

Lower Yellowstone Chapter of ABATE of Montana

May 18, 2010

MAY HIGHWAY CLEANUP & CHAPTER MEETING

We will be doing a Highway Cleanup before our next Chapter Meeting. Please meet at the Fire Hall in Savage at 6:00 p.m. on Friday, May 21st, to participate in cleaning up our 2 mile section of highway. Once we are done we will have our meeting. So, don't forget -- Friday, May 21st, at the Fire Hall in Savage, 6:00 p.m. for Highway cleanup, 7:00 p.m. for meeting. Thank you to those of you that attended the April meeting: from Crane - **Maria Hodge**; from Glendive - **Randy Baldwin, Chad Braden, Mike Brooks, Rod Chouinard, Dawn Guenzi, Jim Horner, Julie Horner, Anna Kueker, Kathy Thomas, Scott Thomas** and **Kevin Thompson**; from Lambert - **Rob Knotts**; from Sidney - **Tom Dasinger, Ken Hardrick** and **Kim Martini**; and from Terry - **Jack Dion** and **Tracey Feickert**.

Hope many of you can help out with cleanup and attend the meeting on Friday!

Happy Anniversary!

Best wishes go out to Williston, ND, members **Karen** and **Raymond Anderson** who celebrated 39 years of marriage on May 1st!

Also, congratulations goes out to Great Falls member **Ruth Hanning** and her husband Phil, who celebrated 15 years of marriage on May 6th!

And, best wishes go out to Baker members **Bert** and **Dan Lagasse**, who will celebrate 5 years of marriage on May 28th!

RAFFLE WINNERS

Winners of the raffle were drawn on Saturday, May 8th. 1st prize - Greg Zadow; 2nd prize - Deby Ellis; and 3rd prize - Mark Deming. Congratulations to all!

MOTORCYCLE RIDER SAFETY COURSES ~ SIGN UP NOW!

Three Basic Rider Courses have been scheduled to be held in Glendive: June 12-13, June 19-20 and June 26-27. These classes have limited enrollment, so register now if you are interested in taking one of the courses. You can register by calling 1-800-922-BIKE or go on-line at <http://motorcycle.msun.edu/index.htm>

The cost of the class is now \$175, however, the Lower Yellowstone Chapter of ABATE will reimburse half the cost (\$87.50) to anyone who takes the class in Glendive. All you need to do is send in a copy of your card showing you completed the class and we will send you a check. Enrollment is limited to space available, so register now to reserve your seat!

MEMBERSHIP

Our Chapter currently has 176 paid up members. The State membership total for current members is 215.

Welcome to our newest members: from Baker - **Bert Lagasse** and **Dan Lagasse**; from Glendive - **Pamela Egeness** and **Andrew Hall**; from Sidney - **Tami Larson** and **Larry Wysocki**; from Beach, ND - **Walter Losinski**; and from Wilton, ND - **Joe Kuntz**.

Thank you also to all of you who renewed since the last newsletter: from Ekalaka - **R. D. Jacobs**; from Fairview - **Marlene Emly**; from Glendive - **Jodi Erhardt**, **Brenda Herbaugh**, **John Herbaugh**, **Marvin Heyen/Southside Tavern**, **John Johnson**, **Patty Johnson**, **Terry Knapp**, **Alan Kencilya**, **Jacob Lovaas**, **Randall Lovaas/Oasis Bar**, **Jack Nicholson**, **Kathy Nicholson**, **Deven Rittal**, **Mike Roe/Beer Jug**, **Darrian Ryan**, **Karen Ryan**, **Paul Ryan**, **Darwin Stedman**, **Jimmie Ward** and **Yvona Ward**; from Plentywood - **Carl Tange**; from Sidney - **Charles Boyer**, **Mavis Boyer**, **Ken Hardrick**, **Diana Hoff**, **Howard Hoff**, **John Seitz**, **Tanya Seitz**, **James Zueger**

and **Lawrence Zueger**.

The following membership expired April 1st and has been removed from the list: from Sidney - **PJ Brannan**.

There are a few memberships that expired May 1st and need to renew: from Brockway - **Bev Breitbach** and **Gus Kamp**; from Crane - **Maria Hodge**; from Fairview - **Brent Kohlman**; from Fallon - **Jean Messer**; from Glendive - **Karen Ballentine**, **Carl Barnick**, **Terry Brown**, **Reed Cook**, **Leland Goulet**, **Georgetta Hurst**, **Dean Kamp**, **LauraLee Myran**, **Doug Peterson**, **Emily Roe**, **Brenda Rose**, **Cherisa Ryan**, **Arne Scarpholt**, **Kevin Thompson**, **Peggy Van Epps**, **Murray Vester** and **Brian Wittmayer**; from Great Falls - **Ruth Hanning**; from Lambert - **Timothy Klasna**; from Sidney - **Kathy Koffler**, **Ken Koffler**, **Blake Olson**, **Staci Olson**, **Jackie Rogalla** and **John Rogalla**; and from Wibaux - **Scott Abrams**.

Remember, dues are \$15 per year. You can pay at the meeting, or mail your dues into me - Dawn Guenzi, Chapter Secretary, P.O. Box 722, Glendive, Montana, 59330.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

to those members who celebrate(d) in May!

Jim Horner (Glendive) - May 3rd ~ and he turned 50!

Tracey Feickert (Terry) - May 7th

Tom Dasinger (Sidney) - May 17th

Jack Nicholson (Glendive) - May 20th

Paul Zumpf (Glendive) - May 23rd

Julie Horner (Glendive) - May 28th



MEETING MINUTES

MEETING CALLED TO ORDER

The April meeting of the Lower Yellowstone Chapter was called to order by Kevin Thompson at 7:30 p.m. and we had a moment of silence in honor of Candy Stambaugh, our Assistant Secretary, who passed away April 10th.

READING OF THE MINUTES

The minutes from the March meeting were read by Dawn Guenzi. There was one correction to be made ~ the Poker Run route was talked about, but not planned at the last meeting.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Mike Brooks gave the Treasurer's report, it was approved as read.

MEMBERSHIP REPORT

Our Chapter has 198 current paid up members and the State has 283 current paid up members.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Motorcycle Rider Safety Courses: Advertisements have started in the newspapers in Glendive and Sidney. The class scheduled for June 12-13 might be changed. Two additional locations are being looked at for using for course sites – on in Lambert and possibly the Sidney High School parking lot may be suitable. We are waiting on approval from the MSF.

Bike Show Committee: Anna Kueker had the posters available for people to take and hang up. She also stated the trophies were coming together. Raffle tickets are available for anyone who would like to sell or buy them. The next Bike Show meeting will be held on Sunday at 5:00 p.m., and they will be working on some advertising. A list for those willing to work Gate Duty and at the ABATE booth will be sent out for members to sign up.

Hog Roast and Poker Run: Those at the meeting went ahead and determined the route for the Poker Run. It was decided to go from Glendive to Fallon, Brockway, Circle and back to the Oasis in Glendive. Things are coming along.

OLD BUSINESS

Trailer Graphics: As soon as Kevin gets the trailer out to Leon he will get it done.

Accident Safety 1st Response: Jackson Dion reported that Theresa is not getting together with him to set a date for a class. He is going to check on the website to see if there is anyone closer that can come and do the class. We would like to have it at a time NOT during riding season.

Motorcycle Awareness Ads: We only have one ad that is digitally set for television. Dawn will check with ABATE of North Dakota and see what they use, as we need higher quality ads. Still waiting on some prices. The cost for the Williston station is \$1,200 for the month. Tracey Feickert made a motion to spend up to \$2,000 for radio and TV ads stating that May is Motorcycle Awareness Month, Kim Martini seconded the motion, and all were in favor.

State Meeting: The State is still fairly broke, but all the money has been paid to the accountant. Our Chapter will probably need to pay a percentage of half the next bill based on the number of members we have. The bill was a large amount last time, but shouldn't be near as big now that we have got it up to date. Randy Baldwin made a motion for our Chapter to pay our percentage of the half, Kim seconded the motion, and all were in favor. At the meeting they also brought up the idea of a Passport program again. We will look at putting biker friendly businesses on the map.

NEW BUSINESS

It is time for a highway cleanup again. We decided to meet before our meeting scheduled for May 21st. We can meet at the Fire Hall at 6:00, get our area cleaned and then come back for the meeting.

Kim had someone from Savage ask her about having some bikes ride in the Savage Centennial parade scheduled for June 26th. We will have to look at this again.

CORRESPONDENCE

We received a Newsletter from ABATE of Indiana and NCOM.

50/50

Tom Dasinger won the 50/50. Tom donated his portion back to the Chapter of a total of \$19 to the Education Fund.

MOTION TO ADJOURN

Tracey made a motion to adjourn and Maria Hodge seconded it. Meeting was adjourned at 9:03 p.m. with 18 people present.

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UPCOMING EVENTS - MARK YOUR CALENDARS!

- May 21** - Highway Cleanup - meet at the Fire Hall in Savage at 6:00 p.m.
- May 21** - Chapter Meeting - 7:00 p.m. - Fire Hall in Savage
- May 22** - Ramblers MC Spring Bash - Rambler Clubhouse in Wheelock, ND
- May 29** - Roaddogs 24th Annual FieldMeet - Lyons Park in Huntley
- June 5th** - 5th Annual Prairie Riders Chapter of ABATE Eastern Montana Classic - 11:00 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. - Omni Center in Miles City
- June 11-13** - 35th Annual ABATE of ND State Rally - Menoken Grove
- June 12-13** - Motorcycle Safety Basic RiderCourse - Glendive - contact 1-800-922-BIKE
- June 18** - Chapter Meeting - 7:00 p.m. - Dawson County Fairgrounds in Glendive
- June 19** - 21st Annual Poker Run, Hog Roast and Membership Drive
- June 19-20** - Motorcycle Safety Basic RiderCourse - Glendive - contact 1-800-922-BIKE
- June 27-28** - Motorcycle Safety Basic RiderCourse - Glendive - contact 1-800-922-BIKE
- July 9-11** - 17th Annual Bike To Beach - The Backyard Bar & Grill in Beach, ND - www.thebackyardbar.com
- July 16-18** - Beartooth Rally/Highway 212 Poker Run/Iron Horse Rodeo - Red Lodge - www.beartoothrally.com
- July 17-19** - 22nd Annual ND Ladies Motorcycle Run - Watford City - www.ndladiesrun.org
- August 9-15** - 70th Annual Black Hills Motorcycle Rally - Sturgis, SD