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MRF Remains Neutral in Presidential Race

With the national parties' conventions behind us, we no longer have “presumptive” presidential nominees. Senators McCain and Obama are now the standard bearers of their parties. As the summer begins to fade, the campaign for the highest office in the land kicks into high gear. It's hardly a surprise that the Motorcycle Riders Foundation should be asked our opinion of the two men seeking the presidency. It should also not come as a shock that the high-spirited men and women who form the framework of this nationwide organization may express opinions on the candidates.

The framework being referenced here is the MRF state representatives program. It is worth noting that the MRF “Reps” are elected by their own state motorcyclists' rights organizations. They promote the MRF within their states as they see fit. They are free to express their opinions on motorcycling and on the issues of the day without impediment from the national leadership of the MRF. We don't believe that our volunteers should be censored. It should also be noted that those opinions are just that - opinions - not the official policy of the Motorcycle Riders Foundation.

Any statement of policy from us will come from the Washington, D.C. office in the form of a Leaders Report, or a press release. Any endorsement of a candidate for federal office, or communication expressly advocating the election or defeat of such a candidate would come from our affiliated MRFPAC. While the MRF (or to be specific MRFPAC) has no plans on taking a position on the presidential race, we have been in contact with the national leadership of the two major parties. It is our desire to convey the feelings of our members and supporting organizations to the candidates. We are particularly interested as to who will be appointed secretary of transportation in the next administration.

The MRF has established a good relationship with the Republican National Committee. We have been in contact with Senator McCain's campaign staff and have begun a dialog with them. Regrettably, despite many attempts by us, our efforts to meet and establish a relationship with the Democratic National Committee have not been successful. We have shifted gears and have been in touch with several influential Democratic operatives. Hopefully, they can help us set-up a meeting with Senator Obama's campaign staff in Chicago. We would like to meet with Senior Strategist, David Axelrod. We will issue a statement should that take place. The Motorcycle Riders Foundation is and will remain a non-partisan organization. We are committed to advancing our legislative agenda that was formulated in concert with our State Motorcyclists' Rights Organization partners. Every day we will be working both sides of the isle in our nation's capitol to keep motorcycling on the radar screen of the 535 members of the United States Congress.

The political process in this country can be intimidating. Millions of dollars have been spent trying to influence the public in this year's presidential race. Huge amounts of money flow into congressional races. Even running a credible campaign for a seat in the Illinois General Assembly in Illinois can run well into six-figures. Is it still possible for the average American to become involved and have an impact in some way on public policy in this country? Yes, you can.

As a reader of this newsletter it should be a safe assumption that you have an interest in motorcycling. It can also be assumed that you are a member of the Chicago Chapter of ABATE. Drawing even more conclusions, you no doubt have concerns about excessive regulations being imposed upon motorcyclists' by government. Our chapter - while doing well - is always in need of help in some way. This is the norm in non-profit organizations - ours included. You have already made the commitment to join this organization. Perhaps it's time to take the next step and volunteer your time to help move it forward? Our chapter has a number of board positions that would be a good place to get started. The rising stars that will be the future leadership of our chapter and perhaps ABATE of Illinois are with us today. Sometimes they just need a little encouragement. So here it goes.

Volunteer work has its rewards - although money is not one of them. At times, you will wonder what ever possessed you to raise your hand up and commit your time to this. You'll work long and hard on a project or event and be rewarded with comments such as: “I would have done things different” or “ABATE used to be better.” But, that is not why you became involved. You took the extra step because you felt that you could make a difference. The satisfaction of making that a reality is something that you can't put a price on. The rewards in volunteer work are intangible, but significant.

Can you have an impact and be involved to see that our sport/lifestyle of motorcycling is not legislated out of existence? Yes, you can - the time has come to take a step in that direction. See you at the meetings

Michael Kerr
MRF Vice President &
Former President of ABATE

The following Board Members were unable to contribute an article at this time:

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From Da Prez

Where to start, since we last left you we have been all over the state and been to many parties & fundraisers. We also went to celebrate L.A.M.A. V.P., Vikingo's 50th B-Day down at the L.A.M.A. clubhouse. Yes, he's 50 now and don't look a day over 60.

The food looked great, and his lady put on a spread that was out standing. The bad thing was, I promised to be at Teamster Horsemen's that night also, to eat at their EVERY FRIDAY NIGHT \$2.00 all you can eat pasta night. So, off we went (Olga and me) to see if Hector really could cook as good as he professed....DAMN it was good. I think that night he did about 20 pounds of pasta....YES I SAID 20 Lbs of pasta, but the best was the gravy he made. He used neck bones, spareribs and ground beef. I showed them that I was no stranger when it came to eating neck bones, yep when I was done all you could see was bone. Kim (Harley Charlie's wife & my cousin) got an education in the art of eating neck bones, too.

We also had our 10th annual LSD ride and again we were back at Joe's on Weed St. They were great hosts as usual and if you're looking to spend some of that hard earned cash I suggest you pay them a visit.

We should always support the businesses that support us. Now Hog's & Honey's should probably change their name to Honeys & Money's....WHY???? We tried for over a month to contact them to try our event with them and they seem only to be interested in our money and not our bikes or have anything to do with us outside of us coming down to drop \$\$\$\$.

A special thank you needs to go out to George "Odd Job" Gora for putting this ride together and has been doing it since day 1. Thanks for all you do "Odd Job".

The TV Show started on the last Tuesday in September this time and we will have an extra show this quarter. I have Doc Mark scheduled to be our first guest and his run is the very next weekend.

In this edition of the newsletter you are going to read an article regarding "Motorcycle's Seized." Before you go grab the pitch forks and torches, we were on top of it. In speaking with the State Police we found that:

- 1) YES, it was a motorcycle **ONLY** stop. Just like the "Click it or Ticket" stops they have for cars.
- 2) They were looking for proper license classifications, "L or M."

Remember, if you don't have the proper classification, **YOU SHOULD NOT BE RIDING A MOTORCYCLE. A.B.A.T.E. does not condone illegal actions PERIOD!**

- 3) They were checking for insurance. And YES, you NEED to be insured.
- 4) If you did not have the right class license your bike was towed, unless someone there (properly licensed of course) could take your bike right home for ya.

If you had any of the lesser violations you were merely ticketed and sent on your way. Before you ask, they also conduct these traffic safety stops for cars only, trucks only and other vehicle specific stops. So to sum it up, YES, they were singling out motorcycles, this time. Next time it will be cars, and then it will be only trucks. So what ever you drive, always be prepared.

I hope I didn't leave anything out and THANK YOU Juanita for waiting for the article until I got an answer, you're so crazy. ;) Elections are coming up so if you want to step up, let us know.

Pat Jones



Chapter Newsletter

My Brothers and Sisters, this is my sixth newsletter for 2008. And guess what?? I decided to go at this for another year, or until someone says they **really would** like my position. (I must be a glutton for punishment.)

Anyway, I can't let you guys down now, can I? Plus, I've worked too hard to get this paper looking the way it is. And on top of all that, doing this newsletter has become second nature to me, I like being creative and all. Plus I like telling you the news. There are some things I have trouble with tho, but that's a soap opera in its self, and with any luck from the Great Spirit, it will all work itself out.

Hey now, how about those Presidential Debates???? And how about those Cubs & White Sox??? Now there's something to R-E-A-L-L-Y talk about.

So, with that said, please, continue to support our Sponsors, (and Troops), and continue to support our Fight to Ride Free. May the Great Spirit continue to ride with you, and Guide you on your Journey.

Love you guys & "Keep the Faith."

"White Fawn"

And Please Register To Vote.

Make a difference. Be a voter.



Activities

Hello My Bro's & Sister's: Not too much to say right now, but hope all is well. The L.S.D. run was great. Thanks to the Chicago Police Department for escorting the ride for us.

There were about 100 people there. A lot of clubs came out: Widow Sons, Blue Steel, Chicago Crew, LAMA's, Fugawee, New World Riders, Chicago Hog's, just to name a few.

Thanks to all for coming out and giving us your support. There are some Swap meets coming up, look for them. They are always fun to go to. (If anyone is in a

bad way and you need to sell your bike, come and see me and we can talk.)

Our TV program started on 9/30/08, CAM21, watch for it. Call in if you have any questions you would like us to answer, or if you would like to screw us up. Does anyone really read these????

Note from the Editor: They better; I'm not doing this for nothing.

Well, be safe out there, and Keep the Rubber side down. We all know why!!!

"God Bless Our Troops"
And Remember,
HELP ME, HELP YOU!!!

Andrew "ANGLER" LAGO



State Newsletter

Well, fall is here and riding season is still in full gear. The weather is cooperating and soon the ride will be beautiful with the trees turning color.

Elections are less than a month away, and I hope everyone has their voters guide from the State Paper last month. You can take the guide with you into the voting booth, in case you can't remember who to vote for. Just make sure you vote!!

If you have any interesting articles or joke for the paper, or even words of wisdom, please email them to me. I'm always in need for interesting stories. Especially, if you've been on an ABATE ride, email me about your adventures.

Hope everyone gets out riding, before the bad weather sets in!!

See everyone at the general meeting!

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Safety & Education

I would like to take this opportunity to thank the entire Board of ABATE for allowing me the privilege of taking over the reins of Acting Director of Safety & Education for Road Dog during his leave of absence.

I promise to do the best job I can representing ABATE proudly and keeping up the high standards of quality he has established for classroom instruction. As ever, nobody can do the task alone, and I am asking for the help of everyone who is

as concerned as I am about motorcycle safety.

A number of years ago, I lost a dear friend, Lt. Tom Perdue of the San Francisco PD, who was a lifelong rider, motorcycle instructor and Asian gang specialist. He was killed by a motorist who wasn't paying attention and T-boned him two weeks before this retirement.

He is not the only rider I've known who was killed, and although I don't ride (yet), I am nevertheless concerned about education and safety, when operating all types of motorized vehicles, especially motorcycles which are less visible. We all ride on the same roads and need to watch out for one another.

I am also running for Cook County Circuit Court Clerk this November, and find teaching, which I do also as an adjunct instructor of public speaking at Triton College, to be a pleasant break from the campaign trail.

Educating young people has become a passion for me, and I look forward to carrying that same excitement to ABATE's school program which is conducted in conjunction with Driver Education.

Thank you again everyone for your faith in me. I promise to do you all proud, and when Road Dog returns, I promise he will be pleased with the job I have done.

A quote we used to use in my days of producing Shrine circuses is all the more meaningful: "See you down the road."

Stay safe, and don't do anything I wouldn't enjoy!!!

Diane Shapiro

If you would like to contact Diane to help her out, you may contact her at:

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Dozens of motorcycles seized in crackdown

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By DENNIS GRUBAUGH

The Telegraph - Dozens of motorcycles were confiscated this weekend in an Illinois State Police crackdown of unlicensed drivers along the Great River Road.

Towing firms, using large trucks and special trailers, hauled off 36 motorcycles in what turned out to be an expensive lesson for drivers, who face \$150 or more in towing fees to recover their vehicles. The crackdown took place over two days, with most of the bikes impounded from noon to 6 p.m. Sunday near Clifton Terrace Road. Passers-by watched as two tow companies hauled off bikes, sometimes three and four at a time.

"We have a special trailer just for motorcycles," said Todd Bowers of Bowers Towing in Godfrey. "They scratch pretty easily."

On Sunday alone, Fred's Towing of Alton said it took in 17 vehicles and Bowers Towing took in 12. Jeff Dublo of Fred's Towing said most of the seizures were for unlicensed drivers or lack of insurance. "Can you believe it?" he asked, referring to the wisdom of driving without a license. The towing firms have been involved in a number of similar crackdowns this year, both for cars and motorcycles.

A number of State Police troopers from District 11 in Collinsville, District 18 in Litchfield, and the Motorcycle Enforcement Bureau were involved in the weekend campaign, waving bikers off to the side and going through their paperwork - or finding a lack of it.

The owners of the confiscated motorcycles were clearly not happy. Many of them could be seen standing along the highway, using cell phones to call for help. Cycle owners can get their vehicles back, simply by showing their proof of ownership and paying the towing fees. Bowers Towing said its fee would be \$150. Dublo said his company's fee varied with the size of the bike, but he declined to be more specific.

Capt. Scott Abbott, Commander of the Motorcycle Enforcement Bureau said the safety check is "a great tool" to encourage the public to comply with laws on licensing, insurance and cycle classifications.

"Focusing these details on motorcycle operators, helps keep everyone safer. As over 30 operators learned (this weekend), if they are stopped without proper classification, they will not be allowed to proceed" he said.

Rising fuel costs are making motorcycles more popular, and thousands of new motorcycle operators are on the road, making such checks even more important, he said.

Master Trooper Ralph Timmins, the District 11 Safety Education/Media Liaison officer, gave this summary of the citations:

On Saturday, a check was done on Illinois Route 100 (the River Road) at Piassa Harbor. There were seven citations issued for violations of classifications, with one citation for no insurance and another citation for improper lane usage, as well as six motorcycles towed and one traffic crash.

On Sunday, the Clifton Terrace check netted an arrest for DUI, 29 violations of classification citations, six no-insurance citations; two driver's license suspended/revoked citations, one expired registration citation and 30 motorcycles towed.

To find out what is needed for compliance, or if you have questions about classifications, visit the IDOT Web site: <http://www.dot.state.il.us/cycle.pdf>, or dennis_grubaugh@thetelegraph.com



16 September 2008

HIPAA UPDATE

The Motorcycle Riders Foundation is pleased to report that HR 1076 will be marked up by the US House Committee on Energy and Commerce tomorrow September 17th at 10 AM. The legislation to close the loophole that allows insurance companies to refuse payment for an injury that happens on a motorcycle will be marked up in open session along with ten other bills in the Rayburn House Office Building.

HR 1076 is expected to pass favorably, however anything can happen in a markup. In order to ensure swift clean passage we are asking you to contact your Member of Congress IF they are a Member of the Energy and Commerce Committee. That list follows this email.

This Committee action is the most important legislative activity since the full Senate passed a version of this bill in late winter, 2005. We thank Chairman

Dingell, HR 1076 sponsors, co sponsors and their staff for their attention to this very important matter. The MRF will keep you informed on any future developments of this legislation.



17 September 2008

The United States House of Representatives Committee on Energy and Commerce today passed legislation that would make it illegal for insurance providers to exploit what is known as the "source of injury exclusion" loophole, the Motorcycle Riders Foundation (MRF) reports.

Under current law, insurance providers can refuse to pay for treatment of an injury based solely on the source of the injury, with no prior notice of denial of benefits for that source of injury simply by pointing to the "source of injury" law that exists today. Some sources of injury that can be used as a reason by insurance providers to refuse payment of medical bills are motorcycling, snow skiing, ATVs and horse back riding.

This new legislation, HR 6809, known as the Health Insurance Source of Injury Clarification Act, does not entirely replace HR 1076. Where HR 1076 makes it illegal to deny benefits for any injury that occurs during legal transportation or recreation, this bill does allow for limitations of payment if the provider follows some rules.

According to HR 6809, if an insurance provider wants to be able to put limitations on payment for an injury from a specific source, they must meet the following requirements:

- + "Make such limitations and restrictions explicit and clear;"
- + "If part of a group plan, must be disclosed to plan sponsor in advance of the point of sale of plan;"
- + "The plan sponsor and issuer of health insurance coverage provide a description that is easily understandable to the participant prior to enrollment."

To summarize the legalese, your health insurance provider can limit payment for an injury sustained on a motorcycle so long as it is spelled out to you in simple

terms, well in advance of you joining the plan.

"HR 6908 is not a touchdown, but it's moving the ball a good way down the field", said Jeff Hennie, Vice President of Government Relations for the Motorcycle Riders Foundation. "Considering the fact that the Federal government just bailed out one of the giants in the insurance world to the tune of \$85 billion, I don't think Congress is in any mood to mandate insurance to cover anything, even transportation. I do believe this is a very positive step forward on this issue and one for which the motorcycle rights community should be very proud", he added.

MRF Vice President, Michael Kerr had this to say when hearing the news: "The MRF applauds Dr. Burgess' efforts to bring honest disclosure and openness in the wording of major medical insurance policies. We also thank Chairman Dingell, for his leadership in guiding this legislation through his committee, that being said, the MRF remains firmly committed to the passage of HR 1076. We will continue to advocate for closing the HIPAA loophole, once and for all. We stand fast in fighting discrimination by insurance companies against anyone engaged in a legal form or transportation, such as motorcycling."

The bill's primary sponsor, US Representative Michael Burgess, had this to say: "Congress is charged with making laws to protect people and when they have the opposite effect, we also have a responsibility to work together to fix them. The time has come to fix this loophole in the HIPAA law and this bipartisan bill does just that."

Closing the loophole entirely and mandating that insurance companies must cover all injuries from legal motorcycle use has always been a lofty goal. It is still the goal, and it is still lofty, but HR 6908 at least backs insurance into a corner and doesn't allow them to hide behind regulation, rather than being honest up front and that's a good start.

This committee hurdle is the first of many. There are still two other House committees that have some jurisdiction over this bill and they need to vote the bill or waive jurisdiction. Then, onto the House Rules Committee and the House

floor. The bill must then navigate the Senate committee and floor process and ultimately the President will sign into law. That's a lot of ground to cover before Congress adjourns in the next few weeks.



02 October 2008

Washington Update

The US House passed the Health Insurance Restrictions and Limitations Act of 2008 (HR 6908) last week. This bill, as previously reported by the Motorcycle Riders Foundation (MRF), would force insurance providers to disclose upfront, in writing, any activity they are unwilling to provide full payment for an injury sustained while participating in said activity.

Currently the insurance providers need only refer to the federal loophole known as the "source of injury exclusion provision" to limit payment for any injury based on the source of the injury.

The bill passed with unanimous consent by the US House and is now being considered by the US Senate Committee on Health, Education, Labor and Pensions (HELP). The Senate has passed legislation that was farther reaching than HR 6809 in a previous Congress so the outlook remains bright but time is running short. The MRF will keep you informed on this important issue.

NHTSA Proposes New Helmet Standards

In a notice of proposed rulemaking (NPRM) earlier this week, the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA) set forth its proposal to modify the current safety standard for helmets, Federal Motor Vehicle Safety Standard 218 (FMVSS 218). The proposal focuses mostly on the least important part of any helmet, the DOT label. The NPRM outlines what NHTSA would like to see on the back of your helmet. A new label to replace the current football shaped sticker with the letters DOT printed in a contrasting color to the background. NHTSA claims that due to entities printing and selling "Doing Our Thing" that closely resembles the DOT sticker the federal standard has been undermined and

needs an upgrade to a bigger better sticker.

The changes the proposal outlines will require including the word "certified", the manufacturer's name, and the model of the helmet. The proposal also calls for the sticker to be larger and placed higher up from the bottom of the helmet. The new sticker has one other change, it's not a sticker. The NPRM calls for the new label to be a "water decal" to be applied under the helmet's final clear coat.

A few problems arise with this portion of the proposal. What about helmets that don't have a clear coat such as leather clad or the popular matte finish? What about the cost to manufacturing, which will certainly be higher than the government estimates? Lastly, how does this affect the 30 helmet choice law states? The answer to that one is, it doesn't - other than the fact that when you choose to wear a helmet it would have to be DOT certified.

NHTSA also called for some changes to the testing of helmets. None of the changes provide for a more real world condition, just adjusting some of the allowable ranges for helmet puncture and retention.

What is troubling about the proposal is the underlying theme of "safer crashing". We at the MRF believe that it is best to focus on crash prevention instead of injury mitigation. Helmets do not prevent crashes, educated riders and motorists do.

It's true that motorcycle fatalities are near historic levels, but so are new unit sales and registrations. With the soaring price of fuel, expect that to continue for the foreseeable future.

So what does NHTSA expect this proposal to do in the real world? Let us refer to some of NHTSA's own numbers from the proposal. First since this only really affects the 20 mandatory universal helmet law states and the District of Columbia where according to NHTSA's numbers 15 percent of the riders in those jurisdictions use "novelty" helmets that don't meet the current FMVSS 218. Reading further NHTSA says that this proposal, if enacted, would realistically reach 5 percent of the 15 percent of riders who now use "novelty" helmets in universal helmet law states. Using NHTSA's method of guessing at helmet

effectiveness, that amounts to about 17-32 lives a year. Now we can certainly all agree that any life saved is a huge success, but the original reason for this proposal was to bring down fatalities significantly. The low double digit decreases don't really dip the numbers down enough to make this necessary. Again, all life is precious but with government resources running on empty, The MRF believes this is time and money better spent on motorcycle safety programs that focus on avoidance of the crash.

Contact: Jeff Hennie, Vice President of Government Relations, MRF, on his Email: jeff@mrf.org



Treasurer


It has been a great summer so far. The weather has been kind to us. We have gone to some great parties and met some very interesting people. We have had some of our members go down this year. So with the good also comes the bad.

As Treasurer, I have to inform you that the coffers are getting pretty low. I guess we were so busy going to other people's parties that we forgot to do one of our own. At the Board meeting, we were throwing some ideas around as to how we can get some of our funds back and make it fun for our members. We got some good ideas going, and once we finalize them we will let you know.

So, . . . Keep the rubber side down and be careful out there. Those leaves may look pretty as they are falling and on the ground, but they act like ice when your front tire hits them. Stay Safe.

Jimbo





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1995 Dyna Wide-Glide 2-tone \$7,200 S&S 96-inch motor done by Harley shop when bike was brand new, has only 8,100 miles, very fast, nice, asking price is \$8900 obo. Call (773) 206-1956.

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Hi All;

Chicago Chapter currently has 498 members. November & December renewals have been sent out.

Welcome New Members!!!

- Larry (Shadow) Carrera
- Brian Mason
- John Schultz
- Jack Anthony
- Shawn Landa
- Carl Brouwer
- Lawrence Zurawsk
- Lynn Duvall
- Timothy McCarthy
- Melanie McAllen
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- Benjamin Le

Welcome Back - Renewed Members

- Julie Kata
- Peter Platt
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- George Smith
- Randy Ski
- Carl Erickson
- Nancy Nelson
- Jill Franks
- Jim Groebel
- Paul Swytnyk
- Ron Ramsden
- Gary Visconti
- Charles Oppenheim Jr.
- Georgia Oppenheim
- Janet Jaback
- William Hespern
- John Mayrens
- Wm (Steven) DuBois
- Ted Kotarba
- Ed Gill
- Charles Stiles
- James Floyd
- Jacek Kawczynski
- Steve Mankall

FOCUS is membership, for every 10 new members you sign up, you get a free year membership.

Current Standings:

- Dan Harper - 26
- Amish - 7
- Scraps - 7
- Pat Jones - 6
- Road Dog - 5
- Olga Jones - 4
- Marv Jerstad - 4

3 & below:

Steve Lynch, Bill Lloyd, Ron Reynolds, Gus Miller, Greg Bednar, Jack Drysdale, John Bezzian, & Becky Hayes.

REMINDER:

Top membership recruiter of the year award, will be given out at the Membership Party. **THERE IS STILL TIME!!**

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72% NO

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DATE	DAY	EVENTS
Nov. 5	Wed.	Chicago Board Meeting , Mont Clare-Leyden VFW Hall, 6940 W. Diversey, Chicago, IL @ 7:30 pm.
Nov. 19	Wed.	Chicago Membership Meeting , Park Ridge VFW Hall, 10 W. Higgins (Canfield & Higgins), Park Ridge, IL @ 8:00 pm.
Dec. 3	Wed.	Chicago Board Meeting , Mont Clare-Leyden VFW Hall, 6940 W. Diversey, Chicago, IL @ 7:30 pm.
Dec. 17	Wed.	Chicago Membership Meeting , Park Ridge VFW Hall, 10 W. Higgins (Canfield & Higgins), Park Ridge, IL @ 8:00 pm.
Jan. 7, 2009	Wed.	Chicago Board Meeting , Mont Clare-Leyden VFW Hall, 6940 W. Diversey, Chicago, IL @ 7:30 pm.
Jan. 21	Wed.	Chicago Membership Meeting , Park Ridge VFW Hall, 10 W. Higgins (Canfield & Higgins), Park Ridge, IL @ 8:00 pm.
Feb. 4	Wed.	Chicago Board Meeting , Mont Clare-Leyden VFW Hall, 6940 W. Diversey, Chicago, IL @ 7:30 pm.
Feb. 18	Wed.	Chicago Membership Meeting , Park Ridge VFW Hall, 10 W. Higgins (Canfield & Higgins), Park Ridge, IL @ 8:00 pm.

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