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River City Chapter Meetings!

Our September 11th, 2008 Chapter meeting will be back at the **Pizza Factory**

At Mullan Ave. and Hiway 41
Post Falls, Idaho

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River City Chapter Charity Raffle for O.A.S.I.S.

The River City Raffle to benefit the O.A.S.I.S. Project is in full swing. Tickets are now on sale for only a \$1.00 donation each to win a motorcycle themed gift basket on December 11th. You need not be present to win and shipping is included if necessary.

Some of the great items in this year's basket are a \$25 gift certificate to Shumate's Harley-Davidson in Spokane, a Harley T-shirt from Australia, teddy bear, bath towel set and Spiderman toy motorcycle.

So what is the OASIS Project and why are we supporting it? O.A.S.I.S. stands for *Officers & Advocates Sharing Intervention Services*. This is a teamwork approach between the Post Falls law enforcement and crime victim advocates to provide direct, immediate services and support to victims and their children of domestic violence. The advocate volunteers are on call 24 hours and are available to respond "on scene" with officers to provide immediate assistance to victims. Support is ongoing and can include shelter, community resource referral and medical, court and prosecution assistance.

This program began in 1994. Among other kinds of support, the volunteers also operate and maintain a shelter,

work with local community sponsors and contributors and have an annual Christmas party for the children of victims of domestic violence.

Their cell phone collection is an ongoing project. The Post Falls police department accepts old cell phones, working or not. They are sent for refurbishing and are then given to victims that may otherwise not have the means to call 911. Old cell

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phones can be brought to a Chapter meeting, dropped off at the Post Falls police department or just give anyone a call listed in this newsletter to pickup.

Please join the River City Rogues in our support of this invaluable program by donating to our raffle and Help Stop The Violence.

For information on the Raffle call Karen at 772-4823 or Belva at 773-1346.





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SCHEDULED MEETINGS & SEMINARS:

The **24th Annual Meeting of the Minds 2008** will be held in Denver, Colorado from September 25th thru the 28th. For more info go to: www.mrf.org

RIVER CITY CHAPTER MEETING MINUTES:

August 14, 2008, Pizza Factory, Post Falls, ID

Call to Order 7:22pm

Quorum - 55% member attendance and 2 guests.

Secretary and Treasurer: report read and accepted. (July statement sent to State 8-9-08)

Membership report: 13 current. All membership dues and updates were sent to State office 2 weeks prior to Spring Opener.

Guest speaker: Sharon McLaughlin was asked what she did while Tom was in Sturgis, surprise! She partied! Willie found an article in the AMA magazine about the "sound crackdown" in Milwaukee. The citizens are now empowered to launch prosecutions over the loud noise law. Greg entertained us with stories of his recent trip to Canada.

Committee Reports:

Legislative- The Idaho Dept. of Transportation has an annual road maintenance shortfall of over \$200 million dollars. We most likely will see licensing, title fees & gas tax increases discussed by the Legislature this year. Also, local highway districts may seek additional revenues themselves. (See *BikePAC of Idaho* article)

Safety & Ed- Class was held August 4th and went well. Notice of upcoming classes are posted on the Chapter website and emailed to members.

Runs/Events- Chad & Belva sat at our Chapter info booth last month during Rathdrum Days and sold raffle tickets. There is a Rodeo in Springdale, WA August 22-24, The Bronze Bike Rendezvous in Joseph, Oregon that same weekend and a 9-11 Memorial Ride on Sept. 6th from Colville to Higgins Point. Call Paul @ 509-684-6589 for info.

Charity/Fundraising- Tickets are on sale for this year's raffle to support OASIS. We will make a flyer. HUGE Thanks to Belva for all of your work and time on this.

Karen gave Tim a couple used cell phones to turn in.

Les Burton has been diagnosed with Lou Gehrig's disease (ALS). US Bank has a fund for him and Chapter voted to donate \$50.00.

Old Business: The Chapter banner has been re-done and looks great.

New Business: The cost of hosting a website has increased to \$50.00 per year.

50/50 draw was won by Tom.

Adjourned at 8:30pm



River City Chapter Bulletin Board

- **Please, renew your membership dues!**
- *River City Chapter* Christmas Party Could Happen As Soon As August... Stay Tuned For Details!

- *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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Please Support Those Who Support *River City Chapter!*

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This Months Featured Quote:

"Too old to plant trees for my own gratification, I shall do it for my posterity."
~Thomas Jefferson

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GOVERNMENT RELATIONS DEPARTMENT



US Secretary of Transportation, Mary Peters, recently unveiled the Bush Administration's plan for the future of transportation in America. Accompanied by a video presentation from Secretary Peters on their Department of Transportation operated website, www.fightgridlocknow.gov, the plan is titled Refocus. Reform. Renew. A New Transportation Approach in America.

"Without a doubt, our federal approach to transportation is broken. And no amount of tweaking, adjusting or adding new layers on top will make things better," said Peters. "It is time for a new, a different and a better approach."

The plan, according to the Secretary, sets the framework for reforming the nation's transportation programs by focusing on five main initiatives:

- 1) Renew federal focus on maintaining and improving performance on the Interstate Highway System
- 2) Address urban congestion and give state and local leaders greater flexibility to invest in their transit and highway priorities
- 3) Create accountability measurers to ensure investments in transportation will actually deliver results
- 4) Refocus emphasis on safety using technology and data-driven approaches, while giving states greater flexibility to address their specific safety challenges
- 5) Streamline the federal review process for new transportation projects

While the initiative may be a step forward for some areas of national transportation, it is certainly unclear to the AMA what many of the implications of the proposal will be. As the Bush Administration's time in office runs out, it is likely that many of the ideas outlined in the document will not come to pass. However, this effort may lay the groundwork for sweeping transportation reform by the next Administration.

Long Way Down, the next motorbike adventure by friends Ewan McGregor and Charlie Boorman, is now airing Saturdays at 9pm ET/PT on the Fox Reality Channel.

The 13-episode series details the men's trek from Scotland to South Africa. Their journey takes them through areas such as Tunisia, Kenya, and Namibia. It is the follow-up to the thrilling "Long Way Round" which took McGregor and Boorman from London to New York, traveling east.

If you do not have the Fox Reality Channel or missed the abbreviated showing in local theatres, the full series will be released on video in October.

AMA members will be eligible for a discount on their purchase of Long Way Down. You can take advantage of the member discount by going to www.ama-cycle.org to buy your copy after its Fall 2008 release.



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