

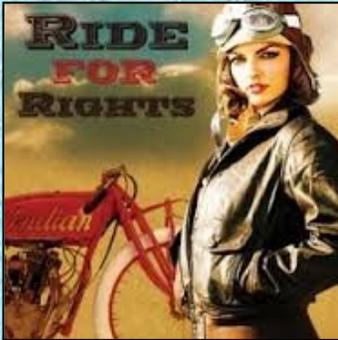
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### HB 549 MANDATORY

### Liability Insurance on Motorcycles in Montana

~  
From the MRF

### OBAMA Transportation Blueprint and US Senate Privacy Bill

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*April showers bring May flowers and slippery roads, reduced visibility and cold riding conditions...*



*Ride prepared and safe!*

*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...*

Visit an American Red Cross Blood Donation Center nearest you. 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.

## PRODUCTS:

### Year Pins:

First to Ninth year - \$2.25  
 Tenth year - \$3.00  
 Eleventh to Nineteenth year - \$2.25  
 Twentieth year - \$3.00  
 Twenty First year - \$2.25  
 25th Anniversary pin - \$4.00

### Patches:

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!)



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



### State ABATE Secretary

Heads Up: If you are riding between Townsend and the turn off to Bozeman on Highway 287, there are some areas where construction is in progress... adding passing lanes.

Something to think about: Last October Gary and I went to Scottsdale, AZ for "Bob's Biker Blast 2014". This was their 3<sup>rd</sup> annual event, hosted by "Doc Parsons" and sponsored by Harley Davidson of Scottsdale, Go AZ Motorcycles and Spooky Fast Customs. It is a 3 day event, with Free Entry to the concert, with a motorcycle endorsement or a \$20 donation for all others. 2014's concert was by Rock and Roll Hall of Famer "Heart".

There was a Dream Bike Giveaway, but what actually happened was Doc gave away three bikes, each up to \$50,000 and in addition paid the taxes for those winners. This was a great time and in addition it was for a great cause - Phoenix Children's Hospital.

Deputy Coordinator: The State Meeting was held March 28, 2014 in Billings at the VFW. One of the agenda items was the patch for Glen Fengstad. The patch is now available and is \$3. If you are interested in purchasing one, please contact CJ our State Products Coordinator at [erhardt@midriders.com](mailto:erhardt@midriders.com) For those of you who did not know Glen, Glen was a past State ABATE Coordinator, on the Board of Directors for NCOM and the Northern Chapter Coordinator. Most importantly, Glen was Montana's voice for motorcycle rights and freedoms of the road.

Thank you,  
Jean Schiller

ABATE of Montana State Secretary

### Prairie Riders

Hello from Eastern Montana. Hope everyone has been able to get in some riding time this year already. Thank you to the Chapter Treasurers for getting all the tax paperwork to me. I hope all the officers kept a copy of all the worksheets so they can use them in the coming years. If there is any questions please contact me at [prabate@yahoo.com](mailto:prabate@yahoo.com). Thanks to all that showed up for the State meeting in Billings. Ride safe and have a great Spring.

Rodney L. Comer

### Black Eagle

Happy Spring to everyone from Black Eagle ABATE... Hope everyone is getting some riding in and watching out for the gravel on the roads. The best ride is keeping it on two wheels! :o) A little bit of news for our Chapter, Rick Miller our Deputy Coordinator has relocated to the eastern side of the state so he has stepped down as Deputy Coordinator for our chapter. David-Paul Anderson volunteered for the Deputy Coordinator position to finish out the term for this year. Thank you David-Paul for steppin up! Our chapter is looking forward to this riding season, joining other chapters events, rides and get togethers. Here's to a fantastic riding season for 2015!

Tfn,

Connie Anderson

Membership Secretary

### Newsletter Editor

Helloooooo out there.....

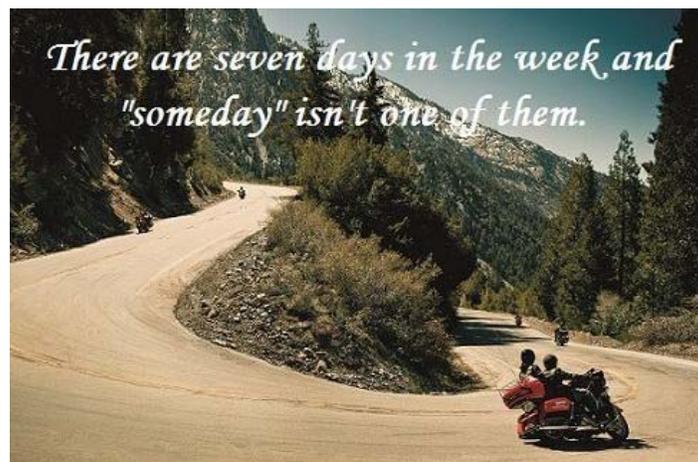
I'm putting together the newsletter for May, does anyone have anything they would like to send in; articles, pictures, stories, events, poker runs, crap for sale or trade, jokes, whatever... HIT ME UP! I need your submissions asap, I would like to send the newsletter out on the 1st of the month. Thanks everyone in advance for your contributions, support and dedication to ABATE and our newsletter... :o)

Tfn,

Connie Anderson

ABATE of Montana

Newsletter Editor





## April Calendar

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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12	13	14	15 	16	17 Lower Yellowstone Chapter meeting 7pm Fire hall Savage MT	18
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# May Calendar

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# June Calendar

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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7	8	9	10	11	12	13 ABATE of Idaho Spring Opener Alberts Landing Contact Big Dave 208-827-0396
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21	22	23	24	25	26	27 Roaddogs Gypsy Tour (See Flier) Vietnam Vets 8th Annual Benefit (See Flier)
28	29	30				

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# EASTERN MT SCOOTFEST 2015 LOWER YELLOWSTONE ABATE CHAPTER BIKE SHOW

**EASTERN PLAINS EVENT CENTER • GLENDIVE, MT**

**APRIL 11, 2015** Scootfest  
**11:30-6:00 p.m.** 2015

**Admission For Show**  
 \$3<sup>00</sup> for 13 & up, Free for 12 and under

• **ROCK & ROLL • DOOR PRIZES • FOOD AND BEVERAGES**



**Vendors Onsite Include:**

Tattoo Art of Billings, Yellowstone Recreation Center,  
 The Scooter Shak of Mandan, Indian Motorcycle of  
 Bismarck/Mandan, Roughrider Harley-Davidson of Mandan,  
 and Gibbs Graphix



**2 Bicycle Drawings for ages 12 & under and CMA will have a booth for kids**

\$20<sup>00</sup> entry fee if paid by April 4<sup>th</sup>, \$25<sup>00</sup> if paid after

Setup: Friday Night 4 pm - 10 pm or Saturday 8:30 am - 11 am

**Awards for Top 10 and People's Choice • Pocket Bike Drawing For Participants**

## The Jared Stewart Band

playing at the Moose  
 9:00 pm - 1:30 am  
 \$5.00 cover charge

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**MONTANA**

**8th Annual Benefit Bingo Run**

**June 27, 2015**

All proceeds being donated to the Veteran's Hospital/Outreach - Veterans Clinic in Miles City, MT.

\$5.00 donation per bingo card at each stop.

\$20.00 donation for Benefit Run Only.

Sign up times; 8:30 - 10:00 am

**Starting Places:**

**Billings**

1. 2nd Shift - Sign up 8:30 - 10am
2. Pryer Creek Bar
3. Lariat Bar, Forsyth, MT
4. VFW - Miles City, MT
5. Parker's Bar - Miles City, MT - Finish  
(Food will be served @ 5:00pm)

**Sidney**

1. VFW - sign up 8:30 - 10am
2. Wagon Wheel Bar - Glendive, MT
3. Roy Rogers Bar - Terry, MT
4. VFW - Miles City, MT
5. Parker's - Finish - Food Served 5pm  
(Take US16 South to 94 West at Glendive)

**POC: Buzz 406-214-0765, Kavemon 406-262-2355**

Blocked rooms @ the Super 8 in Miles City:  
For those who want to stay the night  
For Saturday June 27, 2015

Blocked rooms under VNV/LV MC  
Phone: 1-877-361-2508  
Confirmation # 4927987

**Cut off Date for reservations: June 13, 2015**

**Cancel Date: June 24, 2015, 4:00pm Mountain Time**



## Roaddogs Gypsy Tour White Sulphur Springs June 27th

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Meet at Powderhorn 10:00am Saturday Yes Dog Time!!

### MOTELS

Gordens Highland Motel 4065473880, All Seasons Inn 4065478888, Mineral Hot Springs  
4065473366

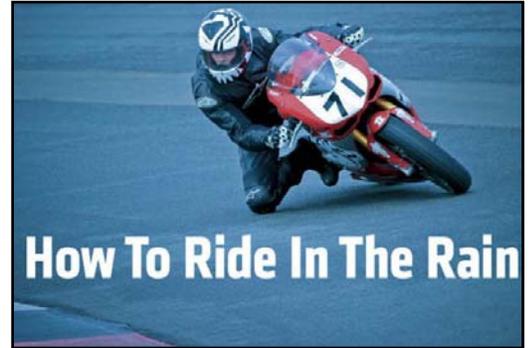


Come everyone lets party to platinum level all is welcome to Ride  
Poker run on our way up there!! This is a overnighiter back sunday 28th  
Call Peanut for more Info 4065914209



### 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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