

SOAR MEETING

NOVEMBER 25, 2009

PRESENT:

NAME	GROUP REPRESENTED
Mike Laflamme	Ottawa Safety Council
Becky Hughes Clouthier	Ottawa Safety Council
Debbie Davis	
Sue Bools	Motor Maids
Dora Cook	Motor Maids
Gerry Bennett	CMC
Susan Duncan	Ottawa Valley Touring Club
Andy Church	Motorcycle Ride for Dad
Derek Pitcher	Eagle Custom Choppers
Beau Rooney	The Riders Magazine
Bruce Hutchings	Eagle Custom Choppers
Rick Cathcart	Capital Bikers Church
Hillbilly	Capital Bikers Church
Sheldon Cross	Motorcycle Parking
Dave Strevens	SCRC
Mark Routliffe	ACRC
Ron Hyslop	ACRC
Bill Noel	ORR
Tom Hickling	ORR
Stephen Cooper	Road Hogs/ Coops Corners
Jim Summers	MRFD
Mike Bossio	French Connection
Earl Reinke	Retreads
Road Noakes	Retreads
Doug Kuiken	Red Knights ONT 5
Chris Bell-	CMC

1. Introductions: Debbie welcomed everyone and everyone was introduced
2. ORRA Update- Mike Bossio updated the group on ORRA.
 - >ORRA was given \$10,000 by various motorcycle manufacturers for motorcycle safety awareness. To date about \$5000 has been spent on posters, large stickers for trucks.
 - >Insurance issues were touched on briefly.
 - >the ORRA website should be up and running in about a month
 - >Bill 117- 14 and under cannot ride on the back of a motorcycle is officially dead. Did not pass second reading
 - <Bill 118- hands free applies to motorcycles as well including GPS systems

- <Mike mentioned that he still has lots of signs from 2009 left if anyone is interested.
- >working on new pamphlets
- >if anyone has ideas that they want brought up at the next meeting, please forward them to Mike or Debbie.
- >ORRA is trying to get more police participation for motorcycle safety awareness.
- >ORRA is looking for more volunteers to help.

3. City of Ottawa Motorcycle Parking Update: Sheldon Cross

- > Sheldon started an online petition.
- >Sheldon attended several City of Ottawa meetings with regards to parking issues for motorcyclists.
- >City is looking at an advertising campaign in the spring.
- >looking at 2 bikes per spot
- > first park and pay with motorcycle reserved spots is on Clarence St. They have 30 spots set aside for motorcycles.
- >have ½ price parking at City of Ottawa on Elgin St parking lot.
- >they have a motorcycle button on the pay and display now. Ticket is different from the car tickets.
- >the City came up with ticket holders to put on the handle bars of the bikes. Sheldon handed some out to the group.
- >few people are using the spots due to lack of advertising and difficulty getting in and out of parking complex.
- >Sheldon asked the group to email him with a list of dead zones in the downtown core. He is working on having these areas designated for motorcycle parking.

4. The Purpose of SOAR:

- >need to determine the purpose of SOAR and if we want to continue?
- >Debbie noted that no one put their ride dates on the SOAR website in 2009.
- >suggestion to set SOAR up on Facebook. Easier for people to get information and can access more people.
- >suggestion- SOAR should be for the riding community not just for the riding groups.
- >suggestion- SOAR is a communication and information hub for all motorcycle riders.
- >Debbie will talk to Rob Dale about putting SOAR onto Facebook.
- >Sheldon suggesting using the dealerships to advertise about SOAR. SOAR is not looking for any handouts from the dealers. Only want them to allow us to advertise SOAR.

5. Next meeting: Next meeting is February 10, 2010. 6:30 pm- 9:00pm at 1505 Carling Ave. Ottawa Safety Council will provide food and refreshments.

6. Other Business: Becky informed the groups to start booking their ERC's for 2010.
>Becky informed the group that the Ottawa Safety Council is looking for new instructors. If anyone is interested, please take some application forms.
7. Debbie thanked Mike, Becky and the Ottawa Safety Council.
8. Meeting adjourned at 8:30pm.