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River City Chapter Meetings!

Our March 13, 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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U.S. Transportation Secretary Peters Unveils Legislation to Help States Target Motorcycle Helmet Use

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(PressMediaWire) WASHINGTON, D.C. Thursday, February 14, 2008 – U.S. Transportation Secretary Mary E. Peters today sent legislation to Congress seeking greater flexibility for states to target one of the leading causes of motorcycle deaths across the nation – riding without a helmet.

An avid motorcyclist, she credits her helmet and riding gear for saving her life during a 2005 motorcycle crash.

"My helmet prevented me from being a brain injury patient when I crashed my Harley two years ago," Secretary Peters said. "We know helmets save lives and I want states to be able to join in urging riders to take personal responsibility for their safety by wearing a helmet every time they ride."

AMA concerned about new threat to motorcycle safety training funds

U.S. Transportation Secretary Mary Peters is urging Congress to allow states to divert federal money now used for motorcycle training and awareness to instead promote the use of motorcycle helmets, the American Motorcyclist Association reports.

Peters sent letters to House and Senate leaders this week asking for the change.



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Ed Moreland, AMA Vice President for Government Relations, expressed concern that diverting federal motorcycle safety funds to promote helmet use could harm rider training courses and motorcycle awareness programs that are already underfunded in many states.

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RIVER CITY CHAPTER MEETING MINUTES:

**Dec. 13th, 2007, Pizza Factory,
Post Falls ID**

Call to order 7:00pm

Roll Call-Quorum: Yes

Secretary's report (minutes) accepted.

Treasurer's report accepted. Money turned in for products.

Membership report: current 22 members.

Renewal notices and applications will be sent to members with return envelopes.

Ambassador-At-Large report: Ric's EMT training continues. Learning about motorcycle wrecks & injuries and how to treat them at the scene. You have to worry about helmets and access to airways. It is very important that someone involved in a motorcycle crash is transported to a hospital as soon as possible.

Committee Reports:

Legislative: Idaho legislative update: There are no issues yet that affect us. There was a Bill last year to increase licensing, registration & titling fees by 75%, but it failed. A similar Bill may be yet introduced this year.

A "watch list" is on the BikePAC of Idaho website, watching for any proposed legislation in Boise regarding motorcycles, dirt biking, ATV's, etc.

Tim will try to make a trip to Boise

the end of February to meet with legislators.

Safety & Education: Dewain had a class scheduled Feb. 13th, but it is unknown if he was able to do it or it has been rescheduled.

NHTSA and ITD 2006 motorcycle accident data is now available on both the Chapter and BikePAC of Idaho websites.

Runs/Events: Greg has confirmation that we are set at the Huetter Rest Area for May 10th Awareness Run. Events form will be sent to the State office. Discussed tables, canopies & supplies needed for event.

We may plan a Chapter run/event possibly in August.

Charity & Fundraising: Looking for new fundraising ideas this year to increase our donation to OASIS.

New Business: Belva and Greg will check into cost to have a River City Rogue banner made.

Announcements: March 2nd is the ABATE of WA annual swap meet in Monroe, WA at the Evergreen fairgrounds.

50/50 draw won by Tim.

Meeting adjourned at 8:30pm.



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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
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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:

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The legislation submitted to Congress would allow states to use federal motorcycle safety funding to promote the use of motorcycle helmets. Currently, states are limited to using the funds for motorcycle safety training and awareness programs only.

Secretary Peters noted that states need additional resources to combat a sharp increase in motorcycle fatalities. In 2006, motorcycle fatalities reached 4,810, an increase of 127 percent since 1997, Secretary said. The National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA) estimates that motorcycle helmets not only saved the lives of 1,658 motorcyclists in 2006, but that 752 additional lives could have been saved if all motorcyclists had worn helmets, she added.

Calling motorcycles "our nation's greatest highway safety challenge," Secretary Peters launched a comprehensive federal initiative to improve motorcycle safety in October 2007. The action plan emphasizes more rider education and training, tougher standards for helmet certification labeling, law enforcement training, and road designs that consider motorcycle dynamics.

For more information on DOT's motorcycle safety initiative, please visit <http://www.nhtsa.gov/motorcycles/index.cfm>

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"Helmet use is certainly one part of a comprehensive approach to motorcycle safety," said Moreland. "But this step is a direct raid on funds that were appropriated by Congress to address the specific safety concerns of the motorcyclists' rights community.

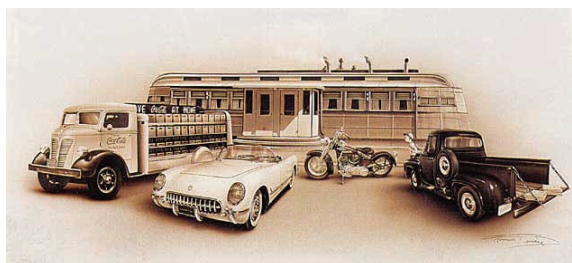
Furthermore, the use of motorcycle helmets is already advocated in existing motorcycle safety initiatives.

"Funding for rider-training courses is frequently under threat in cash-strapped states, and cutting the same-size pie into thinner slices is not the comprehensive, thoughtful, national motorcycle safety strategy we need."

Moreland also expressed concern that Peters' proposal could contradict sections of transportation bills passed in 1998 and 2005 that ban the use of federal motorcycle safety funds to lobby state legislatures in favor of mandatory helmet laws and could effectively reverse those bans.

The AMA strongly advocates the voluntary use of helmets by adults, along with other appropriate safety gear, and does not oppose laws requiring helmet use by minors. But the Association believes adults should be allowed to make their own decisions about when to wear a helmet.

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This Months Featured Quote:

The future has a way of arriving
unannounced.

George Will

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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
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RIC'S REPORT

I have been continuing with my EMT class and have not been able to follow the Washington state legislature very close.

EMT class is going well. I have learned things that I wish I didn't know. Pertaining to Motorcycles and related injuries; a motorcycle wreck is considered a very serious mechanism of injury. It is important that everyone understand that someone involved in M/c crash needs to get to a hospital as soon as possible. The biggest bone in your leg is the Femur. It is a serious break and unfortunately a common injury in motorcycle accidents. You also have to worry about spinal injuries and take special precautions not to cause more injury to someone. It is easy to aggravate existing injuries if you do not know what you are doing. With Motorcycles, you have to worry about helmets and access to the airway i.e. nose and mouth (breathing).



In terms of trauma medicine, every serious accident has a golden hour of treatment. This means that someone involved in a traumatic injury needs to be in an emergency room and being treated in less than one hour. That means for an EMT that when he gets to the scene of serious accident he has to have the injured in the ambulance on the way to the hospital in 10 minutes or less.

Ric Bryant
River City Chapter, Ambassador-at-Large