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MOTORCYCLE SAFETY CAMPAIGN

I was surprised to learn that there have been no submissions for the May bumper sticker slogan contest.



Come up with the winning slogan and you will receive a \$50 gift certificate to Ryan's restaurant.

Deadline for this contest is **February 10th**. Send your submissions to:
P.O. Box 1813 Kailua, HI 96734,

The next meeting of HMDA will be on **Monday, February 10th at 8:30 a.m.** at the **Airport Plaza Hotel Coffee Shop.**

CONVENTION NEWS

Convention news in February? Yup. The 2003 convention will be held at the **Hawaii Prince Hotel**. The date for the gala event is **October 18th**. If you have any suggestions for the vendor show please give me a call at 536-7023.



Mark that new 2003 calendar NOW!!!

Please join us there!

INSURANCE NEWS

Rod Carr and Steve Hoppis from Carr's Insurance came to the meeting with some exciting news about changes in the insurance they are able to offer dealers. Rather than try and figure out my notes I'll just copy the fax that Rod sent over.

FRANCHISED MOTORCYCLE DEALERS INSURANCE PROGRAM

A ++ rated Carr's Insurance Agency L.L.C. has obtained a commercial insurance program that takes your unique needs as a franchised dealer into account! Our franchised dealers insurance program provides customized coverage that offer flexible options and specific value that you simply can't find anywhere else. The Dealers Insurance Protection Program offers commercial coverage for everything, including business and personal property, building and facilities, worker's compensation, garage and garage keeper's liability, umbrella liability, HIGHER LIABILITY LIMITS to satisfy flooring requirements and incidental watercraft flooring requirements and much more. Please call Carr's Insurance Agency either Rod Carr or Steve Hoppis at (808) 836-2277 or toll free at (800) 433-3341 with any questions and we'll be happy to help.



MOTORCYCLE RENTAL INSURANCE PROGRAM

Carr's Insurance Agency L.L.C. is proud to offer a program that makes it possible for motorcycle dealers to rent their existing motorcycles to US citizens and European visitors for leisure and touring enjoyment by supplying you with A++ rated third party legal liability including guest passenger and under insure/uninsured motorist coverage and comprehensive & collision. Tour guide liability is also available under a separate program, which offers professional liability to help meet the insurance requirements and exposures of travel professionals. You are eligible for this program if you have at least five to insure that are NOT sportbikes or moped and scooters.

Carr's Insurance Agency LLC strives to provide the best products and services to the HAWAII MOTORCYCLE DEALERS and experienced motorcycle enthusiasts. We also ride!

We have personally experienced the lack of knowledge of traditional companies who treat the motorcycle community as an addendum to their mainstream business. We are committed to focusing exclusively on the specific needs of our customers... You are our mainstream business.

Please call Carr's insurance Agency at 836-2277 or toll free at (800) 433-3341, if your are interested in the MOTORCYCLE RENTAL PROGRAM as they welcome your inquiries and look forward to talking to you.

Rod would like HMDA to endorse the program. He is also the field rep for the AMA; and would like to bring in the AMA legislative package and try to strengthen the M/C industry in Hawaii. Chuck requested a copy of this package and suggested we table the decision for the next meeting in February while Rod gets the package together.



LEGISLATIVE UPDATE

It's that time of year again. Just remember, it was your vote (or lack of vote) that put these people in office. Three members of the HMDA will be on legislative watch again this year, reading notices from the Legislature. We took a quick poll of the members to see if they had any concerns that we should address or pay special attention to this year. Rod Carr brought up 3 issues: 1) Lack of enforcement for cars not using turn signals; 2) The growing use of cell phones by drivers. Legislation to require hands free operation would be welcome. 3) The continuing problem of the high rate of motorcycle theft

in Hawaii. If you have any concerns you would like to see addressed this year please contact myself or

Chuck Rose.

One of the services the Hawaii Motorcycle Dealers Association offers is legislative watch. There are three of us that wade through every announcement issued about pending legislation. In the early parts of January, we can get as many as 40 notices a day. If anything important comes up we either testify in person or alert the members so they can take action, as they feel appropriate. Some of these may be of interest to you, some not. The problem is short lead-time. The announcements usually give 2 or 3 days notice, but we've had less than 24 hours. Not enough time to poll all the members and get a consensus **IF you would like to receive notification of pending legislation, please send your e-mail address to Rabhi@aol.com. I'll add you to the list.**

SB 1051 Allows for the operation of an "electric personal assistive mobility devices" on sidewalks. It isn't until the last paragraph of the bill that they define an "electronic personal assistive mobility device" as a Segway scooter. (Although not by name) Personally, I am not in favor of allowing any vehicle to travel at 8 MPH on sidewalks.

SB 315 Requires all licensed drivers under the age of 18 to be accompanied by a licensed driver over age 21 when driving between the hours of 10

pm and 4 am. As written, there are no provisions for motorcycles. Does accompanied mean on the same vehicle? On another motorcycle within 50 feet? Following in a car?

SB 85 Authorizes vehicle forfeiture for street racing offenses committed within 5 years of a prior conviction. It reads, in part: "Any person who violates this section while operating a vehicle at a speed exceeding the posted speed limit by 30 MPH or more shall be subject to a fine of not more than \$2,000, a term of imprisonment of not more than one year or both" and if the offense occurs within 5 years of a prior conviction allows for a one year license suspension and forfeiture of the vehicle. Personally, I like this one, but I'd add a provision that allows flogging the driver.

SB 398 Would increase the insurers' assessment for the drivers education fund by an UNSPECIFIED amount. The dollar amount in the bill is left blank. One dollar would be expended for the operation of the drivers education program and \$_____ would go to the director of commerce and consumer affairs for the drivers education program administered by the DOE for high school students and a traffic safety education program established and administered by the DOE. I wouldn't mind this one if I knew the amount.



THINGS ARE LOOKING UP

The minutes from the last meeting were accepted without any of those pesky corrections and nine dealerships have already renewed their memberships for 2003. There is \$7,452.13 in the HMDA account, with the usual \$436 set aside for HOA.

MEMBERSHIP REPORT

Provisional membership of Dan Martyniuk was approved. Dan is serving as Secretary again this year and is responsible for the care and feeding of the HMDA website.

LEGISLATIVE UPDATE, *cont'd.*

SB 1185 Adds a 10% surcharge for each fine imposed for a violation of the traffic code; allocates the amount of the surcharge to the county in which the violation occurred. This one doesn't specify how the extra money the counties get has to be spent. It doesn't have to go to traffic safety or highway maintenance, for example.

SB 345 Provides that any person who, within a calendar year, sells three or more vehicles owned by that person for less than a year shall be considered a dealer subject to the Motor Vehicle Industry Licensing Act.

To apply for a dealer's license the applicant must have a site which is used primarily for the purpose of selling motor vehicles; has a permanent building for display of at least three motor vehicles, has suitable sanitation facilities etc. If enforced, this may help reduce some of the market for stolen bikes because it would limit the amount of vehicles that could be sold by individuals. Then again, maybe not.

SB 1201 Protects against unfair termination of motor vehicle franchise agreements; protects against a franchisor requiring a franchisee to order unwanted vehicles; prevents discriminatory practices against motor vehicle franchisees by manufacturers and distributors.

HB1372 Would require that all motorcycle alarms systems sold in Hawaii be equipped with a device that electronically notifies the registered owner of the vehicle that the alarm has been activated. Would not allow operation after 7/1/05 of any vehicle that has an alarm system not equipped to electronically notify the owner. I don't know how they would enforce this. This would kill most of the motorcycle alarm business in Hawaii, except for the upper-end alarms.

HB1497 would authorize the executive branch of the county to assess a county surcharge of up to \$5 per day (or portion thereof) on rental vehicles. I assume the dealers renting Harleys or mopeds would object to this.



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