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Sebring Hosts Moose Riders and Special Guests

FMBA dignitaries and Moose Riders Board of Officers gather for a photo after an informal meeting prior to the Board meeting in Sebring.

L-R: FL Moose Riders Vice Chairman Gary Mundorf, FMBA President Steve DelCorso, FL Moose Riders Chairman Mark Metcalf, FBMA V. President Chuck Myers, FL Moose Riders Recording Treasurer Yvonne Hester, FL Moose Riders Sergeant at Arms Gerald Lambert, and FL Moose Riders Secretary Joan Fedora.



The weather was threatening, but that didn't stop Moose Riders from making the trip to Sebring for the State Board of Officers meeting. Several districts arrived on Friday night, including Riders from Miami (District 2), Davie (District 4), and Jacksonville MOTOR 39). Host Lodge Sebring scheduled dinner and entertainment for Friday and Saturday. **More riders arrived** Saturday morning at Sebring. Newly formed districts 15 (Pensacola) and 25 (Cape Coral) were present as were riders from Districts 19, 20, and 23.

WE DON'T KNOW HOW GOOD WE REALLY ARE

Special guests, Steven DelCorso (State President) and Chuck Myers (State Vice President) arrived and the Board Chairman and officers met with them prior to the Board meeting to review a variety of issues.

Although Rodney Hammond and John Reiter have participated in some of our General Sessions, this is the first time Florida Moose Riders met one on one with state officers and it was a very successful meeting. Specific to the discussion was a review of accounting procedures from the Moose Riders end and what we should expect from the State. Recording Treasurer Yvonne Hester outlined her accounting procedures for reporting funds received from Districts and Lodges and explained that tracking of funds would be easier with regular ledger reports from the State. DelCorso stressed the fact that, unless funds are channeled properly through the State, Moose Riders would not receive the recognition they deserve. Other topics included a review of Moose Riders guidelines, a Moose Riders website, and handling various fundraising activities at the local level.

After a brief break, the Board and District Chairmen gathered for the scheduled meeting. DelCorso and Myers were in attendance and were able to answer questions and provide guidance. Both praised the Moose Riders and complimented us on the work we have done and confirmed that "we are doing it right". Topics covered in the meeting included the upcoming rally at Mandarin 42, International Children's Day on May 15, fundraising reporting procedures, State logo usage, donations for the Mooseheart Seniors' computer fund, and Committee Chairmen appointments. DelCorso observed that Moose Riders are doing a good job and that we don't know how good we really are. The State needs to know what we are doing so that we can get credit for it. Vice President Myers echoed DelCorso's sentiments telling Moose Riders to "keep up the good work". **Also in attendance** was Florida Sheriffs Youth Ranch representative and fellow Moose Frank Kenny who thanked Moose Riders for continued support. After much

discussion and exchange, the meeting adjourned just before 4:00 PM and the celebration began!

Riders enjoyed steak dinners and other good eats and listened to the band and enjoyed the camaraderie. We got to officially welcome our brothers from Pensacola and Cape Coral into the Moose Rider family. It didn't take long for them to feel comfortable and for our District 15 boys to join in on vocals with the band—and they were worried they wouldn't fit in.

Sebring Lodge did a 50/50 as well as a huge "gift of spirits" basket raffle. MOTOR 39 Riders also raffled off a travel bag overflowing with all kinds of motorcycle gear, hats, t-shirts and "spirits". Special thanks to Donna Tucker, Sebring Senior Regent, for helping out with this and with our Rally fund. [Donna, I did find my keys!]

As usual, Moose Riders closed the social quarters down and thanked Sebring for their incredible hospitality. A Board meeting and general session are scheduled for the morning of March 28 in Jacksonville (rally weekend).--Joan Fedora, Editor



Moose Riders enjoy the weekend at the Sebring Lodge



Moosehaven

City of Contentment



We had a wonderful Christmas Party, which started out with a delicious meal served in the residents' dining halls followed by a huge dessert buffet, live music, drawings for gift certificates and of course the grand prize drawings of 7 Moosehaven Cadillacs (trikes). Check out some of the winners on this page.



We are excited at the many great events we have planned for 2010. Our next large event is our Annual Easter Event, which invites the community to come in for a day of fun, and of course - hunting eggs! It is coming up on Saturday, April 3rd, the weekend after "Florida Days" and the Moose Riders Poker Run and Rally.

We were delighted to welcome the Moose Riders and man the 3 card-pulling stations on campus. We also enjoyed the parade of bikes around the campus. Some beautiful bikes and it was fun to chat with the riders. Our residents love these large Moose events and it is



great to see so many Brothers and Co-workers carrying on the work that many of our residents were so dedicated to back in their home Lodges, as well as renewing old friends and gaining new ones.



We also hold our Annual Sunrise

Service on Easter Sunday on the banks of the Beautiful St. John's River with our Chaplain, Rev. Helen Taylor. Many throughout the community have made this an annual affair.

On Saturday, April 24th we will be hosting a "Super Saturday Moosehaven Car & Truck Show" for North Florida Show Car Association, which is a benefit for Wolfson's Children's Hospital. It runs from 9:00 am until 3:00 pm. There will be trophies, 50/50s, raffles, auctions, food, refreshments and fun. The show will be along the riverfront located between the Michigan Building and Buckeye. Also that day, we are having our "Pancake Breakfast" with all the fixings in the Michigan Building from 7:30am to 10:00am at a cost of \$5.00. The events will be open to Lodges, community, and staff along with our residents. [Go to http://www.nfsca.com/](http://www.nfsca.com/) for more information.

May 15th we will have another "Pancake Breakfast" in the Michigan Building. We look forward to a busy Spring and Summer.

Fraternally,

**Polly Rhoden, Director
Moosehaven Campus**



7th Annual Mooseheart Run & Bike Blessing--for the Kids!

MAY 15 2010

Proceeds benefit U.S. Special Olympics and Mooseheart Child City

Location: Mooseheart Campus (Mooseheart is located between Aurora, IL and Batavia, IL. Enter at South entrance on Mooseheart Road, East of Randall or West of Route 31. Look for signs)

Registration: Will begin at 8:00 am. Bikes will assemble at the field house.

Donation: \$15.00 / single rider or \$25.00 / two up on one bike

Bike Blessing: Will take place at 11:00 am. First bikes out at 11:30 am.

The *Raffle Run* will start immediately following the Blessing. Each stop will reveal a BIG raffle prize package! Every participant will receive one FREE raffle ticket to use at any stop. Additional tickets will be available. Raffle prizes will be called at the last stop. Must be present to win. Refreshments at registration, door prizes, food, beverages, and LIVE entertainment following the ride at the Elgin Moose Lodge. Stops include Pierce Harley-Davidson, St. Charles Moose Lodge, Indian Motorcycles of Chicago, and the Carpentersville Moose Lodge.

Meet our Guests of Honor: The Chicago Slaughter Cheerleaders!!

Our Sponsors:



Steve Ditzell & The Blue Lightning Band



For more information visit www.mooseheart.org or call 630-966-2216

Even if you can't be there,

You can still make a difference

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BIKE BLESSING
2010

BLESSING of the BIKES COMES HOME

TO LOMBARD LODGE - WHERE IT ALL BEGAN

On Friday, May 14, 2010 at the Lombard Moose Lodge, Lombard, IL we are inviting all Moose Riders to come party with the Moose Rider Chapter that started the Blessing of the Bikes at Mooseheart Child City, Batavia, IL.

Friday night will include a great Italian dinner cooked by the Moose Riders and members of the Lombard Moose Lodge, music, raffles and more. This will be a great way for you to relax after your long journey to Illinois. Festivities start at 6:00 pm and will continue until close.

Saturday morning, May 15, 2010 for our out of town guests and all locals who would like to ride to Mooseheart with us our schedule is:

Breakfast made by Lombard's stellar breakfast crew will begin at 7a.m. until pullout - cost will be \$5.00 all you can eat

Line Up for the ride to Mooseheart is at 8:30 a.m. and Pull Out will be promptly at 9 a.m.

For our sleepy heads who cannot make the 9 a.m. pull out, there will be a Last Call Pull Out at 9:45 a.m. leaving from Lombard Lodge.

Sunday morning, May 16, 2010 the Lombard Lodge will have breakfast available, once again, for any Moose Rider who would like to attend.

Accommodations we have obtained a block of rooms for our out of town guests at the newly renovated Crowne Plaza Hotel, Lombard, IL which is conveniently located just 1 block west of the Lombard Lodge. Rooms are available for \$99.00 per night and include rooms with 2 Queen or 1 King bed with a sleeper sofa. Reservations can be made on line at www.cpglenellyn.com and proceed to the lombardmooseriders2350 link, or by telephone at 630/629-6000, and refer to the Lombard Moose Rider block when making reservations by phone. You may cancel your reservation without penalty up to 6:00 pm on the day of your arrival.

We can't wait to see you here!

Fratemally yours,

Lil Bill Curran

Founder of the Blessing of the Bikes



We're dusting off the Welcome Mat at Mooseheart and area Lodges for our Annual Bike Blessing & Run on May 15, 2010.

The evening before, on Friday the 14th, Lombard Lodge #2350 will be hosting the Moose Rider Welcome party. The party starts at 6:00pm and includes an Italian dinner, music, raffles and a chance to meet and greet with the Moose Riders who were the founders of our annual event. They'll also be offering up breakfast before heading to Mooseheart in the morning. Out of towners and overnighters can take advantage of accommodations and a Moose Riders special at the

Crowne Plaza, just one block west of the Lodge. [See flyer this page.]

Plans are moving forward for another great day at Mooseheart, surrounding Lodges and motorcycle shops on Saturday the 15th. Participants include the St. Charles #1368, Carpentersville #1958 and Elgin #799 Lodges, and Pierce Harley-Davidson (home of a very cool Harley-Davidson museum), and the new Indian Dealer of Chicago. This year we're hosting a "Raffle Run", which has a great raffle prize, or prize package—at each stop along the way—worth at least \$500.00. Everybody gets one free raffle ticket at registration to use at any stop, with additional tickets available at each location. The winners will be picked at the party at our final destination.

The party at the Elgin Lodge will include two great live bands—Velocity, a classic hard rockin' band and the Blue Lightning Band featuring journeyman Blues guitarist Steve Ditzell. You'll also meet our guests of honor, the Chicago Slaughter Cheerleading Squad, enjoy hot dogs, hamburgers and brats off the grill, find out who our big winners are, and be there for the press conference announcing our partnership between Special Olympics North America, the City of Elgin and the Amateur Softball Association, a special event set for 2011, and hopefully a few more surprises.

Sunday will be the annual Mooseheart Graduate Ceremony at the St. Charles Lodge, and event not to be missed. [See page 7.]

Don't forget we're encouraging any of our Moose Rider groups who won't be able to make the pilgrimage to Mooseheart to have their own event on the same day and help start the new tradition of Moose Ride for Kids Day. These pledge rides, poker runs, or open house events can include any number of children's charities, but we are hoping you'll split the proceeds with our very own Mooseheart, Child City.

A Moose Ride for Kids logo is available, as well as a hold harmless rider form and a fill in the blanks Media Alert, poker run sheet and pledge sheet. An Internet resource location for Moose Riders is in development.

—Chris Ecker,
Moose International



May 16: Save this Date!

Senior Class Essay Contest Awards at St. Charles Lodge



For several years, the St. Charles, IL, Moose Riders have held an essay contest for the graduating class at Mooseheart and presented laptops to the top winners of the contest. The event has become very popular with fellow Moose Riders and has grown each year. Last year, with the help of the Florida Moose Riders and North and South Carolina Moose Riders, we were able to give each senior a laptop and printer. This year, again with the help from Florida, Dorr, MI and Carpentersville, IL Moose Riders, we will again be awarding laptops for the graduating class as they go off to start college or chosen career paths.

The theme for the essay this year is "How has Mooseheart changed your life". We are very excited to read what the class has to say and hope that you will join us on Sunday May 16th, 2010, for this enjoyable and rewarding day. Come get to know the senior class that all of us as Moose members support. Each year, the class is treated to lunch, the presentation and reading of the top essay ending with Karaoke and dancing fun.



Clockwise from top Right: St. Charles Moose Riders with winners of 2009 essay contest; Senior Class with printers from South Carolina Moose Riders; Recipients of Laptops from Florida Moose Riders; Senior Class rockin' out; Florida Moose Riders presenting computer to Mooseheart Senior, Senior Boys do their thing; Senior girls enjoying the music.



The seniors arrive in St. Charles at approximately 11:45 am and leave around 4:00 pm. Lunch is provided by the Lodge to the class and is available for purchase for those of us in attendance.

Look forward to seeing everyone at the Blessing of the Bikes and in St. Charles the following day. For more information about this event please contact Liza Chamberlain at 630-212-4774.—St. Charles Moose Riders #1368

International Kid's Day—Raise Big Bucks

Just a Few Ways to Help our Children



Hi, everyone. Thanks for wanting to keep Yell and Tell in front of the public. Right now (early March) I am in Montecello, Iowa, where I taught Yell and Tell at a school and will be doing a book signing at a custom car and rod show. We now have reached over 60,000 children in 26 states and 3 foreign countries. I was also in Vancouver, BC, teaching Yell and Tell and my daughter took it to Australia last Christmas. Last June I taught Yell and Tell in Hungary. We now have over 36 young children who have used Yell and Tell to save a life or prevent an injury from becoming worse. I am coming to Florida the week before Easter and there will be a ride for Yell and Tell on March 30th. The riders all over the country are wonderful about supporting Yell and Tell in their schools. It still *only* costs \$1.00 per child to get the program. If the Florida Riders can think of any way to have a fundraiser for Yell and Tell let me know for I would really appreciate it. Jean Davidson.



Dignity, acceptance, and a chance to reach one's potential – these are human rights worth promoting for everyone. Since 1968, Special Olympics has been bringing one message to the world: people with intellectual disabilities can and will succeed if given the opportunity.

Through year-round sports training and competition, Special Olympics empowers individuals with intellectual disabilities in more than 180 countries. Special Olympics often is the only place where they have an opportunity to participate in their communities and develop belief in themselves. Many live lives of neglect and isolation, hidden away or socially excluded from full participation in schools or society. Transforming the athlete, [Special Olympics sports](#) are a gateway to empowerment, competence, acceptance and joy.

But we also transform their communities. When people see [Special Olympics athletes](#) in action, they see their humanity, their joy in competition, their pride and their potential, and they begin to believe in a different kind of world – a world in which everyone is respected and included.

[Source—Special Olympics website]



Through its interactive website, special events, materials, PSAs, and other educational opportunities, Safe Surfin' educates the public about Internet crimes involving children.

Safe Surfin' works with the U.S. Department of Justice, school systems, public libraries that offer Internet access, law enforcement agencies, and corporate sponsors to further its mission.

Safe Surfin' seeks donations from individuals and corporations to further its mission. The Foundation is tax-exempt 501 (c) (3) organization under Section 501 (c) (3) of the Internal Revenue Code. Donations are tax-deductible.

Source: [Safe Surfin' website]

Summertime at the Youth Ranches Camps



Youth attending camp enjoy traditional camping activities such as swimming, canoeing, art and crafts, sports and other activities.

The camp also provides an opportunity for Law Enforcement volunteers to get personally involved with the youngsters to form positive, healthy relationships. Campers live among their peers, learning how to share and function properly within a group setting. Each boy and girl has job responsibilities. Every day contains a healthy balance between work and play, proving a valuable lesson for maturing youth.

Strong and devoted leadership is the key to a successful camping experience. The staff includes college students, graduates, teachers, and other professionals committed to helping boys and girls become productive, law-abiding citizens.

In addition to the Summer Camp programs, the Youth Ranches also offers Harmony in the Streets. This is a mobile camping program that brings our Summer Camp service directly into local communities and to children who may not get the opportunity to attend camp.

The goals of the Harmony in the Streets Program are to develop and retain a high level of self-esteem, learn how to utilize free time in a positive manner, teach and lead others by role modeling positive leadership skills. The program also teaches youngsters to help foster the acceptance of others and to discover and learn to appreciate the cultural differences of others in the community.

Both our Summer Camp program and Harmony in the Streets would not be possible without the help of our generous and faithful donors. You too can help send children to camp. A gift of \$250 will provide a child with full campership this summer. Your gift of any amount will make a difference in the life of a child. For more information, please contact Frank Kenny at 1-800-765-3797 or at www.youthranches.org.



During the upcoming summer months, the Florida Sheriffs Youth Ranches will serve thousands of children through our Camping Services programs. The Youth Ranches operates two summer camps in Florida located at the Youth Camp in Barberville and Caruth Camp in Inglis. Their purpose is to provide a wholesome atmosphere and positive camping experience for Florida's troubled and underprivileged boys and girls (ages 10-15).

District News

25 Greetings, Moose Riders.

I am the Secretary/
Treasurer for the newly
formed District 25.
We are only now 2 months
old and we have 31 mem-
bers. We held our
first poker run on February
28th and we think we had a
good turn out with 50 peo-
ple considering the tem-
peratures and the high
winds for the day. We had
great support from our
sponsors and the Lodges.

Cape Coral, our home

Lodge 2199, was our ending point with live
music and food. We raised a little over \$700
with the run and the 50/50 drawing. We
even got the band to play MOOSE RIDERS
IN THE SKY(a take on Ghost Riders in the
Sky). That was a big hit!!

We are planning to do a car and bike
show at Lodge 2199 on May 15th for Inter-
national Kid's Day. The LOOM and WOTM
will be helping to plan this event.
Ride safe.

Michelle Roberts, Secretary/Treasurer, District 25

[Ed. Note: thanks to our friends from Cape Coral for coming
up for the Rally. See photo to the right.]]



Members of FBMA Moose Riders Newest District 25



15 Short note from our friends in the Panhandle.

We are really sorry we didn't
make the rally. As you know
we had conflicting dates with
our poker run and the rally. We did however
raise over \$1100.00 for the Mark Daniels
Medical Fund Inc. and had a great time do-
ing it. Now its on to our next endeavor. May
14,15 and 16th, the District 15 Bike Blessing
and Spring Rally.

As membership goes we are now over 70
and signing new ones every week. The District 15
goal is 100 members by August 15th the
date of our Moose Rib Cook-off.

Well, it's short but that covers most of it,
hope to see you all soon.

—Thunder Mier



Thunder Mier and State President Steve DeICorso
and Vice President Chuck Myers in Sebring

District News

MOTOR 39

MOTOR 39 has had little else on their minds than Rally, Rally, Rally. A rainy Saturday in January prevented any riding after our meeting in Macclenny, but we did have a great attendance and filled some of our riders in on the rally plans.

MOTOR 39 had a good turnout for the Board Meeting in Sebring. We brought a "Biker Basket" that Sebring Lodge generously let us sell tickets on during the course of the weekend. Proceeds from that and other sales netted nearly \$300 towards our rally fund.

February featured a ride and meeting in Salt Springs in the Ocala Forest. Riders met up at the Palatka Lodge for breakfast and carried on to Salt Springs for the meeting at



"Cactus Jack's". Rally plans were discussed and nominations submitted for MOTOR 39 Moose Rider of the Year. [Voting took place at our March meeting and we congratulate Yvonne Hester for all her hard work this past year.]

Following the meeting, riders "toured" the area, spotting a black bear, and making a number of stops for refreshments at local establishments. About 10 riders stayed Saturday night in cabins and a lakeside "Lodge". It was a bit chilly so most of our riders hunkered down around a poker table and tried a little 7 card stud, blackjack and assorted other poker games. Due to a minor Sunday morning accident involving a wall, riders were up and out early, stopping for breakfast before heading back. We all made a pledge to return in the summer in order to enjoy the Lodge



and its Lakeside location and amazing dock and grilling facilities.

Members have been busy getting sponsors for the rally, developing a bike game program, painting and cleaning up Mandarin 42 Lodge, and ironing out all of the "rally" wrinkles. We're proud of our rally committee and all of the volunteers who helped with the planning and execution of our Spring



Rally. Hope everyone had a good time. **Some of us** are headed for the State conference in Tampa. State Chairman Mark "Tiny" Metcalf will be making a presentation in the men's session Saturday afternoon and State Secretary and MOTOR 39 member Joan Fedora will be making a presentation in the Women's session Friday morning. Charlie and Joan are planning to go up to the Blessing of the Bikes at Mooseheart again this year to present the laptops and are looking for others to come along. Other coming events include a second Cedar Key ride soon. We all look forward to some warmer riding weather.—Editor

District News

20 The sun shone on January 17th for the District 20 Moose Riders to enjoy their 3rd Annual Lodge to Lodge Poker Run. We began in Lake Wales for breakfast, on to Haines City, next Winter Haven, Lakeland 945, and ended at South Lakeland/Mulberry. Proceeds will purchase a computer for the graduating seniors at Mooseheart.

The day was cold but it did not stop the bikes and vehicles that rode for Lacey Pate on January 31st. Ten year-old Lacey is one of three children in the United States and one of twelve worldwide stricken with King's Syndrome. She has to have operations every six months up to the age of 16 or 17. Generous donations from the District 20 LOOM Board, Lodges, Riders, and individuals totaled \$3,200. Thank you to Haines City for all your hard work making this a success.

I have heard "The mail must go through be it rain, snow, sleet or hail". And I do believe sometimes the Haines City Riders think they are mailmen or should I say mailpersons. They will go forth through any kind of weather to achieve their goal. For the Sunshine Foundation they donated a whopping \$1,200. KUDOS to Cindi Sanders, what a Chairperson!!!

Lake Wales is getting ready to host the May 15th Kids Day event for District 20. They are planning a day of enjoyment starting with a poker run to all the Lodges in their district, joining other districts in the area and riding into the Florida Sheriff's Youth Ranch to donate the proceeds. The Riders are inviting all the Lodges in this district to get involved to raise funds for the Youth Ranch on this day.

I have invited the FBMA Moose Riders State Board to enjoy the Lake Wales Lodge in June or July for the State Board meeting. Looking forward to sharing a fun-filled weekend with all our Rider friends throughout this great state and any other state that wants to join us. Details to follow.



District 20 raises money for Future Moose Rider Lacey Pate

We make many friends and acquaintances in this organization and it is always sad to lose a member. District 20 lost two great Moose Riders in January, Leon Mosley (Lake Wales) and Richard "Cuz" Strickland (Haines City). Leon was the smiling, witty one cashiering the Moose Riders' Grill at the State Fall Rally in Haines City and Cuz was always there to support the Riders in everything. Both were MOOSE members first. They will be missed dearly.

We want to welcome the new Moose Lodge that joined our district, Auburndale Moose Lodge. There are Riders from the District that are members and a new Lodge Moose Rider group is in the making. What else can I say, "Thank you District 20 Moose Riders".

— Regina "Gina" Perrin, District 20 Chairperson
Chairperson, District 20



Haines City Riders present \$1,200 check to Sunshine Foundation

Three-Wheelin' - Cool and Comfortable



Riding is our passion. That's why we are Moose Riders. But some of us are getting up there in years, and maybe, just maybe, a little more comfort and stability wouldn't be such a bad thing.

We're young at heart and of mind, but the years are starting to take their toll on our bodies. But, hey, we don't want to give up the lifestyle of two wheels. So, what's the answer to an amazing riding experience that incorporates all those things? More and

more riders are finding all that and more on Trikes.

"Motorcycle industry experts say they expect to see more trikes on the road in the coming years as baby boomers, the largest group of motorcycle owners in the country, age out of their two wheelers".

[http://www.huffingtonpost.com/2010/01/25/trikes-allow-aging-bikers_n_435118.html]



Imagine being able

to stop at a light or stop sign without worrying about your footing or balance—like I said, something we baby boomers are thinking more about these days. And if you are into touring or long trips, forget about saddlebags, you could have a trunk or drag along a trailer. Okay, you don't have to go out and buy matching outfits, nor should you feel like you are losing anything by going this route. Look around. You're seeing more and more trikes out there every day. Even Orange County Choppers built one for a vet this season.

There are many conversions available now—some of them simply awesome. Just about any make or model can be converted and the internet is chock full of shops ready to build you your dream machine. Many shops are even selling them new or you can always find a used one. And, if you think you're up to it, there are kits out there so you can do it yourself. If you want a production model, you could also look into the Can Am Spyder, a "reverse" trike. A hot looking machine with lots of power.



So, you think you might want to go this route. Good, but remember, riding a trike is a little bit different, but nothing a little time and practice won't cure. A lot of us started out on 3 wheels—you know what they say about riding a bike! Remember that ride? You didn't lean (that doesn't come into play on a trike). You turned the handlebars, or "pushed" them either to the right or the left—if you've ridden an ATV or have a riding mower, well . . . you get the idea. The handlebars are quite responsive, so avoid sudden movements to the left or right. Also, the trike itself may feel a bit "heavy" or cumbersome at slower speeds, but once you get up to cruising, it's a whole different thing.

There are some tricks to riding a trike. Consider the following pointers if you decide to go three-wheelin'.

- ☛ Although the controls are the same as on a motorcycle, steering on a trike takes some getting used to.
- ☛ You might want to start out in a parking lot. Put your right hand in your back pocket and leave it there. With the Trike in 1st gear, drive around the lot maybe doing some figure 8s. You'll get a good feel for turning this way.
- ☛ Try the Push/Pull method of steering. For right turns, pull the right grip toward you while pushing with the left. Do the reverse for a left hand turn. It's a bit easier to pull on a hard turn than trying only to push.
- ☛ Train yourself to steer, not counter steer.
- ☛ Don't put your foot down when you stop—remember you have a rear wheel and you might run over your foot.
- ☛ When pulling into parking places or even a gas or toll plaza, remember that you have a back end that is wider than the front.
- ☛ Take particular care on tight turns or on- or off-ramps. You'll need steady pressure in these turns. Again, practice and take your time.

So, give it some thought. Trikes can be found in any size, shape or configuration. They can be new, used, or you can convert what you've got. In any event, it's still a good ride and with the right ride, you will definitely turn some heads.—*Editor* ☛

Florida Spring Rally: Good Weather, Good People, a Good Time

More than Money Raised over Rally Weekend



L to R: Moose Rider of the Year Ed Monahan, State Chairman Mark Metcalf, Gina Perrin District 20 Chairperson, and Gary Dunford, Jr., Awards Committee Chairman

As with every rally so far, months and months of planning were necessary to pull together a weekend of fundraising and fun. MOTOR 39, the united forces of districts 12, 13 and 14, learned that lesson well and delivered a Spring Rally attended by over 250 registered guests and one that raised well over \$10,000 for Florida Moose Riders charities. Kudos to MOTOR 39 and Mandarin Lodge 42 for opening up their facilities for this big event. **Riders from as far away** as Ohio started showing up as early as Thursday. The rally opened up on Friday at noon, with merchandise and food vendors in place, a wine and beer bar set up by the pool, and a full bar set up by the music and vendors. All the available camper and RV hook ups were filled, while others set up wherever there was space. Food tents were manned by various Lodges in MOTOR 39, and the variety allowed visitors to sample everything over the course of the weekend.

Mandarin served breakfast on Saturday and Sunday and a steak dinner was offered on Saturday night.

And what would a rally be without bike games? MOTOR 39 and Mandarin member, Johnny Hester, set up a timed obstacle course for teams to run that demanded skills



Poker Run card pull at Moosehaven Social Quarters

of both the rider and passenger. It was not as easy as it looked. Of course games on bikes were not the only games, and many members and state officers found themselves behind bars begging other riders for "bail" money. There was a silent auction featuring a host of items, raffles for a motorized riding cooler and wagon, a 3 day 2 night getaway at a resort on the Crystal River in Florida, a motorized mini dirt bike, and a "bikers basket" featuring a variety of items all stuffed into a nylon overnight bag.

There was music all day that featured both Karaoke and a live band both nights. The highpoint for most riders, however, was the Poker Run to Moosehaven. 2 groups of bikes rode first to Lodge 2020 to draw their first card and enjoy the hospitality of the Lodge. From there the groups made the short trip down to Moosehaven, where they drew cards from Brandon Place, the Social Quarters in the Michigan Building (with a quick stop for a beverage) and then over to



Obstacle course for bike games proved to be trickier than some riders expected.

More than Money Raised over Rally Weekend (continued)



(cont'd from page 14) the Life Care Center where they were able to walk around, and visit with the residents and pull a card. Moosehaven residents were ready and waiting with decks of cards and pens in hand to mark the poker run cards. Before leaving the riders made a "parade" run around the Moosehaven campus waving to the residents and then headed back to Mandarin.

Saturday night, riders had a surprise visit early in the evening from state officers who were in the area for Florida Days celebration and meetings at Moosehaven. Needless to say, the party continued well into the night and the requisite moose rider "decoration" was spotted on the Moose head in the Lodge lobby late Saturday night.

There was a meeting of the State officers on Sunday morning followed by a general session, during which Moose Rider of the Year Ed Monahan from District 20 was honored. Chairman Tiny Metcalf also presented a plaque to Joan Fedora thanking her for her work on the State newsletter, Pipes.

All in all, it was a hugely successful event and generated not only a lot of money, but also new friendships and camaraderie and new Moose Rider and Moose members. Special thanks to Mandarin Lodge 42 for their patience and cooperation, particularly their Administrator, Ed. Job well done, to everyone involved.

Next rally September 24, 25 & 26 at District 23. **Be there.**





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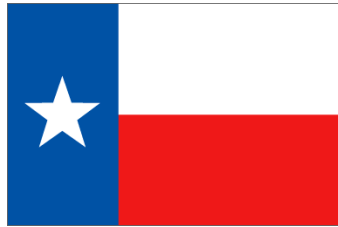


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—Moose Rider-Sponsored Eagle Scout Completes Project *Lodge Playground Done in Time for Spring*



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

Moose Riders C2 is looking up for an exciting year. The New Year brings new Officers which always bring new ideas and renewed commitment.

Since the inception of Moose Rider C2 it has been a goal of ours to try and put the Family in Family Fun Center. February brought the completion of a long project we have been working on. Our playground has finally been erected and is ready for fun in the sun. Moose Rider C2 sponsored a local Boy Scout's Eagle Scout project to have the playground built. Our Riders and our Lodge provided the financial backing and this young man solicited donations, equipment, and building support.

YES THAT IS TEXAS SNOW!!!!



Picture provided by Administrator Steve Richard, thanks Steve.

Moose Rider C2, along with the Copperas Cove Lodge 2029, is conducting a series of fund raising events for a local single mother who has aggressive cervical cancer. The raffle is already in place with lots of donations from local businesses. Benefits dinners have been scheduled and Rides are in the planning stages. We hope to be able to make a difference.

Don't forget the 2010 Republic of Texas Rally being held June 10 – 13. We already have a group roaring up to go. If you would like more information the website is www.rotrally.com. I will say it definitely should be in the top 10 of Motorcycle Rallies with over 40,000 participants a year.

And remember, *four wheels can move a body but two wheels will move your soul.*

—David McPhail

—New Jersey Riders Check In

RIDERS UNITING FOR A COMMON CAUSE

Hello to all my Pipes Friends and fellow Bikers, it is Liz String here, the Lone Rider from Atlantic City NJ. I surely hope your winter has been a tad better than ours, as this has got to be the “Year of all Time Weather Breakers”. And Mother Nature is still showing her Ugly Side. We have had record snowfalls, wind, and now rain..

But looking at the good side, we did pull off an awesome Toy Run, with the help of Dave Long and his gracious Beach Haven Lodge #1575. It was a nice 45 mile ride, free coffee at the Lodge and free hot buffet at our Local Restaurant the Flying Cloud Café. Over 50 bikers, with toys, canned food for the hungry and even food for the SPCA. It seems Bikers believe animals should have a good Christmas, too. We even snatched up a Santa Claus (VIC) and his reindeer, from a previous Autism Ride.

What was so cool about it was that half the bikers did not know each other, but are all bringing their friends for next year’s Toy Run. The Toys are turned over to the Church to reach the kids that are not in the system. And the food we give to our local “Jean Webster’s Kitchen” that feeds the hungry.

It is also very interesting that the bikers are from many so many different organizations, e.g., Moose Riders of Atlantic City, Motorcycle Rights Association, Polar Bear Gran Tour, Motor Maids, Women in the Wind – Shore Riders Chapter, Patriot Guards, Southern Cruisers, Gold Wingers, and of course the Harley Davidson Bunch.

While visiting Mooseheart last year for the Blessing of the Bikes, I was treated like an old Lost Friend by the Local Bikers and with open arms by their Other Half. It did seem that many of the women were inspired to see a woman travel such distance alone. I am 60 years old, and my friend Gloria, who rode out and back to Sturgis this year with her daughter, is 84. Therefore they should never think that they are too old!!

CAN YOU HELP? The Atlantic City Moose Riders, (along with the Lodge, and Women of the Moose, and many other caring organizations) presently have a mission to raise \$9,000 for a Fellow Moose Rider named Jack. He was seriously injured in a hit and run motorcycle accident in 1998. After the accident, Jack was fitted with a prosthesis leg, and after 11 years of volunteering countless hours at the Moose Lodge, and as a Volunteer Fire Fighter, Jack is in need of a new prosthesis leg, which his medical insurance will not cover. If any of you wish to contribute to the cause, we can use items of all kinds for our Chinese Auction and no amount of money is too small! Checks can be made payable to “WOTM”. Please ear mark them “Moose Rider Jack’s Benefit”. All may be sent to: Moose Riders, Attention, JGR Liz String, 7 Lawn Place, Atlantic City NJ, 08401. Thank You so much.



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— Arizona Moose Riders Tie the Knot

Bullhead City Hosts a Real Sweetheart Run

Bullhead City Moose Riders were happy to see the hot summer weather behind us and took advantage of the cooler weather over the winter.

The Moose Riders 2nd Annual Sweetheart Run was a smashing success. We had a record turnout, but throwing a wedding in the mix made it a “real sweetheart” run. We had the pleasure of celebrating the marriage of Tommy and Sonie Temple. Tommy is one of our Charter Members and recently voted in as our Road Captain. We wish them all the best.



Tommy and Sonie Temple Say “I Do” at the Annual Sweetheart Run

For those of you unfamiliar with the Sweetheart Poker Run, any woman who is riding behind her man gets a free poker hand. It is a way of bringing in business for the Lodge as well as building our treasury for future charity runs. We offered food, live music, a raffle and 50/50 drawing, plus champagne and wedding cake. We saw a lot of familiar faces and it was good to feel the support Moose Riders are getting in the community.

I’d like to thank all those who helped to bring this about: Linda the bartender, Merilee, Debbie and Greg in the kitchen, and all the Moose Rider members who manned the sign in, ticket sales and card tables at the poker run stops.

Our next run will be the Blessing of the Bikes Run that is sponsored by Moose International in May. They are asking all Moose Rider Lodges to hold their own Blessing of the Bikes if they can't make the one in Illinois. We're hoping to coordinate our run to be at the same time as the one at Mooseheart.

Although no date has been set as of yet, we usually put on a Poker Run in June to raise monies for the Moose Charities. Our membership is holding at 29 Riders and we have 7 women in our auxiliary.

—Joe Monfredo, President Moose Riders Lodge 1860



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—Coming Home to the Lombard Lodge

Illinois Lodge to Host Pre-Blessing Party

While our Southern brothers and sisters have been gearing up for their charity and fundraising runs, those of us here in the Midwest have been gearing up for the Blessing of the Bikes, scheduled for May 15, 2010. Bill Curran, Past President of Lombard Chapter 2350 and Founder of this blessed event, has been busy working with Chris Ecker of Moose International and three other Lodges in Illinois to organize a great run and lots of fun for everyone, as well as taking care of the organization of the Coming Home Party scheduled at Lombard Lodge on Friday, May 14, 2010.

We have also guaranteed over 100 rooms at a greatly reduced rate at the newly remodeled Crowne Plaza Hotel, Lombard, IL, located one block west of the Lombard Lodge. Please see page 6 for more information or check out the Lombard Moose website www.lombardmoose.org.

To give you some insight, Friday night will boast a homemade Italian Dinner, music, and plenty of brotherhood. Saturday morning we will be serving a breakfast buffet for \$5.00 all you can eat, followed by line up and the ride to Mooseheart. We can't wait to see you there.

In the midst of all of this planning and organizing, we still managed to squeeze in a great Community Service event for the Lombard Police and Fire Departments, by donating Tommy Moose in the hopes that they will never have to use them. These hardworking public servants were extremely grateful for this donation and have shared with us some stories of their success with this program.

Side note, after seven years of dedicated service to the Lombard Moose Riders, Lil Bill Curran has stepped down as President and passed his gavel on to our current President, Bob "Knucklehead" Daehnke. Lil Bill is still very active in our group and remains as always dedicated to the fraternity. He is generously offering himself as your personal contact with regard to questions concerning the Blessing of the Bikes and the Coming Home Party. He can be reached at 630/973-6720 or lilbillcurran@att.net.

We hope your fundraising efforts and charity events are fun and successful. We look forward to hearing all about them in May. Fraternally yours,

Dawn D2 Curran, Lombard Chapter 2350



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—New Yorkers take it inside

High Rollin' Moose Riders Raise \$9000



Palmyra (NY) Moose Riders 1420 have stayed busy through the long winter months. We helped host several events for Team Cure and raised a total of \$9000.00 for Roswell Cancer Center. In January we helped host the 5th Annual Red Cross Vegas Night at our Lodge, which netted \$20,000.00 for local Red Cross disaster programs. We collected hats and hoodies for Haiti and non-perishables for one of the local food banks. Some of our members visited with the local veterans outreach center and we'll be co-sponsoring a bike/car show and ride this summer.

In February we hosted a pasta dinner for Everybody Rides Family Council and raised \$1200.00 for their programs. (Everybody Rides is a therapeutic horseback riding program that benefits persons of all ages with disabilities). It's truly amazing how our small community continues to come together and support worthwhile causes.

Looking forward, we have a spaghetti dinner planned in April to benefit a Boy Scout troop sponsored by our Lodge. And, as we get our rides ready for spring, we are looking forward to the National Bike Blessing Day in May. Our first big ride will be our 4th Annual Ride to PA over Memorial Day



weekend, where we get to mingle with our PA Moose Riders.

And, throughout all of this, we are busy planning our 2nd Annual Poker Run in Memory of our Fallen Brothers and Sisters (June 26th). We've added Wease Cares for Kids to our previous beneficiaries (Make A Wish of Western NY, NYS Moose Scholarship Fund and our local Moose children's programs). We expect to exceed the 200 bikes that participated last year. And, we've told the caterer to "gear up" since last year we sold out of 400 dinners.

Please check out our website (www.PalmyraMooseRiders1420.com) for other events.

Submitted by Mark (Mailman) Austin – publicity chair



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Ohio Riders' 2010 Calendar is Full



Ohio Moose Riders have a lot planned for 2010:

- April 17, Moose Riders Quarterly Ohio State Meeting—Newark
- May 15, Blessing of the Bikes
- May 23, Ride to the AMA Museum
- June 11-13, Ohio Bike Week Overnight Trip
- June 26, Ride to Tent Town
- July 11, Bike-A-Rama—Columbus
- July 24, Christmas in July Poker Run
- August 7, Daytrip to the Indian Lake Moose
- August 21, Overnight trip to Nitro Moose Lodge
- September 4, Ride to the Easy Riders Rodeo
- October 9, Ride the Circleville Covered 7 Bridge Run—Circleville
- October 23, Daytrip to Circleville Pumpkin Show

Newark, OH, Moose Riders are hosting the Christmas in July Poker Run on July 24th (Rain date July 25th). Registration will run from 10:00-12:15, with 1st Bike out @ 11:00, and last bike out @ 12:30, last bike in by 5pm. The ride is to help raise money to purchase gifts for the local children at Christmas time. The ride is open to the public. There will be prizes awarded for best hands, and there will also be door prizes, 50/50 drawings, food, drink and entertainment. If you are interested in riding, contact the Newark Moose Riders for more information at 740-527-0667 or email them at mooseriders499@gmail.com

Circleville, OH, 2440 Moose Riders currently have 205 members. They are a very active herd within their Lodge and community. Activities include sponsoring an area Senior to travel to Disney World for band camp, proud sponsorship of the Ohio Wounded Warrior Project and contributors to Special Olympics Tent Town, and twin cities Moose Heart and Moose Haven. The big spring event is the 1st Annual Spring Biker Bash scheduled for May 22nd. Band, games and a poker run are planned. This will be a one-day event to get the summer started prior to our 11th Annual Biker Bash held in August, which is a two-day event! We welcome new members and guests to visit Circleville, OH Lodge 2440. Get involved and run with the herd!

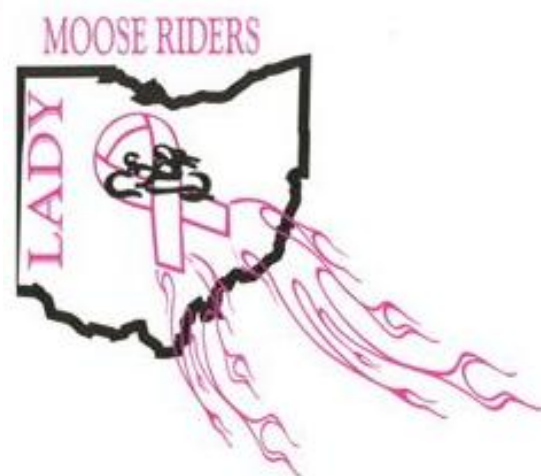
www.circlevillemooseriders.org (check out our website)

The Ohio State Moose Riders were represented at the Women's session during 2010 Mid-Year Conference held in Independence, Ohio February 11th – 14th. We are now breaking ground for the State Lady Moose Riders in order to get more women involved. There are more women riding today due to increasing gas prices, technological advancements in motorcycles, more independence and the overall excitement of riding. We are not a separate entity; we are only women getting together to further educate women riders within our herds and to try to get more women involved with the Moose Riders and organizing to bring in new members and do some fun "Girls Night Out" kind of things.

Not only are we trying to get more women involved with the Moose Riders, but we would also donate proceeds collected to organizations involving women's issues, such as breast cancer and domestic violence shelters.

The first Ohio State Lady Moose Rider meeting was held October 24, 2010 in Circleville, OH, one hour prior to the State Quarterly Moose Rider meeting with 14 women in attendance from various Lodges. The topics of discussions were education and awareness of women riders and supporting the Moose Riders from a Lady's viewpoint.

Sabrina Colburn, OSMA Moose Rider Chairperson



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Quarterly Meeting

Moose Riders

Open House



The Newark Moose Riders are hosting the Moose Riders Ohio State Quarterly meeting. Following the meeting we are having a Moose Riders Open House. It is open to all Moose members who would like to learn about who the Moose Riders are and what we are about.

<u>Where</u>	<u>Date and Time</u>
Newark Moose Lodge 235 West National Dr. Newark, OH 43055	Saturday April 17th. Doors open at noon. Meeting starts 1:00pm.



Cost: \$5.00

Entertainment

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Contact Information

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14th Annual

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Newark Moose Riders

2010 RIDES AND EVENTS SCHEDULE

APRIL 17TH, REGION 2 DISTRICT MEETING
MAY 10TH, BLESSING OF THE BIKES
MAY 23RD, RIDE TO THE AMA MUSEUM
JUNE 11TH-13TH OHIO BIKE WEEK OVERNIGHT TRIP
JUNE 26, RIDE TO TENT TOWN
JULY 11, BIKE-A-RAMA
JULY 24TH, CHRISTMAS IN JULY POKER RUN
AUGUST 7TH, DAYTRIP TO THE INDIAN LAKE MOOSE
AUGUST 21ST, OVERNIGHTTRIP TO NITRO MOOSE LODGE
SEPTEMBER 4TH, RIDE TO THE EASYRIDERS RODEO
OCTOBER 9TH, RIDE THE CIRCLEVILLE COVERED BRIDGE RUN
OCTOBER 23RD, DAYTRIP TO CIRCLEVILLE PUMPKIN SHOW

All rides leave the Newark Moose Lodge. Please contact the Newark Moose Riders for detailed ride information.
Phone 740-527-0667 Email mooseriders499@gmail.com



Christmas in July Poker Run

When & Where: July 24th @ Newark Moose Lodge
Rain date July 25th

Time: Registration 10:00-12:15, 1st Bike out @ 11:00, last bike out @ 12:30, last bike in by 5pm

Purpose: This function is to help raise money to purchase gifts for the local children at Christmas time.

Information: Prizes will be awarded for best hands. There will also be door prizes, 50/50 drawings, food, drink and entertainment. The ride is open to the public.

Please contact the Newark Moose Riders for more information.

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5th Annual Michigan Charity Ride June 4



Sparta, MI, Moose Riders are gearing up for a Special Olympics Ride on June 4, 2010. Riders are getting together to ride to Mt. Pleasant for a special reception and participate in an autograph session for Special Olympics Michigan athletes and participate in the Special Olympics Michigan Summer Game Closing Ceremonies in a unique "Rev It Up" moment. Participating riders and groups will receive special recognition at the Closing Ceremonies of the Special Olympics Michigan State Summer Games. Moose Lodges are organizing rides all over the state.

June is also the month for our 5th Annual Charity Run at the Sparta, MI, Lodge. Once

again we are hoping to raise lots of money for Hospice of Michigan. We'll be having a Motorcycle show as well as breakfast, raffles and a lot of fun.

Participating Riders Will Receive

- ❖ Free admission to the Rev It Up Ride Reception in Mt. Pleasant, MI.
- ❖ A light meal at the Rev It Up Ride Reception.
- ❖ A Rev It Up Ride Pin or other incentives.

For More Information

If you have any questions or would like more information regarding the Rev It Up Ride, please contact Jim Adams, Special Olympics Michigan, at (248) 370-0922 or jim.adams@cmich.edu.



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—Give these folks a medal

Michigan Riders Hit Bike Week, Tour Florida

Road Trip!

Ten members, including myself, from our group in Wyoming, Michigan, recently went to Florida for Bike Week. We had a great time even though it was quite chilly after the sun dropped (even for us Yankees).

We trailered to Daytona from Michigan. Once in Daytona we spent a couple of days there, then went to see the sights. We hit Cape Coral, where a former member had retired. Then off to the Keys, through Alligator Alley. NO alligators: it was apparently too cold.

We spent the night in Key Largo at the Moose Lodge there. They have a motel right at the Lodge, and everyone was extremely happy to have us visit there. I would recommend stopping at Key Largo if you have the opportunity.

From there to Miami, then to Orlando, then back to Daytona, with a short stop at the Space Center, mainly because I ran out of gas.

We managed to put a little over 1,000 miles on our bikes while in Florida [not to mention the 2548 miles driven to and from Michigan—editor] and we definitely enjoyed our visit. And, when we got back to Michigan, almost all the snow was gone. If you make it to Michigan, please stop by to say hi.

—*Sincerely, Al Saxbee, President Wyoming Moose Riders*

Find a link to Wyoming Moose Riders at <http://www.wotm1669.com/riders.html>



Wyoming, Michigan, Moose Riders

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Message from Florida's Moose Riders Chairman—

Reporting the Right Way: Getting Credit For It

Words from your State Chairman.

First thing first I want to thank each and everyone of you. If it wasn't for you Ladies and Guys, all this wouldn't be possible. We as Moose Riders are growing and growing, which means we are spreading Good Words about the Moose organization and raising great amounts of money to help our children and our elderly.

In our Officers' meeting in Sebring we had some special guests, which I will say I was nervous about when I knew in advance we had them coming, being that this would be my first meeting as Chairman. Our FBMA State President Steve DelCorso and our Vice President Chuck Myers joined us and met with our State officers prior to the Board meeting. I feel this meeting went really well. They have to have seen that we work really hard to do what we do. The most important thing we talked about is how we handle our funds. ALL Moneys (that includes Dues, Fundraising, Endowment, etc.), again ANY and ALL money raised or collected needs to go through our Recording Treasurer, Yvonne Hester. She will then make copies, record this information in our records, and deal with the funds appropriately.

We need to make sure everyone is doing this. This is the only way we the Moose Riders will get the credit for all our hard work and donations. The only time this is different is when you have an emergency fundraiser at your Lodge or District level and you need the money fast for the family or charity in need. If this is the case, turn funds in to your Lodge and have them write a check. In order to get credit, copy the check and receipt and send that copy to Yvonne. NO cash donations should be given out. Remember, the Moose (and that includes Moose Riders) is a charitable 501(3)c entity and subject to laws governing us. Bottom line, we need to do things the right way.

I am hoping everyone is working hard in their own Lodges and Districts for May 15th, which is not only the Blessing of the Bikes at Mooseheart, but also is International Moose Riders For Kids Day. If you can't go to Mooseheart, organize something in your Dis-

trict or Lodge. All money from this day needs to go to a children's charity, either at a national or local level. I would like to see reports of this day from all of you. This day means a lot to me. Let's make it big.

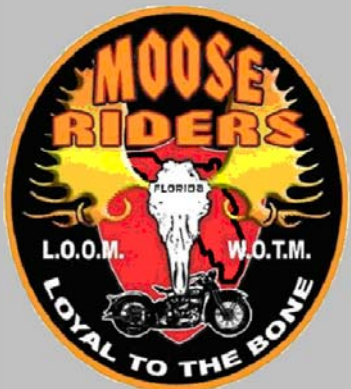
By the time this makes print our Spring Rally in Jacksonville will be over. Let's hope I didn't do anything wrong. I am sure we all had a great time. Thanks to MOTOR 39 and





our Moose Riders in NE Florida for all their hard work and for showing us all a really good time. Thanks, too, for raising more money for our Moose Riders charities. And now let's gear up for our Fall Rally at the Highlands County Lodge.

Again I thank you ALL for your Hard Work and Dedication.

—Mark (Tiny) Metcalf, Chairman, FBMA State Moose Riders



Moose Riders Calendar—Spring 2010

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Florida Moose Rider Events

April 16 & 17: State Convention Moose Riders Presentations-Tampa

May 15: Blessing of the Bikes—Mooseheart; International Kid's Day simultaneous Blessings at Florida Lodges

May 16: Laptop presentation at St. Charles Lodge, Illinois

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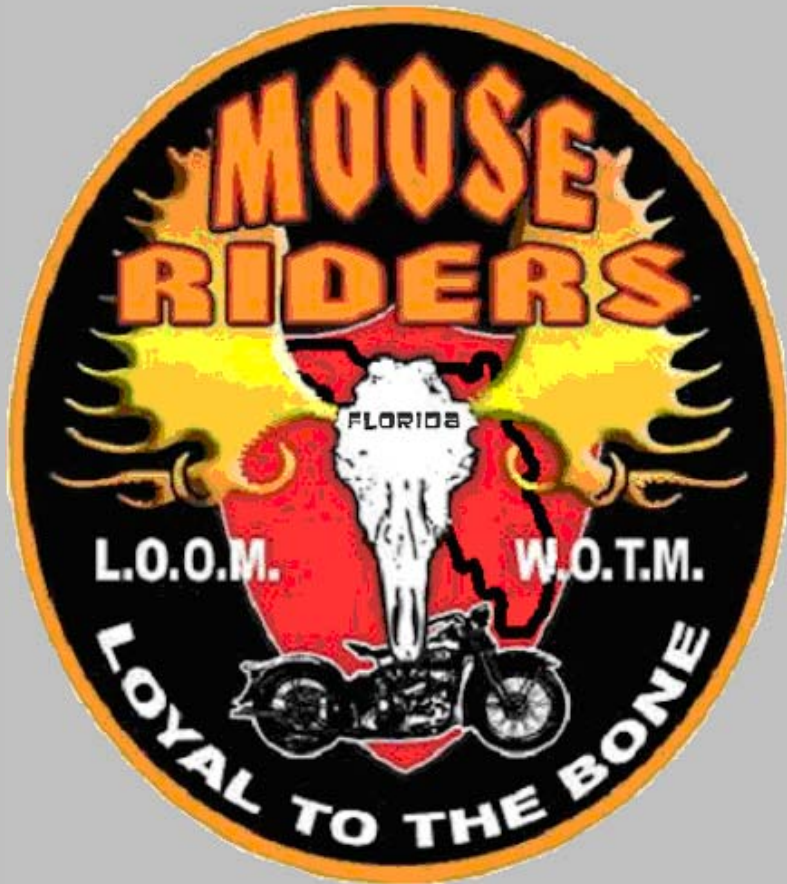
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