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## *River City Chapter Meetings!*

Our July 10th, 2008 Chapter meeting will be at the **La Cabana Mexican Restaurant**

604 E. Seltice Way  
Post Falls, Idaho



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## **My Day As An Ironman EMT**

Well it is over. I did the Iron man on a Harley. I spent most of my time riding the 56 mile loop that was the bike race.

My assignment on race day was to ride the course and just watch for people that need help. They asked me to be out riding at 08:15 and I was going to be on the course till 5:30pm when they closed the bike course. I had a badge that got me any where on the course.

There was some concern over the water temperature. With the lake so cold, the medical professionals were afraid there would be a lot of bicycle wrecks early in the race because very cold water against the inner ear causes loss of balance or equilibrium. This is why I chose to get on the course shortly after the elite athletes got on the course. I'll know better next year. It turned out that water temperature wasn't a factor for anyone and there were no early bike wrecks.

The course was well protected by volunteers and law enforcement personnel. They were at

every intersection. People were out there from about 8:00 am till 5:30 with nothing to do but stop cars and keep the cyclist from becoming an ornament on a bumper. Portions of the course were closed to all but the Ironman participants and support vehicles. Some parts of the course were shared with the public. Parts of the course had down hills with 180 degree turns at the bottom...someone could wipe out easy if they weren't paying attention to what was going on around them. There were lots of things that could cause participants to need an EMT.

It turned out that the day for Ironman could not have been more perfect. Not too hot, not too cold. I didn't remove any clothing till well after 3pm. When I was moving, the temperature was perfect for what I was wearing. In talking with other EMT people, this Iron man was very uneventful. After I spoke with some of my volunteer co workers about this, one of them said I was a "white cloud". I didn't know what that

meant till he explained. When the White cloud is on shift, all becomes right with the world. There are no wrecks, no fires and very little activity. I hope by saying this, that I have not just jinxed my next shift at the fire department.

I had one call on the Ironman; it was a little exciting trying to get to this call. Going around lots of bikes, making lots of turns without running people over was exhilarating. I also had to deal with the other m/c's carrying photographers, camera people and judges on the race. I made it to what I thought would be the last hard turn in the crowd of bikes when a young damsel seemed to be in distress. I stopped briefly and was harangued by her because she had someone call 1/2 hour ago for tech support for her bike. "He was still not there after a 1/2 hour:" Gosh! I stopped on medical call for that. The ambulance beat me to the accident and had it all taken care of before I got there.

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## **New Meeting Place!**

*River City Chapter* will be meeting the 2nd Thursdays of the month at the **La Cabana Mexican Restaurant**

at 604 E. Seltice Way In Post Falls. (across from NAPA)

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This Months Featured Quote:

Men fight for freedom, then they begin to accumulate laws to take it away from themselves.

~Author Unknown

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That was the closest thing I had to a medic call that day. Everything else that happened was usually at the opposite end of the course from where I was at. . . .

At the end of the day, I was actually dreading my ride home. I had been on the bike for 8 hours. Willie and Karen graciously accepted a 1 day sleepover for my M/c. They let me drop it off Sunday night and pick it up on Tuesday night when I was coming back for a volunteer banquet at the resort. I got to sleep in the car. It was a little weird though because I

kept dreaming I was on the M/c and driving with the bikes, and they would suddenly pull out in front of me. I had that dream about 3 times on the way home. Very strange. Sunday night, I didn't care if I ever did it again. Now I am ready to sign up again.

Ric Bryant  
*Ambassador-at-large  
River City Chapter*



**River City Chapter  
Bulletin Board**

- The *River City Chapter Charity Raffle* tickets will be available beginning June 1st. This years raffle will be a gift basket... call Karen 772-4823 or Belva 773-1346 for more info.
- *River City Chapter* Christmas Party Could Happen As Soon As August... Stay Tuned For Details!
- **Please, renew your membership dues!**
- *River City Chapter* is still collecting used cell phones working or not for the Post Falls Police O.A.S.I.S. program. They will be refurbished and put to good use. If you have a phone that you wish to donate bring it to a *River City Chapter* meeting or function.

Call CJ or Bridget at 773-1080 or email [cjones@postfallspolice.com](mailto:cjones@postfallspolice.com)



**The River City Chapter meeting** of June 12th hit a scheduling snafu once again. We had to scramble to find a different meeting place. Tom suggested we go to La Cabanas in Post Falls. Some decided to go ahead and return home as they had to get up very early the next day anyway. So we had a very informal meeting and some had some fine Mexican food. The owner (manager?) said we are welcome to have our meeting there every month if we want. The restaurant is on Seltice just west of Walgreens off I-90. We are scheduled to have our next meeting there at 7pm on July 10th. Hope to see you there!