



LEGISLATIVE INFORMATION

The Hawaii Legislature has been busy this year, most of it in a negative way. These are just some of the proposed legislation that the HMDA has taken action on:

HB2890 would establish a **120db noise limit on motorcycles** – and just motorcycles- in any built up area. We opposed this one vigorously. If noise is a problem, then ALL noise should be considered in the bill, not just motorcycles, which represent a very small portion of the problem. The bill is currently in limbo. It has been referred to three different committees, but none of them have scheduled any action on it.

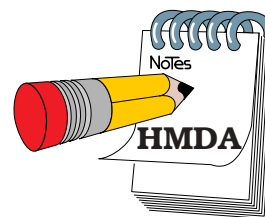
HB2954 was a sneaky one. On the surface, it was **a bill against street racing**. However, the very last paragraph included a provision that would have required **anyone transferring ownership of a motor vehicle to have a valid Hawaii driver's license**. The military represents a large chunk of our business, and many of them elect to maintain a driver's license in their home state. Committee members voted to hold this bill.

SB2513 would have charged an "advance abandoned vehicle disposal fee." \$250 would have been added onto every vehicle sold in Hawaii to pay for the cleanup of abandoned vehicles. **We teamed up with the automobile dealers association to defeat this one.** The bill would have generated an estimated \$23 million a year to handle a problem that the State says will cost less than \$4 million to handle. DUH!

SB2023 and SB2019 Two versions of the same thing. The bills would require a parent (or adult) over 21 to accompany any driver under 18 who is operating a motor vehicle between 10 pm and 4 am. Obviously, this is not practical on a motorcycle. **We're still fighting this one.**

The next meeting of HMDA will be on
Monday,
March 8, 2004
at 8:30 a.m.
 at the
Airport Plaza
Hotel Coffee Shop.

Mark your 2004 calendar for the
second Monday of every month!





All sorts of progress is being made on the HOA front. They received the paperwork from the government confirming their nonprofit status. Lelehua Elementary School has been chosen as the site of the first HOA meeting; which should be held around the end of April. The

HOA logo will be changed to reflect the interests of all members; a four-wheeler will be added to the graphics.

**Your shop can help promote the HOA
and ensure the continued health of our off road business
by displaying posters about the HOA meeting.**

CONVENTION NEWS

Mark Ely is the Vice President of the HMDA this year and is responsible for the convention. Several vendors approached representatives from **Cycle Sports** and asked about attending this year's convention.

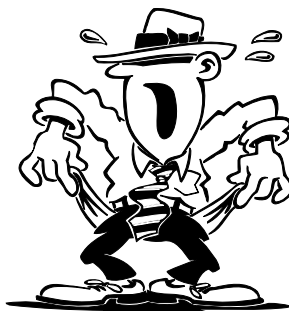
**The word is
getting out:**

Hawaii hosts a great
vendor show!
More information
as it becomes available.

TREASURER'S REPORT

There is \$9,667.19 in the HMDA coffers, of which \$536.00 is earmarked for the HOA. By the time you get this, that money will have been transferred out of the HMDA account and into the newly established HOA account. Our balance would be higher except...

**SEVERAL SHOPS ARE
WAY BEHIND IN THEIR
ASSESSMENTS!**



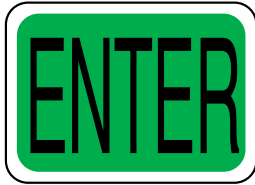
Our Treasurer!

PROVISIONAL MEMBERSHIPS

The Motorcycle Safety Education Program submitted a letter asking that they be included in the dealer's association as active provisional members. Then motion was unanimously approved.

SPEAKING OF MEMBERSHIPS

We've made this real easy for you...just fill out the HMDA Membership Renewal Form, on pg. 3 of this newsletter. Then... put it in the mail, with your dues payment. **Mahalo!**



HMDA Membership Application

New

Renewal

Company Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone/Fax: _____

Email Address: _____

Web Site (*Is this a Public Access Site?*) _____

Membership Type: Active (\$150): _____ Associate: (\$30): _____

Date: _____

**Please supply all info above so we can update our database, then
mail to: HMDA • P.O. Box 1813 • Kailua, Hawaii 96734**



VEHICLE REGISTRATIONS

Rod Carr brought up the subject of the increasing problem of vehicle theft and wondered if registering ATV's; off road motorcycles and mopeds would help in their recovery. The general consensus was that it was a good idea as long as the registration fees were nominal.

If you have any thoughts on the matter one way or another, please contact me at 536-7023 ext 208.



FLAT TRACK

Rod Carr is working hard to bring an AMA flat track race to Hawaii. Soil samples of the track have been sent off, and pictures of the spectator stands and general layout have been taken. This would be a great thing if it all comes together.

Many thanks to Rod for his efforts on behalf of the sport.

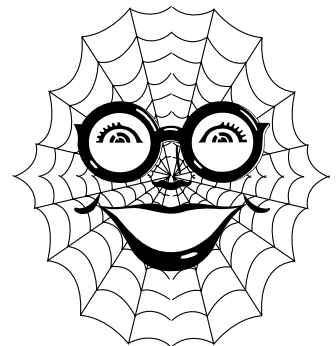


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WEBSITE FACELIFT

The HMDA website is now being professionally maintained. Scott Rogers of Wave Path submitted the winning proposal. Scott will give the website an updated look, and, more importantly, make sure that all dealer information is current.



**Renew
for 2004.
Plan to get
more involved
with HMDA!!
Join us
March 8th!**