



HMDA NEWS

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The Newsletter of the HMDA

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Safety

Rodd Johnson, Military Motorcycle Safety Coordinator, joined us at our February board meeting with a presentation on the Motorcycle Safety Day scheduled for February 24th. Rodd apologized for the short fuse but invited dealers to participate with displays of product with an emphasis on protective gear and safety equipment. There will be no charge for the space but the Exchange does not want any selling on-site.

Rodd also shared information on motorcycle safety training and progress in that area by the Motorcycle Safety Task Force. The Director of the State DOT, following the Task Force's recommendation, has approved the military courses

and opened the door for private motorcycle safety courses using state approved curriculum. This is all good news for Hawaii motorcyclists and dealers and is expected to lead to increased availability of safety training.



The
next meeting of
the HMDA will be
on Monday,
March 12th,
at 8:30 a.m.
at the
Airport Plaza
Hotel Coffee Shop.

Race Track

Oahu needs a race track and members should make that need known to the legislature. There are two groups with different views on how to meet that need and the board has invited them both to present their respective ideas and decide what should support. OMAC was scheduled to present their plan at this month's meeting but their representative, Fred Humphrey, was unable to attend. The board will wait to hear from both OMAC and SORT before making a decision.



JOIN US!



2nd Monday of the
Month...Mark it down!

Legislative Watch

The legislative season is heating up with several bills that would impact our industry.

HB235 would restrict ATV usage to persons over 18 years old with a valid driver's license. The bill was held in committee after opposing testimony by HMDA and HPD.



HB996 would outlaw audible alarms in motor vehicles. As usual, the legislature forgot all about motorcycles being "Motor vehicles" and lumped us in with automobiles and trucks. HMDA has submitted testimony opposing, and will be working with the Automobile Dealers Association to oppose this and other legislation.

HB1447 is a particularly poorly written piece of work attempting to control noise. It establishes a noise abatement zone that would effectively ban non-compliant vehicles from most streets and roadways, establishing fines and calling for impoundment of vehicles failing to comply, but fails to establish a noise level threshold. We oppose this bill.



The board voted not to take a stand on HB435 mandating safety inspections for mopeds.

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

Date: _____

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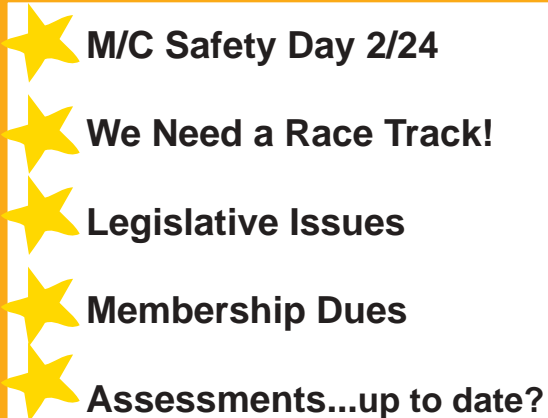
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- ★ **M/C Safety Day 2/24**
 - ★ **We Need a Race Track!**
 - ★ **Legislative Issues**
 - ★ **Membership Dues**
 - ★ **Assessments...up to date?**

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