

## **May 16 & 17, 2011 Legislative Report – Prospector**

Despite the deplorable weather conditions on Monday, May 16, approximately 80 Freedom Fighters participated in the ride to the Capitol. The ride itself was uneventful, however, many riders reported being stopped and ticketed by State Police LEAVING Albany. I was also informed that The Schodack Police Chief was harassed by State Police for allowing/escorting the ride. If you or anyone you know was stopped leaving the rally on Monday, please call me ASAP.

I'd like to hear about visits made to legislators during the Freedom Rally, please call or e-mail me with details. I hope everyone enjoyed the experience.

At a meeting with DMV during the rally, we learned that our voice has been heard in regard to Motorcycle Safety and Awareness Month. In 2012, it will be changed back from June to May. They were not able to implement it in time this year, but it will be May next year. Also, the new DMV Commissioner was confirmed on Tuesday. I hope she will be more receptive to our issues than her predecessor.

I had appointments with 2 Senators on Tuesday, both of whom have been supportive of our issues in the past.

I met with Assembly Member Lupardo and we discussed the amended confiscation bill, #6694a. There were some misgivings regarding the bill at the Sunday state meeting. I spent considerable time looking over the latest version and I'm satisfied with the language. It's not perfect, but it is a measure of protection that we do not have now. I attended the Assembly Transportation Committee meeting on Tuesday and the bill was reported out. It's still in the Transportation Committee in the Senate.

The legislative session is drawing to a close, so there will be a mad dash to move many bills in the final days. Hopefully, ours will be among them. I will continue to be in Albany until session officially ends.

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