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LEGION RIDERS

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NEWS LETTER

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Happy New Year!

It's the start of our second year as the Legion Riders, and we're beginning to really get things rolling. Our Committees are working hard on all the details so you can come out and have more fun. We came up with a few changes at the last meeting, 28 December, to help start the new year out right. First, some people have thought that we spent too much time at meetings and not enough time on our bikes, so we're going to change all that.

1. From now on, the Legion Riders plan to **RIDE every week**. Unless we decide to participate in another event, there will be a "Fun Run" leaving from Stokers every Saturday. While the weather is still a little cooler, we won't leave until 11a.m. Then when it warms up, we'll move the start time up to 9a.m. Whoever shows, goes -- so bring your friends -- the more the merrier.
2. The **Post Meetings** will only be held **ONCE** a month, on the 4th Saturday of the month, at 10a.m. at Stokers. The meetings are only for Post members and prospective members, so we can take care of business and get back on our bikes, where we belong. We plan to schedule a "Friends and Family" dinner get together once per quarter.
3. You now have a Public Affairs Officer (yours truly) I'll be trying to get these news letters out (on time?) every month to keep you up to speed. We've also put together a full-color flyer to hand out to folks -- I was trying to get enough printed to send with this letter, but had some technical difficulties, sorry. There are some in the rack right inside the door at Stokers, though. I'll also be posting info about our calendar and changes to the ride schedule on the board at Stokers.

If you still need to pay your dues for 2003, or if you have paid your dues and have not received your card yet, please get in touch with Rick Wernke. Also make sure you have turned in a copy of either your DD214 or your active duty ID card to him to keep on file for us.

Disability benefits are improving if you collect over 60%. Contact David at the VA Hospital for more details 270-0501 ext 5481. David can also help if you're having problems with service at the Hospital or your medical benefits.

We will sponsor a High School Junior to Boys State -- we need an eligible boy to attend.

Our holiday collections and runs to the Children's Home and the Veterans' Center were a great success. Jeffrey was very happy with all of his presents, and the Activity Director at the Vets Center personally called Mama Mary to thank her for everything we did.

We're setting up a table and participating in a Bike Show / Swap Meet at the Fair Grounds on 11 January, and there is a gun show on 18 January.

After the next meeting, 25 January, we will be riding over to Ruth's (she keeps our books for us) to help build a handicap access ramp. George has the plans and is getting the materials, but if you can bring a drill gun or saw along, it would be helpful. We're bringing a pot luck barbecue lunch.

Ken talked about our being couriers for the Oklahoma State Office of Emergency Management. He's going to report back at the next meeting with more information for anyone who may be interested.

The Activities Committee and Finance Committee are meeting on 9 January at the Biltmore Hotel.

The Executive Committee is meeting on 15 January at American Legion Headquarters.

We have an e-mail address now: **legionriders1340@hotmail.com**

Please send me any information, stories or pictures you have to share. I'm looking for stuff to work on building a web site for us, and want to keep our flyers and news letters current. If you don't have e-mail, you can bring stuff to the monthly meetings, call me at 620-6131, or send it to me by snail-mail to: Cat Reynolds, 1104 SW 22nd St, Moore, OK 73170.

This is YOUR American Legion Post, so make the most of it.

We need your ideas about what the Legion Riders should be doing. Please come to the meetings and take part when you can. If you can't make it to the meeting, then send me your ideas, and I will share them for you.

Upcoming Events:

Thursday, 9 January	Activities Committee Meeting--Biltmore Hotel -- 6p.m. Finance Committee Meeting --Biltmore Hotel -- 7p.m.
Saturday, 11 January	Fun Run -- Stokers - 11a.m. Bike Show / Swap Meet--Fair Grounds
Wednesday, 15 January	Executive Committee Meeting--AL Headquarters -- 7p.m.
Saturday, 18 January	Fun Run -- Stokers -- 11a.m. Gun Show --Fair Grounds
Saturday, 25 January	Post Meeting --Stokers 10a.m. Ride to Repair -- handicap access at Ruth's house--after mtg Don't forget the potluck lunch

Ride hard, ride long, and ride safe...

Cat

