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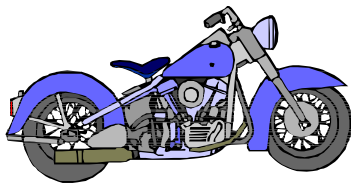
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Next Meeting:
Wednesday, November 7, 2007, 7:00 pm at the American Legion in Orleans, VT.

Next Issue: will be mailed on 11/19/2007 please have all info/ updated to us before then.



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Dedicated to Motorcycle Safety, Education and Individual Freedom.
Protecting the Rights of ALL Motorcyclists.

Annual Harley Raffle



The Annual Harley Raffle Drawing & Dinner Dance will be held on Saturday, January 12, 2008 at the VFW on Route 100 in Hyde Park, VT. The same location as last year. There are still some tickets left, so if you need one call 802-754-2599 or e-mail admin@unitedmotorcyclists.org soon.

The band Jurassic Rock will be playing after the drawing. We'll be having pulled pork, roasted potatoes, coleslaw and corn bread for the dinner this year, as well as an assortment of homemade desserts.

The bike is a 2008 black Sportster Custom 1200 from Green Mountain Harley Davidson in Essex Junction, VT.



September Meeting Minutes

by Helen Laramee

The September meeting was held in Orleans at the American Legion. There were five officers and 7 members present. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited and all reports were given.

Margie shared a profit and loss breakdown for the Toy Run.

The Right of Way Law was discussed. Brought up because of the incident in Rutland where a motorcyclist was hit and severely injured due to the irresponsibility of a young driver, contact the Rutland State Attorney and voice your opinion.

There was also discussion regarding the HIPAA Bill - Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act. The MRF is on it but needs everyone to help. The loop hole allows employee sponsored health insurance plans to deny payment for particular injuries that stem from any risky behavior. Another wrinkle is that the employer can determine what behavior they want to define as risky. Motorcycling is specifically mentioned in the HIPAA as a hazardous recreational activity, even though it is a legal form of transportation subject to taxes, tolls and licensing fees. The bills are HR

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(Minutes - continued)

1076 and S 616. Contact your state Representative and Senator and ask them to support these bills.

T-shirts and thank yous went out to the sheriffs that helped with the Toy Run. I gathered the info but the big thank you goes to Nikki Laramée and Margie Henn for getting everything in the mail.

There was discussion that 11 new members can get the Toy Run deal, shirt, pin and patch for \$20 - voted and agreed upon. We will post on the Web site.

The Toy Run was again a huge success. There were 1069 motorcycles. Parking was tricky Jack got them all in. Great day, great turn out. Donny did a great job on the steps, spoke about elections coming up in 2008 and the scholarships. Things went smoothly more organized, more control. We had 52 new members sign up at the run - the T-shirt, pin, patch was a great idea.

Harley Raffle is rolling along. Letters will be sent and tickets to the general public will be available Oct. 3rd for the meeting.

There was discussion that UMV will hold the bike until the next morning after the raffle for pick up by the winner and keep it insured until then. We are working on a band. There was talk about possibly raffling a Dyna next year. We need donations for the night of the raffle, everyone will start on collecting.

Dave spoke to the Driver Ed chair person. They are very interested in receiving DVD to replace the VHS tapes that we had previously given. The next Driver Ed meeting is Oct. 27th. The Commissioner for the Governor's Council for Safety will be at the meeting and is willing to hand out the DVDs if we can provide them. They would like 75-100. We voted to purchase 125.

Meeting adjourned at 8:45 p.m.

October Meeting Minutes

The October meeting was held in Hyde Park at the VFW.

There were five officers and seven members present. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited. All reports were read.

The MRF is looking for lots of support from all the MROs. Check out their web site www.mrf.org or you can get the link from our site. Joe will post the HIPAA info on the web site.

Joe will look at copying the VHS to a DVD format for the Driver Education meeting at the end of October.

The Harley Raffle is coming together. January 12th at the VFW, in Hyde Park.. Tickets are available now. We distributed tickets to all the members present.

We are looking at discounts from the distributors for drink specials the night of the raffle since the VFW is not bring your own.

The meeting adjourned at 7:55 p.m.

BEAST of the East

- hosted by MMA (Massachusetts Motorcycle Association)

More information coming soon...

April 18-20, 2008

Marriott Boston Peabody 781-537-5566

Room Rates \$99.00



Message from The Motorcycle Riders Foundation to all United Motorcyclists Members



The Motorcycle Riders Foundation would like you to take the time to go to our website, www.mrf.org, and sign up for our Alerts.

Through 3 different Department Directors and a server change we want to make certain everyone is still on our list so please go to the

following; www.mrf.org, to subscribe to our Alerts, press releases, and Leaders Reports. It is critical with the recent national helmet law push that everyone has the most current information possible.

When you get to the website you will find the option to sign up on the left side of the home page; Sign Up for the MRF News Mailing List. Click this header and you will be taken to page explaining the process. Click the link "here" and you will be taken to the sign-up page. Follow the instructions there, return the email when it is sent to you and you will be assured of getting the latest Alerts.

Dave Dwyer
SSMRO Rep
Board of Directors
Motorcycle Riders Foundation

We Need You!

Join or renew your membership in United Motorcyclists of Vermont. It's only \$15 a year for an individual or \$25 a year for a couple. New members receive a UMV patch and pin. All members receive our monthly newsletter. The due date for your yearly membership is on the mailing label of this newsletter.

United Motorcyclists of Vermont works toward protecting the rights of all motorcyclists and we need your support to do it. When the legislative session starts next January we're looking for members to visit the Statehouse every week. We need to let our elected officials know that we ride and we vote and that we're watching what they do.

Call, write, e-mail or visit our Web site to join or renew your membership.

Monthly meetings alternate between the American Legion in Orleans and the VFW in Hyde Park on the first Wednesday of the month. Meetings start at 7:00 p.m., we'd love to see you there.



LOUD PIPES DO SAVE LIVES.

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YOU BACK, CAN'T
HEAR A THING OVER
THIS DAMN BIKER!

THERE
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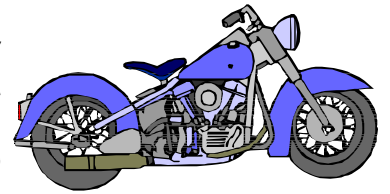


Statistics show that talking on a cell phone is just as dangerous as driving while intoxicated.

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Next Meeting:

Wednesday, November 7, 2008 at 7:00 p.m. at the American Legion in Orleans, VT. We want to see you there.



Take Action:

Contact Senators Leahy and Sanders and Representative Welch and ask them to support HIPPA to stop insurance discrimination against motorcyclists.

Get on UMV and the MRF's contact lists to stay up to date on important issues concerning motorcyclists' rights.

Vermont's Legislature will be in session starting in January. Take some time and go wander around shaking hands and seeing what your elected official are up to.

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