



HMDA NEWS

Volume 12 • Issue 5 •

The Newsletter of the HMDA

• September—December 2006



THE NEW YEAR IS COMING!



The New Year is coming and that means it's **time to renew your membership in HMDA** and **time for new officers**. Somewhere in this newsletter, you will find a membership renewal form and a nomination of new officers form.



Please find 'em and send 'em in!



For 2006 HMDA successfully monitored the legislation and saw the positive results of last year's efforts to keep motorcycles out of the changes in under 18 driver's licenses, where the laws would have created an impossible requirement for motorcycles. The HMDA was also part of the winning campaign to pass a bill that allowed the liability waiver for those under 18, to again be accepted and be legally binding. This was extremely important to any and all forms of motorcycle racing. There were other bills that now have to be modified before they can be brought up again, due to HMDA's input. These involve things like only using OEM exhausts and requiring a certain percentage of all motor vehicles to use "alternative fuels". These bills, as usual say "motor vehicles,"

which includes motorcycles, but the legislators most often forget this, and it is up to HMDA to remind them and get motorcycles exempted. Where would you put a hydrogen fuel cell on a motorcycle?

The HMDA also has a representative sitting on the task force looking into changes in the motorcycle safety training laws and waivers. Do you want things to stay the same, or do you want more types of courses to be offered and accepted for the state test waiver and insurance discounts? This is important to all dealers, but the officers of HMDA can only guess at what the majority of dealers want, since the majority do not participate in HMDA. Do you care? If so, please participate.

2006 gave us another successful, informative and enjoyable convention, thanks to Ross Montgomery.

Want another? If so, pleeeeeeeeee participatel!

You may have noticed a sharp drop in the number of newsletters this year. That is because the elected secretary became unavailable, for that job. **Want to see a newsletter? If so, PLEEEEEEESE participatel!**

So, back to 2007. It's coming and we need participants and officers! For the most part, the same few individuals have been keeping HMDA going for years and years. Talk about "burnout!" Let's look at our officers. **Red Proctor**, President. A good job, but not a dealer, instead, aftermarket. **Ross Montgomery**, Vice President. The only actual dealer as an officer. **Mark Morrison**, Treasurer. Not a dealer, instead, a wholesale supplier. **Morgan Keene**,

continued on page 2

New Year,

Continued from Page 1

Secretary. Not a dealer, instead, a motorcycle safety trainer. What's wrong with this picture? This is, after all, the Hawaii Motorcycle DEALERS Association.

Red Proctor will not be able to hold a position for 2007. Ross Montgomery does not want to take on the President's position, as he has his hands full with the daily operations of the Cycle Sports stores. Plus he is the "new guy" and feels that position should go to someone who has been in the industry longer. Mark Morrison will be Treasurer again, if no one else is willing, but feels the officers should be dealers and he definitely will not be willing to be President again. Morgan Keene is not available, so the Secretary position is empty. If HMDA does not get more dealer participation, there won't be enough people to fill even the four officer positions. Three more dealers participating doesn't seem like a big number, but without that.....?!

Do you care? If so, PLEEEEEEEEEEEEEEESE participate!!!

THE TIME IS NOW!

The next HMDA meeting is on Monday, December 4, at 8:30am, at the Plaza Hotel coffee shop, located just a few doors ewa of South Seas Honda. Please come join us, renew your membership, nominate officers and have some breakfast!

TREASURY

After the convention expenses, HMDA now has \$3,271.02 in the bank. Not too bad after paying over \$3,000.00, not covered by the price of admission.

EXECUTIVE SECRETARY

One important person will be doing her job for HMDA, in 2007. Gail Caveney, our executive secretary, has had her contract renewed for 2007. She will be on the job, but might get awfully bored if she attends those meetings alone! Please come and keep her company!

LEGISLATIVE

In late January of 2007, the legislature starts up again. During the approximately three months that it meets, Mark Morrison reports that he receives 30 to 40 bills, emailed to him daily! That's too much for one guy! **HELP!**

For this coming year, along with the usual junk, we have two big issues.



THERE IS NO RACE TRACK



POSSIBLE HUGE CHANGES IN THE MOTORCYCLE SAFETY TRAINING

—

DO YOU CARE?



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 mail to: HMDA • P.O. Box 1813 • Kailua, Hawaii 96734



HMDA Board of Directors 2007 Nomination Form

Name of Nominee: _____

Position Nominated For:

(President • Vice President • Treasurer • Secretary)

Nominated by: _____

Company: _____

Mailing Address/Daytime Phone #: _____

Mail to: HMDA • P.O. Box 1813 • Kailua, Hawaii 96734

CONVENTION 2006

October saw another great HMDA convention! We had over 140 people in attendance and just about everyone had a good time. There were ten vendors also in attendance to enlighten and inform the dealers. Coming to join us were, Kryptonite locks, ITP wheels and tires, Scott goggles, Dunlop tires, PJ Brands, Shark helmets, LBZ, Teknic, Geico Insurance and Lightspeed. If you missed it, you missed a lot of good information.

To make it more fun, this year we started off right in the beginning, with the pupus out, the bar open and raffle prizes being given away! By the end of the night, a huge number of prizes were given out, including a Shark helmet and a complete ITP wheel and tire display! The buffet dinner was a step up from previous years, with a big selection of great food!

Our entertainment was Greg Gabaylo, a comedy hypnotist. It took him awhile to get going, but in the end everyone was howling!

To wrap up the night, the HMDA presented **Paula Grupido** with a plaque in memory of Domenico Grupido and his huge contribution to the motorcycle industry.



Hawaii Motorcycle Dealers Assoc.

P.O. Box 1813 • Kailua, HI 96734
(808) 262-7329; Fax: 263-4982

- ★ A Few Words of "encouragement"
- ★ Member Renewal
- ★ Officer Nominations