that he has supported the association in the past and he couldn't believe that our association would go into his office because we ran someone against him during the last elections. He said that he has always supported our bills and he will always support all of us he went on to say that Sputnik and his bunch are not welcome in this office.

Glen spoke about the picture that was emailed to everyone of the sign that was hungup at Beer Bellies.

Revv gave a report on the New Mexico House Bills.

Glen introduced our new Membership Coordinator Dusty Warden. Dusty got up and spoke to everyone about his ideas for recruiting new members and about the FYI that he is going to start up again. He said that there would be a list of businesses and what they will offer members in the FYI issues. He also said that Legislative Day was a very unique experience. I would not pass it up ever again.

Mando gave his Advisors Report. He informed everyone that the advisors has voted in an insurance. You will be getting a card in the warrior. You need to make sure to fill in the card, sign it and send it back and if you don't then if anything happens to you the money will go to your estate then, it is taxable. This will only be for current memberships. With this insurance you will also receive a discount on vision and prescriptions.

Mando also informed everyone that state wide elections are coming up. Sputnik will not be running again. He will be our lobbyist. We do have three people running for the position of State Chair and they are as follows: Dee, Jennifer & Greg. When you get your ballot in the Warrior make sure you vote and send them in. We are also going to get a State Coordinator for large runs.

Again our government is screwing with us by changing our 501 Fund to 601Fund fundraiser deal. Taking 25% and putting it into

the toll booth deal. Sputnik is at the Capital trying to do something about this. You need to call your Senator and Representatives and ask them not to let this happen.

At the meeting Sputnik told us that we had to get at least 100 new members per chapter. We just got 4 new members today and so we have 96 more to go.

Sputnik is taking our helmet bill to Representative Corona. Dee and Jennifer are talking to Representative about our Access Bill. Sputnik and Larry are talking to the Senators on the Access Bill.

Mando told everyone that he needs incident reports in from everyone that was at the bars when the cops showed up. The more paperwork I have when I go to City Hall the better chance we have for them to listen to us and see that there is a problem. The reports are my ammo. I can't do it on my own, I need the paper work. The El Paso Police Department will say what ever to divide us up. They will keep trying to divide us up. The community here is united and we need to keep it that way.

Carlos Deanda was t-boned the other night. His sister Isela is here tonight and wants to let everyone know what is going on. The man that hit him failed to yield the right of way. This man was not impaired in any way and Carlos has 2 punctured lungs, liver damage, brain damage, his left arm broken to pieces. Carlos was on his way home from work that night. He is at Thomason Hospital in critical condition. I would not want this to happen to any motorcyclists. I am now going to be an activist. The man has no insurance and he failed to yield the right of way. They still haven't charged him with anything. A motion was made by Karen and seconded by Glen to adjourn. The meeting was adjourned.

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

Ride Safe  
Debbie

## **Lake Granbury Liberty Riders** chapter

### **Permian Basin** chapter

Dean called the meeting to order at 7:30, it was held at the Warfield Truck Stop – ended at 9:00. There were 12 members and 4 guest present – good turnout.

The TMRA 2 – will be holding a drawing for a \$500 Gift Certificate at Academy Sporting Goods, tickets will be sold for \$5.00 each. There are still plenty of tickets left. If you would like to sell or buy tickets, please contact Dean Maltzberger 432-550-7361.

- Went over January news letter.
- Discussed how Legislative Day 2007 went – 4 members from our chapter attending. For more info visit [www.tmra2.org](http://www.tmra2.org)
- Discussed equal access, helmet law and failure to yield. In Odessa there is Grill/Bar that denies equal access to any motorcycle rider who is wearing his MC Colors.
- Proclamation Presentation Event set for May – we need a large attendance from members.
- Texas Independence Day Freedom Rally – March 2-4, 2007 (Grosebeck, TX) at Lost Prairie Cycles Ranch – Music – Bike Show – Food + lots of other biker stuff.
- May is state wide TMRA 2 elections.
- If not doing so – write you Representatives and Senators – tell them to support the TRMA 2.
- Welcome new members: (Shane Humphreys – Brotherhood 74) (Chuck Henson – Brotherhood 74) (Gideon Shelton – Brotherhood 74)
- Elections were held for the Permian Basin Chapter.  
Chapter Leader – Steve Forsdick ([forsdick@dawson3d.com](mailto:forsdick@dawson3d.com))  
Secretary - Mark Nelson ([safety@dawson3d.com](mailto:safety@dawson3d.com)) The next meeting will be held at the Warfield Truck Stop on March 15, 2007 at 7:30 pm.  
Mark “Missippy” Nelson  
Brotherhood 74 / TMRA2 - PBC

## **San Angelo** chapter

### **Tri-County** chapter

"Mr. Bill" Martin, owner of beautiful Lake Boudreaux passed away during the first weekend of March. This is a terrible loss for Tri-County Chapter and for everyone who knew him.

Mr. Bill was one of the kindest gentlemen it has ever been my pleasure to meet. No one was ever turned away from his good will as he went out of his way to help others. Lake Boudreaux was the location for the Old Glory Days festivities and he was a gracious host.

May he ride the streets of gold and know that he is missed by all persons he left behind

Vaya Con Dios Mr. Bill

### **LUBBOCK** Chapter

## **LETTERS**

### **PAPER BALLOTS NOT PAPER TRAILS**

The House Elections Committee hearing was held yesterday (2/21/2007) at 2pm in the Texas Capitol. HB 384, a Voter Verified Paper Trail (VVPT) Bill, was laid out by Rep Kolkhorst, and can be seen, with all the testimony here:

<http://www.house.state.tx.us/fx/av/committee80/70221p13.ram>  
about 51:55 minutes into the video.

Testimony by members of VoteRescue <<http://voterescue.org>>, is towards the end of 42 people who signed up to testify for or against this bill. From the onset, it was apparent that this Committee (and even the author) might just be looking to solve the voting problem. In the beginning it was all about the \$50,000,000 it would take to retrofit to VVPT's. At the end of the meeting (after all the great testimony), it turned into a Hand Counted Paper Ballot (HCPB) debate. Chairman Berman said he would be asking the SOS if we could go back to paper ballots and comply with HAVA. The Committee asked VoteRescue to come back with experts and a demonstration of a

live hack. Also, they wanted a cost/reliability study of paper vs. machines.

This is a VERY important point to note with the Texas Legislature and this Committee. The Chair has said that his committee would not pass out an unfunded mandate on the Counties. Note that the Counties oppose this Bill ONLY because it is an unfunded mandate. Show this committee (with expert testimony) that paper is more reliable and cheaper, and Rep Kolkhorst would probably turn HB 384 into a Paper Ballot Bill!!!

Committee member Rep. Lon Burnam looks to be onboard with that idea! It looks very promising, and I know with the continued work of citizens, we'll get this done.

I was scheduled to testify, but had to leave b4 I came up. I was at the Capitol yesterday as part of "Hill County Day", and the bus was leaving at 4pm. :( I will be walking and talking this bill (and the others), and the next time I won't be taking the bus!

Greg Bodovsky

Dist. 22 Advisor

### **HEARING ON TRANS TEXAS CORRIDOR**

Texas senators on Thursday pounded state transportation officials with questions about whether their turn to private toll roads is really the best route to relive the state's growing traffic problems. In an all-day hearing attended by Texans from every part of the state, members of the Senate Transportation and Homeland Security Committee questioned officials about upfront fees and back-end profits for the state's private partners. They questioned whether the job could be done better with public financing and more oversight by elected officials rather than solely by the governor's lap dog appointees on the Texas Transportation Commission.

The senators wanted to know: Are private toll roads a good deal? Jere Thompson Jr., a Dallas businessman served on toll road authorities for Republican Govs. Bill Clements and George W Bush. Thompson criticized the long-term leases with private toll road operators as "a rush to sell the crown jewels of the

state." Thompson argued that public toll road authorities, such as the North Texas Toll Road Authority, could build and finance.

toll roads cheaper than private investors, disputed by TexDot I guess they don't think Texans can do it as well as Mexicans and Spaniards

He said the state had flip-flopped its priorities for paying for roads — first gasoline tax, then tolls and finally private financing — to putting private equity investors as the first option.

Dennis Enright, a financial analyst with NW Financial Group LLC invited to testify by Senator Carona, said putting private companies in charge of toll roads, and getting a big bonus on the front end from them, inevitably leads to higher tolls for drivers. "Without the upfront money, the tolls would be a fraction," Enright said. The Transportation Commission's response: With the Legislature having saddled it with a frozen gasoline tax ever diminished by inflation, private financing was practically the only deal left to them. But profits from toll roads that could have been spent on still more highways will instead go to corporate shareholders.

I never did hear their response to the questions of, "what did you get for the 90 million you have spent already?"

"Why did you need to spend 29 million on legal fees?" But we were told that the reason for not disclosing the contract for TTC35 was to protect the privacy of Cintra-Zachary! This was the first time where people on both sides of the issue were given a complete opportunity to present their case.

Members of the public were given the chance, as they were last summer in more than 50 hearings around the state on the proposed Trans-Texas Corridor, to have their say on the subject, and hundreds of people signed up to speak to the committee.

Those three-minute presentations overwhelmingly focused on Gov. Rick Perry's Trans-Texas Corridor plan of cross-state tollways and rail lines and how they sucked! Many of the speakers live on land that will be taken for either the twin road to Interstate 35 or the route called TTC-69 from the Rio Grande Valley to Northeast Texas. People spoke about land that has been in their family for over 100 years that would be taken. Mayors spoke about rural land that would be lost to their tax

base, taxes that they need to keep their towns alive. Churches that have been here for a 100 years torn down, graves of Texans from the revolution paved over and the list goes on and on.

"Is a toll a toll, or is it allowed to be a tax?" Senator Carona said. "Today's tolls are just disguised taxes."

**3 days lost from work, 362.7 miles driven, spent \$ 390.00 dollars**

To stand with all of Texas in opposition to a traitorous Governor and his TEXDOT lackeys

### **PRICELESS**

Dana Young

Southern Raiders West Houston

Chairman Houston Region Confederation of Clubs Texas

### **SAY THAT AGAIN**

A man was riding his Harley along a California beach when suddenly the sky clouded above his head and, in a booming voice, the Lord said, "Because you have TRIED to be faithful to me in all ways, I will grant you one wish."

The biker pulled over and said, "Build a bridge to Hawaii so I can ride over anytime I want."

The Lord said, "Your request is materialistic, think of the enormous challenges for that kind of undertaking; the supports required to reach the bottom of the Pacific and the concrete and steel it would take! It will nearly exhaust several natural resources. I can do it but it is hard for me to justify your desire for worldly things. Take a little more time and think of something that could possibly help mankind."

The biker thought about it for a long time. Finally, he said, "Lord, I wish that I and all men could understand our wives; I want to know how she feels inside, what she's thinking when she gives me the silent treatment, why she cries, what she means when she says nothing's wrong and how I can make a woman truly happy??"

The Lord replied, "You want two lanes or four on that bridge?"

Terri Williams

## **DISTRICT ADVISOR REPORTS**

### **#01 Karl Ford**

### **#03 – Cynthia “Kanga” Axtell**

### **#05 – Tom Maddux**

Captain Too High from the Gypsies M/C came by and put \$36.00 in the donation jar we have set up here at the TOG headquarters for TMRA II.

I received a nice letter from Byron Cook (Texas House of Representatives -Corsicana) thanking me for visiting his office during the 80th Legislative Session and also telling me that our government is ONLY a SUCCESS when WE - PARTICIPATE !!! DUH !!! That being said, have you participated in your government lately? Got gripes, complaints or just wonder why stuff is sliding down hill and lands on you?

Thanks to everyone that attended, The Texas Independence Day Freedom Rally is a huge success once again, thanks to all that participated in your FREEDOM !!! Thanks to all the Motorcycle clubs that participated also. A HUGE thanks to the Aces & 8's for the largest M/C participation and winning the \$500 cash prize, thanks to the NEWS M/C for coming in with a super close 2nd place in M/C participation, they received the Atta-Biker award which is exactly like an atta-boy award, one awww shit will wipe that award totally out : )) . Thanks to all the M/C's and local business' that sponsored the events and trophies.

I had a political guy come by today and he wanted me to join this political group for \$395.00 a year, it sounded really good but I told him all my effort and money was going to Texas Motorcycle Rights Association and at \$30.00 a year I swear I think I'm getting a BARGAIN !!! I have a LIFETIME membership for less than that with TMRA II .

I wonder why this political group charged \$395.00 a year, could it be they know the cost of doing business?

REMEMBER, ONLY YOU CAN MAKE A DIFFERENCE IN YOUR GOVERNMENT, YOU MUST PARTICIPATE !!!

Until we meet again keep the shiny side up,

Tom Maddux

Senate District 5 Advisor - Texas Motorcycle Rights Association

Finance Officer - Texas Motorcycle Rights Association

### **#17 – Jack West**

### **#20 – Johnny Barnett**

### **#22 – Greg Bodovsky**

The Texas Legislative session will be over halfway done and on the downhill side by the time this is published. I hope you can say that you did (or are gonna do) your part to insure the success of our bills. Legislative Day was an introduction, so try and make it back to Austin and/or your Representative and Senator's local offices, to speak about our bills. Letters, Phone calls, faxes, and emails do not go unnoticed either, and they don't take that much time (or \$3 a gallon gas).

The Navarro County Freedom Fighters had another good meeting despite James being sick as a dog (cuz he STILL showed up)! I just hope no one else got sick from him, but if you ain't caught this CRUD, just wait... you will. Just get better! I've already had it and still can't shake that viral thing that has me coughing up internal organs. Back to bizness... April 28<sup>th</sup> the Chapter will have a Membership Drive and a Sausage-on-a-Stick

fundraiser at the Annual Derrick Days in Corsicana. The Chapter will have a booth, and along with selling the sausage, will have literature on TMRA2, our bills, and will be signing up and renewing memberships. Congratulations to the Aces & Eights MC for everything they do, but especially for showing their support to TMRA2, and for winning the award at the recent TMRA2 Texas Independence Day Rally for being the most represented club. As is always said, 99% of getting it done is just in showing up, and this time 99% paid \$500. WAY TO GO!!!

The Lake Granbury Liberty Riders met on the last day of February, and got down to business. Updates were given on the bills, and the status of the area Reps on them. Tributes were paid to Smiley (who was not present) on her work at Legislative Day, and we were all thinking of her, with her recent health issues (finally) slowing her down. This chapter got a LOT of Sputnik Award points because of Smiley! She needs help from the rest of us to step up, and take up the slack, while she recuperates a bit!

The Heart of Texas Chapter meeting was today, Sunday, March 11<sup>th</sup>, and we another good meeting. Henry Hill gave an excellent report on the recent Senate Committee hearing on the Trans-Texas Corridor which he attended at the Capitol. If you want to find out the BIG picture of what this (TTC) is all about, go to [finanafi.org](http://finanafi.org). We also discussed the voting machines again and Kat told us about a recent episode of the series "Numbers" that centered on the core issue, that these machines can be programmed to do anything, and we have no control or oversight at all. We need Paper Ballots, Not Paper Trails!!!

I discussed our bills with them and gave updates. After the meeting a few of us went into Waco to document the "Rules" of an establishment that says "No 1% Patches or Colors of Any Kind Worn In The Establishment". Ironically, this establishment is directly across the street from the Federal Courts Building at Franklin & 8th Avenue. Hopefully that documentation will help when our Equal Access bill gets it's Committee hearing.

Hopefully everyone has got their ballot for the TMRA2 Officer election, which should have been in the last issue of the Warrior. Please take the time to vote!!! Contact me if you have any questions.

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

#### **#24 – Ron Ashmore**

With extreme cold weather the February meeting of the Big Country Chapter at Abilene had a very low turnout. We updated the current bill status and the events of Legislative day and discussed candidates for the City Council Race for the May elections.

We had met with the City Street Department to discuss the traffic light sensors and learned quite a bit about the operations from the city Engineer. He told us that when they set them sensitive enough to detect Motorcycles, that they often detected automobiles in the joining lane. He also said that the Abilene Motorcycle Police often report locations that don't work and at some locations it was not possible to set them without creating more problems but that the problems would go away with time as they were being replaced with camera monitors that worked better and required less maintenance. Already, several intersections had been replaced. He explained that the cameras were actually motion detectors that are able to detect an object in the lane.

Thanks to the Boozefighters Chapter for the recent support and desire to participate in the political process.

#### **#25 – Dee McClure**

Hello Everyone! While my traveling with Sputnik has not been as frequent as it was in 2006 – we have been working at the Capitol steadily each week at least 2-3 days. We also continue to do the TV show, which has become so interesting with Jenifer and Jerry on it too. As Jenifer and I wind down the work on our list of Representatives in support of HB 706 plus the Civil Practices committee members and Calendars committee members, I am preparing for the work on our Failure To Yield bill

of which I just received an email from Mike Alvey regarding the expanding of it as how it is written currently is limited to intersections with stop signs and yield signs only so will be talking with Rep Rose about it. Jenifer and I did talk to Rep Rose's office about our concerns regarding HB 2309 and will get back with them next week. Note: WE have our 100 supporting Reps for HB 706 as of this writing and it feels good to have helped accomplish that first hurdle.

I attended the Senate hearing on the Trans-Texas Corridor and the Toll Roads and was glad to hear the type of questions that were being asked by the Senate Transportation Committee as well as the testimonies by individuals. This issue is definitely got everyone from all walks of life talking and showing emotions. If we could get people to be that passionate and concerned about all their rights – there wouldn't be any doubt about who controlled Texas – The People. And we would be our government and proud of it! This session continues to be an excellent learning experience, which I would like all of you to share in however you can. I will say coming down and walking the halls with us would really change your views on things but I hope that we can get enough film footage to make a video that all of you could at least get a chance to view, say at your local meeting. I went to the Texas Independence Day Rally and enjoyed visiting with lots of people from all over. I helped by picking up 4 new members and sold some of my raffle tickets for the \$500 Academy gift certificate. I think that most everybody had a good time. Now it is time to get back to working the bills.

I attended the Austin Chapter meeting of TMRA 2 and had to stir the pot with the question of when we were going to do a fundraiser - anything to get the people active and working together works for me. I would also like to see a San Antonio chapter started too so come on people – let's step up together and do these things. I am willing to help anyone who is willing to help make TMRA 2 better for everyone. Call me at 832/867-5819 or email me at [dnative54@yahoo.com](mailto:dnative54@yahoo.com) with any ideas, suggestions, and skills or input that you have. Make sure that you mark your ballots and mail them in before the May meeting so we can have the benefit of a real election by the members. This is definitely where your votes will count and I suggest that

anyone considering the position of a district advisor for a district without one – write your name in on the ballot and get your friends to write you in as well and try it out for a term. We want everyone's help and input because as one of our T-shirts says Together Everybody Achieves More.

Well I hope everyone is enjoying the riding weather to the fullest but don't forget to talk to your friends, family and acquaintances about joining TMRA 2 and learning what they can do to improve their lives and that of future generations.

Ride Safe and Free, Dee McClure

### **#26 Dennis Maracelli**

### **#28 “ CC” Celinda McCormick**

The weather has been good, riders have been out, spring has sprung. With the fresh air out I am pleased to say that I've made some good progress on mending relations between different patch holders in the area and look forward to the return of them to our meetings. All the chapters in this district are still working at gaining new membership so that Austin will not only have new funds coming in, but we have new blood in our chapter meetings. I know this has been a slow road for us in this District, but don't give up, keep the word out there and they will come.

I want to send out get well wishes to the Lubbock Chapter Coordinator due to his recent heart problems. The Co-Coordinator is doing a great job of taking care of things in his absence. I also want to thank everyone in Austin for doing such an outstanding job of keeping us all informed as to what's going on at the Capitol. GREAT WORK Y'ALL!

Still no word from Drew Darby of Robert Duncan's offices. We've left numerous messages but neither has bothered to get in touch with any of us locally to discuss the bills. Even office visits have been a wasted trip as we are told they are always 'in a meeting' but won't schedule a meeting with us. It has become very evident that Drew Darby is not supportive of any motorcyclist

nor our ways. We will remember this when his term is up for re-election. Don't talk to me now, no vote for you later. Easy enough.

I do want to apologize for not having been as active as I planned with TMRA2 recently. Due to a move I have been out of pocket. That has been taken care of now. My new address and phone number (call or stop by anytime) are 5434 Ben Ficklin Rd, San Angelo, Tx 76904 and my new home # is 325-651-2461, same cell phone # 325-374-3796. I'd love to hear from y'all, you will be hearing more from me now that things are settled.

CC McCormick  
District 28 Advisor

### **#29 – Armando “Mando” Parra**

### **#31 – Dean Maltzberger**

February was another pretty good month for us here in Odessa. We did have a report of riders being asked to turn their colors inside out or leave a place here called Fast Eddies. I did go by and visit with the manager, and it turns out that this is a chain store, and of course the local manager is just enforcing policy. There are no signs on the walls, just unwritten policies which include baseball caps must be worn straight on the head and no baggy pants are allowed. It was explained to me that this is not a pool hall...it is an upscale billiards parlor. Well La-te-dah. Manager was very friendly and cooperative, and claims to ride. He gave me info to contact their corporate offices, and I will follow up. Have not heard from anybody but Tom on raffle ticket sales. Get 'em sold and get 'em in, guys so we can do this thing. If you need tickets to buy, contact your district advisor. If you need tickets to sell, contact me. Keep safe.

Dean

## **TMRA2 Supporter Members**

### **SUPPORTER - \$100 or more**

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  
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  
Cossacks M/C Abilene 7/07  
Hill Country Chapter – Gypsy M/C 7/07  
Southern Jokers M/C 8/07  
Tom & Colleen Rees 8/07  
Dancer Colao 10/07  
Denton ABATE 10/07  
Andrew Silva 11/07  
Texas Wheels M/C Comanche 1/08  
Texas Wheels M/C Weatherford 2/08  
Veterans of Vietnam M/C Shreveport, La. 2/08  
Elden Smith 2/08  
Boozefighters M/C Chapter 20 2/08  
Gypsy M/C Dayton Chapter 2/08

Third Coast Cruisers M/C 3/08

**BRONZE - \$250 or more**

Karl & Cheryl Ford 04/07  
G&N Scooter Shack 6/07  
Dickweed M/C 6/07  
**Don Poole 9/07**  
Henry Duckett 9/07

**SILVER - \$500 or more**

Mad Mike & Brenda  
Elmer McKeegan 5/07  
T-Twisters M/C 11/07  
Boozefighters M/C River Oaks Chapter 1/08  
Austin Area COC 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

**PLATINUM - \$1500 or more**

East Texas Chopper Guys  
Texas Black Gold Rally 8/07  
Alamo City Gypsy M/C 11/07

**DIAMOND \$ 10,000 or more**

L P Cycles 3/07

**Budget for 2007**

SALARIES \$ 36,000  
WARRIOR \$ 12,000  
TRAVEL \$ 8,500  
RENT \$ 7,800  
OFFICE SUPPLIES \$ 1,200  
OFFICE EQUIPMENT \$ 2,500  
UTILITIES \$ 2,400

Phone \$ 1,900  
Internet \$ 1,200  
Taxes \$ 4,500  
Back Taxes \$ 2,600  
+ interest & penalties  
Postage \$ 650  
Patches & Rockers \$ 1,500  
Propane \$ 600  
Misc. \$ 600

Total \$ 83, 600

**Past Due Accounts:**

Sputnik \$ 11,250 unpaid 2006 salary  
Warrior \$ 1,500  
Credit Card \$ 1,800

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Total \$ 14,550

Break even budget \$100,000 or 3000 new members for the year.  
We can easily do this if you each get just one new member this year.  
Sputnik

**ADVISOR MEETING**

We had a good turnout at the Feb. meeting. After all reports had been made and the Bills talked about we got down to business: First Johnny Barnett our new Advisor from Corpus Christi was introduced and approved by the Board. Welcome aboard JB. The proposed budget was presented and explained to the Advisors. After a question and answer session the Budget became effective for 2007

We then discussed a \$5 increase in the annual dues as a way to help raise the money for the budget.. The discussion took a good bit of time and became quite heated at times. Those in support of the raise pointed out that it amounted to less than one and a half cents a day and the cost of everything had gone way up since the \$25 was set. Those opposed said the cost of everything had also put increased financial strain on the members and they couldn't

afford for the dues to go up. The increase was ultimately voted down as being too expensive for the members to bear.

The chair then explained that the Advisors and Chapters need to find other ways to fund the association as he could no longer afford it.

**The Permian Basin Chapter is selling tickets for a \$500 gift certificate to Academy.** The tickets are \$5 each. Contact your Advisor for a ticket if you would like to buy a ticket. If you don't have a district Advisor then contact the state office.

**LP Cycles is selling tickets for a 2004 Suzuki Volusia. The bike is customized with custom paint job and has only 2800 miles on it.** The tickets are \$10 each and only 800 tickets will be sold. Contact Tom or Sputnik for tickets. We hope to give both these prizes away at the State Meeting. Don't miss out.

The Advisors also voted to offer a Special Insurance Policy to our membership the same as the one offered by TMRA. The basic policy is free as part of your membership but you may buy additional coverage if you choose to do so at a very minimal price. If you have any questions about this policy call the office.

The District Advisors also voted unanimously for a Constitutional Amendment. The part in parenthesis and bold lettering is the proposed amendment. (below)

Although the meeting ran well over our normal time limit we finished every item on the agenda.

Thanks to those who participated.

# TEXAS MOTORCYCLE RIGHTS ASSN. CONSTITUTION

## Article 1

This organization shall be known as the Texas Motorcycle Rights Association. The purpose of this Association shall be: To gather and provide information to the members on legislative matters, both at the State and National level: To educate citizens as to the workings of government and help them to get involved in the political process: To stress safety while riding and promote understanding between riders and non-riders, as citizens of a free republic.

## Article II

Only members in good standing may vote or hold office in this Association. Members in good standing are those members whose dues are current at time of vote or during full tenure of office.

## Article III

The State Board shall consist of a **(Chairman Emeritus)**, State Chairman, Vice Chairman, District Advisors (one for each senatorial district), Secretary/ Treasurer and Chaplain. The Vice Chairman, Secretary Treasurer and Chaplain shall be appointed by the State Chairman, with Advisor's approval.

## Article IV

### **DUTIES of OFFICERS :**

The duties of the **(Chairman Emeritus shall be: To sit as titular head of the association and to provide experienced counsel to those chosen by ballot to run the association. This**

***position shall be bestowed upon Sputnik as Founder of the association.)***

State Chairman shall be: To preside at all state meetings of the Association, to manage the daily affairs of the Association, to be the chief spokesperson for the Association in legislative matters and to appoint any person or committee, not elected by the membership, subject to Board approval.

The duties of the Vice Chairman shall be: To assist the State Chairman in his/her duties. To perform the duties of the State Chair in his/her absence. To be the "Heir Apparent" to the Chairman's position.

The duties of the District Advisors shall be: To act as liaison between their districts and the State Chairman, to set date and location of district meetings and to chair such meetings and to assist in establishing chapters in their district. Advisors shall vote on appointments made by the State Chairman, set salaries for any paid positions of the Association and act as arbitrators to settle disputes within their district, when called upon to do so. Hear and rule on any complaints of misconduct brought before the Board. The District Advisors can, by a three quarter (3/4) majority vote of the full Board, remove the State Chairman or another Advisor and appoint someone to fill the unexpired term.

The duties of the Secretary/Treasurer shall be : (A)To keep records of State meetings (B) To send out notice of special called meetings (C) To keep written account of all financial transactions, at the state level, and to prepare quarterly financial statements of the Association (D) To perform other such duties as are required of that office If the two offices are split then the Secretary shall do A & B, and the Treasurer shall do C & D.

## **Article V**

This constitution may be amended by deletion, addition or substitution. Proposed amendments must be published in the state newsletter and voted on at the next general membership

meeting. A two thirds (2/3) majority vote of those members present will be required to pass a constitutional amendment.

## **CHAIRMANS CORNER**

**I hope everyone voted in the state election. If not it is your fault if the winner is not the person of your choice!!!**

Very quickly here is the latest on our Bills:

HB 706, Equal Access is supposed to be heard in committee on March 28<sup>th</sup>. According to the information we received today. Hopefully it won't be stopped again. The "Failure To Yield" Bill is having a substitute written and the "Signal Light Bill" needs some changes. We have not been working on them yet.

HB 727 Helmet Law Amendment has 63 yes votes. We haven't made any effort to move on with it as I have been in the hospital for a while but will begin hammering it again on Monday morning..

Senator Carona has filed SB 1368 to destroy our Bill as it says you would be required to have both Rider Training and \$150,000 medical insurance to ride without a helmet. IT also changes the fine for not wearing a helmet from \$10 minimum to \$500 minimum and maximum from \$50 to \$1500 maximum. The Bill also says for officers to stop riders to check their helmets as well as stop those not wearing a helmet.

He has asked us to meet with him on March 22<sup>nd</sup> along with a head trauma doctor to see if we can work out a compromise on the Bill. I doubt that will be possible if he is really serious about SB 1368. We shall know in a few days. It may be that we just have to kill his Bill in the House. But as the Chairman of the Senate Transportation Committee that means he won't bring HB 727 up for a hearing in the Senate. We'll hope for the best. There is always someone out to stop us.

I want to send out a very **SPECIAL THANKS** to the Boozefighters M/C Chapter 50 for the donation of the very nice

Laptop Computer. It will be passed on to the new State Chair to be used when they are on the road. They showed the spirit inherent in all Boozefighters M/C members for unselfish giving when someone has a need. God Bless all you Bros.

The office is going on the market today so we will be looking for another office pretty soon. The Landlady said she will write it into the contract of sale that the new owners will have to honor our contract for one year after purchase. I don't believe she will let that keep her from selling if the prospective buyers won't accept that. Then again the new owners may be willing to continue the lease as is. That remains to be seen.

We are nearing the date for the State Meeting which will be held at LP Cycles Ranch on May 5<sup>th</sup>. It is imperative that each chapter have at least one officer present at this meeting. With the Ballots being counted and new people taking the reins this will be a very important meeting. I will be contacting chapters individually to be sure you have ample time to make arrangements to have someone there.

My time for the past month has been pretty well taken up with medical appointments. I will be going back to the hospital for a MRI and an Electrocardiogram on the 29<sup>th</sup> of this month and then Lab Work and a doctors appointment on April 3<sup>rd</sup> to see how the new medications are working. In the mean time I will be in the capitol every weekday as possible. With the tests done last Monday I believe things may start looking up for me before the state meeting.

Ride Free – Ride Sober  
Sputnik