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EDITORIAL GUIDELINES

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**** NOTE CHANGE IN SUBMISSION**

DEADLINE***

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 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.

AD RATES:

Business Card	\$10 per month	\$100 per year
1/4 page	\$20 per month	\$200 per year
1/2 page	\$35 per month	\$350 per year
Full Page	\$80 per month	\$800 per year

A full page Rally Flyer is free for up to three months if any part of the proceeds benefit TMRA 2.

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 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

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

Trinity River Warriors Chapter meets on the last Tuesday of each month at 7:30pm, at the SJHR M/C Liberty Chapter Clubhouse in Dayton, Texas
Contact Sherri at cell: 254-224-1219.....

TREASURERS REPORT

TEXAS MOTORCYCLE RIGHTS ASSOCIATION 3rd Quarter 2007

INCOME:

Membership: \$13,308.00
Donations: \$3,531.62
Total Income: \$16,839.62
Cash On Hand: -0-
Beginning Balance: \$688.84
Total: \$17,528.46

EXPENSES:

Rent: \$1,950.00
Warrior printing: \$1,495.17
Electricity: \$406.62
Cell phone: \$907.39
Office phone: \$157.73
Internet service: \$177.21
Travel expenses: \$718.13
Web hosting: \$75.00
BankCard fees: \$89.96
Finance chgs. (chg. card): \$88.93
Chairman's salary: -0-
Secretary's Salary: \$3,801.72 (net)
Gross: \$4,500.00
W/holding: \$362.00
SS: \$275.00
Medicare: \$61.28
Returned checks & fees: \$58.00
Office equipment: \$265.31
Post Office: \$110.54
Propane: \$191.00
Vaughn concert: \$1,793.76
Tax prep: \$25.00
U. S. Treasury: \$2,503.50
Internal Revenue Service: \$1,449.00

Total Expenses: \$16,224.34

Ending balance: \$1,304.12

Dear Sputnik,

It is with both regret and anticipation that I submit this letter of resignation, effective

December 31, 2007. My husband, Bob, retired in January of '05 and has been patiently waiting for me to close the daycare, so we can do some traveling.

It has been a genuine pleasure working with you these past four years, Sputnik. And, the same goes for working with Terri, the District Advisors, Financial Advisor Tom, Warrior Publisher Tony, Internet & web gurus Elmer and Terry, the Chapter Coordinators, Secretaries and Treasurers, and ALL the Members of the Texas Motorcycle Rights Association .

While I look forward to enjoying the next chapter of my life, I will certainly miss my associations here. The time I have spent as Treasurer for the Texas Motorcycle Rights Association has been most rewarding, and I hope that my contributions to the Association, and to the bikers of Texas, have been constructive.

If I may be of any assistance in the training of my replacement, please know that I will gladly make myself available to this effort.

Sincerely,
Jan "Dumas" Walker
Founding, Charter, Life Member, Treasurer
Texas Motorcycle Rights Association

Jan;

It has been my pleasure to have your undying support for as long as this organization has existed. If all members were as dedicated and steadfast as you we would be unstoppable.

Tho I hate to lose you as the treasurer you have done more than your share and it is high time you enjoy the rest of your life. Bless Bob, not that many men would have waited until two years after they retired to begin their retirement.

Some day I hope that I too can get in a little riding time just for the pleasure of it. God Bless you and Bob as you head out across this great country. There is so much to see and enjoy. Perhaps our paths may cross as I travel around the country.

Keep in touch,

Sputnik

THANKS:

Austin Minutemen Chapter	\$100
Thomas Williams	\$ 50
TOG Chapter	\$5,500

SPECIAL THANKS:

Karl & Cheryl Ford Bronze Supporter Member	
Tom Maddux Silver Supporter Member	
Lone Star BMW/Triumph Silver Supporter Member	
T-Twisters M/C Silver Supporter Member	
East Texas Chopper Guys Silver Supporter Member	
Mad Mike & Brenda	\$120

ASSOCIATION'S BLESSINGS

The above section is my favorite part of the Warrior. It is a small way to give thanks to those who continually give of themselves and their resources to keep the association running.

The Thanks section is dedicated to our chapters for their donations to the state office and to individual members who give less than \$100 during the preceding month.

Special thanks is for those clubs, individuals and businesses who give at least \$100 to become a supporter member at one level or another.

Karl & Cheryl Ford continue their Bronze membership each year and help anywhere they can to keep the ball rolling. Tom Maddux has raised more money for the association than any other member. Lost Prairie Cycles has signed up more members than anyone and LP Ranch is the site for our two most successful fundraisers each year. The Howl-O-Ween Rally this month raised \$6000.

Peter at Lone Star BMW/Suzuki was always a supporter member but I let him fall thru the crack when Cyndi went into the hospital. When we stopped by his shop and asked for a donation he said quite simply I used to always donate to you when you came by regularly. Give me a Bill and I'll write you a check now. He did for \$500. Of course the T-Twisters M/C have been there for us for years. Their club holds a chili cook-off at Water Valley each year with the proceeds keeping them in the Silver Member category. Their steady support is very much appreciated by this old man. I hope to be able to be there

next year and enter the cook-off. I make a mean pot of chili. With members like this we can't fail. And what can you say about the East Texas Chopper Guys. Each year they do two events for the association. A group of riders and bike builders headed by Dennis Leggett, owner of Leggett Cycles in Joaquin, put on some hard core rallies in East Texas that are a real pleasure. Their major Rally at Old Sawmill Town keeps them in the Platinum section of the supporter page. With their \$740 donation and several new members on Halloween we decided to list them as Silver Supporters also.

I'm going to catch it for this one but I have to mention Mad Mike & Brenda here. They are steady supporters and are listed as Silver Members. Mike says if I am going to work for peanuts I should have the best. Therefore they send me a bag of "HOT" peanuts routinely. These people could go into business and truthfully advertise their product as the best seasoned peanuts in the country. Thanks guys they are much appreciated.

To see a list of all those we couldn't do without pay close attention to the Supporter Page this month. If you meet up with any of them say thank you.

CHAPTER REPORTS

1st Brazoria Chapter

03 Nov 2007

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

Last month's meeting was postponed due to a series of All of the Officers would be elsewhere. This month's meeting was held the same time our Groesbeck run and the Lone Star Rally. Yet, we still had a pretty good showing at our meeting.

We started by going over all the Ballot language of the Constitutional Amendments that are to be voted on this coming Tuesday. Also talked about some of the bills from other States and info on Senator Hutchison.

We readdressed the quarterly reports and how funds spent must be itemized by category and amount. Membership is not counted as income for a chapter but rather is listed on the States Financial Statement.

We decided to hold a Run to help raise some money and membership. It will be Sometime in March 2008. Due to our account not having any input lately, we voted not to send our last few funds to the state office.

Chapter Officers are up for reelection so think of your nomination and let's hear from you at the next meeting.'

Next Month's meeting will be followed with Christy's annual "Bears and Bikes for Kids". This goes directly to the Children's Protective Services. Donation, Toys, and auction items are needed.

Christy won the 50/50 and donated the winnings back to the Chapter.

THANKS.

Frank

NEXT Meeting to be held on 01 DEC 2007 at CHRISTY'S, 2610 N. Velasco St. in Angleton, 979-849-4932, 1100am See Yaw there.

D/FW Chapter Toll HOV lanes

The I-30 project offers a window into how these lanes of the future might operate.

Planners envision installing an electronic, pay-at-full-speed system akin to the present Toll Tag network. Other logistics, such as exactly where the tolls will be located, are still being worked out.

The tolling system could be put in as soon as January 2009, state transportation officials said. Motorists will experience a free grace period before the first tolls are collected.

Prices for those toll lanes will vary depending on traffic volumes and the time of day. The general rule: The more crowded the free lanes are, the higher the tolls on the paid lanes will be.

Carpoolers will probably get a discount on the toll, perhaps up to 50 percent. But they shouldn't expect a free ride. Dallas Area Rapid Transit buses and emergency vehicles would use the lanes for free.

The goal of the up-and-down pricing, aside from making money for future road projects, is to keep traffic on the carpool lanes manageable and moving at a reasonable speed even during the busiest times.

MRF Responds to NTSB

For the past several weeks the Motorcycle Riders Foundation (MRF) has been actively working on a multi-tiered strategic initiative to counter the National Transportation Safety Board (NTSB) program to pressure states into enacting mandatory helmet laws. We are prepared today to launch the program beginning with a Call to Action to our State Motorcycle Rights Organizations (SMROs).

The MRF's Call to Action is to encourage our SMRO partners to send their top lobbying teams to Washington D.C. in late October and early November to visit with their members of Congress to voice opposition to the NTSB's lobbying efforts. It is our position that the NTSB is proposing to directly lobby the states with federal tax money based on poorly-drawn conclusions, using a very narrow scope, and not employing the rigors of research to which they normally hold themselves. This is simply not acceptable to the MRF and our SMRO partners. A clear message was sent by the Senate in the 109th Congress when they voted 69-28 to defeat the Lautenberg Federal Helmet amendment,

which would have pressured states into passing mandatory helmet laws, based on the fact that this issue is clearly a State's rights issue. Accordingly, we will be asking members of Congress to write a letter to the NTSB reminding them of this fact.

During these SMRO visits we will also be presenting a bullet point statistical fact sheet developed in conjunction with the MRF Legislative, Motorcycle Safety, and Statistics Committees that clearly shows that the answer to motorcycle safety and reducing fatalities is, in fact, an aggressive approach toward CRASH AVOIDANCE and NOT safer crashing. In addition, we will be educating members of Congress on the many points contained in our Motorcycle Safety Action Plan, pointing out to them that states with the highest reductions in motorcycle fatalities and states with low fatality rates per registered motorcycle are not those with mandatory helmet laws, but rather states that utilize the many tools in the motorcycle safety action plan. Additionally, we will thank many of them for their belief in motorcycle safety shown by the creation of the 2010 motorcycle safety grants and the creation of the Motorcycle Advisory Council in TEA-LU. We will take advantage of this time to inform them as to how these programs are being used effectively.

The second phase of the MRF's strategic initiative involves the MRF holding a press conference in the first week of November in one of the office buildings of the United States House of Representatives in Washington, DC. The press conference will feature a prominent member of Congress. Expect another Call to Action encouraging our members, our SMRO partners, motorcyclists in general and other concerned citizens to attend. At that time we will be issuing a formal letter to the Chairman of the NTSB asking him to reconsider their proposed lobbying of the states and asking that he consider the statistical facts related to our Motorcycle Safety Action Plan and its effectiveness with regard to Crash Avoidance and NOT Safer Crashing as the goal.

For strategic reasons, third phase of our initiative will be announced once we complete the necessary research and sufficient discussions

have taken place. We will go on record, however, as stating that we will not rule out asking Congress to take action against the NTSB, as we have done with NHTSA in the past, should they continue to ignore the spirit of previous congressional mandates against federal agencies lobbying states on mandatory helmet laws.

Constitutional Amendments

All the constitutional amendments passed. We will have to wait and see what this means for use down the road. It does guarantee that those departments can carry up to 10 billion in bonds. However I doubt that we will see any tax relief in toll roads. We will have to continue to pay for those roads many times over now.

The percentage of voters was just 8.6% this time around. The voting percentage has been going down since the last presidential election. With so few people voting it guarantees that special interest groups will win their amendments.

12,587,501 Registered Voters - 1,082,757
TOTAL VOTES

DFW COC

The DFW COC meeting is on Sunday at Hot Rods & Hogs Arlington, Texas. Band Starts at 12:30pm Meeting Around 2:30pm.

Fish Fry

We had to put the plans for the Fish Fry on hold for a month. Hopefully we'll have it back together here in December.

Elmer H. McKeegan
Chapter Coordinator

LETTERS

MID-SOUTH M.I.L.E. REPORT

By Dee McClure

I started out at 5:00am on Thursday morning, stopping first in Groesbeck at Lost Prairie Cycles to work the AIM shop there and continued to work the shops up through Palestine, Tyler and Texarkana. Then I headed for Ft. Smith, Arkansas and the Ramada Inn where they would be holding the Mid-South MILE. After 614 miles, the hotel room was a welcome site. On Friday I spent the morning doing my paperwork and running to the store for a camera and a couple of other things. In the late afternoon I went to the lobby, registered and hung out meeting new people and greeting old friends. The Belgian guys – Theo, Bart and Bart (the younger) arrived and a bunch of us went to the Hospitality Room where food and beverages were served. There was an exchange of gifts from Texas to the Belgians and vice versa. I received a T-shirt and a box of the oh-so good Belgian chocolates. I spent most of the evening talking with each of the groups of people from each of the 4 states until our ABATE and TMRA 2 people arrived. Robert and Connie, Scott (Spirit Rider) and Gina and Andy Stody all showed up and we hung out together awhile. Saturday morning I was up early and ready to go in time for the opening Introduction. I gave the Legislative update for Texas in the Open Forum. The Legislative Speaker was Arkansas State Representative John Paul Wells, who was put on the hot seat a bit when asked if he was an ABATE of Arkansas member. So they gave him an application to fill out since he does ride and works very well with ABATE of Arkansas. Karl Ford (TMRA 2 SD 1 Advisor) showed up during the Introduction also. After a lunch of BarBQue provided by ABATE of Arkansas. I spent the rest of the afternoon in seminars. First was “Issues – Local to Global” with Terry Lee Cook (AMA). Second was “Global Situation” with Theo Beeldens (MAG). Then I caught a new one called “Bad Moon Rising” with Lynn Wesley (PA. MRF Rep & ABATE of PA). Even though she and her assistant had some technology glitches they still presented a fairly good overview of the threats to the motorcycling community. Lastly I attended the “Membership Forum Kickstart” with

representatives from all 5 states. I found this one last year and was interested to see once again what ideas would be brought up regarding retaining and getting new members, apathy, etc. One common idea that works seems to be the personal touch whether through phone calls, mail or in person and thinking outside the box. After this seminar I returned to my room to dress for the banquet. I attended the 16th Anniversary Freedom Banquet and sat with all the Texas people. Our state basket done by ABATE brought in \$600 from the Missouri people. I walked away with a couple T-shirts, a MAG cap and key chain from the silent auction thanks to Karl Ford putting my name on it without telling me. We finished up in the hospitality room with this lady hitting the sack at 3am. Back up at 7am, I got breakfast and said my good-byes to all and headed for Texas. I want to say that next year’s MILE will be held in Oklahoma and I would like to see a lot more people from TMRA 2 join me there. I also want to thank Dana Young (TMRA 2 SD15 Advisor) for financing my trip. I couldn’t have done it so well without his help.

To explain to those who do not know about the MILE – it is a coming together of SMRO people from Missouri, Arkansas, Kansas, Oklahoma and Texas, the Belgian guys representing MAG (Motorcycle Action Group) and national people such as Jeff Hennie (MRF), Terry Lee Cook (AMA) and a representative of AIM/NCOM to discuss what works and doesn’t and provide seminars for those in attendance. It is well worth your time and energy and we always have fun so I hope to see you there next year.

PS. Robert Fletcher and Connie Thompson (ABATE) and I have an idea for next year’s basket so if you want to help with it – please contact one of us and get in on the fun!

District Advisor Reports

#1 Karl Ford
NO REPORT

#3 Kanga
NO REPORT

#04 Sherri Odom
NO REPORT

#5 Tom Maddux

A HUGE Thanks to all that helped at "The 2nd Annual H.O.T. Howl-O-Ween Biker Rally"

A "SPECIAL THANKS" to the "BROTHERHOOD OF BIKERS M/C" Mexia Chapter for volunteering all their members to the rally! I cant say enough about this club, they have been around since 1984 helping build a better biker image, giving all kinds of

gifts to the community, from scholarships to christmas toys and on top of all this they are 100% members of the finest MRO in the country, The Texas Motorcycle Rights Association! The men and women of the Brotherhood of Bikers worked around the clock, non-stop at this TMRA2 benefit. If you have time give their President a call and thank them, Clutch 903-388-9048. This M/C has my full 100% support.

A "SPECIAL CONGRATULATIONS" to "The N.E.W.S. M/C" of Mexia, Texas! They won the \$1000.00 CASH Award for the most represented M/C at "The 2nd Annual H.O.T. Howl-O-Ween Biker Rally". This is another Great M/C, they put 100% effort in everything they do, from local benefits to help out the VFW, to passing out 600+ toys to the needy children in Limestone County just before Christmas even on the coldest days, they also drew up the map for Sputniks "RUN-N-GUN" Poker run. They also sponsored the t-shirt and the slow race trophy. Larry Hendricks is the President of this M/C. Larry was in a bad accident on the way home from the rally, the last I heard he was in the ICU at Hillcrest in Waco, please contact Robert Wagner (secretary of N.E.W.S. M/C) CELL-903-388-9641-----HOME -254-562-5827 for an update on Larry's condition. Larry's hospital bills are mounting to a huge sum, we will be doing a benefit for Larry real soon. One more thing, this

M/C is also working its way to being a 100% membership M/C with TMRA II ! ! ! WOW & THANKS AGAIN!!! This M/C has my full 100% support.

"Larry passed away from a massive heart attack due to his injuries." His funeral was very well attended. Sputnik

I also want to recognize the Boozefighters, Aces & Eights, Amigos & the Cossacks M/C's for attending this great benefit, you all give the biker world legitimacy.

To all District 5 TMRA II members and Texas Bikers, these are 2 great motorcycle clubs to think about prospecting for, these are 2 great positive M/C's doing positive things in District 5 and around the state. These men and women make the district 5 area the epi-center of down home biker attitude. District 5 Leon, Limestone, Madison, Milam Robertson, Trinity, Walker and Williamson

"The 2nd Annual H.O.T. Howl-O-Ween Biker Rally" REPORT;

For the 2nd year in a row this rally has been a HUGE success. The bands "Blind Dog Cooley" and John Epperson & Drivin Blind,,, ROCKED THE RANCH!!!! These guys once again played their hearts out and the crowd loved them. I really dont think you can get better bands for \$20,000.00 a show. While the bands were taking their normal breaks yours truly pumped the crowd up for the NAUGHTY NIGHTY & THE WET T-SHIRT

CONTEST, the NN contest winner Becky took home \$700.00 in cash and the wet t-shirt contest winners Tiffany & Renee split \$1000.00 , WOW, a new record for the ranch!!!

THE BIKERS ONCE AGAIN JAMMED UP AGAINST THE STAGE LIKE A ROCK CONCERT,,,,,WAY TO GO

BIKERS!!!!!! I THINK WE WILL NEED SECURITY FOR THE LADIES IN THE REAL NEAR FUTURE,,,,,,,

All the rally event attendees had a wonderful time and the new attendees have emailed me pictures to put on "The Hot Rally" website and asked if I would email them flyers for future rallies, some even told me they had been to the big rallies and they had more fun and space here at the ranch, imagine that! If you enjoy your

space, Lost Prairie Cycles Ranch is the place!
Not one problem for the whole weekend.
Thanks to Cricket & Henry for once again
working the registration gate for us. Their
services are very much appreciated by the
association.

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ALL money from "The HOT Rally" goes to the
Texas biker community. PERIOD!

NEXT SUBJECT;

The "3rd Annual Texas Independence Day
Freedom Rally" is only 4 months away, make
your plans now .The "3rd Annual Texas
Independence Day Freedom Rally" will be held
on Feb 29 – March 2nd, March 2nd 1836 being
Texas Independence Day. The 2 main sponsors
of this event will be "The HOT Rally website"
www.hotrallys.com and LPCycles and their
website www.LPCycles.com , these 2 sites soon
to be linked with www.tmra2.org . Great things
are happening in Senate District 5, nuff said.

NEXT SUBJECT:

Question : How do you eat an elephant?
Answer: Set a goal, 1 bite at a time.

Question: How do you move a mountain?
Answer: Set a goal, 1 shovel full at a time.

Question: How do you get 1000's of bikers to
join the finest MRO in the country/state?
Answer: Set a goal, 1 biker at a time!

GOALS:

A target to aim toward, not always hit but
something to aim at.

1 biker a week
1 biker a day
1 biker a month
or
1 benefit a year.
2 benefits a year.
3 benefits a year.

These are worthy goals, write down your goal
and strive toward this achievement. You will find
this very rewarding and a feeling that is
unexplainable.

A wise person once said: I would rather attempt
something great and fail than attempt nothing
and succeed!

May God give you the power to think bigger than you ever thought before.

May God give you peace and freedom,

Tom Maddux

Advisor of District 5 - Texas Motorcycle Rights Association

Finance Officer TMRA II

#6 Thomas Williams

NO REPORT

#15 Dana Young

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I went to the southern cross conference, arrived in time to leave a lasting impression! I went to the Jimmie Vaughn concert spoke my mind about it and some clubs called for my head, I was told to apologize which I did and then resigned from the COC. Dee has agreed to help me with the helmet research. I have 4 freedom of information acts request in to the DOT. Recall procedures, testing site selection. Recall reasonability and recall verification. I still need to look into vision and hearing requirements. I plan on putting this on a web site with the other information and then into a condensed booklet. Tom Williams and I are planning to set up a TMRA2 meeting for Houston in early December

Dana

#18 Jerry Rose

NO REPORT

#22 Greg Bodovsky

October 2007

The National Transportation Safety Board (NTSB) recommendation that every State Legislature enact mandatory helmet laws, has opened up a can of worms. Don't think for a minute that they were not aware of the fight they will get. Makes you wonder if some people that are aware of the energy we will spend to fight these measures, did this on purpose, to distract us from the other battles we are engaged in. We can't let that happen! It's past time to let our elected officials know who they serve, and what we want, which is FREEDOM!!! Educate them

and others with the fact that the NTSB has no power to make any law or regulation, and we don't want them to use OUR tax dollars to lobby against our rights. We are the proponents of motorcycle safety, NOT the NTSB. The NTSB has only investigated 6 motorcycle crashes in the last 40 years. They have no credibility on this issue, and are probably being used as a pawn by other agencies like NHTSA, who cannot legally lobby for such a law. We need to keep helmet use a choice, because if we let them get away with this, what will be next? Puerto Rico (a U.S. Commonwealth) enacted a law (which was almost immediately suspended), that required riders to wear protective jackets, gloves, long pants and boots, and must wear reflective vests after dark. It also sharply lowered the maximum allowable blood-alcohol level for motorcycle and scooter enthusiasts below levels tolerated for automobile drivers (.02 percent for bikers, down from .08 percent, which will remain the tolerated limit for car drivers). This is what might come next, if we allow this to stand. Stay informed, and keep informing others.

The Lake Granbury Liberty Riders meeting on the 25th of September brought in 2 new members, who were itching to participate. They were not new to the MRO scene, as they had been active in New York before coming to Texas. Welcome to Mel and his wife George to TMRA2. The chapter discussed putting on a Costume Run to benefit the Children's Advocacy in Granbury.

The Navarro County Freedom Fighters met on October 1st. They were very concerned about news they had heard that Sputnik was ready to drag up and become a lobbyist. So much so, that they even wondered if they should bother to renew their memberships. I assured them that Sputnik vowed to continue the struggle, and was committed to keeping TMRA2 on the forefront of the fight for our rights. After the meeting, everyone checked their membership status, and those that needed to, renewed. Also, James wife Alicia, signed up as a new member, and got her TMRA2 patch. She's been to almost all the meetings the chapter has ever had, and it's a pleasure to have her as an official Warrior!

The Heart of Texas Chapter meeting since the last report will be this Sunday, October 14th. The weather report looks good, and I hope the turnout will be too. The Chapter uses CallingPost.com to send meeting reminders to the members telephone. If you need to be added to the list, or update your info, just let me know.

In case my contact info is STILL not correct in the Warrior, please make note:
Home: 254-582-9291, Cell: 254-205-0678,
email: hdrider@ixpres.com or
hdrider@unforgettable.com. Do not hesitate to contact me.

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

November means it's less than a year away from the General Election. In between then, we'll have the Primaries and the Conventions, so it's gonna get busy pretty soon. Get involved with a campaign, or run yourself. The Cowboys can win those football games on their own, and watching the celebrity's dance on the boob tube don't do nothing to affect your life one way or t'other. Politics DOES!!! More people vote for American Idol than vote for the President. Plato (an old dead guy) once said, "One of the penalties for refusing to participate in politics is that you end up being governed by your inferiors.". Pass that along to the people that tell you that they don't want to be "involved" in politics. Everyone is "involved", whether they want to have a say in it or not.

Since I filed my last report (that was NOT printed), I've attended meetings for the 3 Chapters in my Senate District, and also went to the fundraiser at "Senator" Tom's in Lost Prairie. I'll be going to the Senate District Advisors meeting on the 17th at the State office, which will be history by the time you've read this. I hope to see some of you there too.

The Heart of Texas Chapter meeting for October had plenty of information and ideas exchanged, but was short on participation. I know our Warriors value their liberty and are more patriotic than the average citizen, but it'd be nice if more of you showed up. We can only assume that

you are all in jail or you already know what's wrong with this country and are in the process of fixin' it. If you need some help, please come to the next meeting and I'll sign up. The Chapter cancelled their meeting for today (November 11th), because the 2nd Sunday fell on Veteran's Day. I know everyone in TMRA2 sends a big THANK YOU to all our veterans, and our men and women currently serving, with our prayers that you all return home safe, and soon. Next meeting for the H.O.T. Chapter is December 9th.

The Lake Granbury Liberty Riders meeting was held on October 24th at the VFW in Granbury. This Chapter is the furthest away from my house, but the enthusiasm is some of the best. When gas is \$4.00 a gallon (maybe next year), I'll still make the trip. I hope I'm helping by going and bringing the information that I do, but I think I learn more from this group, than they do from me. Their next meeting is Wednesday, November 28th.

The Navarro County Freedom Fighters met on November 5th and the same great core group of members attended. As with the other chapter meetings, we discussed the Constitutional Amendments election. Seems strange that every one of them passed. I can't recall that happening before, but then again with electronic voting machines, and the ballots counted in secret by private corporations, nothing about that process should surprise anyone. Anyways, their next meeting will be December 3rd, and will be a Christmas Party with a hamburger supper. They'll have a food drive to help a local family, and everyone's participation would be appreciated.

Happy Thanksgiving to all of you and yours.

Ride Safe & Ride Free (while U steelcan)!
Greg
They have to get here in time to get printed.
Sputnik

#24 Ron Ashmore
NO REPORT

#25 Dee McClure

It has been a great time to travel and travel I did! I traveled with Dana Young to Virginia for the Southern Cross Conference in mid September and it was quite a trip. Plus I attended the Jimmie Vaughan concert upon our return from Virginia. It was good to see some of my District 25 members there, enjoying the concert and supporting the Association as usual.

As for October, I continued to work my AIM shops plus my other job and I traveled to Arkansas to represent the Association at the Mid-South MILE. I appeared on our TV show a couple of times with Sputnik and continue to attend the Austin chapter meeting when possible. I know this is short but I am doing an in depth report on the Mid-South MILE for this Warrior. I also attended the Lone Star Rally for AIM the first weekend of November and if what I saw was any indication of the lack of concern and apathy by motorcyclists in Texas then we are in for an even harder battle than I originally thought. People, I don't write these reports and talk to you for my own gratification but for the fact that the fight ahead of us is going to be a constant uphill battle and we all need to work together in order to survive what our government is going to throw at us each and every day. Damn the petty crap, we need to leave the past there and move forward into the fight or give up and surrender not just our motorcycles but our lifestyle – in fact our very lives to them. They will come again and again – will YOU stand and fight? Or give up and roll over? Think about it seriously and then make your own decision. Please join TMRA 2 and ABATE as we will continue the fight for our Liberty and Freedoms. See all of you down the road.

Ride Safe and Free, Dee McClure

#29 Mando
NO REPORT

#30 Jim Griffin
NO REPORT

#31 Dean Maltsberger

Greetings from district 31. Two good things have happened in district 31. One is that our friend Representative Buddy West has announced that his health is much improved and will allow him to run for his house seat again. The other is that Senator Kel Seliger has

announced that he will run for his first full term in office.

In all my years of riding, I have never seen as many motorcycle crashes as we have experienced locally in the past few months. Just yesterday an Odessa High School Senior lost his life on a new Suzuki when he hit a car broadside on the UTPB parking lot....on his 18th birthday. I can only hope the rest of the state has not suffered so many losses as our area. That is all for this month. Ride safe.

It is Veteran's day as I write this, and once again I notice how many folks take for granted the liberties we enjoy as Americans. Friday I was handed a small cardboard box and an envelope. The box contained a small wall hanging of an eagle descending on it's prey. The brass nameplate attached said "Thank you for your military service, Rusk Elementary School". The envelope contained several letters and crayon drawings from children of various ages, thanking me for helping to make our country a place that is free and safe for them. I was so moved I was speechless. Some things of value, it seems, are still being taught in our public schools. Even the children know that freedom isn't free. May God continue to bless us as we strive to make this old world a better place for them to inherit

On another note, please join me in writing to Senator Kay Bailey Hutchison to ask her to run for Texas Governor. Our primary goal is to get Gov Perry replaced, and I believe she may be the only one who can take him out in a primary election.

Till next month.

Dean Maltsberger

NEW ITEM:::

We shall profile a member of the month in each issue of the Warrior.

The first months Warrior is a couple. Cricket and Henry are the editor's choice and you don't get one without the other. This couple lives in Joaquin, Texas and work very closely with Bubbles, Nancy & George and the East Texas Chopper Guys and I do mean work.

If you have ever been to a Rally at Old Sawmill Town or LP Cycles Ranch they are the ones who greet you at the front gate. Henry is the quiet, dependable type who stands ready to do any thing necessary to keep things rolling smoothly for the Rights Association. Cricket is the raucous loud spoken ball of fire with the infectious smile and laughter that makes everyone know they are not just a paid entrant but a truly welcome part of the weekend.

During a ETCG Rally at Old Sawmill Town due to her friendly laughter, cajoling and salesmanship she managed to sign up 134 members as they came through the gate to register. This was the only rally we have ever attended where everyone present was a Rights Association Warrior. It is absolutely amazing the time and energy this couple puts forth during a rally. It is truly a party at the gate all weekend making working registration a pleasure rather than a chore. No Rights association event in this area would be complete without Cricket & Henry at the gate.

Thanks so much for all you do for the association. You are truly deserving to be our **MEMBERS of THE MONTH!!**

If you would like to nominate a member of the month send a name along with a Bio to the State Office.

UPDATES

Senator Kay Bailey Hutchison will not seek another term as US Senator. She will step down in 2009 to possibly run for Governor of Texas in 2010. That would be a very sweet move for Texas Bikers. Senator Hutchison has been a very strong supporter to have in DC. Not very good news however for the Lt. Governor who is already eyeing the seat.

Michigan riders were willing to go the limit to ride without a helmet but after passing the Bill it appears it is headed for a veto by their governor.

Many of you have heard about the NTSB recommendation that all states pass a mandatory helmet law for adults. As you know we got a federal Bill passed to stop NHTSA from lobbying states with taxpayer money. Now NTSB is doing the Lobbying for NHTSA as they weren't banned from doing so under that law. They are using TAXPAYER money to do so.

NTSB has sent letters of recommendation to all governors of states that do not have adult helmet laws and plan to send lobbyist into states to help pass a helmet law. It will be up to each state's riders to keep that from happening. In the meantime contact your US Senators and your Congressman to put a stop to this nonsense and ban ALL GOVERNMENT AGENCIES from using taxpayer money to lobby for anything in state government. This is the only way to stop this type interference permanently.

I was recently appointed as Chairman of the NCOM Legislative Task Force. My first assignment was to speak at the Region Nine Meeting in Reno, Nevada. Flew out on Friday morning and opened the meeting on Saturday. It was a very well orchestrated meeting hosted by the Northern Nevada COC. All in attendance were very interested in what was being said during the entire event. I was asked to come back out and speak to the entire Nevada COC as their guest at a later date. They will pick up all expenses and as they said "treat me right." I explained I would do so if they fit it into my schedule.

By PEGGY FIKAC

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AUSTIN — When Texas transportation officials talk about bridges these days, they don't necessarily mean steel spans and concrete girders. Instead, they are being taught how to "bridge" from off-message questions to their own talking points in a toll-road campaign.

"You will often be asked questions that don't get to the points you wish to make or that you don't

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wish to answer," says a "radio interview techniques" section of Texas Department of Transportation documents released under the Public Information Act. "You can use bridging to turn the question to your points."

One useful phrase, suggests the document — prepared by consultants who are to be paid \$24,500 for talk-radio training for the campaign, and tweaked by the department — is this: " ... I think what you are really asking is ... "

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The public hearings on Trans Texas Corridor 69 will begin soon and your chairman will be attending them. TTC 69 is another effort at running a toll road all the way across the country. Plans are also under way to toll parts of I-10.

HB 1815 which took effect Sept. 1st makes a change to HB 823 from last session. Section 1-a-2 was added saying you must be on your personal property, inside of, or directly enroute to a motor vehicle that is owned or under the person's control. This could pose a problem for us but I will get to work on it as soon as possible.

Governor Spitzer has changed his mind about issuing drivers license to illegal immigrants. There was so much hell raised in New York and across the country about the plan that he made the decision to change his mind. Imagine that.

The Austin COC, United Clubs of Austin and The Austin Minutemen Chapter held joint meetings at the J.W.Rock Foundation Chili Cook-off this weekend. The Austin COC was finalizing plans for their Texas Defenders unit. This was the brainchild of Bandido Jimmy to assure there would be more comprehensive coverage in the political arena. It will be spread to all nine regions in the future and could not come at a more propitious time. We are working behind the scenes to bring forth a new political strategy. All states will be involved.

Meeting was called to order at 1100am, followed by a prayer and

The pledge of allegiance:

Thomas Williams SD 06: reports he and Dana Young will be starting a Rights Association chapter in the Houston area together. They are currently working five senate districts in the Houston area.

Dana Young SD 15: He went to the Southern Cross conference, arrived in time to leave a lasting impression! Dana has been doing the helmet research. And has 4 freedom of information acts request filed with DOT. Recall procedures, testing site selection. Recall reasonability and recall verification. And he is still looking into Vision and hearing requirements. He stated again, Tom Williams and Dana are trying set up a Rights Association meeting for Houston probably on December 9th and may have a political special guest at the American Legion Hall in Channelview. For more information contact Thomas at 832-630-4240 or Dana at 281-827-8407.

Dee McClure SD 25: Dee has been attending many meetings and events, see her report for the list. She also brought up the following talking points:

1. A chapter that has a district advisor should apprise that district advisor of all chapter functions, dates and times before it is set in stone to avoid conflicts of interest.
2. State leadership strongly encourage meeting dates and function dates to be planned in as far in advance as possible so as many people can attend as possible.
3. Rights Association chapters (once again) be required to send the state office a quarterly financial report in the form set up by the state

office, even if there is no activity to report during that time.

4. Most Important -EDUCATION - if a chapter or DA doesn't educate its members about the legislative and political processes, then we are failing our people who are our most important asset. If you don't know how and what to educate them on – Ask someone at the state office for help.

Dee also brought copies of a chapter training and education program to mail to the new chapters. It gives all the info. Needed to start a new chapter and will be given to District advisor and coordinators at request. It also has the latest updated membership application that shows the increase in membership is now \$30.00 for individuals and \$50.00 for couples.

Greg Bodovsky: SD 22: reports attendance is low in all three chapters, but the Navarro Freedom riders are also church members who have recently gone to Mexico to do missionary work. We wish them well. Greg received calls from the new Jacksonville, Texas chapter asking for assistance; Terri told him she would get a package out to them as discussed above.

Jerry Rose SD 18: Jerry will be contacting bikers in the Bryan area to start a new Rights Association chapter. Rebel from the Iron Wolves has expressed a desire to help when ever it can be started.

Tom Maddux SD 05: Tom reported that the association made 6,000 dollars after most of the expenses were subtracted out. Tom suggested after we save enough money to pay the bills for a few months, we put back some of the money to start Texas Motorcycle Rights Association marketing ideas. It was discussed that anything with Sputniks signature or related to Sputnik sells well outside of Texas so we should gear some of our marketing ideas to bikers who also attend NCOM etc. Tom put up a lit sign outside his shop that he will also use to promote the association. Tom suggested that he take the position of treasure since Jan is retiring or at least go forward with promotion of Texas Motorcycle Rights Association and finding new ways to raise money. He suggested we make a

patch with something on it that everyone can buy. He also suggested we consider changing our name and titles.

Sputnik chairman: Read Jan's letter of retirement as State Treasurer effective Dec. 31, 2007 and he suggested we allow Tom to take position as treasure since he already runs a business. After discussion of what the treasures duties are, motion was made by Dee, seconded by Greg that Terri Williams become the treasure sine the job should be with the secretary's position with all information and funds coming into one place. It was voted on and Terri will now be the Texas Motorcycle Rights Association State secretary/treasure.

Sputnik suggested making arm bands to sell nationally. And that we put all of our old inventory of T-shirts on sale for 5.00 each. No action was taken pending a meeting between Tom and Sputnik on Monday. New shirts will be designed once the others are moved. Several people suggested ladies Member T-shirts.

Dee showed us a great Member Buckle the Association had made in our early years. These buckles were made by Don Partridge, a Special Charter Life member who has since passed away.

Sputnik spoke of HB 1815, see his report. Dee brought up voting in a vice chair and asked the DA's for a vote, but it was decided not to fill that position right now. The position was filled later in the day with only Tom Maddux voting no.

Next years DA meetings will be held at the Sate office at 275 Old Lexington Rd on the following dates: February 16th, 2008, August 16th, 2008, and November 15th, 2008. The General Membership Meeting will be held May 3rd, 2008. The location for the May meeting has not yet been set.

Out next Rally at Groesbeck is February 29th – March 2, 2008. This will be our 3rd Annual Texas Independence Day Rally.

Meeting was then adjourned at 2:10pm.

Terri Williams
Texas Motorcycle Rights Asc
State Secretary/Treasure

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PIG M/C 10/07

Trey Lillitch 03/08

Houston Area COC 10/07

Bandidos M/C, Austin 08/07

Bone Productions 11/07

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

Tim Moore 5/09

Southern Jokers M/C 8/07

Tom & Colleen Rees 8/08

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 RC 3/08

Mark White 4/08

Frank Barak 04/08

Legacy Harley Davidson 9/08

In Memory of Bill Martin 4/08

Jerry Suttle 7/08

Armadillo M/C 7/08

Beulah Ott 7/08

Cott & Billie Kirkham 7/08

Gary Cohron 7/08

Third Coast Cruisers RC Liberty 7/08

Brotherhood of The 74 (Kermit) 8/08

In Memory of Cyndi & Ezee

Circuit Riders M/M 07/08

Neva Jo Martin 8/08

Dr. Robert & Jerri Jones Engelmeier 9/08

BRONZE - \$250 or more

Karl & Cheryl Ford 04/08

SILVER - \$500 or more

Mad Mike & Brenda

Elmer McKeegan 5/08

T-Twisters M/C 11/08

Boozefighters M/C River Oaks Chapter 1/08

Austin Area COC 1/08

David Young 7/08

Tom Maddox 10/08

Lone Star BMW/Triumph 9/08

GOLD - \$1000 or more

Abilene Gypsy M/C 11/07

Texas Black Gold Rally 8/08

PLATINUM - \$1500 or more

East Texas Chopper Guys

Alamo City Gypsy M/C 11/08

CHAIRMAN's CORNER

Hello Fellow Warriors.

Well we have ended our 15th year and there have been lots of changes along the way. We became recognized as one of the finest Rights organizations in the country by our peers. One that would be emulated by others across the country as our list of successes began to grow.

The Confederations of Clubs got its real start in Tulsa, Oklahoma and we were there. As Confederations began in other states it was our privilege to meet with them and in Durango, Colorado when it was determined to bring the idea of a Confederation of Clubs to Texas we attended that conference. We bonded well with Bandido George and Bandido J.W. Rock and became even more forceful in State and National politics..

We conducted workshops in other states just to explain how we manage to do what we do .I was named to the NCOM Legislative Task Force and over a period of time became one of the most requested speakers on the Task Force. That honor came solely based on the commitment and dedication of our Warriors. The change of leadership in the Texas Confederation of ABATE allowed us to bond with them and Texas became totally unified in the war on government as it was being conducted.

As we entered our 16th year we may have faltered slightly. But the State Officers of Texas Motorcycle Rights Association have made some changes and added other states to the vast web of those seeking unity to make sweeping changes in government at the federal level as well as in our several states. I have been elected

to the NCOM Board of Directors and am now Co-Director of this Region. I was also named Chairman of the NCOM Legislative Task Force. Again this national recognition comes from your dedication to Liberty and your willingness to fight the good fight.

Texas ABATE, under the leadership of Robert Fletcher are steadfast Bikers Rights Advocates and stand ready to be where needed, when needed. They are recruiting new members of the same ilk and will be strong allies on any worthwhile venture.

We now have 9 Regional Confederations of Clubs, the largest in the country. They are going through some changes at the moment as are we. Changes in leadership and structure at the same time can be quite an experience but I am certain they will emerge stronger and more professional as they adapt to changes. This can only be good for Texas and the Country.

Texas Motorcycle Rights Association will have a new State Treasurer on January 1, 2008. We have a new Vice Chair as of this past Saturday and we have a Financial Advisor who is determined to set our financial house in order. Several good ideas came out of our Advisor Meeting Saturday. I met with Tom in Groesbeck today at his shop. We hammered out a few ideas and will get them activated early in the coming year. With the Warriors we have to work with I see nothing but Silver Linings in the coming year.

The first change you will notice will be in the Warrior. This is our way to communicate with each other and I mean all of us. I expect to receive a Report from each Chapter and each Advisor by the 11th of the month. You will receive back a response stating your report was received. If you have a complaint or atta-boy drop a letter to the editor but follow the guidelines written in the Warrior.

We shall add different items to the Warrior as we go along to make it more interesting and entertaining. As with everything we do we need your help to do that.

We are working behind the scenes right now on something that could show everyone, especially us, that we do have the hammer if we all stick together.

Remember our Troops as we go through this Holiday Season and may God Bless You and Yours and may you have a Joyous and:

MERRY CHRISTMAS

Sputnik
State Chair
Texas Motorcycle Rights Association