

What up Midstate...

First I need to apologize to Carol and Roger Johnson...I forgot to list them among those who donated to our auction at the November chili cook-off. Sorry it took so long to remember to do it! Thank you Carol and Roger for your help at the event and the donation.

Well, our bowling party and the State Seminar have both come and gone since typing this so I will have to report on both next month. Hopefully you made it to one or both and had a great time.

Attendance was good at our January meeting. Thank you to all who were there. Our member numbers are still a little weak at 142. We did receive 5 renewals and 1 new member in January so we are heading back in the right direction. We discussed our events for the rest of the year. Our Chapter party will be on July 31st barring any conflicts with the Pana TriCounty Fairgrounds. The only other events we have in our plan are a possible member drive/poker run for late June and a chili cook-off in November. Stay tuned for details and please bring any input to a meeting. We plan on doing the bike show again at the BBQ Blues Cruise and I will post that date when I have it. We hope to also join Steel Justice MC, United Riders MC and other local Chapters' rides and events. Carol is working on our Calendar of Events and it should be posted on the website by now. Check it out for events, pictures and other info on our cause. You can also find out other events for neighboring Chapters and other Motorcycle Rights Organizations.

In the Safety & Ed department, we received the totals for the year and I was able to give 16 presentations to 279 students. This number is a little lower than last year as I did not make it to Pana or Edinburg. Both schools will be priority this year. The State total was 712 presentations to 18,861 students. While we get publicity at our events and in the driver's ed classes, there is a constant need for education and awareness. It is up to all of us as freedom fighters to spread the word about motorcycle awareness and our organization. Be proud of who we are and talk it up as much as you can! Our Chapter also gave a little back to our community in the form of donations to the KC Hall, Christian County Senior Citizens, Pana Hospital, and Taylorville, Edinburg and Morrisonville food pantries.

Ok, I can't think of anything else to say right now and the deadline to get this in is not far away. Oh, and I am at work so I better go now.

Until next time, RIDE SAFE, RIDE FREE!

Carry on...

Smitty

