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Macclenny, Florida

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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 fmapipes@yahoo.com or fmanews@yahoo.com.

Joan Fedora, Editor and Secretary
State FBMA Moose Riders



October 2009

—State Board Members Name New Officers

Moose Riders “Launch” New Fundraising Year in Cocoa

The Space Coast won't soon forget the weekend of 8/22 when more than 40 Moose Riders showed up at the Cocoa Lodge for a Board Officers Meeting, including our friends Frankie and Mike O'Harrow from South Carolina.

Considering the weather the rest of the month, most riders were lucky enough to get there dry. Thanks to the Cocoa Lodge for offering up lunch prior to the meeting. And what a meeting it was. With lots of ground to cover, and a big agenda, the meeting convened shortly after 1:00 PM and finished up at nearly 4:30. It was a spirited and fruitful exchange including nominations for State Board officers, as follows:

Mark Metcalf, District 19 for Chairman; **Gary Mundorf**, District 4 for Vice Chairman; **Gerald Lambert**, District 20 for Sergeant at Arms; **Joan Fedora**, MOTOR 39 Region for Secretary; and **Yvonne Hester**, MOTOR 39 Region for Recording Treasurer.

Goals for the coming year were discussed and commitments made for our charities. Membership, fees, patches, rallies and other important issues were also covered at the meeting. Comments and ideas from non-Board members were heard, discussed, and will be



"Buy 5 copies for your Mother": Our fearless leaders, Gary Mundorf, Carl Mays & Charlie Titheridge on the cover of "Pipes" magazine.

By the time the meeting adjourned, storm clouds were gathering overhead. Riders agreed to forgo a ride and take up Cocoa's offer for dinner. Karaoke began around 6:00 PM and we were all entertained by Carl Mays' rendition of "Play that Funky Music", which got everyone up and out onto the dance floor, and Gary Mundorf's "The Cover of the Rolling Stone" during which he paid homage to Pipes, and his "memorable" "Stairway to Heaven."

On Sunday about a dozen riders checked out the Merritt Island Lodge, which is in the process of setting up a Moose Riders

Activity Group. They served an excellent breakfast and, following that, State officers answered many of their questions regarding Moose Rider activity groups. Just about the time the group was ready to leave, the heavens opened up, the lights went out and everyone adjourned to the outside patio until it was safe to travel.

Moose Riders are excited about their accomplishments this past year and ready to exceed those goals this year. We know we can do it—after all, Moose Riders are a **big** piece of the solution, too.--*Editor*



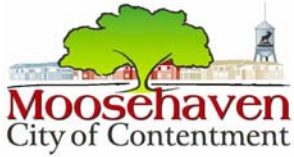
State Board and District Officers confer before meeting at Cocoa Lodge.

looked into by the Board at future meetings. Donations of shirts and gear for the Moosehaven Motorcycle Day "raffle" were delivered by Cocoa, Haines City, Mandarin, District 23, District 20 and District 4.

(Check out the article on page 2 about Motorcycle Day.)

Destination Moosehaven

Sunshine and Smiles on Motorcycle Day



Motorcycle Day

Motorcycle Day at Moosehaven was founded in 2007 by Executive Director, John Capes. Initially proposed as another of their monthly activities, it was a small affair including staff and residents dressing in their favorite "motorcycle" shirts and sharing ice cream sundaes in the Cafeteria. There were also door prizes that included Harley Davidson merchandise. The Second Annual Motorcycle Day in 2008 was bigger and included staff on their own motorcycles. This event was held outdoors by the Life Care center and everyone enjoyed ice cream sundaes and a motorcycle parade around campus. Prizes were awarded for Best Dressed Resident and Best Decorated Bike or Scooter and residents enjoyed temporary "biker" tattoos. A video of this event was produced and shown at the International Convention and a number of Associations' Annual and Mid-year conferences. This year, the Third Annual Motorcycle Day at Moosehaven was even larger and more successful and included residents, staff and more than 30 Moose Riders—many from the Jacksonville area. Over 60 Moose Rider T-shirts were donated for a "raffle" by the following Lodges and Districts in Florida and beyond. Districts 4, 20 & 23, Cocoa, Haines City, Macclenny & Mandarin, FL; Middletown, CT; Harrington, DE; St. Charles, IL; Cedar Rapids, IA; Dorr & Sparta, MI; Palmyra, NY; & Surfside, SC.

Thanks to all of you – Joan Fedora, Editor

I had just started my motorcycle outside the motel in Mandarin when an elderly gentleman came out and walked over to me and said, "That's a nice looking bike. What size is that?" I replied, "Thanks, it's a 100ci." He continued looking and walking around and then said, "That's pretty powerful." I nodded my response and he walked away saying, "Have a nice day and be careful." I called after him, "You, too," and he was gone.

What has this to do with anything?

Webster's definition of powerful: 1 : having great **power**, prestige, or influence.

My definition of powerful: A shiny, two-



wheeled machine that is loud and has the ability to both start the imagination of

young kids and also kickstart the memories of old folk, i.e., Mooseheart and Moosehaven. Having been fortunate to have been at both locations within the past 5 months, after 40 years of riding two wheels, I now have just realized how we as Moose Riders can affect other lives.

Saturday, September 19, 2009, was no exception. As the Macclenny contingent rode into Moosehaven, there were already two lines of motorcycles outside the Michigan House and an equal, if not larger, number of seniors riding trikes and scooters. It was already a beautiful day and the smiles of all made it even more beautiful.

At 10:30, Executive Director John Capes informed us that there were many seniors who wanted to ride on motorcycles for the parade through Moosehaven. We headed out to the parking lot and partnered up seniors with Moose Riders for the ride. We passed every house and building and waved to residents unable to make it to the Social Quarters who were outside their respective dwellings waving and smiling and laughing at their peers who were riding.

Then it was back to the Michigan House for lunch and refreshments. During this time, T-



Resident Helen W. wins a shirt from District 4.

shirts that Joan has been "bugging" you for were dispersed. This took a while as over 60 shirts had been donated. All of you who responded to the call were given a big round of applause. 8 states were represented. As the shirts were handed out, many of the residents chose to put them on immediately. It was pretty cool to see them socializing and dancing and enjoying their lunches in their new gear.

In twenty years I will be the age of many of Moosehaven's residents. September 5 was Joan's and my 23rd anniversary. It seems that only yesterday we were saying "I do" in San Francisco's City Hall. You guys that are in your 30s will be my age soon and perhaps I will be one of the residents on the back of your bike. Think about it. Have fun, enjoy life. Do *today* what you can do tomorrow and you all know I will choose the motorcycle *without* the windshield! I just hope my smile will be as big as the smiles we saw that day at Moosehaven. I'm counting on it.—*Charlie Titheridge*



Best Decorated Bike Winner at Motorcycle Day



September 19, 2009
3rd Annual Motorcycle Day at Moosehaven

Spotlight on Florida Sheriffs Youth Ranches

Live Oak Youth Ranch Site Opens New School



Above: Donald Ralph Cooke School.

Opposite: Ribbon cutting (l-r) Suwannee County Sheriff Tony Cameron, Suwannee County School Superintendent Jerry Scarborough, Youth Ranches President Roger Bouchard, Mrs. Dorothy Cooke, St. Lucie County Sheriff Ken Mascara and Suwannee County Sheriff (Ret.) Al Williams

In the spring of 2009, the Florida Sheriffs Boys Ranch proudly unveiled the new Donald Ralph Cooke School. With the growing number of students needing on-campus education, this welcomed addition was greatly needed to ensure their continuing education.

The new school was built through the generous donation of Mrs. Dorothy Cooke in memory of her late husband. Mr. Donald Cooke was a believer in a strong education, which helps make a man successful. The Donald Ralph Cooke School is located adjacent to the Arts and Crafts building at the Boys Ranch campus. Students range in age from 11 to 18 years old. It offers 6th through 12th grade and employs 8 teachers and staff as well as 1 paraprofessional provided from Suwannee County Title I funding. On average, 50-55 youth attend. The school also works with Suwannee-Hamilton Vocational Technical Center to offer on-the-job training classes. Many of the boys who come to the Ranch have fallen behind their peers academically. The on-campus school allows them the opportunity improve their grades. Once a student reaches and maintains his level, he does have the opportunity to attend classes at the public school in the local community.



Class sizes are kept small so each child can have an individualized study program. The teachers have many years of experience helping youth with behavior and educational issues. The school offers a make-up program so students who work hard can graduate on time.

This fall will mark the first year at the new school. Our students are very anxious to begin classes at the new facility. Like the generous support of Mr. and Mrs. Cooke, we need your help to continue to provide the necessity for a functioning school.

Remember, a good education is the cornerstone of a productive life. You are helping children build a strong foundation for their future. Thank you for your support of our academic programs. —*Niki Shaw, Creative Communications Manager, Florida Sheriffs Youth Ranches*

In addition to Reading, Writing and Arithmetic, there's even more going on at the Donald R. Cooke Junior/Senior High School! Our teachers and staff (along with the cottage staff) are also instilling social skills, which our students will carry with them throughout their lifetime, assuring a more successful future. Many of the following listed skills were in answer to the question posed to the students: *"What social skills have you learned since you have been here?"*

- Look the other person in the eyes;
- Adjust your handshake according to gender, age, and circumstance;
- Admit when you have made a mistake;
- Learn to play chess, you will need to have a strategy;
- Be a true friend;
- Be appropriate in actions and words when around a lady;
- Use your own mind and don't cheat;
- Solve the problem without fighting;
- Enter the room like a gentleman, without disruption;
- Wear your belt inside your belt loops;
- Accept "no," and don't manipulate;
- Keep personal body functions private;
- Smile;
- Use proper body language instead of rolling your eyes when you don't agree;
- Turn in "found" items that are not yours;
- Treat school property with respect, someone sacrificed so you could benefit;
- Say the humbling words of "I'm sorry" when you are; and finally,
- Make the effort it takes to be respected.

How often do we forget some of these basic skills. What better people we can all be if we take a lesson from these children.
—Peggy Mintner, Youth Ranch Secretary



Paying it Forward: Making a Difference in a Child's Life

Check out excerpts from a recent article from the Tampa Tribune featuring a FSYR alumni –



Tampa Bay Online

By LISA A. DAVIS

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Published: July 19, 2009

SHADY HILLS – As a boy, Kelly Endricks never would've imagined being here surrounded by men and women in uniform with shiny badges pinned over their hearts. Not only does he stand among them on this morning at Bishop McLaughlin Catholic High School, he stands with them with his right hand firmly raised into the air, vowing to serve and protect the residents of Pasco County to the best of his ability.

... Like so many American families, Endricks' family was torn apart by divorce, his parents separating when he was 8. . . At some point, his mother remarried and Endricks had a less than civil relationship with his stepfather.

"He would beat me. He would hit me," he recalled. "Just bad stuff, mean stuff you don't want to hear."

At first Endricks, still young, would take the abuse. . . "At 15 I started fighting back," he said.

At 16, a Pasco deputy showed up during one of the fights, and he didn't see a troublemaker. He saw a troubled teen. The deputy mentioned to Endricks' mother there was a place that could help: The Florida Sheriffs Boys Ranch, now called the Florida Sheriffs Youth Ranches. . . Soon, the teen was packing his bags and on his way to the ranch in Live Oak.

The move changed his life. . . Before he went to the ranch, he made an agreement with his mother that if after four months he didn't like it, he could go home. . . He stayed two years. . . Endricks treasures all he learned at the ranch.

"When I left there I was a self-sufficient person," he said.

At the Live Oak ranch he learned about teamwork, integrity, discipline, honesty, helping others, working with his hands and even how to do his own laundry and to cook.

He went back home to Pasco at 18 and got a job at a local materials company, working

his way up to operations manager. He married 13 years ago and he and wife Kimberly have two children, daughter Brittany, 10, and son Jonathan, 6. But a few years ago, he got an itch to make a career change in his life, to make it more fulfilling.

...

"I wanted to help people out," he said.

In the past couple of years, he has earned his GED diploma and graduated from the police academy at Pasco-Hernando Community College. When he graduated, he applied to become a deputy at the Pasco County Sheriff's Office but there were no open positions at the time. He was hired by Dade City Police in May 2008.

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In a small, private ceremony in the patrol room, the chief swore in Endricks and one other officer and pinned on their badges.

"It was like an overwhelming feeling that came over me," Endricks recalled of the moment. "It was the hairs-raised-on-my-neck kind of a deal."

He felt the same thing Wednesday, especially since he was determined to become a Pasco deputy.

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Endricks says there's never been a day he regretted going to the ranch.

"All this stuff never would have happened had I not gone to the Florida Boys Ranch," he said. He's been working at the sheriff's office since May and has nearly completed his training

...

Recently, he went out to a domestic battery call and found a 15-year-old girl had been hit by her 25-year-old sister for not doing enough chores, Endricks said. As he talked to the teen, he learned her parents had recently divorced and she was having a hard time with it and had started acting out. He told her about the youth ranches. He doesn't know whether she'll follow through, he said, but she was asking a lot of questions. Endricks stood there in his uniform that day and told her about himself.

"You're walking in my shoes," he said.

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Florida
Sheriffs
Youth Ranch
Open House
Live Oak

Co-ed Campus Keeps Siblings Together

SAFETY HARBOR YOUTH RANCH

The Florida Sheriffs Youth Ranch in Safety Harbor was the third residential child care program established by the Florida Sheriffs Youth Ranches, Inc. In early 1975, the Youth Ranches was still searching for the means to launch a coeducational program - a facility which would allow brothers and sisters to stay together as they worked out their problems - later that same year, the lengthy search ended.

In the winter months of 1975, Mr. and Mrs. D. A. Salls donated several cattle to the Youth Ranches and, later, promised to give their large home and land. With a few minor renovations to the Salls' residence, the first cottage was ready to accept siblings in August of 1978.

The Youth Ranch campus consists of an administration building, tennis courts, multi-purpose activity center, swimming pool, maintenance building, chapel

and three cottages. The Youth Ranch has the capacity for 30 youth in three spacious cottages.

Through the generosity and support of many friends, the Youth Ranches is able to continue to help children and families throughout the state of Florida.

--Source: Florida Sheriff's Youth Ranch Site.



Come Sail Away to Empowerment

—Clearwater Beach, FL.

Currently three ranchers from Safety Harbor are taking to the open seas . . . or more accurately the Clearwater Community Sailing Center on Sand Key, which is where the **Sailability Outreach Program** is teaching

Jordan, Ray and Steven how to sail. Their goal is to compete in the First Annual Regatta in October, which will put them up against other ranchers from Live Oak, Bartow, Bradenton, Inglis and Barberville.

But, this opportunity was not just handed out. All of the participating ranchers had to earn their spot by working hard and displaying good behavior. Twice a month they work with volunteer coaches to nail down the basics

of sailing. Some of them have never even been out on the water, never mind on a boat. Some were afraid and others had yearned to sail and never had the chance. But now sailing has become not just mere recreation

or the fulfillment of a dream, but a means for these boys to succeed personally and excel at something.

The Sailability Outreach program has been successful for the Florida Sheriffs Youth Ranchers and has provided another tool to empower the ranchers to turn their lives around. Hats off

to the Sailability Outreach Program for giving Florida Youth ranchers this wonderful opportunity!

Source: ANDREA LYPKA / MyFoxTampaBay.com

Sailability Greater Tampa Bay's mission is to provide affordable, accessible, sailing activities and education to children and adults of all abilities, focusing on community integration to improve the quality of life for all involved.



DISTRICT NEWS

Merritt Island

We want to thank all of the Moose Riders who stopped by Merritt Island the weekend of the Board Meeting and helped us get set up. We now have 17 members and are growing daily. We've got a new membership special going on and are looking for new members. A meeting night has not yet been selected: we're trying to find a night that is good for everyone. We have great support from the Lodge and chapter so that makes it much easier to get things going. Our first order of business was to elect officers for Merritt Island Moose Riders Lodge 2073/

Chapter 1544 and they are:

President- David Gage

Vice President- Gil Patton

Secretary/Treasurer- Doris Miller

Sergeant At Arms- Hugh Tabor

In the upcoming months, we hope to schedule some Moose Rider events, and we are looking into taking part in the Abate Brevard County Toy run from Merritt Island Mall to the Melbourne Mall.

Thanks again to everyone for their support and we hope to have more to report next time.

--Doris Miller, Secretary/Treasurer



Merritt Island Lodge

Spring Hill

In June Spring Hill hosted a poker run for Moffitt Cancer Institute in honor of Bernedette Henriques. Bernedette is fighting her second battle with cancer and Moffitt has gone above and beyond! All who turned out: THANK YOU. We had a rough ride in some bad rain but you all toughed it out! All the members that won either the run, fifty-fifty or any monies donated it all right back to the cause! Brooksville Lodge-thank you guys for opening up early for us. Dade City Lodge-Thank you for the DRY TOWELS and food. Land O' Lakes Lodge-Thank you for your hospitality.



In July we had a great run to Moffitt to present the check, they gave us a brief tour of what they offer their patients WOW, what an incredible facility.



We also went down to Riverview for a run at the end of the month. They were fantastic

hosts and were great to accommodate us and our schedule. Riverview- it was great meeting you all and thank you. Looking forward to doing it again!

We look forward to seeing you all in Haines City and keep an eye out for Spring Hills Chili cook-off/poker run November 7th! It will be a great time. If anyone is interested, all of our event photos and any events are posted on our Facebook page-springhillmooseriders.

Take care all. Ride safe!

--Steve Gannon, Spring Hill

DISTRICT NEWS

MOTOR 39 **MOTOR 39 Riders** have had a busy summer. We continue to meet monthly, but have suffered bad and hot weather and not been able to take many long rides. In August we had our meeting at Moosehaven in the Social Quarters. At that meeting, Administrator Reggie Parkhouse presented a certificate thanking Florida Moose Riders for contributing to the Fund that helped to get the Moosehaven Ritual team up to Chicago in May for the convention. Florida State Moose Rider Chairman for Moosehaven Relations Charlie Titheridge proudly accepted the certificate on behalf of all Florida Moose Riders.

Following that meeting, we rode over to the Moosehaven Cemetery for a walk around. MOTOR 39 is looking into ways to assist with restoring the cemetery to a better condition, along with some other possible projects.

On Saturday morning, August 22, 6 bikes, an SUV and 11 riders from M.O.T.O.R. 39 had their kickstands up, their engines running, and headed toward Cocoa for the FBMA Board meeting and enjoyed the hospitality of the Cocoa and Merritt Island Lodges.

At recent meetings, we have begun putting together ideas for the Rally scheduled in the Spring of 2010 and we are very excited about working with Moosehaven to host another fabulous rally on their campus. On September 19th there were well over 30 bikes-- and most of them were MOTOR 39 riders--at the Motorcycle Day Event at Moosehaven. We held our monthly meeting in the auditorium prior to the event and then joined the "parade" of motorcycles, trikes and golf carts around the campus, treating residents to rides. After the parade we enjoyed a picnic lunch and socialized with everyone as the donated Moose Rider shirts and gear were "raffled" off to the residents.

Later, State Moose Riders Moosehaven Relations Chairman, Charlie Titheridge escorted dignitaries from South Carolina and Florida Sheriffs Youth Ranch to the Moosehaven Cemetery. Both Mike O'Harrow, Carolinas Moose Riders



Chairman, and Frank Kenny, FSYR Donor Relations Officer, have expressed interest in assisting with the restoration and cataloging project.

Lodge 42 Moose Riders hosted a Biker Ball later that evening with food, entertainment, raffles and free cold beverages while they lasted. Proceeds were earmarked for FSYR. It was hugely successful and everyone had a wonderful time. Charlie T. won the pink TV in the raffle—couldn't have gone to a better person, especially if you had seen his outfit!

Moose on the Open Road - M.O.T.O.R. 39 has been an organized group for almost a year now and has just recently developed a website for all Lodge groups in districts 12, 13, and 14. If anyone has anything Moose Rider related they would like to post, just send your information to www.motor39.org. Please feel free to join us at any of the listed activities - the more the merrier!

As a group, we're looking forward to representing North Florida in supporting Florida Moose Riders charities by attending the State Rally in Haines City September 25-27, and riding out to the Florida Sheriff's Youth Ranch Open House in October.

--Contributors include: Crystal Faucett, Secretary-Treasurer M.O.T.O.R. 39, and Joan Fedora



MOTOR 39 at Moosehaven Motorcycle Day

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Halifax River

The Moose Riders of Halifax River Lodge 2516, South Daytona, FL celebrated their first birthday in August. They started with 14 members at the 2008 kick-off meeting and have grown to 46 members at present. During their first year, the prime objective was to support the Lodge with various charity activities and promoting the growth of the Lodge. They support fish fry dinners twice monthly, edit and publish the Lodge news paper, and have 2 monthly social rides. They recently held a poker run for the Gimme-5 charity and at their birthday party, raised money for the Lodge's Sunshine Children (2 young girls). Our Riders Group has become an effective part of our Lodge and strives for fraternal unity. In the next year the goal is to



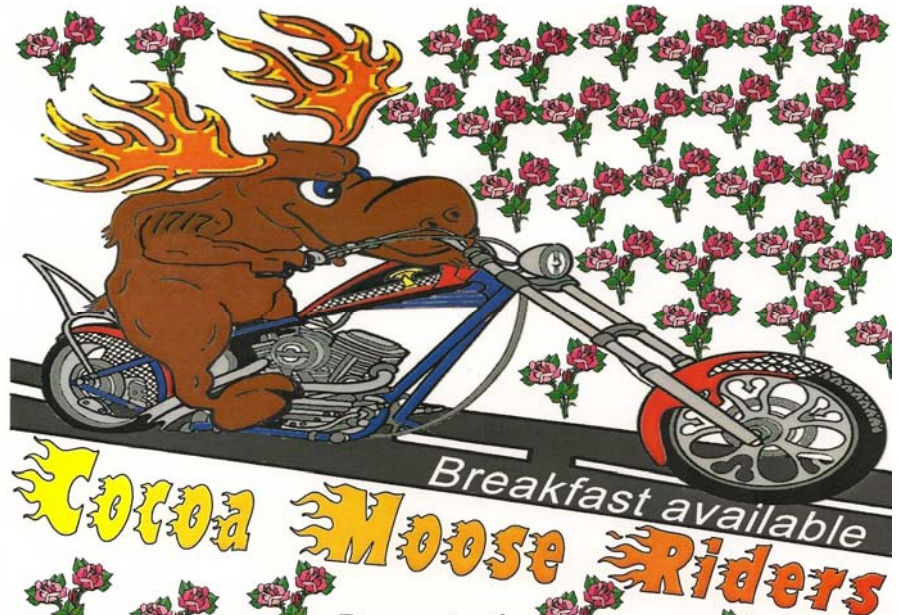
generate more charitable and community awareness activities.

The attached picture shows a few of the members preparing to leave the Lodge to assist the 11th District at the local VA hospital with an annual cookout for the veterans.

Thanks.--Dutch Haid, President, #2516 Moose Riders

Cocoa

Save the Date:
November 14th



Presents the
65 Roses Mystery Fun Run

Saturday, November 14, 2009

Beginning and ending at

Cocoa Moose Lodge 1717

221 Clearlake Rd. in Cocoa

Games, prizes, 50/50 & more.....

First out at 10AM, last in by 3:30PM

All vehicles welcome

**\$10.00 per participant includes
Bar-B-Que at the Moose Lodge**

Proceeds to benefit:



...adding tomorrows every day.



DISTRICT NEWS

4 **Hello fellow Moose Riders!** First, we would like to thank the Cocoa Lodge, Governor, and members for the warm welcome we were given at the officer's meeting in August. A great time was had by all. You all did a great job. Moose Riders District 4 held a memorial ride and barbecue in July for three members that had passed. The fond memories, joy, and stories shared about each of them made their passing a little easier to cope with as we know they are still with us. It was a great ride and day for all. Here's hoping that there will be no need for a memorial ride for a long time.

Summer Fun for the Kids. Moose Rider's District 4 held their 2nd annual 'Splash Before Class' on Sunday, August 24, 2009 (which was the day after the Cocoa meeting). This year's event had a 20 foot waterslide, a bounce house, slip and slides, snow cone machine and home made ice cream.

This year, the 'Splash Before Class' hosted 68 children along with their families. Both young and old had a splash of a time and we are looking forward to next year's event. Moose Riders would like to thank the Lauderdale Lakes Lodge, Moose Legion 46 and all members who helped make this event a success. Besides the great time had by all, this event paid for itself.

District 4 is looking forward to the annual fall rally in Haines City, as we know a great event is planned. We are also looking forward to the annual Toys in the Sun Run in December.

A New Moose Rider! On a personal note I would like to thank Joe, Gary, Ric and all the Moose Riders District 4 who helped make my transition from passenger to rider a success. These members went from teaching me the basics, to helping me pass my road and written test, to fixing the bike that I bought, to taking the time to ride with me on the roads of South Florida, I thank you all. You know who you are and will always have a special place in my heart. Now, the cooler weather is on its way, let's get out there and ride.
Ride Safe.

—Susan Bibber, Secretary Moose Rider's District 4

23 The Arcadia Lodge Moose Riders had a poker run on August 1st. It was a fundraiser for a 7 month old baby in need of a liver transplant. They had 107 riders and raised \$1500. Unfortunately, young Mekiah passed: the money raised was given to the family to help with their expenses. On August 23 Sebring Lodge group had a pig roast and raised \$1800, donating some of the proceeds to The Children's Advocacy Center.

Up and coming events District 23

On October 9-11th Highlands County will be hosting its third annual Biketoberfest. There will be live entertainment on Saturday from 3-7 by Jam Band and Sunday from 3-7 by Legacy. There will be bike games and raffles throughout the weekend. Free camping is available starting Friday the 9th at 1pm till Sunday. There will be a Bike Show on Saturday with a blessing of the bikes to follow. Food will be served all weekend including Saturday lunch of hamburger plates with sides, Saturday dinner of Boston butts and BBQ, and on Sunday, chicken BBQ plates with all the fixin's and dessert. All proceeds will be donated to Mooseheart, Moosehaven, and Florida Sheriffs Youth Ranch at the convention in October.

To Honor our Brother

On November 21 District 23 is doing a poker run in honor of Carl Lemay, starting at the Blue Crab in Sebring and ending at the Highlands County Lodge where there will be a dinner and live entertainment. Come out and support a loyal Moose Rider during a tough time of recovery.

December 19th will be our 3rd annual toy run to raise toys and funds for the Sunshine Foundation.

—Gary Dunford, President District 23

DISTRICT NEWS

2 Greetings from District 2. We are happy to report that we are active and starting to generate monetary support to the benefit of our Charities and FBMA. From our slow start and limited membership, I am proud to say the four Lodges that comprise District 2 Moose Riders (Kendale Lakes 2086, Leisure City 2258, Perrine 380, and West Dade 1825) have worked well together and the organization is unified. Our membership is smaller than many of our other Districts, but the determination and work by the members is second to none.

This past spring we held our first annual fund raiser rally at the Leisure City Lodge and, in spite of issues and situations we had no control over, we had a very successful first event. It was a day of hard work for the members but a day of good fun and fellowship.

Our thanks to the Davie (and District 4) Moose Riders for their support and help with the event. Since our inception they have provided support and assistance without equal.



We were pleased to have music donated by Nightfall a local area band as well as a number of local and Keys vendors donate prizes and raffle items. We were able to raise the funds needed to participate in the Mooseheart Seniors Computer Project, as well as raise another \$1100.00 dollars for our Charities (Mooseheart, Moosehaven, and the Florida Sheriff's Youth Ranches).

We have started on next year's mini rally as well as other local projects to raise more for the charities. We are proud of our members and all Moose Riders in Florida and across the United States.—*Keith Delano*



DISTRICT NEWS

20 When this goes to print hopefully you will have attended the Fall Rally in Haines City. Then you will know what a fun time Moose Riders can have while raising money for our charities. Unfortunately you will have to wait for January to see some of the very entertaining Rally pictures. If for some reason you didn't make it, you missed a great rally. The next one is in the spring, so start planning now!

As host of the FBMA Fall Rally, we definitely had a challenge or two on our hands.

District 20 started out with 40 or so members. I have been chairman for two years, and have watched it grow tremendously. Out of the five lodges in our district, four now have their own Moose Riders Group.

Our Moose Riders Lodge groups have done an awesome job. I personally want to thank all of the committee chairpersons and volunteers who helped make the rally a success. Without Lake Wales and Haines City pulling together we couldn't have done it. Both Lake Wales and Haines City sponsored trikes, and a \$100 sponsorship for the Rally. I would like to give a special thanks to all our sponsors. Without them I don't know what we would have done. We were able to purchase five tricycles for Moosehaven. We exceeded the challenge. I am very proud of all of these groups and their accomplishments.

Each Lodge group during the past six months has dedicated most of their fundraising for the Rally. They have had poker runs, dinners, auctions, raffles, you name it to make the rally a success. At the same time some of the groups were able to do fundraisers for their local charities as well. I am so proud to have had the opportunity to be their chairman for the past two years.

On August 21st, S. Lakeland/Mulberry formed their own Moose Rider Group. Their chairman is Michael Turner: he will do a great job. They already hosted a breakfast/meeting and poker run on September 12th. Their Lodge also sponsored a trike and \$100 sponsorship for the Rally

At our September meeting we nominated a full board of officers for next year. As you know the District officers begin on November 1st. We will have our election on October 17th at our Octoberfest being held in Lake Wales. If you're in our area come by for a great day.

In closing I would like to mention that we at Haines City lost our brother Fred Moss recently to cancer. Fred was not only a brother, he was also Governor of Haines City Lodge. Fred was one of the very first people to approach me about helping him get a Moose Riders group going at his Lodge. Fred had held just about every office that the Lodge offered, but he was proud to say he was a Charter Member of Moose Riders District 20. It is men like Fred that see the big picture and help to make things happen!

We will all miss you "Fred"

This will be my last article for "Pipes"; I will be Past Chairman next year. I know whoever our new chairman is, he or she will have lots of news for our next issue in January.

Remember: If it ain't fun we ain't doing it!

*Gerald Lambert, District 20 Chairman
State Sgt. at Arms*

IN MEMORIAM FRED MOSS

District 20 Moose Riders and Haines City Moose Lodge are deeply saddened by the loss of Fred Moss, Charter Member of District 20 Moose Riders and Governor of the Haines City Lodge. Fred was responsible for helping to get a Moose Riders group formed at Haines City and was proud to be a charter member. Fred served in the Air Force and was also a member of American Legion. He is survived by his wife, Beverly, a brother and other extended family. Our thoughts and condolences go out to Fred's family and friends. He will truly be missed by many.

—Gerald Lambert

DISTRICT NEWS

19 I want to start off by thanking everyone that that has gotten behind me and thinks I can to a good job next year and I do hope I can. Thanks for backing me.

Mark (Tiny) [Ed. Note: Mark "Tiny" Metcalf was nominated, unopposed, for the position of State Chairman for Florida Moose Riders at the Board Meeting in Cocoa in August.]

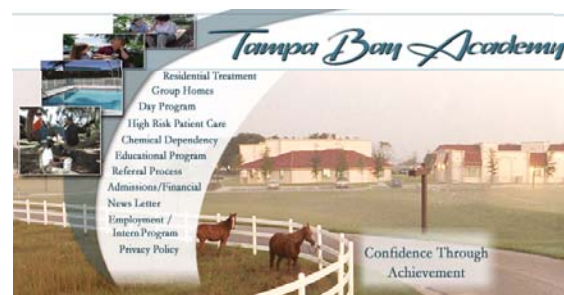
I want to welcome 2 new riding groups to



Mark Metcalf – Nominated for State Moose Riders Chairman

District 19: North Hillsboro and Spring Hill. I hope this will help District 19 take off. I will be stepping down as District Chairman and Mike Odell will be stepping up. We will be forming new offices within the next few months.

Riverview had a rough year: we lost 3 riders and had 2 others that have had bad wrecks. In addition, we have had a few others that have been very sick. We spent a lot of are time doing poker runs to help our brothers and sisters and our thoughts and prayers are still with those families and loved ones.



On a lighter note, we are really looking forward to the holiday season and our Christmas Runs that are coming up. We are also in the process of Adopting the Tampa Bay Academy, which is a residential Treatment Center for Children with emotional and behavioral challenges Tampa Bay Academy is a Residential Treatment Center for Children and Adolescents Ages 4-18 in need of a special level of psychiatric treatment. Located on 24 acres in Riverview, Florida, they offer the highest quality of therapeutic services available. Services are available to treat: oppositional behavior, depression, family conflicts, substance abuse, promiscuity, rage and anger, pregnant girls with mental health problems, eating disorders, self destructive behaviors, trauma, sexual abuse and deaf children and adolescents with behavioral problems. This promises to keep us busy. Let's all ride and be safe. — *Mark (Tiny) Metcalf*

It's Time For . . . Membership Renewals and Officer Elections

Just a reminder that the deadline for election of State officers and District officers is October 31, 2009. Lodge Officer elections must be complete by 12/31/09. Don't forget that we are no longer using the title "President" at any level. **Chairman** is the title of choice. Please correct your websites, newsletters, business cards, communications, etc. to reflect this.

Membership renewal at the State and District levels is 10/31/09, and 12/31/09 at the Lodge level. Remember that while State membership is not mandatory, why not join? It encourages a team spirit not only in fundraising—where there is strength in numbers—but also in putting our best boots forward as Moose Riders. An organized front goes a lot further in promoting our cause and in recognition of our efforts at the Moose International level. Email fbmanews@yahoo.com if you need applications. State fees should be sent to our recording treasurer, Yvonne Hester. Thanks again to all of our officers and members for their hard work and dedication to raising funds for our State charities and for your local charities.

Hazards of the
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Tire Safety

Rider Notes

NOT YOURS, of course.

You already know about checking your air pressure when the tire is cool and how important it is that you check air pressures

often. After all, you have to take care of your tires – because they are the major equipment between you and the road – and you only have two.

What about the other guy?

But what if you have eighteen? Is each tire as important to you? Maybe, if it's your vehicle. Maybe not if it's a company vehicle or the owner just trying to get more out of his dollar. After all, there are seventeen more to take that extra load, even if just for a few minutes. Be aware that in the current economy many drivers of all types of vehicles are not getting new tires as often as they are needed. Drivers are trying to get more out of all of their equipment, including tires. They may also run heavier loads on lighter-rated tires than before because those tires are less expensive.

What does that have to do with me?

Where is all of this going? As a motorcyclist, it is always important to be aware of your surroundings on the road. You're always having to look out for people who aren't paying attention—riding around in their cages, chatting on their cell phones, drinking coffee—also potholes, road debris, and animals. Now it's important that you take one more factor into consideration.

What else can happen?

As you pass the lawn maintenance trailer with three lawnmowers on it in town, or the semi-tractor and trailer on the interstate, give them a little more room. You don't know when that vehicle will experience a blowout or spit some other debris off. A blowout can be devastating to a rider passing beside the affected tire. If exploding debris doesn't get you, the gator might!



Look out for flying objects--don't assume that a load is secure.

In the end it's up to you.

Following a car or trailer, remember that they can straddle a problem in the road—like pieces of a blown tire—and if you are following too closely, you won't have time to react. Unsecured cargo can blow out of a truck or trailer and come sailing toward the following rider at an amazing speed.

Enjoy the road, stay sharp, and ride safe!
--Frankie O'Harrow, South Carolina

—I had sawhorses fly out of the back of a pickup truck on the interstate once. It was strange – they were the fold-up kind, and we couldn't tell which way they were going to go! They just helicoptered around and around. I ducked, dodged, and prayed.

National News



2nd Annual Ride Attracts Huge Crowd on a Perfect Day in July! Poker Run Benefits Mooseheart & Cedar Rapids

Our Cedar Rapids Iowa Moose Riders Club had a great day on July 11th. This was our second annual Poker Run. Last year's run was amidst the tragic Cedar Rapids Flood. Proceeds of over \$5000 for that event went towards rebuilding our community and helping those displaced citizens try to get back into their homes.

For this year's event we had a wonderful turnout with over 150 bikes and 220 people attending, perfect weather, and loads of fun. Festivities included poker hand drawing, raffles with huge prizes¹, a small auction, very tasty food, and live music.

We raised some pretty good funds to split with Mooseheart and our local designated charity, Waypoint--Madge Phillips House--for battered women and children.

Together, we Moose Riders are able to accomplish some pretty remarkable feats! This is also due to the wonderful support of our Moose #304/515 Lodge and our great friends there.

To all of our other fellow Moose brothers and sisters across the country: looking forward to meeting everyone in the future... See you at Mooseheart next year or wherever our paths may cross! *—Doug Stanley, Cedar Rapids Moose Riders Club, Cedar Rapids, IA*

¹ Editor Note: Wasn't I surprised when Cedar Rapids Moose Riders called me on July 11 to tell me I had won \$250 on the poker run with a ticket purchased at the Blessing of the Bikes!



Moose Rider Waypoint Fund Dedication- Children from the shelter hold up a thank-you banner, which the kids had made.



150 Bikes and 220 people showed up for the 2nd Annual Poker Run.

Madge Phillips Center for the Homeless Cedar Rapids, Iowa

The Waypoint Madge Phillips Center provides stabilizing resources for homeless and near-homeless women and their children. The Center's goal is to offer basic needs, information, strategic referrals, support, and skill development so women can achieve and maintain self-sufficiency and family stability.

The Waypoint Madge Phillips Center offers 24-hour shelter for homeless women and their children. The Center maintains 16 bedrooms, sharing a kitchen, two living areas, children's playroom, laundry room, computer work stations and private meeting spaces. Women and children can live in the shelter for up to 90 days. The atmosphere is safe, supportive, yet structured to help clients achieve their goals of independence and self-sufficiency. The Center also offers a daytime drop-in program on Monday - Friday, from 9a.m. - 3p.m. to provide women and children with access to basic needs such as a hot meal, shower, laundry facilities, newspapers, telephone, food, diapers and other toiletries.

The case management service model helps women identify, prioritize and resolve problems to improve their situations.

A post-shelter outreach specialist provides a continuation of case management services in women's homes to assist with working toward goal achievement for up to one year after departing from The Waypoint Madge Phillips Center.

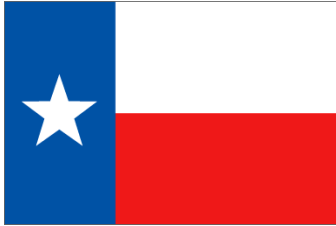
The Waypoint Madge Phillips Center provides one-on-one support, peer support and group support for homeless and near-homeless women. In addition, Waypoint offers the same services to women and children who are victims of domestic violence.

An on-site child advocate assesses and supports the needs of each child living at The Waypoint Madge Phillips Center and provides positive interaction and planned activities during their stay.

Source: <http://www.waypointservices.org>

—Moose on the Road

Texas Riders Hit Sturgis, Nebraska, Kansas and Oklahoma



**Moose Riders C2,
Copperas Cove, TX**



Travelocity Gnome, watch out. Bullwinkle's making moosetracks.

It just so happened to turn out that Duncan was having a Moose Rider meeting that night. They welcomed us with open arms. We had a great night with everyone at their Lodge and do believe we have started some great friendships. In fact, in September a few of our Riders are going to meet their riders out in the Hill Country for a day of riding. As you can see in the photos, Bullwinkle made the entire trip. Look to see where you will find him next.

Sturgis and Beyond

During August two of our riders, Stack and David, took a trip up to Sturgis, SD, for the 69th Annual Sturgis rally. The trip started with roughly 1300 miles ridden in two days. Once arriving in South Dakota our first stop was at the Rapid City Moose Lodge. Two days were spent in Sturgis before we left on our next adventure.

The next 4 days we rode around finding all the Moose Lodges we could, completing roughly 3000 miles. Our Lodge stops consisted of Gering, Nebraska, Ogalalla, Nebraska (thanks for a good time), Dodge City, Kansas, and finally Duncan, Oklahoma.

Boy Scout Project

Moose Riders C2 is sponsoring a Boy Scout who is working to achieve his Eagle Scout rank. He must complete a project for charity. He has to draft the plans, and then go around and solicit donations and support from local businesses. The Moose Riders C2 will provide the additional funds, coordination, and labor needed. Right now we are at the phase where he has submitted his PowerPoint proposal presentation for our review and approval. We hope to report his progress next time.

Until then, keep the rubber side down and the wind in your face.—*Dave McPhail, Copperas, TX*



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we could. . .**

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The Sun Shines Down on Sam's Kids in Ohio

Who is Sam?

30-year old Sam Scarberry a resident of westside Columbus, Ohio, is a husband and father of 5 children ranging in age from 5 to 12 years. Just four years ago, Sam's life changed forever with five simple words, "You have Lou Gehrig's disease". For those of you who aren't familiar with it, ALS (amyotrophic- lateral-sclerosis) progressively degenerates nerve cells in the brain and spinal cord. Motor neurons rapidly die and complete loss of muscle control is the result. Patients in the later stages of the disease may become totally paralyzed. ALS, more commonly known as Lou Gehrig's disease, eventually leads to death. Sam has no choice but to accept his fate, however lonely it may be. Sam can't move his legs or arms, and he is unable to speak. Sam cannot enjoy the simple pleasures of playing ball with his son, hugging his daughters,



or saying "I love you" to his devoted wife. This merciless disease cares

not who you are, how you love, nor what style of life you may lead, and attacks with no warning. If you would like to help find a cure, or just learn a little bit more, please visit <http://www.alsa.org/>

The Moose Riders of Columbus, Ohio, have a lot to be proud of. Thanks to their big hearts and deep pockets, the Scarberry family had a day filled with sunshine.

Columbus Moose Riders organized a day at the Lodge for Sam Scarberry's wife and children, a day of fun, sun and wishes come true. A day to escape the tough times they'd been going through.

Several months earlier, the children were asked what they wished for. Wishes ranged from toys, to pizza, to just a pair of socks of their own. Wishes were written on removable clouds and attached to a "sun" poster. It wasn't long before every cloud was ripped off and each wish was filled.

The family arrived at the Lodge for a day of fun while Moose Riders took off on a poker run. By the time all the riders got back, we had a silent auction set up and ready for bidders. "Strawberries for Scarberrys" were sold and there was plenty of entertainment that included karaoke, 4 stand-up comedians and country singer Gary Campbell.



A new pair of shoes!!

But the best part of the whole day was when the Ohio riders got to Spread A Little Sunshine on Sam's Kid's. While the family stood on center stage, riders loaded all the wished-for gifts on to the stage.

The reaction of Sam's Kids and the spectators was incredibly touching. There wasn't a dry eye in the house! In addition to the gifts, \$1500 in proceeds went to the family. It was a great day.

Our group re-formed in April of 09 after a disappointing previous year. Thus far we are having a very successful year, with an all new board of officers. We are currently 45 members strong. Since April, we Moose Rider's have stripped, cleaned and re-painted our 260,000 gal. pool. We even got the City to



The Scarberry Family is introduced by Moose Riders President Becky Millenbruck, who organized the event.

fill it up at no charge! We have taken on the role of "groundskeepers" for the 18 acres of land that our Lodge sits on.

We do dinner every Sunday and breakfast the last Sunday of each month, and with the proceeds we have installed a projection TV for the social quarters for all to enjoy the Ohio State Buckeye games.

In September we provided paint, posters, X-box, chalkboard wall paint, pinball machine to remodel the children's playroom. We also did our first Firehouse Run, collecting toys for tots and providing fire fighters with fresh donuts. October is our Halloween party for all of the "Children of the Moose", ages 1 to 100. The downstairs of our lodge will be transformed into a "haunted house" with lots of fun things.
--Thanks to Becky Millenbruck for sharing this article.



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—Riding for past, present and future heroes in

It was a perfect day for a Poker Run

St. Charles, Illinois

On Sunday, September 13, the St. Charles Moose Riders held their 7th Annual Poker Run to raise money for three reasons: laptops for the Seniors at Mooseheart, Honor Flight Chicago and The Wounded Warrior Project. We couldn't have asked for a more perfect day, no wind, no clouds and about 75°.

For several years now, the St. Charles Lodge has been holding an essay contest for the graduating Class at Mooseheart, awarding the top essay writers with laptop computers. The results have been both heartwarming and compelling, serving to spotlight how far these children have come and how much they have matured while at Mooseheart.

The mission of the Wounded Warrior Project is to honor and empower wounded warriors.



Honor Flight Chicago is a non-profit organization that flies WWII veterans to their memorial in Washington, DC, at no cost to the veteran. Flights are funded solely by donations.

This year we are particularly excited because we have applied for one of our very own STC #1368 members, Ken La Due, 3rd Rank Signal Man in the Navy, and his son Jim La Due (retired Air Force) to be his Guardian. Cost for both is expected to be about \$1K.

The Wounded Warrior Project fits amputees from Iraq and Afghanistan with bicycles.

There were 34 bikes, 4 corvettes and 3 cars and the run included a few beverage stops plus a stop at the Woodstock Moose Lodge before returning to St. Charles for food and 50/50s to raise even more money.

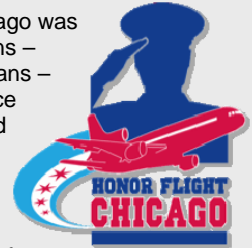


St. Charles Riders at the Dorr, MI, Lodge

On September 19th we joined Dorr, Michigan's "Rally for Mooseheart" ride. There were over 225 bikes and all of the proceeds are earmarked for Mooseheart. Again the weather was our friend. We left the Dorr Lodge and went to the Delton Moose, then a place called Daisy May's. I got varying mileage, someone said 90, another said 65, but whatever it was, we all had a great time. *-Lisa Chamberlain, St. Charles, IL*

HONOR FLIGHT CHICAGO

Our mission: Honor Flight Chicago was founded to recognize our veterans – most specifically our WWII veterans – with a day of honor, remembrance and celebration from a proud and grateful nation. The American veteran is one of our greatest treasures...those men and women who answered our nation's call, especially at times of our greatest need. Our mission is to honor and thank those veterans - especially now our WWII veterans by bringing them to Washington DC, at no cost to them, for a day of honor.



Honor Flight Chicago is a 501c3 non-profit organization, founded in February 2008. Four Chicago women asked themselves what they could do to honor and thank our veterans – especially our WWII vets, whose courage and determination to do the job they were sent to do still echoes down the years.

The founding members have assembled the talents and commitment of a group of people who share their love and respect for our veterans, dedicated people who are working to deliver on the promise of Honor Flight. Honor Flight Chicago is very proud of its staff of over 350 volunteers and guardians, without whom we would not be able to serve our veterans in the capacity we do. Our volunteers and guardians work year round through veteran outreach, community and school education, fundraising and public relations.

Source: <http://honorflightchicago.org/homealt1/homealt1.html>

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—Phenix Lodge continues to rise from the ashes

Alabama Moose Riders' Help Benefits Lodge & Community



—Phenix, Alabama

Annual Poker Run

We had a wonderful ride August 15 on our Poker Run. Though we did not have as many riders as we'd have liked, we did have about twice as many as last year. 'Thank you's' go out to American Legion riders and Heavens Saints who participated.

A Little Help from Friends

We began the day with Heavens Saints Chaplain blessing the bikes and our patches. After the nearly 100 mile route we enjoyed mouth-watering BBQ thanks to our Moose Legion, who sponsored a Boston butt and rib sale in conjunction with the ride, for our building fund. We had more door prizes than could be stirred with a stick, live music, and of course we can't forget the good ole Moose fellowship.

Moose Riders Help Helps

One of the benefits for the community and our Lodges is the Moose Riders. We love nothing more than jumping on a cause and raising the money. These benefits are noticed throughout Phenix City and our Lodge. We have been able to raise money for building projects at a much faster pace than the Lodge or Moose Legion could and it shows with the 1200 sq ft addition, swimming pool being open for the first time since the fire, and now a deck from the addition to the pool. Next project is a tiki bar for the deck.

This is not to say that Moose Riders raised all of the funds for these projects, but we added another avenue for success. You know the opportunity for a ride to raise funds happens a lot faster than a committee can be formed, the event planned, and finally implemented. We just do it.



Moose Riders gear up for the near 100 mile Poker Run in August



Riders gather for Blessing Prior to Poker Run

Local Charity Benefits

From this poker run we presented a sizeable check to the Russell County Child Advocacy. Next year we hope to at least double again.

Our next ride is coming in October to Mt. Cheehaw for lunch and recruiting other riders to join the fun.

Safe Riding—Denny Brown, Phenix City 1876

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--It's all about the kids

Canton, GA, Moose Riders Step up to the Challenge!

Our Moose Riders really step up to the plate to support community service needs in our local area. Challenger Baseball is a group of physically challenged kids who are able to play "normal sports" through the help of dedicated volunteers and parents. When we found out about the lack of funding and need to make these kids feel like part of a team, we decided to enlist the Moose Riders to plan a Poker Run to raise the money. With over \$400 so far, I think these kids would look great in new uniforms. We had a great time watching them play and run the bases. Pictured are four of our Riders with the kids at Harmon Field.

We also joined ranks with the Mableton, Henry County, and Smyrna Oakdale Riders to raise funds for the Cherokee County Sherriff's Youth Ranch. What a great day to raise in excess of \$1000 and have engaging conversations with teens who reside at the ranch because of domestic environments not conducive to a stable home life. The facilities and counselors were top notch. We had a great lunch provided by the Mableton Lodge compliments of Ronald McDonald (not that



Moose Riders with the Challenger Kids at Harmon Field

hamburger chain guy, but our own State Community Service Chairman and fellow clown) and, as you can see from the smiles, everyone appreciated their first rides on the backs of our bikes. We intend to make another trip there soon to deliver much needed wish lists of items necessary to sustain the kids. This is as close to a Mooseheart as I have ever seen and if you have a chance to visit – I guarantee it will move you personally.



Next up is our Chili Cook Off, slated for October 3, to benefit Christmas breakfast with Santa for local kids in need of some cheer and hope. I expanded our challenge this year beyond District 1 to invite all Moose Lodges in the state to bring their best and win the Moose Lodge Challenge plaque. Seems a lot of "smack talkin" is going on in preparation for the event and it is shaping up as a very festive event with games, silent auction, live music and more. If you're in the area – see you there!

Respectfully submitted Rich Lalama, Canton Moose Family Center 2129, Moose Rider President



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New York Riders Make the Most of the Riding Season



Our Summer Season was extremely busy and kicked off with our annual poker run. We changed the name this year: “Moose Riders 1st Annual Poker Run in Memory of our Fallen Brothers and Sisters”. Our day (6/27) was one of the few beautiful summer days we had had so far – and that was a good start. Over 170 bikes traveled almost 100 miles through the Finger Lakes region and returned to our lodge for food, music and fun. We shopped at the vendor booths and bought Chinese raffle and 50/50 tickets. We watched the bike games and voted for Best of Show at the bike Show. We served almost 400 BBQ chicken dinners and danced the night away. And, when the dust settled, we had raised a little over \$4000.00, which benefited the Make A Wish Foundation of Western NY, the NYS Moose Scholarship Fund, our local WOTM children’s activities and various other charities.

We collected non-perishable food items at our August meeting and donated over five huge boxfuls to a local food pantry. Needless to say, they were extremely grateful.

And, over the course of the summer, our members have participated in many, many rides for charities. We’ve ridden hundreds of miles and helped raise money for leukemia research, wounded soldiers, missing and abused children, cancer research and several scholarship programs. Our riders also had the privilege of riding in the escort contingent of the replica of the Vietnam Veterans Wall that traveled through our area.

Now that fall is upon us, our riding will slow down, but our charitable endeavors will not.



We’re helping the Red Cross host a “Biker Bash” in November that will raise money for their disaster relief programs. We are also helping members of our lodge with a walk-a-thon and a jamboree to raise money for the Roswell Cancer Center. And, we haven’t even thought of next year yet!!

Darlene Mahnke

➔ Quick Note from our New Friends in Knoxville

Hello from Knoxville, TN. Right now our priority is Mooseheart as far as the fundraising goes. We also have supported the Blue Knights in their rides and fundraising.

We just got the Knoxville Chapter started in April and we have grown to 54 members. We are planning in-Lodge events to keep us together over the winter months.

We have donated to our Lodge 1560 for the remodeling that will be taking place soon.

Coming up, we are having a joint Christmas Party on December 19th for the Moose Riders and Moose Lodge.

We would love to meet with some fellow members when we come down [to Florida] and remember you are always welcome here in Knoxville. We have a wonderful, fun-filled lodge. Thank you.

--Amber Sellers (MooseRiders Secretary)

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MIDWEST EVENTS


Circleville Moose Riders Doc's Annual Covered Bridge Run



**Lloyd "Doc" Horton
Ride On Brother!!**

October 3rd, 2009

Long Scenic Ride

\$10 Single - \$15 Couple

Sign ups 9am

First Bike Out 10am

Last Bike Out 11am

Breakfast Buffet Available At Sign Up!!

*Run starts and ends at the
Circleville Moose Lodge*

2065 Stoneridge Dr
Circleville, OH 43113

More info call: 614-596-2045 or 740-420-3282

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What a little "word of mouth" can do.

Homecoming at Mooseheart

I received the following email some time in August and we sent it out to every email address we had for *Pipes* to help the cause.

Subject: Mooseheart Request

This message was sent to me by Chris Ecker of Moose International...Please read

I was approached by the Executive Assistant to the Director General and asked if I thought the Moose Riders would be interested in giving the Mooseheart Football team a motorcycle "salute" at the start of the homecoming game SATURDAY October 10 at 2:00pm...That is Homecoming weekend at Mooseheart.

He was thinking about lining bikes up on the track or by the entrance to the field from the locker room and having the team run onto the field with the bikes revving engines.

I think this is a great idea to show support for the kids at Mooseheart...??

Especially for the football team that rarely get any fans!

What do you guys think? Would you like to Participate?

Let me know when you get a chance.....

Thanks, Mike "Bravo" Lazaruk

Looks like the word got out. The following email came out in early September:

Subject: Moose Riders at Mooseheart Homecoming

We've been getting lots of positive feedback about having our Moose Riders welcome the Mooseheart Football team onto the field for Homecoming.

Thanks to everyone who has responded. We've even heard from our Circleville, OH, Moose Riders!

We are still anticipating a special celebrity guest for that day, though I'd like to keep their identity under wraps until we get updated confirmation that they will actually make it. I can say that they're a Moose member, a motorcycle rider and an advocate for children.

I will work out details for the lining up of riders with Gary Urwiler, Scott Hart and Shawn Baile prior to that day, but the game starts at 2:00 pm, so we should all gather at the front of the Supreme Lodge no later than 1:30. If there are any changes, I'll keep everyone on this email notified. Please have anyone with questions contact me.

Fraternally, Chris Ecker, Moose International Assistant Director Fraternal Programs
630-966-2216

cecker@mooseintl.org

Check in with Chris if you are interested.

I can't wait to find out how many folks showed up!

Go Ramblers!—Editor

Message from Florida's Moose Riders Exiting Chairman—

We do it because it's the right thing to do . . .



Soon to be Past State
Moose Riders Chairman,
Carl Mays

Greetings Fellow Moose Riders

Thanks to all that participated in the State Moose Riders Officers meeting in Cocoa. We had a great attendance and covered a lot of material in the 3+ hour meeting. The fellowship afterwards was rewarding for those who share in the same passion of freedom and giving to enjoy each other's company and reflect on what we have accomplished in the past. I would again like to thank Cocoa Lodge and the Cocoa Moose Riders for their hospitality that weekend.

While we were in the area, we were lucky enough to sit in on a meeting at the Merritt Island Lodge and watch the formation of a new Moose Rider Group. Good luck to the Moose Riders of Merritt Island Lodge. Any Lodge that has not at least considered forming a Group should do so.

As this year comes to an end we should reflect on what we have accomplished this year.

- *Every senior graduating from Mooseheart got a computer.*
- *Several thousand dollars and 8 trikes went to our Seniors at Moosehaven*
- *Ten Thousand Dollars went to the Florida Sheriff's Youths Ranches*
- *We also have commitments for 14 more computers for next year.*

Totally awesome: you are the best bunch of Moose Lovin', Bike Ridin', Dancin', Pudding Shot Eatin', Money Raisin' friends I've ever had. Thank you for all you've done.

Strength in Numbers

As we move into next year we will need to look at how we get Lodges that don't belong to our State Group to join. Our success is in our numbers. Just look at it. Without the State Group, there is "NO WAY" the computers would have been purchased, the trikes would have been purchased, all that money would have been donated to the FSYR's, Pipes would have ever happened, nor would the Rallies have ever been successful. The thing about it is that for a mere \$5.00 a year you are part of the State and you are able to participate in our activities and read the wonderful articles in this newsletter.

Everything we have done as a State Group has benefited every Moose Rider in the State and a few other states. Why wouldn't you want to support what we are trying to do? I have heard, "I don't want to be told what to do!" Well, neither do I; all we're trying to do is keep all Moose Rider Groups heading in the right direction. The other thing I've heard is "We don't want to support Mooseheart and Moosehaven, we already pay our dues. Isn't that enough?" My answer, "Why are you a Moose Member?" That is what this fraternity is founded on. Here's my last word on this: **NO LODGE HAS TO JOIN THE STATE GROUP.** We do what we do because it's the right thing to do.

The Coming Year

The 2009 Rally was held in Haines City just last weekend, and next spring the Rally will be at Moosehaven and in the fall of 2010 it will be in Highlands County. Please support the Rallies. They bring in huge amounts of money for our charities and they're just plain fun. Last but not least, during our last State Officers Meeting we appointed officers for the 2010 fiscal year. The following persons will be the State Moose Rider Officers for next year.

Past Chairman – Carl Mays

Chairman – Mark Metcalf

Vice Chair – Gary Mundorf

Sergeant of Arms – Gerald Lambert

Secretary – Joan Fedora

Recording Treasurer – Yvonne Hester

Thank you

I want to personally thank everyone who has supported us in our efforts and to tell you it was a pleasure to serve as your Chairman. I have made lifelong friends, whom I would have never met had it not been for the Moose Riders. Please continue to give the Board the same cooperation and support you gave me over the past few years.

Again, THANK YOU.

*Carl L. Mays, Past Chairman FBMA Moose Riders
P.S. Anyone for a pool party? Keep The Rubber On The Road and KICK STANDS UP!*

—October 2009 Featured Rider – Pam Amundsen, Moose International

The Real Thing: A Genuine “Moose” Rider



Founded in 1994 and approved for operation in September of 2000, Moose Charities is a registered 501(c)(3) charitable corporation. Moose Charities is the non-profit, fundraising arm of Moose International with the purpose of:

1. Providing funding for the capital needs and operational support of the fraternity's Mooseheart. Child City & School, and Moosehaven City of Contentment.
2. Securing funding from Moose members and friends through periodic direct mail appeals, company matching gift programs, tribute contributions and other giving opportunities including planned giving donations such as wills and bequests, charitable gift annuities, stocks, life insurance, other appreciated securities, real estate, etc.
3. The soliciting of major gifts and other significant support from individuals, corporations and foundations.
4. Raising funds through annual giving programs such as the League of Guardians, Endowment Fund Club, Gimme 5 etc.
5. Special events such as; annual golf tournaments, motorcycle events, banquets, etc., vendor sponsored events and partnering with national cause marketing campaigns and secure added financial support for Mooseheart's educational programs through corporate school support programs.



Meet Pam Amundsen, Associate Director, Moose Charities. Pam's been at Mooseheart since February 2008. She says her position is just challenging enough to keep her on her toes. She really enjoys what she does and the bonus is meeting members from all across the country.

Pam is originally from Chicago and now lives in the Northwest Suburbs, which works out well because her dream ride is any quiet country road. Suburban Chicago has lots of country roads to offer. So far her longest ride has been to Lake Geneva, Wisconsin, but maybe next year will take her even further.



Pam's been riding for 4 years now which, according to her, is not nearly enough time. She got interested in riding when she began working at Harley Davidson as Marketing Manager. Pam started out on an 883 Hugger but, like most new riders, soon found she wanted something bigger. She decided on an '01 Heritage because she thought the Heritage was such a beautiful bike.







Pam is a member of the Mooseheart Chapter of WOTM, so for now she is not associated with any Moose Rider Group.

According to Pam, Moose Riders are very generous in their fundraising efforts. She's on the *Pipes* emailing list and tells me she enjoys hearing about all the good work Moose Riders are doing. She recently joined the Elgin Chapter and I know that before long she'll be sporting a Moose Riders patch from somewhere!

It will be next season before Pam has a chance to meet any Moose Riders because, in Pam's words, "for those of us in Illinois (especially fair weather riders) our [current] season will be over before we know it." Although we didn't run into her at the Blessing, you can see by the photo that she was definitely there. Look for her next year at the annual Blessing of the Bikes. Like the rest of the Moose Riders that show up, she enjoys talking with the kids and giving them a chance to sit on her Heritage. Looks like she found a couple of future riders in the photo above. Thanks Pam.

Quarterly Calendar of Events


October 2009

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Important Dates

October 2-4: Florida Sheriffs Boys Ranch 52nd Anniversary Open House & Horse Show-Live Oak

October 3: Merritt Island BBQ

October 10-11: Mandarin Moose Riders Cedar Key Run; Biketoberfest – Highlands County Lodge, District 23

October 17: Oktoberfest – Lake Wales Lodge

October 22-25: FBMA Half-Year Convention – Tampa

October 31: Deadline for District Officers Elections: by 10/31/09; Deadline for State and District Membership Renewals

November 14, 2009: 65 Roses Mystery Fun Ride – Cocoa Moose Riders

December 31, 2009: Deadline for Lodge Officers Elections

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Bike
Competition**

**Lake Wales Moose Lodge 2391
3601 State Road 60 East
Saturday, October 17, 2009
Breakfast 9:00 a.m. \$6.00
District Meeting 10:00 a.m.**

**DINNER
3:00 p.m.. til 5:30 p.m.
\$8.00**

**Sauerkraut
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**German
Potato Salad**

**Black
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Florida Moose Riders proudly pledged \$.25 a mile to the Iron Butt Ride that John Capes did to Hagerstown, the site of the 2009 Maryland/Delaware/DC Moose Association Convention, where Capes served as Moose International's official visitor. Here's John's "Morning After Statement" August 24, 2009

Well, the Iron Butt ride is completed. Tina and I arrived back at Moosehaven today at 2:00 PM. That made it a total of 13 hours from Hagerstown. Total mileage on the motorcycle for the trip was 1,631.7 miles. Miles for contributions, however, remain 1,572 miles.

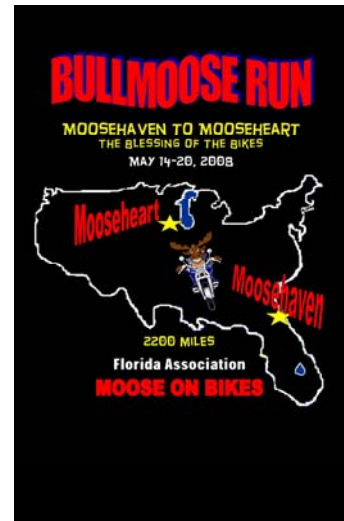
It was a great run, Mike O'Harrow, President of the South Carolina Moose Riders joined us just north of Florence, SC, and rode with us to Fayetteville where we all visited the Fayetteville Lodge.

The reception in Maryland was overwhelming, both in terms of rain and in the turnout of 22 Moose Riders and a Sheriff's escort across the state. Special thanks go to Tim McElwain who coordinated the Moose Rider escort, the Sheriffs patrol and numerous lodge visits on the way from the Maryland State Line to Hagerstown.

While we are still counting proceeds from this fundraiser, it appears very likely that we will break \$30,000 in total funds raised . . . (To be evenly divided between Moosehaven and Mooseheart.)

Congratulations and thanks to everyone for your support of this fundraiser on behalf of our two great M's - Mooseheart and Moosehaven.

John "Iron Butt" Capes



(Great job, John, but I think FL Moose Riders beat you to the "Iron Butt" moniker with their trip from Moosehaven to Mooseheart for the Blessing and then back in 2008. +/-2200 mi.)

