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2008 DATES TO REMEMBER

April 4-6	Spring Conference
Indianapolis, Marriot East	
May 17	Armed Forces Day
May 26	Memorial Day
June 8	Closing of the Books
June 14	Flag Day
July, 4-6 2008	State Romp
Auburn IN	
July 9-13	Indiana Dept. Convention
August 22-27	National Convention
Phoenix AZ	

If your Chapter has unpaid dues, you have no vote at the State meetings. You need to pay any back years dues to be up to date. You also will not receive a Chapter Charter Document until up to date with your dues.

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<http://www.getphpbb.com/phpbb/index.php?mforum=alr4th>

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STATE DIRECTOR COMMENTS

Well our first meeting is behind us. It was a little different for everyone. The idea is to get more people involved so everyone knows what's going on in the state and in the districts. We can share our knowledge in fund raising, rides, and being there to help our veterans.

This year I would like to see the State grow 3 ways.

One, would be to organize into your district levels and share ideas and rides with each other. Also develop a program that your whole district would work on. This really works. I will contact all the District Chairman and offer a helping hand, if they would like. It also help develop new Chapters.

Two, see if it would be possible for us to have a state ride somewhere other than Indianapolis. I know that there is a lot of things to do there and we have some great Chapters there but I would like everyone to ride 1 or 3 hours to a middle point in the state and get all the chapters together for a day of fun.

Three, to add 10 more Chapters. Doesn't seem that hard but we have a lot of people watching us as we organize. Not only in the state but at higher levels. So let us be the pace setter for the Nation.

Ride safe and enjoy life to the max.

TJ Small

Indiana ALR State Director 2008

COMMUNICATIONS

The new state web-site is up and running at www.INDIANALEGIONRIDERS.org and I would encourage all our members to register as a user on the 'chapter' page and spread the word to the public.

Rick Haberman

Communications Director ALR

HI BROTHERS & SISTERS

I'm Mike Gunder from 157 Churubusco. A couple of months ago I started a contact list with each Legion post number, proper name, hours of operation, kitchen availability, and A.L.R. affiliation. A copy (of 4th district) was distributed at the state meetings for an example for everyone to see.

My goal is to get a booklet made up for the state with all of this information so when we are just out riding this summer looking for a place to stop for a few or maybe planning a ride all the info will be available in this booklet. If I could have a couple of people from every district

contact me I'll make your list and e-mail it to you. Then if you would gather the information and send it back to me an I'll fill it out and get a finished copy back to you.

Thanks Mike milkman46818@yahoo.com

MEETING NOTES

The new **2008 officers for the state were sworn in**. Thank you to Al Myers, Ron Kizer and Nick Nicholoff for officiating the ceremony.

Mark and TJ will be visiting the Chapters around the state this year to help and support each one. Please contact them with your meeting date and times so they can make a plan.

Dawg would like everyone to e-mail the **Chapter Data Forms** so the info is easier to enter into the date base. dawgj@psci.net.

We now have **1651 members** in Indiana. Mike Fathman give an explanation of how to count your number of delegates allowed to vote at state meetings: One vote for Director, One member at large, one for every ten members, No rounding up.

TJ appointed Bob Schnell to the position of **Ride Coordinator for 2008**.

Pat Phillips will chair the **National "ALROH"** award committee. He has posted the Criteria on the State Web-site or contact him for a copy. Pat's Phone # 317-408-8212

And e-mail address : Hd98bike@sbcgobal.net

Mike Gunder will chair the Indiana Rider of the year award committee.

The 2009 State Rally will be planned by a committee of three District Directors: Billy Taylor, Kent Mullet and Reggy Osborn. An application process will be used for future locations and date, and need to be submitted by the July meeting. The applications will be available soon. The State ALR has been working on the subsense and design of a "**Challenge Coin**". Dale Taylor has done research on the different coins available and has been working on a design for the coin. He will post a poll on line for our members to fill out.

FINANCE/ MEMBERSHIP

When sending in checks for dues, please include a list of names the check is paying for, new or renewed. Include addresses & phone numbers with the \$3.00 for each member. If there is a member who has transferred please state the post # they were a member of.

INDIANA STATE RIDER OF THE YEAR AWARD

I was asked by the state director to oversee the committee on the nomination and selection for the 2008 Indiana A.L.R. Rider of the Year Award.

Guidelines are as follows:

1. Must be a paid member for 1 year
2. Can not be a present officer or office holder (past officer is ok).
3. That the recipient has gone above and beyond the call of duty for the American Legion Riders organization with their dedication, drive and determination in helping to make the American Legion Riders prosper and grow. All nominations must be in by Labor Day, Sept. 1, 2008 The Award will be presented during the October 5, 2008 meeting.

We have 11 Districts and I would like to see at least 11 nominations.

Any Questions my e-mail is milkman46818@yahoo.com I am also regularly on the web site where there will be a posting.

HISTORICAL BOOK

The 2008 Historian is asking anyone who has photos from this past years activities to share them for the State Scrap book. Contact Mushroom on the state website.

CHAPLIN REPORT

At State Meetings, there will be a sheet up front to sign for deceased members/ family so we can remember them in our opening prayer. Give the name and post number of the deceased. You may also contact Juan via e-mail on the state website.

NEWSLETTER DISTRIBUTION

The newsletters are mailed to the Chapter Directors only. It is each Chapters responsibility to make copies to give to each member. Please keep your information up to date by submitting a **Chapter Information Form** any time there is a change in officers, addresses, phone numbers, etc. Each Chapter needs to submit a new form each year after elections and send it to:

ALR Info c/o Keith "Dawg" Jones, Michigan St., Ferdinand IN 47532 or e-mailed to dawgj@psc.net.

Submit information for the Newsletters at:
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