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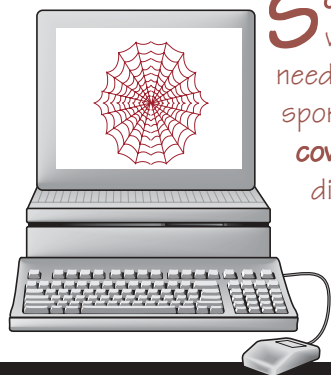
2005 Convention

Mark Morrison has a tentative list of vendors for the dealer convention in October. If you've been to any of the conventions in the past 8 years (maybe longer), then you know that no convention would complete without a visit from **DUNLOP TIRES**. Mark has also been talking to representatives from **DIAMOND POWER SPORTS**, bling-bling for your bike, **PRO GRIP**, more grips and goggles than you can imagine, **NOLAN HELMETS**, for people that don't want to spend \$750 on an

Arai, **PROGRESSIVE SUSPENSION**, giving you a better ride, ITP, rims and such for your off road vehicle, **BAJA DESIGNS**, really cool stuff for off road bikes, and **ARMED GUARD** motorcycle security. If you have suggestions on a vendor you'd like to see attend the convention, please drop Mark Morrison or myself a note. I'm working on bringing **KEVIN HUGHES** (sex therapist comedian) back but he won't be able to confirm his availability until June. He's working the cruise line circuit and I guess they just don't plan that far in advance.

The
next meeting of
the HMDA will be
on Monday,
March 14th,
at 8:30 a.m.
at the
Airport Plaza
Hotel Coffee Shop.

Stolen Vehicle Website ...almost there



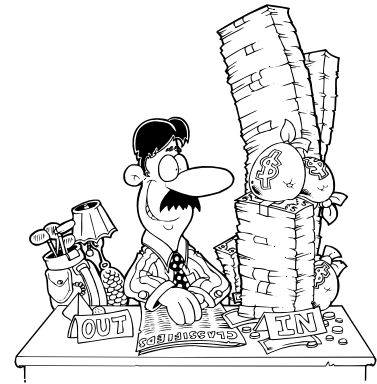
Scott Rogers has the Hawaii stolen vehicle website 99.99% completed. I need to get the final okay from the sponsors, **Geico insurance**, **Dowco covers**, and **Kryptonite locks**. Barring disaster, I should be able to report the site up and running by the end of this month.

JOIN US!

Treasurer's report

We have \$7,610.73 in the HMDA coffers. We'd have even more if more members were current on their annual membership renewal.

**Pay Your 2005
Membership Dues TODAY !!**



Red Proctor Thanks You!

Motorcycle Safety Training

Morgan Keene reports the new training site at Aloha stadium is working out well. One of the factors governing how many classes she can run is the availability of qualified instructors

If you know someone that might like to become an instructor, please give Morgan a call at 455-0307.



PUBLIC NOTICE

Legislative Information

The HMDA is currently tracking the status of 23 different pieces of legislation that can affect motorcyclists or the industry in some way. Some of the threats are pretty benign, SB1553 would establish greenhouse gas emission standards for passenger vehicles and trucks and "other vehicles as determined by the Director of Hawaii DOT." I would feel more comfortable with the wording changed to specifically exclude motorcycles, but I'm not losing any sleep over it. Other pending legislation poses much more of a problem. SB1603 would

prohibit "any motor vehicle or moped which emits a sound exceeding 95 decibels from its point of origin, within 500' from the nearest point of any building." It further goes on to state that a "law enforcement officer may seize and impound the vehicle for no longer than 14 days." This jewel was introduced by Senator Trimble. HB298 would impose a mandatory helmet law. HB1558 would prohibit any modification of a stock muffler system on a motorcycle or moped. And the list goes on and on.

We're still in the early stages of the battle. None of the last three have been scheduled for a public hearing. It is my hope that they will die a quiet death and never progress beyond the "introduced" stage. More news as it develops.

**DON'T
FORGET**

Annual HMDA Membership Dues

**This being the start of the new year, this is an excellent time
to pay your HMDA dues!**

See Page 3 for Membership Form.

**Unpaid memberships will have their dealership
removed from the website.**



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Easter Greetings
TO ONE AND ALL