

**PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE
MARCH, 2007**

Daytona, that's all I can think of lately. It was so much more than I expected. Just in sheer size it was BIG! Just in numbers of bikes it was BIG! Just in numbers of vendors it was BIG! Just in things to do it was BIG! I would definitely recommend holiday Travel Park if you are thinking about going to Daytona and camping. It is very convenient to everything, clean, and with a friendly atmosphere. Bike Week has to require a lot of effort on the part of the City and the motorcycling community, but they manage to make it seem very spontaneous and FUN. The behavior of the participants by and large was a welcome surprise also. We were very impressed and pleased with our decision to go to Bike Week.

Speaking of decisions, Julie and I bought new helmets in Daytona. What a tricky situation. Who knew there were so many choices. Plus there is always the dilemma of how much protection to wear. It's a balancing act between safety and discomfort. I've decided that I'm better off finding a level of safety that I can be consistent with and riding rather than adopting the strictest safety standards and not riding because of the discomfort. We bought Nolan N-42's, a $\frac{3}{4}$ helmet with built in sunvisors. Love them.

Going somewhere that early in the month has sure got my schedule all wacky though. It was a pleasure seeing that many people (28) at the meeting on a rainy night and on an alternate meeting date. Now I'd like to ask for your help in planning a monthly ride for the club. Please sign up! We need someone each month for the remaining nine months. Take us to your favorite dinner ride location. All you have to do is tell us when you want to go (date), time that you're leaving, and where you want to meet and we'll be there. Contact Joe Trippodo to schedule or if you can't reach him, just call me at (985) 624-5344.

The Club has some really great things coming up in the near future starting with the crawfish boil on the 31st of March and then the Dogwood Rally on April 13-15 in Vicksburg. The crawfish boil will feature plenty of mudbugs in a scenic setting (Larry and Paddy Cook's house in Slidell) for a very reasonable price. The thing I especially like about the Dogwood Trail Rally is the live music on Saturday night and the giant campfire. Come check it out.

The riding season is here and I'm looking forward to seeing ya'll out there on the road. Til I see you some more, your Grand Supreme Pooba signing off!

Roy