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NEWS LETTER

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The season is two months off and the whole community is in the planning mode. We have three activities well into our schedule and they are huge. It seems that we are recognized as the motorcycle community cooking post and we do it very well. We have been asked by the people from NCOM, the Bikes for Bricktown and our own 4th of July operations. Let's see that's May, June and July. That ought to keep us out of trouble for a while.

Looking back, we attended the Billy Weems Memorial Run where over \$5000, 00 was raised for Karen and family. One thing that was particularly great was that 1340 rode together through the whole run. It looked great that we all hung together as much as possible.

There are many activities being scheduled for the new season and we should keep in mind that the Downed Bikers are looking forward to us supporting their runs. We will do well by working with them.

The Polar Bear run was quite comfortable the day turned out to be cloudless with light winds and the temperature was in the high fifties. All in all it was a very nice afternoon.

Julie, the quartermaster has received another shipment of "T" shirts and patches, she is going to dispense them at the meetings or if you want to pick them up sooner you may call Julie at 790-0182. You can also order some shirts from her.

Don Martin has made contact with his friend Tom Cook in Shawnee at the VFW post. Don worked out a deal whereby we are authorized to use the kitchen trailer for our cooking events. Boyd West and Ken Larcher will be attending the City/County health Department course to obtain the state food handlers certificates and following that we will be asking the state to inspect the kitchen for licensure and the governmental OK to operate.

Ken Larcher, Boyd West and Mel Crane ventured off to Shawnee on the morning of the sixth of March with the mission to transport the kitchen trailer to Oklahoma City so the kitchen could be cleaned up, washed out and have the first layer of gunge cleaned out. The intrepid warriors set off at the crack of dawn 0700 to meet have breakfast and plunge forward in their single-minded plan. Ken forgot to go to the bank, and the place opened at 0800, no sweat Mel calls at 0730 and the plan is changed to pick him up as the bank is nearby. So Ken and Boyd are off to get Mel and have breakfast then plunge forward in their single minded plan. Then Boyd needs gas, so no the way to get Mel we decide to stop for gas then plunge forward in our single-minded plan. We go to Mel's house and much to our surprise, Mel is dressed and ready to go. So off we go to the bank

where we are just 30 seconds ahead of the opening time. There is a woman in line to, not one, but two auto teller lines so we proceed around her and actually select a single line and we are in. for our efforts we received one death scowl from the lady who wanted us to wait for her to make up her mind and not be so bold as to circumvent her wishes. Such bad boys! The transaction completed and we were off on our quest for breakfast and our plunge forward in there single minded plan to obtain the kitchen trailer. Breakfast went mostly without incident. Now we were off and headed for the highway Shawnee here we come. Boyds Avalanche is new it was a great ride to the kitchen.

When we got there we die a walk around and found that the lug nuts were loose on one side, having the proper tool we saw to it that those nuts were tight, damn tight. We then hitched the 2-1/4 ball to the trailer and set off to Oklahoma City. The trailer followed pretty well, it was stable right up to the time a heavy gust of wind hit us broadside and set the trailer weaving side to side like hell. Boyd being the ever diligent on-the-spot driver, got the rig back under control and there was no further event, , , well almost! You see we chose to get off of I-40 at the first Reno exit, as it turns out that was the single brightest idea any of us have ever had. By getting off of the highway we avoider all of the bad road at the cross-town bridge. The rough road wouldn't be so bad regularly but when we got to Charley's we noticed the tongue for the trailer was for a 2 5/16" ball and the 2 1/4" slipped right off, unlocked. Could have been really bad.

With the kitchen in mind, we all will all be asked to chip in a little bit of time during the motorcycle events where we are cooking. Lots of members have signed up for a shift or more during the NCOM activity and that is wonderful. We must keep in mind that we have two other events and although they are much shorter in duration, they are important as well as our other commitments.

There are several little projects needing completion in and about the kitchen, so if you want to lend a hand in the repairs, come down to Charley's any Saturday about noon time, we will be doing something until NCOM.

The website is up and running and is being updated regularly so if you want to add something to it please let Ken or Julie know and we will put your ideas around the world. www.al1340.com

Jason Wilson has accepted the position of Road Captain and is doing a great job with that and the Activities committee.

The Executive Committee consists of the following:

Mel Crane

Julie Larcher

Billy May

Steve Blair

Jack DeRoule

Jim Crane

Charlie Wills, has accepted the open position of Executive Committee Member

Jerry Ketchum, has also accepted an open position of Executive Committee Member

Ride Free!

