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Motorcycle Safety

Morgan Keene reported that Leeward College is currently conducting Instructor certification training and that the course will be completed in late April. One of the many variables Morgan has to contend with is the availability of qualified instructors. The graduation of this latest class will bring the instructor supply

from critical to serious. Friends, customers, employees are urged to contact Morgan at the Hawaii Motorcycle Safety Education Program at 455-0688 if they are interested in becoming an instructor. Safety considerations aside, the course provides Hawaii with a steady stream of new motorcycle riders (i.e. CUSTOMERS!) I strongly urge every HMDA member to go out and shake the trees and find someone that would like to be an instructor.



HMDA's 2004 Party Boy,
our own, Robert Becker

Convention News

Remember how much you enjoyed last year's HMDA convention? Sure you do. Well, most of you do, anyway. I did! Well, this year promises to be even better than last year.

**October 15th.
Be there.**

The
next meeting of
the HMDA will be
on Monday,
April 11th,
at 8:30 a.m.
at the
Airport Plaza
Hotel Coffee Shop.

JOIN US!

Stolen Vehicle Website

You would think after almost a year of working on the website, that it would finally be ready to go. It is... ALMOST. One of our sponsors decided to tweak their page a little bit.



Keep the faith.

CAUTION:

Treasurer's Report

There is \$9,702.61 in the HMDA coffers.

Those members that have not paid their annual dues by the April 11th meeting will have their business information removed from the HMDA website.

It's not like we haven't been reminding you to pay your bills, folks. If you wonder if your dealership is up to date, give Gail a call at 262-7329.

Motorcycle Safety, Part 2

Mark Morrison, as the local Tucker Rocky rep, pays regular visits to all of the dealers in Hawaii. Because of this, he is occasionally asked to be a messenger service to bring comments and concerns from the dealers to the attention of the HMDA. Rather than put any personal spin on the issue, I will include the following as it appears in the HMDA minutes.

Mark Morrison brought to the attention of the group that he had been asked a number of questions regarding Morgan Keene's activities in Motorcycle Safety. There were apparently some persons who had the mistaken understanding that Morgan Keene was a private contractor, rather than an employee of the state. Based upon that error, he had been questioned regarding the disposition of funds received from students of the program over the years.

Morgan Keene was asked about her position – She stated that she is an employee of the University of Hawaii, State of Hawaii. Her position is as a full time faculty member, assigned as an eleven month hire at the Office of Continuing Education and Work Force Development, with duties to coordinate the Motorcycle Safety Program in addition to other programs. She is remunerated for her time under the UHPA bargaining unit contract on a fixed salary.

When asked about the "requirement" to take the course she administers, she explained to the group that the provisions regarding "requirements for" rider training, she stated, were matters of law, and could all be found under either the Hawaii Administrative Rules, Title 19-122 & Title 19-123, or HRS 286 and HRS 431:10-G. These are the provisions under which the program is administered.

Mark asked Morgan if the LCC program was the only program that people could take. Morgan explained that since the U of H at Leeward CC was the only program that had applied for DOT approval and received it, then at this time, the LCC program was the only one available to satisfy the laws. She explained that since December, 2000, anyone in the state can start their own rider training program, provided that they meet all of the rules, standards, and get the approval from the DOT. Since the 2000 change in the law, the LCC program is no longer required to attempt delivery statewide. In areas where there is little demand, or where the program would be overly burdened by the attempt to deliver they are not required to offer training. Morgan said that now that anyone can deliver training, and the Leeward Program is not the State's exclusive delivery mechanism, the emphasis has been on maintaining quality for the volume of students trained. If the quality can not be assured, the program will not attempt to deliver.

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Annual HMDA Membership Dues

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Unpaid memberships will have their dealership removed from the website.

LAST CHANCE — DROP DEAD DEADLINE 4/11

See Page 3 for Membership Form.



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