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## NEWS LETTER

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### **The New Activities Committee**

The new activities committee has been selected and great things are expected in the coming months from this group. Individuals were selected offered the position and accepted prior to the July meeting so they could hit the floor running. Best wishes to the activities committee:

Voting Members	Henry Bass	Marty Wynn	Representative of the Sons (Dean Lukes)
	Kevin Carpenter (Road Captain)		Representative of the Auxiliary (Ramona Crutcher)

All Members of the legion family are always invited to attend the activities Committee meetings and voice their opinion and ideas.

Post 1340 for the first time was invited into a cooperative activity with two different events in late July. Firstly, post 1340 was invited to provide food service at Charley's for the BACA run on 19 July, which went very well and secondly we were asked to provide the same kind of food service to the downed bikers Night Owl run on the 16<sup>th</sup> of August. That activity went very well. We provided hamburgers and hot dogs, ice tea and all the fixing's. We sold five cases of hamburgers and over a hundred hot dogs. The Ice tea sold well too. The whole Downed biker Night Owl support deal was due to the hard work of Mickey O'Keefe, he got the deal set for us. Big thanks to Mickey

The Participants included: Henry and Julie Bass, Mel Crane, Kevin and Bonnie Carpenter, Tom and Laura Feeney, Jack DeRoule, Jason Wilson, Steve Blair, Jim Craig, Keith and wife, "Dutch" Orcutt and Ken and Julie Larcher

David Kellerman Has been hired by the Oklahoma Department as the new Adjutant To Replace R.C. Mackey.

The Post rode to R.C and Maxine's wedding at Post 170 on the evening of the 27<sup>th</sup> of September, It was great fun and we all wish R.C. and the blushing bride well in their new life together.

As we all know Charley's last stand is the new meeting place for Post 1340 beginning on Aug. 19 at 7:00 PM and every first and third Tuesday thereafter. One meeting each month shall be a formal agendized meeting and the other meeting shall be somewhat less formal.

The Executive Committee has completed their work on the Post Constitution and are now working on the By-Laws. Once they are done the documents will be processed through Department and legal council, once that is completed the Post will hold a special meeting for ratification of the Constitution and By-Laws.

There has been much discussion surrounding the structure of post 1340 and the differences between this post and other American Legion posts. As it happens the Riders Post 1340 is in a unique situation where the activities of the Post, The Auxiliary and The Sons are concerned. The typical American Legion way of doing things is that these three entities are to a great degree separate and distinct. At the Riders Post the membership (all wings) have a strong desire to not be separate and to operate and function as a single post. At Post 1340 the memberships and the legality of the separation is maintained by the legality of the national constitution, The American Legion Auxiliary National constitution, and the Sons of the American Legion Constitution. However, maintaining a close relationship between the organizations was becoming difficult with separate meetings, different activities and the inevitable gossip and roomer milling. To maintain a "one Family organization" which was discussed at length with members from all three entities and agreed upon as the way the post wanted to operate, It was decided that there should only be one organizational meeting where all three entities will attend. The Post shall Chair the meeting and the Auxiliary and the Sons will have a representative at the head table. The meetings will be conducted simultaneously with all members having their equal say in the proceedings. During the issue discussion phase of any given issue all points of view will be heard and during the voting phase each entity shall conduct their separate elections for decision making.

On the Oct.21 meeting at Charley's at 7:00 P.M. we will host a guest speaker. Mr. James Hamby from Harley-Davidson World will come to our meeting to discuss any motorcycle issue that you want to bring up. James is a senior mechanic with Harley-Davidson World of OKC with years of experience, he has attended nearly all of Harley training courses, and he will be with us to share a wealth of information about Harleys, their care and maintenance. Please plan to attend, as this meeting will be very informative and a lot of fun.

The post trailer is almost finished at Steve Blair's place. We will soon be able to pick it up and have a very important piece of Legion equipment at our disposal.

The Annual Rolling Thunder "Ride for Freedom" to Washington D.C. (the ride to the Vietnam Memorial wall) will arrive in D.C. on May 30<sup>th</sup>, 2004. If anyone wants to make the ride, please contact: Kevin Carpenter 405/773-1708 (Road Captain).

You may contact the commander at:

Home 405 790-0182  
Work 405 954-0692  
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The activities committee assures me that we will have some new ideas for activities in the month of October. It is time to start to collect those Christmas gifts for the Naysayers run and our own Christmas run to the children's Home in Ponca City. Also we need to think about our brethren at the Veterans Center in Norman.

Meetings;

The Meetings are scheduled for the first and third Tuesday evenings at 7 P.M. at Charley's last Stand.

I would like to take this opportunity to impress upon you, the member that we, the entire membership needs your support. Not only for the membership money, but more importantly for your participation in our events. We have these activities to support the things like the children's home and the many veteran activities that we find need our help. The cookouts and the runs are going really well, however we see that there are many more members needed to do these things. I pledge myself to the success of 1340 and I beseech all of the membership to do likewise. There is no limit as to the kinds of things we can do together, either for fun, for helping some little kids stuck in a children's home or for the veterans whose families are gone or they have all but been forgotten in the busy world. We need your input, your strength, your knowledge and your help. So, please renew with the American legion Riders Post 1340 and get out there and help cook some hot dogs, or sell some poppies, or just help plan the activities we so much want to do for the good of all.

# Auxiliary News Brief

Know your Auxiliary officers:

Mary Orcutt	President	848-6513
Diane Randall	Vice President	(call Mary O.)
Kim Wilkerson	Secretary	(call Mary O.)
Julie Bass	Sergeant at Arms	
Angela Willhite	Treasurer	

The second annual post Thanksgiving dinner is tentatively set for the 18<sup>th</sup> of November at post 13. The needed items will be everything except the turkeys. The commander has volunteered two of those. Ham and all of the other fixin's will be needed. See Mama Mary for your contribution to the dinner.

Mama Mary says please come to the October 7<sup>th</sup> meeting because she will have lots of information about the holiday season activities and what is needed there.

The American Legion Children's home is now formally participating in the box tops for education program. The program is offered by General Mills. They will pay ten cents for every box top that the Post sends to the Children's home. The correct box tops have a little pink square that says "Box Tops for Education" The tops are usually found on cereal or cake mix boxes, they can also be found on many other General Mills product boxes. Just cut them out and bring them to the meeting and we will see that they are added to the other items Mama Mary is collecting for the children's home.

# October 2003

Mon                  Tuesday                  Wednesday                  Thursday                  Friday                  Saturday                  Sunday

	No Meeting	1	2	3	4	5
5	7 Meeting 7:00 PM Charley's Last Stand	8	9	10	11	12 Downed Biker Run for Amy Green
13	14 Executive Committee Clarion Hotel	15	16	17	18	19
20	21 Guest Speaker 7:00 PM Charley's Last Stand	22	23	24	25	26
27	28	29	30	31	Tentative Legion Poker Run	