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LEGION RIDERS CHAPTER ONE INC.

38 Members Strong
Meeting March 13, Moose Lodge
March 2011

PRESIDENT

Hey Gang. Another month has passed. Chapter One is looking good. Our officers are doing their jobs. Membership is climbing. Finances are good. Rachet has lots of good rides planned for this year. I do have one bit off sad news. Our Secretary, Wylie Willie informed us, at the last meeting, that she is experiencing some health problems. I have appointed Hot-T as temporary Secretary. Hot-T is an Associate member, and according to our By Laws cannot hold office. At our meeting in February, the membership agreed with me to appoint her temporarily, until Willie can return. In the event that Willie does not wish to, or is unable to continue as our Secretary we will need to elect a new Secretary. Members need to be thinking about who would make a good Secretary for our Chapter. We all hope and pray that Willie will recuperate soon and be back on the job, and that she and Diamond Jim will be riding with us soon.

SEMPER FI

Legion Rider tBone

SAFETY AND MAINTENANCE TIPS

Check Check Check, prior to putting that kick stand up take the time to check the oil levels on your bike. Oil levels can give you a clue about the condition of you bike's engine, transmission and depending on the type of bike even the mechanical system that drives/turns the rear wheel. Most manufactures recommend that the bike is warmed up prior to checking oil levels so most riders check them at a gas station. The engine is the only oil lubricated component of the bike that will use oil. The universal norm for consumption of engine oil is 1/4 to a 1/2 of a quart of oil between oil changes. If you change oil every 2,500 miles then consumption will be less than a 1/4 of a quart and should not exceed a 1/4 of a quart. If your bike exceeds these limits it's time to figure out where's the oil going. Most of the time it's a gasket leak however, if it isn't then the life of the engine is deteriorating and whatever is the cause should be corrected. That's not to say that you can't tolerate oil consumption more than mentioned above it just means that you should prepare yourself for a decision in the future regarding repairs or moving on to a new bike. As weather conditions change so should your driving speed and stoping distances. If it's raining slow down, this is very critical on a bike; the last thing you want to do is lose control of your bike. The tire that is locked up controls the bike, that is why when you lock up the rear wheal the bike will go sideways. Some riders rarely use their front brake to stop. If you took a safety driving course you should remember that your bike's front brake has the greatest stoping power. Save that rear brake pad and use your front brake as the primary brake to stop. If you prefer to use

both to stop then it is recommended by safety instructors that you use equal pressure for the rear and front brakes. Having ridden over 40 years on a bike that front brake is what I depend on when I want to stop regardless of whether it's to avoid an accident or a routine stop.

Rachet

ROAD CAPTAIN

Our last ride was what one might call a nostalgic event. Remember when you were a kid and you went on a scavenger hunt and roamed the neighborhood looking for rare items like a blue toothpick or pink marshmallow. Despite the cold and windy weather 25 of our members and their friends showed up and took on the challenge of hunting for items such as 2002 coins, Duke's memorabilia, military hats or a jackalope post card these were just a few of the 54 items listed that the scavenger hunters' tried to find. The hunt started at the New Mexico Veterans Memorial Park and ended at American Legion Post 13. The Rio Grand High-school ROTC was at the post selling frito pies for their program which really were welcomed after a cold and windy ride. Out of a possible 132 points Big John and his wife Caroline racked up a whopping 116 points. They donated their winnings to the Chapter which in turn was donated to the Rio Grand ROTC. This event was a big success, thanks to all who participated and helped out. It's all about getting together and having a good time so I hope you can make the ride on the 27th of March. We will meet at the Redi Mart Gas Station located 400 Lomas Blvd NE between Edith and Broadway. We will leave at 1030 sharp heading to Socoro for lunch. Our next membership meeting is on the 13th and will be held at the Moose Lodge located at 12825 Skyline Rd NE just off of Juan Tabo. I've received a few suggestions regarding rides, they are always welcomed. The more diverse the rides are the more fun we have so please share with me your ideas.

SEMPER PARATUS

Rachet

CHAPLAIN' S CORNER

Jumpy aka Nadine Cole underwent surgery, stints were placed in some of her heart arteries. MayorDogg aka Gary Kanin, Kloppenburg recently had both of this knees replace, his right knee became infected and underwent surgery. Both are recovering and doing well. Mayor Dogg even showed up at Post 13 for the scavenger hunt. As mentioned above Wylie Willie has health issues discovered during a routine colonoscopy. Anchor aka Roger W. Fenske lost 20 lbs to an undetermined illness and is felling better.