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Season's Greetings and Best Wishes for a Happy New Year!

Our last trip of the year has past last week. Becky and I went to experience the "Great" outdoors and beautiful National Parks. We rented a H-D Fatboy and toured Red Rock Canyon, Lake Mead, and Zion National Park in Utah. The weather was good, 71 degree days, 50 degree nights, and plenty of sunshine.

Time to start planning for next year, especially if one has to reserve a spo9t on the company vacation schedule.

Upcoming events:

December 19th, Christmas in the Park, Tuscora Park, New Philadelphia
January 6th, 7th, 8th, NAI Motorcycle show Toronto, Canada
January 27th, 28th, 29th, NAI Motorcycle show, IX Center Cleveland, OH
March 3rd -12th, Bike Week, Daytona, FL

Ride Safe and Often.
Mike Gloss
Tuscarawas County Rep.

Welcome New Members...

Ed Korns

Happy Birthday to...

Ruby McCamant Justine Nupp-Pressacco
Betsy Tulak Robin Ogden Kristy Witter
David Curran Jon George John Hartline
Richard Hughes Bob Knox
Duane Murphy Jr. Patrick Patterson
Doug Poole Ron Ryan Richard Sherlin
Russ Whitmer

And anyone else we may have missed.

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Wisdom by Bryce

Hello,

Yeah, ricers even vibrate. To elaborate my point I will explain. About three years ago I had to replace an electric starter. To find all of this out through the educational and long process, I started replacing stuff. The battery kept going dead so I replaced it. That wasn't it. Next was the solenoid which also wasn't it. Next was the relay and brushes for the starter (\$126.00 and a two week wait for these items.) A used starter if I could find one was \$100.00 with no guarantee. A new one was \$300.00 also to be ordered. No way. A place out on Southway in Canton was able to rebuild the starter in about two hours for the great amount of \$26.00. All Right!

I had to take the shifter and left exhaust pipes off and drop them down. The shifter broke and I had to tap it out and put and American thread and bolt into it. Two motor mount bolts were loose and got locktited. Fast forward three years and I'm coming home from a night of 12 oz arm curls in various watering holes through out the entire area. I couldn't figure out why the shifter was getting really mushy when shifting, so I went home. The shifter fell off in the driveway, lucky I wasn't going down the highway during "Primetime" when it fell off. So I re-tapped and locktited everything and tightened the motor mount bolts again. The moral of the story "Don't Drink and Drive." Somewhere, someone was trying to tell me something or as the Quest Examiner also told me "Your misfortune was just getting caught. That is another story for another time.

Thanks for listening,
Sincerely
Bryce Corbin

Meeting Minutes

Board Meeting-11-20-05

Regional Meeting-11-20-05

Director- straight to Legislative Report. Try to get more people to come to meetings.

Legislative- New bills in House about helmets. See Report.

Treasurer- Still has a balance in the black.

Membership-232 members State Membership mailed out packets to members who hadn't received them yet for signing up.

Products- Shirts are ordered. Will have them for the Christmas Party.

Public relations- Christmas Party is all set to go.

County Reps- Carroll-nothing, Columbiana-nothing, Jefferson-nothing, Harrison- nothing, Stark- Swap meets. See flyers. Tuscarawas-see report.

Newsletter-7th.is the deadling

Old business-Board remains the same except for some county reps. Motion to have the board pick the places for meetings instead of letting the members choose. Table till next meeting.

New business- State Board meeting is at Gambrinus Inn on the second Sunday in December.

Moment of Silence

Richard Hughes was not there.

Meeting adjourned.

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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

2005

Dec. 3rd Christmas Party
Dec. 18th Board Meeting, **NO** Regional Meeting

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Start of 2006

Jan. 15th Board Mtg
Jan. 29th Regional Mtg.

Feb. 19th Board Mtg.
Feb. 26th Regional Mtg.

Mar. 11th Spring Fling
Mar. 19th Board Mtg.
Mar. 26th Regional Mtg.

We want to say "Thank you" to Mike & Kathy at the
Gambrinus Inn for opening up early on the 2nd Sunday of
every other month for our State Board Meeting.

"Thank you"

Here are the Ohio Congressional Contacts.

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Hello Everyone,

I hope everyone received there 2005 membership cards and patches if this 2005 was your first year as a member. I know Maggie has sent a lot of them out. Our membership is currently at 234 active members. I would like to say "Thank you" to the members who have sent me their renewal forms back to me.

I have a couple of FYI for you.

1st one is the Canton Swap meet is Sunday, January 22nd at the Stark County Fair Grounds. Not the Civic Center as it has been in the past.

2nd, I received a letter from the Vietnam Veterans of America Chapter 857. PO Box 170, New Philadelphia, OH 44663 Here is what it said: The Vietnam Veterans Moving Memorial Wall is coming to New Philadelphia, OH on June 7th, 2006. It will open on June 8th thru 11th, 2006. We would like to invite any member or your entire group who would like to see, work, or just help out...Please feel free to call or write us. Some of our guests are: Vane Scott-The Many Faces of Old Glory, Don (Doc) Ballard from MO. Metal of Honor Vietnam, USAF Band-W/P, and author Mike Jackson (Army Vietnam Veteran) Naked in Danang and many local units and bands.

Yours truly,

William (Bill) Avon, Msgt. Ret. USAF
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Thank you,

Denise Byham
Membership Sec.

2006 Board Members.

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- Co-Director: Open
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- Treasurer: ...Denise Byham
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- Carroll Cnty Rep. Cathie Harper
- Jefferson Cnty Rep. Chuck Woods
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- Co-Sgt. Of Arms: Elden Witter
- Newsletter: Hip & Gail

Hello Region 8 and the few members from Region 11.

Well, I guess we are well into the winter season. It is damn cold tonight. Well, let's heat it up right now. I need everyone who reads this to send a message to our legislators. House Bill 406 is active and it needs to be stopped before it grows. This is the mandatory helmet law for 25 Yr. olds and under. This may be testing water for a full blown helmet law, or an entry bill so they can yank the age limit at the last minute and put lids on us all. It has been done before. I need everyone who reads this to contact their State Reps and show opposition to this bill. When you call, or write, please use no profanities. All you have to do is tell who ever answers the phone that you are opposed to H.B.406. If every one would make a call or write a letter, it will make a difference. Now is not the time to procrastinate. This organization was founded to fight Big Brother from cramming crap down our throats, and I don't want to be the one that a helmet law is passed while I am director for this region. If we can all stick together, we can nip this one in the bud before it happens. A list of the State Reps and Senator is listed in this news letter. Please help the cause!!!!

As I have said before, if we stand together, we can **FIGHT THE GOOD FIGHT** for **FREEDOM!**
I hope everyone takes this to heart.

Thank You,
Ken Haywood
Director, Region 8 CMRO

Legislative Report

Action Alert 12/01/2005 - WRITE NOW! - House Bill Aims to Criminalize Adult Helmet Choice in Ohio *Young Ohio adult motorcyclists targeted in recent bill.*

Ohio House Bill 406, introduced on November 3 by Representative **Tom Patton** (R-Strongsville), would require all motorcycle operators and passengers under 25 years of age to wear a helmet. The penalty for failure to comply is severe - a \$500 mandatory fine and either two days in jail or participation in an as-yet undeveloped state-sponsored safety course. Even more stunning is a provision that requires a two-day jail sentence for anyone unable to pay the mandatory \$500 fine.

Current Ohio law requires all motorcycle operators and passengers under 18 years of age and all novice riders, defined as endorsed motorcycle operators in their first year of endorsement, to wear a helmet. In addition, motorcyclists operating on a temporary permit are required to wear a helmet at all times, regardless of age.

This legislation is flawed in several ways:

A mandatory \$500 fine and two-day jail sentence or attendance at a "safe and responsible driving instructional class" are excessive and unjustified.

A mandatory two-day jail sentence for someone unwilling or unable to pay the mandatory \$500 fine is outrageous.

No data are offered to justify mandatory helmet use by adult operators and passengers under 25 years of age. The law enforcement community does not have the time or resources to enforce this arbitrary age choice for mandatory motorcycle helmet use.

Here are the steps **YOU** can take to help defeat this faulty legislative proposal:

1. Read the bill

visit http://www.legislature.state.oh.us/bills.cfm?ID=126_HB-406 to download and read the PDF file version of HB-406. Make sure you understand the provisions of the bill and have a copy handy.

2. Call the Sponsors

Contact all sponsors of HB-406 and tell them why you do not support this bill. Ask them to withdraw their support for HB406.

Tom Patton (R-Strongsville) - (614) 466-4895

Brian Williams (D-Akron) - (614) 644-5085

Joseph Koziura (D-Lorain) - (614) 466-5141

Edna Brown (D-Toledo) - (614) 466-1401

Dixie Allen (D-Day ton) - (614) 466-1607

3. Call your representative

To learn who your representative is, visit the AMA Web site at www.AMADirectlink.com and click on the StateWatch link.

Then enter your Zip Code to find your representative's contact information. Make a call to your representative's office to request his or her opposition to HB-406, should it come up for a vote in the House of Representatives.

4. Write a letter

Use the points identified above to emphasize why you do not support HB-406. Address your letter to your representative and send a copy to each of the bill's sponsors. Ask your representative to oppose this misguided legislation. Address your letter to:

The Honorable

Ohio House of Representatives

77 South High Street Columbus,

Ohio 43215-6111

5. Call and Write Committee Chair

HB-406 has been assigned to the House Criminal Justice Committee for consideration. Call the office of **Bob Latta** (R--Bowling Green) at (614) 466-8104 to ask that he oppose HB-406. Mail a copy of the letter you wrote to your representative in step #4 above to Representative Latta's office.

6. Send electronic mail

Use the AMA Rapid Response Center to send an electronic message in opposition to HB-406. As in step #3 above, visit the AMA Web site at www.AMADirectlink.com and click on the StateWatch link. Then review the "Action Alert" list and click on the "Take Action" button to review the alert and pre-written message in opposition to HB-406.

Take Action

COMPOSE MESSAGE

Message Recipients:

Your State Lower Chamber Representatives

Subject:

Re: Opposition to House Bill 406

Required text:

(This text will be included in your message)

I write today to state my opposition to House Bill 406, which mandates a \$500 fine and two days in jail or attendance at a safe and responsible driving instruction class for failure of motorcycle riders and passengers under 25 years of age to wear a helmet.

Current Ohio law requires all motorcycle riders and passengers under 18 years of age and all newly-endorsed riders in their first year of endorsement (regardless of age) to wear a helmet.

HB-406 is misguided for the following reasons:

A mandatory \$500 fine and two-day jail sentence or attendance at a "safe and responsible driving instructional class" are excessive and unjustified.

A mandatory two-day jail sentence for someone unwilling or unable to pay the mandatory \$500 fine is outrageous.

No data are offered to justify mandatory helmet use by adult operators and passengers under 25 years of age.

The law enforcement community does not have the time or resources to enforce this arbitrary age choice for mandatory motorcycle helmet use.

For the above-stated reasons, I respectfully request you oppose HB-406 and vote "NO" should it come before the House of

Representatives.

Sincerely,

Your Name:

RIDE AGAINST MCBRIDE More than 80 motorcyclists turned Myrtle Beach's City Council meeting on Tuesday, October 25th, into "The Ride Against McBride", an event to criticize Mayor Mark McBride's earlier statements that he would like to "nudge" bikers with his car. McBride's inflammatory remarks came during a council meeting as he was explaining that he wanted to ban explicit T-shirts from sale and from being worn in public because his children shouldn't be exposed to the sort of T-shirt he saw being worn at the fall rally by a biker; "It was very tempting to kind of nudge the guy on the bike (with my car)," McBride told council members.

Some of the outraged bikers attending the City Council meeting to protest McBride's comments wore T-shirts that read; "Warning: 'Nudge' at your own risk" on the back. Other bikers wore T-shirts that said, "Bump me, I will bump you back" and "Nudge McBride off the ballot." Most felt that McBride's statements were more offensive than anything they'd ever seen on a T-shirt.

But don't bother calling or writing McBride to complain, as he has since been defeated in his bid for a third term as Mayor of Myrtle Beach by 576 votes to a political newcomer, John Rhodes.

"Mayor McBride's reckless comments set off a firestorm of Anti-McBride activity within the biker community," said Fred Ruddock, state coordinator of ABATE of South Carolina. "McBride lost virtually every motorcyclist vote,"

Joining McBride in the unemployment line is blatant biker basher Cynthia Powell, losing her bid for Town Council after centering her campaign on her desire to eliminate the two motorcycle rallies held in May each year in Myrtle Beach.

JANKLOW CONVICTION UPHELD South Dakota's highest court has upheld Bill Janklow's conviction for a 2003 crash that killed a motorcyclist, rejecting the former congressman's argument that there wasn't enough evidence for a guilty verdict.

Ruling unanimously, the state Supreme Court also found that Janklow had received a fair trial.

Janklow, 65, was convicted of second-degree manslaughter and reckless driving for killing 55-year-old motorcyclist Randy Scott in August 2003 on a rural highway near Trent.

Authorities said Janklow sped through a stop sign. Janklow has said he was in a diabetic stupor and remembers nothing about the crash.

Janklow, a political power in South Dakota who also served four terms as governor, resigned from the House in January 2004, a month after his conviction. He completed a 100-day jail sentence but had hoped to use the appeal to clear the felony from his record. He is attempting to regain his license to practice law in the state.

November 22, 2005

#05NR31 - MRF Releases EPA For The Layman - Second Revision

EP A officials recently informed the Motorcycle Riders Foundation of a new interpretation of the "Control of Emissions From Highway Motorcycles" document.

The latest document contains the new 2006 Emissions Regulations for Highway Motorcycles and the new interpretation includes the effective date of two essential provisions in the document.

We have been notified that the effective date for the "one per lifetime" EPA exempt kit motorcycle and the provision for a shop to build 24 EPA exempt custom motorcycles per year was actually March 15,2004, not January 1,2006 as originally verified by EPA.

The "EP A for the Layman" paper on the MRF website has been updated to reflect the EP A's changes and can be found at <http://www.mrf.org/pdf/EPA-for-the-layman-rev2.pdf>.

Remember FREEDOM is not FREE. Plan to attend a meeting and let us here from you. I got to meet Rep. Ted Strickland, he will be running for the Governor's office in Ohio, he is Motorcycle Friendly and labor friendly. He would be a good person to have as Governor, I will be backing him and ask you to do the same.

Legislative Person Pudge
Schemansky