

Riders Way

Campaign Save A Life



Since February we have taught 8 more classes. We hit a mile stone this spring: At Greenbrier High School we had our first class that totally got the 4 seconds for motorcycles. The Tennessee Drivers Manual teaches the 2 second rule, while going through our presentation we asked the kids if they will always give a motorcycle 4 seconds. When going over the question and answer section at the end of the class, we always have to go over this again since about half the class is used to the 2 second rule. To our amazement, the second class we taught at Greenbrier High School on May 1, 2008, when we raised the question every student had the same answer. **4 Seconds** We also had another first and very interesting answer to our question: "Why do we ride?" A female student in the back row raised her hand and said; "It's a family activity" This is the interesting thing about going into schools and teaching young people. Every class is different and every student is different. So far novelties have been well

received, we were a little worried about the document holders but it seems if you put it that you can store important papers they don't want to lose and this also means that favorite picture or special note too. They really seem to like the idea then. I actually had a student come up at the end of class and ask for a document holder. So we have been judging novelties well. Batman gave us a good tip at our last class while he was running the computer. We were talking about following motorcycles, Batman spoke up and said, " Please don't wash your windshield when a motorcycle is following you, it happens to me all the time and I wonder where the rain is coming from." The class and teachers erupted in laughter so it gave the class a little jolt of energy. We can all learn from each others creativity while instructing classes. If you don't want to be an instructor, we always could use someone to run the computer or someone to pass out candy and novelties. Come out and give it a try.

WEBSITE

We have a new website, well the same address just updated and completed. Thanks to Bob Celmer and Scott Fackler it is bigger and better. You can get information about all our programs, sponsorship and donation forms, pictures from our events, plus a special parent and teen page. Check it out and let us know your feedback. If you have anything you want to add just let any of the officers know. We will try to add different pages as we grow. Brad will be adding the CSAL Promo video soon.

**Preventing Accidents
Through Education**

A special THANKS to all the people that come out to help with the classes. Bob Edwards, Ed Bartle, John _____ and Batman. A special THANKS to Terry Hegeimer for getting us into Savannah County Schools next year.

Look Beyond the Differences and Find a Way to Walk the Path Together

What's New

Because of the continuing work between MAFT and the Governors Highway Safety Office, the highway signs are flashing Watch Out for Motorcycles again. PSA's are being heard on radio stations across Tennessee. In middle TN it has been reported to MAFT that 105.9, 107.5 and 92.9 are playing them a lot. Call the radio station and let them know it is appreciated.

MAFT received a grant from the TN Dept of Safety, we will be using this grant to place awareness ads in magazines, advertising packages from the ISP Company this will include PSA's on Vanderbilt Football

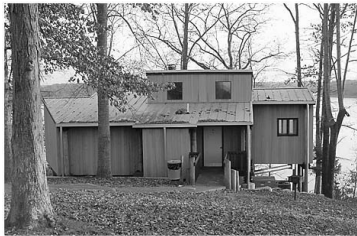
and Baseball radio, Game entertainment days; setting up a booth with motorcycles plus halftime we will come out on the field, talk about awareness then 2 motorcycles will ride around the outside of the field and toss out Awareness T-shirts or Frisbees, it includes signage along with awareness messages on the jumbotron and scoreboard. We are now able to purchase novelties for CSAL and to give away as we set up at fairs and festivals across Middle TN. For full details please see Cindy Davidson or Bob Edwards.

MAFT has a lot of doors opening right now and the interest in

Motorcycle Awareness is growing. We have been asked to talk about motorcycle awareness at the Nashville Incident Management Task Force meeting on July 15, the State Life-savers Convention in Nashville in August 27, 28, 29 and the statewide Highway Safety and Incident Management Conference on October 28th-30th

We have been contacted by the Walk/Ride Nashville, a bicyclist/walking group; they would like to work with us on Awareness Day next year. Both organizations have a lot to offer each other. We look forward to a great relationship.

Annual Meeting



We have reserved 4 cabins at the Tims Ford State Park located in Winchester, TN 37398. With the rolling hills of southern Tennessee along the lake it will prove to be relaxing scenery and beautiful riding area. We have reserved it for Sept 11 thru 14; the cabins are 2 bedrooms with 2 double beds in each room. The deck overlooking the lake area is accessible by the living room and 2 bed-

rooms. Full kitchens in each cabin will ensure everyone has their own quiet breakfast and lunch. But Supper-time will be a cookout with everyone together. There is also camping available for the ones that like to sleep a little closer to nature. Bob Edwards has paid close attention to the improvement letters that he sent after last year meeting. So there will be changes and an extra day

so we can spread the meetings out and do some riding together. We had a great time last year and accomplished to get the foundations business done. If you want something on the agenda, we are going to begin putting it together well in advance, please call or send all items to Bob and Cheri. See ya all in September.

Motorcycle Vigil & Lynchburg Rally

Meetings will be starting the first of June to get our Motorcycle Vigil up and running. Last year we had about 100 people turn out, this year we would like to double that. The rangers have donated the park again this year. We would like to add some things this year. Some of the suggestions are moving the vigil to

September, early advertising, poker run ending at the vigil and food before the vigil. Of course we will have to lengthen the time. Think about these things, create ideas of your own and bring them to the meeting. We need ideas for Flyers and advertising in Biker Magazines.

We have been invited to the Lynchburg Rally, a free 10x10 booth. This will give us the opportunity to get the word out to our fellow bikers about the programs we support. . So keep the weekend available for June 20 – 22. We are working on a free camping area for our group. Check the website for upcoming details.