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# Pipes

## FBMA MOOSE RIDERS NEWS

Loyal Order of Moose

Macclenny, Florida



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Davie

April  
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Riverview

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*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 [fmanews@yahoo.com](mailto:fmanews@yahoo.com).*

Joan Fedora, Editor and Secretary  
State FBMA Moose Riders



# January 2009

## Moose Riders Rally in Zephyrhills



Moose Riders gather for group shot with trikes donated by Zephyrhills.

The weather gods smiled on the FBMA Moose Riders during the last weekend of September. Clear blue skies, light breezes and warm temperatures provided the perfect setting for the 3<sup>rd</sup> Moose Riders Bike Rally in Zephyrhills. Over 150 were in attendance, with a variety of bikes lining the lots of the Lodge. Bikes began rolling in midday Friday and continued into the afternoon. 21 Lodges and 12 Moose Riders districts were represented. Guests included Chris Ecker of Moose International who flew in from Chicago, John Reiter who drove in from Ocala, Pat Paulson driving down from Macclenny and Frank Kenny from the Sheriffs Youth Ranches joining in from North Port. Zephyrhills Lodge is huge, with approximately 3500 members, featuring 2 bars, a full regularly operating kitchen, and an out building with a small bar. The agenda was a full one, starting with dinner and live music on Friday night. Let's just say that a lot of our riders had a lot of energy to expend and all in all everyone had a fun, fun evening. Saturday morning featured a blessing and a poker run. 89 riders took part in the poker run, riding on bikes and trikes and in cars and trucks to Spring Hill, Brookside, Dade City and back to Zephyrhills. The destination Lodges welcomed the riders with spreads of food and good cheer. Last bike back was around 3:00 PM. Bike games were held later, featuring the

always favorite "Bite the Weenie" contest and there was a best bike contest. (Check out *Moose Shots from the Rally* starting on page 16.) 9 vendors lined the side yard offering up bike accessories, jewelry, clothing, parts and patches. Moose Riders patch designs were posted in the outbuilding for a preliminary round of voting on Saturday. Ballots were counted the next day in the Board Meeting and narrowed down to 2 designs. Final voting took place in the general session on Sunday.

Saturday night featured a pulled pork dinner offered by the LOOM, live music in the larger room and karaoke in the smaller room. Riders were a bit more reserved, having had a long day riding and playing out in the sun, although Tiny from Riverview did provide a bit of entertainment with his headgear. Raffles were held and 50/50's drawn and the winner of the poker run was announced and the winner donated the winnings to Moose Riders charities. Another fun night for everyone. Sunday morning came early for the Board who had to meet at 10:00 AM. The general session began at 11:00 and was attended by over 134 Moose Riders and Guests. Spontaneous pass-the-hat collections during the session for Moosehaven Ritual Team's trip to Chicago and for a new charity, Yell and Tell for children, raised over \$375 in a matter of minutes. The board reported that they would be meeting again in February in Davie for an interim meeting and District 4 hopes to organize some events for the weekend in case other Moose Riders want to ride down for the weekend. Rally attendance continues to grow as the word gets out. Next stop, Riverview in April. Mark your calendars. A flyer is posted on the last page.

—Editor

**--News from Mooseheart****Special Guest of Honor at the 2009 Mooseheart Bike Blessing**

In November of 2007, Jean Davidson suffered the loss of her four-year-old grandson, Ryder, who died in an accident that could have been prevented had the children he was playing with been properly educated on how to react in an emergency. The end result of Ryder's tragic death was the creation of the Davidson Yell and Tell Foundation. Some of the dangerous situations that this program covers are drowning, fire safety, accidental poisoning, unsecured firearms and stranger danger/child enticement.

The program consists of an easy to learn way for children who observe a dangerous situation to react and become proactive. The four steps are: **SEE IT** (observing something dangerous), **FEEL IT** (feeling something is not right – scared), **YELL** (make noise at the scene immediately to alert others), **TELL** (the nearest responsible adult). The teaching kits include a large foldout board to put up in front of the group, booklets complete with stickers, pages for coloring, and key words for each child to trace over, a DVD with the "Yell and Tell" children's song and activities, and official membership certificates to the Junior Squawk Club for "graduates" completing the "Yell and Tell" program.

For more information  
please visit  
[www.yellandtell.com](http://www.yellandtell.com)

**Jean Davison**, author, historian, educator and the granddaughter of Walter Davidson (who was one of the four founders and the first president of Harley-Davidson) will be making an appearance as Guest of Honor at the 6th annual Mooseheart Bike Blessing & Run on May 16, 2009. Her father, Gordon Davidson, was Vice President of Manufacturing for Harley-Davidson.

**Blessing of the Bikes**

The annual Mooseheart Bike Blessing and Run has been held each May for the past five years at Mooseheart Child City & School. Originally started as a small ride to the Child City by the Lombard, IL, Lodge 2350 Moose Riders in 2004, the event has grown to include participation by the public and Moose Rider members of Lodges from as far away as Florida, Indiana, Iowa, Michigan, Missouri, New Jersey, Ohio, Pennsylvania, and Wisconsin. Last year's Bike Blessing & Run welcomed 245 motorcycle enthusiasts to the Child City Campus. To date, the annual fundraiser has donated nearly \$10,000.00 to Mooseheart and other worthy charities. For the 2009 event, the beneficiary charities will include Special Olympics and Mooseheart. The addition of Jean Davidson as the Bike Blessing's first celebrity Guest of Honor is another step in growing the event into a "must attend" ride for motorcycle enthusiasts in the Midwest and in the Loyal Order of Moose.

**Veteran Harley Rider**

Jean began riding Harleys at the age of 12. As the one-time owner of the largest Harley-Davidson dealership in Wisconsin, she rubbed shoulders with all the Harley and Davidson family members, famous racers, hard-core and casual "bikers" and even Evel Knievel. She is the mother of five children and the grandmother of seven grandchildren and has spent a number of years gathering personal family stories and old photographs and brings a rare insight into one of the most famous families in motorcycling history.

**Yell and Tell**

Ms. Davidson has recently started her own charitable organization: the *Davidson Yell and Tell Foundation, Inc.* This is a charitable foundation set up to distribute teaching materials to young children in schools and community centers. The Yell and Tell

program teaches children how to take action and become more responsible in an emergency.

**Moose Riders Support**

Recently Moose International's Assistant Director of Fraternal Programs Chris Ecker spoke to the Florida Bermuda Moose Association Moose Riders and issued a challenge, "If every Moose Rider would put \$1 toward the Yell and Tell Foundation, we'd be able to educate two children for each dollar on how to react positively in dangerous situations. I believe this program is a great fit for Moose Riders because it solidifies a positive relationship with one of the premier motorcycling families in the world and it reinforces our commitment as Moose members to child safety and education." Reacting to an anonymous call from the back of the room of, "Do you want to start here?" the Moose Riders spontaneously donated \$120 dollars in a collection for Yell and Tell, which worked out to be \$1 dollar per attendee.

**How to Help**

Any Moose Rider group wishing to donate to the Davidson Yell and Tell Moose Rider collection may contact Assistant Director of Fraternal Programs Chris Ecker at 155 S. International Drive, Mooseheart, IL 60539-1126 by mail or call 630-966-2216 or email [cecker@mooseintl.org](mailto:cecker@mooseintl.org). Funds collected between now and May 1, 2009, will be given to Jean Davidson in the donating Moose Riders group's name during a parade of checks at the 2009 Mooseheart Bike Blessing & Run.

—Chris Ecker, *Moose International*



Yell and Tell Founder, Jean Davidson

## Spotlight on FBMA Moose Riders Charities

# Moosehaven – Opportunity Lodge



The Loyal Order of Moose created Mooseheart, southwest of Chicago, in 1915. Designed to take care of children in need, Mooseheart served infants through high school aged children. In a few short years, it added elders needing assistance in job training and support. It was quickly determined, however, that the children and elders were not a good mix on the same campus. So, a decision was made to relocate the elders and find them a site that had a more suitable climate. In 1922, Rodney Brandon, Secretary General of Moose, purchased the Hotel Marion, a 4-story building on 8 acres, located on the banks of the St. Johns River in Orange Park, FL. He named the property Moosehaven and the residents renamed the hotel Brandon Hall.

Over time, Moosehaven acquired more property allowing the residents to farm and maintain a dairy. Residents performed all of the campus labor and work and did not have the need to hire outside help until 1939. Social Security, Medicare, Medicaid, longer life expectancies, health care costs, and economic times have resulted in many changes at Moosehaven.

Today's residents enjoy retirement on a beautiful campus with a wide variety of facilities such as an indoor swimming pool, bowling lanes, exercise equipment, game rooms, and social quarters. They also enjoy arts and crafts, ceramics, sewing, painting and computers, plus the 450-foot concrete pier provides an enjoyable setting and good fishing. Dances, special dinners, shopping, and sightseeing trips are regularly scheduled events always on the calendar. Opportunity Lodge is a popular spot with nearby Lodges

### "I Can Hear 'Em Coming . . .

July 18, 2008 -  
Moosehaven

High temperatures just make you have to eat your ice cream quicker. That's what our residents found out at our 2nd Annual Motorcycle Day celebration. Delicious ice cream sundaes helped sweeten the event. Residents dressed up in their best motorcycle gear and . . . saddled up for a ride around campus, either on the back of a staff member's bike or on their own. The roar of pipes could be heard all across campus. This is an event that has quickly become a fun tradition for both staff and those residents who were "born to be wild."

Marina Mathews, Moosehaven

Source: Moosehaven Newsletter,  
Volume 2, issue 9, September 2008



Bill & Emily Schmitt won a cash prize for "Best Dressed"



Moosehaven residents and staff join the parade led by John and Mary Lang.

and Moose Riders, often a scheduled stop on a Poker Run.

Throughout Moosehaven's 86 year history, residents have come from all 50 US states, Canada, Bermuda, and England. To be admitted, resident must have at least 15 years of continuous membership, be in good physical and mental health, be at least 65 years of age, and agree to turn over all of the assets to Moosehaven in exchange for housing, meals, clothing, all medical care, activities, amenities, and entertainment. This type of admission is referred to as Asset Surrender.

Today, many Moose members have accumulated more assets at retirement than previous generations, and are reluctant to turn everything over to Moosehaven. Of course there are those who are willing to turn over their assets, but generally have very little and come to Moosehaven as a charitable resident. Therefore Brandon Place, a development on the Moosehaven campus, is underway to address both situations. It will be a Continuing Care Retirement Community. Phase I is now underway, and construction of 64 apartments and duplex homes will begin in January. There are 3 phases to develop Brandon Place. As Phase I nears completion in sales, Phase II will begin. In the meantime, residents will continue to reside at Moosehaven under the Asset Surrender program as part of Fraternity's charity.

(More details about the project and residency requirements are available on the Moosehaven site, [www.moosehaven.org/](http://www.moosehaven.org/).) —Source material and photos: Marina Mathews and Sandra Simmons, Moosehaven

# Moose Riders Helping Moose Riders

—Lodges and Moose Riders Groups from Across the Country Aid Carolina Moose Riders Couple.

On December 3, an email went out from Chris Ecker to Moose Riders groups throughout the United States. The message was: *fellow Moose Riders needed help*. Chris had received the following email from South Carolina:

"Hi Chris,

I'm a Moose Rider and Women of the Moose Member #1950 out of the Myrtle Beach, SC #2351 lodge. My parents reside in Myrtle Beach and are members as well. My Father is a Trustee and my Mother was elected president of the Moose Riders for next year.

A fellow member, Bob Balzer's wife, Sheri Balzer, has pancreatic cancer. While visiting family in Florida for Thanksgiving she became gravely ill. The hospital in Orlando performed an emergency operation to stop the blockage only to find the tumor for which she was receiving radiation treatments for had grown. The hospital has informed them that she is indeed in a terminal state.

Sheri desperately wants to return home to Myrtle Beach. She does not want to die in Florida. Bob has been staying in a hotel while Sheri's in ICU. Countless people have been scrambling the past three days helping to find a way to get her home from Florida. Thankfully an ambulance has become available staffed with a medic to help get Sheri back to Myrtle Beach. The 7 hour trip will run approx \$4,000. Bob will be following in their vehicle behind the ambulance.

Bob and Sheri are both very special people. He's not only a bartender at the lodge he also cleans it every morning. They take part in countless fundraisers to help so many people. They are Moose Riders Members that helped start our chapter. While searching on the Moose International website I saw your article and was hoping by some chance you could help us.

If by chance you have email addresses or mailing addresses to other Moose Riders Chapters that I could email asking them if they would be able to help by giving donations to assist in absorbing the cost of this ambulance, I would greatly appreciate it.

...Chris, I truly appreciate any direction you can help point me in. Sincerely,  
Mari Castaldo"

It wasn't long (hours, really) before replies came in from Illinois, California, Florida, etc.

Kimberly Rhodes from Elkhorn, California wrote:

"Will print [Chris's email] and get to Moose Riders, WOTM, Lodge & Legion Board members. I'll keep you posted.  
Kind Regards,  
Kimberly D Rhodes – Elkhorn 2060 & 2062"

Ed "the German" Reichtsteig from Batavia, Illinois, wrote

"Will bring it [Chris's email] up at our lodge meeting and see if we can get some lodge assistance. Will also talk to "Lil" Mike Warner our current president to see if we can dip into our funds a little.  
The German"

Mike O'Harrow from Surfside Lodge in South Carolina sent out a follow-up email:

"Please note, Bob [Balzer] is from Surfside Beach lodge [South Carolina]. We have raised \$2,100.00 at this time [by the Lodge] and will have more to add tomorrow night. Bob and wife are on their way home at this time. This ride will cost \$4,200.00. All help will be greatly appreciated.  
Thanks, Mike O'Harrow"

The spirit and generosity of Moose Riders is truly amazing. The holiday season can be a difficult time for so many people and Moose Riders always seem to find a way to help out not just with money but with time, compassion and caring. During this past holiday season, we can truly say that our gift to the community was our *giving*, and our giving continues throughout the year.

Although we don't have the final results of money raised by Moose Riders, we want to thank everyone who was able to help out with this cause.--*Editor*



# Motorcycle Endorsements Mandated by Florida Law

—Riders must now complete *Basic Rider Course* in order to get endorsements.

## Rider Notes

If you ride a two- or three-wheeled motorbike with an engine of 50 cc or more, you must have a motorcycle endorsement on your regular driver license, or a motorcycle-only license. The endorsement fee is \$5.

### Eligibility Requirements for a Motorcycle Endorsement

- You must be at least 16 years old.
- You must have at least a regular Class E driver license.
- You must complete the **Basic Rider Course**, regardless of age.

To apply, you'll need to complete a written exam and undergo a driving test on your motorcycle, and a vision and hearing test.

### Motorcycle-only License

To obtain a license that allows you to operate a motorcycle only, you'll be held to the same eligibility and testing requirements as above, except you won't need to be tested on four-wheeled vehicle (normal automobile) driving skills.

*As of July 1, 2008, every motorcycle rider must complete a basic motorcycle safety course before obtaining a motorcycle endorsement or motorcycle-only license.*

### Head Gear Laws

*If you're at least 21 years old and have a minimum medical insurance policy of \$10,000, you can bypass wearing a helmet while riding a*

motorcycle. Otherwise, you'll have to wear a helmet. All riders must have some sort of eye protection, such as goggles or glasses, or have a windshield on the bike.

### Mopeds and Scooters

If you have a regular Class E driver license or higher a motorcycle endorsement is not necessary.

**Florida Rider Training Program (FRTTP)** *As of July 1, 2008*, every motorcycle rider must complete a *basic motorcycle safety course* before obtaining a motorcycle endorsement or motorcycle-only license. The course must be one that is approved by the **Motorcycle Safety Foundation (MSF)** <http://www.msf-usa.org/>. This site lets you search for a location nearest you. Check it out.

The **FRTTP** offers the safety education classes. **Basic Rider Course (BRC)**: 15 hours of entry-level skills for responsible riding. Training includes starting, stopping, turning, swerving, and cornering. Bikes, safety gear, and handbooks are provided. You'll need at least a Class E learner's license to sign up. <http://casey.hsmv.state.fl.us/intranet/ddl/motorcycles/safety2.cfm/>

### Temporary Instruction Permit

As of July 1, 2008, the State of Florida no longer issues temporary instruction permits.

### Knowledge and Skills Waiver Form

Riders 21 and older who have completed an **ERC (Experienced Rider Course)** course may be eligible to skip the required Florida motorcycle tests for a license endorsement. Bring proof of your completed ERC course and passing grade on your end-of-course tests to your local driver license office. Information regarding ERCs can be found at <http://www.floridasafety.org>.

--Source: **DMV.org**



## --Understanding the Biker Culture

**Club vs Group/Colors vs Patch—Why It Makes a Difference****HAVOK IN HOLLISTER  
Motorcyclists Take Over Town, Many Injured**

By C. I. DOURGHTY JR. *San Francisco Chronicle Staff*  
Writer: Transcribed by Mike Carroll Jr.

**HOLLISTER, July, 5 1947**

State Highway patrolmen tonight imposed informal martial law in downtown Hollister to curb the riotous activities of an estimated 4000.

Almost 60 persons were injured, three of them seriously. Several more arrests were made and a special night court session was convened to punish those charged with reckless driving and drunkenness.

The outburst of terrorism - wrecking of bars, bottle barrages into the streets from upper story windows and roofs and high speed racing of motorcycles through the streets - came as participants in the annual "Gypsy Tour" sponsored by the American Motorcycle Association converged on Hollister for a three-day meeting.

Source:  
<http://www.cestcop.com/chron1.htm>

**The Biker Image.** Many people new to motorcycle riding are unaware of the difference between riding groups and clubs. In all of the excitement of a new purchase and exploring a new passion for riding some uneducated novices get carried away with the "biker image"—sporting patches and wanting to identify themselves and let everyone know where they are from. They imagine themselves as hard core bikers and want to dress the part with "colors" or patches of their own. This could spell serious trouble for any rider. Established motorcycle clubs take their patches and colors seriously, because they have earned them, not just purchased them.

**History of the Three-Piece Patch.** The AMA was founded in 1924 as an organizing arm of Motorcycle Manufacturers and mainly supported by these manufacturers to promote motorcycle riding in America. They sanctioned groups of riders from the same area that rode together as motorcycle clubs. Some clubs wore complete matching dress outfits with the name of their motorcycle club stitched on the back of their shirts and jackets. At events, the AMA gave awards for the best-dressed club and this was the start of motorcycle club patches. During an event in 1947 in Hollister, CA, a member of the Booze Fighters motorcycle club made the headlines with an exaggerated news story (later made into a movie called "The Wild Ones"). The AMA wrote an article in their magazine shortly after this stating that 99% of all of their [AMA's] members are law-abiding citizens and only 1% is outlaw. Thus began what is today known as Outlaw motorcycle clubs and One Percenters. Nonmembers and clubs not sanctioned by the AMA were banned from attending AMA events. In order to designate themselves as outlaw clubs to all other clubs, the One Percenters cut their club patches into three separate pieces. The top rocker was the name of the club, the center was the emblem of the club, and the bottom rocker was the local from which they came.

**Colors vs. Patches.** The term colors refers to a motorcycle club's patch set up. Traditional motorcycle clubs differentiate patches from colors. In their eyes, patches belong to riding clubs and are purchased, not earned. Colors belong to motorcycle clubs. Colors represent a

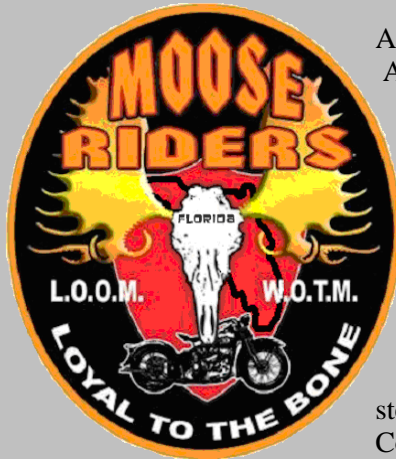
much deeper commitment and members must earn them according to the guidelines determined by a motorcycle club. The number of patches worn represents different things to motorcycle riders, and the differences are significant and should be respected.

**One- and Two-Piece Patches.** A one-piece patch normally represents a family club, riding club, or social motorcycle club, such as the Moose Riders or the Harley Owners Group. One piece back patches are generally accepted and approved by motorcycle clubs, unless the patch displays stolen logos or is similar to the local MC. The Florida Moose Riders patch design was developed with these criteria in mind. Our patch design will be presented to the Confederation of Clubs (COC) to make certain that it does not infringe upon or disrespect any established motorcycle club in Florida. A two-piece patch can have many different meanings. Both of these types should be respectful to the area clubs by not infringing on their established territory.

**Three-Piece Patches.** A three-piece patch normally signifies that the club is a **Traditional motorcycle club (MC)**. These are worn with the top rocker showing the club name, the middle showing the club's patch and the bottom showing their territory location or sometimes a saying. The traditional MC is one that adheres to the protocols and traditions that have long been established. The few exceptions include veterans, firefighters, and Christian groups. Law-enforcement groups stand alone because, they are the law. Basically, a three-piece patch should only be worn by established motorcycle clubs—and members should never wear any back patch other than the one-piece Moose Rider patch that was voted on and sanctioned by the COC and Florida area motorcycle clubs. Wearing colors that resemble a three-piece patch could turn out to be a disaster. Do your homework and show respect?

**Rocker Patches and Territory.** Rocker patches (these are the top and bottom curved patches) are **NOT AN OPTION FOR A RIDING CLUB** and **will not be sanctioned by Moose Riders**, PERIOD. No rocker patches in any shape or form, not even unified rockers that are actually one-piece, are *(continued on next page)*

## Official Florida Moose Rider One-Piece Patch



At the Rally in Zephyrhills a Moose Riders Activity Group Patch was voted on. Since that time, we have moved forward with the process to make these patches available to everyone. First and foremost we set parameters for our design that would meet the criteria of a one-piece patch.

Moose Riders is *not a motorcycle club* and, in the world of motorcycles, as a "riding group", we are limited to a one-piece style patch. We will take it yet another step, however, by presenting it to the Florida Confederation of Clubs for their review.

The COC is a gathering and forum for various motorcycle clubs that work together to protect their lifestyle and their right to ride. By presenting our design to the COC, we are showing respect to the various chapters of established motorcycle clubs throughout the state. With COC endorsement, we hope to eliminate the possibility of any future confrontations for our riders wearing the Moose Rider patch in Florida.

No reason we can't ride the same roads and continue our good work.

### —Club v Group continued from previous page

appropriate. Rockers are Rockers no matter what. This also includes any little patches worn on the front of the jacket or vest that **may** have a rocker type design. Riders should remember that riding clubs and social motorcycle clubs should never claim territory with a patch. IF YOU HAVE THE NAME OF YOUR STATE EMBROIDERED ON THE BACK OF YOUR VEST OR JACKET (even if it's not in a rocker patch), you are "claiming territory" and that could get you places you don't want to be.

**One Percenters and Outlaws.** The term "The Big Four" refers to the four largest 1% clubs and the most dangerous clubs in the world, and they do have a presence in Florida. The Big Four include the "Bandidos", established in 1966; "Hells Angels", established in 1948; "Outlaws", established in 1935; and the "Pagans" established in 1959. The bottom line is that one percenters and outlaws are not at war with the world. These outlaw motorcycle clubs are a society within a society. They have their own rules, codes of conduct, and ways of reacting to the world. They like to keep their business to themselves and do not try to draw attention to themselves. Don't approach them or try to claim territory or get involved with their business. The fact is they respect you, other than that *they don't think about you at all.*

**Just be careful and respectful and you should not have a problem.** Remember, Moose Riders is a social motorcycle riding

### North Florida Confederation of Clubs

In March of 1999, after various motorcycle groups from across America met in Las Vegas to discuss a "coming together" and the overwhelming need for a national voice to protect their life-style and right to ride, Richard Lester came to Florida and held a meeting with the clubs in the state. He explained what the Confederation was—a gathering of motorcycle clubs, joining forces to keep themselves and the roads free. The clubs in the state agreed with the concept and after much work and planning, the Florida Confederation of Clubs was born.

Source:  
<http://www.nflcoc.com/>

group; we strive to support our charities and have a good time doing it.

Sources: <http://www.fulltiltriders.com/>; [http://www.cvmahi.org/History\\_of\\_the\\_three\\_piece\\_patch.pdf](http://www.cvmahi.org/History_of_the_three_piece_patch.pdf)



# DISTRICT NEWS

**14** Macclenny Moose Riders are gearing up for a great 2009. Over the past few months, they have reorganized and had a membership drive in November and December to bring the numbers back up.

In September we had 6 bikes, 3 vehicles and a total of 14 Moose Riders make their way down to Zephyrhills for the rally. The following weekend, 11 bikes and several vehicles with 22 riders and passengers from Mandarin and Macclenny joined up for a ride to the Sheriff's Youth Ranch on October 4<sup>th</sup> for the Anniversary celebration. Frank Kenny provided lunch for the entire group in the comfort of the air conditioned cafeteria on campus.

On October 18<sup>th</sup> two bikes and one Mini Cooper from Macclenny took part in the Mandarin Poker Run to Jacksonville area Lodges.

Macclenny Riders held a Tailgate party for the Homestead Race and Vikings/Bucs and Titans/Jaguars games on November 16<sup>th</sup>. Participants parked their vehicles behind the Lodge and offered up favorite tailgating foods like fried chicken, fried venison, potato salad, etc. for a donation. Redneck gift baskets, featuring six packs of beer, chips and dip, Gator stuff and Jags stuff and Race/Bike stuff in Wal-Mart bags were raffled off. Proceeds are earmarked for local charities.



Carl and Jackie Mays cook up some food at the Macclenny Tailgate Party for the Homestead race.

Several Macclenny riders rode down to Palatka on November 23 for a meeting to discuss the formation of a Moose Riders "region" in north Florida. 6 of the 13 Lodges were represented and the next meeting will be at Moosehaven on January 17 at 11:00 to pick officers. Chairman Carl Mays led the meeting and reports that everyone seems excited about the concept. *(More about that on page 19.)* Riders are working hard to re-energize the group, introducing new local charities, including a safe house for children in Baker County. We continue to help out our friends at Christmas 4 Kids, and donated to the Lodge's annual Holiday Senior's dinner.--*Editor*



Macclenny and Mandarin Moose Riders join Frank Kenny for lunch at the FSJR campus cafeteria.



# DISTRICT NEWS

**13** The newly formed chapter of Moose Riders in District 13 has had quite a busy couple of months. On October 18<sup>th</sup> we held our first Poker Run to benefit the Florida Sheriff's Youth Ranch. We started out at 42 and made stops at 2352, 2134, 2020 and Moosehaven before riding back to the Lodge for the W.O.T.M. Oktoberfest Dinner. There



Mandarin and Macclenny team up for Poker Run.

were 13 bikes and 1 Mini Cooper. A good time was had by all and it was a successful fundraising event. On November 8<sup>th</sup> we held a memorial ride to benefit Linda Hauck. Linda's husband Dave fought cancer for many years and finally lost his battle on October 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2008. Dave was a long-time and outstanding member of the Loyal Order of Moose, Moose Legion and American Legion and was honored with the Fellowship Degree. The ride left from 42 and then it was on to Slider's for a great lunch and a good time. There were 15 bikes and 3 other vehicles. After riding back to the Lodge, the Moose Riders held an all-you-can-eat taco dinner. Over \$440.00 was raised to assist Linda



District 13 Poker Run stop at Moosehaven

during this difficult time. On Sunday, November 30<sup>th</sup> we hosted the weekly Lodge breakfast. We had a good turnout of both volunteers and members. On January 19<sup>th</sup> we plan to have a Spaghetti Dinner starting at 6pm. Please come out and support our

chapter. Be reminded that our meetings are on the 4<sup>th</sup> Monday of every month at 7pm.

—Sabrina Malmay

**12** Things have been rather quiet around here. We held the benefit for Richard Johnson with food, casino games, and an auction at the end of the night. We made over \$3000 and were very happy with that. We have been on lots of fun rides and were in our Veterans Day parade as well as our Christmas parade and the Crescent City parade. One of our talented members, Harvey Konsella, made a Santa sleigh last year and we have had so much fun with that. Besides the parades, we ride around in all the shopping malls and the passenger is the Grinch who manages to scare the daylights out of the kids even though that is not our objective. Last year



The Palatka Grinch "sleigh".

Richard was the Grinch and we sure miss him this year.

Officer elections were held and Cindy Johnson is now our president. We know she will be very effective as she wants to follow in Richard's footsteps and get some things done that he was working on before he passed away. Believe me, she is a "Git r done" kind of gal. We also revised our bylaws within our group. It was set up that you must be a member of our Lodge to belong to our Moose Riders Activity Group. We decided that we did like that and voted to change it. Now you do not need to change membership to join our Moose Riders. We welcome all Moose members. *Marti Miles-- Sec/Treasurer, Moose Riders, Palatka 184*

# DISTRICT NEWS

**20** New officers have been elected for District 20, which includes five Lodges: Haines City; Lake Wales; Winter Haven; S Lakeland; and Lakeland. We have decided to keep our meetings on the 3rd Saturday of each month and continue to visit alternating Lodges. We usually have a breakfast, our meeting and then a ride of some sort or a fund raiser. As you know November 1st was renewal time for the District Moose Riders. We are working hard on membership retention, and now have approximately 120 renewals and new members.

As of January 1st we now have two new active Moose Riders Family Activity Lodge Groups in the District: Lake Wales and Haines City. Lake Wales elected officers, and we have our first female President, Regina Perrin! She has been active in our district from the beginning and got the Lodge to consider Moose Riders for their Lodge. Welcome aboard Gina, you will do great things this year. Our other Lodge Group, Haines City, has always been our largest supporter and now they will have their own officers, and will be able assist their Lodge with fundraisers for local charities as well as our regular state charities. Both Lodge groups have committed to do 2 fundraisers for District 20 this year toward our state level obligations. District 20 sees the potential for growth both for L.O.O.M. and Moose Riders when we develop at the Lodge level. It is the goal of District 20, to get our other Lodges more involved with Moose Riders, if only in helping with a fundraiser for 2009.

On November 1st members Rip & Mama Bear were the Chairman for a District poker run and raised \$1575.

*State Moose Riders Sergeant-at Arms and District 20 President, Gerald Lambert, was recently presented with the Moose of the Year at Haines City Lodge, due in large part to his dedication to the Moose Riders and their contributions to the community and Moose charities.*

It was a beautiful sunshiny day, and everyone had a great ride, and lots of fun.

Two of our stops included South Lake County Lodge and Kissimmee. Our members were excited to share



District 20's Haines City Christmas Parade winning float.

the day with other Moose Riders and enjoyed comparing Moose Riders attire! Haines City Lodge & District 20 Moose Riders entered a float in the Haines City Christmas Parade, on Dec 6th. It won first place out of 140 floats. Our theme was a sleigh (hand built by our chaplain, Doug Bruce) pulled by 7 motorcycles (reindeer), with lots of children (little elves).

Coming up, we are having a joint poker run on Feb 21st with District 23. Both groups will end at the Florida Sheriffs Youth Villa in Bartow, at which time all proceeds will be presented to them.

District 20 remains true and "IF IT ISN'T FUN WE AREN'T DOING IT!"

Fraternally yours, *Gerald Lambert, District 20 President*

**17** District 17 has a new Moose Riders Group. **Spring Hill Lodge #521** has only just begun the start up process and is still forming a board of officers. We are researching our community for local charities to support and will be utilizing some of the monies from the pig roast (*see flyer on page 21*) for this purpose. Currently we are still signing up members and excited about forming a Moose Riders Activity Group at our Lodge. Those of you at the Zephyrhills Rally may remember that Spring Hill was the first stop on the rally poker run, where everyone had a chance to sample some of our fine, fine food. Feel free to stop by the Lodge any time.

--*Steven Gagnon*

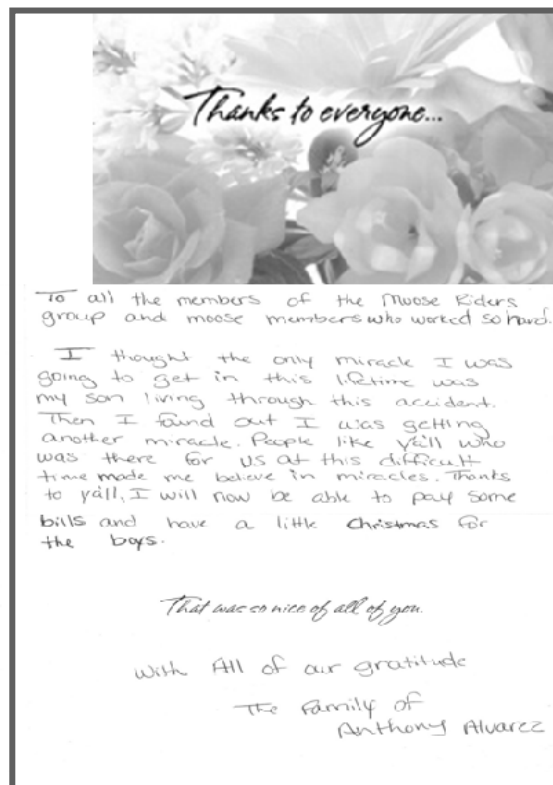
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**23** On November 22nd we had a fish fry at the Sebring Lodge and Donna and John Tucker were the chairpersons. We raised \$3645 for the family of Anthony Alvarez who is the nephew of Clay and Ann Shrum, our vice president and my prelate. The six year old was hit in the head with a golf club and underwent extensive head surgery involving steel plates. The family was financially strapped and we stepped up and were able to help the family greatly. Sadly, we must report that one of our Moose Riders, David Artz, passed away on December 7<sup>th</sup>. The Highlands County Moose Lodge 2494 was having a benefit for David and his family on that day and received news of his death during the benefit. He was a past Governor of the Highlands County Moose Lodge.

Our next event will be a combined poker run with Districts 20 & 23 on February 21. We will all end our runs at the Sheriffs Youth Ranch in Bartow, where we will enjoy dinners prepared and served by the girls of the Youth Villa. It's a good way for both districts to do work together and not be competitive but compatible. We can help and have a great time together as one big unit.

On December 14<sup>th</sup> District 23 did a toy ride to all five Lodges in our district as well as Charlotte's Web and Herb's Limestone.

**4** It's been pretty quiet in District 4 since our trip up to the Zephyrhills Rally. 7 of us made the ride to Zephyrhills; total miles round trip was 640. It was a great ride both ways until we got 5 miles from home and the sky opened up drowned us. We can't wait till the weekend of February 6<sup>th</sup> for the Moose Riders State Board Meeting--Party time. Friday night we're offering a steak dinner after everyone's long ride down here and then a Ho Down with Hog Jaws. After the meeting on Saturday, we've got a District 4 Poker Run scheduled that includes Pompano, West Boca, Lauderdale Lakes and Davie Lodges. Then it's back to the Lodge to rock out with southern rock band Prism. Of course there'll be raffles and 50/50s



We made about \$250 and collected two truckloads of toys that we donated to the Sunshine Foundation. It was a great time with 49 bikes and 60 plus riders. We even had support from a local MC called the Outsiders of Highlands County. Have a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. —Gary Dunford



Davie riders enjoy a brief rest during a recent ride.

all weekend long. There's a list of nearby hotels on page 20 plus directions south from the Orlando area.

You don't have to be a Moose Riders officer to come down and join the fun.—Gary Mundorf

# DISTRICT NEWS

**19** Here at Riverview we are busy, busy, busy!  
First of all, we would like to thank Zephyrhills for the hospitality they showed everyone at the Fall Rally. It is a lot of work to hold one of these rallies as we are finding out since the Spring Rally will be in Riverview on April 3,4, & 5. We are working very hard to make this a great get-together for all of you so please schedule these dates on your calendar and let's have some fun!

Oct 11<sup>th</sup>: We had a cookout and auction at our Tiki Bar and the auction proceeds went to help out with medical expenses for a fellow Moose Rider (Wolf) who went down on his scooter. We are glad to say he is doing much better.

We took part in the Ruskin Veterans Day Parade and it was a bigger parade than ever. We did a \$250.00 sponsorship to their charities. 22 bikes showed up along with a truck pulling a float with a bunch of people on it. After the parade at the cookout at the Lodge, we signed up 7 new members who saw us at the parade and wanted to be part of what we are about.

Nov 22<sup>nd</sup> was the Paws for Patriots poker run out of Brandon Harley. We had a good turnout and donated about \$300.00 more to them.

On Dec 7<sup>th</sup>, we did the Cookson Hills Toy Run, which was a lot of fun watching the kids open their toys.

Dec 15<sup>th</sup> was the Clearwater for the Rock N Road Show, which is a radio show that talks about bikers as well as other things. They host this event and broadcast live. One of the DJs from that show has seen us around and heard about what the Moose Riders do and asked us to come over to do an interview. He also will be joining our Moose Riders group and possibly broadcasting live from the Spring Rally.

On Dec 15<sup>th</sup> we also helped out with a benefit at our Lodge for the "library attack victim". She is still 90% blind and can't speak or swallow on her own. It is a very sad thing that happened to this young girl in our area and we will help out as much as possible with her. We all helped kids and families this Thanksgiving and we had a family that was in need this Christmas. They did not come to us at all, but we definitely went to them with many toys, gift cards, food etc. that we rode over and gave to them on Dec 21<sup>st</sup>. They were very humbled and grateful. You can't put a price on that! Well that's enough for now so we will see you in April! Let's Go Ride, Peace! --Mike Tanner, Riverview MR President

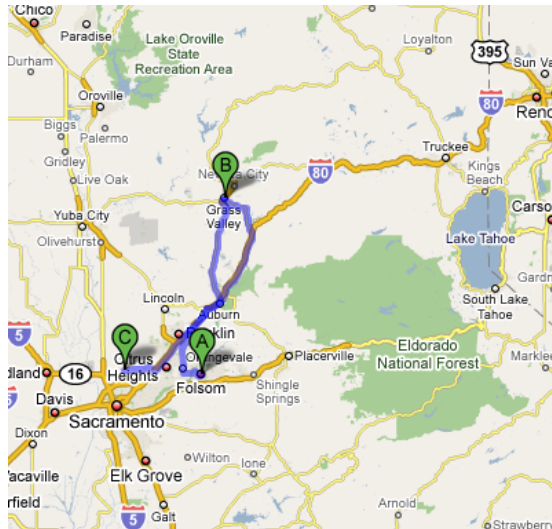


District 19 Moose Riders participated in this year's Ruskin Veteran's Day Parade.

## A Herd of Moose Riders Spotted in the California Foothills



Sunday, December 07, 2008, proved to be quite a challenge for the Cal-Nevada District 4 Moose Riders on their journey to Auburn, CA, to deliver toys and food to families for the *Gold Country Food and Toy Run*. This was the first time all three Moose Riders Groups from District 4 met. Elkhorn (#2060/#2062) is over 70 members strong forming just a year ago and Grass Valley (#2217/#1767) is 7 months young and growing with 16 members. Folsom (#2009/#1588) is the newest group (August) in the District. They share the road with 17 members and 2 members pending approval. We look forward to sharing ideas and rides on the Folsom Moose Riders Group's website at [www.folsommoose-riders.com](http://www.folsommoose-riders.com), with the hope that the Gridley Moose Riders Group will join us in raising



District 4-Cal-Nevada Moose Association

awareness of Moose Riders and their community service efforts.

Sunny California wasn't living up to its name on the day of the ride. Moose Riders faced 40 degree weather. The dense fog barely cleared to patchy fog before the start of the run.

The Auburn Moose Lodge (#2264) administrator arranged to open the Lodge early for the three groups to meet and warm up before reaching the registration point for the Toy Run. Our thanks are not enough to the wonderful people who helped warm our Moose Riders both inside and out! It must have been a sight for them when they



Kneeling L to R: Ralph Wyatt, FMRG President; Ladihawk Castle, Secretary; Robert the Bruce, Owl; Joni Cadwalle, President - Grass Valley MRG; Shilo Martin, FMRG Charter Member. Standing L to R: Randy Horton, FMRG Charter Member; Daryl Berry, FMRG Road Capt/Safety Officer; FMRG Guest Riders Rayanne, Mike and Sharon.

witnessed 27 motorcycles rolling into the parking lot that day.

After the warm-up and introductions, the Moose Riders held a special Opportunity Drawing. Assistant Director of Fraternal Programs, Chris Ecker had sent an email to Secretary Ladihawk Castle of the Folsom #2009 Moose Riders Group regarding a fellow Moose Member, Sheri Balzer, and her special needs. After relaying the contents of the email, a 25/25/50 Opportunity Drawing was held. Rhonda Buelow from Folsom and John Crum (visiting from Missouri) shared the winner's portion and the balance was sent to Bob and Sheri Balzer, with the promise of more to follow. Elkhorn and Grass Valley Moose Riders Groups are taking the news back to their Lodges and asking for ideas on how to raise more funds for this family. Folsom Moose Riders Group had a dinner on Dec 24 and a Pajama Breakfast on Dec 28, where part of the proceeds will be donated to the Balzer family.

This year's *Gold Country Food and Toy Run* was again an awesome sight. A Master Falconer brought an additional surprise for the children and their families. To the amazement of all, a Great Horned Owl named Robert the Bruce brightened the day! More than 200 children and parents were there to enjoy this treat. Many thanks to Lance "Wormdirt" Cribbing for transporting the Owl in his truck and following the "Herd". Does anyone know if Birds of Prey can be official Moose Riders? Would they be a flock of Moose Riders or a Herd with wings?--Ladihawk Castle, Folsom #2009

## National News



# Nothing Could be Finer than Moose Riders in the Carolinas



Moose Riders have formed southwest of Greenville, SC, at the Anderson Lodge 2018,

## Anderson Moose Riders Raising Money to Support Carolina Child at Mooseheart



Anderson Moose Lodge 2018 is located in South Carolina, just southwest of Greenville and it is one of several Moose Riders Activity Groups popping up in the Carolinas.

The Moose Riders of Anderson was started by Jeff and Rusti Davis to help provide support for our Mooseheart Child, Sammy Strickland. Our last raffle brought in enough money to provide him with a new winter coat, hat and gloves for the cold winter in Chicago--something people from South Carolina are

not used to. This is his first year away from home and we send him care packages to help with his adjustment.

We have approximately 14 members and three bikes but the support is tremendous and we are looking forward to getting other Moose Riders in our District organized and riding along. The attached picture is Anderson Lodge 2018 and Chapter 2190 as they prepare for their very first bike ride.

*—Debbie Ellett, Anderson Moose Lodge*

## Carolina Moose Riders Support Trick My Trike

The word is getting out there. People are hearing about the Moose Riders and the Moose Charities that we champion here in Florida. A perfect example: Chairman Mays received the following email last month:

Hello Carl,

I am Mary Keating, Secretary of the Moose Riders at the Surfside Beach Lodge # 2351 / WOTM #1950 in South Carolina.

Our group had some fundraisers and has allocated \$500.00 to the 'Trick My Ride' cause.

I understand that you are the party that mans this effort and can send me the address where we can mail the check.

Happy Holidays to you and yours.

Warm Regards, Mary Keating

Fellow Moose Riders, we should be very proud that Moose Riders from all over are having an impact on Moose Charities. We'd like to thank our friends in the Carolinas and all of our riders in Florida for supporting this and other Moose Riders and Moose International programs. Our dear friends at Moosehaven and Mooseheart appreciate it more than you know.

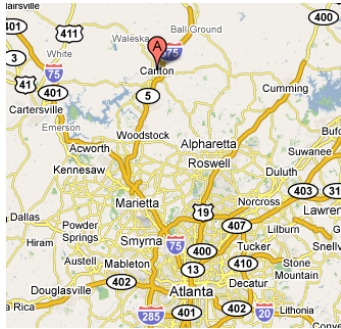
*--Editor*

## National News



## Canton Moose Lodge #2129

## Georgia Moose Riders Making Holiday Spirits Soar



Canton Moose Lodge 2129 is located north of Atlanta.

### Care Packages

We have been busy Moose Riders for the last two months. We sponsored a chili cook off and benefit ride to “Support our Troops” raising over \$1500 to send a little bit of “Moose Spirit” to our men and women of the armed forces. Care packages were sent to Moose family members serving our country in every branch of the military.

### For the Benefit of Others

The Moose Riders hosted the Lodge Christmas party and encouraged members to support our effort to adopt seniors in our local community who would otherwise get very little during the holidays. We brought some “Moose Love” to four people who I am sure will remember us each and every day for our generosity. And that’s not all!

We have also participated in other benefit rides in District 1 including the Sheriff’s Boys Ranch (for future Moose Riders ☺) and Blind

and Low Vision Services (for current Moose Riders who can’t read maps ☺).

### Toy Run for Children

We hosted a toy run to benefit disadvantaged children through DFACS. Hartman Cycles rounded up 750 dedicated bikers to participate. Every one of them brought two toys to bring “Moose Joy” for so many needy children in Cherokee County.

We also took a picture with our adopted Moose Rider, Bryce Hall, while we were lost in the GA Mountains.

### Plans for the New Year

We have more activities planned for the New Year: Thunder Beach Ride, Challenger Baseball League, Toy Runs, and too many others to list. Until next time, it’s up to you to put the “OO” back in Moose.

—Respectfully, Rich Lalama, Moose Riders President

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Canton Moose Riders and their adopted Moose Rider, Bryce Hall.  
L to R Front Row: Rich Lalama, Bryce Hall, Bobby Bailey, Second row: Landon Starkey, John Scott, Back Row: Joe Essick, Ron Starkey, Waid Essick, Dan Harney

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**Message from Florida's Moose Riders Chairman—****The Word is Out--Florida Moose Riders are Laying the Groundwork****Pilot Program  
Start-up in North  
Florida**

At our last Officers meeting the Board decided to pilot a Regional Moose Riders in Northern Florida. The Region will duplicate Seminole Moose Legion 81, which includes districts 12,13 and 14.

We had our first meeting on November 23 with 6 of the 13 Lodges in the Region represented. All Lodges voted to go with the Region concept, with our goal to bring the remaining Lodges into the fold.

The next meeting is scheduled for January 17<sup>th</sup> at Moosehaven to elect officers and plan our first event. We need a good turnout for this also. There will be a ride/ poker run scheduled after the 11:00 AM meeting.

—Carl Mays



Frankie and Mike O'Harrow from Surfside Lodge, South Carolina.

I hope everyone had a wonderful and safe holiday. As we look forward to 2009 we need to refine what we started the past couple of years by building our membership and continuing to raise money for Moose Charities.

**Organizational Progress**

As you all have heard, Moose International is watching Florida to see how the Moose

Riders fare. Although we have and will continue to stub a toe now and again, I believe we are setting up the Florida Moose Riders the right way and for the right reasons. The

Carolinas also believe we are on the right track. I have spent the last few months helping Mike O'Harrow get the Carolinas organized as we are. Mike and his wife Frankie were at the Zephyrhills Rally. As a matter of fact, Mike has been to every Florida Rally. They are doing a great job trying to organize the Carolinas into a state structure.

**New Members Wanted**

We must continue to build within our state by organizing more Lodges and bringing new members into the Moose Fraternity. Men and women members should always be looking to add members to our organization. With rising membership costs, we must excite our current members and entice new members to join by providing them with a fun alternative to bar hopping around on their bikes. We must continue to plan and organize events that are Fun for our members, Profitable to the Lodge and, more importantly, Raise money for our Charities.

**MRAG Fundraising**

Our goal this year is for every District/ Region to raise \$1000.00 for each of our three Charities. Mooseheart – Computers; Moosehaven – Trick my Trike; and Florida Sheriffs Youth Ranches. We will be adding a new program this year that involves the Fire and/or Police Departments in your communities called "Yell and Tell". This is a great community service program designed by Jean Davidson (Granddaughter of Arthur Davidson, co-founder of Harley Davidson), after loosing her 4-year-old grandson in a drowning. (Please see feature article on page 2.)

**MRAG State Meeting in February**

Our next get-together will be an officers and general membership meeting at Davie. The Board originally set the date for January 31<sup>st</sup>; however, we didn't realize the Super Bowl was set for Sunday, February 1. Due to this we have moved the meetings to February 7<sup>th</sup>.

Gary Mundorf has a great weekend planned and it will be a great time to head south, have some fun and get some work done. Agenda items include reviewing our State Guidelines and making suggestions for revisions and additions. We also need to review where we are on

raising money for the computers for the Mooseheart graduates and discuss the Rally in Riverview. The meeting was moved up to Saturday instead of Sunday so we can take our time, get our work done and still have some ride time. Please make arrangements to be there. (There's a list of nearby hotels on page 20.)

**Moose Riders Rallies**

The Fall Rally didn't turn out as expected. We were only able to raise a few hundred dollars for our charities. A lot of work that goes into putting on such an event. Future Rallies will be organized under guidelines from the State Moose Riders Board so we can avoid making the same mistakes from previous rallies. Riverview Lodge will host our next Rally on April 3rd, 4th and 5th. (See flyer on the last page.) Please support Riverview in their efforts to raise money for Moose Charities. We must get more Lodge members involved in the rallies. Just because the Moose Riders are hosting an event doesn't mean all Moose members can't enjoy the fun.

**Thanks**

In closing I would like to thank everyone who has supported and worked hard to get all the Moose Riders organized as a State. As in any organization, we have power in numbers. Hundreds of people can do much more good than only a handful. The only compensation we need is the satisfaction of knowing we are helping someone in need. Until next time, Ride safe, keep the rubber on the ground and "Kick Stands Up".

—Carl Mays

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# Florida Sheriff's Youth Ranches

## 2009 Schedule of Events

The Youth Ranches currently operates residential programs at the Boys Ranch near Live Oak, Youth Villa in Bartow, Youth Ranch in Safety Harbor and Youth Ranch in Bradenton. We invite our Moose Rider friends to come and meet with the children and see the facilities they help provide for. Here is a list of upcoming events in 2009.

- 3/7/09 Open House – Youth Ranch/Safety Harbor
- 3/21/09 Open House – Caruth Camp
- 4/4/09 Open House – Youth Ranch-Bradenton/Sarasota
- 4/25/09 Open House – Youth Villa
- 4/28/09 Youth Awards Banquet – Boys Ranch
- 5/11/09 Youth Awards Banquet – Youth Ranch-Bradenton/Sarasota
- 5/12/09 Youth Awards Banquet – Youth Ranch/Safety Harbor

- 5/14/09 Youth Awards Banquet – Youth Villa
- 10/2-4/09 Open House – Boys Ranch
- 11/1/09 Turkey in the Ground – Caruth Camp
- 11/8/09 Turkey in the Ground – Youth Camp
- 11/12/09 Thanksgiving Banquet – Youth Ranch/Safety Harbor
- 12/1/09 Holiday Banquet – Boys Ranch
- 12/8/09 Holiday Banquet – Youth Ranch-Bradenton/Sarasota
- 12/13/09 Holiday Social – 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 [www.youthranches.org](http://www.youthranches.org).

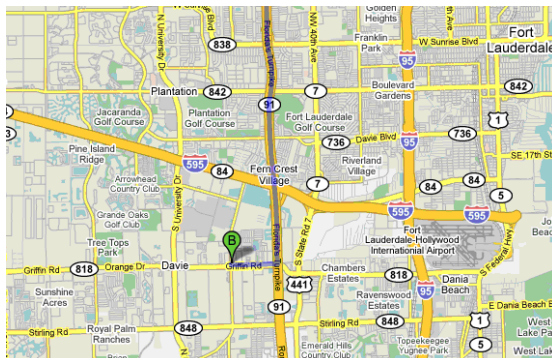
--*Frank Kenny*

## State Board Meeting, Davie - February 7th

### Directions to Davie Moose Lodge from Orlando

1. Take 75 south to Florida's turnpike S/SR 91.
  2. Keep **left** at the fork, follow signs for **Miami/Florida's Turnpike** and merge onto **Florida's Turnpike S/SR-91**. Follow to Ft. Lauderdale area and exit 53.
  3. Take exit **53** for **State Hwy 818/Griffin Rd**
  4. Turn **right** at **SW 45th St/Orange Dr**
  5. Turn **right** at **SW 64th Ave/Davie Rd**
- Destination will be on the left. See map below.

 = 4483 SW 64th Ave, Davie Lodge  
Fort Lauderdale, FL 33314



### Nearby Hotels

#### Hard Rock

5804 Seminole Way  
954-583-7892  
1.61 miles

#### Comfort Suites

2540 Davie Rd (64th Ave.)  
954-585-7071  
1.75 miles

#### Homestead

7560 W. State Rd. 84  
954-452-1124  
2.33 miles

#### Hard Rock Hotel

5731 S. 441  
954-327-7625  
1.86 miles

#### Renaissance

1230 S. Pine Island Rd.  
954-472-2252  
3.46 miles

#### Wyndham Crystal Palace

1200 S. Pine Island Rd.  
(954) 915-2900  
3.49 miles

Board Meeting and general session will be Saturday morning, with a poker run planned for the afternoon.

# Quarterly Calendar of Events

January 2009

S	M	T	W	T	F	S
				1 New Year's Day	2	3
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February 2009

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March 2009

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29	30	31	1	2	3	4

### Important Dates

**January 17:** Northern Florida Moose Riders "Region" formation meeting - Moosehaven

**February 7:** FBMA Moose Riders State Board Meeting – 4483 SW 64<sup>th</sup> Ave., Ft. Lauderdale (Davie Lodge)

**February 7:** First Annual Pig Roast Spring Hill Moose Lodge # 521

**February 21:** Joint Poker Run Districts 20 and 23 to Youth Villas

**April 3 – 5<sup>th</sup>:** Moose Riders Rally - Riverview

## SPRING HILL MOOSE LODGE # 521

Introducing a New Chapter of

## Moose Riders !

Come Join us for Our First Annual Pig Roast February 7<sup>th</sup>, 2009 1-8pm

GREAT FOOD, MUSIC AND FUN!

**DOOR PRIZES GAMES**

\$12.00 Per Person

Price Includes: Food, Draft Beer, & Door Prize Chance

## Moose Riders presents

## Ranch Ride 2009

District 23 & 20 combined poker run for charity

February 21st 2009

**District 23**

\$10 Donation per rider or passenger

Each lodge will have its own route

All proceeds will go to the Sheriffs Youth Ranch

50/50 drawings throughout the day

Barbeque provided by



**The Sheriffs Youth Ranch in Bartow**

3350 Highway 60 east  
Bartow, Florida  
Tel. (863)533-0371

### Riverview Area Hotels

**Days Inn** 10.12 Mi.  
9942 Adamo Dr  
Tampa Fl 33619  
813-623-5121

**Best Western** 11.34 Mi.  
9331 Adamo Dr  
Tampa Fl 33619  
813-621-5555

**Courtyard** 10.03 Mi.  
10152 Palm River Rd  
Tampa FL 33619  
813-661-9559

**Embassy Suites** 10.16 Mi.  
10220 Palm River Rd  
Tampa FL 33619  
813-653-1905

**La Quinta Inn** 10.20 Mi.  
310 Grand Regency Blvd  
Brandon Fl 33510  
813-643-0574

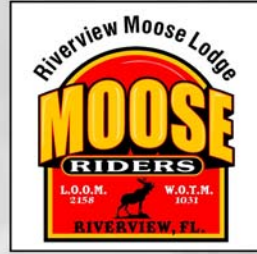
**Homestead Village** 10.13 Mi.  
330 Grand Regency Blvd  
Brandon FL 33508  
813-643-5900

**Holiday Inn Express** 10.01 Mi.  
510 Grand Regency Blvd  
Brandon Fl 33510  
813-643-3800

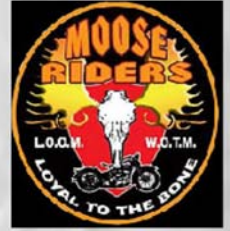
**Brandon Motor Lodge** 12.86 Mi.  
906 E Brandon Blvd  
Brandon FL 33511  
813-689-1261

**Holiday Inn Express** 12.93 Mi.  
3113 Collage Ave  
Ruskin Fl 33570  
813-641-3437

**Comfort Inn** 13.43 Mi.  
718 Cypress Village Blvd  
Sun City Center Fl 33573  
813-633-3318



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## SPRING MOTORCYCLE RALLY FRIDAY, SATURDAY & SUNDAY APRIL 3RD, 4TH & 5TH RIVERVIEW MOOSE LODGE

- Bike Show**
- Biker Games**
- Raffles**
- 50/50'S**
- Moose Races**
- Pool Tournament**
- Horse Shoe Tournament**
- Poker Run**
- BANDS & DJ'S**
- GREAT FOOD ALL DAY**

ALL MOOSE MEMBERS  
& QUALIFIED GUESTS WELCOME

★ 10.00 PER DAY ★  
★ 20.00- 3 DAY PASS ★

MOOSE RULES WILL BE IN EFFECT



PRIMITIVE CAMPING  
20.00 PER RV/CAMPER  
10.00 PER TENT  
ENTIRE WEEKEND!!!!

- Benefits:
- Mooseheart
  - Moosehaven
  - Florida Sheriff's Youth Ranch
  - Trick my Trike
  - Local Charities



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