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STOLEN VEHICLE WEBSITE

I am sure we have all had occasions when projects we are working on start to resemble elephants mating. Initially, there's a great deal of trumpeting, enthusiasm, and hullabaloo and then nothing seems to happen for a while. One of the important pages on the website is the errors and omissions page, that is designed to protect us and our sponsors from mistakes. The initial wording has been sent to all of the sponsors, I just haven't gotten their approval back yet. The majority of the website has been designed and is ready for public access.

As soon as we're ready to go public, I'll let you know.



YOU'RE INVITED 2005 OFFICERS

Volunteers are needed to fill officer positions for the HMDA. Election of officers will be held December 13th at our next meeting. If you would like to serve as an officer this year please contact me at 536-7023 ext 208 or by e-mail at Rabhi@aol.com

TREASURER'S REPORT

We have \$6,994.13 in the HMDA coffers. I know the shops are gearing up for the Christmas rush, but please remind the bookkeeper about staying current on assessments. As a reminder, we need the assessment form filled out completely. Since the HOA is up and running, the breakout of street legal bikes vs. off road bikes becomes more important.

The
LAST MEETING of
the year with
HMDA will be on
Monday,
December 13th,
at 8:30 a.m.
at the
Airport Plaza
Hotel Coffee Shop.



JOIN US!

2005 CONVENTION

Planning has already started for the 2005 HMDA convention. We would like to hold it at the Waikiki Marriott again next year but are juggling dates in order to get the larger ballroom. Things were just a little cramped this year, we could have used more room for the vendors. We are also going to insure that there are provisions for motorcycle parking.

MOTORCYCLE SAFETY REPORT

Morgan Keene reported that the Motorcycle Safety Foundation has developed a new curriculum, the Basic Rider Course or BRC. Many states have already adopted the BRC course over the past couple of years. So as not to get caught short, all of the Motorcycle Safety Instructors working for the College program will be updated to teach the new BRC curriculum before the end of the year. The Motorcycle Safety Foundation has stated it will no longer support the older rider course curriculum.

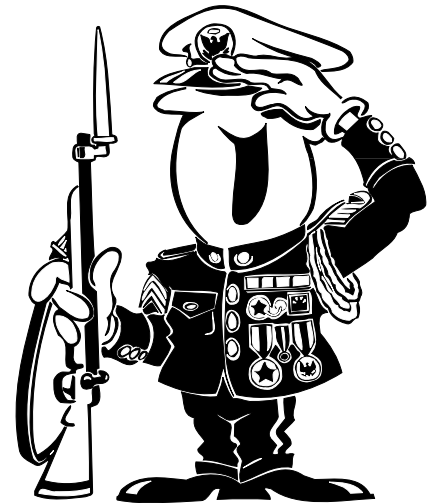
Since the closure of the Sand Island site, the Motorcycle Training Program has been looking for an alternate training site to serve the Leeward overload. Thanks to the diligence of John Lovstedt at the DOT, the Aloha Stadium management has agreed to let the program use a part of their parking area for courses. Morgan reported that they are just about ready to open, and will look forward to conducting rider training classes there on most

Sundays and frequent Saturdays. Stay tuned.

Once all of her staff are updated in the new BRC curriculum, Morgan has said she will concentrate on planning a Workshop to train new personnel in the spring, (March/ April) timeframe. If you know anyone interested, and especially anyone who has already taken one of the courses, have them contact Morgan Keene at the Motorcycle Program, 455-0307

NEW ASSOCIATE MEMBER

John McCoy, and his company **Armed Guard**, is the latest associate member of the HMDA. His alarms are available through Motorcycle Stuff. Their alarms offer several different levels of protection and, very soon, will have plug in harnesses for metric bikes to make the installation that much easier. Should you want to contact John directly, he can be reached at 503-606-2959 or . . . alarms@armedguard.com . Their website is www.armedguard.com . Welcome to the Hawaii Motorcycle Dealer Association, John. Maybe we'll see you at next year's convention.



Welcome John!



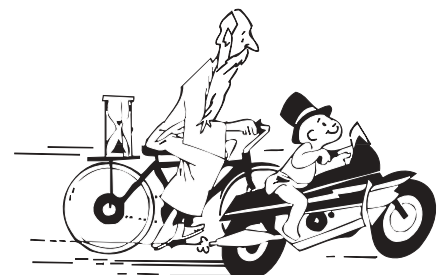
The Hawaii Offroad Association (HOA) held its first meeting on Tuesday, November 9th at the Salt Lake Recreation Center. Elections were held at the end of the meeting with the following people voted into office. President, **Sam Bird**, Vice Presidents, Brendon Brown and Joshua Baker, Secretary, Craig Brown and Treasurer, Cindy Clark. The purpose of the HOA is to promote responsible off road vehicle activities throughout the state of Hawaii by establishing more recreational facilities and trails and improving existing

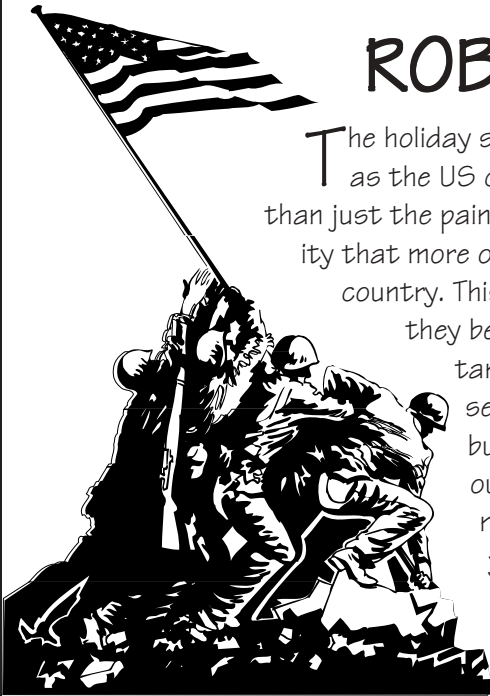
facilities. The formation of a statewide user-based organization makes the HOA eligible for federal funding. The HOA is not designed to replace or control existing offroad clubs or organizations. Instead, it was created to form a link between the diverse offroad enthusiasts in Hawaii, and act as a facilitator to work towards their common goals. Politically, there is strength in numbers and a statewide offroad enthusiast organization will have much more clout than any single club. At the present time, there are almost 1,000 members of the HOA. The HOA welcomes offroad enthusi-

asts of all types; the membership is made up of dirt bike riders, ATV riders and 4WD enthusiasts. The HOA plans to establish local chapters on each island to insure statewide representation. If you would like to get more information about the HOA or join this important offroad organization please visit their website at www.hawaii-offroad.com <<http://www.hawaii-offroad.com/>> or contact the president, Sam Bird, at SamBird@att.net <<mailto:SamBird@att.net>> .



Merry Christmas
 and a
Happy New Year
 from HMDA





ROBERT'S SOAPBOX

The holiday season will be especially trying for many families in Hawaii this year, as the US continues to fulfill its military obligations around the world. More than just the pain of Christmas away from loved ones, there is the very real possibility that more of our soldiers will pay the ultimate price for their service to our country. This is an all-volunteer army, selflessly giving of themselves for what they believe in. Our support from home means a lot, but it should be more tangible than displaying a yellow ribbon decal on your car. Because of security concerns, mail can no longer be addressed to "Any Soldier" but an e-mail option is <http://anyservicemember.navy.mil>. Remember our troops in your prayers so that -hopefully- all of them can spend next Christmas home among family. This Christmas morning, when you're surrounded by family, just-opened presents and the spirit of the season fills the air, take a moment to say a silent "thank you" and remember the contribution our troops are making.



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