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I would like to welcome everyone to the riding season. It has been quite nice here in the south for a couple of months, so hopefully the snow is thawing up north by now. The Red Knights have been very busy since my end of the year report for 2008. The Dixie is growing everyday and is now up to 96 chapters at last count. Maybe we can hit that magic 100th by the International Convention in August. I have stayed busy trying to help all of you that I can. I have averaged 59.5 hours a month since January answering phone calls and emails. I have also been very busy keeping up with the new chapters and making sure we do not lose any existing chapters at dues time. I know all of my State Reps are already getting tired of seeing my emails, but they are going to keep coming.

The Convention seems to be pretty well wrapped up and ready for us all to enjoy. There is nothing like Florida on a hot August day! The 2011 Convention in Ocean City, MD seems to be making progress. I believe they are going to have a show for us all.

Speaking of conventions, we just finished with the Dixie this past weekend and had a great time socializing. Re-energizing old and making new friendships. At our business meeting we discussed the new proposed by-law changes in depth and I would like to remind everyone to look over these on the International website because they affect us all. I would like to congratulate Jim Blackmon on becoming the new State Rep for the State of Alabama. I also want to say congrats to Rick Lemocks on becoming the Dixie 2nd VP, and Dale Smith on becoming the Dixie Secretary.

Well it is looking like another beautiful day to ride, so I hope to see y'all in August. Remember, if anyone ever has a question, please feel free to call or email me. That is what I volunteered for! Until then, keep the shiny side up and your knees in the wind!

Respectfully submitted,

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