



## **2<sup>nd</sup> WIND**

### **NEWSLETTER OF THE AMERICAN LEGION RIDERS ASSOCIATION OF WISCONSIN, SECOND DISTRICT *January 2012 Edition***

**What do you want to do in 2012?** Although we don't meet until March, I would like everyone to take a few minutes to reflect on last year. What did you like, what would you do differently, and what didn't we do that you would like to see more of? My crystal ball gets a little frosty in the middle of winter (if that's what we're having), so your ideas are essential to making 2<sup>nd</sup> District an enjoyable experience. Our March meeting is a planning session – nobody expects you to ride through the last of the salt, snow and ice to attend. Just show up with your good ideas for events, the fundraiser, and most important – your schedule inputs for Rider participation to include 2012 parades. I have parade request forms available and you can find one attached to this month's newsletter. If you have a parade in your community or at your Post and would like us to provide a motorized color guard in support of the local Post, get a point of contact and fill out a parade request form. The more of those I can get in hand before the season starts, the better we can plan our riding season. Also, for those folks competing for Rider mileage and event awards, the event must be listed in the official ALRA schedule of events to qualify.

**WELCOME NEW MEMBER:** Welcome to our newest member; Gary Davidson of Post 143 in Beaver Dam. We're looking forward to seeing you around in the coming year.

**MEMBERSHIP RENEWALS:** Second District now has 56 members. I have not received 2012 membership cards from the State Association, but will begin contacting members for renewals once I get them in hand.

#### **DEADLINES:**

- A. Any District 2 Rider competing for 2011 mileage or event attendance awards must submit their record book to Nancy Helms no later than January 15<sup>th</sup> (yup – this weekend) at her home address of 2540 Clover St., Oshkosh, WI 54901.
- B. Mid-Winter Social reservations. Please contact me with your reservation for the Feb 11<sup>th</sup> event by no later than Friday, February 3<sup>rd</sup> with your name and a count of folks attending. You can call or text me at (414) 517-1110, e-mail me at "mail (at) prenzlow.com" or send a note by US dogsled mail. Just get it in on time so F-Trup can get the Inn a good count.

### **2012 2<sup>nd</sup> District Monthly Event Schedule**

***NEXT FULL DISTRICT MEETING: Saturday, **March 3rd**, 2011 in Mequon at Post 457***

#### **UPCOMING ALRA EVENTS:**

Always check for the latest updates to the State ALRA Schedule of Events at  
<http://www.alrawis.org/schedule.htm>



**1. MID-WINTER LEGION CONFERENCE:** Sunday, January 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2012 at Ho-Chunk Casino in Lake Delton. The general floor session, beginning at 9:00 a.m., is where our ALRA 2<sup>nd</sup> District will receive the National Commander's Award and plaque for contributions to the Legacy Run Scholarship Fund in 2011.

**2. ALRA STATE QUARTERLY MEETING:** Saturday February 4, 2012 at 1:00 pm at the Wisconsin Rapids Post 442 located at 10929 Hwy. 13 South, Wisconsin Rapids 54494. Lunch will be available prior to the meeting.

**3. MID-WINTER SOCIAL (Mark the Date):** Saturday, Feb 11<sup>th</sup>, 2012 at Cedar Lake Inn at 4919 State Road 144 Hartford, WI 53027-9557. Refreshments at 6:30 p.m., dinner at 7:00 p.m. You can preview their offerings at <http://www.cedarlakeinn.com>. **I'm calling for RSVP's now through February 3rd.** This is where we did our social last year and we have reserved the same private room for our event. Great food, good times. See the map on the bottom of the page for those whose Google-Fu is lacking and don't have GPS in their vehicle.

**4. 2<sup>nd</sup> DIST. ALRA MONTHLY MEETING:** Saturday, March 3rd, 10:00 a.m., at Post 457, Mequon. First meeting of the season, and will be used to plan upcoming events, start looking at our annual fundraiser, and firm up our first cut at the parade schedule.

**SHIRT ORDERS:** Shirts are ordered. I expect to have them in hand in time for the mid-winter social.

**ROCKERS:** I have one regular front rocker for your vest for sale at \$10. We can order more if there is a demand, but it will take some lead time to get them in hand. If you want a front rocker for your vest, let me know and I'll get a tally for submitting an order to State. I am also continuing to wait for bottom rockers for your back patch for the new members.

