

ALR Meeting April 13, 2024

Meeting called to order at 9:00AM

Started with Pledge of Allegiance

Nick led us in an opening prayer

In-Person: Tom, Bruce, Vig, Rich Miller, Tim, Susan Big Mike , Ivan, CJ, Jeff Mason

Online: Richard, Jim Otto, Nick, Dan Hill, Bryant, Mark, Brad

Visitors Charles (Jeffs son), Larry Larson (Hog Chapter)

No New Members

Director: Tom Pike

Tom asked to approve meeting minutes from March meeting, Forrest made a correction for the 3rd page for the name of the funeral home: should read "Hill and Wood Funeral Home" and was corrected and saved.

Thank you for reading the minutes, Forrest ~vig

Nothing else to report.

Asst Director: Mark Davis

Nothing to report as Asst Director

Webmaster: Website is up-to-date, and captcha was implemented to avoid spam messages. Tom confirmed it is working. for less spam, tom confirmed.

Treasurer: Elsie Mersereau (From Colorado)

The starting balance was \$4,037.04.

She thanked everyone who paid their dues...\$175 was collected. Making the sub-total \$4,212.94.

No expenses Paid so that is the final balance in the checking account.

Two pending expenses:

1. \$600 Payable to the Fairfax Little League
2. \$250 Unit 177 Aux for Honor Flight Support

Available operating balance \$3,362.94

Dues are due, give money to Bruce at today's meeting if you have it or you can PayPal Elsie. You can also mail a check to the Mersereau household.

Sargent at Arms: Wilbur Scales

Not Present

Road Captain/Safety Officer: Bruce Mersereau

Reminded everyone of today's box lunch delivery to the Airforce Memorial, Rich to carry the lunches in his car/truck.

Box lunches for the New Honor Flight from Houston at FDR Memorial will be next Saturday.

If you are riding your motorcycle for the first time this season, make sure to go your T-Cloc list:

T- TIRES & WHEELS

- Tires
 - Condition: Tread depth, wear, weathering, evenly seated, bulges, embedded objects.
 - Air Pressure: Check when cold, adjust to load.
- Wheels
 - Spokes: Bent, broken, missing, tension, check at top of wheel: "ring" = OK — "thud" = loose spoke.
 - Cast: Cracks, dents.
 - Rims: Out of round/true = 5mm. Spin wheel, index against stationary pointer.
 - Bearings: Grab top and bottom of tire and flex: No freeplay (click) between hub and axle, no growl when spinning.
 - Seals: Cracked, cut or torn, excessive grease on outside, reddish-brown around outside.
- Brakes
 - Function: Each brake alone keeps bike from rolling.
 - Condition: Check pads and discs for wear.

C- CONTROLS

- Handlebars
 - Condition: Bars are straight, turn freely, handgrips and bar ends are secure.
- Levers and Pedal
 - Condition: Broken, bent, cracked, mounts tight, ball ends on handlebar levers, proper adjustment.
 - Pivots: Lubricated.
- Cables
 - Condition: Fraying, kinks, lubrication: ends and interior.
 - Routing: No interference or pulling at steering head, suspension, no sharp angles, wire supports in place.
- Hoses
 - Condition: Cuts, cracks, leaks, bulges, chafing, deterioration.
 - Routing: No interference or pulling at steering head, suspension, no sharp angles, hose supports in place.
- Throttle
 - Operation: Moves freely, snaps closed, no revving when handlebars are turned.

L- LIGHTS & ELECTRICS

- Battery
 - Condition: Terminals; clean and tight, electrolyte level, held down securely.
 - Vent Tube: Not kinked, routed properly, not plugged.
- Headlamp
 - Condition: Cracks, reflector, mounting and adjustment system.
 - Aim: Height and right/left.
- Tail lamp/brake lamp
 - Condition: Cracks, clean and tight.
 - Operation: Activates upon front brake/rear brake application.
- Turn signals
 - Operation: Flashes correctly.
- Switches
 - Operation: All switches function correctly: engine cut-off, hi/low beam, turn signal.
- Mirrors
 - Condition: Cracks, clean, tight mounts and swivel joints.
 - Aim: Adjust when seated on bike.
- Lenses & Reflectors
 - Condition: Cracked, broken, securely mounted, excessive condensation.
- Wiring
 - Condition: Fraying, chafing, insulation.
 - Routing: Pinched, no interference or pulling at steering head or suspension, wire looms and ties in place, connectors tight, clean.

O- OIL & OTHER FLUIDS

- Levels
 - Engine Oil: Check warm on center stand on level ground, dipstick, sight glass.
 - Gear Oil, Shaft Drive: Transmission, rear drive, shaft.
 - Hydraulic Fluid: Brakes, clutch, reservoir or sight glass.
 - Coolant: Reservoir and/or coolant recovery tank — check only when cool.
 - Fuel: Tank or gauge.
- Leaks
 - Engine Oil: Gaskets, housings, seals.
 - Gear Oil, Shaft Drive: Gaskets, seals, breathers.
 - Hydraulic Fluid: Hoses, master cylinders, calipers.
 - Coolant: Radiator, hoses, tanks, fittings, pipes.
 - Fuel: Lines, fuel valve, carbs.

C- CHASSIS

- Frame
 - Condition: Cracks at gussets, accessory mounts, look for paint lifting.
 - Steering-Head Bearings: No detent or tight spots through full travel, raise front wheel, check for play by pulling/pushing forks.
 - Swingarm Bushings: Raise rear wheel, check for play by pushing/pulling swingarm.

- Suspension
 - Front Forks: Smooth travel, equal air pressure/damping, anti-dive settings.
 - Rear Shock(s): Smooth travel, equal pre-load/air pressure/damping settings, linkage moves freely and is lubricated.
- Chain or Belt
 - Tension: Check at tightest point.
 - Lubrication: Side plates when hot. Note: do not lubricate belts.
 - Sprockets: Teeth not hooked, securely mounted.
- Fasteners
 - Threaded: Tight, missing bolts, nuts.
 - Clips & Cotter: Pins Broken, missing.

S- STANDS

- Center stand
 - Condition: Cracks, bent.
 - Retention: Springs in place, tension to hold position.
- Side stand
 - Condition: Cracks, bent (safety cut-out switch or pad equipped).
 - Retention: Springs in place, tension to hold position.

Take it easy for the first 30-40 miles to get your riding legs back under you.

Chaplin: Nick Nicholas

Nothing to report.

Historian/Photographer: Tim Park

Not Present

Old Business

If you are contributing a bottle to the Memorial Day Booze with Coller Raffle, we need them by next weekend. Drawing will be at the picnic on Saturday on Memorial Day weekend.

Larry from Patriot HOG Chapter spoke about the Ride of the Patriots

The new events coordinator is in the process of getting all the detail together.

Jim Egbert (Spelling) is the new Boss Hog for the Ride of the Patriots talking over from Larry who will act as an advisor. Jim has been involved for many years and last year as a team lead. Everything is going well, and the agenda is pretty much the same as it has been for the past 24 years. Sunday the 26th of May, at 6:30AM Kick stands up and we will be escorted to Patriot Harley from the post.

The number of participating motorcycle expectations is about 2500 (Being Hopeful), as last year there were 1400, far below the 9000 from the year 2019. No parade this year but will be a couple of musicians. The dealership is promoting everyone coming back to the dealership for food and music.

Elsie asked if Aux could set up coffee and donuts as a fundraiser. Larry will bring it up and promote it to Patriot and see if they will cooperate.

Brad asked if someone would set up an event on the ALR Run to the Thunder Facebook page.

New Business

No new business

Rides and events

14 April Post Breakfast

Friday the 19 Houston Honor flight Dinner

Saturday the 20th Box Lunch delivery for the Houston Honor Flight. Be here no later than 10AM

Sunday the 21st is the John Price Memorial Service, please try to attend.

Wednesday 8th is the General meeting at the post – be involved.

Saturday 11th of May is the cleaning of the American Veterans Disabled For Life Memorial. Cleaning starts at 0730AM the address is: 150 Washington Ave SW, Washington, DC 20024. Rider's meeting will be at 10AM at the post.

8 June Combat Warriors Inc. Wyoming Chapter event

Forrest Updates on events

Yesterday the Missing in America project laid to rest the previously unclaimed cremains of nine veterans and five spouses at Culpeper National Cemetery. There were 25 bikes and about 5 cagers. We got them interned with honor. if you go into the Missing in America Virginia Facebook page, you can see some of the photos OK from the other mission yesterday.

On the 6th of April. Mark, Tim and Forrest, escorted two Honor Flight missions from DCA.

Three Honor Flights missions today and another one tomorrow out of Dulles.

A lot of events are coming up and Forrest provided a spreadsheet.

Forrest asked if we want to know about all events or just American Legion events and we agreed to error on having too much information rather than too little.

20th of April post 176 is having a poker run and bike blessing and Forrest sent out the flier.

4th of May the Tradesmen Motorcycle Club will be having their spring party, the flier says entertainment for adult bikers, whatever that means... But it should be interesting.

On the 11th of May, the Combat Veterans Association will have their 4th annual Menage a Trois. Location on flier.

The Mill Vets US Military Motorcycle Club will have their state Annual gathering on the 17th and 18th of May.

At the VFW post 1503 in Woodbridge will have their cook pout called Que (Spelling), it's a fundraiser for Saint Jude Childrens Hospital and put on by the Omega Pi Pi Fraternity, Pi Lambda Lambda Chapter on the 18th of May,

Elsie brought up an event on Sunday, May 12 which is also Mother's Day, it's The Legionnaires breakfast. This would be a perfect opportunity to sell raffle tickets, as this would be the only Sunday breakfast that we can be involved in.

Bruce:

Honor flight is coming back to the post this evening for dinner, please try to help with set up and pass out drinks and collecting trash. Be there around 4PM.

Bruce plans on riding after breakfast tomorrow if anyone is interested.

Nick led in a closing prayer.

Meeting adjourned at 9:44AM