

NCOM CONVENTION HITS JACKPOT IN RENO

Freedom is an ongoing gamble, with bikers' rights activists wagering to win against an often stacked deck, always in favor of the House, but everyone came away a winner at this year's 28th annual NCOM Convention over Mother's Day weekend, May 9-12, 2013 at the posh Silver Legacy Resort-Casino in Reno, Nevada.

But it was work, not play, on the agenda for hundreds of attendees from across the country there to discuss topics of concern to all riders; such as biker profiling and discrimination, motorcycle-only roadblocks, knowing your rights, and mobilizing motorcyclists to advocate motorcycle-friendly legislation and defeat antibiking bills.

The traditional "Ringing of the Bell" ceremony paid homage to those freedom fighters who have gone before us, while for the first time a Veterans' Rights seminar was conducted by NCOM's newly-formed Veteran Affairs Special Committee in an effort to reach out to true defenders of Freedom.

The National Coalition of Motorcyclists (NCOM) is solely sponsored by the Aid to Injured Motorcyclists (A.I.M.) nationwide legal services program and serves as an umbrella organization for more than 2,000 NCOM Member clubs, organizations and associations worldwide, representing well over a quarter of a million politically active motorcyclists. NCOM has successfully outreached to numerous segments of the motorcycling community in an effort to unite for our rights, both legal and legislatively, and has become a unifying voice amongst North America's motorcycle rights organizations (MROs), motorcycle clubs, women riders, religious riding organizations, touring groups, trikers, sportbikers, and minority motorcyclists.

This year's NCOM Convention was hosted by the Northern Nevada Confederation of Clubs, and all motorcyclists were welcomed and encouraged to participate in the many meetings, seminars and group discussions that focused on legislative efforts and litigation techniques to protect our riders' rights and preserve Freedom of the Road.

During the Silver Spoke Awards Banquet on Saturday evening, several honorees were recognized for their contributions to "Improving The Image of Motorcycling", includ-

ing; GOVERNMENT: Wisconsin Governor Scott Walker; MEDIA: Becky Cakes - Classic Parts Hotline; COM-MERCE: Chris McIntyre - Eagle Rider Motorcycle Rentals; LEGAL: Boyd Spencer - AIM Attorney for Pennsylvania & New Jersey; ENTERTAINMENT: Max "Pitstop" Martini - Actor/Boozefighters MC; SPECIAL RECOGNITION: Christine Paige - Sturgis Motorcycle Museum & Hall of Fame, and Suzanne "Baglady Sue" Austin - Comedian; and NCOM's highest honor, the Ron Roloff Lifetime Achievement Award, was presented to Frank Ernst of ABATE of Minnesota and a member of the NCOM Board of Directors.

Next year's 29th Annual NCOM Convention will be held May 8-11, 2014 at The Intercontinental Hotel in Dallas, Texas. For further information, contact NCOM at (800) ON-A-BIKE or visit www.ON-A-BIKE.com.



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