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### TV's Mythbusters say bikes aren't as eco-friendly as you'd think

by Visordown News

THE latest episode of US hit TV series Mythbusters has revealed that while bikes use far less fuel than cars they can't come close to matching them when it comes to exhaust emissions.

The show's hosts, Adam Savage and Jamie Hyneman, tested three bikes and three cars - makes and models unknown - from the 80s, 90s and 2000s to see how they compared for emissions over a 20-mile course. And while the bikes easily won in the economy stakes and inevitably chucked out less CO2 as a result, they failed miserably on other emissions, the worst being carbon monoxide, with even the most modern bike on test pumping out more than 8000 percent more of the stuff than the equivalent car.



The results shouldn't be too surprising. Cars - particularly in America - have been subject to strict smog laws since the 1970s, with catalytic converters, exhaust gas recirculation and endless other devices to meet ever-tighter laws. Bikes, by comparison, have only recently been subjected to any form of emissions control and by comparison they're relatively lax. The most recent bike tested by the show was from the 00s and they're being coy about exactly what year or which model it was so it's not even possible to judge what emissions limits it was designed to comply with (and since the show has yet to be screened outside America, we haven't been able to actually watch it yet to deduce what bike it was). There's a chance that, had a more up-to-date model been used the emissions performance would have been somewhat better.

According to the Discovery Channel, the show marks a first for Mythbusters, as it is the first experiment in the series' history that it's produced publishable scientific results from one of its tests. Normally emissions tests are done while stationary, and this marks the first time such tests have been done on moving bikes in real-world conditions.

With bikes eventually due to meet the same emissions laws as cars in Europe, albeit not for several years yet, and the undisputed fact they're more economical than cars, eventually we may be able to sit back in a smug green glow, but right now it might be an idea to steer clear of arguing that you're saving the planet by riding a bike.

### ATTENTION!!!

Email us your picture/s of your "BOOTLEG" shots. We can crop them down to use them so any size will work. So get out there and get us some pics!!



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## NEWSLETTER

The **deadline** for the next newsletter will be **December 1st**. So please submit all your articles, ads, run dates and just about anything before this date, thank you.

The cost for ads are as follows;  
Full page - \$130, Half page - \$70,  
Quarter page - \$40, Business card - \$10,  
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**Please send your requests to BOTH Editors in the same email. Thank you.**

Deadlines for the year:  
December 1st for the January - February issue.  
February 1st for the March - April issue.  
April 1st for the May - June issue.  
June 1st for the July - August issue.  
August 1st for the September - October issue.

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Digital Flags (\$20) and Embroidered Flags (\$25) of the State Logo can be purchased through the State Treasurer.

(All contact information is above!)



# EVENTS CALENDAR

- December 9 - Roaddogs Benefit Jam & Auction, Billings, Bones
- December 10 - State Meeting, 1PM, Billings @ Bones
- December 11 - Roaddogs Toy Run



## CLASSIFIEDS

**FOR SALE** Or.... Just about anything you want to put in the classifieds!!  
Wanted, Will Trade, Renting, Need Work and Etc.

### Some Google Tracker Information

During the late spring to early fall about 150 (as low as 20 and as high as 300) people visit our site every 24 hours (mostly from MT but about 10 every day from points overseas especially Germany, Denmark, Finland) about 40 each day are people who have visited before.

During the Winter last year it trailed off to about 15 a day nearly all in Montana.

#### Ability

Ability is what you're capable of doing.  
Motivation determines what you do.  
Attitude determines how well you do it.

"Nothing will work unless you do."  
*John Wooden*





## **ABATE CHATTER**

### **State Coordinator**

### **State Deputy Coordinator**

### **State Secretary**

### **State Treasurer**

Hope everyone is enjoying their last rides of the year. Seen a couple flakes the other night. The kind that fall from the sky, not the other! Treasurers..., I will be emailing out the paperwork for your 2011 taxes soon. We will be needing everything that was turned in last year. Just a heads up.

Hope to see a lot of you at the State Meeting. Yendor

### **State Membership**

### **Black Eagle Chapter**

Hi everyone, I hope you all are getting in your last rides of the season before the snow lies. The deer are out and the fawns don't know how to cross the street safe without getting in our way so please be watchful and be safe.

Our last meeting on Tuesday, Sept 20th was at Tuffy's in Sun Prairie. We had a good turnout, approximately 30 +/- members attended. As of our Fall Closure-Membership Drive we were sitting at 130 members, then we picked up a couple at Tuffy's during our meeting, so our grand total is 132!

We talked about the 9/11 ride. They say all the bikes stretched out to 40+ blocks, approx. 500 +/- bikes in attendance, what an awesome turn out! The memorial was very moving. I bet everyone there could remember what they were doing the day and the moment of the 9/11 attacks, I know I'll never forget!

9/11 also marked Black Eagle ABATE's 1 year anniversary. Our Chapter has gone through a lot in our 1st year, for me it certainly has been an education. I've met some pretty cool people along the way and made some good friends. All in all it's been a great experience.

### **Fall Closure 09/17/11**

9/11/2011 was our Chapters 1<sup>st</sup> Birthday. Happy Birthday Black Eagle ABATE. Our Chapter has gone through some growing pains but I think we are finally

starting to pull it together. Here is to another awesome year!

Our first Annual Fall Closure-Membership Drive was a lot of fun. I think at one point we had



approx. 50 people in attendance, counting the band, guests and members. Friday night a few of us pulled in to Ft Ponderosa, set up camp, Brett and Carol (owners of Ft Ponderosa) provided snacks, music and a nice bon fire for us. We sat around, visited and had some laughs.

Then Saturday, we got ready for the poker run. Sold 22 hands, honored our American flag and then hit the road to our first stop at Belt Brew Pub. I hung back at camp, just in case people showed up. Carol, gave me a tour of the campground, I took lots of pictures to post on Facebook, so those of you who didn't make it could see what you missed. The weather was beautiful down in the park, but I heard it was pretty windy up on top during the poker run. You got to ask Tim Neuroth about his run in with the jumbo Grasshopper :o)

Jack Sanders showed up with his BBQ. Rob Queen started burnin some burgers and dogs, just as everyone was getting back from the poker run and guests started showing up. Mad Cap Violet started playing at about 7ish and played until 11:30pm or so and then hung out with us for a while afterwards. The band was really great, even with a few minor equipment malfunctions they were able to improvise and put on a good show.

All in all we had a great time riding, eating, visiting, listening to music and getting to know each other a little better. I've come to realize it's not the quantity that matters most, it's the quality of the people in our lives that gives us substance.

### **Big Dave's Benefit 10/02/11**

Well the day started out a lil cold, but not too bad. The poker run started off at Tuffy's in Sun Prairie, we had 23





bikes riding together. Our first stop was at Les's bar in Power and then on to The Silver \$ in Fairfield. We hit a lil rain coming into Fairfield but we got to hang out at the Silver \$ until it passed and the sun shined bright! We headed down to The Fireside Inn in Simms, the weather turned absolutely beautiful! Then it was on the our last stop, where we had friends, food and music waiting for us.

The food was outstanding, Rick Koontz out did himself again on his ribs mmmm mmmm good, thank you Rick! We had beans, all kinds of delicious salads, yummy desserts and this hot pineapple dish that was to die for, we should have had a double batch, thank you Nikki! We raised \$317 through good will donations. The poker run brought in \$175. The winner, with 4 Jacks, was Darrel Chambers, he donated it all back to Big Dave. Thank you Darrel! We had two 50/50's during the day, the grand total was \$144. The winner at the Ramble Inn 50/50 was Rick Morin, he donated it all back to Big Dave. Thank you Rick! Cathy Stites, owner of the Ramble Inn donated half of her liquor sales, from 3pm – 6pm to Big Dave. Cathy donated \$205. Thank you Cathy! At our last Chapter meeting on Sept 20<sup>th</sup>, we collected \$83.5 from our members. Thank you EVERYONE! Our grand total for Big Dave is \$924.50 WOO HOO!!! Tim still has donation jars out around town in Great Falls.

I have to mention the music, these two guys were good. I'm sorry I can't recall their names, I know I'm terrible at this! But there was a lot of talent up at the microphones! They came down to play for us and donated their time and talent to Big Dave's benefit. Thank you!

I just want to say, it's people like you, who are a part of Black Eagle ABATE, that makes these events as successful and fun as they have been this past year. I know we all have lives outside of ABATE that need tending to, and when we can, we come together. Here is to another year!

A big huge "THANK YOU" to Tim Neuroth for pulling this thing together in such a short time. Thank you EVERYONE for your time and efforts and for coming together for Big Dave!

If you haven't already, please check us out on Facebook. There is a lot of great info and Chapter updates. Thanks to our own Pam Howard, the page is

kept up to date and very informative. Thank you Pam!

As always, if you have any questions, concerns or updates, I would love to hear from you. If you have any gripping or complaining, you can talk to David-Paul :o)

Take care everyone, ride safe and say a little prayer, it never hurts. **(More pictures on the State Website)**

Connie Anderson  
 Chapter Secretary  
 Black Eagle A.B,A.T.E.

**Helena Chapter**

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Had a few members attend the Bottoms Up Run in August and fun was had by all. The pic is of a little part of the camping area.



This little Rally is held in Marmarth, ND at the end of August every year. They have bands on Friday & Saturday nights and Vendors of all sorts.

On Saturday there was a Fun Run, Poker Walk and Games held right on Main Street. It only costs \$40 per person for the weekend which included camping and kegs. What A Deal!!

Hope some of you make plans for this one next year? SEE YOU THERE!

**Southeastern Chapter**



# IN THE SPOTLIGHT



**Name** - Connie Anderson

**Gender** - All Woman!

**Date Of Birth** - Dec 30th

**Status** - Happily Married for 23 years

**Occupation** - Drafter

**Tattoos** - I got a couple

**Piercings** - I got a couple of those too :o)

**Smoke** - Use to, not no more

**Drink** - Socially

**Favorite Food** - I love to try new cuisine

**Favorite Drink** - A good cup of coffee

**Favorite Holiday** - 4th of July, our day of Independence

**Favorite Bike** - 08 Heritage Softail Classic of course :o)

**Favorite Bike Ride** - So far, the Needles Highway in SD

**Favorite Bike Event** - They are all awesome, how can I choose just one?

**Favorite Non-Bike Event** - Armwrestling events & World Championships

**BEST EVER Bike Ride** - The Needles Highway in 2008

**BEST EVER Bike Event** - Sturgis 2010 so far

**BEST EVER Non-Bike Event** - 2009 Armwrestling World Championships in Mesquite NV

**Best Famous Person You Have Met** - Never met anyone famous

**How You Would Change/Influence ABATE** - By example

*“Freedom of choice...”*

*Life is full of them, what you do with it, is up to you.*

*~ Connie :o)*





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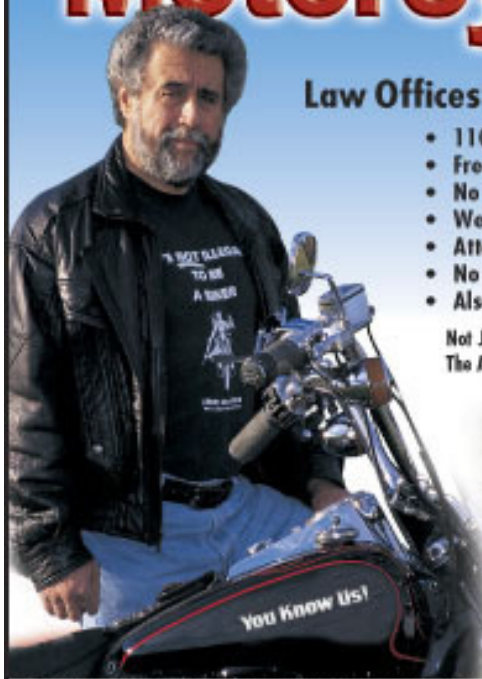
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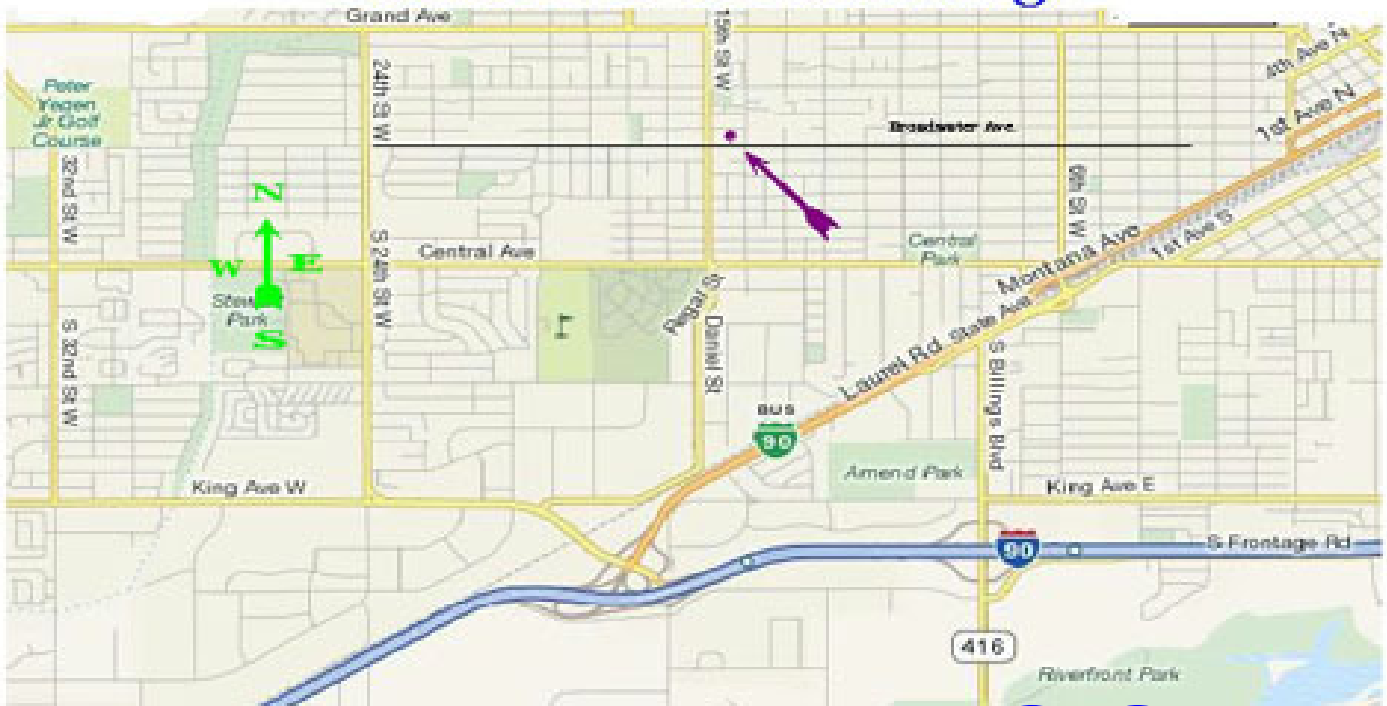


**State Meeting  
December 10th, 2011 1:00PM  
Billings, MT  
Bones/Doc & Eddys**

**Broadwater Ave. / Between 14th & 15th St.**

**There are a lot of ways to get there  
so pick the easiest way for yourself.  
It is the only building between 14th  
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## Motorcycling Quotes

Faster, faster, faster, until the thrill of speed overcomes the fear of death...

*Hunter S. Thompson*

Why are motorcycle dealers closed on Sundays? Because Sunday is for worship... Catholics go to church, Motorcyclists go to the track.

*Justin Skalka*

98% of all Harleys ever sold are still on the road. The other 2% made it home.

*Anonymous*

I'd rather be riding my motorcycle thinking about God than sitting in church thinking about my motorcycle.

*Anonymous*

I believe many Harley guys spend more time revving their engines than actually driving anywhere; I sometimes wonder why they bother to have wheels on their motorcycles.

*Dave Barry*

People are more violently opposed to fur than leather because it's safer to harass rich women than motorcycle gangs.

*Anonymous*

A mother is neither cocky, nor proud, because she knows the school principal may call at any minute to report that her child had just driven a motorcycle through the gymnasium.

*Mary Kay Blakely*

I had been warned not to get on a motorcycle, sort of. I think there is a clause in most general basic contracts to keep yourself in one piece and not alter your looks without telling them first.

*Charisma Carpenter*

You see, I don't know how to ride a motorcycle, actually.

*Henry Winkler*

Riding a motorcycle on today's highways, you have to ride in a very defensive manner. You have to be a good rider and you have to have both hands and both feet on the controls at all times.

*Evel Knievel*

That is why, as soon as I felt a real attraction for my first passion which was the motorcycle, and in spite of the danger it could represent, they encouraged me.

*Jacky Ickx*

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