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## -Moose Riders Fundraising Knocks 'em Dead at State Moose Rider Presentation for WOTM at State

#### Recent Moose Rider Donations

- \$2785.52 from Florida Moose Rider money raised at Spring Rally to Moosehaven "Seat Cushion" Project for residents rocking chairs
- \$2785.52 from Florida Moose Riders to Mooseheart for the Driver Training Program
- \$700 from District 25 Moose Riders to the Mooseheart Driver Training Program
- \$500 from District 25 Moose Riders for the Special Olympics Fund

**FL Moose Riders Report** \$11,750 Raised at Rally Moose Riders were on the agenda at the Mid Year Conference in Tampa, both in the men's and women's sessions. For the past few years Past Chairman Carl Mays has been on the men's agenda, but this session marked the first time Moose Riders appeared on the women's agenda. Deputy Grand Regent Madeline Skiba (a fellow Moose Rider from West Boca) graciously extended the invitation to Moose Riders for this meeting. State Moose Riders Secretary Joan

Fedora addressed the Friday morning women's session giving co-workers an overview of Moose Riders structure, leadership, charities, fundraising and general spirit of men and women of the Moose working together. A show of hands revealed quite a few Moose Riders in the audience. She stressed women's involvement and leadership and introduced State Recording Treasurer Yvonne Hester to the attendees. At the conclusion of her report, Fedora called for-



Moose Riders State Secretary Fedora makes presentation at WOTM Session.

past Vice Chairman Charlie Titheridge filled in reporting that over \$33,000 had been raised for charities in the previous 6 months, including the \$11,750 raised at the Spring Rally in March. Titheridge told his audience that Moose Riders looked to be on mark by October to surpass the \$53,000 total raised the previous year. Following the presentation, State President Steve Del-Corso complimented the Moose Riders on their achievements and encouraged other

# What matters is being a part of something special and enjoying it.



L-R: Yvonne Hester, Recording Treasurer, J Fedora, Secretary, and Linda Rodgers, Mandarin Moose Riders Chairman.

ward Yvonne Hester and Mandarin 42 Chairman Linda Rodgers to "present" a

> check for \$11,750, representing the funds raised from the recent Spring Rally held at the Mandarin Lodge. It was an important event for women Moose Riders—an opportunity to let co-workers know what we're all about and, even more importantly, what we can do.

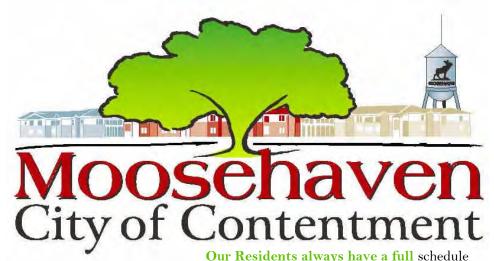
**Current Chairman** Mark Metcalf was unable to attend due to illness, but Moose members to attend one of our rallies or events.

Fedora, Titheridge and Hester also met with Scott Cushing to review accounts and streamline our reporting process to insure that Moose Riders get credit for their hard work and that State and Moose International are able to report our efforts correctly. Cushing provided the Board members with the check for the laptops before winding up the meeting.

It was a great weekend, with lots of interest and inquiries about Moose Riders and many accolades from fellow men and women of the Moose.—*Editor* 



#### July 2010





Boys sing "My Girl" at Palatka Legion Celebration



Verna Wilson (honorary lifetime Moose Rider member), sponsored into Moosehaven by Maplewood, MO Lodge 1086, on June 17 became Moosehaven's second annual winner of the Ms. Clay County Senior Beauty Pageant! **Our Residents always have a full** schedule of activities both on campus and off. We had our Ms. Moosehaven Pageant on May 27th and the winner was Carole McCoy with Verna Wilson placing as 1st runner up. The two ladies represented Moosehaven in the Ms. Clay County Senior Pageant and Ms. A.L.F of Clay County on the17th of June at the St. Giles Presbyterian Church. Ms. Wilson claimed the titled of Ms. Assisted Living and was interviewed by Channel 4. When asked why the pageant was important, she replied, "It's good for our ego. Sometimes as you get a little bit older you feel a little bit down... But this lifts you up.".

**On May 29th** we celebrated the retirement of our Administrator, Reggie Parkhouse, and Secretary Doris Johnson. Many residents, family, guests and friends filled the social quarters that evening to honor Doris and Reggie. After the cocktail hour a dinner was served. Doris and Reggie were presented with gifts, a cruise for Doris and a laptop computer for Reggie. Following the honors, there was music and dancing.

**On June 5th** we had a family day picnic

while the young men from the James J. Davis home at Mooseheart were visiting. More than a dozen Moose Riders from the Jacksonville area rode in for the picnic and engaged in a "tug of war" competition. The boys also spent time in Palatka for the Legion celebration along with many of our residents. They enjoyed a night of food, fun, pool playing and karaoke. The boys spent the first week in June with us and made some day trips including a trip to St. Augustine with some of our residents.

We have pancake breakfasts starting at 7:20 am planned for July 17th, July 31st and Aug.1st is our Moosehaven summer feast, and another pancake breakfast on August 14th.

We have our 4th annual Motorcycle Day planned for September 18th and hopefully our Moose Riders friends will be able to make it again this year. Our residents enjoy donning their "motorcycle" gear and parading around the grounds on their "bikes". Last year many had a chance to ride on the back of the Moose Riders' motorcycles and then enjoy a round of ice cream afterwards.

> October will be busy with Alabama Day October 9th, Low country boil Oct. 16th -District 13 sports - District Meeting Oct. 17th and District 13 Picnic Oct 17th, Moosehaven's 3rd Annual Halloween Trick-or-Treat event will be on Oct. 30th this year.

We certainly hope some of the Moose Riders will be able to join us for one or many of these events.

—Polly Rhoden, Director Moosehaven Campus Activities 📥



Tug of War with MOTOR 39 Moose Riders at Family Day—Doesn't look like much of a contest.



### -499 participants, and 350+ bikes Blessing of the Bikes Bigger and Better in 2010



Special Olympians and Mooseheart Scouts gather outside the Field House at the Blessing

# Here's an email (May 18th) from Chris Ecker following the Blessing:

"The re-revised total for registered attendees (riders & passengers) is now 499. We estimate that over 350 bikes were on the Mooseheart campus on Saturday. Of the attendees, we have noted that 188 were first timers.

Our best estimate (-before the final totals are verified by Moose International's Finance Department-) is that we raised a little over \$10 thousand dollars for our charities in one day.

My personal pre-event goals were to have 500 attendees and raise at least \$10 thousand this year. I thank you all for making that happen, and for helping us grow this event yet again.

Thanks again to "Little" Bill [Curran] from Lombard, Liza & Curt from St. Charles, Tom from Elgin, Tony from C'Ville, Pam at Moose Charities, the Lodge volunteers, the Mooseheart & Moose International volunteers and staff, our sponsors; Pierce H-D, Indian of Chicago, Foremost Insurance, Law Tigers, Last Shot, Zylstra H-D, Chiro One, WGN TV, Open Road Radio, DuKane

ABATE, Jeff Meyers, Rob at B&B, attendees and Moose Riders everywhere. In the weeks and months to come, we'll be looking for input for next year's event, and I hope you'll all be willing to share your ideas with us."

Sincerely and Fraternally,

Chris Ecker, Moose International, Assistant Director Membership Sports/ Fraternal Activities/Community Service descent



Left to Right: Chris Ecker (Moose International), Bill Curran (Lombard Lodge 2350), and Charlie Titheridge (Macclenny Moose Riders, FL) at Lombard on the eve of the Blessing.

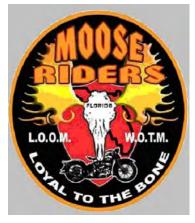


Moose Riders and friends gather at the field house at Mooseheart for traditional photo at the Blessing of the Bikes, May 15, 2010



### Moose Riders and Moose International-A Winning Team

Here's just a portion of the news article that appeared on the Mooseheart Child City & School Page following the Blessing of the Bikes Weekend. As you read through this issue, you will see that the Blessing was celebrated by Moose Riders all over the Country.



"Mid-May at Mooseheart means motorcyclists moving majestically around campus, before being bestowed with a blessing for safe travels in the upcoming riding season. The campus' Blessing of the Bikes ceremony

marked its seventh anniversary this year. The event has branched beyond the campus tour and the actual blessing at the House of God. In keeping with tradition, more riders raised more money than ever before to benefit the children at Mooseheart, and now, the Special Olympics softball program.

This year, Moose International Assistant Director of Membership Chris Ecker, who has organized the event since 2006, said over \$10,000 had been raised to date and more money continues to be received. A total of 347 motorcycles participated in the event, and 499 riders or passengers received the blessing. A year ago, 312 motorcycles and 401 attendees took part and raised \$8,285.

"My target this year was 500 - we're right in there," Ecker said. "My target, money-wise, was \$10,000. Maybe I should wish higher. . . I thanked the Connecticut riders for coming and they said 'Oh no, this is an every-year thing. Joan (Fedora) and Charlie (Titheridge) from Florida, this is their vacation. They plan every year to leave nice sunny Florida in mid-May and come to Mooseheart where, this time of year, it can be cold and damp.... "After the events at Mooseheart, the motorcyclists embarked on a charity run that took them to Pierce Harley-Davidson in DeKalb; St. Charles, IL Moose Lodge 1368; Indian Motorcycles of Chicago in South Elgin; Carpentersville, IL Lodge 1958; and finally the rideending celebration at Elgin, IL Lodge 799. On Sunday, May 16, Moose Riders from several Lodges presented each Mooseheart Class of 2010 graduate with laptop computers and printers for use in college or other posthigh-school endeavors. Moose Riders of the Florida/Bermuda Moose Association raised funds to buy 14 of the laptops, while St. Charles IL Lodge 1368 purchased another five. Moose Riders in Dorr, MI, and Carpentersville, IL, raised funds for another six computers in tandem with Moose Riders from Ohio; Palmyra, NY; Bullhead City, AZ; N. Hillsboro, FL; Copperas Cove, TX; and Downers Grove, IL, who also contributed funds for printers that were presented at the same time. This combined effort of laptops and printers represented about \$10,000 in fundraising on top of donations collected at the Blessing of the Bikes."-Source: http://www.mooseheart.org/ news/2010/Blessing.asp



Bike blessings mark a moment in which motorcyclists dedicate their thoughts to a safe riding season and one--especially for Moose members who also ride--in which their efforts will be dedicated to a variety of charitable causes. The actual blessing took place in front of Mooseheart's House of God, and was delivered by Mooseheart High School junior Jasmyn Singleton.

Source: http://www.mooseheart.org/news/2010/ Blessing.asp





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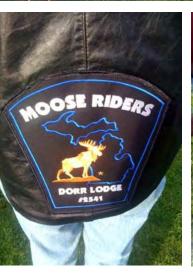






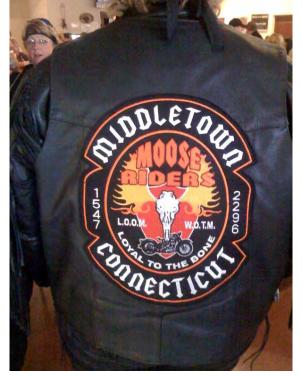
















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### -The Perfect Hosts Lombard Moose Riders Welcome Riders Back to Blessing



Special Olympics Global Ambassador Susie Doyans tries out bike with 'Lil' Bill Curran

#### News from Lombard Moose Riders 2350

I am sure that by now you have read the article posted on the Moose International Website regarding the 2010 Blessing of the Bikes, and I am sure you will agree that this event has far surpassed anyone's expectations, especially those of a little group of very determined Moose Riders from Lombard, Illinois, who refused to take NO for an answer. It is hard to express just how proud we are that this event has grown in attendance from our small group of 35 Moose Riders to an astonishing number this year of 347 motorcycles and 499 riders/passengers. You need to ap-



plaud yourselves for supporting this event, the children at Mooseheart, and Special Olympics. Until seven years ago, Mooseheart did not allow motorcycles on the grounds. The reason behind this was the safety and well being of the children. It became our mission to convince them that neither would be in jeopardy, but that

the exact opposite would be proved true. We then began our campaign to gain the acceptance of motorcycle riders as the caring and very generous people we are, who should be allowed to meet and spend time with the children we so generously support through the Moose Fraternity.

**Our little group**, headed by President, 'Lil' Bill Curran, began by talking with our Lodge governor about starting a Moose Rider Association in our Lodge. Ohio had had one for some time and they were sanctioned by Moose International as a legitimate "activity group". If they could do it, why couldn't we? Leaders at the State level agreed to let us start the first Moose Rider chapter in Illinois. We began drawing up By-Laws and after an approval process with the appropriate people, the deal was finally signed, sealed and delivered.

Armed with our newly found confidence and freshly signed By-Laws, we decided that it was time to open the gates of Mooseheart and share our time, talents and gifts with the children. There were still many people we had to convince. At this time we decided the best way to introduce motorcycles onto Mooseheart grounds would be to hold a "Blessing of the Bikes" at the House of God and have the blessing given by Reverend Reimenshneider (affectionately known as Reverend Tom) at Mooseheart. After many more meetings with the powers that be, and armed with a "personal guarantee of full responsibility" given by our President, Lil Bill Curran, Mooseheart agreed to our blessing on the grounds at the House of God. This first blessing was not only attended by Moose Riders, but also by the children who were fascinated by both riders and motorcycles. It was evident that the children weren't afraid and were anxious to participate and enjoy this event.

**Our success convinced** us to make this a yearly event at Mooseheart, with the hope that it would grow into an event that would be attended by many and shared by all. When Chris Ecker approached us with the idea that Moose International take over the planning, organizing and advertising of this event, we reluctantly handed over the reins and gave him our blessing. After four more years, and growing (continued on p. 10)

The view behind the Lombard Lodge on Sunday morning.



### Lombard Moose Riders Welcome . . . (continued from p. 9.)



A little Moose Rider to Moose Rider behind the Lodge.

support from all over, we reached a level of participation we could not have imagined or accomplished on our own. When Chris Ecker asked us to host the Blessing of the Bikes Friday Night party, we were happy to have the Blessing of the Bikes finally back home to where it all started, with the Lombard Moose Riders.

#### And what a party it was!!

Approximately 170 local and out-of state Moose Riders from Illinois, Connecticut, Iowa, Florida, Ohio, Indiana, Michigan and Missouri and our special guest, Chris Ecker, Assistant Director of Membership for Moose International, were there. We served a wonderful spaghetti dinner, cooked by Lombard Rider Knucklehead Bob Daehnke and his lovely wife Rita. Music was donated by Bob the DJ, President of the Batavia, IL, Moose Riders. Everyone had a great time making new friends and catching up with those they had met at previous Blessings. Everyone agreed that if Lombard was hosting the party again next year, that's where they would be.

**Saturday morning** we hosted breakfast on for Moose Riders interested in riding with us to Mooseheart for the Blessing. Thanks to the generosity of our Downers Grove, IL, chapter, 4 Illinois State Police Motorcycles escorted 60 of us for the 30 mile ride. We never put our feet on the ground.

The grandest moment of this event came when we started our ride to the House of God and, as we passed all of the waving children, flying from the side of one of the homes we saw a sign made from a bed sheet that simply said "Moose Riders, We Love You". I am still getting goose bumps as I write this article thinking about that sign.

We returned to Lombard that evening to party again with out-of-state friends and fellow Moose Riders. That's when we noticed some strange things happening. First, the Iowa City, IA, Moose Riders insisted we give them our "Blessing of the Bikes Comes Home" banner to hang at their Lodge or we would find it missing. Lombard agreed, but not until we all signed it. Second, we noticed one of our Moose Mascots was missing, replaced by a ransom note from the Maryville, OH, Moose Riders. Their intention was to ransom him back at a later date. We received a note explaining that our Mascot was working off his captivity by helping Ohio raise money for their rebuild project at Mooseheart and if we could not come rescue him, he would be returned in August when they returned to Mooseheart for the ground breaking of the new Sports Complex they had pledged to build.

**On Sunday morning** we had a breakfast buffet for Moose Riders to get them started on their journey home. It was then that we noticed another Moose Mascot missing and in its place was a ransom note from the Iowa City, IA, chapter of the Moose Riders. We will rescue him in September when we go to Iowa over Labor Day weekend.

Lombard is very proud of what we started seven short years ago. We don't know about you, but we always make sure to remind everyone that Mooseheart and Moosehaven are the reasons that the Moose Fraternity exists. Like it said on the first poster for the Blessing of the Bikes, "Put faces with the pictures that hang on the wall at your Lodge". If you have not had the opportunity to visit either City, you should make plans to do so. When you see who and what your membership in the Moose supports, you will understand how important your support is.

Fraternally yours,

*Dawn Curran, Public Relations Officer, Lombard MRA 2350* p.S.:Sorry this is so long, but it is official, Lombard will be hosting the Blessing of the Bikes Friday Night party again next year. If you missed it this year, plan on it in 2011!!!





# Florida, Illinois and Michigan Riders Donate Laptops Mooseheart Class of 2010 & Moose Riders Celebrate

The Senior Classes continue to grow in size and the Moose Riders of Florida, Illinois and Michigan need your help to keep this program alive. Be a part of this wonderful giving event by making a pledge.

\$500 will cover the cost of one laptop and one printer that's all we're asking.

Step up and take the challenge! Contact either Liza Chamberlain of the St. Charles Lodge at: nohat79@yahoo.com; Phyllis Johnson of Dorr, MI, at: PJT5902@aol.com ; or Joan Fedora, Florida State Moose Riders Secretary at: fbmanews@yahoo.com.

One way or other we'll be back to do this again next year. Don't you want to be a part of it, too? **Once again this year,** all 24 graduating seniors in the Class of 2010 at Mooseheart left with a laptop and a printer--tools we hope will help them in their next endeavors. Working with the St. Charles Lodge and the excellent coordination efforts of Liza Chamberlain, riders from Illinois, Michigan and Florida raised enough money to fund this project, with Florida providing 14 of those laptops.

**St. Charles Lodge** held its essay contest again for the seniors asking them to describe how Mooseheart changed their lives. Only 5 of the 24 students would be selected as winners of the laptops (or so the students thought). One by one the 5 winners were announced and each read his or her winning essay, each essay tugging at the heartstrings of the listeners. At the end it was hard not to notice the disappointment on the faces of the students who didn't win. Rumors were rampant after Florida's appearance last year with 12 computers, but that day only 5 computers were on display.

Ken Emanuelson of St. Charles stepped up and explained that it had been a difficult year for everyone, what with the bad economy and all, and told the students how hard it had been to raise the funds for the five winners. Florida continued the economic hardship theme and how we struggled to raise money the past year. The children looked even more disappointed. It was difficult to

continue the charade. With that, Charlie Titheridge announced that despite struggles, and thanks to Moose Riders from Dorr, MI, and Carpentersville, IL, and 14 computers from Florida, each student would, indeed, receive a computer. But what about printers? Last year South Carolina raised the funds to purchase combination printers for all of the students. With only about 60 days until the Blessing, South Carolina announced they would not be providing the printers this year. Suddenly the internet was alive with emails to every Moose Rider group we had an address for. Thanks to our riders in Copperas Cove, TX, Palmyra, NY, Ohio Moose Riders, N. Hillsboro, FL, and Downers



J. Fedora speaks with Mooseheart Senior. Note stack of computers and printers on the left.

Grove, IL, enough money was raised in less than 60 days to purchase printers for everyone. As Charlie said when he made the announcement, "Ah, now we're starting to see some teeth out there", as the smiles covered all of their faces.

With all that said, representatives from Florida, Michigan and Illinois stepped



Laptop essay winner.

forward to personally hand out the laptops and printers to the kids. One by one they came forward, identified themselves and told everyone what they planned to do after school. It was, once again, an overwhelming and rewarding experience. All of the Moose Riders enjoyed a hug or embrace from every single student. Then it was time for the party and the karaoke. Some of the Moose Riders joined in with the kids for a "Cuban Shuffle" before leaving them to enjoy a party they truly deserved.

**Riders, future classes** are getting bigger. We expect 26-27 next year. We are looking for your help. <u>\$500</u> will buy one excellent laptop and one combination printer, fax, scanner for a student. Imagine, one whole year to raise only \$500. Please take this up with your groups and let's hear back from you with a pledge! Contact <u>fbmanews@</u> <u>yahoo.com</u>. Share the distinct pleasure next year of presenting these wonderful children with a tool for success.—*Editor* 





Dear moose Riders for mooseneart is truely appreciated. I want to take the time and give you thanks for receiving a laptop and printer. It was amazing how in Managed to raise money and another that a money and Dear Moose Riders, Worv!! Thank you goys so much for the laptops & printers you have donated to me + my class. I can't believe the generosity that has been geared towards me + my, class. of the Senior class. Once again Your time + dedication to Mooseheart + its inhabitants has been gratly appreciated. It is something that I haven't overlooked + will not thank you for everything. ever be lorgofting. It to saves me time t money Diane Chaquez. for my transition to college. Thank you so much !! Pier Pug I would like to thank you for the 1250 Gitt card, lopep. and Printer. I am so greated because I don't have become about Dear Moose Riders, Purchasing a leptop for college. I Rel a lot more prepared for college must be to be the log by T will lake people and Dear moose Midenzy College now that I have this lap top I will take great cave of if and use it well. There are not meaning People in this world who You goys one accessome, yourpulled off the biggest surprise I have had in Guille. Your would step up and sacrifice for a group of boys and girls you selfless behavoir has given us great gifte that will don't know. Thank you and you will always be in my heart. last for along time and help us in shood. I thank you For your girts: a leptop case, printer, and giftard, and E know I will yes these gifts for my future obstacles. Var generally continues to grow and I won't lie, I almost cried at the laploppesentation, Var contract Dunt P Sincerio) to when hearts every bear. God bless the Marsh Riders. Sincery. Refe King Deur Moose Riders There you very much for the leptops and Prinkers. I was block away from facility Just a handful of the thank you these gifts. It will help me tons to notes we received from each and be able to type and go on the internet every graduating senior. If you for school. You have taught me how to work herd to help others and that ever doubted what we do or It is fearly good to vourteer to help people in need. I will leave here and try to Why we do it, Cepresent Mooseheart as good as you do it. What more proof do you need? Hope to Keep in contact with you. Be a part of this next year, Pledge Sirrorely ishown a computer!! Contact J. Fedora @ fomanews@yahoo.com



# Save the Date! FSYR 53rd Anniversary Open House—Live Oak



This year's annual Florida Sheriffs Boys Ranch Open House and Horse Show will provide an enjoyable and exciting weekend for everyone. The event will be held on Friday, October 1,



2010, through Sunday, October 3, 2010. The Open House and Horse Show offers free primitive camping, horse games, live entertainment and many other activities. Admission is \$5 for the entire weekend. **The event will kick off** Friday with Pole Bending and a free chicken pilau dinner at 5:00 p.m. All attendees are invited to stay and enjoy entertainment in the music tent. Saturday will offer the Texas Barrel Weave and Buddy Pickup, a barbecue lunch, tours of the Florida Sheriffs Boys Ranch and more live entertainment. There will be a Worship Service Sunday prior to the games resuming. **The mission** of the Florida Sheriffs Youth Ranches is to prevent juvenile delinquency and develop lawful, productive citizens through a broad range of family-centered services. This year, the Youth Ranches will serve over 5,000 boys and girls.

The interest and support of thousands of Floridians have helped make the Boys Ranch one of the finest residential group child-care programs in the nation. Since October 1, 1977, the Boys Ranch has been part of a larger organization, now known as the Florida Sheriffs Youth Ranches, Inc. This charitable, nonprofit corporation operates four residential child-care campuses and two Youth Camps. Additionally, it provides communitybased services and family counseling to as many of Florida's neglected, troubled children as funds will permit. Voluntary contributions are the primary source of funding, especially thoughtful gifts made through special bequests in wills and trusts.

**The Florida** Sheriffs Youth Ranches, Inc. is nationally accredited by the Council on Accreditation of Services for Families and Children, Inc. and the American Camp Association. For more information, please visit <u>www.youthranches.org</u> or contact your local Sheriff. [Ed. Note: If you are planning a ride in October for the Open House, contact Frank Kenny in advance at fkenny@youthranches.org]

# Gator Fans Donate "Gator" Bike for Raffle to Benefit FSYR and UF



Former UF Quarterback Tim Tebow autographing the gas tank of the "Gator" bike.

Purple Chopper of Deland and Ocala has built and designed a beautiful orange and blue motorcycle that will be given to one lucky fan who enters a special drawing. The tank on the bike was signed by Coach Urban Meyer and Heisman Trophy winner Tim Tebow. Proceeds from this special drawing will equally benefit the University of Florida Foundation and the Florida Sheriffs Youth Ranches. Tickets went on sale in April and are going fast. If you want to purchase a ticket, please visit purple-chopper.com or call 386-490-0366.







We had our Fun Run on May 2. We met at

Moose Lodge 1899 in Ft. Myers for breakfast. The response we got from the Lodge was great even with 32 people coming through the door. The Administrator forgot to tell the bartender we were coming. She said she found out we were arriving 15 minutes before we got there. (Lesson learned: always call day before to remind the stop we will be there.)

We continued on the ride to Goodland, Florida .



District 25 Raises over \$1000 on their 5/15 Kids Run

Along the way one of our guys had his rear brake pedal and foot rest come off his bike. Stevie's Tomato on 951 & Immokkollie Rd gave him a broken cue stick and he improvised a foot rest (we offered to chrome it for him if wanted to keep it). We then went to the Iron Rhino on 41 and Route 92. If you ever get down near Marco Island, stop in there. It is the best bike bar in Collier County. From there we continued on to Stan's in Goodland, another good place to visit but no shade. We finally found a place 1 building down that had air and dollar drafts. After that we headed home. We logged 162 miles and signed up 2 new members.

**Our 5/15 Kids Run** started out at Harley Davidson in Ft. Myers. We had 67 riders on a 91 mile long ride. We would like to thank them for all their help. We then went to the Moose Lodge in Tice, then on to Tillie's Tap in Punta Gorda. From there we went to the Slip-Not Lodge in Punta Gorda. We would like to thank all 3 of them for making us feel welcome and treating us great. The final stop was at the Lodge 2199 in Cape Coral. Unfortunately, they had scheduled another function that day, so we ended up going down the street to the Santa Barbara Grillhouse. Ray the owner loved having 30 bikes pull up.

At the end of the day we signed up another 2 new Moose members and 4 more Moose Riders and raised a little over \$1000 to send to Mooseheart and Special Olympics.

A very special THANK YOU goes to our sponsorship committee, who raised a over \$900 in gift certificates and cash. Good going Sammi, Linda, Debra, Joe & Tracey. District 25 now has a website thanks to our Webmaster Tracey Petrone. She created and updates our member website, <u>www.themooseriders.com</u>. She also set it up so the new members can do their applications right on the web site.

We have a Twilight Run set up for June 11th. With heat so bad in the daytime, we thought an evening run would be different. We have a fun run set up for July 25 with a cookout afterward at a member's private lake.

Michelle Roberts , District 25 Secretary/Treasurer



Fun Run Moose Riders Finally Find Some Shade



July 2010



**On May 16<sup>th</sup>** at the District 19 Picnic, the North Hillsboro Moose Riders raised money for the district coffers by sponsoring a horseshoe tournament. The Moose Riders also sponsored their first ever Best Bike Contest. N. Hillsboro Moose Riders set up a special area in front of the Lodge for all the bikes, so everyone attending the meetings and picnic could admire the beautiful machines. Participants included a wide variety of bikes from stock rides to customs and trikes. Also included was a

"Huffy Davidson" which proved to be a real crowd pleaser. Attendees voted for their favorite bike, and a striking white custom trike with a matching trailer took home first prize. **On June 5th,** N. Hillsboro Moose Riders had their 1<sup>st</sup> annual Poker run for the Humane Society of Tampa Bay and raised \$575.00! It



Humane Society Run on June 5th was a fun ride and visited the surrounding Moose Lodges in Tarpon Springs, Palm Harbor and Oldsmar. Riders from around the district came out to support the cause and have their chance at the raffles and other prizes. The event was posted on BikersPost.com, who sent a photographer to the Lodge and pictures of many of the riders can be seen on their webpage at: <u>http://</u> <u>cwfl.bikerspost.com/photo/albums/</u> n-hillsboro-mooseriders-first

May 22nd, Riverview Riders along with Riders from North Hillsboro, Spring Hill, and MR District 23/Avon Park/Highlands County rode in the Bud Run, an annual event hosted by the local Bud distributor, Pepin Distributor, to raise money for a child in need. This year, the ride was to support little Adriana Mininno. On Nov. 2,2009, Adriana was diagnosed with a medullablastoma. It was a brain tumor in the back of her head. She had two surgeries to remove the tumor and subsequently underwent six weeks of



daily radiation treatment as well as weekly chemo injections. She is now undergoing nine cycles of maintenance chemo. Adriana responded very well to all of the medication. Because of the location of the tumor, she has lost some balance and motor control, as well as some vision. She has physical therapy twice a week to help her regain her strength and balance. Adriana will soon finish her first cycle and be admitted to ACH for a 3 day stay to begin the second cycle, followed by two weekly chemo injections. Everyone is hopeful that she will continue to progress. She has proven to be quite a fighter. Both the Riverview Moose Riders and District 23 Moose Riders sponsored the ride and had our logos, along with other sponsors, displayed on the Grand Prize of the day, a 7' x 14' enclosed trailer. The Moose Riders also won a trophy for the largest riding group there. We had 75 riders out of an estimated 500 participants.

An auction followed the ride and several items were won by Moose Riders. The highlight of the auction came when a couple of Riverview riders got in a bidding war on a Budweiser refrigerator. The winning bid of \$1,025.00 topped Pepin owner J Paul's highest bid of the afternoon. J Paul offered to personally order another refrigerator for the "losing bidder" if he would match the final bid and the offer was accepted. In total, the FL Moose Riders raised around \$3,450.00 for this young lady. Congratulations FL Moose Riders! Pictures of the event can be seen on our Lodge photo album at: <u>http://</u> picasaweb.google.com/lodge2158/

BudRun2010#

—Submitted by David Carlile 📥



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MOTOR 39 has been busy since the Rally. Most notably, we had a Rotten Egg Hunt on the Saturday following Easter. Riders met the Moosehaven Michigan build-

ing to register and chew the fat with the residents. Finally the rules of the run were provided. Aha - each rotten egg had a point value, but only Tom and Crystal knew the magic numbers. Each rider and passenger got three rotten eggs to kick off the run, and additional eggs at each stop. First stop was Middleburg Lodge for the second egg pick where they enjoyed a great lunch menu. Then it was kickstands up for a cruise to Mandarin Lodge. After some rest and hydration, the riders picked another three rotten eggs and headed for the final stop at Lakeshore Lodge.

With much anticipation, and after having an opportunity to purchase extra eggs, the points values were revealed. High point total went to Robert from Mandarin Lodge, who won half the donations. After buying every member who was in the run a beverage, he kindly donated the remainder to the Mooseheart computer fund. With a successful run in the books, and the riders looking forward to next year, MOTOR 39 donated \$255.00 to the computer fund from the first annual Rotten Easter Run.

**Yvonne Hester,** Joan Fedora, Linda Rodgers and Charlie Titheridge attended the State Mid-Year to cheer on Joan as she made the first ever Moose Rider presentation at a Women's session. At the last minute, Charlie was called upon to speak at the Men's session in place of Tiny Metcalf. Yvonne, Joan and Charlie also met with State Secretary Scott Cushing to review Moose Riders accounts and procedures.

Of course, in May Joan and Charlie were in



MOTOR 39 Riders with Mooseheart Boys



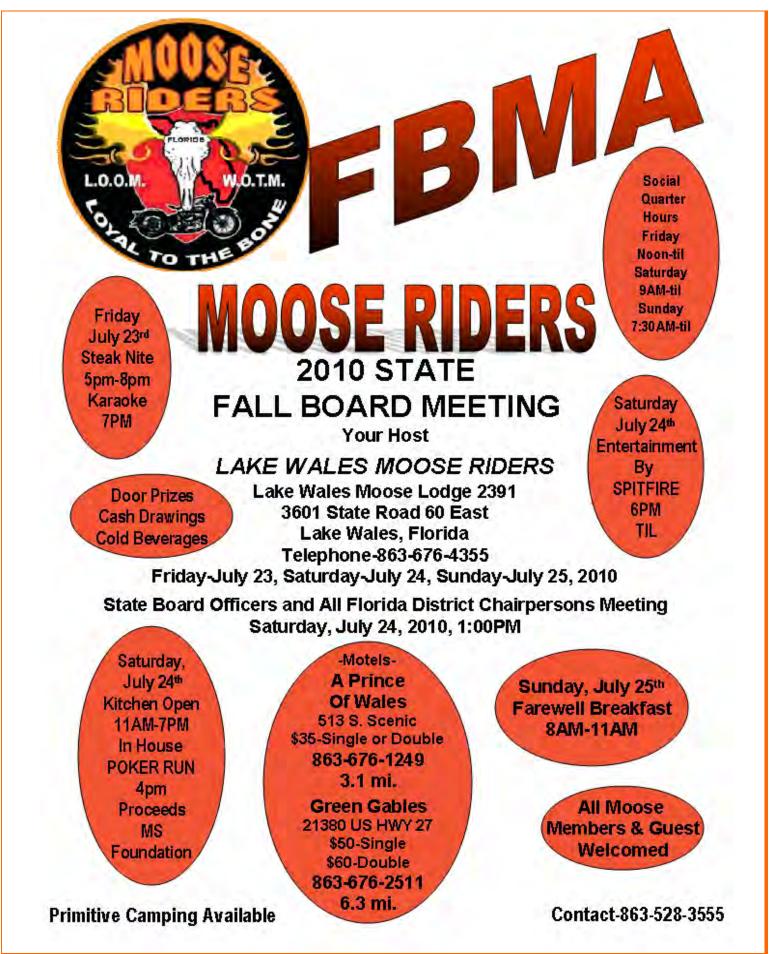
The route was lined with people cheering and waving

Illinois to represent Florida Moose Riders and give out the 14 laptops to the graduating seniors. [More about that on page 11] Spur of the moment turned out to be the BEST of the moment for the Riders of Mandarin #42 in May. With short notice, we gathered up a handful of Riders to participate in an escort of WWII Veterans. Close to a hundred bikes met at a local high school to escort a proud bunch of WWII Veterans to Jacksonville airport for a free trip to the WWII Memorial in D.C. Honor Air makes it possible for men and women who fought and sacrificed for our country to visit this memorial. The First Coast Honor Air (sponsored by local Rotary Club) made it possible for over 100 Jacksonville area WWII Veterans to visit the WWII Memorial in Washington D.C. free of charge. This is the 5th trip they have sponsored giving over 340 Veterans the opportunity to visit the memorial. The route was lined with people cheering and waving flags. We had a chance to shake the hands of many of these honored veterans and received a commemorative patch for our participation-a small gift compared to the pride and honor we all felt as Americans.

**Following the ride,** a MOTOR 39 meeting was held in Palatka. At our meeting our Chairman, Keith Green announced that due to some time constraints and personal matters, he was stepping down from his position. Tom Faucett, current Vice Chairman, graciously stepped up to replace Keith. After the meeting we rode to Crescent City Lodge and other watering holes and stopped off for a nice dinner.

On June 5, 13 Moose Riders stopped by Moosehaven for the family day picnic and met the boys from Mooseheart. It's been a good couple of months. —*Tom Faucett & Linda Rodgers [Mandarin Chairperson)* ♠







**KUDOS to ALL** Moose Riders for the great work done to make this year's Blessing of the Bikes a huge success. We have snowballed into the finest extension of Moose International around the nation and I do not see us melting any time soon.

A Poker Run celebrated on Saturday, May 15<sup>th</sup>, International Moose Ride for Kids Day, took us to Lodges in our district and ended at the Florida Sheriffs Youth Villa. District 20 Moose Riders presented a check to the Villa for \$1,000.00 and 10 laptops donated by Lockheed Martin, contributed by our newest Moose Rider group, Auburndale. Haines City Riders donated stuffed animals to some of the girls. A celebration at the Lake Wales Moose Lodge following the Poker Run channeled into the late hours of the evening. At our May 16th District meeting, Lodge Moose Riders presented funds raised the past few months for our Florida Moose Riders goal. Auburndale Chairperson Jim Durbin, presented \$150 to the district, Haines City Chairperson Cindi Sanders, presented a check for \$500, and Lake Wales Chairperson Gina Perrin presented another \$750 to the district. A recap was reported on the previ-



Moose Riders with the girls from the Youth Villa.

ous day's events and another \$454 was presented from the Poker Run. Add it all up; the District 20 Moose Riders raised \$1,854 for our towards our \$3000 goal for Moosehaven, Mooseheart, and the Florida Sheriffs Youth Ranches.

#### Auburndale Moose Riders News

Meet the latest group of Moose Riders in District 20 starting with 18 members and recruiting every day. Only two months old, these Riders have already donated 10 laptops to the Villa and support our district. They have an ongoing drive for used ink cartridges and are a big part of remodeling their new Lodge. Rider, William Hackedy, has rounded up tables and chairs, a hood with ansel system and triple sink for the kitchen. All Riders are invited to join Auburndale Moose Riders Wednesday evenings for their weekly ride to other district Lodges. Find them at 2430 7<sup>th</sup> Street SW, Winter Haven, FL.

Haines City Moose Riders News On April 14<sup>th</sup>, Haines City Moose Riders

showed support for a fellow Rider, Doug Bruce, who was involved in an automobile accident and suffering from financial distress. It only took 3 hours, a fried chicken dinner with all the fixins', a cash drawing, a mini poker; and approximately 40 Riders and 20



Haines City provided stuffed Animals at the Villa.

non-members donated \$1,000 to aid Doug. Good job, Haines City Moose Riders.

Lake Wales Moose Riders News Community Service and Brotherly Love has been the Lake Wales itinerary the past few months. Riders joined forces with the Lake Wales WOTM selling Jell-O shots to support WOTM events. The \$167 was donated to the WOTM charities. \$400 is donated yearly to the LOOM for the cost of utilities and paper supplies. \$180 support for the People to People program will help a student from Lake Wales HS enjoy an educational trip in Australia this summer. Rider Jane Wyrosdick organized a year-end party for Roosevelt Academy special needs children who volunteered at Webber International University to do grounds work, help in the kitchen, and general clean-up. Lake Wales Governor and Moose Rider Tom Brading grilled hamburgers and hot dogs for the students and Lake Wales Moose Riders presented them with Wal-mart gift certificates and a Lake Wales Charter Patch.

Lake Wales District 20 is geared up for the State Board meeting on July 24<sup>th</sup>. They have a weekend of activities planned and some surprises too. Lake Wales is looking forward to seeing all their friends from around the state of Florida and hoping some of the Riders from out of state can drop by. Visit District 20 website - mooseriders20.com e-mail-<u>mooseriders20@live.com</u>. See you in July. *Regina "Gina" Perrin, Chairperson, District 20* 



The next few months will be very busy for the Moose Riders. On June 5<sup>th,</sup> District 23 gave away hot dogs and soft drinks to the public, in the parking lot of Advanced Auto Parts in Avon Park. On June 26th Highlands County Riders had a Rally Support Poker run starting at Dot's Restaurant in Sebring and ending with a Pork Steak Dinner at Highlands County Lodge. We are working hard on Rally preparations. Check out the flyer, registration form and hotel information on the next few pages. We attended the Bud run in Tampa with District 19 bunch. There were 20 riders who left Avon Park to ride. We did a total of

8000 miles and helped to raise \$25,000 for Adriana Minnino, a 6-year old cancer patient. With the help of Riverview and N Hillsboro, and Spring Hill, we had the largest group supporting the rally. We took the trophy home for Moose Riders..

We have a rally support poker run planned on July 17th. We will ride to the locations of our rally supporters. Every third Saturday of the month Highlands County Moose Riders puts on a dinner at the Highlands Lodge. We now have three Lodge groups Arcadia, Sebring, and Highlands County. Lake Placid is starting their own group soon.

—Gary Dunford, Jr. 📥



Merritt Island Cow Riders Doris (Secretary/Treasurer), Nancy, MaryKay, Susan & Jeannie

14 Moose Riders of MerrittIsland Lodge 2073 attendedFlorida Days at Moosehavenand presented a check for\$500.00 to John Capes, Directorof Moosehaven

An All-U-Can-Eat Spaghetti dinner was held by the Moose Riders on May 8<sup>th</sup> and the money raised will be given to Mooseheart. Some of the women Moose Riders got together to do a "Cow Ride" up to Flagler Beach and the Loop in Daytona. Being as female moose are called "cows", the girls named their ride the "cow" ride and they all had stuffed cows and little Tommy Mooses on their bikes. We sure got a lot of attention. People in cages wanted to know what the cow was all about. After we explained we got a thumbs up from them. June 26<sup>th</sup> our Moose Riders went to Deleon Springs State Park.—Doris de Hello from South Florida. We haven't had anything big to write about, just our regular meetings and barbecues. We recently joined forces with District 2 for their Annual Bike Rally and had a long day of fun and "moose milk". We raised some money for charity and made some new friends.

We're hoping to schedule some events in the next few months, and we are looking forward to taking part in the District 2 Lake Ride coming up. Sorry we missed Jacksonville's rally (work comes first). We heard it was a blast, but will see y'all in Lake Wales. —Gary Mundorf, Chairman, District 4 de







## Fall Rally Accommodations/Directions

## FREE PRIMITIVE CAMPING AT LODGE & & ATM ON PROPERTY

### Hotels in the Area

1. Quality Inn: \$65.99 6525 US Hwy 27 N. Sebring, FI 33870 (863)385-4500 Pool, Lounge, Rest. Miles from Lodge 4.15

#### 2. Economy Lodge: \$59.95

2511 US Hwy 27 South. Avon Park, FI 33825 (863)453-2000 Pool Miles from Lodge 2.57

- 3. Holiday Inn: \$89.99 4400 US Hwy 27 N. Sebring, FI 33870 (863)386-1115 No Amenities Miles to Lodge 5.13
- 4. Jacaranda Hotel: \$59.99 19 E. Main St. Avon Park, FI 33825 (863)453-2211 Pool & Rest. (older hotel) Miles to Lodge 1.38

## **Directions:**

\* Coming from the South: Take US 27 north to Bell St. in Avon Park. Make a left at Burger King, pass one setof stop signs. Moose is on the right.

\* Coming from the North: Take US 27 South to Bell St. In Avon Park, make a right after Burger King (Bell St.) Pass one set of stop signs, Moose on the right.



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**I hope** this finds every one doing well and having fun, riding hard, free and safe. Here in the Northwest corner we got oil, sunshine and empty hotel rooms. Plenty of room on the beaches. Did I mention OIL !!!! To our friends in New Orleans, OIL does not stand for, ONLY IN LOUISIANA. OK then, enough about that mess. On March 21st our Mark Daniels Medical Fund Run was a huge success. 100+

riders, and we raised \$1800 for his and our charities. We had great a great breakfast and pizza for lunch. The Moose Riders of 557 are doing a great job.

**The Bike Blessing** & Spring Rally totally rocked, although we didn't have the turnout we should of had ( tried to do too much at one time ). The people that did come had a great time. As you can see it wasn't only bikes that were blessed.

As of June 13th I have stepped down as the Moose Riders 557 Chairman. The newly positioned 557 Chairman is Ted A. Robinson. I am now going to focus on putting the rest of district 15 together.

**Our upcoming event** will be August 15, 2010, Moose Rider Rib Cook Off. This will be held at 8851 Lewis St, Pensacola FL, at the Lodge 557. Hope y'all come hungry and/or ready to cook.

#### In Memory of a Rider Down

Jimmy Manning was the best recruiter and Moose Rider rep., as well as a good friend. He always would go out of his way to get the job done. He was no saint, but he had a heart of gold. What little time I got to call him brother will be carried in my memories forever. Jimmy was doing what he loved to do, helping someone in need, when at approximately. 9:30 pm on June 21st, he lost control of his motorcycle after hitting gravel in a curve. Jimmy and his passenger both perished at he scene.

**Jimmy had recently** moved from Pensacola, FL, to Camden Arkansas. and had transferred to Hot Springs Moose Lodge, where he was heading up the start of Moose Riders for their Lodge.

— Tommy Thunder Shananaquet, CHAIRMAN DISTRICT 15 MOOSE RIDERS, A.K.A. J. Mier 📥



Riders gather for photo during Mark Daniels Medical Fund Run



We Blessed More than Just Bikes

## IN MEMORIAM



EARNEST JAMES MANNING 1964—2010

On behalf of the Florida Moose Riders, I would like to extend our deepest sympathies to Jimmy's family and friends. —*Editor*.



# Moose Riders Summer Cruisin' and Lampin'

**Summer is here** and for many of us vacation time is as well. That just might mean a road trip, either in your area or region or even

Jhere are more and more motorcycle-friendly campgrounds, resorts and lodges to be found these days

perhaps to another state. What with the economy and all, some folks are wondering if they can get away at all this year. Perhaps a pricey resort or even a nice motel isn't in your budget this year.

Since many riders are more mature or middle-aged (or graying baby boomers), bike riding for the general population is more and more common. Used to be that a lot of resorts or campgrounds frowned on the motorcycle rider. They fed off the old biker stereotype of leather-clad, hard drinking, troublemaking, rabble-rousing men and women on loud bikes partying long into the night. Definitely not a profile welcome in "family" oriented campgrounds or many other places for that matter.

The good news is that there are more and more motorcycle-friendly campgrounds, resorts and lodges to be found these days The stereotype has shifted with the baby-boomer population maturing and discovering Goldwings and trikes and the pure enjoyment of riding. I found a bunch of facilities online. Many are strictly bikes-only resorts, many located in prime riding areas, like up in the mountains in N. Carolina, Tennessee, near Deal's Gap, Pennsylvania or off some county road out in the sticks. Some offer fullyappointed cabins or, if you are trailering with a camper, there are RV parks that are bikefriendly as well.

And don't forget many Moose Lodges provide hookups at very reasonable rates. Some, however, require that you call in advance. But considering the location—social quarters and good inexpensive food—it's worth checking into. The Lodge locator on the international site (http://www.mooseintl.org/ Public/MooseSearch.aspx) will tell you if they offer camping or RV hookups and provide contact information. And even if they don't have camping facilities, stop by a Lodge to support them.

**But for those of you** who like to pitch a tent and commune with nature, rest assured,

there's a campground out there for you. Rates average from \$10-20 a night (depending on the number of people) and even the lodges or cabins are reasonable when you share with some buddies. Some of the resorts offer lakes or pools, game rooms, events, activities, and even internet access! Just by googling on the internet you can find national parks, privately owned grounds and even the KOA Kampgrounds have cabins. A \$14 KOA Kard will get you discounts on your Kampground stays and other things as well.

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Here's just a sampling of the places I found online. Some of the directory sites will list places throughout the country. Some are just specific resorts—most in the mountains.

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If you run across a site you want to share with others, just email me at fbmanews@ yahoo.com. We'd love your input and recommendations. And maybe you even have a vacation story to share.—*Editor* 



Haines City Rally, September 2010

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# National News



### -Moose Riders on the move Texas Moose Riders Big Part of Printer Campaign

Well, three more months down and we are in full riding season. Man it's good to be a rider in Texas—11 months out of the year with no problem.

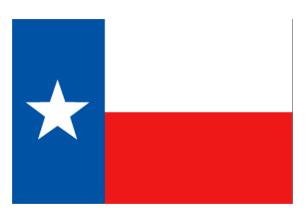
**Our group is now** up to 17 members and growing. That may not sound like a lot but coming from a Lodge of about 180 members, that's pretty good.

**Recently our Moose Riders** have visited Lodge #10 in Kansas City, MO, and Lodges in Fairbanks, AK, North Pole, AK, Huntsville, AL, and Nashville, TN. Watch out you might have Moose Riders C2 near you soon.

We were not able to make the Blessing of the Bikes, but we were able to contribute to the donation to the graduating seniors. Moose Riders C2 helped with the collection—with other Moose Riders in other states—of over \$1700.00, enough to purchase printers for the each of the graduating seniors at Mooseheart. It was great being able to help out. Additionally we conducted our own Blessing on May 15<sup>th</sup>. We were able to bless 12 bikes and had to bury one bell. **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 <u>www.rotrally.com</u>. I will say it definitely should be in the top 10 of Motorcycle Rallies, with over 40,000 participants a year.

**Look for more** good things to come out of Texas. Y'all come see us. And remember, *four wheels can move a body but two wheels will move your soul.* 

#### —David McPhail 📥



Moose Riders C2, Copperas Cove, TX



May 15th Blessing of Moose Rider Bikes at the C2 Lodge



# -More like a reunion than a Blessing St. Charles Lodge Hosts Laptop/Printer Party





St. Charles Moose Riders welcome the Mooseheart Class of 2010 on Sunday for laptop presentation.

May is a great month for us here in St. Charles, IL. We have the Blessing of the Bikes and we look forward to seeing old friends and meeting new ones when they are here to visit Mooseheart for the Blessing. This year, the St. Charles Lodge was one of the stops on the Bike Run following the Blessing and we had quite a turnout. But most exciting for us is the day after the Blessing, the day for the last several years that we have hosted the Senior Laptop Presentation. This year we were excited to have even more of our fellow Moose Riders not only attend the celebration but contribute to this gift to the graduating class. In total 21 laptops and 24 printers were purchased through the combined efforts of ourselves; Florida MRA; Dorr, MI; Carpentersville, IL (laptops); and Ohio MRA; Copperas Cove, TX; Downers Grove, IL; Bullhead City, AZ; Palmyra, NY; and North Hillsboro, FL (printers). I would like to thank everyone again for making this a success and especially those who rallied at the last minute to raise and donate money for the printers. The 2011 class is projected to be about 27 students and we estimate the cost of a laptop and a printer to be about \$500. If you'd like to help on this project, please contact Liza Chamberlain (St. Charles Lodge) at nohat79@yahoo.com, of Joan Fedora (Florida Moose Riders) at fmbanews@yahoo.com or Phyllis Johnson (Dorr, MI) pit5902@aol. com. [Ed. Note: More to come about this.]

One of our other projects is Honor Flight Chicago. Honor Flight flies our heroes from World War II to Washington, D.C. so they can see the memorial that was built for them. It is funded solely by donations and run by volunteers. One of our St. Charles members Ken LaDue (Navy Veteran) is on the flight list and anxiously awaiting the trip. We are also sponsoring his son Jim LaDue (Air Force Veteran) as his guardian. The process is a long one and we have been waiting nearly a year for Ken and his son to make this trip. We anticipate they will be going late summer. If you would like more information about Honor Flight go to www.honor flight.org.

We will be hosting our 2<sup>nd</sup> annual Luau on our patio on July 17<sup>th</sup> at 5 p.m. We will have food, drink specials, games and entertainment; cost is \$8.00/person. If you are in the area, put on a Hawaiian shirt and stop on by!!

–Liza Chamberlain, St. Charles Moose Riders 📣



St. Charles patio during Blessing Bike Run



# -"We'll be challenging other Riders Michigan Riders Join List of Laptop Donors



#### From the Moose Riders of Dorr Lodge #2541 - Dorr, Michigan

May was quite eventful for us. We made our second trek to Mooseheart for the Blessing of the Bikes. Much fun for everyone. This year we were a group of 14 with about half going for the first time to the Blessing. It is very heartwarming to see Mooseheart and the kids, and it is so much fun to be with people when they go for the first time. I consider it a kind of awakening experience when you see how the Moose Lodges' efforts translate into the Mooseheart Campus. The ride after the Blessing was awesome and all the Lodges were very welcoming.

A few of us stayed for the Seniors Laptop Presentation hosted by the St. Charles Moose Lodge. Next year, I believe we will have more from our Lodge stay for this experience. The St. Charles Riders and Joan and Charlie from Florida really have started a wonderful event for the graduating seniors of Mooseheart. Having met Liza from the St. Charles Moose Riders last year was truly a blessing. She shared with me the information about the laptops for Senior Program on a visit to our Annual Fall Rally for Mooseheart last fall . Our Riders of the Dorr Lodge were more than happy to be able to assist with this awesome program. To have met the kids and heard their essays was really quite an experience that I know I will never forget. We will be chal

We will be challenging the other Riders of the Michigan



Lodges to help with this program on an annual basis.

The rest of May was spent organizing our Annual Spring "Shakedown" Run that was held on June 19. This was our third year and we were very happy with its success. Blessed with awesome weather, a great route and about 100 participants, our run could not have turned out any better. We are able to donate about \$500 to Project Hope, which is a local food pantry and thrift store.

Now, we will take a break and then begin our planning phase for our fall Rally for Mooseheart and somewhere in between our jobs, families, friends and planning, WE WILL RIDE. —*Phyllis Johnson, Dorr, MI, Moose Riders* 



# More National News



### -Great Day for a Ride Hospice Pediatrics Benefits from Sparta Bike Show

MOB president Pat Morgan and friend Julie going for a dip. Pat said if they raised \$200 he would go in; then Julie said if they raised \$400 she would go with him.





View of the parking lot from the fire truck ladder

—*Sparta, Michigan.* Here we are the end of June which means the 5th Annual M.O.B. Bike Show Charity Ride has come and gone. Once again we had a great day weather wise. We also had a great turnout for the ride and raised a nice donation for Hospice Pediatrics. We want to congratulate all the bike show winners and John Schultz the winner of the DeWalt 18volt cordless tool kit. A very special thank-you to Mortenson Sunnybrook Selects for a dinner that was totally awesome. And what would we do without Shelly and Celine, the bartenders, and Bill who kept things stocked? Thanks also to the Moose Youth Club for doing a great breakfast, and thanks to Brian, Randy,



Art and Jennie for doing the cards at Kent City. We would like to mention everyone by name but it would take three Moose Echoes to do, so a HUGE THANK YOU TO ALL WHO HELPED AND SUP-PORTED THE BIKE SHOW! Also the Moose Youth Club did a breakfast for the Moose Riders and raised over \$300 for us to use to go to Mooseheart (hopefully) this fall. Pat Morgan, Moose Riders President

More National News



# – Arizona Donors to Printer Fund Celebrate International Kids Day Blessing of the Bikes Celebration Raises \$500

**Bullhead City Moose Riders** were proud to be donors to the Mooseheart Seniors Printer fund. We didn't have much time, so we passed a hat to the few members that were in town and raised \$50.00. Even though it wasn't much, I was told it put the cause over the top. We were happy to help.

Following the cue from the Lombard, IL, Moose Riders, the Bullhead City Moose Riders hosted their 1st Annual Blessing of the Bikes/ Run for Kids on May 15th. We had tshirts made up, ran ads on both local television and radio shows, and planted flyers over the entire county. We were expecting the largest crowd we ever had to show up for the event. (Our last event, the "Sweetheart Run" on Feb.13<sup>th</sup>, had standing room only at approximately 60+ bikes.)

**The Lodge donated food** for 100 plus attendees, a band had been booked, we borrowed extra tables and chairs from an American Legion Post and were ready to rock and roll at 10AM sign in.

At 10:30AM the sign-in head count was only 18 bikes with about 28 participants. The Blessing of the Bikes was scheduled for 11AM so we thought more riders would show up in time for that. At 11AM the head count was still the same. Panic set in. The band was scheduled to start setting up at noon, so I called them and cancelled the gig. We wanted to raise at least \$500.00 for Mooseheart, and paying for a band with the low turnout would have really

hampered that effort.

The show went on. After the Blessing of the Bikes, the attendees took off to complete the Poker Run. In the meantime, the Moose Riders piped the jukebox into the banquet room for entertainment, got the PA system working for the raffle, set up a horseshoe tournament which included men and women members of the Lodge, and got the grill ready for the returning riders. Several of our local businesses donated raffle prizes for the event, Moose Rider members brought in like new leather jackets, boots and other high ticket items for an auction. We sold tickets for the raffle, 50/50, and food. All the auction items were all sold too.

At the end of the day, our treasurer did a preliminary count of income and expenses for the event. Much to my surprise, with the support of the non Moose Rider members of the Lodge and the attendees, we managed to reach our goal of raising the \$500.00. We will be sending a check out as soon as our Lodge administrator returns from the convention in Tennessee.

As I sit here and write this article, I'm still wondering why there was such a low turnout. Kingman, AZ, which is only 40 miles away held an Armed Forces Day parade, and there was a closed HOG, members-only horseshoe tournament in Kingman as well. Maybe these events drew our local riders. The bikers in Bullhead City are very community oriented, so maybe because this fundraiser wasn't for a local charity, we had a smaller turnout. One can only guess. Next year, the Bullhead City Moose Riders are going to go one step further in order to insure our success. Our 2nd annual Run for Kids will also include a local charity such as the Boys and Girls Club or another local children's charity. Ride safe,

–Joe Monfredo, President Bullhead City Moose Riders 📣



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*—Off to a great start for the year...* 

# Another Blessing of the Bikes in Greenville, PA



Keep American Beautiful-Trash Pickup–Moose Rider-Sponsored

It has been a very busy year for our Moose Riders, with much more to come!!! When our Moose Riders organized and became chartered in August of 2007, we decided that our initial goal would be to raise funds to build a deck for the Lodge.

Through the efforts of our mem-

bers, the Women of the Moose, the seniors, and the Lodge we were able to see this dream come true this year. We raised funds through ticket sales, dinners, shirt sales, and our buy-a-board program, to raise enough funds to make this deck possible. A job well done by many!!!

In March of this year, during our monthly meeting, we had a presentation to our members on group riding by a representative of the Pennsylvania Motorcycle Safety Association. This was well received and attended by 26 of our 40 members at that time.

**On March 27<sup>th</sup>**, we co-sponsored a Chili Cook Off to benefit the Mercer County Literacy Council, which was the charity that we picked for the year. We were able to raise \$8,900 which will be given to this organization during our 100<sup>th</sup> year celebration during the week of June 14<sup>th</sup>.

April brought us some surprising weather for Western Pennsylvania. We called an emergency ride for April 3rd, and left the Lodge with 26 bikes. On April 11th, our first scheduled ride of the year. We left the Lodge in much cooler conditions with 22 bikes. Both of these trips were to other Moose Lodges in Western PA., to advertise our upcoming Blessing of the Bikes / Chicken Roast, which was to coincide with the National Blessing of the Bikes at Mooseheart. By

the time of these rides, our membership had grown to 84 members.

**May started** with our Keep America Beautiful –Trash Pick-up on our two mile stretch of Rt. 18. We had over 20 Moose Riders help with the trash pick-up. Our ride for May 9<sup>th</sup> had to be canceled because of snowflakes in the air, even though two hearty souls showed up to ride!!

**On the 15<sup>th</sup> of May** we held our blessing of the bikes and 2<sup>nd</sup> annual chicken roast. We had over 120 bikes for the blessing, served 183 chicken dinners, and sold several whole chickens to those in attendance. This project raised \$2100 which is to be split equally between Mooseheart, earmarked for the Allegheny House, and MDA.

May and June also included a ride to bike night in the Butler, PA, area, a dinner ride to Meadville, PA, and ride to Geneva on The Lake in northern Ohio.

Best regards, Charlie Redzinak President of the Moose Riders Greenville Family Moose Center 276

#### Up coming events

July 10<sup>th</sup>: MDA ride to Erie, followed by benefit dinner at the Lodge

July 11<sup>th</sup>: Monthly Meeting and ride

July 17th: Overnight ride to Charleston, WV

August 7th: UPMC Horizon Foundation Ride

August 14th: Keep America Beautiful- Trash pick-up

August 21st: Overnight Camp-out at Mecca Moose 📣



Riders gather for May Blessing of the Bikes and Chicken Roast.

# More National News



# -Palmyra Moose Riders Helping Out Locally and Nationally NY Riders Donate to Mooseheart Printer Fund





We had a great turnout for our Bike Blessing on May 15th

#### —Palmyra, NY.

We are entering our prime fundraising season, with a ride almost every weekend. In May we supported our WOTM Mother's Day breakfast and donated \$200.00 to the Mooseheart Printer drive. We wowed the crowd at a local parade, with over 25 bikes in attendance. We held our own Bike Blessing on May 15th and raised \$300.00 for Special Olympics with a "hat" raffle and a 50/50 raffle. After being blessed by Pastor Sandy, we took a short ride through the Finger Lakes. Also in May we traveled to a neighboring Moose Lodge to give them guidance in forming their Moose Rider group. And to finish out the month, we took a 3-day trip to Pennsylvania to visit with our fellow riders along the beautiful Susquehanna River and Pocono Mountain region.



**During June,** we participated in a walk to benefit a scholarship fund in memory of a member's daughter and sponsored two teams in the local "Relay for Life" American Cancer Society campaign. We will be participating in the local Patriot Guard run and supporting our WOTM Father's Day breakfast.

And to finish June, we have our own 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Poker Run in Memory of Fallen Brothers and Sisters. We expect in excess of 200 bikes and will enjoy a breakfast, 75mile ride, bike games, bike show, music, dinner, vendors and even a "dunk tank". Everyone wants a chance to "dunk" the officers!! Make-A-Wish of Western NY, Wease Cares for Kids and our local children's programs will benefit from this day.

Later in the summer, we are sponsoring a run to benefit the Wayne County chapter of the Red Cross and are planning another benefit for a local man with Lou Gehrig's disease.

In between, we participate in many rides sponsored by other organizations, as we all try to support each other. Anyone visiting Western New York is welcome to stop in Palmyra and visit....someone is always riding somewhere!! Also check out our website at: www.palmyamooseriders1420.com.





# It's going to be a busy summer in Circleville

#### **UPCOMING EVENTS**

July 10<sup>th</sup> Bike-A-Rama Demorest Rd Lodge 11 (State Quarterly Meeting) July 24th Partners for Paws Run July 25th Christmas In July Run (Toys for Tots) August 13th & 14th 11th Annual Biker Bash September 25<sup>th</sup> Annual Stumbo Run – 10:00am sign up October 9th **Covered Bridge Run** 10:00am sign up October 10<sup>th</sup> 9:00a.m. Moose Rider meeting travel to Hill Climb after the meeting



### <sup>More</sup> National News



KA-BOOM and Happy 4th of July to everyone in all your celebration activities!! WOW! The month of May brought Prom

May 8<sup>th</sup> a very elegant and formal evening of fun for a packed house! The 1<sup>st</sup> Annual Spring Bash was May 22<sup>nd</sup> and the weather cooperated for everyone to enjoy the funfilled day of events and ended with the Weary Jammers Blue Grass band from KY that topped the evening off!

June kicked off our Thursday night Bike Nights. Our famous frog legs, shrimp and dumpster fries are always a huge hit with everyone. Good food, good company, come join the fun!

**The next State Quarterly Meeting** will be during State Bike-A-Rama, July 10<sup>th</sup> at the Demorest Road Lodge 11. Bike-A-Rama is July 9<sup>th</sup>, 10<sup>th</sup>, & 11<sup>th</sup>. The Demorest Rd. Lodge has lots of activities planned for this weekend. We're hoping for a GREAT showing in the biker games. Camping is available for this event and this Lodge has its own swimming pool, which will be open for your enjoyment. If camping <u>isn't</u> your "thing", there are reasonable area motels. Please consider pre-registration; you will receive a free t-shirt and the cost is less. The info can also be accessed on our website:<u>www.circleville</u> <u>mooseriders.org</u>!!!

**My gawd, here comes August** already and with August comes the statewide famous Moose Rider 2440 Biker Bash! Folks come from far and wide to attend this "Party"! For your enjoyment there will be a poker run, vendors, bike games, raffle, 50/50, a band and most importantly "food"!! Admission is \$20 per person for non- Circleville Moose Riders and \$15 per person for Circleville Moose Riders.

July 24<sup>th</sup> is the Partner for Paws Run leaving from Ted Lewis Park and July 25<sup>th</sup> is Christmas in July (Toys for Tots) run. Last year we were SOAKED to the bone; as you hydroplaned down the road you couldn't see the bike in front of you. Hopefully this year the weather man will cooperate and it will be a sunny day for a ride.— *Circleville, OH MR* 

www.circlevillemooseriders.org Check us out !

FYI—while attending the Moose Riders Rally in Mandarin, Florida, Ohio Riders Joe Trapp and Sabrina Colburn struck up a conversation with some of the Florida Riders. It came to their attention that the graduating seniors at Mooseheart would be getting laptops, but not printers. A campaign was launched for donations from other Moose Riders in other states to raise the printer money. Joe and Sabrina offered to take it back to Circleville Riders and also to Ohio Moose Riders. Here's a note from the State Chairman about what happened—Ed.

Last year the Ohio State Moose Riders (over 1000 strong) voted to help our State Association's charity of the Special Olympics. During the Olympics the State Association had a tent set up where the athletes can play some games (carnival type) and win prizes. Everyone is a winner no matter what and they win T-shirts. This year the Moose Riders raised over \$3500 to purchase 500 shirts to be given to the athletes, complete with the screen printings of all of the logos and each Herd Lodge name that donated.

So when I put up the challenge for the Printer Project you could tell that our Riders were getting a little tapped out as they are also doing fund raisers for their Lodges and their communities. So at our quarterly meeting last April when I brought it up, there had not been much going on. One of our members recommended to take the funds out of the State treasury. We voted on it and it passed unanimously. I had a check cut by our State Secretary John Sipes and the next day it was on the way to Liza in St. Charles, IL. What a great way to help the Graduates of Mooseheart.—*Thank you, Steve Riggs, Ohio State Moose Riders* 





Message from Florida's Moose Riders Chairman-

# Moose Riders are Getting Noticed

**From the desk of Tiny**-Just kidding. I am actually sitting in my chair playing on my laptop.

I want to start out by thanking each and every one of ya. And I am thanking you for many different reasons. As some of you know, I have been going through some medical problems. I want to thank all of you for your emails, cards and calls. I am doing pretty well at this point. But, I still have some things to get worked out. Unfortunately these things have stopped me from riding as much as I would like to. I have tried to keep most of this under wraps, but I do thank you all for your thoughts.

**I also thank all of you** for keeping things rolling. You all have done a great job. Things are really looking good and we are growing with leaps and bounds.

**On May 22, I was involved** in the Bud Run in Tampa organized to help a young girl suffering from Medullablastoma. They gave a trophy for the largest group. I am happy to report that the Moose Riders went home with it. With a bit over 80 people, that's quite a way to make a statement. We were on Channel 10 and Channel 13 in the Tampa Bay area. We were also on Born to Ride T.V. Great job, Moose Riders. There were men and women riders from all over the state. It was a great time to get to ride with others from around the state. I really hope to see more of these kinds of things happening.

Let's all remember that our Officers Meeting is in Lake Wales on Saturday the 24th. It should be a great weekend. While the meeting is just for State Officers and District Chairmen, everyone else is invited down to spend a day or so with your Moose Rider brothers and sisters. I know Lake Wales has a lot of stuff planned that will keep you busy and show you a good time.

Let's also get geared up for our next Rally in Highlands County September 24–26. I know they are working hard to make this a great weekend and, as fellow Moose Riders, we should support these rallies. This is how we raise a lot of our money for the laptops for Mooseheart and for our other charities, Moosehaven and Florida Sheriff's Youth

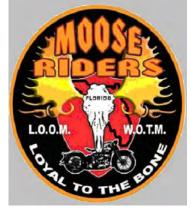


Ranches. It's also an opportunity to sit in on a State Moose Riders General Session Meeting and catch up on things.

I also want to thank those groups out there that got involved in something for the International Kids Day on May 15<sup>th</sup>, which coincided with the Blessing of the Bikes at Mooseheart. I know my Lodge had a great day and I hope all the others did, too.

**Finally, I want to thank** each and every Moose Rider who was a part of raising the money we needed to buy the computers for the seniors at Mooseheart. You should be really proud of what you did to help us reach our goal. Charlie and Joan tell me that next year's class is even bigger. Let's stay on track and start working on laptops for the Class of 2011.

I can't wait till I see all of you again. Let's all ride safe. Thanks again. --Mark (Tiny) Metcalf, FBMA Moose Riders State Chairman.





# *—Featured Riders*The McWaters: Michigan McMoose Riders

Kevin started looking for a Harley in 2002, and actually had 2 or 3 on order.



Say hello to Kevin and Maria McWaters, Dorr, Michigan. Kevin is a Charter member of LOOM 2541 in Dorr, MI, and Maria a Charter member of the Dorr WOTM Chapter 2277.

Kevin and Maria own a local trucking company and both are members of the Dorr Lodge Moose Riders. Both of them own their own bikes. Kevin has an '06 Ultra with lots of extra chrome—Oh, yeah, Kevin likes to shop for his bike. Maria owns an '02 Deuce.

They both rode bikes while growing up on the east side of Michigan. Maria was the youngest and the only girl of 4 children. Kevin has 2 sisters and a brother and his dad was a fireman in the Detroit area.

Kevin started looking for a Harley in 2002, and actually had 2 or 3 on order (back in the day when you had to get on a list to get one). Maria decided she needed a bike as well. **Our featured riders** are a very familyoriented couple who like to ride. They have been married for 19 years and have 2 daughters: Jess, who just graduated from high school and Shannon, graduating next year.

This riding couple really get out there. On top of all of our Moose Rider events, they have been out to Sturgis a few times and have also been out to the Las Vegas Bikefest.

Kevin and Maria are both very active with the Dorr Moose Rider and events and give generously of their time. They have always helped with all aspects of any of our Riders' fundraising events from the Ground Hawg Bash in February to the Annual Rally for Mooseheart, which is how we raised money this year for the computers. Next time you're in Michigan, stop by the Dorr Lodge and say hi to Kevin and Maria.—*Phyllis Johnson*, *Dorr, MI, Moose Riders h* 



#### Moose Riders Calendar—Summer 2010 July 2010 S Μ Т W Т F S Nashville Nashvilk Nashville Nashville Nashville August 2010 S Μ W S Т Т F September 2010 S Μ W S Т Т F Labor Day

#### Florida Moose Rider Events

July 1-6:Moose International Convention—NashvilleJuly 24:Florida Moose Riders Board Meeting—Lake<br/>Wales

Sept. 19: Motorcycle Day—Moosehaven

- Sept. 25-27: Florida Moose Riders Fall Rally—Highlands County, Avon Park
- Oct. 3: Open House, Florida Sheriff Youth Ranch, Live Oak

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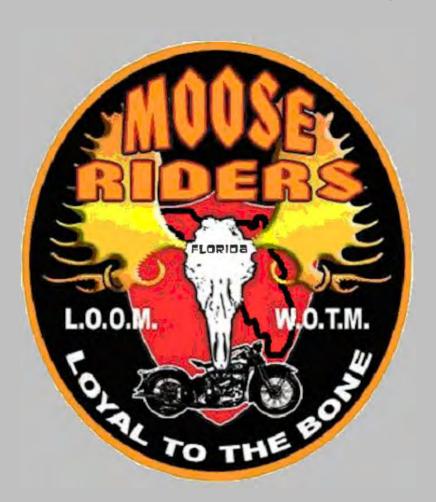
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