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MEETING SCHEDULE: NMMRO Monthly Meetings:

September 10 - Noon
American Legion Post 49
11005 Central Ave NE Abq., NM

October 15 - Noon
Thunderbird HD
5000 Alameda Blvd. Abq., NM

COC Meeting:

October 1st 2011 - 2:00 pm
Big Rock Casino
Española, NM

Chairpersons Letter...

I write this article with a heavy heart and much sadness. I just returned from a memorial run for our friend and sister Mz Behavin Diva Pearl Aragon-Peralta. Pearl passed away Saturday, August 27, in a motorcycle accident on I-40. Pearl was a member of the NMMRO and COC. She will be missed. I am so proud of the outpouring of support, respect and love that is shown to friends and family when we lose one of our own, which seems to be happening too frequently.

I spoke with the owners of Show Stoppers Motorcycle Shop today and they told me they have at least 4 to 5 motorcycles come in weekly for repairs from accidents. We have had so much loss of friends and family in the motorcycle community. Recent tragic accidents must motivate us into action that we hope will result in safer roads for everyone. We urge those that share the road with us to remember motorcycles are vehicles with all of the same rights and privileges of any vehicle on the road. Motorcyclists are much more vulnerable than other motorists in the event of a crash, Motorcycle riders also need to do their part, too, by making themselves visible to other motorists and by taking extra precautions since they do not have the added protection of being buckled up and inside a motor vehicle. NMDOT was

running a commercial during the month of August on television and several radio stations, promoting motorcycle safety awareness and sharing the road. I hope this brings safety awareness to all.

Thank you all for placing your trust in me once again and giving me the opportunity to serve as your NMMRO chairperson. I am honored to serve New Mexico's motorcycling community. I am also privileged to work with a fantastic group of board members and NMMRO members, the COC and ABATE.

This state organization belongs to us all and when we band together we can accomplish the possible and the impossible. Help me welcome our newest representative from the southern part of the state, Brenda Dunlap. Brenda has been a long time member of the motorcycle community and had already been working for the motorcycle community, now she just has a new title to the job. Bandido Rockstar from the COC and Defenders Program, NMMRO secretary Kim, Tools from the Defenders Program and me attended a Southern COC meeting in July. It is great to see the southern part of the state banding together as a motorcycle community. I am working diligently with members of the motorcycle

community throughout the state. My hope is to have motorcycle rights representation throughout our great state.

I am disgusted with a community who discriminates and profiles on the bases of bikers just being bikers. We are asked to leave or remove our colors at Casinos, liquor and eating establishments, because of our choice of biker attire. I ask that you support those establishments that support our community and ban those who ban us, or ban those that say they will allow us with our colors on motorcycle event days only. Recently a motorcyclist with his colors entered Los Ojos Locos Restaurant in up-town with his colors, sat & ordered food, was served and half way through his meal was escorted out by security for no reason other than their no-colors sign on the wall.

We hear the media say that police officers will be targeting motorcyclists during a DWI blitz, then on the same page, report on drunk drivers in vehicles who collide with motorcyclists causing great bodily harm or death. We have police officers who think they are above the law, who commit crimes on a daily basis. Then, the chief of police who feels he can tell the public anything he wants and we will believe it, says not to judge all police officers because of a few bad apples.

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Doesn't this statement sound familiar? Isn't this what we have been saying all along? Don't judge the entire motorcycle community because of a few bad apples, or because fictitious television shows like The Sons of Anarchy who portray all bikers as drug and gun dealers and the women as prostitutes.

I will be attending preliminary hearings on September 8th and 9th with Deb Hill for Juan Cordova who is accused of colliding with Mark Wolfe causing death and great bodily injury to Deb. I believe our call to action and many letters sent to the DA were instrumental in a change of venue to Santa Fe instead of Tierra Amarilla and a change of judge. We will be following this case and keep you informed. Please join us in support of the MADD run on Sept 17th leaving Show Stoppers at 11 AM, all proceeds will benefit Mothers Against Drunk Drivers. God Bless you all, ride safe. Please feel free to call me anytime 505-730-0435 or e-mail me at atorrez2@msn.com. Annette Torrez NMMRO Chairperson*

Diva Pearl Aragon-Peralta...



Our hearts are missing beautiful Pearl Aragon Peralta, a vivacious and loving member of the biker community for over 20 years. Pearl was a member of the Mz.Behavin' Divas MC since the Club's beginning and always had a sincere word for all she was with. A new grandmother, please pray for Diva Pearl's family, Bandido Davin, son Matt, granddaughter Kaydence, and her MC sisters The Mz Behavin Diva's.

Diva Pearl, your spirit and kindness are everlasting.



New Mexico Motorcycle Safe Traffic Escort Program (M-STEP)

For quite some time, the NMMRO has been working on addressing the need for motorcycle traffic escorts during bike runs. The motorcycle community has brought to our attention many instances of concern for the current level of assistance available from local law enforcement. Examples of issues have ranged from lack of available motor officers, off duty motor officers who are only available if compensated by the event organizers, and officers refusing to escort unhelmeted riders despite New Mexico not having a helmet law which requires them to do so.

According to the Office of the Governor and the New Mexico State Department of Public Safety (NM DPS), no course currently exists to train civilians (non-law enforcement) to legally operate as motorcycle traffic escorts. Some members of the motorcycle community have experienced first-hand a potential

consequence of blocking intersections without the necessary authorization when the local law decides to enforce penalties and write citations.

Many of the NMMRO members that I have spoken with believe that keeping all the participants of an event together as a moving group is safer than breaking the pack up into smaller groups. Navigating through traffic signals becomes questionable when one is faced with a yellow light and has to decide whether to slam on the brakes and risk being rear ended by one or more bike(s), or to gun it and try to make the light – risking citations and being caught in the intersection in the path of oncoming traffic. Riders are also concerned that they will get lost on a route they are not familiar with, and if they do not know where the end-point of the ride is they may not get there. Additionally, breaking into groups provides an opportunity for cars and other vehicles to get into the mix, which leads to more risk to the

group of bikes as cars grow impatient, change lanes without signaling, or simply “fail to see the bike” they just cut off. There is a reason for the phrase, “There is safety in numbers.”

The lack of available resources to provide for the safety of motorcyclists participating in funeral services, charity rides, fundraising endeavors, toy runs, school supply drives, and the plethora of other community service events creates a need for the development of a training program in New Mexico that is recognized and endorsed by state government. We are currently gathering information about similar programs in other states. From the responses Annette has received so far from MRF representatives in other states, it would appear that this issue has many different solutions. We will consider all this information, along with recommendations and requirements from NM DPS, NM DOT and all organizations/offices whose

M-STEP Cont...

requirements must be met to get the program approved.

I will be developing the training component of the program under the direct supervision of a professor in the UNM College of Education. The intention is to include an evaluation component at the end of the training that will allow a certification to be issued to participants who successfully complete all the training requirements, and that this certification will allow the individual to legally act as a motorcycle traffic escort in the state of New Mexico.

The NMMRO realizes this will be a major undertaking, and is hopeful that you will be willing to contribute your knowledge, experience, and support. This program is for you, and you should have some say in how it is designed. We will be asking for your input at various stages of the planning process. If you have any suggestions or ideas for us as we begin developing this program, please let me know at Diva_BB_MBDMC@yahoo.com.

Sherán Dodd – Public Relations Officer, New Mexico Motorcycle Rights Organization (aka) Diva BB – Mz Behavin Divas MC.

NO-COLORS Welcome ...



Establishments as reported by NMMRO members who do not allow colors or have refused service to a motorcyclist:

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| Billy's Long Bar | Santa Ana Casino |
| Burts Tikki Lounge | Silva's in Bernalillo |
| Cottonwood Mall | Slate Street – Rio Rancho |
| Hard Rock Casino | Stone Face Tavern |
| Horse & Angel Tavern | T.D.'s Showclub |
| KnuckleHeads (Bar & Grill ABQ) | The Library Bar and Grill (downtown) |
| Los Ojos Locos | Twin Peaks Bar and Grill |
| Ned's on the Rio Grande | Uptown Sports Bar |
- This list will be updated and published in every newsletter.
Please email Annette Torrez with new submissions or resolutions
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Anti-Discrimination Law

DISCRIMINATION ON THE BASIS OF CLOTHING OR CLUB MEMBERSHIP IS ILLEGAL

New Mexico Civil Rights legislation codified in N.M.S.A. Sec. 28-1-1, et. seq. establish certain Civil Rights and prohibit certain discriminatory practices. The Act was modeled after the U.S. Civil Rights Act of 1964 (Title VII, 42 U.S.C.A. Section 2000 (e), et. seq.). A "civil right" has been defined as a privilege accorded to and or a right due from one individual to another, the trespassing upon which is a civil injury. The interference with a person's lawful conduct and actions is a violation of a civil right, U.S. v. Gugel, 119 F.Supp. 897. Discrimination need not be only on the grounds of race, color, national origin, etc. Any invidious discrimination is prohibited, Nanez v. Ritger, 304 F.Supp. 354. Coverage includes the right to free speech, peace-able assembly and freedom of association, Ames v. Vavreck, 356 F.Supp. 931. The U.S. Supreme Court has ruled that individuals have a constitutional right under the First Amendment to wear clothing which displays writing or designs, Cohen v. Ca., 403 U.S. 15. A person's right to wear the clothing of choice and the right to belong to any club or organization is constitutionally protected. Persons or establishments who discriminate on the basis of clothing or club membership may have violated the Act.. AIM/NCOM*

NMMRO Election Results...

Welcome the following NMMRO officers that were elected at the August 20th meeting. Thank you to these officers who stepped up and are willing to give of their time to support and fight for the rights of motorcyclist. Thank you also to the board members who were not up for reelection and continue to support the NMMRO, Courtney, Patty, Viking, Dave and Bev.

Chairperson - Annette Torrez, Secretary - Kimberly Kinter, WebMaster - Rockhell Thompson, Public Relations - Sheran Dodd, Organizational Liaison - Pat Sierra

On a personal note thank you to all you entrusted me with the chairmanship once again. Thank you all for you words of support, encouragement and respect. I promise to continue to work with the entire community to make New Mexico the best state for motorcycle rights and to continue to secure our liberties and freedoms which we are entitled to as motorcyclist. God Bless you all ride safe. Thank you all. Annette Torrez NMMRO Chairperson

In Memory of...

PEARL ARAGON-PERALTA Age 41, went to be with the Lord on Saturday, August 27, 2011. She is survived by her husband, Davin Peralta; son, Davin Matt Peralta and fiancée, Jessica Lopez; granddaughter, Kaydence Katherine Peralta; parents, Robert and Molly Aragon all of Albuquerque; brothers, Robert Aragon Jr. and wife, Sandra of Rio Rancho and Clarence Aragon and partner Cynthia Lemire of Albuquerque; sister, Joyce Perez and husband, Art of Mesa, AZ; mother-in-law, Pepa Aragon Brown and husband, Jeremy of Tijeras, NM; brother-in-law, Felix Peralta; sister-in-law, Denise Stafford and husband, Sherman, all of Albuquerque; Mz. Behavin Divas Sisters; and a large, extended family. Pearl worked as a Senior Auditor for Sandia Casino. She was very involved with the motorcycle community. She had a great smile and was likeable, friendly and funny. Services were held, Wednesday, August 31, 2011 7:00 p.m., and Thursday, September 1, 10:00 a.m., at French - Westside Chapel. Interment followed at Mt. Calvary Cemetery, 1100 Edith Blvd. NE. Pallbearers will be Robert Aragon Jr., Clarence Aragon, Art Perez, Felix Peralta, Jeremy Brown, Lorenzo Gallegos, and Cody Lee Dimas.

VERNON T. JOHNSON Age 58, passed away Saturday, August 13, 2011 in Norton, KS. He was born on April 20, 1953 to Vernon and Emma Johnson, in Albuquerque, NM. Vernon was a lifelong resident of Albuquerque. He was a member of New Mexico Dirt Track Association, The American Motorcycle Association. Vernon was the current sales manager at Bobby J's Yamaha. He was preceded in death by his father, Vernon Johnson. Vernon is survived by his wife of 35 years, Connie; two sons, Isaiah and wife, Clair Johnson of Albuquerque, NM, Aaron and wife, Suzanne Johnson of Riverside, CA; three grandchildren, Tannyn, Cloie, Liv; four sisters, Barbara May of Albuquerque, NM, Kathy and husband, Wes Allen of Plainview, TX, Janet and husband, Dennis Shampine of Quitman, TX, Mary Johnson of Albuquerque, NM; brothers-in-law, Ron and Tom Ringenberg. Funeral Service was held on Friday, August 19, 2011, 2:00 pm, at Daniels Family Funeral Services Palm Chapel (1100 Coal Ave SE). Memorial contributions can be made to, Road 2 Recovery.com.

The family, friends, and Bandido Brothers of Kevin Nichols (Bandido Sinner), would like to thank the community for the out-pouring of support in their time of grief during their loss of their loved one. You will forever live in our hearts and in our memories. Rest in Peace Bandido Sinner.

Bandido Davin, family, friends and the Mz Behavin Diva's would like to thank all who came in support, love and to pay their deepest and sincerest condolences during the loss of their loved one Mz Behavin Diva Pearl. Hundreds joined to grieve and mourn together during this sad and tragic loss. RIP our beloved Pearl.

Let us Introduce...

Please help me welcome our newest NMMRO board member. Bandido Patrick Sierra is our new NMMRO Organizational Liaison. He has attended many of our NMMRO meetings and I have often received e-mails from him requesting important information to secure our liberties as motorcyclist. I believe he will be an important asset to our NMMRO board and organization. The role of the Organizational Liaison is a primary contact for NMMRO members, clubs and organizations. Below is a personal Message from him. Annette

Hi to all and thank you for the opportunity to be a part of this great organization I would just like everyone to know that I will do

PEARL

*I wonder what was going through your mind
at the moment that you knew,
I bet you were thinking
God please no, I still have so much to do.
Yet, you lifted your hands to the Lord
as your spirit flew away.*

*You left us too early
By no fault of your own.
You understood the life of a biker,
the uncertainty of the unknown.
Now your road stretches forward
on heavens glorious ride.*

*And when you roll out
to take off for that ride.
I will be there beside you
for, I never left*

my spirit is always right by your side.

*To my husband Davin, my family and friends,
Remember our life while I was here with you.*

*Do not dwell on this tragedy,
keep the good memories of me in your mind.*

*The tears in our eyes we can wipe away,
but the ache in our heart will always stay,*

*The sea hath its pearls,
we had the rarest of them all,
Now our string of pearls is cut
and we have to say Goodbye*

By Annette Torrez

A Message from Steve Stucker:

Please accept my deepest sympathy & love, to all who knew Pearl Peralta. To her husband, family, friends, & sisters in Mz Behavin' Divas, please know I have been lifting all of you up in prayer. I ask God our Father to comfort you with His Love, & the memories you each have of your time spent together with her. May her life and her death, serve as a reminder that each day on this earth is a gift. I pray this terribly sad experience, will encourage us to treat each other with kindness & love, to enjoy each other's friendship, & to cherish every person in our lives, while we still have them with us.

Introductions Cont...

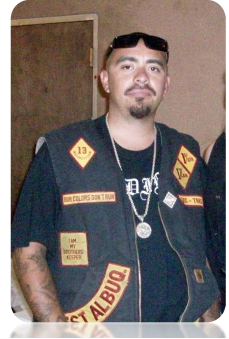
my best to represent our organization in every way possible, if anyone needs to get a hold of me for any reason don't hesitate to call or email me.

My contact information is: 505-712-9704 banditwalb@gmail.com

Again thank you, 1%er Patrick Sierra, Bandidos MC

Asst MRF Rep:

Please welcome Brenda Dunlap from New Mexico to the Reps family. Brenda will be an Asst. Rep to Annette Torrez , who has been doing an awesome job. Welcome Brenda and thanks for stepping up.



New Release Gathers Sources for Studying Outlaw Motorcycle Gangs...

New Release Gathers Sources for Studying Outlaw Motorcycle Gangs; Book by Karen Katz

"Breaking the Outlaw Biker Code of Silence: A Comprehensive Literature Search on the Outlaw Biker Subculture" fills in the gaps and provides one of the most comprehensive compilations of sources on the outlaw biker phenomenon. This newly released literature search is unique because it includes sources written by academics, law enforcement officials, former and current outlaw bikers, females associates, authors of popular literature and journalists.

North Vancouver, British Columbia (PRWEB) August 09, 2011

Outlaw Motorcycle Gangs as organized crime bodies are considered to be the single most serious threat to North America — the enemy within, and this new book compiles published sources on the organization. Outlaw Motorcycle Gangs have been deemed “criminals without borders” — they are known and feared the world over. Outlaw Motorcycle Gangs close their world to the outside; their members tend to be highly suspicious of outsiders, and they are extremely concerned about being infiltrated by undercover police officers. The members of Outlaw Motorcycle Gangs do not want to be studied and, consequently, refuse to engage in formal interviews, fill out questionnaires, or have any statements tape-recorded. There is a rigid code of silence that cloaks their world in secrecy — the punishment for breaking this code is death. Nonetheless, there are literally hundred of works written on the outlaw biker subculture. Many of these

works are polarized between two extremes, being pro-biker or anti-biker. Myth, legend, and reality overlap in the history of the outlaw biker.

A researcher needs to become completely familiar with the topic she is investigating. This means seeking out, obtaining and then reading as much as possible. The literature on the topic under investigation will be made up of many different kinds of sources, including scholarly literature, popular literature, newspaper articles, and magazine articles. Until now there has only been one attempt to compile a comprehensive literature search of the diverse sources on Outlaw Motorcycle Gangs. That attempt, published in 1996, was a valuable addition to the literature and an excellent source for those studying the outlaw biker subculture; however, it is out-of-date and did not include many sources.

Breaking the Outlaw Biker Code of Silence: A Comprehensive Literature Search on the Outlaw Biker Subculture fills in the gaps and provides one of the most comprehensive compilations of sources on the outlaw biker phenomenon. This literature search is unique because it includes sources written by academics, law enforcement officials, former and current outlaw bikers, females associates, authors of popular literature, and journalists. The dissemination of the literature is important because the purpose of research is to contribute in some way to our understanding of the outlaw biker subculture. Of course, this cannot be done if information is not shared. Each chapter features a detailed bibliography of sources in that category. The sources in this book are organized in a manner that attempts to make the

bibliography a user-friendly tool for readers ranging from academic researchers and students, journalists, authors of popular literature, lawyers, judges, law enforcement personnel, members of the outlaw biker subculture, and members of the general public.

Katz has long been interested in understanding the Outlaw Motorcycle Gang subculture and her research dates back 26 years. Katz has received a bachelor's and master's degree in criminology, and a master's of law specializing in criminal law. Katz has earned the reputation of the “data hound” because of her unique abilities to track down even the most obscure primary and secondary data. “This work by Karen Katz, a researcher with impeccable academic credentials and a 26-year interest and study of the Outlaw biker subculture, is greatly needed and will make a valuable contribution to the literature,” writes Thomas Barker, professor of Criminal Justice & Police Studies at Eastern Kentucky University. “If there is a publication or source on outlaw bikers, Karen Katz has already found it or will find it.” Katz is the author of several other books related to the outlaw biker subculture, including Behind the Patch: Towards an Understanding of Public Safety and Law Enforcement Motorcycle Clubs; Devilz Dollz: The Secret World of Outlaw Biker Women, and Gangsterism: Canada's Law of Criminal Organizations.

Breaking The Outlaw Biker Code Of Silence: A Comprehensive Literature Search On The Outlaw Biker Subculture
Karen Katz

<http://www.outlawbikercode.com>

Excerpts from other Publications ...

Kirtland Air Force Base newspaper - Airmen Disciplined for Infractions

Non-judicial punishment is a tool that provides commanders with an essential and swift means of maintaining good order and discipline. It also promotes behavior changes in service members without the stigma of a court-martial conviction. Article 15 punishment is ordinarily offered for less serious violations of the Uniform Code of Military Justice. If a commander believes an Airman has committed a specific offense or offenses under the UCMJ, he or she will administer appropriate punishment.

Among other heinous crimes committed by Air Force personnel was the following violation of government regulation:

An Airman 1st class was charged under Article 92 for dereliction of duty for not wearing a helmet while riding a motorcycle and not attending the mandatory safety course. The Airman received a forfeiture of \$250, restriction to the base for 14 days, 14 days of extra duty and a reprimand.

News from the South - MRF ...

Let me introduce myself. My name is Brenda Dunlap a.k.a. Skuldalia Riddari Secretary Brat. I am the new SNM-MRO/MRF Asst Rep. My husband is the SNMCOC Chairperson, Skuldalia Riddari VP Ratchetman. We own & operate a small "mom & pop" motorcycle repair shop in Roswell, NM. Together we support the motorcycle community as much as humanly possible.

We had a full day's events on Saturday, July 30th with SNMCOC and the 2nd Annual Cruise for Shoes. Cruise for Shoes was started in 2010 by Black Widows MC to help provide shoes to our local, less fortunate children. With so much support, the sponsorship was changed to represent the motorcycle community as sponsors. Saturday began with a ride from the Roswell Mall to the Eagles Club. There were food, games, music, prizes, and of course the SNMCOC meeting. We had vendors selling all kinds of stuff motorcycle related items and not. We had a tattoo artist & qualified motorcycle mechanics on hand. And let's not forget one of the most important parts...bike blessings.

The SNMCOC meeting was called to order by the newly appointed SNMCOC SA, Bandido Probationary Doc. Bandido Rockstar introduced the board members: (himself) NMCOOC Chairperson - Bandido Rockstar, SNMCOC Chairperson - Skuldalia Riddari VP Ratchetman, SNMCOC SA - Bandido Probationary Doc, SNMCOC Sec/Treas - Old Dogs Brotherhood Pres Viking, NNM US Defender Lt Cmdr - Sons of God Tools, SNM US Defender Lt Cmdr Embudo Huero, NMMRO/MRF - Annette Torrez, NMMRO Sec - Miz Behavin Divas Stretch, & NM Abate MadJack. Due to restructuring, SNMCOC board member positions are still open. If interested, please contact Bandido Rockstar or Skuldalia Riddari Ratchetman. UPDATE: Since the SNMCOC meeting the Vice Chairperson has been filled by Rat Pack Moose.

Bandido Rockstar talked about supporting each other & promoted unity within the motorcycle community - We must be unified to gain the recognition of community support. He discussed the importance of our rolls as motorcyclists: be safe, help each other, stay educated, take part in our communities, & being responsible. He reflected on the recent Call to Action regarding Mark Wolfe & Deb Hill's tragic accident. When dealing with the police be polite and respectful but firm about your rights. And don't forget we have AIM, MRO/MRF, and US Defenders to help us with motorcycle related legal situations.

Annette, Stretch, Tools, and MadJack were very informative of our fight for rights. They updated us on how far they were able to get on House Bill 68-Failure to Yield. How successful Bike Day at the State Capitol was for the 8th year running. Discussed legal situations fellow bikers are or were involved in and how to change the laws. They invited us to join the White Bandana - Biker in Need. Reminded us May is the official month for Biker Awareness. How there are funds available for safety awareness ads & materials through NMDOT. If you have awareness event let them know, like the Can U See Me Now Campaign planned for 2012. These organizations can always use our help! Become involved! There are tools to help keep you informed: videos, websites, newsletters, and just simply talking to any one of the reps.

This was the best SNMCOC meeting I have attended. I walked away dizzy with all the information. Thank you to all those who supported us! Without your efforts it wouldn't have been possible.

May God be with you all ~ Brenda Dunlap (Brat)

Farewell SNMBC...

Subject: SNMBC Disbanded-final email

This is the final email from what used to be the Southern New Mexico Bikers Coalition, Inc.

After downgrading from active to inactive status, we have decided to completely disband the organization. This email will be shutting down, and the SNMBC is now officially disbanded.

We thank all those that supported us, and wish those of you that do care about bikers rights all the best. We now leave Southern New Mexico without direct representation as it was before. We can only hope that the apathy that exists down here will someday fade away, and lead to a successful SMRO.

Thank you all. Good bye. Ron Washburn, previous VP, SNMBC

Drivers License: Tools for improved Safety...Hmmm

Driver's license. Let's look at those two words. First, Driver. Someone who operates a motor vehicle. License: "to give permission." So what we are really talking about is a document that gives a person permission to operate a motor vehicle. Another way to say this is that in order to obtain a driver's license you need to prove you are a competent driver. Would anyone argue that road user safety ought to be at the heart of the driver's licensing process?

Lately here in New Mexico there has been a lot of talk about driver's licenses; who should get one and who should not. In all that we hear, there is never a mention of "competency to drive." And really, if we look at what a driver's license is and what it by definition should mean, this very important part is forgotten.

Because the United States, along with Australia, New Zealand, Canada and the United Kingdom, do not have a national identification card and because most of us drive, the driver's license has become the *de facto* form of identification. But in all the political wrangling, the actual importance of proving that one is actually **capable of driving** has been completely lost. U. S. National Highway Traffic Safety Administration information tells us that there is room for improvement too. A full 68% of New Mexico crash fatalities in 2008 were NOT influenced by the blood alcohol levels of the drivers involved (0.0 blood alcohol concentration). DUIs are a real risk factor (29% of 2008 NM fatal crashes) but how many other risk factors or defensive driving techniques do you know about? What was the last thing you learned that improved your driving skills?

We are New Mexico road users by car, motorcycle, bicycle, public transport and by foot. We want our streets and highways to be safe. The driver's licensing process is one way to educate motorists about all the causes of crashes in New Mexico and how to avoid them. **We ask that instead of using the driver's license to discuss immigration status, our Governor and Legislature start figuring out how to use the driver's license as a tool to improve the safety of all New Mexicans.**

Jennifer Buntz



Road Safety & NMDOT...

Highway Risk A Black Eye To Cyclists

RE: OP-ED, Aug . 6, "NMDOT's Penurious Ways Put Cyclists at Risk":

By refusing to (follow) federal law in regard to highway paving standards, NMDOT's disregard for bikers - cyclists and motorcyclists - detracts from New Mexico tourism as well.

A weekend ride reveals how popular biking and motorcycling are around the state. Making roads safer by properly paving highway shoulders to accommodate cycling and motorcycling can only improve New Mexico's national reputation among destination cyclists, who spend tourist dollars on hotels, restaurants and other services - revenues our state can assuredly use.

Evidently a few dollars saved in paving cost is worth more than economic development, not to mention bikers' lives.
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A Word from NMDOT:

There are two funding sources in regards to the Motorcycle program. One is federal, where we currently receive 100k per year by application. We are now actively spending this fund down. The Motorcycle spot you've seen came from this fund. The t-shirts, hats and bandannas will be purchased from this fund

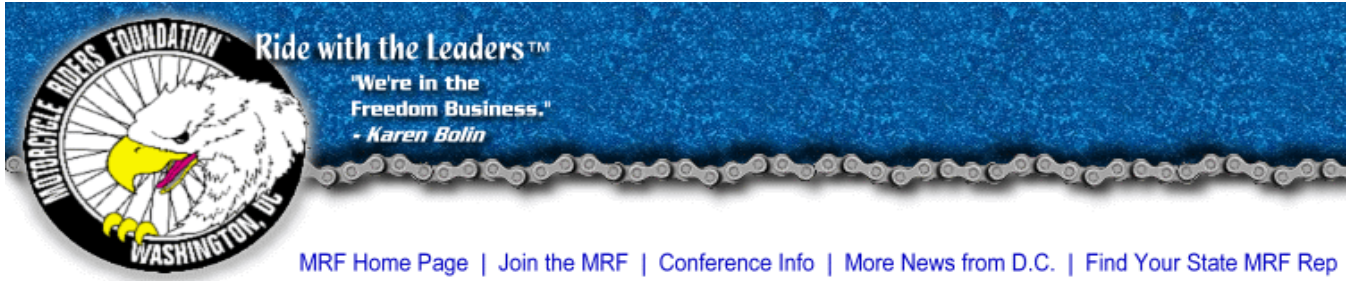
I've sent to NHTSA in regards to the State fund breakdown detailing expenditure hits from State fiscal year '11. We are looking into billboards right now for the awareness portion of the program. The contract to MSF is 150k per year. This is the first year and it runs thru 2014. A majority of our funding goes into the program. We are planning to stock our Safer resource center with educational materials. If you have any ideas, please let me know.

We are stepping up our awareness program and hopefully you'll see that going forward into 2012. If you have a calendar of events and awareness days for 2012, I'd love to have a copy.

Hopefully this will answer most of your questions. Please email me with questions you may have going forward

Thank you, David Lapington
Bureau Chief - Occupant Protection
NMDOT Traffic Safety Office





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11NR26 - MRF News Release - Correction: 2011 Meeting of the Minds Registration

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE
 11 August 2011


Contact: [Carol Downs](#), MRFA&E Treasurer
 Correction: 2011 Meeting of the Minds Registraiton

Have you registered yet? We hope you will join us in Michigan for the 2011 Meeting of the Minds (MOTM) conference September 22-25th.

Attendance to the MOTM is open to both MRF members and the general public with members receiving a discounted registration price. Individuals wishing to attend this conference will receive \$10 off the regular registration fee if you register for this event before August 21, 2011. **After the deadline, the fee will increase to \$80 for members and \$90 for non-members respectively.** The seminar cost will cover all the seminars for the weekend as well as lunch on Friday, provided by Harley-Davidson and the dinner banquet and auction on Saturday night.

This year's conference boasts a free on-site braking technique skills demonstration. Additionally participants are able to test their skills with ALMOST riding test given by a MSF certified instructor. Other hosted sessions will include Accessing Public Television, A Bikers View of the Constitution, Protecting your SMRO, dirt bike and sportbike workshops and many more. The MRF encourages you, if you have not done so, to make your hotel arrangements by August 21st to receive the conference rate of \$91. After that date, not only will the room rate go up, but room availability is not guaranteed. Reservations can be made at the Sheraton Detroit Metro Airport by calling (734) 729-2600. The hotel is located on 8000 Merriman Road, Romulus, MI 48174.

The Conference agenda is posted on our website at www.mrf.org; click on Conference information. In order to register for this event, you can visit our website at www.mrf.org or contact the office at (202) 546-0983. Applications can be printed and mailed to the MRF office at 236 Massachusetts Ave N.E., Suite 510, Washington, D.C. 20002. For more information about this conference, contact the Conference Director, Carol Downs, at (303) 204-6939 or by email at downs@mrf.org.



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Calendar of Events...

Sept 6 th 7:00 pm	CNMMRO Meeting	Smokehouse BBQ , 4000 Barbara Loop, Rio Rancho, NM
Sept 10 th Noon	NMMRO Meeting	American Legion Post 49, 11005 Central Ave NE Albuquerque, NM
Sept 10 th 9:30 am	Beyond the Battlefield Bike Run	American Legion Post 69 9000 4 th Street NW Albuquerque, NM
Sept 11 th 8:00 am	Tunnel to Towers Run – Ride of Remembrance 9/11	Veterans Memorial Park 1100 Louisiana SE (Registration starts 6:30 am) http://tunneltotowersrun.org/albuquerque.aspx
Sept 17 th 11:00 am	1 st Annual Ride Like MADD	Show Stoppers – Registration begins at 9:30 am
Sept 24 th 11:00 am	3 rd Annual Diva Day MC Rally	Show Stoppers – 11:00 am until 4:00 pm
Sept 25 th 9:00 am	YWCA Pink Ribbon Ride	YWCA’s Piñon Canyon Center in Tijeras
October 1 st 2:00 pm	Northern COC Meeting	Big Rock Casino, Espanola NM
October 2 nd 11:00 am	Ride for Raven	Thunderbird HD, 5000 Alameda Blvd, Albuquerque, NM Reg: 9am
October 15 th Noon	NMMRO Meeting	Thunderbird HD, 5000 Alameda Blvd, Albuquerque, NM

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PRESIDENT OBAMA SIGNS REPEAL OF KIDS’ MOTORCYCLE BAN

President Barack Obama signed a bipartisan consumer safety bill on August 12 that exempts youth-sized motorcycles and all-terrain vehicles (ATVs) from the Consumer Product Safety Improvement Act (CPSIA) of 2008 that bans children’s products that contain lead.

H.R. 2715, introduced by U.S. Representatives Mary Bono Mack (R-CA) and G.K. Butterfield (D-NC), passed near-unanimously in the House 421-2 on Aug. 1 and was approved by unanimous consent by the Senate later that day. The measure excludes kids’ off-road vehicles from the overly-broad CPSIA lead certification rules, which previously prohibited their sale due to lead content of components such as batteries and brakes. “This law is a win-win for American consumers and the American economy,” said Congresswoman Bono Mack, “and I thank the President for signing this critically important bill into law.”

Be sure to contact your federal legislators and thank them for rectifying the onerous “Lead Law” bike ban, and for supporting the rights of millions of off-road enthusiasts and future motorcyclists.

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9/11 Ride of Remembrance ...

I would like to invite all Motorcycles Clubs and Groups to participate in the Tunnel to Towers Run, Ride of Remembrance on Sunday, September 11, 2011. This is the tenth anniversary of 9/11. The Tunnel to Tower run is organized by The City of Albuquerque and AFD /APD and the Blue Star Moms. We will visit three Fire Stations in the Albuquerque area, our mission will be to thank these men and women for the wonderful job they do. It is so easy to forget until we have an emergency, this 9/11 ride will enable all participants to thank these heroic people. We will Stage at Wells Fargo Bank parking lot at 3rd and Roma, KSU at 1:00 pm. See attached flyer for more information or visit the websites listed: www.rgvnmbism.org, <http://tunneltotowersrun.org> Come out and support this big event.

***1st Annual
Ride like MADD
Motorcycle Rally in memory of
Brandon Lucero
To benefit Mothers Against Drunk Driving***



Saturday, September 17, 2011

Show Stoppers Unlimited

9319 Central NE

9:30 am Registration

11:00 am Kickstand Up

\$25.00 1st rider

\$10.00 2nd rider

Red bandanas, red ribbons, donuts and coffee and lunch

Check us out on Facebook!

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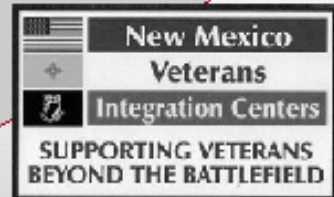
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YWCA 2nd Annual Pink Ribbon Ride Motorcycle Rally 2011

Join us Sunday, September 25, 2011!

You can help the YWCA to continue to provide life-saving mammograms to women in need. We have reached nearly 210,000 women through our program since 1994. But now, the need has never been greater!

Join us for an inspirational fundraising rally beginning at 9 am with registration and breakfast at the YWCA's Piñon Canyon Center in Tijeras.

Sign up with a minimum pledge of \$35 by September 15th (cost is \$40 thereafter). \$10 per extra rider. You will receive a stylish three-quarter sleeve t-shirt, raffle ticket, breakfast, and access to the post-ride celebration at Sandia Resort & Casino! And, remember that you are encouraged to raise even more money by asking support from friends, co-workers and family! Just bring the extra donations with you!

Whether you ride in memory or in tribute of someone your love, or just because you love to ride, share your passion for the road while saving lives from breast cancer!

Big or Small, Save Them All!

Ride For Raven

October 2nd 2011

Registration begins @ 9am

Location: Thunderbird Harley Davidson
5000 Alameda Blvd NE

Fee: \$15 for Single-\$20 for Couples
Kickstands up @ 11am

Destination: Neds on the Rio Grande
\$10 raffle - 12 string Yamaha acoustic guitar
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