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Hello Region 8 & 11

Happy New Year to everyone! I hope everyone got what they wanted for Christmas. I want to thank everyone who donated their time and effort to put on the Region Christmas Party. Great band! Thank you Gus & Electric Mud!!! Well now that the holiday festivities are over, it's time to get back to business. **Merry Christmas and happy New Year.** I want to thank everyone who helped by phoning, writing, or emailing your state reps. It seems that the helmet provision from H.B. 406 has been or will be pulled. It goes to show you that there is strength in numbers. As of this writing, Rep. Patton has been pressured into pulling the segment of the bill. We will let you know if it happens. If not, we will put the pressure back on. As for now, Thank You to everyone for your effort. I hope to see a lot of you at the swap meet at the Start County Fairgrounds on the 22nd and at the regional meeting on the 29th. As always, let's **Fight the good fight for Freedom!**

Ken Haywood
Director, Region 8
CMRO

Welcome New Members...

Happy Birthday to...

Dan Burd Robert Daugherty Roy Garrett
James Eckenrode Mark Hamilton
Joe Hufler Jim Ray Rick Sanders
Michael Sterling Eldon Witter
Kathy Goltz Tammie Leach
Becky Osborne Melanie Whiteman

And anyone else we may have missed.

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Hey there!
Plan on coming out to see us at the Canton Swap Meet,
Sunday, January 22, 2006 from 10am to 4pm.
This year it is at the Stark County Fair grounds. (305 Wertz Ave. NW)
Stop by to say hi!!

Winter greetings.
Here are some interesting things to do until the weather breaks:

January 14th Adventure H-D

2nd Annual Chili Cook-off
& in-store Poker Run to benefit Hospice

January 27-29th Sport and Travel Expo

at Summit County Fairgrounds, Akron,
will feature the Great American Whitetail
Collection. Tickets \$6

January 27-29th NAI Motorcycle Show

At IX Center Cleveland , Ohio

Ride safe and often,
Mike Gloss
Tusc. Cnty. Rep

FYI,

Due to unforeseen problems The Activist
isn't going to be published. (For a while)
We will be inserting in some of the articles
in our newsletter as we receive them.

This is just until The Activist gets up and
running again.

If you want more information please contact
the State office at
1-800-96-4CMRO

Wisdom by Bryce

Hello,

With today's modern miracle breakthroughs in chemical and mechanical technology, life has been made somewhat easier for all of us. I'm talking about the Knuckle, Pan, Flattie, Indian, Trike motorcycle buried under the hay in the barn find. Twenty-five, Fifty or Seventy-five dollars tops in price. You know the one, it's located next to the 1953 Corvette about 50 feet away in another part of the barn. Sometimes it's even an olive drab 45 Army bike complete with machine gun pouch and ammo case saddle bags. Just pump up the tires with some air, that's all right they're not even dry rotted from sitting. Add some octane booster too the gas and you don't even have to drain the old gas out, then put some Marvel Mystery Oil in the oil box to bring it up to proper level. Now you are good to go, of course you still have to deal with the battery don't you? No problem, get a six pack of Bayer aspirin. Drain the old electrolyte and bring some distilled water from your steam iron, crush the aspirin into a fine powder but do not snort. Use the aspirin powder to put into the 3 caps holes for electrolyte. It's a 6-volt naturally, so there are only 3 caps. Let the battery sit for a few hours with the aspirin installed into the distilled water you just put into the old battery. This will bring the charge right back up enough to start the gem. Hey, aspirin works to prevent heart attacks, why couldn't it bring the lead plates back up to snuff, too? That's where the miracle breakthroughs come in of course. Three-Wheelers complete with the metal service box on the back and/or Indian 4-cylinders go for somewhat of a higher price. One hundred seventy -five dollars would be a fair price, don't you think? With any luck at all a person might even score a vintage leather aviators cap and snoopy goggles in excellent condition stashed in the original leather saddlebags. Who knows?

Fort Myers, Fla. - a woman has been arrested for padding her bra with a stolen rare parrot. The lady, 35, hid the green wing parrot in her bra after taking it from her employer, an exotic bird store, police said. When she went to trade the bird for a vintage car, she told the cars owner how she had acquired the bird. Turns out the car owner was friends with the man who owns the \$2000 dollar bird. DNA test confirmed the bird's identity and the lady was charged with grand theft.

Thanks for listening,
Sincerely,
Bryce K. Corbin.

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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.

Apr. 23rd Board Mtg.
Apr. 30th Regional Mtg.

May 20th Board Mtg.
May 21st 6 County Run
No 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"

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Legislative Report

First I would like to thank those that took time to let their Voice's be heard at the STATE HOUSE about HB406. Rumor has it that the helmet language was removed from this BILL, because of the OUTCRY from you. I checked the Ohio 126th. General Assembly and. HB406 was not listed at this time

AMA expresses outrage over reinstatement of Janklow's law license

The American Motorcyclist Association has expressed its outrage over a decision by the South Dakota Supreme Court to reinstate the law license of former Congressman Bill Janklow, who as convicted of felony manslaughter in the traffic death of a motorcyclist in 2003. The state Supreme Court ordered on January 5 that Janklow get his law license back on February 15. Janklow, 66, a former four-term South Dakota governor before he was elected the state's sole congressman, lost his right to practice law when he was convicted of second degree manslaughter, reckless driving, speeding and failure to stop at a stop sign in the death of motorcyclist Randy Scott, 55. Scott was killed in August 2003 when the car Janklow was driving ran a stop sign on a rural road in South Dakota at a speed estimated at about 70 mph, charging into the path of Scott's motorcycle. Janklow could have faced up to 11 years in prison for the multiple charges. But in the end, a South Dakota judge sentenced him to

only 100 days. In addition, he paid fines and fees of \$11,000, lost his law license, resigned from Congress, was put on probation and lost his driver's license for three years. In 2004, another court ruled that Janklow could escape financial liability for Scott's death under a congressional immunity statute. Janklow said that he was returning home from an event related to his duties as a congressman at the time of the crash.

"Motorcyclists across the country are shocked, outraged and dismayed that a convicted felon would be allowed to get his law license back and practice law," said Edward Moreland, AMA vice president for government relations. "This sends the message that there are few consequences for the death of a motorcyclist." It's a sad day not only for the Scott family, but for all riders," Moreland said.

Because it involved a federal lawmaker, the Janklow case drew national media attention. But the AMA has seen dozens of cases in other states in which car drivers get off with light fines, and often no jail time, even after facing felony charges for causing the deaths of others on the highway.

In response to that dangerous trend, the AMA founded its Justice for All campaign, designed to increase penalties for those who injure or kill vulnerable road users..

Postal Service to issue commemorative motorcycle stamps in Sturgis, S.D.

The U.S. Postal Service will issue a set of four commemorative stamps honoring American motorcycles in 2006. The stamps will be issued during the Sturgis Motorcycle Rally in South Dakota in August.

Each year, the Postal Service issues dozens of commemorative stamps honoring famous people and icons of American history and culture. "Our 2006 program commemorates a wide range of diverse American icons with something at will appeal to everyone," said Postmaster General John E. Potter in describing stamps that will honor Baseball sluggers, comic book heroes, the world's longest bridge span, the first African-American to earn an Oscar and America's love affair with motorcycles.

The four motorcycle stamps will feature digital illustrations of a 1918 Cleveland, a 1940 Indian Four, a 1965 Harley-Davidson Electra-Glide, and a circa 1970 chopper.

The single-cylinder Cleveland motorcycle depicted on this stamp was built by the Cleveland Motorcycle Manufacturing Company of Cleveland, Ohio. Advertisements claimed that this motorcycle, which featured a 2.5-horsepower, single-cylinder motor, could travel 75 miles on a single gallon of gasoline and reach speeds of up to 35 to 40 miles per hour. Weighing around 150 pounds and selling for \$175, the Cleveland was both lightweight and affordable, making it a popular motorcycle of its time.

The model for the "Cleveland 1918" stamp artwork is a 1918 Cleveland A2 owned by Penny Nickerson of Long Island, New York. The 1940 Indian Four, part of a series of deluxe, four-cylinder motorcycles known as the Four, was a streamlined bike that featured skirted fenders that partially covered the wheels, a controversial design innovation that soon became an Indian trademark. The model for the illustration featured on this stamp is a motorcycle owned by Michael and Larry Spielfogel of New York City. It is depicted in the deep red color often associated with Indian motorcycles.

With features such as whitewall tires, extensive chrome, large fenders, and spacious fiberglass saddlebags, the Harley-Davidson Electra Glide featured on this stamp is considered by many to be one of the company's most iconic motorcycles. The Electra Glide was first manufactured in 1965, when its new features included a push-button electric starter. The model for the illustration featured on the Harley-Davidson 1965 stamp is a motorcycle owned by George Tsunis of Port Jefferson, New York.

The fourth motorcycle depicted is a chopper circa 1970, the era that was the height of choppers' popularity. The chopper featured on this stamp was invented by the stamp artist in consultation with professional chopper builders.

The digital illustrations featured on the American Motorcycles stamps were created by Steve Buchanan of Winsted, Connecticut. The illustrations are based on existing restored motorcycles, reference photographs, and consultation with owners and experts; however, some colors and design features have been altered for artistic purposes or to maintain historical accuracy.

Legislative report continued...

Remember that it is a constant FIGHT TO PROTECT YOUR FREEDOM, because they will never gave up trying to take our RIGHTS from US!!!!

Legislative Person
Pudge Schemansky

STATE DIRECTOR'S REPORT

“Never doubt that a small group of committed citizens can change the world In fact, it is the only thing that ever has”

Margaret Meade

I've always felt inspired by that quote, but never more inspired than actually seeing those words put into action.

On November 3rd, State Representative Tom Patton (R-Strongsville) introduced House Bill 406 which would have required all motorcycle riders and passengers under 25 to wear a helmet. The helmet mandate was part of his proposal to establish a funding source for assisting 12,000 Ohioans who suffer traumatic brain injuries each year as well as to fund a study of such injuries. HB406, as written, would levy severe fines and jail time for unlicensed or uninsured drivers, and those under 25 who ride a motorcycle without a helmet. Well, you can imagine the uproar this bill caused within the riding community. Ohio's motorcyclists' rights organizations, spearheaded by ABATE of Ohio and the Concerned Motorcycle Riders of Ohio (CMRO), as well as the AMA and others, leaped into action and urged their members and individual motorcyclists to contact Rep. Patton and the bill's cosponsors to *politely* explain our opposition to HB406.

And they did.

Riders wrote, they called, and they e-mailed. They sent in petitions against the bill. They mailed in form letters. And they distributed flyers to motorcycle dealerships, shops and at meetings and gatherings encouraging others to do so too.

And Rep. Patton listened.

By the end of December, it was learned that he will introduce a House Substitute Bill that will delete the language requiring helmets! “Within 48 hours of introducing my bill we started getting calls from riders, and from many of my friends who ride motorcycles,” Patton told me in a telephone interview. “I realized that these people are passionate about their riding, and they had legitimate arguments and concerns.” Patton explained that the Highway Patrol and the Department of Public Safety had convinced him to put the helmet requirement into his bill to help save young lives and generate funding. “But we have to pick our battles, and this is not the hill that I want to die on.”

“This bill is important to me, and I didn't want to see it decimated because it's an unpopular bill, and that's why the helmet language was jettisoned so quickly,” he said. “I'm actually more sympathetic to motorcyclists than most, and I didn't want to be painted by them as the bad guy” he went on to say, adding that “I'm an advocate more so than an opponent.” In his final words to me, he said; “This was a pleasant learning experience for this legislator. After talking with so many motorcyclists, I learned how passionate the riders are against mandates that restrict their riding experience – I understand and respect that passion and pledge to you that I will not only never introduce another helmet law, but I will oppose it.”

Patton also acknowledged that House Bill 388 (the Right-Of-Way legislation) “would be a great bill to make people more aware of their actions,” and indicated that he will cosponsor it when it reaches the House floor if it stays in its current form.

Folks, that's the way the democratic process is supposed to work! Voicing your opinion to your political representatives and invoking change. In this case, we not only succeeded in derailing a bad bill, but we turned around a legislator to our side and made a potential ally on future issues.

Never doubt that a small group of bikers can change the world...

Bill Bish

HELMET LAW LANGUAGE TO BE REMOVED FROM HB 406

As you know, last November State Representative Thomas Patton (R18 Strongsville) introduced HB 406 that included language requiring those 25 years old and under to wear a helmet at all times while operating or riding as a passenger on motorcycles. CMRO, along with ABATE, Inc. and other organizations in the State immediately mounted campaigns to oppose the language provision. CMRO utilized the “phone trees”, email ACTION ALERT SYSTEM and flyers to notify the membership and public of the need to contact Rep. Patton ASAP. Additionally, we sent approximately 4000 ACTION ALERT postcards to current and past members the week of December 5th.

The good news is that less than 2 weeks after the CMRO mailing we learned that Rep. Patton decided to remove the offensive language from his bill at the earliest opportunity. I confirmed the information with his aide on 12/23 and was advised that he had made the decision to delete the language due to significant number of objections to the helmet language he had been receiving. I would like to think that our mailing made the difference. One thing for sure, it didn't hurt.

Unfortunately, under the House Rules, Rep. Patton must wait until a particular forthcoming proceeding before he can introduce what will be known as Substitute House Bill 406 that has the helmet requirement language deleted. Soooo. . . for the time being, I think it's safe to say we got his attention. However; we will be closely monitoring the situation to be sure he follows through.

For now, congratulations are in order to all that participated in this short lived campaign. Mountains can be moved once the sleeping giant is awakened.

THE PAIR OF “RIGHT OF WAY” BILLS NEED ACTION

While the mc rights warriors are flush from the recent “victory”, it's time to turn our attention to the pair of “R-O-W” bills introduced last year. Senate Bill 158 introduced by Charlie Wilson (D 96 St. Clairsville) on 6/28 still hasn't had its first hearing, while House Bill 388 introduced by Jon Peterson (R 02 Delaware) on 10/18, already had a Sponsor's Hearing on 10/25. These bills, once enacted, would increase the penalties for right of way, assured clear distance and marked lane violators. Keep in mind that the R-O-W Campaign is in direct response to the motorcycling public's (your) complaints of slap on the wrist penalties for persons causing serious injury or death to victims of their reckless or careless negligence.

This is good legislation. The legislature knows we're organized and active thanks to Rep. Patton's HB406. Now's the time to turn up the heat. Please contact Senate Judiciary-Crim. Justice Chairman Jim Jordan (R 12) and request that he schedule hearings for S158 right a way. (Jordan@mailr.sen.state.oh.us or 614-466-7584) You might also contact your State Senator and encourage him/her to actively support the bill. In addition, please contact your own State Representative and request that he/she actively support HB388. You can locate your Senator or Representative by calling your local Board of Elections or at www.legislature.state.oh.us/. Remember to keep in mind what you say and how it's said. Be polite and non-confrontational.

MAY IS MOTORCYCLE AWARENESS MONTH BILL NOT MOVING

Sylvester Patton's (D 60 Youngstown) HB 238, introduced 5/4/05 at **OUR** request is not moving either. This one should be a slam dunk. It costs the State nothing nor does it place any sort of burden on anyone. But, it's getting no action. So while you're in the mood, please contact Chairman Stephen Buehrer (R 74) of the House State Government Committee (district74@ohr.state.oh.us or 614-644-5091) and request that he put HB 238 on the fast track. It sure would be great to have it signed into law by May 1st.

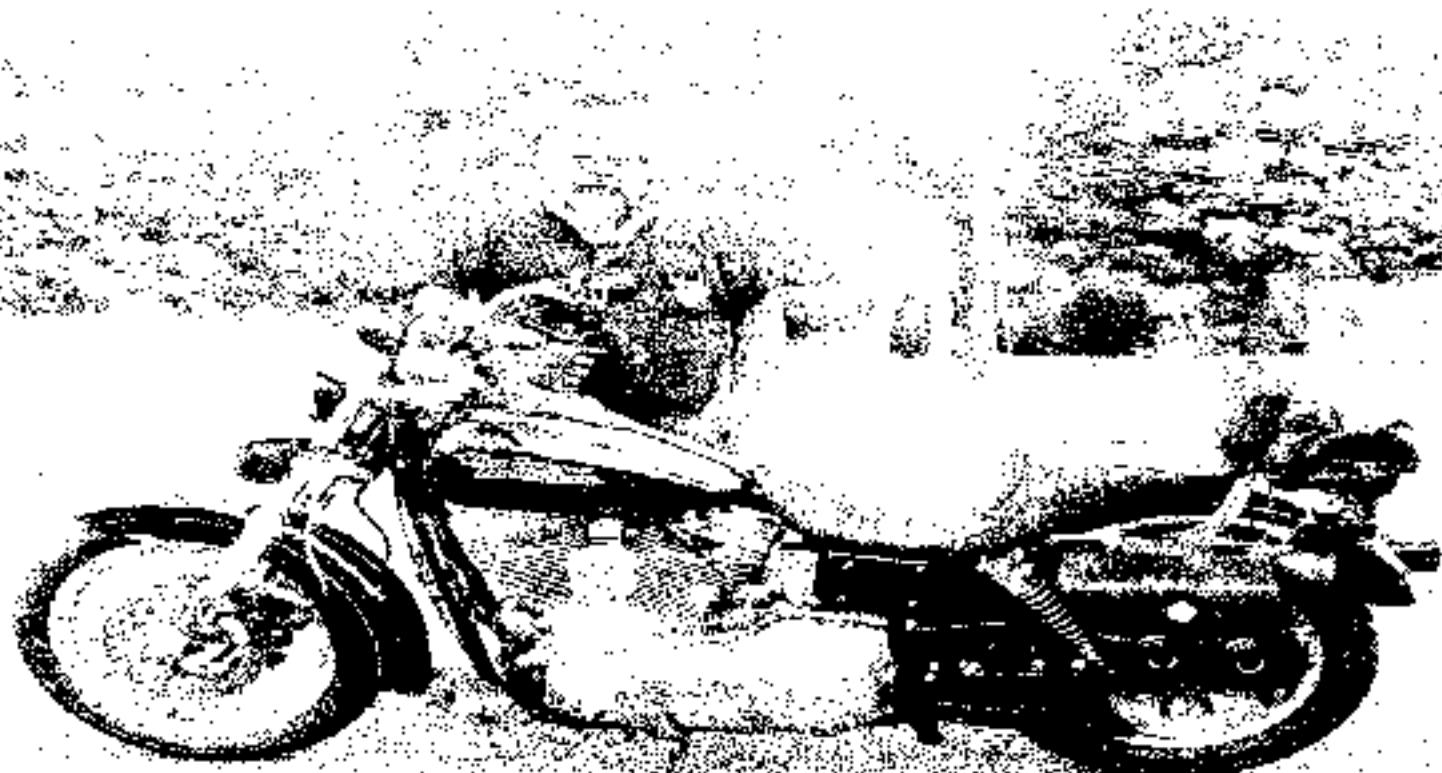
That's it for this edition of the *ACTIVIST* Supplement. Hopefully, all of you will do your part in keeping awareness of CMRO in front of the Legislature. After all, CMRO's MISSION is to **“preserve and protect the rights and lives of motorcycling.”** Fortunately, the *Constitution* and modern technology permits us to participate in the process, largely from home via email, phone, fax and the U.S. Mail. Elsewhere in the world, participation often involves guns, armor, tanks, bombs and potential for incarceration, torture, serious injury and/or death.

See you at the International Motorcycle Expo at Cleveland's IX Center January 27, 28 & 29.

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Benefit Dinner

Denny Fogle
(Former Owner of Leeden Cycle)



Denny was diagnosed with Lymphoma Cancer in September of 2005; all proceeds will go towards medical expenses.

Date: Saturday, February 11th, 2006

Location: Louisville Eagles 306 West Main St.

Doors Open at 5:00pm, Dinner at 6:00pm

Ticket cost: \$15

For ticket information please contact

Tama Moore (330)875-3396

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Come Join Us For Food & Fun to Help Denny!

DJ: Good Vibrations Door Prizes & 50/50

Cash Bar & Raffles

Spaghetti Dinner Benefit for Steve Minter

Saturday January 28 2006

School House Community Campus

(formerly known as "The Owl" West Salem Elementary School)

99 E Buckeye St West Salem Ohio



5 pm to 8 pm

Adults: \$7.00 per plate

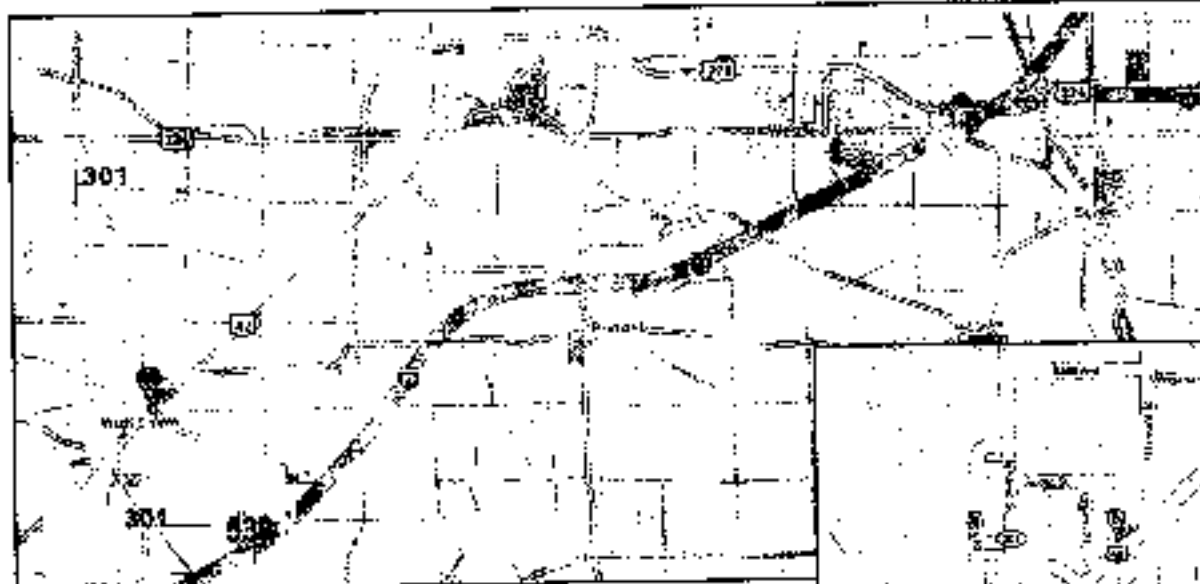
Children 7 through 12 yrs: \$5.00 per plate

Children 6 yrs & under: \$2.00 per plate

Steve was injured in a motorcycle accident in July 2005.
Through the miracle of modern medicine, his leg is being saved.
Help raise funds to assist with the medical expenses incurred.



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