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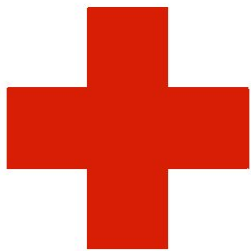


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Rain Riding

I'll Take Mine Straight Up and Slow Please!
Watch in the following pages
for some tips to help you enjoy the ride...



**American
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of Montana

March is American Red Cross Month
Visit an American Red Cross Blood Donation
Center nearest you and give a little to save a life!

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NEWSLETTER

The **Deadline** for the next newsletter will be **February 1st**. So please submit all your articles, ads, run dates, chapter chatter, updates, just about anything to the editor before this date, thank you.

The cost for ads are as follows;

Full page - \$90, Half page - \$50,

Quarter page - \$30, Business card - \$10,

Classifieds - Free to members, \$5 for non-members. Articles from any member are always appreciated and welcome.

Please send your requests to the Editor. Thank you.

Deadlines for the year:

December 1st for the January - February issue.

February 1st for the March - April issue.

April 1st for the May - June issue.

June 1st for the July - August issue.

August 1st for the September - October issue.

October 1st for the November - December issue.

6 issues per year.

PRODUCTS:

Year Pins:

First to Ninth year - \$2.25

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Eleventh to Nineteenth year - \$2.25

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Twenty First year - \$2.25

25th Anniversary pin - \$4.00

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State Logo Patches - \$6.00

DBBNF patch - \$ 3.00

Can Coozies:

Blue or Black - \$2.00

T-shirts - \$10.00

Purchase all of the above through the Products

Coordinator.

Digital Flags (\$20, ONLY 2 left) and Embroidered Flags (\$25, ONLY 1 left) of the State Logo can be purchased through the State Treasurer.

(All contact information is above!)



ATTENTION!!!

Email us your picture/s of your "BOOTLEG" shots. We can crop them down to use them so any size will work. So get out there and get us some pics!!



ABATE CHATTER Send it in and let your voice be heard!

State Coordinator

State Deputy Coordinator

State Secretary

State Treasurer

To ALL

As some of you know we have lost our Northern Chapter Coordinator Glen Fengstad.

First off my sincere condolences go out to his family and friends.

We have lost one of the most dedicated person in ABATE that has fought for our rights on all fronts.

He will be missed by all of us that came in contact with him.

All I can say at this moment is "Ride Free For Ever My Brother".

Thank you

Yendor

Aka: Rodney L. Comer

State Membership

To ALL

This position is still up for grabs!!

Come to the State Meeting and all you have to do is say "I'll do it" or get a hold of a State Officer. Please see below for a description of duties;

The State Membership Secretary shall keep complete and accurate account of all membership records, process applications and change of address requests, supply mailing labels for any Corporate mailings and in general perform all duties incident to the office and such other duties as may be assigned by the State Coordinator or the Board.

The next State Meeting is April 5th in Lewistown. Check the events calendar for further information.

Next State Meeting is at.....

Doc's OK Korral in Lewistown, April 5th 2014 1pm, 1660 W Main (on top of the hill heading towards Great Falls on the north side of the road).

Thank you.

Acting Membership Secretary Rodney L. Comer

State Products Coordinator

CJ,

Black Eagle Chapter

Just would like to say "Hey" from the Black Eagle Chapter :o) We are getting off to a great start in 2014. Had a couple productive meetings already. We are needing to fill our Treasurer and Membership Secretary positions...

We are making plans for the upcoming riding season...

Helena Chapter

Welcome to 2014! Not much happening in the Helena area; in fact the Helena Chapter pretty much hibernated all winter other than hosting the 2nd annual membership drive Christmas dinner in December. With spring just around the corner, we are now looking forward to the riding season. In anticipation of the fast approaching 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. Don't forget the Bike Blessing will be held April 26th in Helena. Hope to see you at the Blessing and at the next State meeting.

Hi-Line Chapter

Houndstooth Chapter

Lower Yellowstone Chapter



Newsletter Editor

Hi everyone;

I hope you are enjoying our Newsletter :o)

I'm trying to keep it fresh, entertaining and informative so if you have any comments, suggestions or input, please don't hesitate to let me know!

Thanks,
Connie Anderson





Motorcycle Trivia Quiz

The first motorcycle was created by?

- Gottlieb Daimler in 1885
- Thomas Edison in 1881
- Michel Eugene Werner in 1897
- Leonardo Da Vinci in 1503

What kind of motorcycle did Arnold Schwarzenegger ride in the movie Terminator 2?

- Kawasaki Ninja
- Honda Valkyrie
- Harley Davidson Fat Boy
- Ducati Monster

Honda's first true motorcycle was built in 1950. what was it called?

- Helix
- Elsinore
- Monkey
- Dream

What is the name of the motorcycle gang in the 1953 film The Wild One starring Marlon Brando?

- Black Rebels Motorcycle Club
- The Polecats
- Sage Valley Motorcycle Racers
- The Rottwheelers

Who makes the Royal Star Venture?

- Yamaha
- Aprilia
- Suzuki
- Vespa

Gold Wing is associated with what brand name?

- BMW
- Honda
- Moto Guzzi
- Kawasaki

Which of these is not a type of motorcycle?

- Bobber
- Chopper
- Dipper
- Springer

What kind of motorcycle did both Ponch and Jon ride in the TV show CHiPs?

- Kawasaki 1000 P
- Harley Davidson FLHPI Road King
- BMW R 1100 RT-P
- Harley Davidson Servi-Car

In the 1969 Easy Rider, the character played by Peter Fonda is called:

- Bucky
- Captain America
- Ghost Rider
- Billy

The famous T. E. Lawrence, "Lawrence of Arabia" was killed in 1935 while riding what make of motorcycle?

- BSA
- Brough Superior
- Norton
- James

What movie star did most of his own motorcycle stunts in the movie The Great Escape?

- James Garner
- Steve McQueen
- James Coburn
- Lee Marvin

Jawa motorcycles are made in what country?

- Czechoslovakia
- France
- Spain
- Switzerland

In 2003 what did Harley Davidson celebrate?

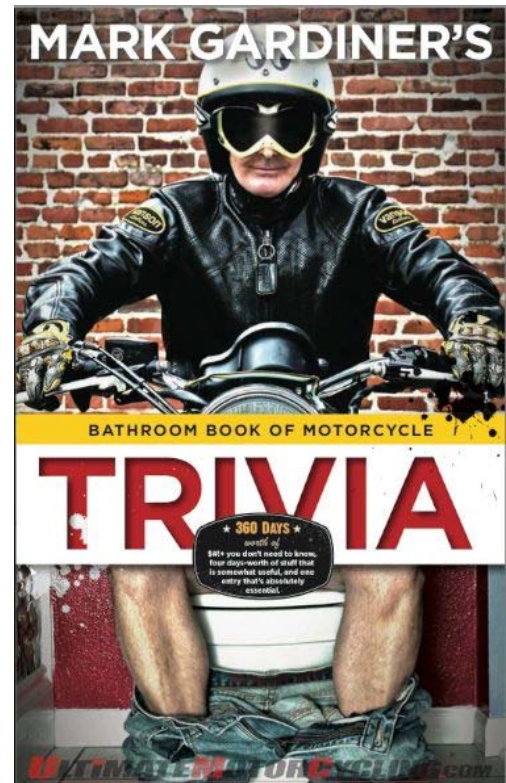
- Launch of new logo
- Willie G. Davidson's 65th Birthday
- 100th Anniversary of the company
- The first Dyna Wide Glide

What band released the biker anthem, Born to be Wild in 1968?

- Cream
- Credence Clearwater Revival
- Steppenwolf
- The Who

Answers will be posted in the next Newsletter.

For more fun Trivia, you can engage in pretty much anywhere :o) pick up this book at many locations where books are sold



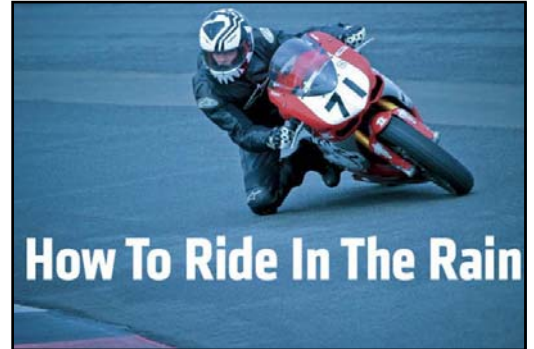


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16	17 	18	19  Meeting @ Tuffys @ 6:30pm	20	21	22
23	24	25	26	27	28	29
30	31	April 1 	2	3	4	5 State meeting 1pm @ Doc OK Korral 1660 W Main, Lewistown, MT
6	7	8	9	10	11	12
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27	28	29	30			



Pro Tips for motorcycle riding in the rain

1. Choose a rainsuit that incorporates a breathable membrane such as Gore-Tex, Reissa, Hipora or similar material.
2. Pack your rainsuit on top, not at the bottom of your saddlebag.
3. Watch windshield wipers of oncoming cars to see if it's raining ahead.
4. Put your rain gear on before the rain starts.
5. Wear bright colors for increased visibility to others.
6. Transfer wallet, keys, and other essentials to waterproof outside pockets.
7. Your windshield should be low enough to look over, not just through.
8. Use four-way flashers in heavy rain or fog.
9. Increase your following distance, and watch for tailgaters.
10. Avoid standing water as it can hide potholes and debris.
11. Check tire pressures periodically. Underinflated tires are more likely to hydroplane.
12. Tap rear brake in advance of normal braking distance to alert followers.
13. Gently apply brakes periodically to wipe rotors of water/mud/debris.
14. Watch out for painted lines, arrows, etc. as they can be particularly slippery.
15. After the ride, don't pack your rain gear away until after it's dry.



Rain Riding

I'll Take Mine Straight Up and Slow Please

Most riders get used to riding in the rain by accident. They takeoff on an all-day ride when the sun is shining and by afternoon they realize they're going to get their first taste of wet asphalt, like it or not. Those who accept it soon find themselves venturing back into the rain, sometimes at their own will.

Riding in the Northwest has a cycle with some. Many never ride in the rain the first year they're up on two wheels. They're timid about it the second year, feeling more confident by the third and by the fourth year they're asking the question - "What Rain?"

So suppose you're thinking about getting on a wet road for the first time, or perhaps you've done it a few times, or perhaps you do it so much you're not thinking about what the hazards are.

Here's a list of critical rain hazards I like to watch for and look for even after 31 years of riding.

Painted Lines - Crosswalks can be unsafe for motorcyclists, particularly if you're turning right or left and crossing the lines at an angle. Slow down more than usual and make the turn straight up, rather than in a lean.

Ditto for **diamonds** in the HOV lanes. Very nasty when you lean into one, especially on the freeway. The diamond is shaped so you just slide across it and continue to slide along it.

Any painted line is a hazard. Until the DOT addresses the issue and comes up with a tackier texture you're the one in control of your destiny.

Surface Textures - Many commercial and residential parking areas are paved with very slick concrete surfaces. Your wet entry into the local mall or condo complex can put you on the ground in a second. Again, ride slow and straight up and don't let the concrete bite you.

Rubber - If you thought you might save some money by buying long lasting tires, think again. Such tires are typically not as tacky and have less traction when the rain comes out. Next time you change tires look for the tackiest one that will take care of you better during your northwest riding adventures.

How about that **rubber they use around railroad tracks** to decrease the sound as cars drive over them? Forget those little circles on the surface, these provide zero traction to you as you cross. Slow and straight up.

Steel - Manhole covers are enemy number one and railroad tracks rank a close second. Making a turn over the surface of them sets you up for trouble. Avoid such, or keep the bike straight up and cross over it slowly.

Railroad tracks have a way of popping up on you just after a turn and you may still be into a lean when you reach them. Look for the crossing signs ahead of time, slow down and stay straight up when crossing.

Grated bridge crossings and metal plates are a nasty encounter in the rain. Look at where you want to ride, take it slow and don't try any fancy dancing, particularly a lane change.

Water - Puddles/Pot Holes - It only takes once to know how this one feels. You cruise through a puddle and after it's too late you realize you just went into a pot hole that wants to suck you into the underworld more painfully than Satan himself beating you down with a stick. Avoid puddles if you can. Use caution and predict the possibility ahead of time. Recovery from this rude awakening is not always easy. Pull over and take a few minutes of rest if you need to gather your wits. In 1997 the Seattle Times reported that the DOT only had enough funds to patch 60% of the potholes created in the state that wet winter.

Oil - It's everywhere and very illusive. Those little red and blue rainbows on the ground mean danger. Ride slow and straight up. As per the DOL's motorcycle safety manual, if you're caught in the first rain following a few dry days remember the roads are covered with lots of oil and dirt that will be lifted from the surface in the first 30-60 minutes of a new rain. Take a coffee break if you can.

Ride Safe,

Patrick Thomas -



LET THOSE WHO RIDE

• **DECIDE** •

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Swap Shop

One mans junk is another mans treasure so if you have anything you want to swap, trade or sell, you've come to the right place! Send me your ads, photos and don't forget to include your name and contact info with your submissions. Remember, this is NOT a place to advertise your business, or events it's a place to sell your unwanted items.

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Membership; motorcycle enthusiasts from ALL walks of life are encouraged to participate and support ABATE of Montana. When ABATE fights to maintain your rights to choose as motorcyclist, it is our numbers that speak loudest. When ABATE wins, **YOU** win! Join Montana ABATE and help us maintain our freedom of the road! If you would like to learn more about ABATE, visit our website at; www.mtabate.com

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