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Pipes is published quarterly in January, April, July and October. Our goal is to keep Florida Moose Riders informed of important issues, to publicize district fundraising opportunities and let you know about special events at other Lodges or districts. Please submit your coming events, articles, information or suggestions to me at fbmapipes@yahoo.com or fbmanews@yahoo.com.

Joan Fedora, Editor and Secretary State FBMA Moose Riders



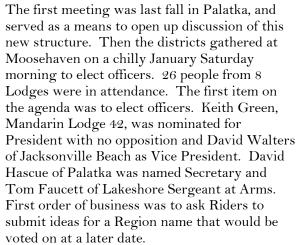




Loyal Order of Moose Macclenny, Florida

#### M.O.T.O.R. 39 – Newly Formed Florida Moose Riders Region

Moose Riders from Districts 12, 13 & 14 representing Lodges in Northern Florida have joined forces to unite across the northern part of the state. While membership is strong in the north, it is widespread, and small Lodges were finding it difficult to organize at the District level. The concept was introduced at the September Board meeting and since that time Riders from the 3 districts have met several times, elected officers and voted on a "regional" name—M.O.T.O.R. 39, an acronym for Moose On The Open Road. The 39 is the sum of 12, 13 and 14, the participating districts.



After the meeting, the group enjoyed lunch at nearby Whitey's Fish Camp on the river and continued on for a ride that included a stop at the Palatka Lodge.



Moose Riders from Districts 12, 13 and 14 gather at Moosehaven in January for a second meeting to elect officers.



MOTOR 39 Officers: L to R: David Walters, Vice President; Keith Green President; Tom Faucett, Sergeant at Arms; David Hascue, Secretary.

The third meeting took place on February 21 at the Mandarin Lodge in Jacksonville. 26 Riders showed up to take part in the meeting. MOTOR 39 was selected from a number of Region names submitted for consideration. Everyone agreed to rotate meeting locations in order to support every participating Lodge. A website is under construction that will have links to other Lodges, State websites, etc. and a centralized calendar that will automatically send out email notices when updates are made. A dedicated email address (mrr39@live.com) has been set up and it is hoped that email communication and a website calendar will keep all members updated on upcoming Region and Lodge Moose Rider events. The March meeting took place at the Jacksonville Beach Lodge and was well attended once again. MOTOR 39 scheduled their first event – a Coast to Coast Ride in May.

MOTOR 39 Members are anxious to put together some fundraising events and to help out the Lodges of their fellow Moose Rider brothers and sisters. The group is excited about the organization and counting on strength in numbers when it comes to fundraising.--Editor

#### Spotlight on FBMA Moose Riders Charities

# OOSEHEART Mooseheart Child City & School is a

#### Child City & School Inc.

residential childcare facility, located on a



1,000-acre campus 38 miles west of Chicago. The Child City is a home for children and teens in need, from infancy through high school. Dedicated in July 1913 by the Moose fraternal organization, Mooseheart cares for youth whose families are unable, for a wide variety of reasons, to care for them. Some have lost one or both parents; others are living in environments that are simply not conducive to healthy growth and development. Whatever the reason, the men



Mooseheart's House of God

and women of the Moose, through unparalleled generosity and volunteerism, furnish the resources necessary to

care for children in need. The Moose fraternity provides children with a wholesome home-like environment and the best possible training and education.

Children live in one of thirty residences that are designed like spacious single-family residences. Each is home for six to twelve children. The heart of the program is Family Teachers — providing a consistent, systematic method of care, with emphasis on social-skills development — skills essential for success in later life.

Families whose children come to Mooseheart are generally charged nothing. Many of the



The children of Mooseheart-the reason we do what we do.





Mooseheart Campus

children have lost one or both parents or come from an unstable environment or suffer severe financial need. The children a provided with a stable environment in houses that are wellappointed and comfortable and . . . secure. A Counseling Department oversees the emotional and development needs of each child. The academic program is strong and vocational training an option. Graduates with a 3.0 or better grade average are eligible for a annually renewable, full tuition/room and board scholarship equivalent to state university expenses to any North American



2008 Graduating Class at St. Charles Lodge

University or College to which they are accepted.

Children also enjoy opportunities in extracurricular activities such as sports or music just like any other school environment. Off-campus trips are made to museums, plays, concerts, etc., and the children's spiritual needs are served by two chaplains, one protestant and one Catholic, and a local synagogue is available for children of the Jewish faith.

http://www.mooseheart.org/ChildCity.asp

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#### -May 16, 2009, Mooseheart Child City



# 2009 Blessing of the Bikes

It hardly seems a year since Carl Mays (Macclenny 2412), Gerald Lambert (Haines City 2083), Charlie Titheridge (2412), and Joan Fedora (Macclenny 2026) joined hands with Verna Wilson for a prayer at Moosehaven before taking off for an historic ride from Moosehaven to Mooseheart for the 2008 Blessing of the Bikes. The four Moose Riders had no idea of the adventure that was in store for them.

It took 2 long, hard, cold and rainy days to get there, but in the end it was worth it. Batavia Lodge welcomed all the weary riders and there was a full agenda of events beyond the Blessing and Ride. Row after row of bikes from all over rode in to Mooseheart Saturday morning to register and get their official Blessing patch. Later everyone gathered in the bleachers for a group shot before parading through the streets of the Child City waving at the hundreds of kids lined up.

The St. Charles Lodge held a celebration for the seniors later that afternoon and everyone got a chance to hug each and everyone of the graduating class. Memories you never forget. Sunday, after a brief meeting, our Florida riders had the opportunity to tour and visit with the young men of the James J Davis house, to hear their stories and to experience



their new-found happiness. It all just made you want to work harder for them This year is going to be even better than last. Jean Davidson (of Harley Davidson and Yell and Tell fame) is the guest of honor and the local Harley dealership is planning a hog roast. Of course there's always something going on at the Lodges—all very close to Mooseheart. And all proceeds are going to the U.S. Special Olympics and Mooseheart Child City & School. So, mark you calendars, pack some warm clothes (just in case) and head on up to Illinois. You will be so happy that you did.—Editor PS—check out the flyer on the last page.



Riders at the 2008 Blessing of the Bikes (Florida riders- far left 6 rows back)

Photo source: http://www.mooseheart.org/news/2008-BlessingOfBikes.asp

# Planning for the Long Road Trip

#### -Essentials for your bike, your gear and your comfort

#### **Touring Essentials:**

If you are contemplating a motorcycle trip

## Rider Notes

this year, you may want to add a few of the items below to your

trip list. When making a list, consider three categories: Your bike, your gear, your comfort.

#### Your bike

Motorcycles are more reliable than ever, and a cell phone and a roadside assistance service can be very helpful. However, some basic tools and repair kits might get you back on the road sooner. A simple plug kit and a source for inflating a tire, like a CO2 cartridge or small pump, will get you up and running at least long enough to get somewhere for a permanent repair or a replacement. Make sure you know how to plug a tire; you don't want to botch your last plug alongside the road somewhere.

Check your air pressure before you leave and carry a pressure gauge whenever you ride, and USE IT. Another no-brainer is to carry a flashlight and spare fuse in case you end up on a dark road at night

If the trip is going to be a long one, make sure you know what special tools your bike requires and if you can carry anything that a repair shop might not have, or a spare part that has been known to fail.

#### Your gear

Your gear should keep you safe, but consider keeping warm and dry as well. Depending on your route, temperatures can vary, sometimes as much as 40 degrees—either way. Make sure you are prepared for as low as 45 degrees in the morning and 85 degrees in the afternoon. And of course, there's always the rain. If you don't have a support vehicle with you, think in terms of versatility. There are so many options out there that cover a wide range of temperatures without turning you into a Michelin Man. Pay particular attention to your hands and feet. A spare pair of gloves or socks don't take up much space, but they are worth their weight in gold in bad weather.

#### Your comfort

Remember, if a minor annoyance bothers you on short rides, it will drive you crazy on a long tour. For example, make sure your levers are adjusted properly, so you don't develop carpal tunnel on your trip—that means straight, not bent wrists.

Consider your seat. Do you need to replace it with an aftermarket model? Will a sheepskin cover or pad do the trick? Does your windshield protect you sufficiently? There are add-on lips available.

Don't forget things like a tinted helmet face shield or sunglasses, earplugs, bottled water, aspirin, sunblock, etc—things that can greatly improve your comfort when you need them.

#### Make your own list

If you've done long trips before, you probably have your own list, and maybe we have given you some suggestions that might help. But, if this is your first long ride in a while, consider the three categories: Your bike, your gear and your comfort. Then get out there and enjoy the ride.—Source:http://www.amadirectlink.com/roadride/riderresc/TouringTips.asp

Face shield cleaner

U-lock/disc lock

#### Here are a few items you might want to add to your list.

Low tack tape
Bungee cords
Soft-hook tie-downs
Siphon hose
Ziplock bags
Zip-ties
Duct and electrical tape
Flat repair kit

CO<sub>2</sub> cartridge tire inflators or another type of inflation device Chain master link Handi-wipes

Bike cover Flashlight Multi-tool/Swiss army knife
Tire pressure Gauge
Shop rags
Extra fuses
Extra ignition key
Towel
Earplugs
Sunblock
Chapstick
\$20 bill hidden on bike
Current license/registration
Spare glasses
Spare dark or light face shield

Lighter
Rain-X (if appropriate for your windshield)

Raingear
Walking shoes
Weather radio
Spare helmet hardware (plastic screws)
Garbage bags (for rainproofing luggage or other items)
Telephone calling card (in case you lose your cell)
Camera
Emergency medical and contact info
List of any prescription meds
Source-http://www.amadirectlink.com/roadride/rid erresc/Touring tips.asp

### District 4 Welcomes Moose Riders for Officers Meeting





Thanks to Gary Mundorf and all of the District 4 Lodges for their hospitality

The 3<sup>rd</sup> meeting of the FBMA State Moose Riders Officers took place in Davie on Saturday, February 7<sup>th</sup>. State officers and riders from 7 districts showed up to cover a number of key issues facing Florida Moose Riders. District 4's Davie Lodge 1798 hosted the weekend event including a Poker run on Saturday afternoon. Over 50 people were in attendance—not bad when you consider Florida Riders came from as far away as Macclenny and Jacksonville (about 350 miles). In fact, if you add up the round trip mileage for all riders, it comes to over 10,000 miles.

Riders began arriving mid afternoon Friday and were warmly greeted by Gary Mundorf and other Moose Riders. Dinner was outrageous, featuring huge steaks with fixings or huge stuffed pork chops. District 4 had ordered up some good music for the night and riders continued to rock and roll all night.

The Lodge offered a nice breakfast on Saturday morning before the meetings began. The officers meeting was long and productive discussing an abundance of topics including State patches, upcoming rallies and the proposal process, fund raising and committee chair appointments. Carl Mays appointed Committee Chairman as follows: Moosehaven and Florida Sheriffs Youth Ranches – Charlie Titheridge; Mooseheart – Gary Mundorf; Rallies – Mark Metcalf; Awards Gary Dunford; and Webmaster – Keith Green. The establishment of the committees should allow for better tracking of fundraising efforts and

foster closer relationships with our various charities. It will also help to develop other areas such as a webpage, rally requirements and Moose Rider recognition.

A general membership session followed the Officers meeting. Discussion included fundraising and status of our charity goals. Riders were reminded that the Moosehaven Ritual team still needs funds to pay for their trip to Chicago. A collection was taken and another \$123 added to the \$280 collected at the Rally in Zephyrhills.

The goal of providing computers to the graduating class of Mooseheart was discussed. The Board is still looking for funds from the districts to support this project. Mike O'Harrow, recently appointed State Chairman for the Carolinas, announced that his riders have agreed to raise funds to purchase printers for each computer. And, finally, the Davie Lodge presented the Board with one laptop computer they had purchased specifically for this project. Riders were asked to gear up their fundraising. Time is growing short. Graduation is May 23rd and 14 more computers are needed.

Saturday afternoon 26 riders took part in a poker run to Lauderdale Lakes, West Boca and a private clubhouse, finishing up at the Davie Lodge. Another excellent dinner at the Lodge followed by some good, good music. All in all it was another and productive and fun-filled weekend for Moose Riders. --Editor



Riders Stop by West Boca Lodge on the Poker Run.

#### Florida Sheriffs Youth Ranches

#### Youth Villa Gives Florida Children a Second Chance





t began over 51 years ago, with a small piece of land, a small amount of money and a big dream of Florida's Sheriffs to help the children of Florida. The Florida Sheriffs Boys Ranch was opened in 1957 to help reach out to the boys in need.

Over the years, the need arose for a facility similar to the Boys Ranch for girls who also had needs. Fortunately, the sister of Pinellas County Sheriff Don Genung had carefully watched his efforts to help develop the Florida Sheriffs Boys Ranch. With his help, she approached the Sunshine State Women's Chamber of Commerce to

enlist their support to raise money for a "sister" program to the Boys Ranch. The group agreed and immediately launched a focused fundraising effort to build a place for wayward girls. Their tenacity and determination soon paid off.

In 1969, the Sheriffs of Florida formally adopted the idea of establishing the Florida Sheriffs Girls Villa. A search committee was



formed, and in no time they had found a beautiful 125 acre piece of property formerly

known as Peace River Park. In 1971, an agreement was put together for a 99-year lease for \$1 per year. This very generous agreement was made through the efforts of Polk County Sheriff Monroe Brennan and other community leaders, the Mobil Corporation, the City of Bartow, and Polk County Officials.



Groundbreaking for the first building began at once, and soon the campus was overflowing with deserving girls in need of a good home.

Over the years, the Florida Sheriffs Youth Villa (formerly known as the Girls Villa) has grown to include five cottages, and Activity Center, Learning Center, Pool, Chapel, Towey Administration Building, Izard Barn and other facilities to help young women become productive members of our community. It has the capacity for 46 youth in residence at any given time.

Today, the Youth Villa is one of four residential campuses of the Florida Sheriffs. Youth Ranches. The Youth Ranches also offers summer camp programs at two camping facilities in Florida. Our organization is a non-profit child care facility with a mission to prevent delinquency and develop strong, lawful, resilient and productive citizens who will make a positive contribution to our communities for years to come. Since 1957, we have helped over 106,000 boys and girls and their families.

--Niki Shaw, FSYR, Photos compliments of FSYR

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#### Partnering up for Charity—

Excerpts from a speech given at the Youth Villa to visiting Moose Riders "Hello,

"Hello. My name is Paige and I am fourteen years old. I've been in the program for a year and three months and it's a great experience for me... at home I never got along with my parents. We argued all the time...I was always called stupid because in school I got Ds and Cs and my GPA was a 1.25...my parents told me that I would be 400 lbs when I grew up, and live in a trailer with no friends. I would bottle up a lot of my feelings, and when I would try to tell my parents how I felt they would say my emotions are just a game I like to play. I was hurt...I started running away...and I got into smoking and drugs. I ended up in a shelter and a counselor there found this program for me...I couldn't leave fast enough. The Villa got to know me and my parents and they had a lot of helpful answers. They put me in the Learning Center... the teachers helped me in a way that I could understand. I started making AB honor roll and I got my GPA up to 3.714. The staff also talked to me and listened to me and helped me to understand some of the things my parents have done, and... helped me realize what I've done to my parents, and they helped me to learn ways to talk to my parents. The Villa has also helped me deal with the hurt I had. They helped me find healthy copings skills through activities I enjoy, like singing. I am in the Villa drama group...and the Villa is helping me get into a performing arts school so I can sing. I want to say thank you to you - you have supported the Villa and all the ranches and have helped kids like me turn their life around, so thank you. I really appreciate all

#### Districts 20 and 23 Rendezvous at the Youth Villa

t was a sunny day and the riders from Districts 20 and 23 put their kickstands up to begin a joint poker run to the Florida Sheriffs Youth Ranches Youth Villa in Bartow to tour the facility and meet the residents. Each District would have its own route, but the plan was to meet up somewhere near the ranch in Bartow and ride in all together.

The Villa was ready and waiting for the riders, who started coming in around four, with a delightful banner (to the right) thanking Moose Riders for their support. In fact, one

of the residents prepared and delivered a heartwarming speech to the Moose Riders, thanking them for helping to make a difference in her life by supporting the Florida Sheriff Youth Ranches. (Excerpts from her speech are included on this page.)

Wally Edwards from District 20 helped arrange for the lunch/dinner. The President of FSYR alumni, Bill Riggins, and some American Legion fellows helped the young ladies give tours of the homes to the riders. Many of the girls had a chance to climb onto one of the bikes as well. The last group or riders left about six o'clock.

District 20 presented Frank Kenny with a check for \$500 representing funds they had raised on behalf of the Youth Ranches. Proceeds from the poker runs held that day are earmarked for the FSYR Moose Riders



ANKS FOR CARING AND



Check out the coming events that are open to the public on the





All of the girls had a chance to hop onto one of the motorcycles and be photographed.

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# MOTOR

Districts 12, 13 and 14 have joined together to form a new Northern Florida Region.

Two formal meetings have been held, officers have been elected and a website has been launched. It's all part of a pilot program to give districts with only one Lodge having Moose Riders a chance to work with other Moose Riders to meet the State fundraising goals and makes some new friends along the way. Of course, individual Lodges will still work to raise money for their local charities and we'll be reporting regularly on that.

M.O.T.O.R 39 Moose Riders have had several meetings, electing officers in January, and have gone on a couple of rides as well.

Attendance has ranged from 23 to 32, with 8 Lodges represented. At our last meeting on 2/21 in Mandarin, we voted on adopting M(oose) O(n) T(he) O(pen) R(oad) as our "regional name". Following the meeting, we rode to

the Oasis in St. Augustine and had lunch, and rode around then back home. A total of 10 bikes made the run. The region agreed to donate one half of any future ride proceeds to the Lodge hosting the monthly meeting.

MOTOR 39 met again in March at Jacksonville Beach Lodge. A design was presented and overwhelmingly voted as the



MOTOR 39 Riders at a pit stop in St. Augustine.



MOTOR 39 Riders after lunch at Whitey's Fish Camp in January.

official logo for MOTOR 39. The region will be looking into having some t-shirts made.

April's meeting is scheduled to be held at the Macclenny Lodge on the 25th at 11:00 AM. We're excited about a "Coast" to "Coast" ride

> planned for May 9th, leaving from Jacksonville Beach Lodge and ending up at Cedar Key for a Region meeting and overnight stay. Details for this and other future events will soon be posted on the Region's website, which is under construction.

The site will feature links to other districts and maintain a calendar of events to keep MOTOR

-Joan Fedora, Macclenny Moose Riders



M.O.T.O.R. 39

**Officers** 

Tom Faucett, Sergeant at Arms

39 riders and other districts up to date with Poker runs and fundraising activities.



MOTOR 39 stop off for lunch before a ride.

#### Hello All

We have had some major heartache in the last month as two of our Riverview Moose

Riders have had very serious motorcycle accidents at separate times, and I am sorry to report that **Dave Aspinwall** passed away mid March. Please keep Dave's family and friends in your thoughts and prayers.

Randy LaMere, whose accident was back in February, was in Tampa General in ICU in a coma. He was recently transferred to a long term care facility. At the time of publication he was still in serious condition and somewhat responsive, but not fully aware of what has happened. Please, Please, Please keep Randy and his family in your prayers.

It is a very sad time for us. Both of these guys have done a lot for the Moose Riders and Charities. We at Riverview have had several others in and out of the hospital for various reasons so needless to say it has been a tough start of the year for all of us so far. Also **Jim Kennett** who is the Brandon MR President lost his wife recently as well, so please keep him in your prayers

#### Now for some good news!!

The Spring Rally is almost here and we can hardly wait! We are in the finishing stages as I write this with "only" four more meetings to go. We have worked real hard to make sure everyone has plenty to do and have a great time. We have been raising money to hold this event by having cookouts, dinner & a show, a luau, poker run, and yard sales once a month for the last 3 months and with your help we believe that this will be a great success and the Florida Moose Riders will be able to help out our charities in a great way. Since the Moose Riders are becoming a larger group, putting these rallies on does take a tremendous amount of work and I would like to say that I am very fortunate to have the board that I have. These guys have been tireless and unbelievable with wanting this to be successful. They have been staying on top of things and following up to make things happen and as frustrating as it really is, it has been fun ( well kind of fun anyways ). Our general MR membership has really stepped up as well to help out on this. We do know that we can't wait for next rally in the fall!! We will be ready to party at that one!!!

We recently attended the **Spring Hill Moose Riders** kick start, the **Oldsmar Moose** 



**Riders** poker run for Mooseheart, and a benefit for John Doody who is a wounded marine. We have also purchased a 22 foot shuffleboard and donated it to our lodge along with cash donations to help with some renovations they will be doing very soon.

We hope to see everyone soon and until then ... Let's go Ride! Peace! Mike Tanner, Riverview President





District 19 Moose Riders are deeply saddened by the loss in March of fellow Moose Rider Dave Aspinwall. Dave was a great person who did every ride with us and helped out any way that he could. He was a very funny person and everyone loved him and enjoyed being around

him. Dave and his wife Sharon grew up together and had been married for 38 years. They moved to the area seven years ago from Minnesota. In addition to his wife Sharon, Dave leaves behind his son Lou and two grandchildren Alexis and Ryan. He will be dearly missed.—*Mike Tanner* 

On January 25 four Lodges competed in a chili cook-off in Arcadia. The winner was awarded a plaque at our next

meeting. Congratulations to Arcadia. On February 21, District 23 participated in a joint District poker run, with District 20, to the Florida Sheriff's Youth Ranches Youth Villa in Bartow. Each District rode separately to a meeting point near the Villa and then rode in together. Combined there were over 25 riders taking part. I have now seen what a great place the Ranch is . It does a great service to our community in their efforts to help less fortunate children. If you ever have the same opportunity to visit the Ranch , I highly would recommend that you do. Although our numbers for the ride were small

Radio Flyer for the Highlands Regional Pediatric Ward.



our hearts were large. We donated the \$145 proceeds to the Sherriffs Youth Ranch, and we will also be bringing a check for \$625 to Convention for the March of Checks. We all had a great time and the weather

could not have been better. I would like to thank our riders for helping us make the event a good one. I plan to inform our district about

The Cocoa Moose Riders (Lodge 1717) have been busy and we want to catch you up on what we've been doing. Last October we hosted a Casino Games Mystery Run and raised \$572.00 that was donated to Mooseheart. In December, we donated a Wal-Mart Gift Card for \$150.00 to the Mattingly family who were in need of some help with Christmas. On Jan. 28th we had a benefit Spaghetti dinner for a family that lost their home to a fire. We presented Kevin and Kelly Walker with a check for \$823.00. On Saturday, March 28th, we went on a Poker Run hosted by the Indian River Moose Lodge #2304, Titusville.. We also took part in the Toy Run that Abate puts on every year from Merritt Square Mall to Melbourne. Thousands of bikers show up for it and donated toys to the Shriners and other organizations to distribute to children



Districts 23 and 20 riders visit the FSYR Youth Villa.

the wonderful things they are doing for the girls there.

A Radio Flyer wagon was donated to Highlands Regional Pediatric Ward. We purchased it from Moose International so that it will display our Moose fraternity locally. On February 28 we had a Pig-Out with Southern Winds band at Highlands County Lodge and sold 51 pork steak dinners. The band donated their time to our cause along with another \$45. Altogether we raised \$247.50 to help cover the costs for our Hogfest. Our next up and coming event will be Moose Riders In The Sun, our second annual Beach Bash to be held at Ft. Myers Beach on May 16th. We consider this an event to thank our Moose Riders for the great job they have done for their support throughout the year. We purchase a room poolside and fully stock it with drinks and snacks for everyone to enjoy. All riders welcome.—Gary **Dunford, President District 23** 



Cyndi Katz (Secretary) and Gary Larkham (Vice President) of Cocoa at Abate Toy Run.

in need of Christmas gifts. We have been "passing the hat" at the end of our monthly meetings so we can donate the money to the "Laptop Fund" as well. So, we've been pretty busy and love being able to help people in need, that's what it's all about to us.

- Cyndi Katz, Secretary Cocoa Moose Riders

District 4 has been busy. During the weekend of February 6-8 we hosted the State Moose Riders officers meeting and general membership meeting at the Davie Lodge. The weekend attracted quite a few riders from northern Florida and even as far as South Carolina. 61 people representing over 14 Lodges and 7 districts signed in for the meeting on Saturday and 26 bikes took part in the Poker Run that followed. The ride took us to

Lauderdale Lakes and West Boca Lodges as well as a stop at der-Kreger clubhouse before returning to the Davie Lodge for dinner, music, and more fun.



Gary Mundorf and Carl Mays enjoy a cocktail.



Davie Moose Riders donate bullet proof vest to Davie PD K9 division.

We also elected new officers since the last newsletter came out. They include **Gary Mundorf**, President; **Rick Donk**, Vice President; and **Susan Bibber**, Secretary.

At the Orange Blossom Parade on February 28th, a bullet proof vest worth \$900 was donated to the Davie Police Department K-9 Division by District 4. In order to raise enough money to purchase the canine vest, Moose Riders held car washes, raffles and 50/50s. It was a great community service project for us and the South Florida PD canine that ends up wearing it is going to be one lucky dog!

-Gary Mundorf, President



Moose Riders gather outside Davie Lodge.



It's not easy hosting Moose Riders.

On Jan 25th we gathered together for our 2nd annual poker run. This run was planned to include all five Moose Lodges as a stop. We began in Lake Wales, then on to South Lakeland/ Mulberry, next Lakeland 945, Winter Haven, in Haines City. The weather was great and our ride was a success, even if we did have a little encounter with an FHP office who noticed the Moose Rider patch and, to our amazement, because he had fond memories of the Moose and his grandfather, no tickets given! He even blocked traffic so all 50 plus riders could leave together. The ride turned out to be a great day.

On the 21st of Feb. our ride took us to the Florida Sheriff's Youth Villa in Bartow. The weather stopped some, but our dedicated riders showed up, even if the temperatures were in the 30's when they left home. We had several members who followed along in their vehicles in support of this great charity run. Despite the weather, it proved to be very rewarding. The Sheriffs Department escorted us from our fourth stop through Barton and into the Ranch. The girls in residence welcomed us with open arms and big hearts. They gave us the grand tour of their homes and this great facility. There are some very special girls at this ranch. Some house parents graciously answered our questions, after which we all shared a great lunch with the girls.

Of course, the girls all wanted to have their pictures taken on the motorcycles, so we



District 20 Riders present check to Frank Kenny.



High School student Tiffany came along for the ride as part of her community service project.

stayed until they all got their chance. Those of you who didn't go on this ride, please don't miss the next one. We are planning on doing one more this year because this run really showed us what we are doing for so many when we do these fund raisers. We presented the Florida Sheriff's Girls Villa's with a check for \$500.00 and our poker hand winner, Jan Didas, gave 100% of her winnings back to the girls. Thanks "Jan"! I want to especially thank all of our members who came out and supported this run, Thank you so much.

Our March ride is going to be another fun day, with a very special and important goal. We are trying to save one of our Moose Lodges, that is having difficult times. We riders at District 20 have taken on the challenge to once again do what we do best, raise money and have fun doing it, remember, if it isn't fun we aren't doing it.

I need to also mention that each of our Lodge Moose Rider groups held an event to raise funds for the computers for Mooseheart. Haines City Moose Riders held their 1st poker run on Feb 28th, raising over \$600. Lake Wales Moose Riders on March 1st, after their monthly meeting, had "A GET AQUAINTED WITH YOUR MOOSE RIDERS" get together for all Moose members and had an in house poker run and dinner. Kick stands up!

—Gerald Lambert

## \$5000 for Victim Relief Fund Raised by Iowa Moose Riders

# National News

#### —Cedar Rapids, IA

Our Moose Riders Club of Cedar Rapids, Iowa, was started last May with approximately 20 members. In less than a year we now have 47 active members, and the response from new members is growing. Last year on June 13th, as you may be aware, Cedar Rapids was devastated by a massive flood, comparable only to Katrina's devastation. 10 square miles of concentrated homes and businesses were destroyed. Over 12,000 lives were disrupted when they were displaced from their homes. The majority of those

were permanent, with no hope to repair. Most lost every worldly possession. (Editor's note – please check out this website and watch the video, it's worth it: link to disaster: <a href="http://metro-studios.com/recovery/">http://metro-studios.com/recovery/</a>)

The Cedar Rapids Moose Riders conducted a Poker Run Flood Victim Benefit, as one of our first group functions. Nervous as we were that it would be a flop, we were amazed at the community outpouring of donations. This ride was a huge success, even though we started out small as not to become overwhelmed. We signed in over 120 participants in our event and raised \$5000 for our flood victims. Not bad for our first event.

We expect great things for '09, including a Poker Run on July 11th, a trip to Blessing of



Cedar Rapids Moose Riders Club membership has more than doubled in less than one year.

the Bikes at Mooseheart, and other rides. We truly have a great bunch of people.— *Doug Stanley, Cedar Rapids* 



Poker Run Flood Victim Benefit Ride.



Floodwaters rose to over 30' engulfing Cedar Rapids in June 2008.

#### Our Mission

The Moose Riders
Club will show
respect to the
communities where
we ride, Honor the
rules of the road and
the rules of the
Moose Lodges, Will
focus on the rides for
charities and ensure
safe riding by all that
participate in our runs
and events.--

Cedar Rapids Moose Riders



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#### **New York Riders Hope to Make Some Wishes Come True**



Our friends in upstate New York have been busy despite a long cold winter.

The Palmyra Moose Riders

1420 are organizing the Moose Riders first Annual Poker run in memory of fallen brothers and sisters. The event is scheduled for June 27th and will start and end at the Palmyra Lodge. This year they have elected to sponsor the Make-a-Wish Foundation of Western New York and \$5 of every ticket sold for this Poker run will be donated to the Foundation. Make-a-Wish is delighted to have their support and excited about what Moose

Riders can do. Bravo to our fellow riders up north.

If you visit their website, <u>palmyramooseriders 1420.com</u>, you'll find out that last year they had a poker run that raised \$2700. \$500 was donated for Mooseheart Scholarships, \$400 to the Palmyra Moose Christmas fund and \$900 went to the Palmyra Community Center, a place for local youth to "hang out". The center used the money to purchase a bumper pool table and a bicycle rack.



Newark Hospital staff with toys donated by Palmyra Moose Riders.

In January of 2009, the group rode to the Newark Hospital same-day surgery for kids and donated a bunch of toys, much to the delight of the staff and children. And some of you may remember that we featured this Moose Riders Group in our October issue when they made a visit to the Demay Living Center to spend some time with the senior residents. They cover every age bracket! Check out their website and be sure to sign the guest book.

--Editor, with some help from Roy Iacuzza, Palmyra



Riders gather around new bumper pool table at Palmyra Community Center.



MR MOOSE—

# Canton, GA, Riders Introduce Stimulating Idea



Canton Family Center #2129 Moose Riders We all have been hearing about "stimulus packages" in the news lately – how someone else is going to help you or someone you know do better with the economic conditions that affect each one of us. Here in Canton, we started our own Moose Rider Stimulus Package. We decided that the first step to improving our lot in life starts with the mind. What better way to start down the path to improvement than on the back of a motorcycle doing something "good" for someone each and every day – and "stimulating" fun in the process?

# Motivating Our Own to Stimulate Everyone – MR. MOOSE

The picture to the right is from the Hartman Toy Run to collect toys for disadvantaged children in Cherokee County. It just couldn't capture all 750 bikes and dedicated motorcycle enthusiasts who care about helping people in need.

Our District 1 Moose Riders have a full schedule of rides planned this year to benefit our chosen charities. We also have many impromptu rides on meeting days. We have even signed up some new members who joined us on these rides—they had so much fun; they joined the ranks of the Moose!



Cherokee County Hartman Toy Run

We've also got six bikes from Canton GA going down to Panama City April 30-May 2. Safe Riding. Catch the fever! Be a Mr. (or Mrs.) Moose!—Respectfully submitted – Rich Lalama President Canton Moose Riders Lodge #2129

#### 2009 Ride Schedule

- April 11 Softball Team Poker Run
- April 30 to May 3 Thunder Beach Ride
- May 16 Ride for Calvary Childs Center
- June 6 Ride for C.A.M.P
- July 4 Weekend Victory parade!
- July 18 Open Gate Christmas in July
- August 8 Treasure hunt for Sheriff's Youth Home
- Aug 22 Challenger Baseball Benefit
- August 29 TBD Mooseheart Ride
- October 3 (Tentative) Chili Cookoff

# Alabama Riders Helping to Rebuild

#### —Phenix City, AL

Greetings from the great state of Alabama and Phenix City Moose Riders 1876. We are small but growing. We are planning monthly rides to go into our re-building fund. Anyone who is going to be in the area wanting to ride with us please contact me at 706-575-1397 or dbrown51154@yahoo.com and we'll get aschedule out to you.

These rides are important in the rebuilding of our Lodge. We lost our building to a fire about a year and a half ago and have been slowly re-building since. We also are planning a big ride for Russell County Children's Advocacy, American Red Cross, and Moose Charities in August. It should be big. We'll post details as they develop.

—Denny Brown, Phenix City Moose Riders 1876

#### September 27, 2007

As Keith Stewart stood in the street Wednesday watching Phenix City Moose Lodge 1876 on Old Opelika Road burn to the ground, his thoughts turned to Halloween. "Our biggest fundraiser of the year is the haunted house we hold for two weeks every year in that building," said Stewart, a member of the Fraternal Order of the Moose. "I don't know what we'll do now."

"Yeah, it's rough," said William Murphy, governor of the lodge. "We may try to find someplace else." Thick plumes of black smoke could be seen from across the Chattahoochee River in Columbus as thousands of gallons of water rained down on the smoldering building.

"We're just like one family," he said.

The club was the social center for that family — filled with pool tables, video games, darts and a bar.-

- Reprinted from: Ledger-Enquirer.com 09-27-2007 Blaze destroys lodge



# SC Moose Riders Helping Special Needs Children

Surfside Moose Riders held a poker run for Toomey's Kids Project (that is *Toomey*, not *Tommy*), which is for autistic children in the local school system. Programs for special needs children are terribly underfunded in South Carolina, and because Toomey's Kids President Ted Prehodka is one of our Lodge members, the Moose Riders group felt that it was a natural fit to support "his" kids.

Some of the "extra" funds raised at that poker run were reserved for our friends at Moosehaven. We sent a check earmarked for the Trick My Trike program to provide one of the residents with a new trike.

We also had a Christmas party for Toomey's kids and Santa came to hand out gifts and we presented them with a check.

Last month, we had a fundraiser for CASA. (Citizens Against Spousal Abuse) a program for helping battered women and children leave their bad situation with safe houses, clothing, classes, counseling, and a chance for a fresh start. It was our "From the Heart Ride" and was the first of three major fundraisers planned for this year. We took three truckloads of donated items over there (mostly cleaning supplies, paper supplies, diapers, etc.), and gift cards for drug stores and discount stores). Miss Rita at C.A.S.A. was overwhelmed with the support and donations we presented. She personally thanked and shook every person's hand. We also want to thank all of you that donated. We had a wonderful turnout and were blessed from our good deed by having beautiful weather. On March 8th, we had a ride to the VFW in Little River.

Coming up we have two poker runs planned, the first on Saturday, May 16th and the second on Saturday, October 3rd. Both are at the tail end of each of the Myrtle Beach bike rallies. One will support the Toomey's Kids Christmas party and the other a Veterans Organization.



Surfside Moose Riders gathered in front of their Lodge.

Our Anderson Lodge has done some Turkey Shoots and other activities to benefit the child that they sponsored to Mooseheart. Cheers!

We've got a lot of things planned and we are currently working to finish up the details.

— Many thanks, Mary Keating, President Surfside Beach Moose Riders, LOOM# 2351 / WOTM# 1950 and Mike O'Harrow, South Carolina State Chairman

Letter of Thanks from Moosehaven.







Pediatric Hospice provides comfort and care to children living with life-limiting conditions. Hospice helps families make the best decisions for their children when a cure is unlikely. The goal of care is to enhance the child's quality of life as defined by the child and family. Children in hospice usually receive all of their care in their own home because it is at home where children typically feel the most comfort, security and control. The pediatric team works together with the child and family to develop an individualized plan of care to meet each child's unique needs. The care plan includes medical, nursing, psychosocial and spiritual support along with home health aides and volunteer services as desired and appropriate.

Through the HOM Perinatal Program, medical/nursing, emotional and spiritual support will also be offered to families anticipating life-threatening conditions for their unborn child. In such circumstances, our compassionate services are available to families during pregnancy, miscarriage or stillbirth, labor, birth, and bereavement.

There is no charge to parents who enroll their unborn child/family for services under the Perinatal program. Parents may choose to enroll in the traditional pediatric hospice program after the birth of the child.

Source: http://www.hom.org/peds.asp

# More National News



#### Plan a June Road Trip

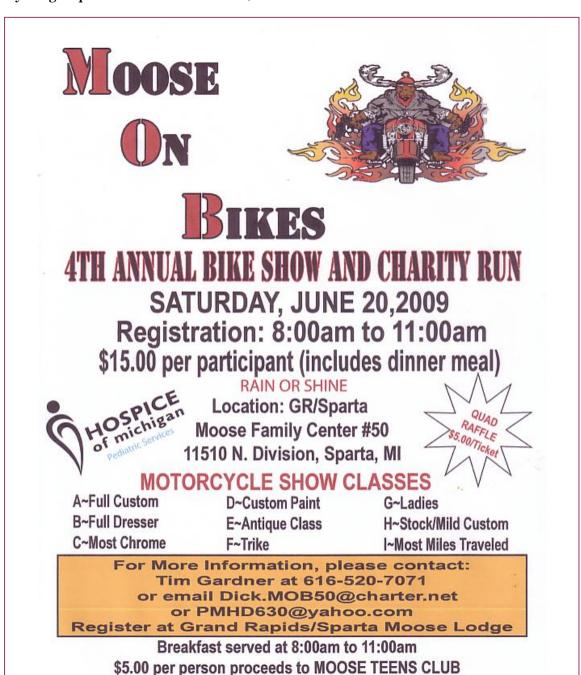
#### MICHIGAN MOOSE RIDE FOR CHARITY

The Moose On Bikes, aka the MOB, of the Sparta/Grand Rapids Moose Lodge #50 is hosting the 4<sup>th</sup> Annual Charity Ride and Bike Show on Saturday, June 20. The proceeds from this ride will go to Hospice of Michigan, Pediatric Services.

We'll be taking a survey at registration, asking where riders heard about our Ride. If your group or business has the most, we'll donate \$75.00 in your group's name to Hospice. We'll also be giving a free breakfast to riders who traveled 75 or more miles to get to our ride.

Thank you and hope to see you on June 20,

—Dick PreFontaine Sparta/Grand Rapids Moose Lodge #50 Sparta, MI



Mark your calendars!

# Ohio Moose Riders 13th Annual Bike-A-Rama





# June 19-20-21—2009

# 13th Annual Ohio State Moose Riders Bike-A-Rama

# Friday June 19th 5:00 pm OPEN

Free Primitive Camping sites 50/50 AT 8:00 PM Entertainment

## PLEASE RSVP by 6/10/09

#### Sunday June 21st

8:00—Noon \_\$4.00 Breakfast Combo Thanks for Coming and have a safe trip home!

#### **Make Reservations Early!!!**

Lite House Inn - Rt 40 (740) 782-1715 (Near Moose and Event Site)

Sunset Motel - (740) 782-1130 (Near Moose)

Super 8 St. Clairsville Oh/ Wheeling WV - www.super8.com - (740) 695-1994

Red Roof Inn - www.redroof.com - (740) 695-4057

Best Value Inn St Clairsville www.bviohio.com - (740) 695-5038

Holiday Inn Express Hotel & Suites - www.hiexpress.com - (740) 699-0661

FOOD & BEVERAGES ARE AVAILABLE ON SITE FOR PURCHASE

Sponsored by the Founders of the Moose Riders- Lafferty Moose Lodge 1462 Lafferty Ohio.

#### Saturday June 20th

8:00—Noon Breakfast Combo -\$4.00 10:00 AM —Poker Run Sign-up (\$15/single - \$25/couple) 11:00 AM - 1st Group Leaves 11:30 AM - 2nd Group Leaves 12:00 - 3rd Group Leaves 1:00 PM - Cornhole Tournament

**4:00 PM** Chicken dinner (\$7.00) **4:00 PM** - Last Bike In

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**5:00 PM** - Poker Hand Drawing (Moose Property)

**5:30 PM** –Bike Rodeo **9:00 PM** - Music –50/50

- Announcements

# Admission \$5.00 per person

#### Please RSVP by June 10th

1-740-968-9298 mooselodge1462@yahoo.com Lafferty Moose Lodge 1462 42977 Harrah St

Questions? Contact Mike Thatcher mmthatcher@verizon.net 740-359-8421(cell) 740-968-4695 (home) Dan Cheatham 740-676-7965





#### Message from Florida's Moose Riders Chairman—

# Moose Riders are Rallying Together for the Same Things







# Spring has finally arrived after the second coldest winter on record. Now that the long cold winter is behind us we can get out our bikes and ride. Oops, did I just suggest some of us only ride in the warm weather? I guess I was just assuming some do, since we haven't

**Hello Brother and Sister Moose Riders** 

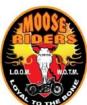
bikes and ride. Oops, did I just suggest some of us only ride in the warm weather? I guess I was just assuming some do, since we haven't heard about much activity in the last few months. Some of us actually made the February trip to Davie which, by the way, was a great time. I would like to thank Gary, The Davie Moose Lodge and District 4 for their hospitality. I would also like to thank the Beer Barn for staying open all night. When last call is called, you assume it's 2:00 a.m. not 4:00 a.m. or later. Oh Well!

#### Laptops

Our most pressing and biggest project is well under way. We are in the process of raising enough money to buy all the graduating Mooseheart Seniors laptops. There are 25 in the 2009 class. Elgin, Il. Lodge and some of the states are buying computers for some of the seniors and we will be taking care of the remaining 14 computers. I have commitments for about 10. That leaves us 4 short. Any lodge group in the state of Florida that isn't part of a District or Region please consider raising \$500 or so to purchase a computer. We have a contact with a HP rep that is trying to get us a real good deal. With that said, please raise the money and get it to us so we can buy the *same* computers. We'll talk more about it at the Rally. Speaking of the Rally, BE THERE! We need your support to continue the Rallies. A lot of hard work goes into putting one on and we need to support the efforts of those who do it.

#### Patches

I have sent all District and Lodge Presidents the information on Patches. We would have



liked the State to handle patches for two reasons, first they require a minimum order of 50 and we could control them. However, since we have only had a few Districts send in dues this year, we can't

afford to purchase them. If you can't come up with the minimum order, I suggest you get with another District or Lodge and put an order in together. We are trying to hold the State Group together; however, it is hard enough without the backing of some Lodges or the legal backing of Moose International. Thanks to those who send their fees. Without you, we wouldn't have made it this far.

#### **Bull Moose Run**

We are riding to Mooseheart again this year for the Blessing of the Bikes. Anyone interested please e-mail the *Pipes* Newsletter. We are leaving mid-May and meeting South Carolina Moose Riders on the way. E-mail us and we will send you the details.

#### **New Activity Groups**

I would like to welcome the New Kids on the Block: Punta Gorda Lodge Activity Group, Spring Hill Lodge Activity Group, North Hillsboro Lodge Activity Group and M.O.T.O.R. 39 Regional Activity Group (Moose On The Open Road 39). With the addition of these new groups we will continue to grow and prosper in the state of Florida.

#### **Final Note**

At the Davie meeting, Charlie Titheridge notified the Board that he was stepping down from his position as Vice Chairman due to work-related time constraints. Charlie is an original Board officer and has done much to promote the growth and success of Moose Riders and will continue to do so as a Committee Chair. Mark Metcalf will be replacing Charlie.

Until next time, I hope everyone enjoys the excitement of the open road. Keep the rubber on the road and your "KICK STANDS UP" —*Carl Mays* 

# **State Officers and Committee Chairs**

Carl Mays, Chairman Mark Metcalf, Vice Chairman Joan Fedora, Secretary Gerald Lambert, Sergeant at Arms Yvonne Hester, Recording Treasurer

#### **Committee Chairs**

Awards Gary Dunford

Florida Sheriffs Youth Ranches Charlie Titheridge

> Moosehaven Charlie Titheridge Mooseheart Gary Mundorf

Rally Mark Metcalf Webmaster Keith Green

#### -April 2009 Featured Rider Diana Welch

#### Get your motor runnin' girl & get out on the highway



This month we are introducing a new feature in Pipes, as suggested by Ila Lambert of District 20. Ila thought it would be fun to feature a Moose Rider and his/or her bike. Find out a little about the rider and how they got involved in riding, and what it is they ride. This quarter our focus is a very new lady rider, Diana Welch from Haines City.



Pipes Featured Rider Diana Welch of District 20 poses on her new Harley Softtail.

Diana Welch has been committed to the Moose Riders and instrumental in bringing Moose Riders to District 20. Diana (aka "Bruiser") supported her husband, Ronny (now president of Moose Riders Group of Haines City) from day one when he tried to get Moose Riders started in Haines City. She first got totally hooked on riding while attending the spring rally in Macclenny last year. Neither rain nor mud (and there was plenty of rain on her ride back) could dampened the enthusiasm of this determined future Harley Rider! On the recent ride to the Sheriffs Youth Villa, Diana's bike was a big hit with the girls who lined up to have their pictures taken on it.

Riding dirt bikes as a young girl, Diana grew up with a love for bikes. It didn't take very long for her to realize that riding behind Ronny just wasn't going to be enough. It was time to shop for a ride of her own, so Ronny went out and found her one.

After attending the safety classes and passing with flying colors, Diana earned her motorcycle endorsement. Soon she was out

riding the Sportster Ronny had found her. But, as usually happens, it didn't take her long to realize that she wanted more!! Next thing we all know, proud Harley Mama rolls in on her new Heritage Softtail!

Diana is originally from the Boston area and is mother of two, a dedicated Boston Red Sox fan, faithful New England Patriots fan, and full time office manager. Some days Diana rides her bike from Haines City to Ocala to work.

We at District 20 are all so proud of our new and special Harley Mama, they call "Bruiser"!!—but that's another story!

—Ila Lambert, District 20

Editor's note: Ila came up with the idea of featuring Moose Riders and their bikes at the meeting in Davie last February. We thought it was a great idea and encourage all of you to feature someone from your Lodge or District. If you have a new rider, or a rider with a new bike, or maybe just a rider you would like to feature next time around - you know what to do. Email me a write up and one or two photos and maybe you'll be surprised to see you or your fellow rider featured. <a href="mailto:ormecmarin@yahoo.com">ormecmarin@yahoo.com</a> or <a href="mailto:fbmanews@yahoo.com">fbmanews@yahoo.com</a>. Thanks for the great idea, Ila.)

#### **Quarterly Calendar of Events**

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#### **Important Dates**

April 3-5: Moose Riders State Rally – Riverview Lodge

April 17-19: FBMA State Convention – Tampa

May 9-10: MOTOR 39 Coast to Coast Rider, start at Jax Beach

May 16: Blessing of the Bikes, Bullmoose Run – Mooseheart;
District 23 Riders in the Sun Beach Blast – Ft. Myers
Beach

<u>May 22 - 27</u>: Moose International Convention – Chicago; Mooseheart Graduation

# Florida Sheriff's Youth Ranches

#### **Schedule of Events**

4/4/09	Open House – Youth Ranch-				
	Bradento <mark>n</mark> /Sarasota				
4/25/09	Open H <mark>ouse</mark> – Youth Villa				
4/28/09	Youth <mark>Award</mark> s Banquet – Boys				
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5/11/09	Youth Awards Banquet - Youth				
	Ranch-Bradenton/Sarasota				
5/12/09	Youth Awards Banquet – Youth				
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5/14/09	Youth Awards Banquet – Youth				
	Villa				

If you would like more information on any of these events or would like to schedule a visit, please contact Frank Kenny, Donor Relations Officer at 1-800-765-3797 or visit us at <a href="https://www.youthranches.org">www.youthranches.org</a>.



#### **News and Information**

Astor Lodge will be holding a GIMME FIVE Picnic on May 2nd beginning at noon. We are hoping for a good turn out and all proceeds will go the GIMME FIVE. Coordinating this project will be Linda Mulligan, John, Doc, Holladay and the Central Florida Higher Degree. Any inquiries can be directed to Linda at Mystic 1107@aol.com We are looking forward to our Moose Rider members from around the state attending. It will be a great day to raise money for this great cause, GIMME FIVE.—Bill Mulligan, State Co Chair, GIMME FIVE

#### **\$ Moose Rider Discounts \$**

# Adamec Harley-Davidson of Jacksonville

10% off of all motorclothes, parts and service.

Plus, special pricing for Moose Riders on all new and used motorcycles.

#### Bring your Moose Card.

You must see Keith Phares or a manager to document the sale and get your discount.

#### **Baymeadows Location Only**

8909 Baymeadows Rd., Jacksonville

Keith Phares 1558 Moose Riders President

#### Mooseheart Area Hotels

Baymont Inn & Suites 4.9 Mi.

308 South Lincolnway North Aurora, IL 630-897-7695

#### Fairfield Inn & Suites 5.6 Mi.

2096 Bricher Road St. Charles, IL 60174 630-845-5500

#### Comfort Inn & Suites 6.5 Mi.

1555 E. Fabyan Pkwy Geneva, IL 60134 630-208-8811

#### **Motel 6** 7.0 Mi.

2380 North Farnsworth Ave. Aurora, IL 60504 630-851-3600

#### Hotel Baker 7.6 Mi.

100 West Main Street St. Charles, IL 800-284-0110

