

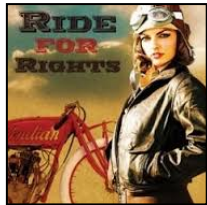
# American Bikers Aiming Toward Education



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For a complete listing of ABATE of Montana Chapters and their events, please check our Facebook page at; A.B.A.T.E. of Montana



May is **Motorcycle Awareness Month**  
Look Twice Save a Life

## Motorcycle safety

What you need to know

- BE CLEARLY VISIBLE** (Headlight icon)
- BE VIGILANT** (Eye icon)
- WEAR THE RIGHT CLOTHING** (Leather jacket icon)

70% of mistakes are due to the fact that the motorists did not see the motorcycle

The use of a helmet would reduce the risk of death in motorcycle accidents by 37%



## GEAR

Because walking way in disgust beats riding way in an ambulance

Take Care of Her and She'll Do the Same for you!

### T-CLOCK Inspection Checklist

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Visit an American Red Cross Blood Donation Center nearest you.  
Give a little to save a life!



**American Red Cross**  
of Montana

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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!)



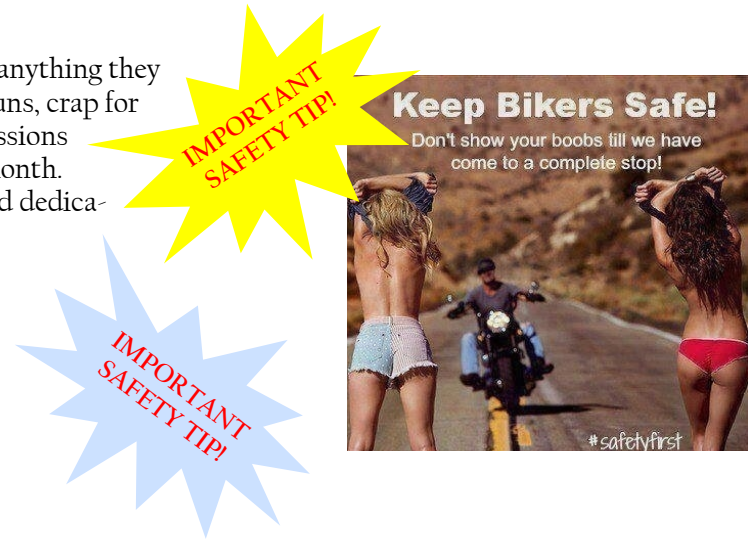
## ABATE CHATTER Send it in and let your voice be heard!

### Newsletter Editor

Helloooooo out there.....

I'm putting together the newsletter for June, 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)

Ttfn,  
 Connie Anderson  
 ABATE of Montana  
 Newsletter Editor



### Take Care of the Unexpected

Before each ride, it's important to inspect your motorcycle and make sure any problem you find is corrected. A careful pre-ride inspection and good maintenance are especially important, not only for safety, but because having a breakdown, or even a flat tire, can be a major inconvenience. Always perform a pre-ride inspection before every ride and correct any problems.

### Preparing for a Ride

A safe and enjoyable ride begins with good planning and preparation. Always ride with at least one other person in case you have trouble, and let someone know where you're going and when you expect to return.

Before riding, take time to get acquainted with your motorcycle and how it works. To protect your investment, we urge you to take responsibility for keeping your motorcycle well maintained. Scheduled service is a must, of course. But it's just as important to observe the break-in guidelines, and perform all pre-ride and other periodic checks detailed in your owner's manual. We also recommend that you read your owner's manual before you ride. It's full of facts, instructions, safety information, and helpful tips.

### What to take with you

When preparing for a Ride, what you take with you during a ride depends how long you expect to ride, how far you might go, and how experienced you or your companions are. We recommend that you always take water, a snack, a first aid kit, and your owner's manual.

How much weight you put on your motorcycle, and how you load it, are important to your safety. Improperly loading your motorcycle can affect its stability and handling. Anytime you ride with a passenger or cargo, you should be aware that there are guidelines and other information in your owner's manual. The weight of added accessories will reduce the maximum cargo weight you can carry. If you require more information on the cargo you can carry on your motorcycle, speak to your Honda dealer.

### PRE-RIDE INSPECTION

For your safety, it is very important to take a few moments before each ride to walk around your motorcycle and check its condition. If you detect any problem; be sure you take care of it, or have it corrected by your Honda dealer.

Engine oil level - add engine oil if required. Check for leaks.

Fuel level - fill fuel tank when necessary. Check for leaks.

Coolant level - add coolant if required. Check for leaks.

Front and rear brakes - check operation; make sure there is no brake fluid leakage.

Tires - check condition and pressure.

Drive chain - check condition and slack. Adjust and lubricate if necessary.

Throttle - check for smooth opening and full closing in all steering positions.

Lights and horn - check that the headlight, tail/brake light, turn signals, indicators and horn function properly.

Engine stop switch - check for proper function.

Side stand - check ignition cut-off system for proper function.

For more information refer to your owner's manual



## Motorcycle 101: T-CLOCK pre-ride inspection

**T – Tires, Wheels, and Brakes:** check tread depth, wear, weathering, bulges, and embedded objects; check air pressure; check wheels for bent spokes or cast wheels for cracks; check rims for out of round; check bearings for free play in tires; and check brakes to determine that each brake alone keeps bike from rolling.

**C – Controls:** look at the levers and pedals for broken, bent, or cracked parts; be sure mounts are tight; check cables for frays or kinks; check hoses for cuts, cracks, leaks, bulges, chafing, or deterioration; be sure hose routing doesn't interfere with steering; and check throttle to be sure it moves freely, snaps closed, and doesn't rev when handlebars are turned.

**L – Lights and Electrics:** check battery terminals for clean and tight connections; check headlamp for high and low beam operation and aim; check tail lamp for operation and activation with both front and rear brake application; check left and right, front and back, turn signals; check mirrors and adjust; and check wiring for pinched or frayed wires and be sure wiring doesn't interfere with steering.

**O – Oil and Other Fluids:** check fluid levels; and check for leaks.

**C – Chassis:** check frame for cracks; check accessory mounts; check handlebar movement for full travel; check front forks for smooth travel; and check chain or belt for tension.

**K – Kickstand:** be sure the spring is working properly to pull it up and keep it up while riding; and check for cracks or bends.

After the long winter without riding (or riding infrequently), it is easy to sometimes forget the basics. Make pre-ride inspections routine and automatic. It doesn't have to take more than a few minutes and should be done before every ride.

Take Care of Her  
 and She'll Do the Same for you!  
 (How to start out the riding season)

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# May Calendar

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
					1	2
3 Bike-Car Show Roaddogs Billings Rim Rock Mall	4	5	6	7	8	9
10	11	12	13	14	15 Lower Yellowstone Chapter meeting 7pm Fire hall Savage MT	16
17	18	19	20	21	22	23 MT Motorcycle Swap Meet 2pm Belgrade, Mt (See Flier)
24	25	26	27	28	29	30
31						

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# June Calendar

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1	2	3	4	5	6
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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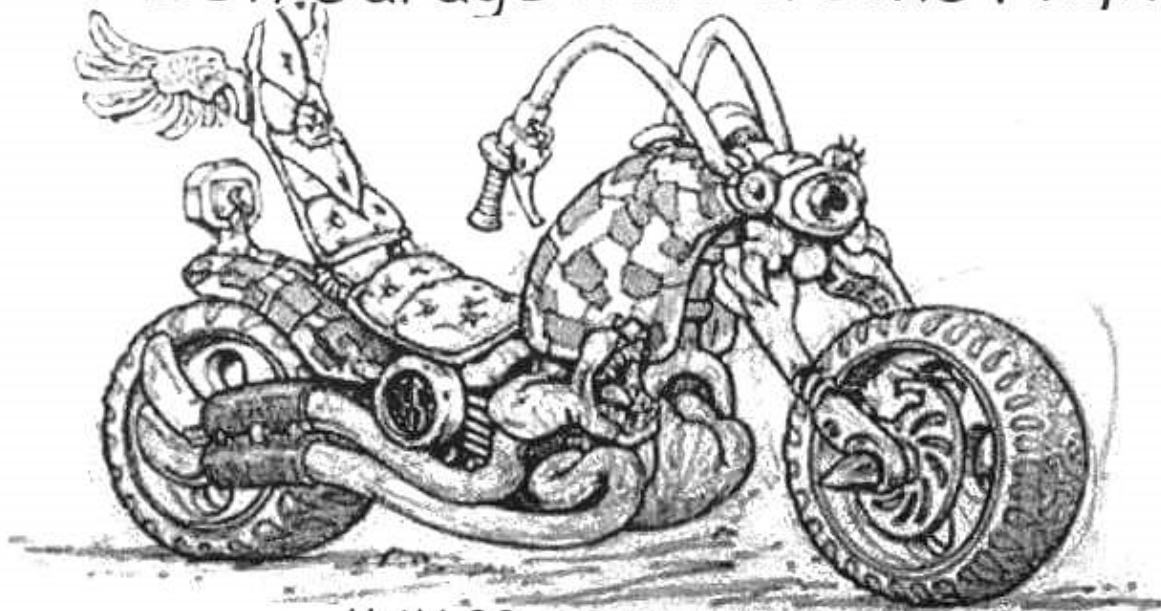


# July Calendar

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1	2	3	4th of July  Happy Independence Day
5	6	7	8	9	10	11
12	13	14	15	16	17	18
19	20	21	22	23	24	25
26	27	28	29	30	31	

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# MT Motorcycle Swap Meet/Garage Sale & Bike Night



MAY 23, 2015 2:00pm - ?

Pop's Country Store next to the Lake in River Rock,  
Belgrade, MT

Swap Meet/Garage Sale\* is from 2:00pm - 5:00pm

Bike Night to follow!

Music, Dinner available, prizes, bike blessing, Show & Shine

**PUBLIC WELCOME!**

Swap Meet/Garage Sale Items: Must be motorcycle related, motorcycles,  
motorcycle parts, motorcycle clothing, etc. IN OTHER WORDS... LEAVE GRANDMA'S  
KNICK KNACKS AT HOME!





**VIETNAM VETS MC  
LEGACY VETS MC  
TWO PATCHES, ONE CLUB**



**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





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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](http://www.mtabate.com)

### ABATE NEEDS YOU!

Join at the State level or a Chapter nearest you. (Membership info on last pg).

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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 the Chapter you wish to join and send to them. Choose from the Chapters to the right or just join at the State level. Thank You

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(Parent or Guardian please sign below)

Youth Authorization (Adult Signature) \_\_\_\_\_