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Reminders!

- *State and Chapter meeting minutes can be downloaded and printed from our web site!*
- *Next State meeting is January 8th, 2006 hosted by St. Joe chapter. Time & location TBA.*



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LOOKING FORWARD WITH ENTHUSIASM...

A letter from your incoming State Deputy Coordinator

First of all, I want to congratulate all the elected officers and look forward to working closely with each and every one of you. As most know, I am one of the *old timers* in this organization and it is said that *with age comes wisdom*. Hopefully, I will live up to that *axiom* as I serve my tenure. I have specific goals but first and foremost is to create unity among all for the betterment of ANI. We as individuals are diverse and unique and will not always share similar viewpoints. These differences must be blended in a *spirit of cooperation* and *all* need to adhere to and further the objectives of ANI. The Articles of Incorporation and By-laws were created and approved by the membership many years ago and define the *true purpose* of this organization and how it should be operated. Changes can be made to the by-laws and policies can be created with committee involvement and by vote. This process allows all members an equal share in the future of ANI.

YESTERDAY IS GONE...TODAY IS NOW...TOMORROW IS NEXT. The past is where it belongs...*behind us*. We must not let the differences of yesterday hinder the future of tomorrow! Let's all work together *now*, setting egos and differences aside. Let us also take care of and finalize any unfinished housekeeping chores *ASAP* so we can close that chapter and start anew in 2006.

My goals for ANI in the coming year are simple...create member involvement in the legislative process that affects our daily lives and our motorcycling interests. We sometimes seem to forget that we are *government by the people, for the people*...that is if we chose to get involved. The political process may seem very confusing but in a nutshell...it is *people talking to people*.

This example may be over simplified but the fact is that opening the lines of communication with as many legislators as possible about our issues through meetings, letter writing and phone calls when necessary will help us maintain our freedoms and liberties. We all are familiar with the term *the squeaky wheel gets the grease!* My favorite method of communication is the *face-to-face* contact with our elected officials. We in Idaho are fortunate to have a citizen's legislature that is responsive to that type of communication. Normally only a 3-month session, January through March, that personal contact that we make prior to and during the legislative session plus the continuing contact throughout the year, will go a long way toward maintaining our issues forefront with our lawmakers.

Legislative Update...

Just so everyone knows, work is already in progress in the political arena. Willie, Karen and I met with *Senator Skip Brandt* of Idaho along with his campaign manager Judy in Coeur d'Alene last September 30th. It was an informal meeting that I arranged to discuss our issues in detail and get a little insight on the upcoming legislative session. Skip Brandt rides a motorcycle and is a member of the Clearwater Chapter. Currently he is the *Chairman of the Senate Transportation Committee* and is running for the U.S. Congress.

His position on that committee is ever so important to motorcycle related issues and we are very fortunate to have him there during the next legislative session. In his bid for Congress, Skip will be facing some tough competition. Ex-Senator Sheila Sorensen with 17 years background in the legislature and much political clout is one of his opponents. Those of us that have been around for a while will —*cont page 3*



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ANI Election Results:

Your current elected State officers will be returning to serve you again next year with one exception. Co-founder and Lifetime member Tim "TJ" Herzog will be returning to serve as your State Deputy Coordinator, a position he held for a number of years some time ago. A special salute and thank you to Rod Haux for serving ANI, Inc as our State Deputy Coordinator for the last several years. We would like to thank *all* current and new officers for their dedicated service to this organization.

And, thank you to all members who chose to participate in our State Officer elections!

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In Memory of...

Sue Linehan said she either wanted to die in the saddle or on her Harley. Well she got her wish. October 16th Sue was riding back from Lewiston (to Orofino) on her new Harley and hit the rumble strips in the middle of the road. When she got the bike straightened out she was in the wrong lane and head on to an oncoming car. Sue will be sorely missed by her husband, children and many friends. She was a well loved member of the Clearwater Chapter Ride long, Ride Free Sue.

I know I will miss you,

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remember that the then *Representative Sorensen* tried unsuccessfully to introduce the *adult helmet law* bill into the House Transportation Committee in 1991. Through the efforts of ICMS, ABATE of Idaho and of course ANI, that bill was withdrawn and never made it out of committee.

If Skip is successful in his run for Congress, we will have friend indeed. Either way, we will not have him in the Idaho Senate after this upcoming legislative session and we will have to develop many new relationships in Idaho's House and Senate, especially because it will be an election year. That means we will be dealing with not only the incumbents but also candidates running for office. Skip will be the guest speaker in Coeur d'Alene on Friday, October 28th at the local Republican breakfast meeting at which Willie and I plan to attend.

NCOM Meeting in Portland... REPORT

Willie, Karen and I attended the NCOM Region 1 Meeting and Seminar in Portland, Oregon on October 22nd. I attended one back in 1992 or 1993 in Portland while I was Deputy Coordinator and State Legislative Chairman of ANI and a member of the NCOM National Council. We were also instrumental in introducing Senator Skip Brandt to one of our newest *Hoo Doo Chapter* members, Butch Harbaugh of NCOM. Butch formally invited Skip to Portland to be on the NCOM Legislative Task Force and one of the honored guest speakers. He was well received by everyone and offered much insight into the workings of the Idaho Legislature and his role in the Senate. One important finding from the meeting was that of the recent *Governor's Highway Safety Summit* that was held in Boise on October 19-20, 2005. It was titled *TOWARD ZERO DEATHS*, a Partnership to Develop Idaho's Comprehensive Highway Safety Plan.

In the outline motorcycles are included and it would be reasonable to assume that some legislator is thinking about an adult helmet law. Another great idea that came out of that seminar was the possibility of introducing our own motorcycle related legislation. Years ago, I thought that we should become *pro-active rather than just re-active* and when the right issue presented itself, work on introducing a bill. My interest was *fired up* again after listening to Richard Bright, NCOM Board of Directors and member of ABATE of Washington. They introduce a series of bills every year and are still trying to defeat the helmet law! More to be discussed on this matter later.

In Closing...

I plan to have several items on the agenda for the next State Meeting and one important item is the formal appointment of a *State Legislative Chairman*. As you know, I held that position before and am well qualified. My interest in that position is not to *grandstand or take away any credit from those that have been involved and worked on legislative issues over the recent years*, but merely coordinate a well executed *Legislative Agenda* for ANI. My energy, enthusiasm and experience in that area will benefit the organization and if appointed, will look forward to working with all *current members* that already have been involved in those efforts and *welcome and help* members from every chapter to get involved. My leadership role will be one of *Leading By Example*.

RIDE SAFE AND SEE YOU IN JANUARY...

TIM (TJ) HERZOG

The Press Saturday, October 22, 2005

WRONG CYCLE INFO MAILED

Boise—Motorcycle registration reminders mailed by the Idaho Transportation Department's Division of Motor Vehicles Tuesday contained incorrect information about the fees due on Dec.31.

The registration renewal reminders failed to reflect the additional \$6 motorcycle safety program fee, as required by Idaho code.



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SOME USEFUL MOTORCYCLE STATISTICS:

Of the over 6.5 million motorcycles registered in the United States, 282,389 were used for primary transportation. Of the 129 million US commuters, 147,703 rode motorcycles to work regularly. More than 20 million Americans surveyed in 2003 said they had ridden within the previous year. (Off-road riding accounted for a third of that figure.) 3 to 5 motorcycles fit in one automobile parking

space. Motorcycles get 50.1 m.p.g. on average, passenger cars 22.3 m.p.g., light trucks/SUVs 17.7 m.p.g. Sources: Ridetowork.com, Motorcycle Industry Council

SOME MORE USEFUL STATISTICS:
DOCTORS: (A) There are 700,000 physicians in the U.S. (B) Accidental deaths caused by physicians total 120,000 per year. (C) Accidental death percentage per physician is 0.171.
MOTORCYCLES: (A)

There are over 6 million motorcycles registered in the U.S. (B) There were 4,008 motorcyclist fatalities in 2004. (C) The percentage of accidental deaths per motorcycle is 0.000668. Statistically, then, doctors are 256 times more dangerous to the public health than motorcycles. Fact: **LESS THAN 2 PERCENT OF THE POPULATION OWNS A MOTORCYCLE, BUT ALMOST EVERYONE HAS AT LEAST ONE DOCTOR.**

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