

## WEBSITE

**M**ark Morrison has been working with our new web guru, Scott Rogers. Scott has made several suggestions to make the site easier to use and give it a fresher look.



*Check it out!*

***hawaiimotorcycle.org***

*If you are not listed with the other dealers...could be you're still behind on dues. Don't miss out on this free listing—keep your dealership up to date. We're keeping the dues form in the newsletter for your use.*

Speaking of websites, we are getting closer to having a **stolen vehicle website** here in Hawaii. All three of the major motorcycle insurers have expressed interest in creating and supporting such a site. Something has to be done, and quickly. There was an article about vehicle theft in the *Honolulu Star Bulletin* on May 15th. According to the article, as many as 600 vehicles are reported stolen each month on Oahu. The police

make approximately 50 arrests. The reporter did not have information on how many of those arrests led to successful prosecution. I have been doing some research in preparation for next month's media blitz about motorcycle theft. I don't have hard numbers yet, but my initial impression is that most motorcycle thefts are pleaded down to a misdemeanor charge, or in some cases, no charges are filed at all.

The next meeting of HMDA will be on

**Monday,**

**June 14, 2004**

**at 8:30 a.m.**

at the

**Airport Plaza**

**Hotel Coffee Shop.**





## TREASURER'S REPORT

We have \$10,097.22 in the HMDA coffers, despite several shops being behind in their assessments. Way behind in their assessments. They are so far behind in their assessments that it's embarrassing. Well, not to me, but certainly they ought to be embarrassed by it.



## LEGISLATIVE ISSUES

The legislative session is over for this year. Both **Mark Morrison** and I breathed a sign of relief because it also means an end to the e-mails we had to review. By my count, we received over 1,500 messages. I am very happy with the way things worked out this year, we blocked some truly stupid legislation, and modified other proposals so they made more sense to motorcyclists.



## RECON

We're on the last lap and getting closer to the finish line. I have made extensive notes based on my conversations with the Motor Vehicle Control Section. We're on the third revision, but I think this one will pass muster. Once Recon is satisfied, I'll send the letter back to the Director of Finance to make sure they're okay with it. I should have this finalized and out to the dealers by the next meeting.



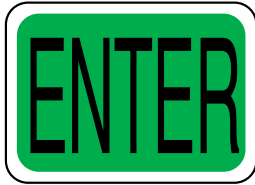
The logo has been revised to reflect the interests of all off-road enthusiasts. The poster and flyer announcing the first meeting have been designed. All that remains is to finalize the date of the first meeting. The first meeting will be held at the Leilehua school cafeteria. I think it would be outstanding if each dealership sent a representative to the first meeting as a show of support. More details as they become available.

## CONVENTION

Plans are moving right along for this year's convention. **Mark Ely** mentioned that it might be fun to have a mini-Hawaiian Idol contest amongst the dealerships. **How about it? Any interest? Please give your feedback to Mark at South Seas.**



Hawaiian Idol?



## HMDA Membership Application

New

Renewal

Company Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone/Fax: \_\_\_\_\_

Email Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Web Site (*Is this a Public Access Site?*) \_\_\_\_\_

Membership Type: Active (\$150): \_\_\_\_\_ Associate: (\$30): \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

**Please supply all info above so we can update our database, then  
mail to: HMDA • P.O. Box 1813 • Kailua, Hawaii 96734**





## IRS

Mr. Vicente is a very persistent Anti-money laundering specialist from the Taxpayer Education and Communication Unit of the Small Business Division of the Internal Revenue Service. He wants to make a presentation about large cash transac-

tions in the motorcycle business and how to stay out of jail. I asked if anyone was interested in attending such a presentation in the last newsletter and got no response. Mr. Vicente has sent me several e-mails since then trying to nail down a date for the seminar. Personally, I think it's an excuse to spend a week in Hawaii at taxpayer's expense. However, if you are interested in finding out more about the legal requirements and paperwork of large cash transactions, please contact me at 536-7023 ext 208 or by e-mail at [Rabhi@aol.com](mailto:Rabhi@aol.com).



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