

May
2019

MONTANA

BOOTLEG

AN ABATE OF MONTANA
NEWSLETTER

DEDICATED
TO THE
FREEDOM
OF THE
ROAD



Bootleg on the move

Look at that fabulous bootleg!! Thank you Linda Crampton for this great photo.

Linda received her motorcycle endorsement in 2001 after taking the Harley Riders Edge class.



She rode a 500cc Buell Blast for a couple years and then upgraded to a 2003 Harley Lowrider. Just in time to ride

to the 100th Anniversary party in Milwaukee (way to go girl!). She was a member of ABATE of Michigan for ten years before moving to Montana in 2009, and she has been a proud member of ABATE of Montana ever since. She loves riding and being able to make new friends along the way.

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Let's get your bootleg in our future newsletters. Post it on our FaceBook page @abatemtorg, or email it to abatemtorg@gmail.com. If your photo is randomly picked you will receive some AWESOME ABATE swag.

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**OPEN POSITIONS
JOIN OUR BOARD**

2019 NOMINATIONS FOR

STATE TREASURER

STATE MEMBERSHIP SECRETARY

**ARE OPEN UNTIL SEPTEMBER, AND BALLOTS WILL
BE SENT OUT IN THE MONTH OF OCTOBER.**

CURRENT NOMINEES ARE:

**Kim Rhodes & Misty Metcalf for Membership
Secretary. Rodney Comer & Kristin Kennedy
for Treasurer**

Interested? Email our State Secretary.

State Directory

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REWARD

-PROTECT FREEDOM
OF THE ROAD
-MEET LIKE MINDED
PEOPLE
-HELP YOUR COMMUNITY

Join today
www.abatemt.org

Every organization grows because the members are actively inviting their friends, family, and acquaintances to be a part of what they are passionate for.

**LET'S
GROW**

Motorcycle ownership is not a prerequisite of ABATE. We are a group of people who are *dedicated to the FREEDOM of the road* - our goals are for rider safety and driver awareness.

AMERICAN BIKERS AIMING TOWARD EDUCATION

Name: _____

New Address? Address: _____

City/State/Zip: _____

Phone: _____ Date: _____ CK# _____ CA _____

E-mail Address (Optional): _____

Chapter you would like to be involved with: _____

New Member

Renewal

Adult \$15.00

Youth \$10.00

Please make checks or money orders payable to:

ABATE of Montana

517 N Stacy

Miles City, MT 59301

ABATE OF MONTANA EXISTS TO PROMOTE MOTORCYCLE SAFETY AND EDUCATION. ABATE NEEDS THE SUPPORT OF ALL MOTORCYCLE RIDERS AND ENTHUSIASTS!!!!

Youth Authorization (Adult Signature) _____

White-State Membership Sec. / Yellow-State Treasurer / Pink-Chapter / Golden-Member

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INTERESTED IN LEARNING HOW TO RIDE A MOTORCYCLE, WANT TO IMPROVE YOUR RIDING SKILLS, OR BE A BETTER DRIVER?

ABATE American Bikers Aiming Toward Education

MAKE YOUR SUMMER PLANS AND GET REGISTERED TODAY!

MONTANA MOTORCYCLE RIDER SAFETY

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Training Courses: Basic RiderCourse (BRC)

The BRC has been updated and now requires an online eCourse to be completed/passed prior to attending the BRC. After you register online you'll receive an email with a coupon code to register, at no cost, for the eCourse on the MSF website. After completing/passing the eCourse you will print out your certificate and you MUST bring the printed completion certificate to class in order to be able to continue. If you do not present your proof of completion at class you will not be allowed to continue and there will be no refund for the cost of the course. (Your local library probably can help if you need internet assistance.)

For the Beginner, Novice or Returning Rider
The MMRSCoaches Basic RiderCourseSM is an introductory course intended for a new rider with little or no experience (although some veteran riders have found that they learned more than expected). Motorcycles are provided for on-cycle training. Successful graduates receive a waiver of the Montana Department of Motor Vehicle practical (on-bike) test, but you are still required to pass the written and vision tests and pay any other fees.

In the Basic RiderCourseSM, you'll learn how to operate a motorcycle safer, with emphasis on the special skills and mental attitudes necessary for dealing with traffic. MMRSCoaches will start you off with straight-line riding, turning, shifting and stopping. You'll gradually progress to cornering, swerving and emergency braking. In the classroom.

Register for these locations by the city below:
 Billings
 Bozeman
 Great Falls
 Havre
 Helena
 Kalispell
 Missoula
 Sidney
 Malmsstrom
 Call 1-800-451-4242

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 BRC Beneficial

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- Waiver (on-bike)
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Contact Us
 Montana Motor P.O. Box 7750 Havre, MT 59501
 On the MSUN Cowan Hall, Rm 100
 Phone: 1-800-451-4242 Fax: 1-406-261-4242

Rider Courses

During our December meeting, we learned from Terry Funk, RiderCoachSM, that ABATE of Montana was an important part to the inception of the program in Montana. Last year 777 students passed one of the three courses offered, of that 715

Basic Rider Course (BRC) (this course on Saturday & Sunday)

- head over to their website motorcycle.msun.edu for additional info and to register
- Billings – 13 classes and 7 are full – openings for August 17th and after
- Bozeman – 12 classes and 6 are full – openings for August 3rd and after
- Great Falls – 8 classes and 3 are full – openings for June 22nd and after
- Havre – 4 classes—only 5 openings left for June 22nd
- Helena – 8 classes and 2 are full – openings for July 20th and after
- Kalispell – 9 classes and 5 are full – 1 opening for May 4th , then openings for August 10th and after
- Missoula – 16 classes and 4 are full – openings for June 22nd and after
- Sidney – 2 classes – only 2 openings for July 6th and 2 openings for July 13th

Basic Rider Course 2 (BRC2)

(this is a one day course)
 head over to their website motorcycle.msun.edu for additional info and to register

- Billings – 2 openings on June 23rd
- Helena – 9 openings on August 4th
- Kalispell – 6 openings on July 13th

Advanced Rider Course 2 (ARC)

(this is a one day course)
 head over to their website motorcycle.msun.edu for additional info and to register

- Billings – 6 openings on June 22nd
- Helena – 8 openings on August 3rd
- Missoula – 5 openings on June 1st

Class status as of April 30, 2019

AROUND THE STATE

Chapter Updates

Hi-Line

No Report

Houndstooth

Car & Bike Show is on May 18th at First National Pawn parking lot. Lots of food, vendors, etc.

Lower Yellowstone

April 27th was the Eastern Montana Scootfest. There were 50 bike entries, and 13 bikes in the Honor Row from 2017 & 2018 winners. Great attendance, and lots of fun had by the adults and kids in the Bike Rodeo. 29th Annual Membership Drive (Poker Run & Hog Roast) is June 22, 2019 at the Dawson County Fairgrounds. Two Wheel Tuesday start May 14th. Held the 2nd and 4th Tuesdays of each month through September.

Prairie Riders

No Report

Head on over to our website www.abatemt.org for the meeting minutes from our April meeting. You can find archives of the prior meeting minutes and newsletters.

Membership Count as of 04/13/2019:

Hi-Line: 6 members

Houndstooth: 18 members

Lower Yellowstone: 270 members

Prairie Riders: 8 members

State: 3 members

Next State Meeting

September 21,

2019

Hosted by the Lower
Yellowstone Chapter

Location TBA

Houndstooth Chapter of ABATE of Montana



Roaddogs Bike and Car Show



1313 Broadwater Ave.

(First National Pawn Parking Lot)

May 18, 2019

11AM - 4PM

FREE Admission



Car Show Entry Fee: \$20.00

Sign Up: 9:00 AM

FOR MORE INFO CONTACT

Lenny: (406)208-8970 OR Curley (406)598-8484

What's Happenin' on the hill?

Our 66th Legislative session has not required the presence of ABATE of Montana. To stay informed please visit their website <https://leg.mt.gov/>. You may also follow bills on <https://legiscan.com/>

ABATE Swag

**Did you
know?**

We have an assortment and great selection of patches, pins, t-shirts available for any ABATE member to purchase. T-shirts are \$15 and most patches & pins are less than \$5. Contact CJ Erhardt to get your ABATE swag!!

Note: Photos and price list coming soon.

ABATE is an organization dedicated to Freedom of the Road, raising public awareness through education, political and community action and charitable deeds. Membership is open to anyone, interested in promoting freedom, whether or not you own or ride a motorcycle

MAY'S MOTORCYCLE SAFETY AWARENESS MONTH



WHAT THEY DON'T TEACH YOU IN THE DRIVING MANUAL.

The U.S. Department of Transportation's National Highway Traffic Safety Administration's (NHTSA) has launched the new **Get Up to Speed on Motorcycles** campaign to help motorists understand standard motorcycle driving behaviors and to learn how to drive safely around motorcycles on our roadways.

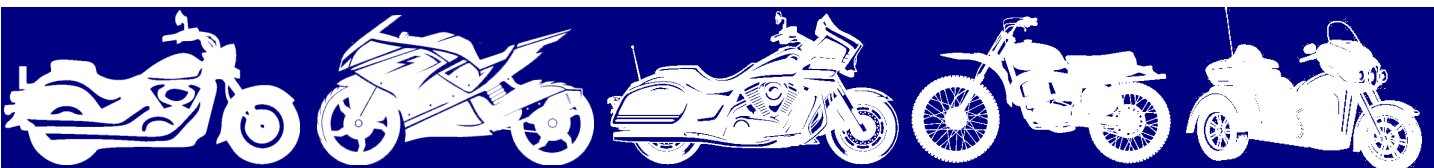
According to the latest data from NHTSA, motorcyclists accounted for 14 percent of all traffic fatalities in 2015 while motorcycles make up just 3 percent of all registered vehicles in the United States. Per vehicle mile traveled, motorcyclists are about 27 times more likely than passenger vehicle occupants to die in a motor vehicle crash, and 5 times more likely to be injured.

In 2015, 4,976 motorcyclists were killed in motor vehicle crashes – an 8 percent increase from the 4,594 killed in 2014. More than 88,000 motorcyclists were injured in motor vehicle crashes.

Drivers -- please follow these safety tips to be more aware of motorcycles and to help keep all on our roadways safe:

- Slow down, assess your surroundings, and don't rush when crossing intersections, entering the roadway from a parking lot or driveway, or turning left. Always give yourself enough time to thoroughly check for motorcyclists.
- When turning left, ensure there is enough time and space for the motorcyclist to clear the roadway before you initiate the left turn.
- Don't follow motorcyclists too closely and allow sufficient braking cushion between your vehicle and the motorcycle in front of you to give your vehicle enough room to come to a complete stop without a collision. Remember, a motorcyclist's brake lights might not always be engaged when a motorcycle decelerates.
- Always double-check your blind spots when changing lanes or starting to entering or exiting the roadways. Adjust your rear- and side-view mirrors and use them properly.
- If someone you know drives a motorcycle, tell him or her to always wear a helmet—even if the law doesn't require it. According to NHTSA, an estimated 740 lives could have been saved in 2015 if all motorcyclists had worn helmets.

<https://www.transportation.gov/connections/may-motorcycle-safety-awareness-month>



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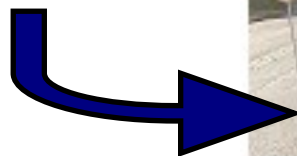


Our Lower Yellowstone Chapter had a great turn out, not only for the submission of posters, for May Motorcycle Awareness Month, from area schools of Glendive and Sidney, but the number of judges we had to vote on the posters.

It was a hard choice to reduce the number of posters down to two grand winners. These two grand winners will have their posters on billboards in Glendive and Sidney.



Click to watch



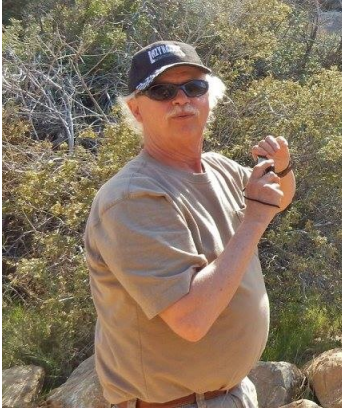
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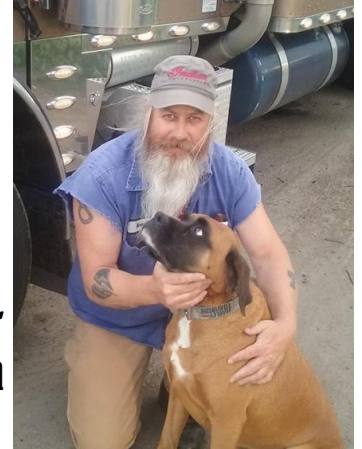
What is the Total Stopping distance of your motorcycle? Are there things you can do to improve the total stopping distance of your motorcycle? This week we talk about 3 fundamentals that affect your ability to properly use emergency braking on a motorcycle.



From our State Officers



State Coordinator - Gary Schiller



**State Deputy Coordinator -
Scott Swanson**



State Secretary - Jean Schiller

With the winter months behind us, spring supposedly here and summer just around the corner, folks are now looking forward to the riding season. In anticipation of the riding season, folks need to look at getting their bike in shape and fine-tuned, giving it some TLC, just as they need to strengthen and tone their own bodies in preparation of handling and managing their bikes on the road. Road conditions can change drastically over the winter, so knowing your bike is in top condition and

ready to roll just makes common sense. Safety should be the priority and being proactive can save your life as well as that of a loved one.



State Treasurer - Rodney Comer



**State Membership Secretary -
CJ Erhardt**