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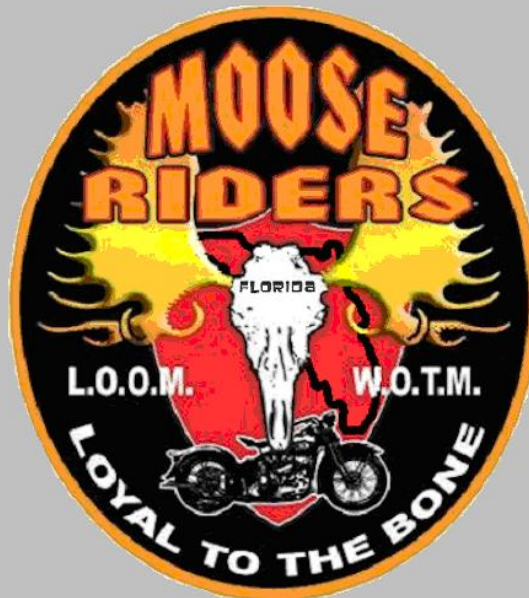
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Welcome to the Web—<http://www.mriders.floridamoose.org>

Florida Moose Riders Roll Out New Website

Email your suggestions to me at fbmanews@yahoo.com. I'll be updating the site quarterly.

Thanks.

— Joan Fedora

At long last we have a website. It's just a beginning and there aren't a lot of bells and whistles, but with the suggestions and ideas of our riders, we can make this a real working tool for not only Florida Moose Riders, but Moose Riders all over the country.

The "Photos and Events" page is linked to a Picasa site so that I can immediately upload all of the event flyers you send me, as well as any photos you take at our state events or at your Lodge or District events.

The site also offers a "Kick Start" page, with many of the basic documents you will need to start up a Moose Riders group. This page will be updated as necessary.

Of course there is a Pipes page featuring the most current issue and all back issues. The "Contact Us" page will list all of the current state officers and the district chairmen. By clicking on the name, you should be able to send an email. The "Important Links" page has links to our 3 charities and a couple of others near and dear to us, plus International and the FBMA page and all of our

districts. If a district has a webpage, you can just click on the dot to get there. As districts develop web pages, we will add the links. Let me know if I missed your webpage.

The "L.I.F.E." page will keep you updated on our annual laptop campaign, and the "Moose Riders Stuff" page will hook you up with those must-have Moose Rider items, like state patches, Pipes patches and t-shirts and any other items we are offering.

Thanks go to the FloridaMoose.org webmaster, Steve Caraccio, for working with me to get this placed on the state website and for helping me out as I struggled to learn the program and put this together. Find us at www.mriders.floridamoose.org, or simply go to the floridamoose.org website and click on the Moose Riders link.

But what we need most is your input. So go to the site and see what you think. Let's hear from you. Whatever we can do, we will.—Ed.



Above is the home page for the Florida Moose Riders Website. Check it out at www.mriders.floridamoose.org.

Merritt Island Hosts Moose Riders Board Meeting



MI Moose Riders take a break after serving up lunch to the hungry crowd.



Neither rain, nor hail, nor fatal crash and blaze could stop our Moose Riders State Board of Officers and District chairmen from meeting up in Merritt Island in January. Sadly a mid-afternoon crash all but shut down access to the Lodge on Friday as officers and members began arriving. With most riders staying at the Econo Lodge, there was the opportunity for those on hand Friday to enjoy each other's company that night in the Econo Lounge.

By Saturday morning, access to the Lodge was available via a roundabout but manageable detour. Merritt Island Lodge was waiting for us with a super lunch of burgers and mountains of fries and fixin's. By 1:00 PM almost all of our officers and chairmen were on hand to start the meeting, but first the riders from Merritt Island wanted us to pose with them as they handed over their Laptop donation for Mooseheart seniors.

It was an emotionally difficult meeting, but well-chaired by Gary Mundorf, our new State Chairman. Gary had done his homework and was prepared with a long agenda aimed at resolving some of the outstanding issues and questions that had been brought up either at meetings or via email. The first order of business was the installation of new officers, including Jay Long of North Hills-

boro, District 19, as Vice Chair for Central Florida and Charlie Titheridge, Jacksonville, MOTOR 39, as Vice Chair for North Florida. Mundorf explained that since he is located in South Florida, he needed help dealing personally with all the districts and Lodges, which is why he appointed 2 Vice chairmen.

With long-time Board member Gerald Lambert stepping down due to personal business and work constraints, Vince Cannizzaro of District 6, Jensen Beach, was appointed Sergeant at Arms. The Board thanked Gerald for his support and leadership as one of the original State Board members. Also in attendance was the new Chairman for District 15 Ted "Pops" Robinson of Pensacola.

Issues regarding upcoming rallies, the Spring Getaway, use of the state patch/logo, Moose Rider membership and the status of charters, among other things, were discussed. Policies were established and agreed upon. District Chairmen had a lot to bring back and report to their District and Lodge members. But the message was clear, Gary has not only stepped up to carry forward everything that Mark had started, but he will also be a strong voice encouraging Moose Riders to work together to be even more successful.

Following the meeting, officers and members spent the afternoon relaxing and socializing with each other. Due to the still existing problem with the road, most members returned to the hotel before dark to finish out the night. I don't think the Econo Lodge has ever quite had an evening like it did that weekend. Though well-behaved, Moose Riders were Moose Riders after all. Many thanks to our wonderful hosts at the Merritt Island Lodge and their hard working Moose Riders. If you ever are in the neighborhood (it's just off I-95 and across the causeway), stop by and say "hi." It's a huge place with a wonderful screened in patio and did I mention the good burgers?—*Editor*

—Construction Begins at Moosehaven

March 12 Groundbreaking for Special Needs Facility

The \$1.85 million, 14,000-sq.-ft. facility will provide care for up to 16 residents with age-related dementia, including Alzheimer's disease.

A ground-breaking ceremony was held on Saturday, March 12, at Moosehaven for the Katherine Smith Special Needs Hall for treatment of residents with age-related dementia and, in particular, Alzheimer's disease. This new facility will cost \$1.85 million to build. The Women of the Moose were asked over the last few years to donate \$6.50 per member to help cover this cost, and as of January 2011 had raised \$1.53 million, an amazing accomplishment. Smith, for whom the facility is named, was the first WOTM leader, served as its chief executive, and was Grand Chancellor until her passing in 1964.

"The kitchen will be used to bake cookies and cakes and brownies and occasional "special" dishes," Capes said. "You've got to recognize that most of our residents are women and they've cooked their entire lives. Smells, especially those from baking, bring back life memories and are important to residents."



Grand Chancellor Barb McPherson addresses the crowd.

first building that's been funded entirely by the Women of the Moose in many years. I think the Co-workers have grabbed onto it and embraced it, as they are the sole providers of this facility."



Verna Wilson (red shirt) breaks some ground at Moosehaven



Rendering of Katherine Smith Special Needs Hall
Source: Moosehaven website.

Initially the project was to be a renovation of the Katherine Smith Memorial Residence Hall, utilizing \$300,000 already raised by the Women of the Moose. However, after additional inspection it was determined that the building had to be razed. Current Grand Chancellor Barb McPherson announced plans to rebuild at the Convention in 2009, with a projected timeline of 2 years to raise the funds. With this groundbreaking, the project is well ahead of schedule.

"We get calls from Chapters every day wanting to know how much more do they owe to meet their commitment," McPherson said. "They're excited about it. This is the

Construction of the 14,000 SF facility is expected to take between nine and 11 months. The facility will include 16 bedrooms, a kitchen, dining room and a central outdoor courtyard. Because it is a one-story facility, residents will have freedom of access throughout the building and the outdoor area. "The 'home' in this center is in the living room and the dining room and the kitchen," John Capes said. "If someone decides to walk outside, they can go outside into the enclosed courtyard and we can still see them and know that they're safe and secure."

This new construction enables Moosehaven to reallocate space in Peeler Hall of the 2002 LifeCare Center complex, where residents suffering from Alzheimer's now live.

On hand for the ground breaking were Grand Chancellor Barb McPherson, Bill Airey, Jan Fregulia, Executive Director. Moose Charities, and members of the Moosehaven Board of Directors, among others. Of course the requisite shovel photos were taken, but the scene stealer was Verna Wilson, 93, who made her way to the hard hats and shovels to make sure she broke some ground as well. Kudos to the Women of the Moose for this outstanding achievement.

—Source: Moosehaven

WHAT? Youth Villa Open House

**WHERE? 3350 State Road 60 E
Bartow, FL 33830**

WHEN?

**Saturday, April 16th, 2011
11:00 am until 1:30 pm**

Hello,

It is that time of year again for our Youth Villa Open House BBQ for our Youth Ranches family, friends and neighbors to come out and enjoy the day, meet our young ladies and staff and take a step back in time with a look at some awesome antique cars. It is a perfect way to see and hear what we have been up to this past year.

If you have joined us before than I know you had a great time and will want to come back and if you have never joined us, then please come see what you have been missing.

There is no cost and we welcome you to bring friends and family to share the day. We ask that you RSVP by March 31st to my e-mail with the number of people and or names to prepare their name tags and so that we can be sure to have plenty of food and drinks.

I look forward to seeing you again this year and if you have any questions, please call or e-mail me. Remember the more the merrier... We could all use a little merrier these days, that's for sure!

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*"I've learned that people will forget what you said,
people will forget what you did,
but people will never forget how you made them feel."
— Maya Angelou*

Future Journalists Publish Youth Ranch Newsletter

When we heard that the Ranchers at the Live Oak facility were producing a Newsletter, we just had to find out more. Here's a letter from the newsletter staff about their publication.

We also found out about their wish list: a desktop computer, printer and a video camera.

Florida Moose Riders are all about the kids, so by the end of April, there'll be a few things to cross off that wish list.



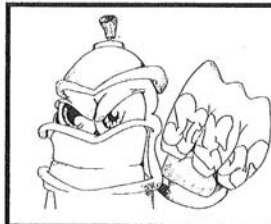
We as a class began the process of the monthly news letter and the "Hoof Prints Year Book" on February 17, 2011. We are composed of eleven youth (we are also the oldest group in the Cooke School), consisting of one senior, seven juniors, two sophomores, and one freshman. We are a broad range of age group but we have come together to write our "Monthly Entertainment Newsletter; M.E.N."

Each youth in the class has an assigned responsibility in the newsletter and the year book. Our responsibilities consist of photography, writing the articles, the lay out of both the newsletter and the yearbook, coming up with ideas for the articles, and research for the articles. Our articles are chosen by the youth in the class about controversies of the ranch, upcoming events, future plans, and ideas to help improve the Ranch and Ranchers.

Along with presenting this newsletter, we are organizing the yearbook for the Cooke School. Our grade for this course is based upon how well we present our articles, the content of our articles, and the accuracy of our articles. Mrs. Parker wants us to learn that we can have a voice through print, and that voice can reach so many more people. Our first newsletter had some errors in it that we missed, however we are all learning from our mistakes.

We would like to thank the staff at the Cooke School and the Florida Sheriffs Youth Ranches for their support. Mrs. Parker and Mr. Tucker are our teachers in the class, Ms. Peggy Minter has helped us with the revision of our articles, Ms Maria Knapp for guidance in the formatting of the newsletter, and Mrs. Moffat our Principal.

—Staff of M.E.N, Live Oak



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Heifer Program at the Boys Ranch

Heifer program is a group of four boys breaking young cows to show in Suwannee County at the fairgrounds. The boys that are involved are Dillon L, Nick S, Wayne S, and Chris T.

The instructor is Assistant Farm Manager Cedric Perry. The boys will show at the fair to show that their cow is the best in her class. The judges will look for the cow with the best conformation and production. The boys are training their cows every Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, and Saturday. There are four cows, three of them are

Charolais and one is an Angus. The cow's ages vary from thirteen to sixteen months. At the show, we will also be competing in showmanship. We are grooming and taking care of our heifers. The show is the first week of April, the 2nd, 3rd, and 4th. The boys that have good grades and acceptable behavior will be getting out of school for those days.

- Chris



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Introducing Our Staff

Editor



I have been at the Ranch for almost 2 years now and I am enjoying every day here. When Mrs. Parker told us we would be doing a news letter I assumed I that it wouldn't be fun or something I would like doing. Well I was mistaken I have really began to like it a lot it is a challenging experience for me.

Photographer



My name is DJ I'm the photographer of this news letter I've been a Rancher for 3 1/2 years I've learned a lot from being here and it is a Wonderful opportunity Being in the Ranch. I had real good time working on this project.

Artist



Hello, my name is Jason. I've been in this program for about a year and a half. Since I've been here I have learned that taking pride in something and doing something right the first time is some very important life skill I have learned. Doing this article taught me that if you want something then go after it.

The M.E.N. staff would like to give a special thanks to Ms. Maria Knapp for her assistance and guidance with this paper.

—Moose Riders on the Beach?

Getaway Gamble Yields Big Rewards



—Cocoa Beach, FL. In every respect, it was a true “getaway” for Moose Riders. Getaway from work, getaway from the Lodge, getaway from the day-to-day grind. With a block of rooms as close to the pool as we could get them, and a fully stocked hospitality suite just minutes from a splash in the Atlantic Gulfstream, over 145 Moose Riders kicked back and let loose for 2-1/2 days— And, raised over \$8500 doing it. Gina Perrin, Moose Riders Chairperson for Public Relations, put together a weekend package that included not only your room, but unlimited beer, a stocked bar, non-stop hot dogs and snacks, raffles, auctions and cash prizes, and amazing hospitality from the Best Western staff. We “took over” the pool area and the hotel even posted a sign cautioning guests that we would be there and if it was an inconvenience, there was another pool at the tower building they were welcome to use.

Guests started arriving early Friday and the hospitality room was open for business at 3:00 PM. Moose Riders did shifts covering the “bar” and the raffle and merchandise table from Friday afternoon until 9:00 PM Saturday night.

The tables were overflowing with donation items for the “Chinese” auction (most items donated by Moose Riders), There was a Pink Biker Babe Basket, and a weekend getaway package donated by the hotel that were up for raffle as well. Rally patches, the new Florida Sheriff’s Youth Ranch patches, and the remaining Big Heart Tiny Memorial patches were also available.

Friday night featured a DJ and karaoke that got riders up dancing and partying and even though the pool closed down at midnight, Moose Riders congregated outside and inside their rooms, enjoying the gorgeous weather and the striking full moon. Moose Riders rolled out pretty early Saturday morning to enjoy Bloody Mary’s in the Hospitality suite and to sign up for the “fun run” scheduled to begin mid morning.

Nearby Cocoa riders organized a nice coastal run stopping off at several of the Lodges in the area. Each stop featured a point earning game (instead of a drawing a card) for the participants. Final stop was the Cocoa Lodge where points were tallied and winners announced. Riders headed back for the hotel where they really settled in for a night of Moose Rider madness. Our “jail” was operating for about an hour and a half and brought in over \$500. Riders also took

advantage of the many meal choices within walking distance. The DJ was back and the fun began. Let’s just say, you had to be there to enjoy some of the antics. **At the hospitality suite** the tickets were drawn for the winners of the raffles and auction items. Not long after 9:00 it was announced that the remaining alcohol was going to be raffled off so

we could shut down the room and everyone could party together. Haines City/District 20 bid \$600 and the bar was packed up and moved to the pool and enjoyed long into the night. Following the 9:00 ceremony, awards were given: “most attendees” went to District 20 and “furthest traveled” to riders from North Carolina. Newlywed couple Keith and Eileen Delano were also introduced and applauded for their bravery of spending their honeymoon at a Moose Rider getaway.

Sunday morning Moose Riders who hadn’t left gathered for a combination Board Meeting and General session, before taking to the road headed home. General consensus was the event was a huge success and a great way of raising money and a great way of getting to know riders from other Districts and even other states. Sounds like we’ll do it again next year. Thanks to Gina Perrin for her hard work to make this such a success.

—Editor

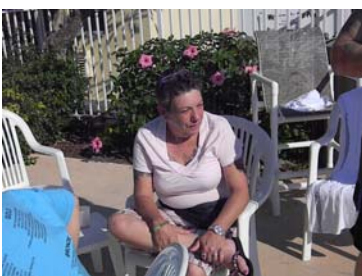
From: Lone Wolf
To: fbmanews@yahoo.com
Sent: Mon, March 21, 2011 9:59 AM
Subject: Moose Riders

Hi Joan,
We really had a great time and the hospitality shown to our riders by your groups was "FIRST CLASS" I have taken away a wealth of knowledge if fact so much I would have never been able to pack in on my bike. . . Lee Simmons, North Carolina
Moose Riders

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Portion of an article appearing in Southern Steel.

Byline by B.O.B.

Florida Moose Riders Spring Rally Cocoa Beach, FL, March 18th—20th:

On Saturday morning, everyone woke up to have breakfast and a little bit of the dog that bit them the night before. We registered for the poker run around to the local Lodges, at each Lodge there were games to be played to earn points. Kickstands were up for 30 bikes on a beautiful, sunny Florida day. At our first stop, Merritt Island, you had to bank a cue ball off of three rails and the chip closest to the ball was your points. My ball spoke to a 50 point chip, at least that is what the guy running the game said to me. It only spoke to a 25 point chip for the hubby, that was the only time I will be in the lead.

At the next stop, Titusville, which is on the water. Here you had to do Redneck Horseshoes. For those who don't know, Redneck Horseshoes is horseshoes with toilet seats. I will just say it looks easier than it is. I tried the two-handed-granny shot. The score keeper felt sorry me and gave me 25 points. Here's where the hubby's lead takes over. The third stop was at Mims, where they had the Chicken Toss, If you can imagine bikers throwing rubber chickens at hula hoops. Aren't we a tough bunch? Once again the hubby was good at this, someone said something about choking a chicken. Don't really know how you choke a rubber chicken or why?

Our final stop was the Cocoa Moose. I'm not quite sure what this game was called, but you had 2 balls attached with a string and you had to throw them at what looked like a towel rack. If you could wrap the balls around one of the bars, you got points for it. I will just say, I am better sitting in the shade than throwing balls at a towel rack.

That night back at the hotel, everyone drifted between the pool and hospitality room. The pool was warm and inviting, once you got in you didn't want to get out. The moon was the biggest and brightest it had ever been and it brought the freak out in everyone. The raffles and 50/50's were numerous, along with the contests poolside.—*Janie Boldt*

Thank you to all of our Spring Rally Getaway Supporters

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By-Laws or Guidelines?



Chris Ecker, Assistant Director Membership, Moose International, has been involved with Moose Riders for quite a while and, for the past few years, has organized the annual "Blessing of the Bikes" at Mooseheart. He has been the go-to person for Florida Moose Riders and riders in other states, and has provided guidance to your State Moose Rider officers. Chris has offered to be a contributor to "Pipes". If you have any questions regarding Moose Riders you can send us an email at fbmanews@yahoo.com and we'll forward your questions to him.

To: Chris Ecker

Brother Chris , I've got a question about the new Moose Rider guidelines that came out October of last year . I don't know if I'm being given correct info. With the new guidelines, do they automatically take over our bylaws we have in place? In the past when new guidelines came out, we would put a bylaw review board together, make changes, amend them to bylaws. Now I've been told our bylaws are no good. In our Moose Rider handbook there is a page explaining guidelines/and bylaws—guidelines were for new groups to set up by.

Joe, Ohio Moose Rider

Hi Joe:

To answer your question:

The current Guidelines are what all Moose Rider groups are to function under. When Steve Greene assumed the position of General Governor, he made a determination that any group working under a set of "By-Laws", called a club and charging dues could be considered a separate entity on paper—much like a corporation—and consequently, the officers of such a group could have their personal assets in jeopardy should anyone bring legal charges against them from personal injury, disputes, or civil complaints.

Likewise, a group calling themselves the Ohio State Moose Rider Association gives the appearance of being a corporation, independent of the protections of the Ohio State Moose Association, and puts its officer's personal assets at risk legally.

Under the General Laws the proper name for the Ohio Moose Riders would be the Ohio State Moose Association Moose Riders. A paper trail—like a document called by-laws—gives complaintants a legal standing to pursue legal satisfaction.

In the current Guidelines, all references to "club" have been changed to "Activity Group" all references to "dues" have been changed to "activity fees", and all references to "By-Laws" have been changed to "Guidelines".

As Steve has previously pointed out, all Moose Rider groups —state or Lodge— are under the oversight of their host Moose Lodge or Moose Association as Moose Activity Groups and are obligated to answer to those entities' Boards of Directors.

I hope this clarifies your question. Please feel free to contact me with any other questions or concerns.

Best,

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Hello . . .

Are You Out There??

Does your State Moose Association have a Moose Rider State Chairman? Does your Lodge have a Moose Rider activity group? If so, please contact Chris Ecker at Moose International via email at cecker@mooseintl.org.

According to available records, there are now over 200 Moose Rider Lodges known...which is over 10% of all Moose Lodges. Please make sure Moose International recognizes your Lodge and State Moose Riders!"

District News

MOTOR 39

MOTOR 39 riders have kept themselves busy

these past few months. In early January, a group stopped by the Seminole Legion Celebration at 455 to acknowledge Seminole's 90th anniversary and 455's 100th. International Legion President Bruce Berger posed with the riders and congratulated them for their good work. Later that month riders partici-

parted in a poker run hosted by 455 for Special Olympics that started out in Macclenny and continued to Middleburg, 2020, Mandarin and finally back to Jacksonville. January was also the Florida Moose Riders Board Meeting in Cocoa Beach and 9 members of MOTOR 39 were there for the weekend of fun.

February was a bit calmer with several events taking place including a Poker Run hosted by Nassau Lodge Moose Riders to raise money for their laptop donation. It was a gorgeous, sun-filled day that took over 20 riders out to Fernandina Beach, down to

"Thanks to all who rode to raise money for the cause, especially MOTOR 39 members who rode with us. You helped greatly in making this possible and we enjoyed the company. The Nassau group is small, 17 members total, but joining together with MOTOR 39 proved to make a difference."

—Nassau Moose Riders

Jacksonville and back to the Lodge in Yulee. The ride and the raffle exceeded their goal of \$500 and they were able to donate an additional \$100 to the Lodge Children's fund for the upcoming Easter party.

Moose Riders from Mandarin are also proud to report that a large number of riders attended the Lodge meeting to discuss the fate of the swimming pool. Thanks in part to Moose Riders support that night, the pool will stay and after some renovation will be better than ever.



Legion President, Bruce Berger (5th from left) poses with MOTOR 39 riders.

Following the Board meeting in January, MOTOR 39 member Keith Green took on the task of developing Florida Sheriffs Youth Ranch patches that will be sold to raise money for the Ranches. Sporting the familiar "badge" of the Ranches, these 3" round patches will be available through the State for a \$5 donation each. Contact Keith or Yvonne Hester for more details. Thanks to Keith for coming up with the terrific idea. MOTOR 39 and Mandarin Moose Riders were among the many sponsors for the get-away in March and quite a few were able to attend this premier event.

Mandarin Moose Riders also donated \$500 to Dave Walters, Moose Rider and member of the Jacksonville Beach Lodge, which suffered a major fire earlier in the year. Mandarin is doing a Bowling event (Moose Rider vs. Lodge officers April 3rd. Also in the planning for the May 21st fund raiser for the Kids.



L-R, Robert Taylor, Secretary/Treasurer, Mary Taylor, President, Sid Bodie (Sergeant at Arms). Absent are Buddy Wilcox, Vice President, and Ron Gay, Road Captain.

District News

4 Since September, there hasn't been a lot going on down in South Florida.

We've had some barbecues to raise the monies for the laptops and, by the way, I'd like to thank the West Boca Lodge for their contribution for the second laptop and Pompano for the first one. Thanks also to Lauderdale Lakes for their platinum donations to the Getaway. Anyone who missed that getaway weekend missed a lot of fun.

We'll be gearing up in the next few months for the Rally in September. Up till now rallies have been in the north or center of the state, but this year we'll be doing it southern style in Leisure City. We've got live entertainment lined up and we'll be having an in house poker run, horseshoe tournament, motorcycle raffle, basket raffles and the food will definitely be affordable. We plan on having baby backs by "Lakes", pork butts by Davie, and lots more.

Stay tuned for more information.
—Gary Mundorf



Carol Reynolds and Gary Mundorf work the hospitality bar at the Spring Getaway.

Cocoa Cocoa Moose Lodge was honored to participate in the FBMA Spring Fling by organizing a Games Run (imagine a poker run but you play a game at each stop as opposed to drawing a card). We had 30 bikes and 45 participants at the event. It appeared everyone had a good time and we were able to support our local Moose Lodges (Merritt Island , Titusville and Mims) at the same time. We thank them for their hospitality. Unfortunately a fire prevented the participants from taking a ride through the wildlife area north of the Kennedy Space Center with an opportunity to catch a glimpse of the Space Shuttle on the Pad. This event raised \$220 for the Sheriffs Youth Ranch.—Fred Wyman

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District News

Merritt Island On January 22, 2011

Merritt Island Lodge, Moose Riders, hosted the State Moose Riders Board Meeting. Despite a huge accident and fire blocking access to the Lodge Friday night, a couple of riders managed to find there way to the Lodge to enjoy the Social Quarters, including some folks from Pensacola.

On Saturday there was a pretty big turnout of non-Board members who came over just for the day, some from as far as Haines City, Jacksonville and beyond. We put together a lunch of burgers and fries for everyone and Moose Riders enjoyed the Lodge and our outside enclosed area while the meeting was in progress.

Just before the Board meeting began, we presented our check for \$500 to honor our pledge for a laptop computer and printer for a 2011 graduate at Mooseheart.

On February 27th, 14 Merritt Island Moose Riders did their monthly ride, going over to Loughmans Lake Lodge on the St John's in Mims. We could not pass up a group picture with the gator hunters. Our Moose Riders are looking forward to Daytona Bike Week for our monthly chapter ride and of course seeing all the Moose Riders for the Spring Rally Getaway in Cocoa Beach.



Merritt Island Moose riders, who helped to prepare and serve lunch to fellow Moose Riders, join with MI Moose Rider Chairman Dave Gage to present \$500 laptop pledge check to our State Chairman Gary Mundorf.



MI Riders pose at Loughmans Lake Lodge in Mims.

District News

20 Hello again from District 20. We've had some cold weather this quarter but the sunshine is finally here for the spring and summer riding season. Even with the bad weather, District 20 has been very busy in our fund raising activities. By February all of our Lodges and the District had raised our committed laptop computer money for Mooseheart and much more. January 16th we held our annual District Lodge to Lodge poker ride and what a great time was had by all. A special thanks to all the host stops that had lots of food and libations for us. And for all those who went the distance, District 20 treated everyone to a pizza dinner at the end.

Auburndale--Friday Feb 25, Auburndale Moose Riders had a very successful Steak Night Fundraiser held at LA Bar & Grill to help raise money for their Mooseheart Laptops and in one event raised enough money to satisfy their 2011 Mooseheart laptop commitment. Auburndale as well as the rest of the District are looking forward to seeing the Moose Riders from around the State at the Cocoa Beach Getaway on March 18, 19 & 20. Although still looking for a home, Auburn-dale remains intact and meeting the same goals as the rest of the District.

Haines City--On February 19th Haines City Moose Riders did what they do best, raised money for a great cause. Not only do they donate to charities but they help their own. Haines City Moose Lodge has a walk-in cooler that has failed. Riders to the rescue; in a very short period of time they organized a bike game and pig roast day at the lodge. The games were great, weenie bite, balloon toss, slow crawl, straight line, road kill and more. Visit the District 20 website, Haines City tab for all the pictures. www.mooseriders20.com. A pig was donated and roasted by Tim and Vicky Wunner. It was a very successful day with outstanding participation. The Moose



Straight-lining it in Haines City



Kickstands up on Lake Wales Riders Poker run

Riders alone donated \$1,300 to the Lodge, not accounting for additional funds raised by dinner and bar sales. Congratulations on a great event. Upcoming events for Haines City will be the "after the bunny twilight run" on April 30th and Haines City Riders will be invading a neighboring Lodge--will it be yours???

Lake Wales--Lake Wales Moose Riders were very busy in January. Riders teamed up with the VFW Riders to help with a benefit on Saturday the 15th and turned around Sunday the 16th to ride in our District 20 Lodge to Lodge poker ride. Lake Wales rode nearly 2,000 miles that weekend. In February the Lake Wales Riders sponsored a benefit ride for the Phase 3. Lake Wales Riders rode over 1,000 miles that day and donated \$ 450 to the cause. In the beginning of March riders held their own "just for fun run" raising \$450 for the Riders activity group. March 25, 26 & 27 the Riders are helping with a benefit for the Lake Wales High School orchestra. The orchestra will be getting some much needed new equipment and a trip to New Orleans.

Our District 20 members are looking forward to the State "Getaway" March 18 - 20 in Cocoa Beach. Our next District fundraiser will be June 4th as we do a Lodge to Lodge dart challenge. All Moose riders are welcome, so come join us in this "friendly" challenge. In addition May 21st is the Mooseheart International Kids day and Blessing of the Bikes. You can bet District 20 will lead the cause in this wonderful event.

On a final note, our District 20 Road Captain Donnie "Double D" Beasley, was in a serious car accident in February. He is currently recovering from some very serious injuries and surgery. So please keep him in your thoughts and prayers.

Ride hard, be safe--Gary "Iceman" Cassen
District 20 Chairperson

MOOSE RIDE 4 KIDS DAY



Moose Ride 4 Kids Day is proposed as a national Moose International supported Moose Rider effort to host motorcycle fund raising events across North America, coinciding with the annual Mooseheart Bike Blessing & Run. The events may include Poker Runs, Pledge Runs, Raffle Runs, Hog Roasts, Rides with Biker Olympics competitions, Timed Skills Rallies, or any other motorcycle

themed event that can be used to collect donations for Mooseheart Child City & School and another legitimate children's charity of the host Moose Rider groups' choice.

Participation may be at the individual Lodge Moose Rider Group level, Moose District Moose Rider Group level, or as an entire State Moose Association Moose Rider Group. The hope is that all Moose Riders will be able to either host or participate in a Mooseheart related, public invited, benefit motorcycle event on May 21, 2011.

Moose Rider groups participating in Moose Ride 4 Kids Day will have an opportunity to receive the inaugural Moose International **Mark "Tiny" Metcalf "Big Heart" Award**, which will be given to one Moose Rider Group in three different divisions. One award will go to each of the **Lodge, District, and State Moose Association** Moose Rider Group, out of all participating groups, raising the largest dollar donation on or for their Moose Ride 4 Kids Day event. All Moose Ride 4 Kids donations are to be sent to Moose Charities and designated for Mooseheart **by May 31, 2011.**

To help aid the coordination of these events and to maximize the media coverage of our national Moose Rider Moose Ride 4 Kids Day events, it is important that contact information and participation plans (see participation form on next page) are passed along to the Membership Office at Moose International in advance of the May 21 target date.



Moose International Introduces . . .

The Mark "Tiny" Metcalf Memorial "Big Heart" Award

The email to the right came to me and Charlie on the morning of October 22nd as we were eating breakfast in Tampa at the Annual Florida Moose convention. I was preparing to deliver a presentation at the WOTM session that afternoon and Charlie was trying to pull together his thoughts so he could speak on Tiny's behalf at the Saturday session. We will never forget how we felt when we received this and how grateful we were that Mark and his hard work in his short term in office would be recognized and remembered for many years to come. Joan Fedora & Charlie Titheridge

Joan & Charlie:

Again, let me express my deepest sympathies to you, the FBMA Moose Riders, and Margret & the kids at the loss of FBMA Moose Rider Chairman Mark Metcalf.

I have the following information that I would like for you to include with your Moose Rider reports at the FBMA Convention this weekend.

In recognition of Mark Metcalf's extraordinary effectiveness in, sadly, his short time as State Moose Rider Chairman of the Florida/Bermuda Moose Association Moose Riders and in consideration of his willingness to bridge gaps and mend fences within the Fraternity, and his commitment to our causes of Mooseheart and Moosehaven, the Membership Department of Moose International is instituting the **Mark "Tiny" Metcalf memorial "Big Heart" Award** in conjunction with the annual National Moose Ride 4 Kids Day.

The 2011 National Moose Ride 4 Kids Day will be promoted in conjunction with the annual Mooseheart Bike Blessing and Run on May 21, 2011. There will be a coordinated resource page and program materials for participating Moose Rider groups across the nation and in Canada that will include pledge sheets, sponsor letters, and event planners available on the Moose Charities website. <http://www.moosecharities.org/>

The award will be presented annually to the single Moose Rider group in the fraternity raising the most funds for Mooseheart Child City & School during their Lodge's Moose Ride 4 Kids Event. Additionally, any Moose Rider Group attending the Mooseheart Bike Blessing & Run may qualify by presenting their donations to

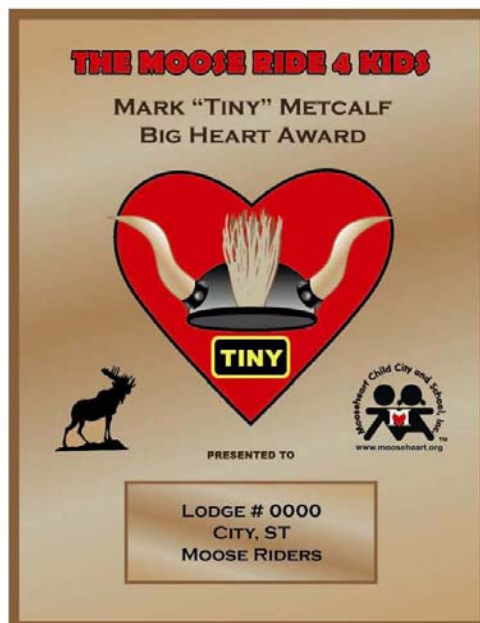
¹ This was changed to the Lodge Moose Rider Group, District Moose Rider Group and State/Provincial Association Moose Rider Group delivering the highest dollar amount.

Mooseheart the day of the event, in person.

Announcements will be made to all units through bulk emails and a stepped up campaign will be undertaken to identify international Moose Rider Activity Groups and capture their contact information.

As Mark was a great motivator and unifier through the Moose Rider program in life, so too we hope his spirit and hopes for Moose Rider growth and recognition--and his big heart--will live on with Moose Ride 4 Kids and the Mark "Tiny" Metcalf "Big Heart" Award. Best,

Chris Ecker
Moose International
Assistant Director Membership
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Tommy Moose Program
Moose Riders Activities
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MOOSE RIDE 4 KIDS EVENT NOTIFICATION FORM

Lodge # _____ City _____ State _____

Moose Rider Chairman _____

MR4K Event Contact Name _____

Contact Email _____

Phone _____ Cell _____

Number of Moose Rider Members _____

Administrator _____

Website address _____

Event Info

Lodge Address _____

Office Phone _____ SQ Phone _____

Type of Event & Other Notes (Specify second charity in addition to Mooseheart)

Regional Manager _____

Return to: Membership, Moose International, 155 South International Drive, Mooseheart, IL 60539

—Come join us for a Pre-Blessing party at the Lodge where it all began.

2nd Annual Homecoming at Lombard Lodge

National News



Not much has been happening here for the past 6 months; winter is long and not always friendly in this part of the world.

We have been doing some fundraising since the last article we submitted, both for community service and for Mooseheart. In June, we held our annual Poker Run aptly dubbed “Save 2nd Base” to benefit Breast Cancer Research (a cause near and dear to my heart). Then in July we helped our WOTM raise funds for their annual Christmas Party for the Mooseheart Children held at the Lombard Lodge every year in December. Due to our combined efforts, we raised enough money to supply all of our guests with a wonderful lunch, a gift for every child (67 in all, plus their House Parents) and a very special visit with Santa.

Due to our close proximity to Mooseheart, the Lombard Moose Riders try very hard to visit the children on a regular basis. When we plan a visit, we always try to make a donation in an effort to give them something they may want or need. Last fall we contacted Minnesota House to plan a Pizza Party with the kids and introduce ourselves to our new Sunshine Child, as our last one graduated in May of 2010. We discovered that they were in desperate need of a Christ-

mas tree, so we held a White Elephant Raffle and Dinner at our lodge to raise the funds for the purchase of a tree and received many donations of ornaments for decorating. In November, we loaded up our tree, ordered up the pizzas and took a ride out to Mooseheart. When we arrived, we discovered that the power was out, so we had our Pizza Party at Minnesota House by candlelight.

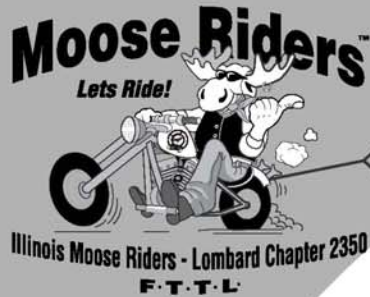
Currently we are planning our favorite event of the year, the Blessing of the Bikes at Mooseheart **and** the 2nd Annual Home Coming Party at Lombard Lodge in Lombard, IL, on **Friday, May 20, 2011**. We are looking forward to partying with all of you who attended last year and hoping that we can party with some new friends this year. Please check out our new website at www.lombardmooseriders.org where you can find information such as accommodations for the Blessing weekend, event plans, etc. Also, please check out our press release on the next page. Until then, ride safe and we'll see you in May.

Fraternally yours,
Dawn Curran
Public Relations Officer
Lombard MRA 2350
F.T.T.L.



2010 photo of participants in the Blessing of the bikes at Mooseheart. It all started at the Lombard Lodge.

Lombard Moose Riders Host **Blessing of the Bikes** Homecoming



You're Invited...

Friday, May 20, 2011
2nd Annual Homecoming Party
 at the Lombard Moose Lodge

www.lombardmoosriders.org

The Lombard Moose Riders Chapter 2350 invites you to join us at the Lombard Moose Lodge for the Run to Mooseheart and the Blessing of the Bikes on Saturday, May 21, 2011

We had such a great time with our out of town guests last year that we're doing it again starting on Friday, May 20, 2011 with our 2nd Annual Moose Riders Homecoming Party. We'll start the evening with an all you can eat Pasta dinner and continue until close. Saturday morning we will have breakfast at the lodge and begin lining bikes up at 8:30 a.m. for our State Police escorted non-stop ride out to Mooseheart for the 2011 Blessing and run. After the run festivities will continue back at the lodge. Sunday morning the lodge will be hosting a Moose Riders Send-Off Breakfast as we bid our Rider friends farewell and a safe riding season. Let's Ride!

Friday, May 20, 2011

2nd Annual Moose Riders Homecoming Party

A \$6 All-you-can eat Pasta dinner will be served starting at 6 p.m.

Meet the MRA Officers and enjoy an evening with our friendly members. Come and see why the Lombard Moose Lodge is the place to be!

Saturday, May 21, 2011

2011 Blessing of the Bikes and Run to Mooseheart

All-you-can eat Breakfast for \$6 will be served starting at 7 a.m. Bikes will start line-up at 8:30 a.m. and pull out at 9 a.m. sharp for a State Police escorted non-stop run to Mooseheart. Festivities will continue at the lodge after the run.

Sunday, May 22, 2011



Moose Riders Send-Off Breakfast

Breakfast will be served at 8 a.m. as we send off our out of town Rider friends for another year.

\$6 All-you-can eat

Please visit our official website at www.lombardmoosriders.org for more event information and local accommodations for our out of town guests. We have blocked preferred Moose Rider Member rooms at the newly renovated **Crown Plaza, Glen Ellyn - Lombard** which is conveniently within walking distance from the Lombard Moose Lodge social quarters. Please call **630 629-6000** and ask for the **LMR Block** at the rate of **\$89 double occupancy** (regular rate \$159.) **Reservations must be booked by phone and received by 5-7-2011 for this discounted rate**

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—Moose Riders Serving our Country

Texas Moose Riders are back on the road!



Bringing in 2011 Texas Style

Welcome everyone to 2011! Things have been a little slow for MooseC2 riders so far this year. Two members, Stacey and Dave, departed for assignment to Kuwait. Stacey and Dave were the Moose Rider's 2010 President and Secretary respectively. Other members were working out of state training Army service personnel in Washington, Utah, and Ger-

many. While in Washington two members took time to visit Yelm - Nisqually Valley Lodge 1905 and the Lakes Moose Lodge 1865. They enjoyed numerous meals and events at the Lodges. "They were really great to us Texas boys and we really felt welcomed," stated Kevin. Members also visited the Fallen Riders Outdoor Memorial in Tacoma. Located near the 38th St Pub and Grill, the area is dedicated to fellow riders who have lost their lives while riding.

Back in Texas, we experienced extreme frigid conditions during the months of January and into early February, causing curtailment of riding activities. But, that didn't stop members as we held three dinners at the Moose Lodge 2029, including Hawaiian Pork Chop night featuring chops by Brian; and Taco night by Rob. The group helped out the Lodge by preparing Hamburger and Hotdog night, too.

Our Road Captain participated in two Patriot Guard Missions in January for a combined 370 roundtrip-miles dedicated to escorting service members to their final resting places .

The Moose Riders C2 group conducted their first group motorcycle ride of 2011 on Saturday, Feb. 19th. Under mostly cloudy skies and temperatures in the 60's, the riders headed west out of Copperas Cove on Hwy 190, then south on FM 2657, passing the quaint town of Oakalla before turning east headed to Ding Dong. This back road provided some nice turns and twists with really great views of the Lampasas River. Turning north on Hwy 195 for about a mile, the group

turned at Red's BBQ and headed east on FM 2484 past Youngsport , enjoying slow-rolling hills and curves along the route. Just before Salado, the bikes pointed north on FM 1670 and crossed the Stillhouse Hollow Lake Dam.

Once past the dam, they found themselves on Hwy 190 and headed back towards Killeen. After a short break at Kay's Motorcycle Mania in Nolanville, for a quick bite to eat and relaxation, they headed to the Twisted Wrench in Harker Heights for some refreshments. The day wasn't over yet, as C2 cruised over to Ft Hood Harley Davidson for the Chili, Demo and Peppers event. Members enjoyed the festivities and looking at new bikes. The first group ride of the season ended after 83 roundtrip miles at the Moose Lodge as members prepared for Taco Night.

MooseC2 members are looking forward to upcoming events in the next month. First up is the Texas Hot Rally celebrating Texas Independence Day in Groesbeck March 3-6th. Members have already booked RV slots and will arrive on bikes also. The second event is the South Texas Bike Show being held in San Antonio, TX, March 18-20th. They are plan-



ning to ride from the Ft Hood area down through the Balcones Canyonlands National Wildlife Refuge. They will stop by the Hungry Moose Restaurant in Bertram, the Shade-Tree Saloon and Grill in Spring Branch on their way to the show. Following activities at the show, they will travel to Adkins, TX, and stop at the famous Texas Pride BBQ before heading back to the Copperas Cove Lodge.

—Road Captain, Tim, C2 Moose Riders



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—February Sweetheart Poker Run Raised Big Bucks

Arizona Riders Make the Most of Desert Winter Weather



In the last issue of *Pipes*, I mentioned that we had held the largest event in our history, raising \$1200 for a local cancer support center. Well I am proud to say that our "3rd Annual Sweetheart Poker Run" held on Feb. 13th, came in a stunning second. The theme of the run was "Save the Twins", and the money we raised (\$1000) went to breast cancer research. The weather that day was beautiful, but cold in the morning. The Lodge offered breakfast to the bikers during sign in, and most of them took advantage of it while waiting for the weather to warm a bit before leaving to tackle a 115 mile poker run. The Lodge sold over 90 breakfasts that morning, breaking an old record. We held the end party at a local tavern with live music, a huge raffle and 50/50. Several members of two MC's came to support us as well as over 70 independents, and a great time was had by all.

It has been an exciting few months since I sent in the last article. No way we can outdo the last one, but I'll give it a go.

With the severe winter weather conditions over much of the USA, the BHC Moose Riders enjoyed the desert weather most of the winter. It has been a little chilly in the mornings, but afternoons have a way of reaching into the 60's and 70's. With that said, we have been able to enjoy a few rides and events since our last writing.

Bullhead City is a snowbird town, with Moose members coming into town for the winter months from northern states. The Lodge gets busy this time of year and the board decided to do Sunday breakfast every Sunday instead of every other. The Lodge cook does two a month, the ladies of the lodge do one, and the Moose Riders decided to take the other. The money we make off our breakfasts has been going toward our commitment of \$500 for the computers and printers for the Mooseheart graduating class. We have enjoyed a great turnout for our breakfasts. It seems like a lot of the Lodge members want to come out to support us because they know what we do for the Lodge and the community.

Now, in between all the local runs coming up in March and April, we will start planning for the May 21 "Run for Kids". Last year the turnout was disappointing, but due to the success of our last two runs, I believe we will do way better this year.

Ride safe,

Joe Monfredo
President, BHC Moose Riders

PS: Come visit us on Facebook. [Http://www.Facebook.com/pages/Bullhead-City-Moose-Riders/109125845787729](http://www.Facebook.com/pages/Bullhead-City-Moose-Riders/109125845787729)



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—Michigan Riders gear up for the year

Ball Yields \$4000 for Therapeutic Equestrian Center



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The MOB has been busy this winter preparing and presenting our “Annual Black and Blue Ball” to benefit the Rockford, MI, Equestrian Center for Therapeutic Riding. The Saturday night event was held on Feb. 5th at the Sparta/Grand Rapids Moose Lodge #50. Food, raffles and live music helped us raise \$4,000 to be presented to the Center Director at the March 13th membership meeting.



Riders present proceeds of Black and Blue Ball to Rockford Center.

We'll be hosting the MOB 5th annual children's Easter Egg Hunt and party on April 23rd. Our membership will gather Friday night to fill hundreds of colorful Easter eggs for the kids. Local businesses and members donate additional age-appropriate prizes. Several kids should go home with new bikes.

The big one for the year is the 6th Annual MOB Charity Ride. Planning is underway for the June 18th all day event. We take a ride to some of our favorite haunts, then return to the Lodge for dinner, raffles and live

music. Our event will benefit Hospice of Michigan Pediatric Services.

We're putting together an organized dinner ride schedule and are moving our Sunday membership meeting ahead one hour to take advantage of our short weekends.

We're gathering a list of rides from our friends and neighbors. They include so far:
-A ride to Elmo's in Trufant this year, Elmo will take 10% off your bill if you show him your MOB card.

-Dave Thomas and the Kent City Lounge are organizing a ride to Milwaukee for July 22 – 24.

-The Rockford American Legion is holding a Car Show on June 4th.

-Manistee is holding a ride on July 30th.

-The MOB picnic will be held on August 13th. BBQ and live music.

-August 28 is the Boyne Mountain HOG ride.

-The Tri-county Eagles will host a ride on the first Saturday of June.

And there's more to come! We're sure to have a good summer.

—Dick Prefontaine



Sparta Board Members, L to R: Pat Morgan, president; Jennifer Grypma, treasurer; Georjean Morgan, secretary; Dick Prefontaine, SAA; Skip Hutting, road captain; Jim Wirtz, VP.

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—Digging out from under in Upstate New York

Noodles Bring in Oodles of Cash for Riders in Need

Well, it's been a long, cold winter here in western New York and the Palmyra Moose Riders are itching to get their bikes out and ride. But, we've been very busy during the off-season, continuing our fundraising tradition. We hosted a pasta dinner to raise funds for two Moose Rider brothers who have had health issues. We had a great turnout and were able to give them each a sizeable donation.



And, once again, we assisted with the annual Red Cross Vegas Night – parking, security, restocking the bar and any other job that was needed. And, with the usual Lodge activities, we have stayed very busy.

With spring around the corner, we are planning our Bike Blessing on May 21st (part of the National Bike Blessing Day at Mooseheart), which will raise money for Mooseheart (we are pledging \$250.00 for L.I.F.E) and kick off our riding season. We have also been asked to participate in two patriotic events for that day: we will be part of a Patriot Guard burial procession and also participate in an American Legion sponsored Armed Forces Day parade.

We are planning our 3rd Annual Poker Run for Fallen Brothers and Sisters. This year's event will be June 25th – see flyer to the right. It's a full day of fun, food, music and games for everyone. Last year we hosted over 200 bikes and served over 400 dinners and we hope for an even larger turnout. If you're in the area, you won't be disappointed.

Hope it's an early spring!!

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—Spring Fever hits Pennsylvania Moose Riders



Greenville Riders Plan Ride to Mooseheart for Blessing in May





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Greenville, PA—Finally it looks like the end may be in sight after a long brutal winter. We are back into pothole season in Pennsylvania, which means bike season is right around the corner. Our 123 members are anxious to get the bikes back out after such a tough winter season.

At our monthly meeting in March, we had a Pennsylvania state safety instructor put on a presentation for group riding. This was attended by 38 of our members and was followed by a meal and our regular meeting. The next couple of months look to be quite busy for us. We will be co-sponsoring the 7th annual Chili-cook-off for the benefit of the Mercer County Literacy Council, based in Greenville, PA, on March 26th. This is the 2nd year that we have hosted this event, which is one of our main local community benefits for the year. The Literacy Council provides many educational services such as:

-  Qualifying high school drop outs for the GED test
-  Working with unemployed workers to explore new careers and to qualify for training funds

-  Maintaining a pre-school for teaching the younger children
-  Teaching the parents of our pre-school children adult education and child care skills

We will be holding our 3rd annual Blessing of the Bikes and Chicken Barbeque on May 14th. The local band Remedy will be playing on the deck from noon- 3pm, with the blessing of the bikes taking place at 1pm. Proceeds from this event will be shared between Mooseheart and MDA during our 2nd annual ride for MDA on July 9th.

On May 20th, a contingent of bikes will be leaving the Lodge to attend the Annual Blessing of the Bikes at Moose Heart. We anticipate having between 13 to 20 bikes that will make the trip out west.

We will continue to have our monthly rides throughout the riding season, as well as, spontaneous ones as we meet at the social quarters.

*Charlie Redzinak
 President Greenville Family Center 276
 Moose Riders*



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Florida officers present award for most miles travelled to Lee Simmons for the N. Carolina group..

In addition, several of our groups have events planned for the RIDE 4 KIDS DAY in May. With all the events planned in the state we need another 24 hours in a day. Time is short but the rewards given are great.

Somewhere in the middle of all this mayhem 9 of us were able to sneak away to the FBMA Spring Rally in Cocoa Beach, Florida, and visit our fellow Moose Riders from the Sunshine State. Can you say PARTY? I just want to thank each and everyone of the FBMA Moose Riders for rolling out the red carpet for us at your event. You guys really ROCK!

On the way back to the TARHEEL state several of us stopped and visited Moosehaven. What an incredible place for our senior members. The experience makes you proud to be a Moose member!

The North Carolina Moose Riders have had a very busy first quarter of 2011. Our groups have worked hard to raise money for the laptop campaign for the graduating seniors at Mooseheart. Those groups include. Sylva 1985, Monroe 1554, Kannapolis 1722, Winston Salem 466, Marion 1705, Fayetteville 738 and Newport 2194

We are having our first North Carolina State Moose Riders Spring Rally April 28-May 1, 2011, to be held at the Outer Banks.

North Carolina has some of the best riding in the United States and I would like to extend a personal invitation to the FBMA Moose Riders to join us September 22-25 for our Fall Rally in the beautiful North Carolina Mountains—In the wind or car.
 —Lee Simmons President/Chairman North Carolina Moose Riders

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Message from Florida's Moose Riders Chairman—

Moose Riding Towards Another Big Year



Gary Mundorf

First, I'll thank Regina Perrin for the Getaway in March and also thanks to everyone that showed up, Not a bad way to raise money for our 3 charities. Final count was \$8,651.39, which was raised through sponsorship, raffles, some generous cash donations, a Chinese auction, and registration. A big thanks to those folks who did their "shifts" in the hospitality suite serving drinks and taking donations for raffle and auction tickets.

We decided to combine the Officers and General Session meetings on Sunday morning. We covered a lot of ground and had some good discussions. One important topic covered was working with your Lodge and the LOOM. Lodge based activities have to go through your house committees and be approved. And along the same lines, we need to check our Lodge calendars and the state calendar that you can find at www.floridamoose.org to make sure your not planning something on a date already booked by someone else. We just need to respect other groups when they have something planned. As a state group we will do this as well when it comes to our 4 major events, which are the two Board of Officers meetings, our annual rally and now our getaway.

Work with your Lodge and your Legion members and be respectful of their work. Plan your events well in advance and get them approved by the Lodge officers and put on the Lodge calendar. And remember, too, that it may just be that your Lodge needs your help. Charity begins at Home.

We also need to remember that we are an activity group of

Thanks to everyone for the money raised so far this year. We've only just started and already we have raised over \$43,000, beating last year's half-year figure of \$33,000 by over \$10,000. With good weather coming and events like Moose Ride 4 Kids Day and another rally coming up, we're on our way to beating last year's total \$66,680.

Remember to be safe, Moose Riders. We've lost too many good people this last year. Ride defensively and look out for other vehicles. They're not always looking out for you.

—Gary Mundorf, State Chairman
FBMA Moose Riders

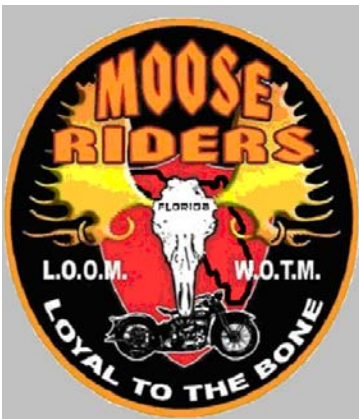
NEXT BOARD MEETING

AUGUST 6, 2011

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**ALL STATE OFFICERS AND
CHAIRMEN,
ALL DISTRICT CHAIRMEN, AND
LODGE GROUP CHAIRMEN
ARE
REQUESTED TO
ATTEND**

DETAILS TO FOLLOW



Featured Rider and Driver



Moose Rider John Reilley (West Volusia Lodge, FL) and NASCAR Driver Clint Boyer (#33 Chevrolet) taken at Bike Week in Daytona on March 10, 2011.

Moose Riders Calendar—Winter 2011

April 2011						
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June 2011						
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Florida Moose Rider Events

April 21-24—FBMA State Convention—Tampa: Presentation to WOTM, Friday morning; presentation to Men’s session Saturday afternoon.

May 21—Moose Rider 4 Kids Day and Blessing of the Bikes

May 22—Laptop Presentation Day, St. Charles Lodge, IL

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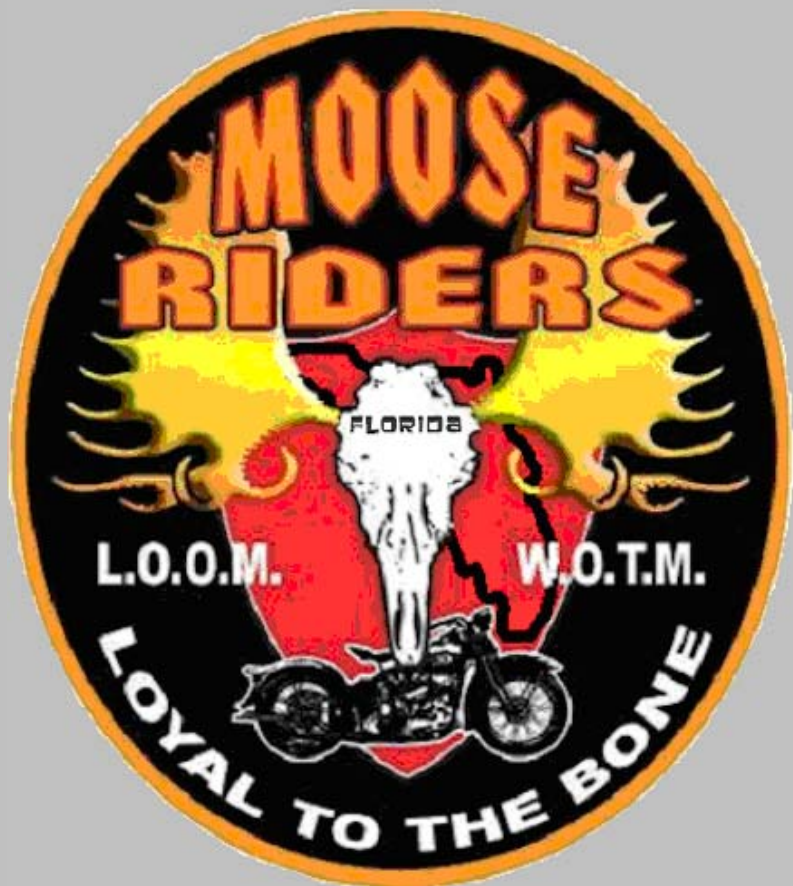


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