

Riders,

You never cease to amaze me! Look at the overall membership, 14,540 ahead of last year! Everyone must be doing their part to make this happen, let's continue with this trend and stay ahead of last year's numbers for the remainder of the "Ride". Every Region is doing great and it looks like NVC Sansoucie and the Central Riders will be riding point for a while. They really came on strong these last few weeks, I hope they haven't rode down their horses. We are not that far back men, if we can continue to cover as much ground as we did this past month we'll be right there come February 8th.

Congratulations and thanks to you, the Midwest is at a respectable 65.273% of membership goal, well on our way to Sioux Falls. Commander Daeley, along with Tim, Chad and the other Riders from North Dakota must have finally gotten tired of riding in the dust and have rode their way into second position in the Midwest, behind Kansas, gaining 33.33%. Kansas continues to be our scout and they have turned northeast and now are heading to Bangor, Maine, sitting high in the saddle in third position Nationally. It would be my best guess that Commander Ward and his team will not spare the horses on their journey to the top. I hope they make it and are able to "Ride" out front into Indianapolis.

Let's not forget the next group of "Riders" who have faithfully transmitted membership and have been the tireless "top hands" riding near one another and creating quite a cloud of dust themselves. Commander Garrett and his Colorado Riders, Commander Robinson and the Montana Riders, and the Texas Riders lead by Commander Slaughter. Along with Commander Pherson and the "Let 'er buck", Wyoming Riders, Commander Padilla heading up the New Mexico Riders and the Nebraska Riders, now lead by Commander Marv Marrow. These hard working hands are riding in a group ranging from 55.92% to 65.05%, it is a solid core group and if they continue to gain ground as they have in the past we'll be moving toward the front in no time.

Commander Morgan and the Riders from Oklahoma made up a fair parcel of dirt this past report, 17.86%, but still have some work to do. Commander Lemieux from South Dakota and his Riders should be able to make a good run this next month as they will be heading home to Sioux Falls. Both Detachments have proven themselves in the past, so I have no doubt that they will come through.

Remember to submit your Recruitment Pin forms to Charlie Keith, numbers indicate that you are signing up quite a few new members. The second renewal notice will be going out in the very near future, let's get after those renewals that we are missing. With hard work and dedication we can continue to succeed.

"The only place success comes before work is in the dictionary." VINCE LOMBARDI

Ride Proud,

DannySmith

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