

Upland Riders

February 2010 Newsletter

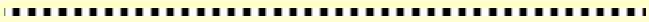
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Old Business

Jimmie began the meeting with nominations for officers for the 2010-2011 year. Our membership year begins with elections at the March meeting. All past nominees names were read. There were no new nominees. The current nominees are:

- President: Jimmie Evans
 - Vice President: Mary Hurney
 - Asst Vice President: Lynelle Murphy
 - Treasurer: Betty Torrey
 - Secretary: Brenda Griffin
 - Member @ Large: Mark Williamson
 - Head Road Captain: John Carney
- Elections will be held at the March Meeting.



Mark W. noted that the previously ordered merchandise is in! Be sure to contact him to collect your shirts. Remember, if you have a shirt, sweatshirt, or any other piece of clothing you'd like to have personalized with the Upland Logo, bring it to Mark. He needs a total of 24 items for silk-screening, and only 10 for embroidery orders.

New Business

Jimmie asked for a moment of silence at the beginning of the meeting in memory of Dave Bettencourt. Dave was owner of Bettencourt's Honda / Suzuki dealership in Bridgewater. Dave helped many of us get our start in motorcycling. He had been battling Leukemia and was looking forward to a bone marrow transplant. David's colorful character will be missed. Thoughts and prayers go out to the Bettencourt Family.

Stanley Spain was recently injured in a motorcycle accident while riding in Florida. Initial reports were that he had hit a deer, but upon further examination of his bike it was determined that he avoided the deer.

No venison for Stanley! Stanley was banged up fairly badly but is doing well. His bike sustained minor scrapes. He is recuperating at

Executive Board

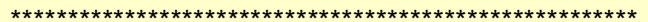
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Lakeland Regional Medical Center, 1324 Lakeland Hills Blvd, Lakeland, FL 33805-4500.

He's comfortable and in good spirits but it will be awhile before he returns back to MA.



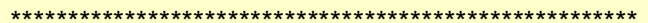
It was announced that Joyce M's father was terribly ill. He has since passed away. Our deepest condolences go out to Joyce and her family.



Thank you cards were read from Renee Phillips, Kim Carney and the Rack Pack for our donation to their Avon Walk for Breast Cancer last year; one from the St. Vincent de Paul Society for our food pantry donation; and another one from the family of Jim Osborne. Jim's family was deeply appreciative of the donation raised from the sale of patches in Jim's name, and Brenda sent 4 patches to the family.



Betty's Treasurer's report included last month's donations to the Travis Lovell Foundation and the Wachusett Valley Riders in addition to our other monthly operating expenses.



After Brenda read the minutes of last month's meeting, she read 2 letters addressed to the Upland Riders from the Upland Sportsman's Club. The first letter was a very well written "Thank you" to the Upland Riders for all we do for and with the Upland Sportsman's Club. We

are deeply appreciative of all they do for us and we try to repay them for their generosity to us with a donation at the end of each year.

The second letter was mostly about Jimmie, our beloved president, and how special he is to all of us!

After the January meeting, a member brought some concerns to Mark W. **One of his responsibilities as Member-at-Large is to listen to members' concerns and bring them to the E-Board.** The issue was in regards to the mailing of the annual letters that are sent out to members who for one reason or another do not meet their membership requirements. The question was about whether or not the letters were sent out in accordance to the by-laws. Upon review of copies of letters from the past few years, it was determined that everything was handled according to the by-laws.

During his Road Captain's report, JC noted that there hadn't been any apparent interest in members getting together for Sunday Brunches this winter. He wonders if it's because we "only have lint in our pockets", or if it's just been too cold to get up and go out?

If you should decide you'd like to go for Sunday brunch, please call the hotline at 781-293-3154 and leave your suggestions for someplace to meet. Be sure to include the time and the cost of the brunch.

UPCOMING RIDES AND EVENTS:

Sat Feb 27th Members Only Party (also being called the Alumni Party) 6 to 11 pm at the Upland Club. For tickets call John or Sylvia at 781-293-3655.

Sat Mar 13th Upland Riders Cabin Fever Party Middleboro Elks Hall, 24 High St, Middleboro 7 pm - Midnight \$15 per person includes: Pasta Dinner and Music by **South Bound** Get your tickets early by calling 781-878-6564

Sat Mar 20th MMR Cabin Fever Party 7 to Midnight at the John Alden Sportsman Club, Plymouth \$15.00

Sat Mar 27th Upland Riders Bowling night 7 pm to ? Hanson Bowladrome, Reed St, Hanson. Bowling, pizza, lots of laughs!

BIKE SHOWS

The Kev-Marv Productions Shows will be held **March 13 and 14 – Shiner's Auditorium, Wilmington**

\$13 adults, \$6 children Free parking!

Sat – 10 am to 5 pm / Sun - 10 am to 5 pm

Go to www.kevmarv.com for your discount coupons!

LOOKING AHEAD:

Darryl S announced South Shore H.O.G.S annual Poker Run will be held **Sunday, May 16**. He also mentioned that this is the last year for the Northeast HOG Rally. It will be held **June 24 – 26** in Groton, CT. Next year the individual states will each host their own rallies.

Brian's Ride will be held **Sunday, Aug 1st**. It will be the 4th anniversary. Last year they had @ 500 bikes, and are hoping for a similar turnout this year. The party after the ride will be held at the Jockey Club in Raynham again. Darryl is looking for donations of raffles, if you have something please contact him. JC then motioned that the Upland Rider's donate \$100 to the fund for Brian's Ride, and the motion was seconded and passed.

Do you like Hot Dogs? Jimmie is going to Coney Island, NY to try one of the famous hot dogs! Mark your calendar for **Saturday, May 22** for Jimmie's Coney Island Run! More details will be revealed in the next couple of meetings.

Saturday, June 26 is the next Jamie's Jam Benefit Ride. This ride is in memory of our dear friend Jamie Smith and all proceeds go to his two children.

Thinking about going to Sturgis???? Charlie and Lynelle are planning to ride out there this **August 4 – 18th**. The route they plan on taking will head up through Canada, so passports will be necessary. There will be an informational meeting at their house on Sunday, March 28. Anyone interested in going should get in touch with them at the next meeting for directions.

Sunday, August 22 Our Steve Cole Memorial Poker Run!

Recently the Attorney General's office and the Insurance Division have come to an agreement regarding overcharging on motorcycle policies. Right now this pertains to three individual insurance companies, (Safety, Liberty Mutual and Quincy Mutual). What has actually happened is many motorcyclists who carry physical damage coverage (collision or comprehensive fire and theft) have been charged on the **actual cost new** rate of the motorcycle instead of the current value of the bike.

Though only 3 companies have come to an agreement to refund money to their policy holders, does not negate the fact that many motorcyclists may have the same situation on their policy. It is important to check the "value" of your bike when you get your policy. Most policies will list your bike & VIN# on the declaration page, and under that listing will show the Auto 1 or 2...next to that is an amount (i.e.: 15,000) That is the amount that the insurance is basing their figures on for Parts 7 & 9. Be sure it is correct!

You want the figure to be the current average retail value of your bike; because that is all you will get in the event of a loss. This also sometimes will pertain to pickup trucks or vans, so it is important to make sure those figures are correct. If you have any questions, it is best to call your agent.

Ride Safe

Gale V, member, Upland Riders
O'Rourke Insurance Agency Inc.

Snapshot: Easy riders

By Matt Carroll, Boston Globe | Feb. 18, 2009

Recently there was an interesting article regarding the number of motorcycles in MA, broken down by how many bikes per 1000 residents in each community. Where are the motorcycle riders? Surprisingly, the western part of the state has the highest number of bikes per 1000 residents! Check out:

http://www.boston.com/news/local/articles/2010/02/11/Snapshot_machusetts_motorcycles_per_1000_residents for all the details.

Boston ranks near the bottom, with 8.1 motorcycles per 1,000 residents. The state community median was 26.1.



DUES ARE DUE

Please see Betty Torrey to pay your dues (\$20 per household) at the meetings. Dues must be paid before the end of the March meeting.

Next meeting Tuesday, March 9 at 7:30