

The

Rogue Review

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River City Chapter Meetings!

Our April 10, 2008 Chapter meeting will be at the **Pizza Factory Mullan & Hwy 41** (3904 East Mullan) **Post Falls, Idaho** 208-777-4373 at 7PM.

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A REPORT FROM *BIKEPAC OF IDAHO (BPI)...*

Idaho's Legislative Session will be almost wrapped up when you read this. The session draws to an end in March with those final days determined by how many bills are still unheard and unresolved. The legislators we talk to feel they will be working until the end of the month.

BikePAC has been watching for legislation that affects the motorcycling community or threatens our lifestyle. This late in the session any bills like a mandatory helmet law for us *Big Kids* is highly unlikely to be introduced. Normally that legislation would funnel into a *Transportation Committee, House or Senate*, and there are deadlines for introduction into a germane committee. Even if a bill as such came the *back door* way, through a different committee and/or possibly tagged onto another associated bill, it would likely fail. Those tactics are pretty common in other states but Idaho is fairly consistent in introducing bills into the proper committees to be heard and printed. Our *Citizen Legislators* have not adopted the political ways and *circus like tactics* that are exhibited in Washington D.C.

Expect a bill from the Idaho Transportation Department for fee increases relating to licensing, titling, etc. Last session they introduced one that would increase fees approximately 75% across the board but it failed. As of this writing, we have not seen even an *RS* introduced into committee for this. An *RS* is the *draft legislation* that is introduced into committee to

be voted on to print as a bill. Until it is heard in committee, that *RS* is considered intellectual property of the author, so virtually no one is aware of its content.

The ITD desperately needs more funding for roads especially considering that materials used are at an all time high in cost. An audit of the ITD and its expenditures to justify these increases is also underway. Legislation may be

introduced soon with a combination of a gas tax increase and all other fees related to the ITD.

BikePAC is monitoring for this bill while increases are warranted they need to be kept reasonable, especially as pertaining to motorcycles. On

average, motorcyclists enjoy the road about 7 months of the year and most of them are recreational in use. Consider the wear and tear we contribute to our roads...*virtually nil!* Fee increases for motorcyclists should be kept minimal because we are not the problem.

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BPI 2008 IDAHO BILL WATCHLIST

In an ongoing effort to keep Idaho motorcyclists *informed BikePAC of Idaho* would like to bring these motorcycle related Bills to your attention.

House Bill 356—*Language pertaining to... motorcycle endorsement requirements.*

House Bill 363—*License plate fee increase.*

House Bill 365—*Motorcycle safety standards.*

House Bill 372—*All-terrain vehicles, revised definition*

Bill Watchlist continued page 4

RIVER CITY CHAPTER MEETING MINUTES:

**March 13, 2008, Pizza Factory,
Post Falls, ID**

classes at this time.

**Legalize
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Runs/Events- Flyer is approved for Awareness Run. Tim has several items we borrowed last year and will get them to Willie before leaving for the NCOM Convention. It was decided to use some Chapter treasury funds to get anything else we will need for the day at the rest area.

Scheduled Seminars!

National Coalition of Motorcyclists (NCOM) will be hosting their **23rd Annual Convention May 8-11, 2008**. This year will be held at the Sheraton North Houston George Bush Intercontinental Airport 15700 JFK Blvd Houston, TX 77032

Room Rates \$79
For Room Reservations
Call:
281-442-5100

Call to order 7:10pm.

Roll Call-Quorum: Yes

Secretary's report accepted.

Treasurer's report accepted. Financial records May 2007 thru January 2008 were sent to State PO Box, certified on February 20th and were signed for on February 26th.

Membership currently 22. Will send renewal notices with return envelopes.

Guest speaker- Tim Herzog is running for Kootenai County Commissioner. He did some campaigning and asked everyone to please vote May 27th.

Committee Reports:

Charity/Fundraising- Raffle ideas are tabled for a future meeting. One cell phone was turned in for OASIS.

Legislative - We are watching some Bills and they have been added to the BikePAC Of Idaho website. Some things of interest are proposed increased vehicle licensing fees and an increase to the gas tax. Discussed the proposal for a new or addition to the County jail. Chad said that "it's too nice in prison these days... "he didn't get any Jello." Greg gave Belva \$.50cents to buy Chad some Jello.

Old Business- Belva checked with the Pepsi Company about a banner, they may donate the canvas. Greg got a local quote and will get some additional information.

No New Business discussed.

Announcements- SPMC Rally & Independent Musical Festival is June 12-15, 2008 at Rock Creek Lodge, Missoula, MT. www.spmc-rally.com

50/50 draw \$14.00 won by Belva, donated to Holiday Fund.

Safety & Ed- no update on any

Meeting adjourned at 8:30pm



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RIVER CITY CHAPTER

The River City Rogues Present a:

Motorcycle Awareness Run

May 10th, 2008



When: 7AM to 7PM

Where: The Eastbound Huetter Rest Area on Interstate 90 (just east of Post Falls, ID)

Why: This is the beginning of the riding season and May is:

Motorcycle Awareness Month!

What is Happening: We will be providing coffee, hot chocolate and cookies to holiday weekend travelers as well as providing a FREE windshield wash while asking motorists to be aware of and watch for motorcycles this summer. Stop by for a few minutes and say hello or hang out and help for a few hours if you wish. Brochures and other information will be made available to interested travelers, as well.

For More Info Call: Greg at 208-683-1604



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The *River City Chapter* eNewsletter can also be picked up at the following locations!

One Eye's
Rathdrum, Idaho
208-687-1926

Dick's Upholstery
9710 Schmidt
Hayden, ID 83836
208-772-6365

Helmet Outlet USA
5648 Govt Way
CDA, ID

CDA Honda
2745 Seltice Way
CDA, ID
208-765-5005

**Specialty Recreation
& Marine**
910 Kathleen Ave.
CDA, ID
208-667-3571

River City Yamaha
3932 W. Riverbend Ave.
Post Falls, Idaho
208-457-8010

Beaudry Motorsports
1525 E. Edmondton
Post Falls, ID
208-777-2453



Time To Renew Your ABATE Membership!

It is renewal time for *River City Chapter* membership.

A downloadable membership application can be found on our chapter web site. *Renewal* dues for ABATE of North Idaho, Inc. are \$15 (new member \$20) plus \$5 to join *River City Chapter*. PLEASE, mail your completed application and check to THE FOLLOWING ADDRESS:

River City Chapter PO Box 2577 Post Falls, ID 83877-2577

Please Support Those Who Support *River City Chapter!*



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This Months Featured Quote:

The greatest dangers to liberty lurk in insidious encroachment by men of zeal, well-meaning but without understanding.

~Louis D. Brandeis

Your Chapter Officers & Committee Chairs are:

- **Coordinator:** Willie Stephenson – 208-772-4823 or rivercitycoordinator@abateofnorthidaho.org
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River City Chapter

Bulletin Board

- The *River City Chapter Awareness Run* is scheduled for May 10th, 2008. Watch future editions of this newsletter and the chapter web site for additional details and fliers.
- *River City Chapter* Christmas Party Could Happen As Soon As August... Stay Tuned For Details!
- **Please, renew your membership dues!**
- *River City Chapter* is still collecting used cell phones working or not for the Post Falls Police O.A.S.I.S. program. They will be refurbished and put to good use. If you have a phone that you wish to donate bring it to a *River City Chapter* meeting or function.

Call CJ or Bridget at 773-1080 or email cjones@postfallspolice.com

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OTHER NEWS...NCOM, *National Coalition of Motorcyclists* is having its 23rd Annual Convention May 8-11, 2008 in Houston, Texas. I serve on the Legislative Task Force and would like to see a great turnout from Idaho. Call for info: (1-800-ON-A-BIKE) or visit

http://www.aimncom.com/ncom/ncom_convention.htm

WASHINGTON STATE UPDATE...Again our neighbor to the west is trying to get a stoplight bill passed...4th attempt. Also, a bill that would increase license fees dramatically failed to make it out of committee. *Tim TJ Herzog*

Bill Watchlist from page 1

House Bill 429 - Uninsured, underinsured motorist insurance.

House Bill 586 - Vehicle emission testing

House Bill 602 - All Terrain Vehicles, Utility Vehicles and Motorbikes

House Bill 632 - To increase the annual registration fee

House Bill 633 - Increase the annual registration fee on certain school buses, motorcycles, all-terrain vehicles and utility trailers, and to increase the fee to validate a dealer or manufacturer number plate.

House Concurrent Resolution No. 57 - Stating findings of the Legislature encouraging and supporting proactive efforts, such as those of the [Blake Webb Motorcycle Safety Awareness Foundation](#) and to educate and inform Idahoans about the importance of motocross riding safety both on and off the track.

Senate Bill 1359 - Idaho rangeland license plate program and fees.

For more information and links on these Bills you can go to the *Idaho Legislative* page at : www.bikepacofidaho.org



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