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Friends for Fun, Safety and Knowledge

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From the Chapter Director

By: Richard Hutson

From the District Director:

Please join Becky and I in welcoming your newest District MECP. We are proud to announce the appointment of Reginald and Kimberly Seymour to the position of District MEPC. They were the former MEPC for Chapter TN-N. We know they will serve the members of Tennessee with enthusiasm and bring lot's of fun to us all.

It is with great pleasure that we announce the appointment of Bill and Debbie Archer to the position of Assistant District Director. Please join Becky and I in welcoming Bill and Debbie to our Team, we know they will do a great job.

We have set this year's District picnic for Saturday, September 29th at the Gladeville Community Center which is the same facility that we used last year. Please mark your calendars.

Local

From Ken Tarver:

Doug Pyron's Brother In Law passed away in Chattanooga on June 1st. Linda and Beverly Stapleton's Mother passed away May 31 st .

Bill Jones is in Baptist Desoto under a Hospice type care.

Please these families and MS Y in your thoughts.

Rides

6/8 - EUREKA SPRINGS overnight, Leave Friday return Sunday. **The "host hotel" for our trip to Eureka Springs the June 8th weekend is the Eidelweiss Motel. Their phone number is 479-253-7316.**

6/16 – W2 meeting at Perkins.

6/23 – LAMBERTS, Meet at 0800 in Millington at Chili's on Hwy 51 in front of Lowes.

July 4th thru 7th, Wing Ding in Ft Wayne, Indiana.

7/28 - TENNESSEE/ALABAMA HAMBURGER RUN, (overnight).

If there is somewhere you would like to ride to let me know.

Start thinking about the December Christmas Party. This year will be a potluck location undecided.

Thanks,

Richard

RIDER EDUCATION

By Ed Johnson

Here is an article from the THP.

May is Motorcycle Safety Awareness Month, and the Tennessee Department of Safety and Homeland Security and the Tennessee Highway Patrol are encouraging motorists to exercise caution in response to the rise in motorcycle fatalities in the state and across the nation this year.

Motorcycle fatalities accounted for 12 percent of total fatalities in Tennessee in 2011. As of May 7, there has been a 31 percent increase in motorcycle fatalities in the state compared to this same time last year. Thirty-eight motorcyclists have died in crashes this year, and preliminary figures show four were killed in the first week of May alone.

“The unseasonably warmer temperatures this winter may have contributed to the rise in motorcycle fatalities this year,” Bill Gibbons, Department of Safety and Homeland Security commissioner, said. “As the weather continues to improve, we will see more motorcyclists on the roadways. It is important for motorists and motorcyclists alike to educate themselves, be alert and follow the rules of the road to help keep everyone safe.”

In 2010, there were 4,502 motorcycle riders who were killed in traffic-related deaths across the nation, accounting for 14 percent of total fatalities for the year. In 2009, motorcyclist fatalities decreased for the first time since 1997, when 4,462 motorcyclists were killed. In Tennessee, the number of motorcyclists killed in crashes decreased from 138 in 2010 to 114 motorcycle fatalities in 2011.

“Drinking and driving is not just a problem for motorists in cars or trucks,” THP Col. Tracy Trott said. “Of the 114 motorcycle fatalities on Tennessee roadways last year, 22.8 percent of them were alcohol-related. By enforcing impaired driving laws, we hope to reduce serious injury and fatal crashes amongst motorcyclists.”

Motorcyclists must also share in the responsibility by wearing Department of Transportation-compliant helmets and other protective gear. Tennessee law requires the

more than 300,000 Tennessee riders and their passengers to wear the approved helmets and protective eyewear.

“Motorcyclists are much more vulnerable than passenger vehicle occupants,” Kendell Poole, governor’s highway safety office director, said.

“It is imperative that they make themselves visible to other motorists by wearing brightly colored protective gear or reflective tape, and most importantly, a DOT-compliant helmet. For every 100 motorcycle riders killed in crashes while not wearing a helmet, 37 of them could have been saved had they worn helmets.”

The Department of Safety and Homeland Security also administers the Motorcycle Rider Education Program (MREP), which provides courses on rider education, public awareness initiatives, information on the effects of alcohol and drugs, and licensing procedures. There are both basic and advanced rider courses available.

“The safe operation of a motorcycle requires practiced skill, knowledge and a respectful understanding of the limitations imposed by the operator, the machine and the environment,” John Milliken, program coordinator for MREP, said. “Motorcyclists must educate themselves by taking an accredited training course and never ride beyond their skill ability. Ultimately, it will help make them safer and more effective on the roads.”

Motorcycle Rider Education Program approves courses and instructors across the state. Click here (<http://www.tn.gov/safety/mrep.shtml>) to learn more about the program.

Tennessee is also committed to creating safer roads for bicyclists as well, officials said. In 2007, the state passed the Jeff Roth and Brian Brown Bicycle Protection Act, commonly referred to as the 3-foot law. It states that a motor vehicle must give a safe zone of no less than 3 feet when passing a cyclist on a road in the state of Tennessee; a violation of this law is a Class C misdemeanor.

Motorcycle traffic fatality statistics from 1998-2011 can be found here :

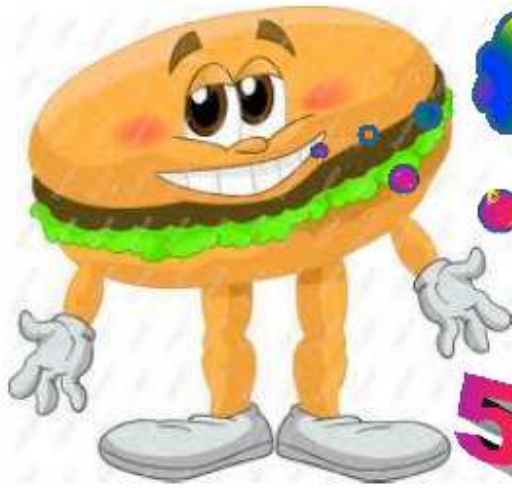
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June 2012

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
					1	2 N Meeting
3	4	5	6	7	8 Eureka Springs Trip	9 Eureka Springs Trip
10 Eureka Springs Trip	11	12	13	14 MS Y Meeting	15	16 W2 Meeting
17 Father's Day	18	19	20	21	22	23 Lamberts Ride
24	25	26	27	28	29	30



Taking up a collection to buy cigars?



Ride
To
Eat!

We had so much fun the last
4 years Georgia is coming to
play with us this year

Door Prize Drawings
Registrations for 2 for the
Alabama Convention
Tennessee Convention
Georgia Convention

5th Annual Alabama - Tennessee - Georgia

Big Burger Run

July 28, 2012

11am to 2pm - Eastern Time

Randy's Restaurant

4276 Hwy 136

Trenton, GA

21st Annual 2012 Sunset on the Square Summer Concert Series

Every Thursday night in June and July, Historic Town Square

Grab the family and join your friends and neighbors at the bandstand on the Historic Town Square each Thursday night in June and July from 7:00 to 9:00 p.m. for live music, food and fun! Each week offers a different musical group ranging from oldies rock to swing to country. Food vendors are on site offering their specialties. (no concert the week of July 4th holiday)

The Musical Line-Up for 2012:

June 07 - Legends of Rock

June 14 - Webb Dalton

June 21 - Wolf River Rednecks

June 28 - Delta Don Singleton & Friends

July 12 - Six Degrees

July 19 - Rhythm Rockets

July 26 - Swingtime Explosion

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