

TIGER TALES - OCTOBER, 2014

Greetings to our Riding Community, in Oklahoma and Nationwide! I'm sure everyone is celebrating the Fall Riding Season with cooler temperatures, now that we have brought the 101 Critical Days of Summer to a close with the end of the Labor Day holiday. That holiday unfortunately was marked by a number of injuries to our riders, including COD Member Amos Tallbear, who was our former State Webmaster. He's presently recovering from neck and elbow injuries after a bike wreck, and thanks everyone for their prayers and good thoughts.

Our September Oklahoma Confederation of Clubs Meeting was well-attended, and marked our celebrating over one hundred organizations convening in an atmosphere of Unity and mutual respect. Items for discussion included legal battles against Federal seizure of Motorcycle Club insignia in California and New Jersey, and a settlement reached in Florida where NCOM Attorneys sued on behalf of the West Florida COC over Motorcyclists being denied entry to a Florida County fair because of their Club Patches. Fair organizers are paying out \$72,500.00. This litigation is important for us, given the recent anti-Biker discrimination by the State Fair of Oklahoma, so stand by for further developments in our state since we now have further legal precedence to act on. You can keep abreast of OK COC progress and future events by checking out www.okcoc.com. Member groups are urged to stop by and make comments on how they like the revamped Website.

Tiger's Tip O' The Month: One reason Oklahoma has one of the highest Hit-and-Run accident rates in the Nation is because more than one-quarter of our State's motorists drive without insurance. PLEASE review your policy, and make sure to include Uninsured Motorist and Under-Insured Motorist Protection. That'll help you avoid catastrophic medical expenses should the unthinkable occur. You can save money by attaching the protection to your Four-Wheeler as the primary vehicle, and it can apply to your Bike as well--check with your policy underwriter.

I want to give folks a heads-up on some worthwhile upcoming events. The 23rd Annual Mid-South MILE Seminars will be held October 17-19 at the Best Western Hotel in North Wichita, KS. Make plans to participate in this five-state regional event. You can obtain a pre-registration form at: www.midsouthmile.org Our 18th Annual COD ABATE Veterans' Day Run will take place November 11, leaving 10:20AM out of American Legion Post #73 in Del City. Come on out at 9:00 for breakfast, and honor our Armed Forces throughout the day for their Service and Sacrifice! Check out our COD Website at: www.codabate.org for an event flyer. Lastly, the NCOM Region 2 Conference is slated for November 14-16 at the Crowne Plaza Hotel in Austin, TX. Hundreds of riders from a six-state region will be attending educational and informative presentations, so log onto www.onabike.com and make plans to attend!

As I bring this to a close, I want to remind folks that November 4 will mark a momentous Election Day, in Oklahoma and across the country. This time of year marks a tremendous opportunity to get involved with supporting candidates who are going to help safeguard American Liberty, as well as Free Motorcycling as we know it. Now is the time to make friends among our elected officials, and get to know those who are going to represent our interests in the future. So, take an active part in the electoral process, and be sure to VOTE! Take care of each other, continue to Ride Safely, Sober and Aware, and I look forward to seeing everyone down the Road. Best wishes for a Happy Halloween, and watch out for Trick-or-Treaters and innocent Critters!!

Keep It On The Black Strip Between the Trees,
Tiger Mike