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NEWS LETTER

July 2003

Post 1340 met at Stokers on 14 June and the elections were held with the Department Vice Commander Bill Hardin in attendance. The elections commenced at precisely 10:00 A.M. when the doors were secure.

Elected to office were:

The Executive Committee:	Billy May,	Michael O'Keefe
	Melvin Crane	Steve Blair
	Julie Larcher	Jack DeRoule
	Kevin Carpenter	Rick Coley

Sergeant at Arm: Michael (Dutch) Orcutt

Vice-Commander: Henry Bass

Commander: Ken Larcher

The installation ceremony will be conducted at the July 26th at Stokers during the regular meeting. After the meeting, The Commander-elect requests the whole post mount up and share lunch at Eishens in Okarche for a Hail and Farewell.

The first post-election Activities Committee meeting shall be held on Tuesday the 29th of July at the Clarion Hotel Executive meeting room at 5:00 P.M. followed by the first post-election Executive Committee Meeting. The hotel is just south of I-40 and just west of Meridian. Park your bikes as near the lobby as you can and the meeting room adjoins the same lobby the exact room will bear the Riders logo on the window in the lobby area. The meeting room is complementary and we have it for two hours. The activities meeting will have it for one hour then adjourn followed by the Executive Committee for one hour. If this time factor is less than what is needed we can request more time the next meeting.

The State Convention is to be held at the Biltmore Hotel at Meridian and I-40 on July 11 and 12. The American Legion Riders Post 1340 is hosting a Hospitality suite during that event. Please plan

to come out and show your support. The banquet tickets are on sale and I hope to see a contingent of 1340 legionnaires present. It's a great opportunity to get you and the women dressed up and out for an evening.

R.C. and others participated in the annual ride to the wall.

Yada sore bottom, Yada long ride, Yada Fort Drum, Yada fuel drums, Yada broke dick bike

And so forth and so on

R.C. You fill this in

We, as a post participated in the annual JD McCarty benefit run which was a lot of fun, a learning experience for some and an overall success. The run started at Stokers. We were all in the Riders black shirts and were looking good. We traveled down the interstate 35 to Norman at what some described as a snails pace. We arrived as a group lined up the bikes in parking and we really looked like we had it together, we did!. Once the run began we hung together as a group and we were successful in keeping the group together. The end of the run was at Charley's where the American Legion Riders Post 1340 took the lion's share of the prizes and raffles, including private showing of flash for Jason. We took High hand as well and various other raffle prizes.

We, the post have been given an opportunity in the form of an invitation to attend and have a booth provided at the Mid Summer Thunder Run. Michael Weaver has offered a booth with which we can put a dunker or anything else we want for fund raising. The Dates are July 24 thru 27, 2003. Perhaps we could talk about it during the 4th and see if we want to get involved. This is a great way for us to get better associated with the biker community and show support for the Thunder Roads people who have supported us for so long. Please consider the opportunity and let's talk about it.

The 4th of July Run is a complete success!

The fourth of July run and Ada 10 K Run escort were nothing short of complete successes. The Carnival atmosphere seems to have won the hearts of the motorcycling participants of the run. The level of participation was not as high as we had hoped for but, the run was a success on all levels, it is hoped that future AL 1340 sponsored runs will be able to enjoy the excellent reputation set out by this, the second fourth of July run.

R.C., Deano and the Sons went up to Ada, Oklahoma to escort the annual 10K run. The task was finished to the complete satisfaction of everyone involved. The legion organizers of the activity provided a donation for the post and the city has extended an invitation to do the same service next year.

Sad News about Stokers

Stokers Full Throttle has fallen upon unfortunate times and the personnel have informed us that we can no longer expect to have our meetings there as the establishment is closing down and there is no plans for re-establishing a new managerial staff. The final fate for Stokers is very much unknown at the time of this writing.

Because of the uncertainty surrounding the fate of Stokers, some solutions about our July meeting were affected and the following actions are for the July 26th 2003 meeting. The American Legion Post 13 has offered their post at no charge until we find a new home. Post 13 is located at 239 SE 57th 73129 Their phone is 631-2027 The location is two blocks north and one block east of the intersection of S.E 59th and Shields. The Meeting will begin at 10:00 and the installation of the new management team shall be installed. Please try to attend, as it truly will be a new beginning for 1340.

The Department Convention

The Department Convention was held on 11, 12, and 13th of this month. The hospitality suite was a resounding success among the entire Legion Department. We had a motorcycle on display in the room, booze a plenty, a tent cover and hamburgers, hot dogs and some fine barbeque. Distinguished visitors included the National Commander, the (then, current Department Commander and the newly elected and installed Department commander, Bill Hardin. Further, every post commander in attendance came to visit and enjoy the now famous and popular Jello-Shots, as did nearly every member and auxiliary member. 1340 hit a great home run at the convention by everyone's account.

Auxiliary News Brief

Know your Auxiliary officers:

Mary Orcutt	President	848-6513
Diane Randall	Vice President (call Mary O.)	
Kim Wilkerson	Secretary	(call Mary O.)
Julie Bass	Sergeant at Arms	
Angela Willhite	Treasurer	

Executive Committee

Mary Orcutt sold poppies on Memorial Day and was very successful having sold 99 poppies, an increase from the previous year of 76 poppies sold. Great job Mary!

The Auxiliary will be conducting their 2nd annual Yard Sale on 28 June at 1104 N.W. 48th at 9:30 A.M. The location is the corner of N.W. 48th and Western.

Further, the Auxiliary will be conducting their meetings on the second Tuesday of each month at 7:00 P.M. The location will be different each month and will be announced at the meetings. No calendar is offered as yet. The July meeting is scheduled to be held at the Stars and Stripes Park at Lake Hefner. The facility has picnic tables and a child play area so if you want to bring food and the kiddies you can and they will be fine. I'm not sure if this is a potluck thing, you might call Mary for the details.

For the Auxiliary, Mary Orcutt is the contact for the banquet tickets for the Department Conference. The tickets are \$25.00 per person. This is a great time to get dressed up and share a meal and time with our friends and acquaintances. Let's see if we can make a good showing for ol'e 1340. While on the subject of the conference, don't forget that we (1340) have a hospitality suite at the conference room (room 423) so come up share a drink and hang out for a time.

Finally, Mary has asked that if there is anyone in or outside of the organization, who needs assistance in any form to contact her and she will lend assistance to the best of her ability.