



KOOTENAI ROAD DOG NEWS LETTER IN A NUT SHELL

Hello ! I know you haven't heard from me for a while. I had some personal things to sort out and I had hoped someone else would fill in but that didn't happen. I heard from some of you that are out of town or do not have access to internet you were very disappointed as you had no idea what we are doing. I hope to catch you up with this letter. I am still working

some things out, so cannot commit to doing a 5 page spread like I was doing, but will make every effort to send out the minutes and a note on any details. Thank you for your understanding Belinda Wright

A few of the things we have been up to:

*We put together a card to put in your wallet with emergency information (see enclosed). Some of us were on a ride and a rider went down. We were not familiar with this gentleman, didn't have an emergency contact to call or if he had any medical conditions. First responders are not allowed to look in saddle bags for information, only on your person.

*We are working on putting together emergency first aid kits the Chapter will sell. We had a guest speaker Chris Way and he told us what to do and not to do if we are first on the scene; until help arrives. We will hopefully be putting together a brochure of that information and I can send you one when completed. The people working on that committee are putting things together along with costs for the kit.

*We lost member Bob Lukins to complications from an aneurism on his lower back. He was such a nice man and always willing to do what he could for members. We as a chapter donated funds to help his family with medical expenses.

*We also donated funds to buy Teddy Bears for member WD to hand out at Christmas time, as he is our Santa and works with a lot of kids.

*We also donated to another member who is having Cancer Treatment and one of the Marine's who helped us in the past with the Toy Run he was in a car accident and asking organizations for help.

*We shared a booth at the Inland Empire Motorcycle Show and Sale and members volunteered to get the word out about ABATE and the upcoming Spring Opener.

*We are working on getting a section put in the Idaho State Drivers Manual relating to Motorcycles so new drivers are more educated in regard to awareness and our expectations and needs on the road. We are currently putting posters in the schools and working with the Idaho State people who put together that Manual.

*We are gearing up for the first Saturday in May, the Motorcycle Awareness Parade and Rally. We will have Legislators speak and then have a short parade down Sherman Avenue. It is important that our Legislatures see a "sea" of bikers when they speak so that they know we are watching what they are doing.

*Kootenai Chapter is gearing up for their Freedom Run. This is our fund raiser, to raise funds for operating expenses AND be able to give back to the community and promote awareness. It is very important that we all participate in making this a success for the upcoming year.

*Last is the Spring Opener. We received our advance tickets and the State is asking all members to purchase at least one ticket to support ABATE of North Idaho. The advance tickets are \$25 and are on sale until May 21st. The Spring Opener is a lot of fun and a great time to meet old and new friends. All are encouraged to attend and bring your friends. I have enclosed information on that also.

I imagine I did forget something ... if so will put it in the next letter ... last is a couple of changes:

Road cleanup for April 1st has been canceled (postponed) and the Board of Directors meeting has been moved to April 9th!