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The Ohio Freedom Fighter

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We hope that everyone who attended the Freedom Rally had a good time. It takes months of planning and it's over in a blink of an eye. Our count of people who paid to get in was 404. This number was down a few hundred from the previous years. But for relocating it to a new place it still was a good turn out.

When I did make it up the hill I saw a lot of participants and a lot of spectators sitting back and watching the fun of the bike games. Here are the Freedom Rally 2006 Rodeo Winners:

**Slow Ride:** Bob Getes                      **Keg Roll:** Grizz                      **Helmet Protest:** Grizz & Tanya

**Jouncing Tournament:** Grizz & Tanya      **Weenie Bite:** Roy & Molly with a 3" bite (ouch!)

**Plunger Run:** Randy & Sheila

Congratulations to the winners and thank you to all that participated and a special thank you to Bob Barth for coming down and running the rodeo. -D.B.

We would like to say thank you to everyone who volunteered some of their time during the weekend, whether it was working security, the gate, products or the beer truck. The volunteers were pretty slim this year so thank you for putting up with working an extra shift or two.... Region 15-16 you guys are awesome! Thank you for stepping in.

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### *Welcome New Members*

Ray Van Lehn

### *Happy Birthday to...*

Michelle Chandler      Donita Greathouse  
Elizabeth "Tiny" Keagy      Shelly Klever  
Darrell Abbott      Larry Baker  
Todd Bittaker      Sam Curatolo  
Gary Horn      Chuck "Odie" Morris  
Tarzan Nisewonger      Ervin Raber  
Jerry Rozaieski      James Sturrett  
Bryan Temple      Ray Van Lehn  
Chaz White      Charlie Woods, Jr.

**And anyone else we may have missed.**

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### Deepest Sympathy

For the passing of Bob Barth's wife Peggy, on Monday July 3<sup>rd</sup>.

Bob is a lifetime member of Region 8.

Even with Peggy being so sick that didn't stop Bob from doing the motorcycle rodeo at the Freedom Rally on Sat July 1<sup>st</sup>. Thank you so much Bob for all you do and our prayers are with you. You know that we are always here for you!

### Wisdom By Bryce

Hello,

I'd like to mention the fact of deer on the highways, and the deer in the headlight look. It's always a problem especially after dark. Dave and Mel can attest to that. Coming back from the Army/Navy Club in Bolivar I was heading back to Canton on Bolivar Road (Dueber Extension), towards Battlesburg at about 55-60 MPH. I saw a flash and noticed a deer in front of me running from the left side to the right side of the road. She never stopped but did glance right at me as she continued to the other side of the road. That's how I got acquainted with the deer in the headlight look. I couldn't have stopped in time. I just veered left and let off the throttle. I didn't know how just how I missed hitting the animal. God and the little biker bell attached to the bottom of my bike. At midnight on that road they wouldn't have found me till the next morning. The next time I went down there to pick up my life membership card I encountered the exact same thing going up Gracemont. Two of them ran out in front of me. They were yearlings, but I think the loud stereo on the Rat Wing scared them off. Again the same thing, but this time I was going slowly enough that I had enough time, luckily. Of course if one would have darted out from the side of the road I might not have been as fortunate. I've always wondered about deer meat and the Highway Patrol stories you hear, but I sincerely hope I never get involved that intimately again.

Thanks for listening.

Sincerely,

Bryce Corbin.

Freedom Rally continued....

We also want to thank all the vendors who came in, (We hope you did well.), CCI Radios for supplying the radios that were used for security, Anheuser-Busch, for keeping the beer flowing, Ohio Ice Distributing, for keeping us in ice. Miller & Company for the porta toilets, and Nations Rent for the generator.

Thank you goes out to Les Bond (Lights & Sound) and the bands, Storm, Zero Tolerance, Dartanion, and Electric Mud for keeping the awesome music going. We didn't get to hear much of it at the gate but what we did hear was truly excellent.

We also need to thank Mike Korns for supplying the panel used to help the generator supply everyone with electric.

Melinda & Vicki you two deserve an extra big "THANK YOU" for all your hard work putting together & organizing a candle light vigil honoring our POWs, & KIAs (prisoners of war and killed in action). Practically starting from scratch. We will never be able to compete with the vigil done by Luther "Forget-Me-Nots" but I'm sure that Luther would be proud of what was done.

To the DAVs that were there, you guys are great! Thank you so much for all your help and thank you for donating the American Flag that was flying at the Freedom Rally.

Last but not least. Thank you Rich for the use of your property and to all the people who put in their time and money to get everything ready for the event.

Congratulations go out to Bill L. for winning the 50/50 drawing on Sat. night.

The Newsletter Crew

Board Meeting- 06-25-06  
Regional Meeting- 06-25-06

Director- Need someone to take over the State Treasurers job. Must have bookkeeping knowledge. Mike Warren has stepped down from the State Legislation position due to personal reasons. Dale Williams may take it over.

Legislative- see report.

Products- Ready to go for the Rally. Different colors and have tee shirts and tank tops.

Sgt of Arms- Need people to help. Has sign up sheet with him.

County Reps-Tuscarawas- see letter, Carroll-nothing, Columbiana- nothing, Harrison-nothing, Jefferson-nothing, Stark- see flyers.

Membership-221 active members.

New News- Melinda received a call from Luther. Has had it pretty rough but is doing a little better now. Sorry he can not be there for Rally. Changed the letters from POW-MIA to POW-KIA since we are in Iraq and Afghanistan. Generator will be there on Thursday. Sand has been delivered for candles.

Moment of silence.

Rick Perrine wasn't there

Meeting adjourned.

Hello All,

Becky and I had the leasure of attending the 83<sup>rd</sup> (the oldest) Laconia, NH Bike Week. The vendors were plentiful and the scenery was spectacular. Especially the "Ride to the Sky" at Mt. Washington.

By the time you read this the Freedom Rally will be history. I'm sure you have some exciting stories to share. If you don't want to write about it, share it with me and I will pass it on for all to enjoy.

Some thing to do in the future:

July 23<sup>rd</sup> – Tuscarawas county H.O.G. chapter Poker Run

(Another DAM Poker Run) Start Adventure H-D Registration 9 to 12.

July 28<sup>th</sup> & 29<sup>th</sup> – Mid West Biker Rally 2006, Fontier Ranch in Kirkersville, OH

Ride safe and often,

Mike Gloss

Tuscarwas County Rep.

This was received from our website feedback section.

Dear Sir,

My name is Ken McCord and I am the Chairman of the Board of Directors for the Perry County Moving Wall Committee in New Lexington, Ohio (S.E. Ohio near Zanesville) Our NON-PROFIT Org will be hosting the Vietnam Memorial Movin Wall from August 24 - August 28 2006 and we are seeking as many Motorcycles to Participate in our GRAND DEDICATION PARADE on August 26th 2006 and we would like to Welcome your Club to take part in our parade. You can view our site ay [www.pcmwc.org](http://www.pcmwc.org) for more Information on the Visit and if you are Interested or any other group is interested, they will need to contact the NEW LEXINGTON CLASSIC RIDERS who is handling the Motorcycle end of the parade at [nlcriders@sbcglobal.net](mailto:nlcriders@sbcglobal.net). If you would want to Camp, There is a Campground on the edge of town that used to offer FREE CAMPING and if you let me know, I could check to see if that is still available. You can contact me here or at [ken@pcmwc.org](mailto:ken@pcmwc.org). Thanks for your time and please let any Fellow Clubs know that they are welcome, they just need to register so we have an approx. number of bikes to make arrangements for, Thanks again... Ken McCord (740)605-2214

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**CALENDAR OF EVENTS**  
**2006**

Jul. 23<sup>rd</sup> Board Mtg.  
Jul. 30<sup>th</sup> Regional Mtg.

Aug. 27<sup>th</sup> Board Mtg. & Regional Mtg.

Sept. 10<sup>th</sup> Charity Run  
Sept. 24<sup>th</sup> Board Mtg. & Regional Mtg.

Oct. 21<sup>st</sup> Halloween Party  
Oct. 22<sup>nd</sup> Board Mtg. & Regional Mtg.

Nov. 19<sup>th</sup> Board Mtg. & Regional Mtg.

Dec. 2<sup>nd</sup> Christmas Party  
Dec. 17<sup>th</sup> Board Mtg. to be announced  
No Regional Meeting

**Congratulations...**

Dave & Tiny  
were married on June 29<sup>th</sup>.

Odie & Sue  
were married on July 1<sup>st</sup>  
at the Freedom Rally!

**FYI...**

Hey would you like to know what is going on in other regions? You can now check out Region 15 & 16's newsletter, by going to our website [www.cmro.org](http://www.cmro.org) and look under "link page" and there you will find Region 15 & 16 website.

**Here are the Ohio Congressional Contacts.**

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## Legislative Report

By Pudge

### **U.S. Forest Service is .deciding where you can ride**

A massive effort is under way in the U.S. forests nationwide to designate where you can ride.

"This is a great opportunity for off-road enthusiasts to ensure that we get designated routes where we can legally ride," said Royce Wood, AMA legislative affairs specialist. "Once these routes are on the maps, it will be very difficult for local land managers to close them."

About a year ago, the U.S. Forest Service announced a new rule to guide recreational motor vehicle use in national forests and grasslands nationwide. The new travel management policy requires each national forest and grassland to identify and designate the roads, trails and areas that are open to motor vehicle use.

Even unplanned, user-created trails are supposed to be considered in this new effort.

The Forest Service expects that it will take up to four years to complete the designation process for all 155 forests and 20 grasslands in the nation. Once the designations are made, each forest or grassland is supposed to publish a motor vehicle use map that shows the legal routes to ride. Motor vehicle use off these routes and outside these areas--what is known as cross-country travel--will be illegal.

So it makes sense for off-road enthusiasts to get involved in the process as soon as possible to try to ensure the designation of acceptable routes and trails. After all, the Forest Service calls unmanaged recreational use "one of the four major threats affecting our nation's forests and grasslands."

In June, the Forest Service released a schedule for the national forests and grasslands nationwide to designate the roads, trails and areas that will allow motor vehicles. Some U.S. Forest Service Districts are supposed to have their designations finished as early as this month, while others won't be finished for another three years.

The forest and grasslands officials are taking public comment on the designation of routes, so it's up to you to be sure you submit comments, or attend public meetings. You can find out more about the schedule for designating routes in your area by contacting your nearest national forest or grassland, or going to the U.S. Forest Service website.

Posted June 27, 2006

### **Vermont sheriff who clashed with dual-sport riders confesses, resigns**

A Vermont sheriff whose officers improperly shut down a dual-sport ride nearly two years ago is back in the news and out of office.

Windham County Sheriff Sheila Prue pleaded guilty to embezzlement in court and submitted her resignation on June 23. The charges were unrelated to the events of August 8, 2004, when Prue's deputies threatened to arrest riders in the Red Fox Turkey Run.

In that incident, deputies told riders they would be arrested and their motorcycles confiscated, even if they rode fully licensed street-legal motorcycles on public roads.

The decision to halt the dual-sport ride became a big controversy among New England riders. An investigation by the Vermont State Attorney General concluded that sheriff's deputies were wrong to stop the event.

**DRIVEN TO DISTRACTION** The highway death rate increased in 2005 for the first time in about 20 years, and a new federal report suggests that driving distracted may be responsible for nearly 8 in 10 crashes.

Preliminary figures from the National Highway Safety Administration (NHTSA) show that despite increased usage of safety belts and attention to drunken driving, 43,200 people died in car crashes last year, up from 42,636

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in 2004.

In a separate report issued the same day, NHTSA and Virginia Tech's Transportation Institute released research findings that driving distracted is a more serious problem than previously known, and indicated nearly 80% of crashes and near-crashes involve driver inattention up to three seconds before the incident. The most common causes of distraction were cell phone use and drowsiness.

*The research, which NHTSA called "breakthrough," tracked the drivers of 100 vehicles equipped with video and sensor devices for more than one year, providing more than 43,300 hours of data. In nearly 2 million miles of driving, 241 drivers of the cars were involved in 82 crashes and 761 near-crashes.*

*Connecticut, New York and New Jersey ban drivers from using handheld cell phones. Washington, D. C., bans use of handheld cell phones or any other electronic device. New Hampshire bans all driver distractions.*

A government report last year found that about 10 percent of drivers are using cell phones.

*Automakers are refining technologies that sense when a vehicle is about to crash and apply brakes and steer the car out of trouble.*

**QUOTABLE QUOTE:** *"We, too, born to freedom, and believing in freedom, are willing to fight to maintain freedom. We, and all others who believe as deeply as we do, would rather die on our feet than live on our knees"*  
Franklin Delano Roosevelt, 32nd President of the United States (1882-1945)

The National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA) has begun to finalize the details of the Motorcycle Safety Grant program set forth in the SAFETEA-LU highway legislation (PL 109-59) signed into law in August 2005.

The Motorcycle Riders Foundation (MRF) is pleased to report NHTSA has maintained the integrity of the program as drafted by the MRF in conjunction with the US House and Senate. The program description and qualifying requirements are simple and clear cut, just as the MRF and the supporting motorcycle rights organizations intended when they lobbied the Congress to include this important program.

"The grants made available through this program are a monumental step for motorcycle safety and a tremendous accomplishment for the motorcycle rights community" remarked Jeff Hennie, Vice President of Government Relations for the Motorcycle Riders Foundation.

"The MRF looks forward to working closely with motorcyclists' rights organizations across the country to secure and implement the funds set aside by NHTSA specifically for motorcycle safety".

The comments submitted to NHTSA by the Motorcycle Riders Foundation are included below. to view or submit comments of your own visit <http://dms.dot.gov> and search for Docket Number 23700. You may also mail your comments directly to the agency:

National Highway Traffic Safety Administration 400 Seventh street S.W.  
Nassif Building, Room PL - 401  
Washington, D.C. 20590

June 5, 2006

The Hon. Nicole Nason  
Administrator  
National Highway Traffic Safety Administration 400 Seventh Street S.W.  
Nassif Building, Room PL - 401  
Washington, D.C. 20590

Re: Docket Number NHTSA-2006-23700 Motorcyclist Safety Grants

The Motorcycle Riders Foundation (MRF) is the nation's only advocacy group whose focus is exclusively on-road motorcycles. As the primary advocate for the inclusion of the motorcyclist grant program in the most recent highway bill, Safe, Accountable, Flexible, Efficient Transportation Act: A Legacy for Users or SAFETEA-LU (PL-10959), we are uniquely qualified to provide comment on the grant program.

The Motorcycle Riders Foundation is pleased to see that the description of the program and the qualifying criteria remain true to the original legislation signed into law on August 10th 2005.

This straight forward approach to motorcycle safety will ease the burden on the individual state motorcycle safety campaigns. Many of the state efforts are funded primarily through taxes and fees collected from motorcyclists through registration or licensing. As a result of inadequate safety programs many states have raised the taxes and

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fees collected from motorcyclists, often times at the overwhelming requests from the motorcyclists themselves. Clearly this demonstrates much needed assistance from the federal government, which is why the MRF is supporting the grant program and the clause that allows the grant money to be sub allocated to a nonprofit incorporated in the state to carry out grant activities.

The one area of concern in NHTSA's proposed rulemaking that demands attention is the reliance on the Federal Highway Administration's (FHWA) Fatality Analysis Reporting System (FARS) data for motorcycle crashes. The MRF has made it known to NHTSA and FHWA that the FARS data is seriously flawed when it comes to the motorcycle crash data. The MRF feels it would be in the best of interest of the states to employ the individual states crash data instead of the FARS data. FHWA clearly states the motorcycle crash data is not a reporting requirement and therefore many states do not report the data to the FHWA.

Overall, the positive approach of NHTSA's proposal to implement the motorcyclist's safety grants is applauded by the MRF. We feel that this proposal provides sufficient flexibility to the states as well as maintaining consistency with the SAFETEA-LU language.

Please do not hesitate to contact the MRF should you have any further questions or comments.

Jeff Hennie  
Vice President Government Relations Motorcycle Riders  
Foundation



Second Annual



2005  
Winner  
Joe Kopp



DARKE COUNTY FAIRGROUNDS  
GREENVILLE, OHIO

July 22, 2006

Gates Open: 3:00 p.m.

Racing: 7:00 p.m.

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Box Seats are \$25.00 per seat and are sold by the box  
(Most boxes contain 6 seats, there are a few with 8 or 12)

General Admission is \$20.00 for the grandstand or  
bleachers with no seat assignment

# 6th ANNUAL NAVFD

# BENEFIT POKER RUN

## August 5<sup>th</sup>, 2006

(During Fireman's Festival)

**Starts and Ends at New Athens Fire Hall**

(5 MILES SOUTH OF CADIZ, 8 MILES NORTH OF ST. CLAIRSVILLE ON Rt. 9)

1<sup>st</sup> bike out 11:00, Last bike out 12:00, Last Bike in 6:00

**1/2 BBQ Chicken, Soup Beans and Corn bread**

**For all Riders and Passengers**

Door Prizes, 50/50 Raffle (Winner need not be Present)

**Pay Out: Best, 2<sup>nd</sup> Best and Worst Hand**

(All Proceeds go to NAVFD for Equipment)

\$10.00  
per  
Person



**TAZ T-SHIRTS AVAILABLE DAY OF RIDE  
ENTERTAINMENT AND GAMES ALL DAY AND EVENING**

## LIVE ENTERTAINMENT

### 7:00-11:00pm

# ANOTHER DAM

## POKER RUN!

**SUNDAY JULY 23<sup>RD</sup>, 2006**

*Draw your first card at Adventure Harley-Davidson. Remaining cards will be picked at the Army Corps of Engineers Dams. We will end the ride in Bolivar at Slutz Park for a great celebration.*

**Come Early To:**

*Adventure*  
**HARLEY-DAVIDSON**



1465 State Rt. 39  
NW Dover, OH

Cost \$15.00 per hand  
Pancake Breakfast: 9am til they're gone  
Registration: 9am to Noon  
First Card at: Adventure H-D® Dealership  
First Bike Out at: 10am  
Last Bike Out at: Noon  
Last Check Point: Closes at 3pm  
Ride Ends at: Slutz Park-In Mineral City  
Last Bike in at: 4:00pm

Awards to follow for: -Best Hand: \$500  
- 2nd Best Hand: \$200 - 3rd Best Hand: \$100  
Golf Ball Drop from Helicopter: \$5 Per Ball - 5 Balls/\$20  
- 1st Ball Closest: Gets 20% of Pot  
- 2nd Ball Closest: Gets 10% of Pot  
- 3rd Ball Closest: Gets 5% of Pot  
Food provided by: Old Carolina BBQ Co.  
Featuring Music by: DJ Brian Knouff  
Sponsored by: • Adventure Harley-Davidson  
• Smith Ambulance • Stat Medivac  
• Atwood Dari-Bar

Proceeds of Ride go to benefit: **Hospice of Tuscarawas Co. & other local charities.**

Hosted by: **Tuscarawas Co. Harley-Owners Group**

# BENEFIT POKER RUN

JULY 15, 2006

THE RED ONION PARTY

CENTER & PUB,

QUONSET HUT &

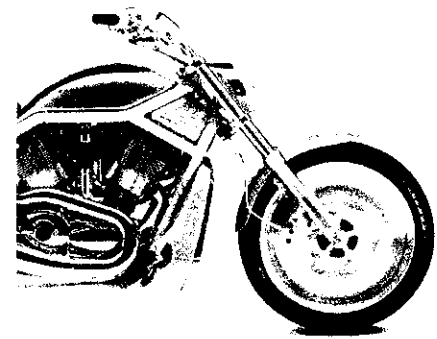
THE V-TWIN GIRLS

Are sponsoring a benefit poker run for:

*WAYNE CARPENTER &  
JASON FARNSWORTH*

Sign up is \$10.00 per person and \$15.00 per couple. Sign up July 15<sup>th</sup> from 10 am to Noon at The Red Onion Party Center located at 2937 State Route 39, New Philadelphia, OH. Quonset Hut is providing a lunch and the V-Twin Girls for a bike wash. They are also donating part of their proceeds to the benefit.

For more information call:  
(330) 364-0055 or (330) 308-0644



**2nd Annual**  
**Rubber City Sleigh Ride**  
**and Poker Run**

A Food Drive and Poker Run Benefiting The Akron-Canton Regional Foodbank

**Saturday, July 15, 2006**

**Registration at 11 a.m.**  
**First bike leaves at noon**

**Starting point**  
**Akron-Canton Regional Foodbank**  
**546 Grant St.**  
**Akron, OH 44311**

**\$10 for rider**  
**\$10 for co-rider**

**For more information contact Leslie Letner,**  
**Events Coordinator at 330-535-6900 x 237**  
**or visit [www.akroncantonfoodbank.org](http://www.akroncantonfoodbank.org)**



**The Akron-Canton Regional Foodbank is a non-profit organization committed to ending hunger by providing food and other essential products to more than 300 partner agencies. In 2005, the Foodbank distributed more than 10,200,000 pounds of food which assisted more than 163,000 people in need in Summit, Stark, Carroll, Wayne, Medina, Portage, Tuscarawas, and Holmes counties.**