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Your MMA sadly reports the passing of past MMA District 2 Manager, Rick Wood

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In Memory Of



Rick Wood: 26 June 1953 - 25 June 2017
With Steve Xiarhos (right) during Big Nick's Ride for the Fallen

Your Massachusetts Motorcycle Association regrettably shares the news that former MMA District 2 Manager, Rick Wood, passed away earlier today, a day shy of his 64th Birthday.

Rick ran a social media page, "Woody's Rides" for a while before stepping into the role of MMA District 2 Manager, and also served as Chairman of the South-Eastern Massachusetts Motorcyclists Survivors Fund, running events such as Brian's Ride supporting the needs of downed riders and their families in the south-eastern Massachusetts counties.

While serving as MMA District 2 Manager, Rick developed relationships and found new purpose with numerous Veteran's Support Organizations such as the Patriot Guard Riders, Big Nick's Ride for the Fallen, and Boston's Wounded Vet Ride. With renewed passion and vigor, Rick served as a Road Captain with the Patriot Guard Riders, and served on the board of Boston's Wounded Vet Ride.

He will be sorely missed by many.

Dear 5th Barnstable District Voter,

If quality of life, concern for the environment, upholding the law, and enjoying peace and quiet here on Cape Cod are important to you, then you will want to think carefully about whom you wish to have representing you in the Massachusetts House come November 3rd. Are those in government to serve the public interest, or their favorites? Would-be politician Steve Xiarhos is of the latter belief. Foremost among his favorites are his "biker buddies" of the Mass. Motorcycle Association, of which he's been a close and longstanding member (as seen above, and something you may wish to ask him about at a campaign event). With Xiarhos as deputy police chief in Yarmouth, the MMA had "their man" highly placed to give them protection from the law. The streets of that town were turned into the bikers' playground, an ironic position for an officer the law making sure that his coziness and personal interests served by his biker pals took precedence over protecting the public. That's something to think about the next time your peace and quiet are canceled out by the ear-splitting roar of motorcycles rumbling past your house at just about any time of day or night, or heard from a mile or more away,

or when the sanctity of your Sunday morning in July is trampled upon by hundreds of bikers thundering past along Rte. 6A.

Something more to think about, a roaring bike is an illegal bike not only for the blast of noise it inflicts on others, but for the emissions spewing out of it as well, from 500-800 times the amount of hydrocarbon chemicals (HC), 3200 times the nitrous oxides (NO_x), and 8000 times the amount of carbon dioxide (CO_2) of a passenger vehicle (HC and NO_x emissions contribute to harmful ground-level ozone, and NO_x also contributing to fine particulate matter pollution.) That from just one bike. Just do the math to figure the impact on the environment from a pack of hundreds of bikers roaring and rumbling along a street near you.

Vital issues on environmental protection, global warming, and of late and very critically, oversight and reform of the police, are before the Massachusetts Legislature. It needs to be asked what type of individual 5th Barnstable District voters wish to have deciding on these matters for them, someone who puts the public's interest first, or the parochial ones of his cronies.

Thank you for your time and consideration,

Friends and Neighbors at Noise-Free Cape Cod