

**PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE  
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May is Motorcycle Awareness Month. You would think that this is cause to rejoice. Finally some recognition that motorcyclists have a right to be on the road and that drivers of 4-wheel (and more wheels) should be on the lookout for us and be prepared to share the roads. It is nice that the state leaders are trying to help make riding a motorcycle safer. I am still trying however to get my mind around the fact that in our state in 6 out of 10 motorcycle accidents, the rider has been drinking alcohol. That is not cool! That was one of the pieces of information given out at the Kickoff for Motorcycle Awareness Month held at the State Capitol on April 29<sup>th</sup>. It's hard to complain about others not doing you right when your fellow motorcycle riders are the biggest cause of the majority of motorcycle accidents. I'm so concerned I am thinking about not waving anymore. I hope you will give this matter some thought also and act as your conscience dictates.

Different thought—Summertime is upon us and to me it's the most uncomfortable time of the year to ride. The equipment I need for summertime riding involves clothing that air will flow through and a camelback. A camelback is something that in my opinion everyone should use for summer riding. It is basically a plastic canteen that fits on your back. You load it with ice and water and wear it on your back as you ride. It cools your torso and it has a nozzle that is close to your mouth and allows you to drink cool/cold water throughout your ride so you stay hydrated. I think I learned about this from Jannie and Jim Markey. It is just another good thing I learned from a fellow rider. Our fellow riders and club members are some of our best resources. There have been so many things I've learned from ya'll to make my riding more pleasant, safer and my life more complete. Thank ya'll.

Remember that the meeting in June is on the 20<sup>th</sup> and there will be no meeting in July. Til I see you some more.

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