



**American Legion Riders
Post 1340**

**General Membership Meeting
May 3, 2005**

Sick call:

The sick call included Dennis McElroy (Mac) who is recovering from back surgery, Larry Inman who is still not feeling good after his recent heart attack and Auxiliary member Denise Elk, who is due to give birth soon.

Adjutant:

- a) As the Adjutant was not present the 19 Apr meeting minutes were not read; it was proposed by Barry Robinette and seconded by Jerry Bowen the accepting of the minutes be postponed until the next meeting.
- b) The Adjutant did receive an error notice from Terri Robinette about the 19 Apr minutes that were posted on the post website. Under 'New Business',
 - i. Rolling Thunder, will be on 22 May at the VFW in El Reno. This ride is to honor POW/MIA and service members. The Blue Star Mother's need motorcycle rides from the VFW out to the Cherokee Trading Post and then back to the VFW.
 - ii. Blue Star Salute will be on 21 May at the American Legion Post 111 in Edmond.

Sons of the Legion:

Squadron Commander of the Sons stated the current finance report was the same as previously.

Auxiliary:

- a. Linda Smith stated that Donta was doing well, and that Bob Horn had bought both baseball and football cleats for him. The members applauded this generosity.
- b. Dina Lattig stated the Auxiliary finances were the same as before.

Auxiliary Poker Run Details:

Dina stated the Auxiliary Poker run date is May 15th and they request the Post support the ride; as the ride is being organized so that all members can ride and have fun.

Post Finance Officers Report:

The Post financial report was read. Motion by Barry Robinette, seconded by Julie Larcher they be entered into the record as read. Motioned carried.

Quartermaster:

New patches have been ordered. T-shirts are now in stock.

Completed Projects:

- a. **89er Days Parade** Guthrie OK, was not a great financial success, however those members who were there had a great time together. The Post rode in the parade directly behind the Honor Guard. A visiting rider was permitted to ride with us, and he dropped his bike. It was proposed by Rick Spencer and seconded by Jerry Bowen that only members in good standing are allowed to ride in public events.
- b. **POW/MIA** event went very well. Rick Short cooked some awesome chicken, which was a big success. Rick thanked all the members for continuing to support us with helping in the kitchen

Ongoing Projects:

- a. **Kolache Festival for VFW** May 6, 2005
 - Tim Foster will transport the trailer to Prague, OK. 1340 staff will not be requested to sell at festival
- b. **Moving Wall** 15,16,17 July 2005
 - The wall will be leaving from The Cherokee Trading Post sometime in the evening (7pm?) on the 12th. The intent is that as many riders as possible escort the Wall into OKC. It was proposed by Rick Short and seconded by Rick Short that the Post participate in the escorting of the wall.
 - There will be many opportunities to volunteer, as the Viet-nam memorial wall will be in Midwest City for three days. Rick Short and Rex Warlick have more details.
- c. **Election Nomination Meeting:**
 - The next meeting, May 17th will require nominations for:
 - Commander
 - Vice Commander
 - Sergeant-At-Arms
 - Six Executive Committee Members
 - The current members holding these positions can be viewed on the website. www.al1340.com
- d. **Post 111 – Blue Star Salute May 21st**
 - The kitchen trailer will need to be delivered to Edmond on Friday May 20th in support of The Blue Star Mothers. The event is to be held in Stevenson Park

(101 W. 5th Street, Edmond). Volunteer crews will be needed for food service from 9am-5pm on the 21st

e. Memorial Day Ride to the State Capitol – May 30th

- Members to depart from Charley's at 9:00 to proceed to the Skyline. Post 1340 have again been requested as outriders for this event.
- The Auxiliary will have poppies ready Memorial Day so as to collect donations at the Skyline.
- Dina Lattig and Julie Larcher will set up at Charley's for the Post Hotdog Giveaway, so all will be ready to serve as soon as the service at the Capitol is completed.

f. Bikes to Bricktown at the Park, June 11 and 12 (Wiley Post Park)

- Trailer is to be set up at the same location as last year.
- We had an invitation to bring the dunk tank; it was proposed by Julie Larcher and seconded by Mel Crane that we decline. However, the request that we organize the Weenie Bite was agreed upon; proposed by Rick Short and seconded by Rick Spencer. The "Weenie Bite committee" will be Ken Larcher and Perry Overcash.

g. Mid Summer Thunder: weekend of July 28th, 29, 30 and 31st Lake Eufaula, OK

- The Post will participate in this event. We have been provided with a free vendor space, four free registrations and a free R.V. space as well. We can sell the Hamburgers but the big request is to sell breakfast burritos.

h. American Legion Department Convention: July 15, 16 & 17

- This will be held at the Saddleback Inn. AL1340 have a hospitality suite on the ground floor.

i. 4th July Carnival Run

- Terri Robinette updated the members on the current status for sponsors. She is working with US Cellular, 7-11 and First Fidelity Bank. Sooner Shooters have donated a pocket bike, valued at \$300.00 which we will be able to raffle.

j. Ride to Talimena, OK. with an overnight stay at the Queen Wilhalmina Inn

- 6 rooms were reserved as requested at a rate of \$81.75/2 persons. Single, King or Tow doubles add \$10.00 for each extra person.
- Email: queenwilhalmina@arkansas.com Tel: (479) 394-2863
- Members committed to riding are:
 - Ken Larcher/Julie
 - Jerry Bowen/Linda
 - Jim Smith/Linda
 - Doug Carter/Christie
 - Rex Warlick/Deb
 - Rick Short/Sherrie
 - Bob Horn

Commander's Special Recognition, "Eagle Effort Award":

Awards for exemplary service were given to Mel Crane and Dawn Capps.

New Business:

- a. It was proposed by Bill McWhirter and seconded by Jerry Bowen that we have a sign-in sheet for those working at any given cooking activity. Those signed in will be entitled to free food and drink.
- b. It was agreed upon to have a Post fun ride to Meers, OK, on May 14th, departing from Charley's at 10.00am. Proposed by Barry Robinette, seconded by Mr. McCutcheon.
- c. Also a fun ride to Medicine Park, OK on June 4th departing from Charley's at 10:00am. Proposed by Mel Crane, seconded by Rick Spencer.
- d. A run to Bikes, Blues and Barbeque at Fayetteville, AK Sept 28-Oct was tabled for another time.

Post Elections will be held on June 7th – Current members only are able to attend.

The **50/50 drawing** was won by Bob Horn. \$29.50 was raised for the Post.

Next Meetings Schedule:

General Membership Meeting: 17th 2005

Executive Committee Meeting May 10th.

Meeting closed at 8:30pm. Meeting minutes taken by Julie Larcher.

Kenneth G. Larcher
Commander
AL1340

Alan Welch
Adjutant
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