

# Pipes<sup>®</sup>



## FMBA MOOSE RIDERS NEWS

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### Coming Events

July 20, 2008  
 FBMA Moose Riders  
 District Meeting

September 26-28  
 FBMA Moose Riders  
 Fall Rally, Zephyrhills

October 6-10  
 Moose Riders Cruise

*Pipes is looking for news from district and lodge Moose Rider activity groups. Our goal is to keep everyone informed of important issues, and 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 [ormecmarin@yahoo.com](mailto:ormecmarin@yahoo.com). Oh, by the way, don't forget to include digital pictures.*

--Joan Fedora, Editor and Secretary State FBMA Moose Riders

### Feature Article

## Moosehaven to Mooseheart – the “BullMoose Run”

On the bright sunny morning of May 14, 2008, Carl Mays (Macclenny 2412), Gerald Lambert (Haines City 2083), Charlie Titheridge (2412), and Joan Fedora (Macclenny 2026) joined hands with 90 year old Moosehaven resident Verna Wilson who spoke a prayer of blessing. These Moose Riders were about to take off on an adventure of a lifetime, riding motorcycles (and one support truck) over 2200 miles round trip from Moosehaven to Mooseheart. The main purpose of the ride of course was the annual Blessing of the Bikes, but the new spin was to leave from Moosehaven and ride directly to Mooseheart in 2 days. It would also be an opportunity to meet Moose Riders from other states and exchange ideas and facts.

The weather cooperated through Georgia, but the rains started as they climbed Mount Eagle and down into the Tennessee Valley. After a night at the Murfreesboro, TN, lodge, kick stands



Bikes leaving Mooseheart for Poker Run

were up under an overcast sky and light rain. Indiana was a full-out downpour. Goggles and helmets were fogging up and traffic was heavy. The rain subsided at the top of Indiana at route 80, but the temperature was in the low 50s and it was getting late. By the time they reached Aurora around 9:00 PM and checked into the hotel, the riders were chilled to the bone.

On Friday, the Florida bunch quickly hooked up with, Ed “the German”, webmaster of the Mooserider.com site and member of the Batavia lodge, and Scott Kline and Janet Rodgers from Franklin, PA, (Lodge 83, WOTM 669), who were on a mission to meet children sponsored by a nearby Pennsylvania lodge. Registration for the Blessing of the Bikes charity ride began at 8:00 AM Saturday morning. Over 240 riders registered, raising a considerable sum of money for Mooseheart. Just a little past 11:00 AM, the Mooseheart Chaplain led the blessing of the bikes and a photo of everyone was taken. Then the bikes toured the campus as the children stood on the side and waved at them before leaving on a 140 miles round trip to Mount



Verna Wilson leads the riders in a prayer of blessing.

Morris and back to St Charles. The St. Charles Lodge hosted the entire Mooseheart 2008 graduating class. Of the 21 students graduating, 20 are continuing to college and one already has a job and is to start working immediately.

On Sunday, at the Elgin Lodge 799, Moose Riders met with Steven F Greene, PSG - General Governor, to discuss the organization of Moose Riders within Moose International. Later that day, the Florida group joined new friends Scott and Janet for a tour of the James J Davis House at Mooseheart and met the young residents ranging in age from 11 to 16. Before leaving the children, the combined Moose Riders groups from Macclenny, Haines City and Pennsylvania, pledged to donate funds for gas money so that these boys could go to Mt. Rushmore



Florida Riders at Mooseheart

this summer. On Monday morning, the Florida group made one last ride through Mooseheart before starting the long ride back.

The weather was still cold and the rains came back full force through Indiana. They finally found sunshine the next day in Georgia and arrived at Macclenny Lodge 2412 at 7:00 PM, Tuesday May 20<sup>th</sup>, tired but deeply touched by their experience at Mooseheart.

Joan Fedora, Secretary, Florida Moose Riders Association

# Letter from our State Moose Riders Chairman

## Greetings

The 2nd Annual MOB Rally had limited success due to inclement weather again. See the article on page 3 for more information. Bottom line, we ended up raising \$2500.00 for charities. As we move forward, I expect the attendance and monies raised will dramatically increase. I want to thank everyone who attended the event and look forward to seeing everyone in Zephyrhills on September 26-28.

## General Governor Listens

As many of you have heard, a lot of changes have taken place with the Moose Riders. There has been some controversy recently with how some of the Moose Riders have conducted themselves with regard to our image as a riding club instead of a motorcycle club. With all this controversy, Moose International had to step back and re-evaluate how to move forward with the Moose Riders. The General Governor, Steve Greene, reviewed the current structure of the Moose Riders and a meeting was held at the Elgin, Illinois, lodge to get input from current members of the Moose Riders. The General Governor took the information he gathered and presented it to the Supreme Council, who agreed with Steve and Moosehaven Director John Capes on their suggestions of how to move forward with the Moose Riders.

## Changes...Moving Forward

Basically the changes include the following. Moose International will not endorse a patch. However, at a state level, we may pursue a patch as long as it is not a 3-piece patch. Several word changes must take place to distinguish us from a motorcycle club.

Club will be changed to Group, Dues changed to Fees, By-laws changed to Guidelines, etc. They also agreed the only viable way Moose Riders will work is if all states are structured as we are in Florida, currently the only state utilizing Districts. The President of each State Moose Association that has Moose Riders Groups will appoint a State Committee Chairman. The Chairman will then set up the District Group structure, just as Florida did. Each District President will then develop Lodge Groups. This structure will eliminate the need to fill out and file By-laws or obtain approval for a Moose Riders Group. We are now classified as an activity group just like all other activity groups and entitled under Moose By-laws to exist in the Moose Fraternity. Current Moose Riders By-laws have been rewritten to include all the wording changes, and submitted to Steve Greene. With his approval, these amended By-Laws will become the Guidelines we will follow. Steve is also rewriting the Guidelines for the Lodge Groups and they should be out shortly.

## What We Need to Do Now

We all need to adhere to these Guidelines, up to and including using the name of Moose Riders. Although MOB is a catchy name, as representatives of the Moose Fraternity, it isn't exactly the image we want to project to our Communities. Using Moose Riders as our name, we need to develop a patch and get it approved by the Confederation of Clubs. It will be the ONLY PATCH any of our members can wear. The Officers of the Lodge and our members must control this.

Remember, a T-shirt is a T-shirt, but a patch represents your "colors", whether it's 1, 2 or 3 piece patch. Once approved, we will all wear the same 1-piece patch.

## Districts Meeting

There's a lot to discuss and work out and this is one of the reasons for having two Rallies each year. However, too many things have developed since our last Rally and we cannot wait until September to talk about a lot of this. That's why I have scheduled a Meeting on Sunday July 20th @ 1:00pm at the Haines City Lodge with all District Presidents, Lodge Presidents, and for any Lodge representative that is interested in starting a Group. Rodney Hammond and John

Reiter will be in attendance. The agenda will include all of the above and much, much more. Please bring all your questions because this is where you will get your answers. ([A list of nearby hotels can be found on page 5.](#))

## First Edition of Pipes

We hope you enjoy this newsletter. We hope to publish online quarterly. I'd like to ask all District presidents to send any information, articles or coming events for your district to [ormecmarin@yahoo.com](mailto:ormecmarin@yahoo.com). We will try to include everything we can. Well, that's enough for now; keep the rubber on the road and your Kick Stands Up. Thanks.  
Carl L. Mays  
F.B.M.A. State Moose Riders  
Chairman

## FBMA Moose Riders Officers

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Charlie Titheridge - Vice Chairman  
Gerald Lambert - Sergeant at Arms, Joan Fedora, Secretary

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## District 12: Working Together

### Palatka--

District 12 Moose Riders group has just entered its second year and hasn't lost its momentum. The group is 50+ strong and growing and for now most of the members are from Palatka #0184. With 20 or more members in attendance at District meetings each month, we try to support the entire district by attending each other's functions and special events.

### *Our motto . . . "Git-R-Done"*

Last year we attended a "Luau" sponsored by the WOTM of St. Augustine, a stand alone chapter which means they have no lodge or men's group!

### **Giving to the Community**

Giving is important and we have done a lot so far, from giving to a single mom with cancer with three little children, to donating money to an 8 year old with brain cancer. As recently as April 2008, 12 microwave ovens were donated to Haven Hospice in Palatka. The local paper did a wonderful write up, but it was a labor of love

for the group and a wonderful community service project. More is planned for this organization in the future.

We are also responsible for a wedding reception at Moosehaven last December for our adopted member, Emily Schmidt. She and her new husband, Mel, are 87.

### **Making it Fun**

The average age of this group is 64 and we are very active. Moose Riders dinners are held once a month and we do 3 to 4 rides every month. We believe our success is due to the fact that we are a very positive group. Meetings are fun and informative and include things such as trying to teach members basic group riding skills to ensure a safe and enjoyable ride. Like other FBMA Districts, not all of our members ride bikes either! We have several that follow with their cars.

### **Positive Attitudes**

We are not "Bikers". . . we are motorcycle enthusiasts. Let's keep up the positive attitudes and show everyone how much we can accomplish together...Our motto..."Git-R-Done"! – Richard Johnson



District 12 Moose Riders at 1<sup>st</sup> Annual Moose Riders Rally in 2007

## Other District News

### District 20

District 20 is one of the more active Moose Riders districts in the state, with membership grown to 165 members. Meetings are held every third Saturday of each month, beginning with a breakfast at 9:00 and meeting at 10:00, on a rotating basis at each of the District lodges. A poker run or fun ride is usually scheduled following each meeting. Often the proceeds from the poker runs are targeted for the Polk County Sheriff's Youth Ranch. As a group we have ridden in support of the Sunshine Foundation, a charity for terminally ill children with disabilities, raising more than \$2000 for this cause. Recently, District President Gerald Lambert took part in the Bull Moose Run Ride up to Mooseheart for the



Gerald and Ila Lambert at Mooseheart

Blessing of the Bikes, along with the others from District 14. But it was Gerald who ultimately won the title of Moose Rider to have traveled the most miles to attend the blessing.

District 20's Haines City Lodge is hosting the FBMA Moose Riders District officers meeting on July 20<sup>th</sup>. (Please see the article on page 2 for more information.). Remember: If it isn't fun, we aren't doing it! Until next time, Ride Safe, Kickstands up.  
**Fraternally yours, Gerald Lambert, President – District 20**

### District 8

Our good friends in District 8 are really excited about the Gimme 5 Carnival they have planned for October 4. They are currently in the process of forming a Moose Riders group down there and invite all FBMA Moose Riders to mark their calendars for October 4th at Merritt Island. There is going to be a huge Karaoke contest (\$15 entry fee) along with some other events--take a look at the flyer on the last page of this newsletter for more information. Districts and lodges are invited to host their own contests to select their favorite Karaoke singer to represent them at the Carnival in October. Winner will take home a really nice big trophy and title of best Karaoke singer in Florida.  
--Staff

### District 23

We have been pretty busy here in District 23. We just did a poker run for a 14 year old who had a tumor removed from her head. We raised \$2745.27 for her family to help with their expenses. In June we headed to Anna Maria Island Moose Lodge for our Beach Bash and we are planning a Biketoberfest in October. District 23's Highlands County Lodge is opening a Tiki Bar in July and the Moose Riders will be operating it and donating tips to Moose Riders charities.—Gary Dunford

## 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Rally Raises over \$2500 for Moose Charities

### Macclenny, FL

Motorcycle riders have a tradition of raising money for charities, and the Florida Association Moose on Bikes is no exception. For the second year, Macclenny took it upon itself to host the FBMA District 14 Moose on Bikes Rally, reaching out to Moose Riders throughout the state of Florida and beyond. The concept was born in 2006 with the creation of the Macclenny Moose on Bikes and its handful of members looking for another way to raise money. The 2007 rally, held last May, was plagued by fires circling the small town and reports of road closures due to smoke. But the brave riders who made it enthusiastically spread the word, and many more Moose Riders groups have been created since then.

### 12 Districts Ride In

This year, on Friday, April 4<sup>th</sup>, bikes representing 12 districts in the state of Florida and one from South Carolina started riding into Macclenny. On



Saturday afternoon games kept riders entertained before the rains came.

Saturday morning, over 40 riders lined up early to register for the Moosehaven ride and "Poker Walk" in nearby Orange Park. The winner of the "poker walk" generously donated half of her winnings back to Moose charities. Moosehaven is just one of several charities supported by the Macclenny Moose on Bikes group, which include Florida Sheriff's Youth Ranch, Mooseheart and Christmas 4 Kids.

### Entertainment and Games

The three-day rally also featured live bands, karaoke, bike games, digital camera raffle, Texas Hold 'em, Moose Races, vendors, and food provided by the coworkers of the Moose Chapter 2026. Saturday afternoon weather allowed riders to participate briefly in some bike games, including "bite the weenie" and "toss the water balloon".

### Here Comes the Rain

A sudden downpour moved everyone inside the lodge, but the rain didn't dampen anyone's spirit. The Moose Races sparked lively betting, as oversize dice were thrown to advance rolling wooden moose along a tabletop "track". Saturday night the house rocked with live music lots of dancing, camaraderie and good cheer.

### Getting Down to Business

On Sunday morning over 50 people gathered for a business meeting to answer questions about starting Moose Rider groups as well as other issues. Three lodges representing Districts, 18, 19 and 20 then vied for the right to host the next rally. By the end of the lively meeting, 3 more rallies were scheduled--September 26-28 of 2008 at Zephyrhills Lodge, spring of 2009 at Riverview and September of 2009 in Haines City.

### Kid Graphics

Moose Riders merchandise was offered for sale, including an official 2008 rally shirt designed by 4<sup>th</sup> graders in Texas. The children were told that Moose on Bikes raises money and helps children, senior citizens and others in need and asked to do drawings. The final design features a Moose dressed in leather and denim helping out a small child with captions reading, "Thank you, Mr. Moose" and "Don't mention it" included. The design reflects the original spirit of Moose Riders. Proceeds of more than \$2500 raised by the District 14 rally are targeted for donation to Moose Charities. The enthusiasm, generosity and spirit of the motorcycle riders made the 2008 Spring Rally the success it was. Staff



### PATCH DESIGN

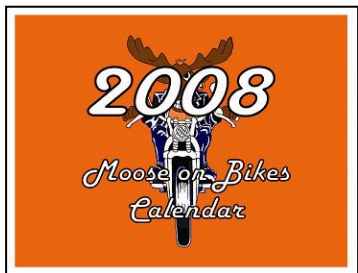


At the recent National Moose Rider Meeting at Elgin IL, General Governor Steve Greene, announced that Moose International will no longer endorse a Moose Rider Patch. However, Moose International is not opposed to Moose Riders wearing a patch. They just won't endorse it. There are several options: 1) we can go with the original patch designed by Chris Ecker, MI. We can order these direct from the manufacturer; 2) We can design our own patch; 3) We can have Mooseheart design a patch, or 4) we can opt to not wear a patch. This will be a topic of discussion during the July meeting at Haines City. Some Lodges have designed and wear some good looking patches and we may want to revise one of these for use as a State Patch. Whatever is decided, we must ALL agree to wear the same patch. Even if you don't agree with the decision, can you at least live with it? We must take this seriously. It is one of the concerns of Moose International and it almost cost us the right to have Moose Rider Groups. Remember, if we go with our own patch on the back it must be designed as a one piece patch only. By the way, if we elect not to use the patch Chris designed, the smaller version can still be ordered for vests and jackets.-CM



2008 FBMA Rally T-Shirts

## Quarterly Calendar of Events



### FBMA Moose Riders Calendar Planned for 2009

Last year District 14 put together a Moose on Bikes calendar and had 100 copies printed to raise money for their charities. They make great holiday gifts or look good hanging up at the office. Riders submitted photos representing Moose Rider events, including charity poker runs, trip to Key West for 5 days, a trip to Deal's Gap to run the Dragon's Tail, rides to Moosehaven and participation in a local Christmas parade. It was a lot of fun and enough calendars were sold to make a modest profit. This year, we want to produce another calendar incorporating events and photos from districts *throughout* the state. We are asking that each district submit photos with descriptions of the activities from the past year. Photos will be reviewed at the rally in September to make final selections. Districts will be able to order copies at "cost" and use them to raise money for charities. Please submit electronic photos via email to Joan Fedora at [ormecmarin@yahoo.com](mailto:ormecmarin@yahoo.com).

(Photos should be in good taste. Remember, we are a Family Fraternity, so pictures with alcohol or obscenity will not be used.)

July 2008

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September 2008

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**Important Dates**

**July 20: All District Moose Riders Meeting,**  
1:00 PM, Haines City Lodge, Lodge 2083 - Haines City. 1104 Hwy 17 - 92 South. Davenport, Florida 33837 (See list of nearby hotels to the right)

**September 26 – 28: FBMA Fall Moose Riders Rally – Zephyrhills Lodge**  
(More information to follow on lodging and location)

**Rooms Available!!!**  
**MOB CRUISE**  
5-Day Cruise on  
**Carnival's Inspiration**



**October 6, 2008**  
Leaving from Tampa to Grand Cayman & Cozumel.  
Moose Riders: Here's a chance to get to know other Moose Riders and to have some fun in and out of the sun. This is a beautiful ship with lots to do. Call Nancy Williams at:  
**904-260-3401 Ext. 207**  
**800-995-3401 Ext. 207**  
or follow the link:  
<http://www.funseas.com/mooseonbikes/> and get details about the itinerary and pricing.

### Hotels in or Near Haines City

- Grenelefe Golf & Tennis Resort**  
3200 State Rd 546 E  
Haines City  
863-422-7511
- Budget Inn**  
1010 E Hinson Ave  
Haines City  
863-422-1251
- State Motel**  
35509 Hwy 27  
Haines City  
863-422-1331
- Best Western-Lake Hamilton**  
605 B Moore Rd  
Haines City  
863-421-6929
- Howard Johnson**  
33224 US Hwy 27 South  
Haines City  
863-422-8621
- Sunny's Motel**  
35 US Hwy 17 92 N  
Haines City  
863-9229
- Comfort Inn**  
9330 US Hwy 192  
Haines City  
863-424-8420

Cool Shirts

The great FBMA Shirt Swap

Many of our districts have already designed and printed some awesome Moose Rider t-shirts, plus we currently have 2 different Rally t-shirts



out there (with more to come, we hope!). Let's make this space an opportunity to show each other the original designs we've come up with.

Please email me a photo of your Moose Riders shirt (preferably on a live person and preferably showing the back and the front). Include sizes available, price (don't forget shipping costs) and a contact name/phone/email. We'll start including photos in our next edition and you just may find you sell a few more shirts for your charities. Email photos to [ormecmarin@yahoo.com](mailto:ormecmarin@yahoo.com) with sizes, price and contact info.



Macclenny Moose on Bikes T-shirt, as modeled by Verna Wilson, Moosehaven



GIMME 5 CARNIVAL

When: Saturday, Oct. 4th

Where: Merritt Island  
Moose Lodge 2073

Baking Contest, Karaoke Contest, Pie The Pilgrim,  
Dunk The Officers, Balloon Bust, Door Prizes, Face Painting  
for the kids, Dancing, Raffles, Auctions  
AND SO MUCH MORE!

Tickets: \$10.00 includes Pig Roast/Pulled Pork Dinner.

Entertainment by Impact!



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KICK STANDS UP



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