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River City Chapter Meetings!

Our monthly Chapter meetings are at Pennies Family Diner 2561 Seltice Way, Post Falls, Second Thursdays of the month, 7PM.

River City Chapter Halloween Party!



Sat. Oct 28th,
7:30 at Pennies
Family Diner

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AMA ACTION ALERT - WRITE NOW

SENATE INTRODUCES HEALTH INSURANCE BILL FOR MOTORCYCLISTS!
TELL YOUR SENATORS YOU WANT THEIR SUPPORT ON THIS ISSUE!

U.S. Senator Susan Collins (R-ME) recently introduced S. 577, "The HIPAA Recreational Injury Technical Correction Act." Last Congress, the full Senate unanimously passed similar legislation. S. 577 aims at ending health care discrimination for individuals participating in legal transportation and recreational activities-activities like motorcycling, snowmobiling, horseback riding, skiing and all-terrain vehicle riding. This legislation addresses a loophole caused by a Department of Health and Human Services' rule making it possible for health care benefits to be denied to those who are injured while participating in these activities. "What many people don't know until it's too late, is that currently health insurance providers are legally permitted to deny benefits for injuries sustained while participating in certain recreational or transportation activities such as motorcycling, snowmobiling, skiing, and horseback riding," said Collins. "This policy is unfair, and I am working with my colleagues to change it." Collins was joined by Senator Feingold (D-WI) in introducing the Senate legislation. "From riding Harley Davidson motorcycles to visiting the Snowmobile Hall of Fame in St. Germain, these activities are part of Wisconsin's heritage and economy," Fein-

gold said. "It simply doesn't make sense to exclude those participating in these activities from health care benefits." On August 21, 1996 an important opportunity arose when President Clinton signed the Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act (HIPAA), prohibiting employers from denying health care coverage based on a worker's pre-existing medical conditions or participation in legal activities. In 2001, the Health Care Finance Administration released the final rules that would govern the law. The rules recognize that employers cannot refuse health care coverage to an employee on the basis of their participation in a recognized recreational activity. However, the benefits can

be denied for injuries sustained in connection with those activities. Essentially, the regulation grants equal status to motorcyclists without any substantive benefits. "Because of this loophole, someone who participates in motorcycling



or snowmobiling could be denied health care coverage, while someone who is injured while drinking and driving a car would be protected," Senator Feingold said. "It is time that Congress corrected this so that those who are abiding by the law are not discriminated against." The AMA is urging all motorcyclists to notify their Senators and tell them to co-sponsor and support S.577, "The HIPAA Recreational Injury Technical Correction Act."

Important Notices!

- The October River City Chapter meeting will be the last meeting at Pennies Family Diner as it will be closing. New meeting locations are being looked into... please check the chapter web site at www.rivercityabate.org for updates!
- ABATE of North Idaho 2007 State Officer elections will take place at the state meeting October 1, 2006. It is important that all River City Chapter members vote! Mail your carefully completed ballot to the chapter PO Box or state address at: ABATE of North Idaho PO Box 2244 Coeur d'Alene, ID 83816-2244 on or before September 30, 2006.

RIVER CITY CHAPTER MEETING MINUTES:

Scheduled Seminars!

NCOM Region 1 Seminars and Workshops October 14th, 2006 This years meeting will be held at the Embassy Suites-International Airport South 1440 East Imperial Ave. El Segundo, Calif. Special NCOM Rate of \$ 119.00 is available. 1-310-640-3600

The American Motorcyclist Association (AMA) is hosting a Washington, DC Ride Into Political Action seminar for motorcyclists Feb. 24-27, 2007 in Washington D.C. A registration form is available in the American Motorcyclist magazine or by contacting Sharon Smolinka at the address below. Mail the completed form to AMA, 13515 Yarmouth Drive, Pickerington, OH 43147. For more information, contact Sharon Smolinka at (614) 856-1900, ext. 1252 or by e-mail at ssmolinka@americanmotorcyclist.org.

Call to Order/Introductions 7:08 pm

Roll Call/Quorum 8 Members and 0 Guest

Secretary's Report (August 10, 2006 minutes): accepted amended not accepted

Treasurers Report:

Beginning Balance \$ _____ ***

Ending Balance \$ _____ ***

Holiday Fund \$ _____ ***

Membership Secretary's Report: Current membership: 27

Speaker: Tom McLaughlin, AMA Representative

S577 Hippa Act – please contact your Senator to support this Bill. It corrects the problem insurance companies have had with paying medical expenses for motorcycle accidents.

In Santa Cruz County, CA, a judge ruled against helmet violation citations based on the fact that DOT standards are too vague and unenforceable.

Link AMAs Notes & News for on River City's website

Committee Reports:

Legislative: Tim

Research is being done on a possible a bill involving cell phone and vehicle accidents. If driver is using a cell phone at the time of the accident, there'll be increased penalties for whoever is held responsible for the accident.

Seven (7) states have already passed Justice for All.

Spokane ABATE Chapter legislative support: Tim spoke with Phil Harris and is trying to set up a speaker engagement. He is also working to get Todd Milke as a speaker as well being as how he is a fellow rider.

Safety & Education: Willie

For now, there are no more scheduled S&E courses; they're winding down. Chair Stephenson will post on the Chapter's website whenever there'll be a class. It'll be member's responsibility to check.

RC said he'll be talking with somebody in a couple of weeks in regards to other driver education businesses in CDA.

Run/Events: Greg

No report at this time as Greg was not able to attend.

Charity & Fundraising: Karen

Chapter Raffle - \$50 have already been sold. More raffle tickets were handed out. It was agreed to hold the raffle at Chapter meeting December 14, 2006. Sellers were given a Raffle Flyer.

Holiday Fund – At the November 9, 2006, meeting Chapter will decide who to give it to. Options are: local hospice, local family, etc.

Fundraising – September 24, 2006, CDA Honda is having a Chili Cook-off. Insufficient notice for Chapter to participate.

Old Business:

Chapter Patches – Willie

Greg found one place that wants \$100 for set up and \$8 each patch. This would be an embroidered patch. He is still looking around.

Web Site and eNewsletter Update – Willie

I would like a list of the establishments who have agreed or may wish to have our Newsletter displayed. Perhaps eventually including...

Pennies Family Diner	Curley's	
Hog Heaven	Big Boyz Toyz	River City Yamaha
Lawrence's	Helmet Outlet	Beaudry Motorsports
One Eye's	Polaris dealer	

I will have a sideline of their names in the Newsletter. Chapter is still in agreement not to have paid advertising at this time.

Member Pictures - Willie

I am still in need of members pictures. Please submit one of yourself, preferably on or with your motorcycle. If you don't, I'll find one for you, such as your high school yearbook picture.

New Business:

Chapter Meeting Location Change - Willie

Pennies is closing Oct 31, 2006. We will need to locate a new meeting site.

Other places suggested:

Tim H will call Capones and the old Steve's Dug Out.

RC will call American Legion on Pole Line and senior center.

Hauser Lake Resort is always available to us. (Willie - we may want to use them for party functions at some future date, such as a Christmas Party.)

Open Forum or Announcements:

NCOM Region 1 Seminar, Oct. 14th in California (more info on RCC web site)

Tim is going

MRF Meeting of the Minds, Sept. 21 - 24th in Indiana (more info on RCC web site)

AMA Ride Into Political Action seminars, February 24-27, 2007 in Washington, DC (more info on RCC web site)

October 28, 2006 - Chapter Halloween Party at Pennies, 7:30p, costume optional

Spokane Chapter meetings: 1st Wed. at Last Lap and 3rd Fri. at Volcano's.

50/50 Draw

Belva won the pot with lucky number 630100. Total Pot: \$5.50.

Adjournment - 8:15pm

The *River City Chapter eNewsletter* can also be picked up at the following locations!

Big Boyz Toyz
208-683-5125
6101 Hiway 54
Athol, Idaho

Pennies Family Diner & Pub
2561 Seltice Way,
Post Falls, ID

Lawrence's Motorcycles
1704 N. Gov't Way
Coeur d' Alene, Idaho
83814 208-664-8032

One Eye's
Rathdrum, Idaho
208-687-1926

Dick's Upholstery
9710 Schmidt
Hayden, ID 83836
208-772-6365

Helmet Outlet USA
5648 Govt Way
CDA, ID

ANI State Election Information: *Chapter Recommendations*

As mentioned elsewhere in this newsletter ABATE of North Idaho 2007 State Officer elections are fast approaching. Ballots will be counted on Oct. 1, 2006 at the state BOD meeting in Moscow Idaho.

State elections are very important as these officers will be representing our organiza-

tion in the coming year. For various reasons *River City Chapter* endorses and urges support for the following candidates:

Coordinator— Tim Herzog
Deputy Coordinator— Allen Hughan (write-in)
Secretary— Karen Hunley
Treasurer— Karen Hunley
Ambassador-at-Large -

Robert Beshey

It is felt that these candidates *have demonstrated support for and will continue to support ANI's Mission Statement* and our organizations traditional principles, goals and values and in doing so... better protect and preserve the rights and safety of Idaho motorcyclists.

This e-newsletter is for you the *River City Chapter* business supporters and the membership. For those of you who wish to submit something to the *Rogue Review* by e-mail please forward it, attention *Rogue Review*, to the following e-mail address:

newsletter@rivercityabate.org



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This Month's Featured Link:

The Bureau of Consular Affairs

<http://travel.state.gov/index.html>

A Wealth of International Travel Information

Your Chapter Officers & Committee Chairs are:

- **Coordinator:** Willie Stephenson – 208-772-4823
or rivercitycoordinator@abateofnorthidaho.org
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- **Secretary:** Anne Hooper – 509-220-2819 or
secretary@rivercityabate.org
- **Treasurer:** R. C. Sherman - 208-777-1961
- **Ambassador-at-Large:** Chad Oakes – 208-661-3578
- **Sergeant-at-Arms:** Don Foreman – 509-570-2474
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- **Charity & Fundraising Committee:** Karen Hunley— 208-772- 4823
or secretary@abateofnorthidaho.org

Want to join River City Chapter? A downloadable membership application can be found on our web site above. Annual dues to join ABATE of North Idaho, Inc. are \$20 plus \$5 to join *River City Chapter*. A completed application and check can be mailed to the PO Box above.

River City Chapter Raffle

\$1 per Ticket

Prizes Include:

Framed Eagle Print

Harley Gift Basket

**\$20 Red Lobster Gift
Certificate**

**\$20 Applebee's Gift
Certificate**

*Drawing will be held Dec. 14,
2006*

Tickets available at Chapter meetings/
functions or call:

Karen @ 208-772-4823,

Anne @ 509-220-2819 or

Belva @ 208-773-1346

From the August Edition:

*More Specific info on Traveling to
and from the US.*

The Intelligence Reform and Terrorism Prevention Act of 2004 requires that by January 1, 2008, travelers to and from the Caribbean, Bermuda, Panama, Mexico and Canada have a passport or other secure, accepted document to enter or re-enter the United States. In order to facilitate the implementation of this requirement, the Administration is proposing to complete it in phases following a proposed timeline, which will be published in the Federal Register in the near future.

In the proposed implementation plan, which is subject to a period of initial public comment, the Initiative will be rolled out in phases, providing as much advance notice as possible to the affected public to enable them to meet the terms of the new guidelines. The proposed timeline will be as follows:

- January 8, 2007 - Requirement applied to all air and sea travel to or from Canada, Mexico, Central and South America, the Caribbean, and Bermuda.
- January 1, 2008 - Requirement extended to all land border crossings as well as air and sea travel.

This is a change from prior travel requirements and will affect all United States citizens entering the United States from countries within the Western Hemisphere who do not currently possess valid passports. This new requirement will also

If you would like additional detailed information you can go to this month's Featured Link above.

affect certain foreign nationals who currently are not required to present a passport to travel to the United States. Most Canadian citizens, citizens of the British Overseas Territory of Bermuda, and to a lesser degree, Mexican citizens will be affected by the implementation of this requirement.



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