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What is Street Bikers United Hawaii, Inc? An ORGANIZATION that works on behalf of all motorcyclists in the state of Hawaii, promoting motorcycle safety and protecting motorcyclists from legislation that may negatively affect the right to ride free. The optional helmet law, affordable motorcycle insurance, and the ability to build and register your custom ride in Hawaii are just a few reasons why your support of Street Bikers United Hawaii, Inc is so important. Street Bikers United Hawaii, Inc is not a club but an organization that is open to all riders, regardless of club affiliation or type of motorcycle you choose to ride. Your membership donation goes to fight anti-motorcyclist legislation in Hawaii. Continue to ride free.

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STATE DIRECTOR

Brian Grayling
Let Those Who Ride Decide



There have been a couple of letters to the editor recently from the "ride a motorcycle and die" crowd who perennially pop up before the opening of the legislature, advocating mandatory helmet use. No matter what compelling arguments are made against the use of helmets as a safety tool, the earth will always be flat, and no amount of logic will dissuade. But let's try again. Firstly, a full face helmet allays head abrasion on pavement contact at low speed, say under 15 mph. To argue that point would be silly. The problem arises with the intrinsic weight of the helmet under normal driving speed during sudden change in forward momentum. A four pound helmet at fifty mph weighs two hundred pounds during sudden deceleration. If the

torso is impacted, the head, because of the added weight of the helmet, can keep going, causing neck breakage and basal skull fracture. If the motorcycle is rear ended, as the head is snapped back, the helmet rear rim has enough inertia to break the neck. That's why race cars have neck pads built into the seat. Can a helmet be of use to a rider during an accident? Sometimes. Can a helmet cause much more harm than good during an accident? Sometimes. The intelligent rider needs to make up his own mind as to how he feels safest, and not allow a decision to be imposed on him "for his own good" by those who have little understanding of what a helmet can and can't do.

The other specious argument is that unhelmeted motorcyclists cause a burden to the health system. Again, this holds no water. Here are the numbers. According to the National Center for Health Statistics, approximately 1.16% of the total U.S. health costs are attributable to motor vehicle accidents, and the costs associated with the treatment of motorcycle injuries account for less than 0.0001% of total U.S. health care costs. Only a portion of that less-than 0.0001% cost is attributable to unhelmeted motorcyclists, and the majority of that cost is paid by privately purchased health insurance. What remains is insignificant, spread across the taxpayer base which includes millions of taxpaying motorcyclists.

For those letter writers who have a genuine desire to promote motorcycle safety, their efforts instead would be most welcome in helping to promote a viable motorcycle training course throughout the islands, applaud the motorcycle awareness programs and education of the motoring public, and support the State Motorcycle Task Force and Street Bikers United.

Brian Grayling
State Director, SBU

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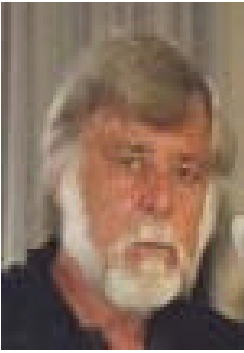
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Oahu Chapter

PRESIDENT

Rick Davis

I would like to thank everyone who came to the Toys for Tots Run. The good Lord blessed us with good weather. We estimated around 5,000 bikes. We filled two trucks with toys and I want to thank everyone who donated toys and money. The monetary donations helped us pay for the cost of putting on the parade. We had some parking problems at KCC which we will solve before the next parade.

On Dec. 14th the Combat Vets annual Skivvies run was held for the homeless vets, the weather was bad on Saturday so there weren't too many bikes on Sunday. But for those of us who made it, we had a good time. The vets fed us and they appreciated the skivvies. They had a bike show and picked my orange trike with a trophy, I guess they liked the two hand grenades I have mounted on it.

On Christmas Day, the Meals on Wheels run were held. About 40 or 50 bikes showed, we had chance to meet a lot of the elderly people. They were happy to see us and wished us all Merry Christmas.

We are facing a new Legislative session at the Capitol, so we need as many new members as we can get, the more members we have, the stronger our voice will be, "UNITED WE STAND, DIVIDED WE FALL"

On Dec. 21st we held the calendar meeting, it should be posted soon. If you see any changes or additions, please contact us as soon as possible.

SAFETY: I am sorry to report on Dec. 17th at 12:45 a.m. a speeding motorcycle hit a car so hard, it went through the car killing both, motorcyclist and the driver of the car. Please drive careful and watch your speed. SBU would like to offer our condolences to the family.

I'm sorry to report, on Monday afternoon, Dec. 29th a truck ran into biker Lindsay Kane forcing him off the road. He was taken to Queens' hospital in critical condition and later died. The driver of the truck did not stop to aid Lindsay. SBU would like to offer our condolences to the family.

STOLEN BIKES: I have no info at this time.

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Hawaiian Chopper Magazine

My fellow riders and Hawaiian Chopper Magazine readers. Many of you may be wondering what happened to me, and more importantly, Hawaiian Chopper. Well, I am living happily in Naples, Italy with my family. We have been here for nearly two months now, and will be here for the next few years.

I would like you all to know how much I have appreciated your friendship and fellowship these past four years. Hawaiian Chopper Magazine could not have gotten off the ground, nor earned the popularity it has unless I had had your support and involvement. Hawaii has always owned a special place in my heart, and now that I am away, the thought of so many of you occupies that space as well.

Before I left Hawaii I had many suggestions from many of you about what to do with the magazine, and my chopper & hotrod shows. Because of those expressions of genuine interest, and desire to see Hawaiian Chopper make it back to publication, I have decided to try and work out a deal with a local publishing company in Honolulu to get your magazine back on the road.

If things work out as I hope, Hawaiian Chopper will again find its way into your homes and businesses. Like many of you, I want to see all you and your bikes inside the pages of the mag. I want to show the world why riding in Hawaii is simply the best...

I am also working on another Hawaiian Chopper show to be held this Spring. Watch SBU's newsletter for more information, and check out my space under Hawaiian Chopper. Once everything is worked out I will post information there. Just because I'm not there doesn't mean Hawaiian Chopper isn't. The magazine was never about me, it was always about you...

A Hui Hou...

Steve Kalnasy
Hawaiian Chopper

ELECTIONS SBUHI OFFICERS

Chapter & Statewide Elections

When Street Bikers United Hawaii was incorporated 4 years ago as a non-profit 501c3 corporation, the terms of Chapter officers and State Director were set at 2 years.

There will be elections this June for the next 2 year terms. Elections will be conducted by mail-in ballot so all members, not just those who attend meetings, can run and vote.

Any member of Street Bikers United Hawaii is eligible to run and vote for the position of State Director & State Treasurer. Any member of a Chapter is eligible to run and vote for positions within the Chapter.

Chapter positions are President, Vice President, Treasurer and Secretary. Chapter Presidents are also members of the state Executive Board.

Members wishing to run for any office should submit their name along with any statement for inclusion in the ballot which will be in the next state newsletter. Send names and statements to:

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SBUHI 2009 CALENDAR OF COMING EVENTS

Day		JANUARY
Wednesday	21	Bike Nite @ Hooters / Aloha Tower Marketplace / 1900-2100
		FEBRUARY
Sunday	1	SBUHI OAHU MEETING, FRA 9:00a.m.
Sunday	8	Waipahu HOGS / Makin Bacon / South Sea Cycle / 9:00 to 10:00 AM Sign Up
Sunday	8	SBUHI MAUI MEETING
Wednesday	18	Bike Nite @ Hooters / Aloha Tower Marketplace / 1900-2100 - See Flyer P 16
		MARCH
Sunday	1	SBUHI OAHU MEETING, FRA 9:00a.m.
Sunday	8	SBUHI MAUI MEETING
Wednesday	18	Bike Nite @ Hooters / Aloha Tower Marketplace / 1900-2100 - See Flyer P 16
Saturday	22	Pohaku Pa'akiki's 1st Annual Family & Friends Poker Run
		APRIL
Sunday	5	SBUHI OAHU MEETING, FRA 9:00a.m.
Thursday	9	CVMAHI / 4 th Annual Natl Former POW recog day / Moanalua Gardens / 8:15 to 8:30
Sunday	12	SBUHI MAUI MEETING
Wednesday	15	Bike Nite @ Hooters / Aloha Tower Marketplace / 1900-2100 - See Flyer P 16
Saturday	18	Domenico's 40 th / Anniv Ride
Sunday	19	Waipahu HOGS / Ride in Bike Show / South Seas Waipahu / 9:00 - 10:30
Sunday	26	Foundation M/C / Ernie Reece Ride for Life / Moanalua Gardens 8:00-10:30 / Cost \$15/\$25.00 / Kevin pope 754-5971
		MAY
Sunday	3	SBUHI OAHU MEETING, FRA 9:00a.m.
Sunday	3	Honolulu HOGS / Cinco DeMayo / Cycle City / 8:00 to 10:30 AM
Sunday	10	SBUHI MAUI MEETING
Sunday	17	Armed Forces M/C / Armed Forces Day Run
Wednesday	20	Bike Nite @ Hooters / Aloha Tower Marketplace / 1900-2100 - See Flyer P 16
Sunday	24	VNV/Legacy Vets M/C / Candle Light Run / Kakaako Park / 4:00 PM
Monday	25	CVMAHI 6 th Annl Memorial Wreath Ride Moanalua Gardens TI 8:15 LBO 8:30
		JUNE
Saturday	6	Koa Puna / Hot Summer Nights Poke Run / Classic Cycles / 5:00 to 6:30 PM Sign Up
Sunday	7	SBUHI OAHU MEETING, FRA 9:00a.m.
Sunday	14	SBUHI MAUI MEETING
Wednesday	17	Bike Nite @ Hooters / Aloha Tower Marketplace / 1900-2100 - See Flyer P 16
Sunday	21	Alii's M/C / Father's Day Run / Moanalua Gardens / 9:00 to 10:30 AM
		JULY
Sunday	5	SBUHI OAHU MEETING, FRA 9:00a.m.
Sunday	12	SBUHI MAUI MEETING
Sunday	12	Waipahu HOGS - Fun in the Sun - South Seas Waipahu - 9:00 AM
Wednesday	15	Bike Nite @ Hooters / Aloha Tower Marketplace / 1900-2100 - See Flyer P 16
Sunday	19	Moopuna M/C - Bike Blessing
Sunday	27	VNV/Legacy Vets M/C - Dinousaur Run

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WAIANAE HOMELESS SHELTER

On Dec 6, the day before the Oahu Toy run, The Rock and Roll MC Oahu chapter, with the help of the Maui and Hilo chapter, put on a Christmas party for the residents and children of the Waianae Homeless Shelter. Here are some pics of the event. It was very heart warming to see the appreciative faces, especially from the children. Mahalo for SBU's support. Jerry Chang



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At Ellsworth's Custom Cycles, state Rep. Jerry Chang, left rear, and Ellsworth Fontes, the vice president and president of the Rock & Roll Motorcycle Club Inc., stand with siblings Ikaika, Gabriel and Sarina Correa. The keiki are surrounded by 27 bicycles to be presented to boys and girls at Sunday's 13th annual Hilo Toys for Tots Run and Rally, sponsored by the club. Motorcycles and vintage cars will leave Hilo Wal-Mart parking lot at 10 a.m. for a short run to "4 Miles" in Keaukaha, back to Banyan Drive and ending at Aunty Sally's Luau House, where toys will be collected. The public is invited to drop off a toy and enjoy live music, food and door prizes donated by local businesses. Mayor Billy Kenoi, BJ Penn and other contributors will present the bikes to kids who otherwise would not have a gift at Christmas. Call 935-5519 for more information.

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- 16 SEP 09
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- 18 NOV 09
- 16 DEC 09

ALL BIKERS WELCOME



Isle bikers rally 'round keiki at Toys for Tots

By JOHN BURNETT
Tribune-Herald staff writer

He's not exactly a jolly old elf with eight flying reindeer, but for 13 years now, Ellsworth Fontes and the island's motorcycle clubs have played Santa to underprivileged children.

Fontes, the owner of Ellsworth's Custom Cycles in Hilo, is the driving force behind the Rock and Roll Motorcycle Club's 13th annual Hilo Toys for Tots Run and Rally. More than 500 motorcyclists and about 150 custom car enthusiasts made the run from the Hilo Wal-Mart parking lot to Auntie Sally Kaleohano's Luau Hale Sunday to deliver

See TOYS FOR TOTS Page A6



JOHN BURNETT/Tribune-Herald

Sam Hansford of the Hawaiian Knights Motorcycle Club, his wife, Carie, and friend Cyrus Wilson enjoy a moment Sunday in the parking lot of Auntie Sally Kaleohano's Luau Hale at the 13th annual Hilo Toys for Tots Run and Rally.

new toys to children ages 5-12 who may otherwise not have any presents to unwrap this Christmas. Fontes said the riders, many of whom rumbled down Banyan Drive and around Liliuokalani Park before arriving at Auntie Sally's, represent about 25 motorcycle clubs from around the island.

"It was awesome today," Fontes said. "It turned out to be a beautiful day today and probably the biggest turnout ever."

Several hundred crowded into the county banquet facility to watch the giveaway of 27 new bicycles by representatives of the motorcycle clubs, plus two special presenters — Mayor Billy Kenoi and UFC lightweight champion BJ Penn, who celebrated his 30th birthday Saturday.

Penn's nonprofit foundation donated \$1,000 to buy toys for the Run and Rally,

and Penn gave away the first bicycle, to a 5-year-old girl named Tymani, while the crowd applauded enthusiastically.

"I'm a Hilo boy and the Hilo community has always supported me," said Penn, whose mostly family entourage included his 2-month-old daughter, Aeva Liliu Uaiwa-Penn. "This is just awesome."

Before presenting a bicycle to another keiki, Kenoi delivered a short, extemporaneous speech.

"We live in the most special place in the entire world," he said. "And the reason it's so special is because of people like you who care, from the heart, with aloha ... to make our community a better place."

Fontes said the bike giveaway is a new wrinkle this year, and staff workers at the Child and Family Service Agency selected the

27 keiki who received their gleaming new two-wheelers.

"Every year, we do this run and nobody gets to see the children that receive some of the gifts that we give out. It's just numbers. ... But this year, giving away the bikes, we get to see a person, and that makes it much more special," he said.

Fontes said the event could not have happened without the support of the motorcycle clubs and the business community.

"The local businesses have been very supportive, and Wal-Mart has been my big supporter throughout the years," he said.

Event emcee Patrick Kahawaiolaa noted the economic recession, saying, this year's Run and Rally "is the most important ever."

One woman, who identified herself only as Maile,

said her daughter, Emma, 9, received a Hannah Montana doll from Toys for Tots this year.

"She had been asking for Hannah Montana stuff, and I didn't know how I would afford it," Maile said. "It's a good Christmas and we're grateful."

Fontes said that this year's extra effort has been "worth it to see the looks on the faces of appreciative parents and kids who got a toy, maybe even a new bicycle, that they didn't expect."

He added that he is still working on his goal to collect 2,900 toys for keiki this Christmas said there is still a need for toys for the older children, between ages 9 and 12. To contribute, or for more information, call Fontes at 895-6467.

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