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## NEWS LETTER

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First off we have some not-so-happy news, J.R. and Kat will be leaving us and continuing with military careers in new places, Great for them but, not so good for us. Kat has handed the newsletter challenge to me and I can only hope to do as good a job as she has. Best wishes to you two and your family.

The Poker run went very well, we got a lot of support from the two American Legion Posts that were two of the stopping points of the run. Both posts have invited us to repeat the activities in the future. The poker run brought in enough to support our young man at the children's home.

By the way Jeffery is no longer our sponsored child. He was formally adopted and has begun his new life with a new family. Our prayers and best wishes go with him. Our new young man is named Eric Richie. I met Eric during the Ponca City Auxiliary Sunday activity. He is a very nice young man of 14. We really do have an opportunity with him to help him to grow to a strong and honest man. I pledge my support.

The Ponca City ride, Well what can I say. We left Stroker's at precisely 7AM and the weather was beautiful, the road was smooth and everything was all as planned. We stopped at Perry which was about midway. After a break we mounted up and began our trek to the final destination. Keep in mind that each rider knows how far his bike will go on a tank of fuel. As it appears they know very closely as to how far. Well, I missed the route 60 off ramp and was convinced that it was ahead "only a little ways" so I pressed on leading the group into confusion and diminishing fuel reserve. Finally after some 15 miles, Billy pulls off to a filling station; the group and I follow, only to find the station is closed. Had it not been for "Dutch" and the RESCUE trike with his spare gas we would have been stuck. Dutch siphoned some fuel over to the needy bike and we were off. We then found Rt.60 and proceeded to Ponca City where everyone filled up. When we arrived at the children's home it was exactly 10 AM and we were on time. Sorry Guys! I just missed the ramp.

There has been much discussion about the membership in our post and how we should keep the members that do not participate as much, in the information loop so as to peak their interest and perhaps have them come in more. Further we might look at some means of gaining new members by embarking on a membership drive of some sort.

A team approach to membership has been started and the team leaders will be provided a packet with their and all the other team members names listed with all of the known information. Team Leaders, Please attempt to gain each team members information so we can communicate better.

in the packet also are some blank minimum information sheets. Please fill these out on any body with new information so the info can be added to the membership list on the computer.

The next meeting of the Activity Committee will be on the 14<sup>th</sup> of May at 5:00 PM and the Executive Committee and will be at 6:00 PM. Both on May 14<sup>th</sup> at RC's office at the Legion Headquarters.

We'll be working on details for the 4<sup>th</sup> of July Carnival Poker Run. Anyone who wants to contribute is welcome. There is a summary sheet attached.

The next Post Meeting will be at 10:00a.m. on Saturday, April 26<sup>th</sup> at Stokers. This one is really important for us all as the elections are coming up, The poker run needs to be worked out and the state conference is scheduled for July 11,12,and 13<sup>th</sup>.

Legion elections are coming up this summer, elections for the Post have to be completed by June 14<sup>th</sup>. If you're interested in becoming an officer for Post 1340, come to the meetings and fill out your "Letter of Candidacy". There is a formal statement that will be printed below so you can just cut out the form and fill out it out for collection.

Steve Blair is recovering remarkably well he attended the poker run albeit maintaining a stationary position. He insists that he did not try to "jump" the ditch but just did not see that it was there. Well Mr. Blair, I tend to believe your story. (wink) Really glad to see that you are doing so well

Anyone who would like to have something put into your newsletter need only write it up and get it to me and I will put it in.

Name \_\_\_\_\_

I Declare my Candidacy for the Office of:

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American Legion Riders Post 1340

# Auxiliary News Brief

The next Auxiliary meeting will be 10:00 a.m. on Saturday, April 26th, at Stokers:

A following meeting is to be announced

Please try to come to the meeting this month. (April)

Know your Auxiliary officers:

Mary Orcutt	President	848-6513
Angela	Vice President	(call Mary O.)
Kim Wilkerson	Secretary	(call Mary O.)
Sherry Spencer	Chaplain	
Shorty Haney	Historian/treasurer	799-4693
Julie Bass	Sergeant at Arms	
Julie Kirtley	Executive Committee	
Diane Randall	Executive Committee	
Kaye Melvin	Executive Committee	
Teresa Bell	Benevolent Person	

Teresa Bell has been elected as the " Benevolent Person " for our Legion Post. If anyone is ill, having surgery or experience a death in the family, or anyone with information on a member in need, please contact Teresa Bell at 733-7180, Sherri Spencer, Shorty Haney, or Mary Orcutt via telephone 848-6513. The Legion Auxiliary will do their best to see that their needs are met.

Our prayers and Good thoughts need to go out to some of our members.

People having or recovering from surgery:

Julie Bass, Crista Masen, Katie Parker, "Birdman" Steve Blair

Once again as spring comes we will have our 2nd Annual Auxiliary Garage Sale. The sale this year is scheduled for the first week of May. This is to help raise money for the Auxiliary to function with and pay some bills. Persons in charge of the sale this year are Shorty Haney and Crista Masen. Your help is appreciated.

"Mama" Mary