

Kootenai Road Dogs

Meeting Minutes

March 06, 2008

Coordinator Dale Ohrt called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm.

The meeting opened with the Pledge of Allegiance.

16 members attended. Quorum requirements met.

The Chapter current Membership is 49

-> Membership renewals are due March 01, 2008 = NOW!!

Secretary's Report:

The February minutes were read and accepted.

The Treasurers' Report:

Guest Speaker:

None

Safety & Training:

Dale noted the State DOT has been increasing the application of 'rumble strips' on highways in the interest of accident prevention.

Dan Ertz, Safety & Education Information Person (SEIP) for the Chapter, related a safety article from "Friction Zone". The accident between an SUV and a motorcyclist resulted when the SUV, after traveling slowly on the road shoulder, made an U turn into the path of the passing m/c. The police report cited the SUV, but noted the m/c operator should have recognized the SUV as a hazard and planned for the worst. The message is to always have an escape plan.

Dave related an incident, where a car in front had a burned out brake lamp, resulting the appearance of a turn indication when pumping the brake, but the operator actually turned in the opposite direction.

Legislative Activity: None

Runs & Events:

Mar. 16 One Eyes Lucky Charms Run—Rathdrum Id. Bryce or Julie 208-687-1926

March 23 Easter Bike Blessing; Lake City Comm Church; 12:00; Pastor Ernie 208-762-3943

April 05 NW Classics April Fool's Day Run in St. Maries; 509-922-9665

www.nwclassicmotorcycleclub.com Phil 509-922-9665

April 06 Abate State meeting in Moscow; Moose 208-245-2320

April 12 Hoodoo & Kootenai Highway Cleanup; Dave 208-765-3527

Apr. 26 America's Kids Run—Spokane WA. www.spokanebiker.com

Apr. 26 Hoodoo Hippies—Anniversary Run Joel 208-704-5517

Apr. 27 11th Annual White Pines Run—CDA Id. Pastor Ernie 208-762-3943

www.independentchristianbikers.com

May 03 ABATE Motorcycle Awareness Day Run, CDA; Pastor

NW Classics Show & Swap Meet, Cataldo; Bootmaker 509-294-1249, Bob 509-624-9748

May 10 **Kootenai Road Dogs 17th Annual Freedom Run**, Bill 208-6741, Dale 208 762 2364;

May? Hoodoo Blood Drive @Spirit Lake; Joel 208-704-5517

Old Business:

- Dale read a letter from Moose regarding the need for the Chapters need to unite in common purpose and civil conduct.
- Dale read the slightly re-worded proposal to the State Bylaws :

State Bylaw Change –

Article 3, Section 2.5 states; *Meetings of the Board of directors shall be open to all member. Participation by persons other than Directors shall be at the discretion of the Board of Directors.*

The Chapter proposes the article read;

“Meetings of the Board of Directors shall be open to all members. Participation by persons other than Directors shall be at the discretion of the Board of Directors. If both of a chapter’s voting members fail to attend two consecutive meetings, one of the following actions shall take place:

a) The chapter that has committed the offense shall lose voting privileges until the next elections.

b) The chapter may choose to change the elected officers who have committed the offense and continue to carry their voting rights.”

- A motion was made, seconded, and carried to accept the Proposal to present the proposal at the April State meeting.
- Dale ask for volunteers for manning the ABATE info table at the Spokane Bike Show. Dale Ohrt said he will have tri-folds and membership forms at the QuadRig booth in the Spokane Bike Show.
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- We were all happy to see Tom Taylor in attendance after his hospitalization last month.
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New Business:

- **Highway Cleanup** – Dave Cazel is the Kootenai project captain for the April 12 event. Dave reported there will be a sign-in and safety meeting prior to the clean up. Dave will bring water, signs, vests, and trash bags. The lunch following the event will be at Lingerlongers in Spirit Lake. The Hoodoo Chapter provides soft drinks and Kootenai provides salads and deserts this year. It was agreed we will pay for Lingerlongers to buy burgers, sausages, & fix’ns. Ernie will follow up. Sandi will do the call tree for the pot luck stuff.
- **Motorcycle Safety Check** – Dan Ertz reported that Lucky was enthusiastic about holding the event on April 12, between 11:00 and 4:00 pm. Dan will place ads in the Nickel’s Worth; Curtis will run ad in the *Biker Information Guide*. Paul will email Pat Bell’s Inspection Checklist info to Dan Ertz. Ron Carson, Tom Taylor, & Ernie volunteered to be checkers at Lucky’s. Paul will make 50 flyers and deliver to Lucky.
- **Awareness Run** – Dave reported is working with Norman on the May 03 Run. Dan will check with Norm about AMA certification.
- **Freedom Run-** Bill passed out flyers for the May 10 run. Ernie reported CMA will provide burgers & dogs for the after run BBQ at Lucky’s. Bill circulated a sign-up sheet for volunteer help at the 5 run stops. Bill requested Paul to buy a roll of tickets to use at the run. Dave reported that Ron Sheppard of Idaho Star Training program passed away 2 weeks ago. Dan noted concern that the STAR program may come under serious attack by MSF. ABATE members need to renew their support for STAR to the Idaho legislature members.

Open Forum:

- Dave presented Ernie with a framed plaque of Ernie’s induction into the ‘Iron Butt Society’, and certification of his 1,085 mile/ 24 hour ride on June 9, 2007. Congratulations, Ernie!!

Holiday Fund Raffle:

A very nice motorcycle framed photo contributed by Ernie was won by Dan Ertz. .

The meeting was adjourned at 8:30pm.

The next meeting will be April 03, 2008.

Paul Riess, Secretary