

Lower Yellowstone Chapter of ABATE of Montana

May 17, 2011

MAY HIGHWAY CLEANUP & CHAPTER MEETING

We will be doing a Highway Cleanup before our next Chapter Meeting. Please meet at the Fire Hall in Savage at 6:00 p.m. on Friday, May 20th, to participate in cleaning up our 2 mile section of highway. Once we are done we will have our meeting. So, don't forget -- Friday, May 20th, at the Fire Hall in Savage, 6:00 p.m. for Highway cleanup, 7:00 p.m. for meeting. Thank you to those of you that attended the April meeting: from Crane - **Maria Hodge**; from Glendive - **Linda Baldwin, Randy Baldwin, Rod Chouinard, Dawn Guenzi, Anna Kueker, Kathy Thomas, Scott Thomas** and **Kevin Thompson**; from Lambert - **Rob Knotts**; and from Sidney - **Jeff Stambaugh**.

Hope many of you can help out with cleanup and attend the meeting on Friday!

Happy Anniversary!

Best wishes go out to Williston, ND, members **Karen and Raymond Allen** who celebrated 40 years of marriage on May 1st!

Also, congratulations goes out to Great Falls member **Ruth Hanning** and her husband **Phil**, who celebrated 16 years of marriage on May 6th!

And, best wishes go out to Baker members **Bert and Dan Lagasse**, who will celebrate 6 years of marriage on May 28th!

RAFFLE WINNERS

Winners of the raffle were drawn on Saturday, May 14th. **Melissa Stroh** (Glendive) - Lever Action Henry .22 Rifle; **Al Konicilya** (Glendive) - Ultra HD Flip Video Camera (donated by ElectricLand); **John Seitz** (Sidney) - \$100 Beef Gift Certificate (donated by Triple T Meats); and **Tom Christianson** (Glendive) - \$50 Exxon Gas Card (donated by Whistle Stop). Congratulations to all!

MOTORCYCLE RIDER SAFETY COURSES ~ SIGN UP NOW!

We have been cut back to three Basic Rider Courses scheduled to be held in Glendive: June 11-12, June 13-14 and June 25-26. These classes have limited enrollment, and two of them are already full, so register now if you are interested in taking one of the courses. You can register by calling 1-800-922-BIKE or go on-line <http://motorcycle.msun.edu/index.htm>

The cost of the class is \$175, however, the Lower Yellowstone Chapter of ABATE will reimburse half the cost (\$87.50) to anyone who takes the class in Glendive. All you need to do is send in a copy of your card showing you completed the class and we will send you a check. Enrollment is limited to space available, so register now to reserve your seat!

MEMBERSHIP

Our Chapter currently has 159 paid up members. The State membership total for current members is 300.

Welcome to our newest members:
from Glendive - **Carl Barnick, Dan Dassinger, Shane Farstveet, Sharlee Henry, Scott McPherson, Jay Moraske, Tim Mort, Chris Neves, Julia Neves, Josh Odenbach and Vanessa Weber;**
from Miles City - **Randy Stubblefield;** and
from Sidney - **Idelle Holmes.**

Thank you also to all of you who renewed since the last newsletter: from Ekalaka - **Bob Jacobs;** from Glendive - **CJ Erhardt, Jodi Erhardt, Bonnie Farstveet, Leland Goulet, Marvin Heyen/Southside Tavern, Terry Knapp, Bruce Miller, LauraLee Myran, Robert Nasheim, Jack Nicholson, Kathy Nicholson, Doug Peterson, Mike Roe/Beer Jug, Cherisa Ryan, Darraan Ryan, Jason Ryan, Karen Ryan, Darwin Stedman, Kevin Thompson, Jimmie Ward and Yvona Ward;** from Lambert - **Rob Knotts;** from Sidney - **Gary Fifer, Diana Hoff, Howard Hoff and John Seitz;** from

Beach, ND - **Walter Losinski;** and from Williston, ND - **Paul Berger.**

The memberships that expired April 1st have already been renewed. Thanks!

There are a few memberships that expired May 1st and need to renew: from Baker - **Bert Lagasse and Dan Lagasse;** from Brockway - **Bev Breitbach and Gus Kamp;** from Crane - **Maria Hodge;** from Fairview - **Marlene Emly;** from Fallon - **Jean Mosser;** from Glendive - **Pamela Egeness, Blake Fohl/Wagon Wheel Bar, Andrew Hall, Brenda Herbaugh, John Herbaugh, Georgetta Hurst, John Johnson, Patty Johnson, Jacob Lovaas, Deven Rittal, Brenda Rose, Paul Ryan, Arne Scarpholt, Murray Vester ;** from Great Falls - **Ruth Hanning;** from Sidney - **Tami Larson, Blake Olson, Staci Olson, Tanya Seitz, Larry Wysocki, James Zueger and Larry Zueger;** and from Wilton, ND - **Joe Kuntz.**

Remember, dues are \$15 per year. You can pay at the meeting, or mail your dues into me - Dawn Guenzi, Chapter Secretary, P.O. Box 722, Glendive, Montana, 59330.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

to those members who celebrate(d) in May!

Jim Horner (Glendive) - May 3rd
Tracey Feickert (Terry) - May 7th
Tom Dasinger (Sidney) - May 17th
Jack Nicholson (Glendive) - May 20th
Paul Zumpf (Glendive) - May 23rd
Julie Horner (Glendive) - May 28th



And to **Derek Zueger** (Sidney) who's birthday was April 13th, but I missed it in the last Newsletter!

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MEETING MINUTES

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MEETING CALLED TO ORDER

The April meeting of the Lower Yellowstone Chapter of ABATE was called to order by Kevin Thompson at 7:45pm.

READING OF THE MINUTES

The minutes from the March meeting were read by Kathy Thomas; they were approved as read.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Anna Kueker gave the Treasurer's report, it was approved as read.

MEMBERSHIP REPORT

Dawn Guenzi reported that we have 169 current members for our chapter and 331 total current members for the state.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Motorcycle Safety Class ~ There are five classes scheduled this year and so far only four people are signed up. Randy Baldwin suggested running more ads for the motorcycle safety classes, Dawn made a motion to increase advertising and Rod Chouinard seconded the motion. Randy will check into getting more funding to help with the advertising.

2011 Bike Show ~ The 2011 Bike Show raffle tickets are available for sale. Posters for the 2011 Bike Show are printed and ready to be distributed. The alcohol will be provided by the Wagon Wheel Bar and the food will be catered by the Beer Jug for the 2011 Bike Show. We received no response from the Twilite as to having the Bikers' Ball there, and the Yellowstone River Inn was not interested. Anna will check with the Oasis to see if they are interested.

Poker Run/Hog Roast ~ No music has been booked as of yet for the Hog Roast, but Dawn is still working on it. The route for the poker run was discussed, but we did not decide on the route at this time.

Highway Cleanup ~ The highway cleanup was scheduled for an hour before the May meeting. We will meet at 6:00 pm at the Fire Hall in Savage before the meeting.

OLD BUSINESS

There was no old business discussed at the April 15th meeting.

NEW BUSINESS

A biker friend of Randy's lost his wife not too long ago, and is having a Poker Run to raise funds for a headstone for her. Randy brought up the possibility of the Lower Yellowstone Chapter of ABATE donating either a trophy or plaque for the Poker Run. Dawn made a motion to donate a t-shirt and a trophy left over from last years bike show, Randy seconded the motion, all were in favor.

50/50

Megan Horner won the 50/50; Megan received \$4.00 and \$5.00 went to the education fund.

MOTION TO ADJOURN

Anna made a motion to adjourn and Linda Baldwin seconded the motion. Meeting was adjourned at 8:30pm with 11 people present.

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UPCOMING EVENTS – MARK YOUR CALENDARS!

- May 20** - Highway Cleanup - meet at the Fire Hall in Savage at 6:00 p.m.
May 20 - Chapter Meeting - 7:00 p.m. - Fire Hall in Savage
May 21 - Ramblers MC's Spring Bash - Rambler Clubhouse in Wheelock, North Dakota
May 28 - Roaddogs 25th Annual FieldMeet - Homestead Park between Huntley and Worden
May 30 - Happy Memorial Day!
June 4 - State ABATE Meeting - 1:00 p.m. - Quality Inn Ponderosa/Tap House in Great Falls
June 10-12 - 36th Annual ABATE of ND State Rally - Menoken Grove
June 11-12 - Motorcycle Safety Basic RiderCourse - Glendive - contact 1-800-922-BIKE
June 13-14 - Motorcycle Safety Basic RiderCourse - Glendive - contact 1-800-922-BIKE
June 17 - Chapter Meeting - 7:00 p.m.
June 18 - 22nd Annual Poker Run, Hog Roast and Membership Drive
June 25-26 - Motorcycle Safety Basic RiderCourse - Glendive - contact 1-800-922-BIKE
July 4 - Happy Independence Day!
July 8-10 - 18th Annual Bike To Beach - The Backyard Bar in Beach, North Dakota - for more information check out their website at <http://thebackyardbar.com>
July 15-17 - Beartooth Rally and Iron Horse Rodeo - Red Lodge
August 8-14 - 71st Annual Sturgis Motorcycle Rally - Sturgis, South Dakota
August 19 - Chapter Meeting - 7:00 p.m. - Fire Hall in Savage