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STATE DIRECTOR

Greetings all,

There are a lot of exciting things going on this year and the ALR is being more active as a state organization than ever before. For those not at the last meeting the officers are all now wearing matching red shirts so we can be more identifiable and accessible. We also now have a State office area at the State HQ that we can hold officer and committee meetings at. The Miracle Ride is taking off for Riley's Children Hospital (Dept Commanders Pet Project), The 911 escort ride is going to be huge, the State Rally in Riley, IN. is going to be great, and we also host the National Romp in Indiana this year at St. Anthony, In. Lets make it the best National Romp ever and one for all to remember.

I am also expecting to see us top the 100 Chapter mark in 2011 as new chapters keep joining. The newsletter will now be sent out approx. 7 weeks prior to the next State Meeting so that Directors will now have time to get information to their chapters before the State meeting takes place. Most of the officers are in constant communication and all are on board for an exciting year. We encourage all of the members to join in the fun and make the most out of your ALR experience. Check the State Website often for further information on all the events that will be taking place. If you see a State Officer at any of your events, please recognize them. They get nothing for doing this so at least let people know who they are.

Lets make it a great year!!!

Mark Gosney (Goose)

2011 IN. State ALR Director

2011 Dates to Remember

July 15	1pm	Must Show ALR Membership card to attend the State Chapter Meetings	State Chapter Meeting
April 2	1pm		State Chapter Meeting
April 9	Staging 10am-Noon		Project 911 Escort
June 4-5			Miracle Ride
June 24-26	Riley IN		Indiana State Rally
July 16	\$15.00 Registration Fee		State Chapter Meeting
July 21-24	St Anthony IN		National Rolling Hills Romp
August 26- Sept 1	Minneapolis		93st Legion National Convention

Newsletter, distribution, changes or corrections:

Please make copies of this newsletter to pass on to your Chapter Members. Please contact me if your address or contact info for your Chapter has changed.

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 State Secretary 2011
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ASSISTANT STATE DIRECTOR

WOW, there is a lot going on and excitement in the air. Spring is now only 5 weeks away and Elvis is itchin' to get on the road. For those that didn't make the Mid-winter conference, we are doing meetings a little different. 1. Due to the overwhelming positive feedback, I will continue to project the agenda via Power Point. Everyone said the pictures and graphics enhanced the experience and ability to follow along. We may run some picture slide shows and videos in the future. Goose has promised we will have larger meeting rooms to accommodate the Power Point Projector without blocking the view. 2. Another change to the meetings is to save time; we will have a roll call log instead of calling out each chapter. When you attend state meetings, please assign a member from your chapter to sign the log before the meeting starts. The log will be sorted by chapter number. 3. One more thing to save time; if you want to promote an activity, bring a stack of flyers to place on tables we will have in the back of the meeting room. I suggest you having a representative there before and after the meeting to answer questions.

4 wheels move the body

2 wheels move the soul

You get the best efforts from others not by lighting a fire beneath them, but by building a fire within. ~ Bob Nelson

Dale [PugMan] Taylor

FINANCE / MEMBERSHIP

Thank you everyone for your thoughts and prayers during my sister's illness and passing. This meant a lot to me. Thank you Mike Fathman for staying in your position as Finance and Membership Chairman for the month of January. I have met with Mike and we have now transferred the books and records to me. Please send your State Dues to me at this address:

ALR Post 500 Attn: State Finance/Membership Officer

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HISTORIAN

ALR Brothers & Sisters, Time is upon us soon to begin the ridding season in the state of Indiana. Along with that comes many events ALR chapters are having. If you would like photos of you ALR chapter event to be put in the state historian book you can email them to me at Dnascar29@aol.com along with your chapter number/name & date of the event or you can hand the photos to me at any Indiana ALR State Conference.

Ride Safe,
Debbie "Mushroom" Miler
 2011 Indiana ALR State Historian

COMMUNICATIONS

The new year is upon us with I'm sure as many new officers as there are new chapters. We have 97 chapters and approximately only 10% of those chapters have submitted 'Chapter Data Forms'. If you have not or are not sure you have, go to the state website and submit a form for your chapter. It is critical that we keep an accurate record of the officers. The state events are also posted on the home page of our website including this years National ROMP Back Home Again in Indiana, the State Rally in Riley, IN, the Project 911 escort and the Miracle Ride, which we are an official sponsors of this year. This is one of the largest benefit rides in the country benefitting Riley Hospital for Children and has starting points all across Indiana. The \$50 per person covers 2 days of riding, events and a special t-shirt for American Legion Riders of Indiana. To receive the special shirt, you must register by March 25th otherwise, you'll receive the participant shirts. The link to register (DONATE) is provided on our home page. You'll be asked to provide shirt size and your chapter number. No doubt everyone will have chapter events you'll want to share, go to the state website and get them on the calendar ASAP and the more information you provide the better.

Thank you,

Rick Haberman

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CHAPLIAN

Weather has us pinned down but not pinned out! Get to your Post or neighboring Posts to enjoy activities with Brothers and Sisters while we wait for the weather to break. Remember our veterans and those less fortunate while you get your bike ready for a busy year. We are still in that time I spoke of last time where we can focus on those most important - family and friends, during this quieter time of the year. Remember things will be getting very busy soon (hopefully). I hope this finds everyone in good health and spirits. I look forward to April's Conference and seeing you all there.

Yours Spiritually Always
Brother Bo McKie
 State Chaplain 2011

Absolutely No Derogatory Patches will be allowed at Conferences/Legion Functions or Meetings!!!