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FREEDOM FIGHTERS AND PATRIOTS

I have to say that it's been a very disappointing year in Richmond. As of this writing all of our legislation has been defeated by our Delegates and Senators. The tone in Richmond seemed hostile.

Part of that feeling in Richmond was a result of the large turn over in the House of Delegates. We had 17 freshmen Delegates this year. Only four of them voted for the "Helmet Bill" HB1400. The only conclusion I can come to is the fact that their constituents didn't write, call, or send emails.

Another bill that was very important to us was HB1117, Blacksmith's Bill. Blacksmith's bill was defeated in both the House and the Senate. One of the biggest reasons this bill was defeated was the Department of Education was lobbying against us. We didn't expect that. I have to believe that another reason for it's defeat was that there was not enough correspondence from constituents.

We had a great turnout for VCOM's Lobby Day. Probably the best ever. But Lobby Day isn't the end of our lobbying effort. It's only the beginning. Like last year, I spent a week or so in Richmond working with Jim Cannon, Director of VCOM. It was helpful to have Freedom Fighters in Richmond during the session to help in our efforts. I know many of you did all you could do for the cause. Many of you did not do all you could for the cause. Each morning during the Session I take Sputnik's (Chairman, Texas Motorcyclist's Rights Association) "Mirror Test". Look at yourself in the mirror and ask yourself the question "Am I doing all I can for the cause?". If you can't look at yourself in the eye and answer "YES" then you need to do more. More might be anything from educating your neighbor to making a trip to Richmond.

For those of you who passed the test, thank you, you should apply for Freedom Fighter Status if you have not done so already. For those of you who didn't pass, the decision is yours. If you cherish freedom and liberty, you need to act. Reading this newsletter alone will not win freedom. It takes specific action and dedication to the cause. Lead, follow, or get out of the way!

Bernie "Faceman" Adams
President, Virginia Freedom Riders

A NOTE FROM HERSEY

First off let me apologize for getting the newsletter out a little late. Things have just been crazy around here and the time just slipped by. I will do my best but I won't promise that it will never happen again.

I spent a couple of days in Richmond this year and learned a lot. It was a lot of fun, a bit frustrating at times, but I would like to think that maybe it did some good. I hope that next year we will see even more bikers in the Capitol talking with Delegates and lobbying to protect our rights and restore our freedoms.

Have you talked to your Delegate about how he or she voted on this year's motorcycle related legislation? Don't know how your Delegate voted? Visit the Freedom Forums at <http://www.vfr-race.com/freedom/> there is a lot of info there on what legislation was before the House this year, what the outcome was, and who voted how.

If your Delegate voted against a particular piece of legislation that would have benefited motorcyclists in Virginia contact them—let them know that you are unhappy with the way they voted and explain why. If your Delegate voted in favor of a particular piece of legislation drop them a note to say thanks.

Contacting your Representatives is easy. It only takes a few minutes to send a note, an email, or make a phone call — so DO IT! The time to start fighting next year's battles is NOW!

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Virginia Freedom Riders — R.A.C.E.

LEGISLATIVE SESSION 2006

Below is the latest status on legislation we supported and opposed in the 2006 Legislative Session.

Bills We Supported:

HB26 Allows auxiliary lighting

This bill made it to the House Floor – only to be referred back to committee. With cross-ver being only days away and no time for the committee to hear the bill again, this bill was effectively killed.

HB1117 Requires community service for right of way violations that injure or kill

This bill died in subcommittee.

SB332 Similar to HB1117 but provides stiffer penalties for noncompliance

This bill died in committee.

HB1395 exempts motorcycles from tolls

This bill was PBI'ed in committee.

HB1400 Repeals mandatory helmet law for those 21 years of age and older

This bill died on the House floor – 57 - 42.

SB24 Creates "Motor Medic" program

This bill was carried over to the 2007 session.

Bills We Opposed:

HB22 Raises Inspection Fees by \$1.00

At this writing, this bill has passed out of the House and is in the Senate Transportation Committee.

HB280 Requires MSF Training to get "M" endorsement

This bill was continued to the 2007 session.

HB366 Localities to regulate mopeds and scooters, exhaust requirements for motor vehicles

This bill passed out of the House and as of this writing, is in the Senate Transportation Committee.

HB697 Proof of Insurance to sell a motorcycle

This bill died in Committee.

Penny

Virginia Freedom Riders - Legislative Officer

"Government is too big and too important to be left to the politicians." Chester Bowles (1901 - 1986)

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THIS YEARS MOTORCYCLE LEGISLATION?
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ABATE OF VIRGINIA LAUNCHES NEW WEBSITE

ABATE of Virginia launched their new website in early February.

There are a few parts of it that are still under construction but stop by and check it out at <http://www.abateofva.com/>

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SHIFTING GEARS: NEW COMERS? NO JUST NEW COLORS...

Expect to see shiny new colors on some familiar faces this year.

After 10 years, we've shed our alliance with a well known international women's motorcycling organization, and struck out on our own. Meaning no disrespect and with no hard feelings, we simply became disenchanted with sending our money off to National and not really reaping any benefits from it. We never felt a connection with the other chapters, and the National events never seemed to foster camaraderie. So, back in the fall we took a vote, and it was a unanimous decision to become an independent club. We are now known as Miss Behavin' Bikers. (Yes, that's spelled that way intentionally) While it's true we're a smaller group now, we're ok with that because we're striving for quality not quantity. The first order of business was to make changes. First, we no longer have an open door for just any chick to join. We will only consider competent, experienced riders who have personalities that blend well with the rest of us. Secondly, we have a fairly rigid participation policy. A full member must attend a minimum number of meetings and events to maintain their status. Gone are the days when someone could send their dues in, get a back patch, and never attend a meeting or go on a ride.

The majority of our members are also members of one or more Virginia MRO. We are very serious about supporting (or fighting as the case may be) legislation that affects motorcyclists and that which maintains or restores civil liberties.

We're holding an event on June 24 at the Heavenly Acres Campground (Standardsville, VA) in conjunction with the Culpeper Chapter of ABATE. ABATE will host a poker run which will start at The Cycle Center in Culpeper and end at the campground, where we will host field games and a BBQ. You will find the information for that event on our web site at <http://www.missbehavinbikers.com>

Beth L.
President, Miss Behavin' Bikers
Freedom Fighter - VFR
Secretary, ABATE of VA - Culpeper Chapter

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