

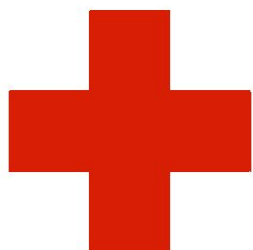
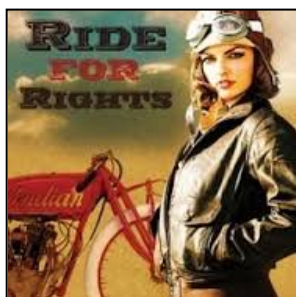
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Rain Riding

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

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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 the 3rd week in the month.

Please submit all your articles, ads, run dates, chapter chatter, updates, ect... to the editor before this time.

The monthly cost for Business ads are as follows;
Full page - \$90, Half page - \$50, Quarter page - \$30,
Business card - \$10, Monthly fees

Classifieds - Free to members, \$5 for non-members.

Articles from any member are always appreciated and welcome.

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Year Pins:

First to Ninth year - \$2.25
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Twenty First year - \$2.25
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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!)





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

State ABATE Coordinator

Not much to report we have the Winter blues in Glendive as most of you do. Our State ABATE meeting on March 28, 2015 VFW in Billings, Lower Yellowstone's Bike show April 11, 2015 (SEE FLIER). Hoping one of these days soon the warm weather stays for more than 24 or 48 hours. But we could have what's back east. Oh wait we have had it just not the same coverage by the news. Speaking of coverage have you lifted it and talked to your ride today. Listen it's calling Let's ride, Let's ride.

Larry

MOM—Middle of Montana

Sorry Connie it's a dry well here my last two meetings have been kind of lonely.

Maybe you could put in a plug for the Road to Sturgis Party in Lewistown (more info to follow on dates, events etc...).

Thanks, Michael

Black Eagle

Not a lot going on during this time of year within our chapter. We are sure looking forward to springtime though! I do have a health update on one of our members from Nikki his spouse sent Feb 25th; You might have heard Tyler had a stroke, but is recuperating very well and quickly! He is walking, using his hand and arm, and talking just about normal. Uses a cane sometimes, his balance and fatigue seem to be the lingering effects... Also sad news, Warrior Creed Shrek's and Katie's (Guardian Espesiales Jason's wife) lost their son due to an accident this week- funeral is on Saturday (Feb 28th). There is a gofundme for the families to help with expenses (I shared it on my FB) if you could pass the word about this too please. I'm pretty sure there are several members that know either Shrek or Katie. Thanks Connie!

Our prayers and condolences go out to Tyler for a speedy recovery and Shrek and Katie for the loss of their son.

Connie Anderson

Membership Secretary

Newsletter Editor

Helloooooo out there.....

I'm putting together the newsletter for April, does anyone have anything they would like to send in; articles, pictures, stories, events, poker runs, crap for sale or trade, jokes, whatever... HIT ME UP!

I need your submissions asap, I would like to send the newsletter out on the 1st.

Thanks everyone in advance for your contributions, support and dedication to ABATE and our newsletter... :o)

Ttfn,

Connie Anderson

ABATE of Montana

Newsletter Editor



***** 23 ADULT TRUTHS *****

1. Sometimes I'll look down at my watch 3 consecutive times and still not know what time it is.
2. Nothing sucks more than that moment during an argument when you realize you're wrong.
3. I totally take back all those times I didn't want to nap when I was younger.
4. There is great need for a sarcasm font.
5. How the hell are you supposed to fold a fitted sheet?
6. Was learning cursive really necessary?
7. Map Quest really needs to start their directions on # 5. I'm pretty sure I know how to get out of my neighborhood.
8. Obituaries would be a lot more interesting if they told you how the person died.
9. I can't remember the last time I wasn't at least kind-of tired.
10. Bad decisions make good stories.
11. You never know when it will strike, but there comes a moment at work when you know that you just aren't going to do anything productive for the rest of the day.
12. Can we all just agree to ignore whatever comes after Blue Ray? I don't want to have to restart my collection...again.
13. I'm always slightly terrified when I exit out of Word and it asks me if I want to save any changes to my ten-page technical report that I swear I did not make any changes to.

16. I disagree with Kay Jewelers. I would bet on any given Friday or Saturday night more kisses begin with Miller Light than Kay.
17. I wish Google Maps had an "Avoid Ghetto" routing option.
18. I have a hard time deciphering the fine line between boredom and hunger.
19. How many times is it appropriate to say "What?" before you just nod and smile because you still didn't hear or understand a word they said?
20. I love the sense of camaraderie when an entire line of cars team up to prevent a jerk from cutting in at the front. Stay strong, brothers and sisters!
21. Shirts get dirty. Underwear gets dirty. Pants? Pants never get dirty, and you can wear them forever.
22. Even under ideal conditions people have trouble locating their car keys in a pocket, finding their cell phone, and Pinning the Tail on the Donkey - but I'd bet everyone can find and push the snooze button from 3 feet away, in about 1.7 seconds, eyes closed, first time, every time.
23. The first tentacular guard, the "Cup," was used in Hockey in 1874 and the first helmet was used in 1974. That means it only took 100 years for men to realize that their brain is also important.

• Ladies.....Quit Laughing

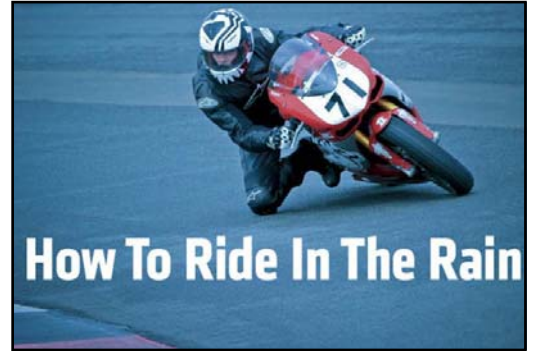
March Calendar

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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8 	9	10	11	12	13	14
15	16	17 	18	19	20	21
22	23	24	25	26	27	28 State ABATE mtng 1pm VFW in Billings MT
29	30	31	April 1  Black Eagle ABATE mtng 6:30pm Amigo Lounge	2	3	4
5	6	7	8	9	10	11 Lower Yellowstone's Bike show (SEE FLIER)



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 -



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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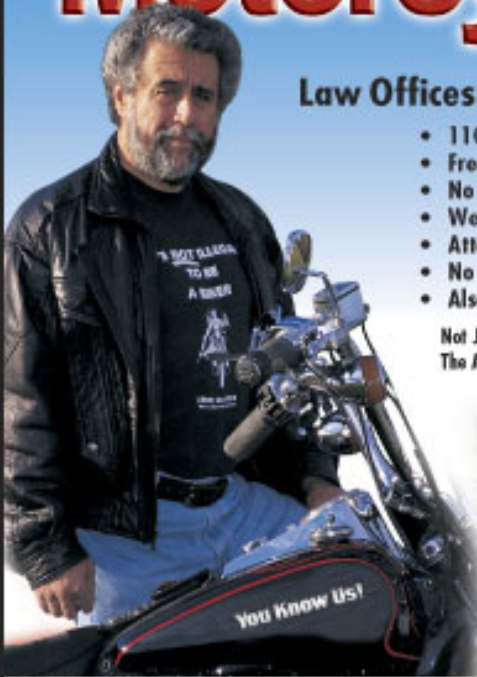

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