

Kootenai Road Dogs

**Meeting Minutes
2007**

September 06,

Deputy Coordinator Dan Ertz called the meeting to order at 7:02pm.

The meeting opened with the Pledge of Allegiance.

22 members attended. Quorum requirements met.

The Chapter current Membership is 46

The Treasurers' Report:

Safety & Training:

- Dan read the letter from Stacey Axmaker, Training Manager of Idaho STAR program responding to our letter of July, 23 requesting the addition Trike and Sidecar training to the STAR program (letter attached). The response letter cited budget and necessity for declining our request, while suggesting negotiating with the Evergreen Safety Council (ESC) for training classes in Spokane.
- Dan cited contacting and the possibility of working with a private training group, such as the Spokane Motorschool in Spokane. Paul Riess will make the contact. It was noted the student cost of either private or ESC training would not benefit from the low cost of the Idaho Star Program.

Legislative Activity:

- Dan related the Thunder Press article about the recent Denver City ordinance requiring motorcycles to be equipped with OEM exhaust equipment. The city imposes a \$500 fine for violators.

Runs & Events:

September 8th St. Joe End of Sun Run; St.Maries; Les -208-582-0666

CDA Honda Riders Club; Ainsworth Hot Springs; Mike 208-765-5005

September 15 Procrastinators Spring Poker Run; Cataldo; Tom 208-682-4080

September 23 CDA Honda Cook Off; CDA; Mike 208-765-5005

September 29 Roadhouse Cycles Fall Swap Meet & Block Party; Scott 208-457—1150

October 6th ? Highway 95 Clean up.

October 7th State ABATE meeting; Mark IV restaurant, Moscow ID, Dan 208-659-8499

Old Business:

- Ron Carson gave a report on the ABATE and ICMS State Wide Friendship Run September 1st in Pierce, ID,
- Ernie made a quantity of ABATE business cards for members and handed them out. He will print several more sets with some member's names, as requested.
- See 'Safety and Training'. The letter from the STAR Training Director regarding trike and sidecar training be added to STAR is attached at bottom of these minutes.
- Denise Mills reported on the "Road Dog" yard sign program success to raise money for the 'Toys for Tots' effort. She reported \$185 has been collected to date, after 10 days of implementation..
- The Chapter will not participate in the Honda Cook off this year.

New Business:

1. A search for a site for the Toy Run potluck is underway, since the Grail is not available for children. However, the Grail is available. Since children are a large part of the Toy Run party, Chapter members will be searching for potential locations for the event.

The annual Toy Run will be November 03, 2007.

- a. The Run Stops will be:
 - Lawrence's
 - Helmet Outlet
 - Specialty Recreation
 - CDA Honda
 - Roadhouse
 - Wal-Mart
 - Pot luck location
- b. This year boxes will be used in lieu of barrels.
- c. Contact persons each of the listed stops and sponsors were assigned. Contact persons will place boxes, post flyers, solicit door and raffle prizes, check boxes weekly, and keep in contact with sponsors.
- d. Contact assignments are as follows:
 - i. Lawrence's – Laura Ertz
 - ii. Helmet Outlet – Dale Ohrt
 - iii. Specialty Recreation- Dan Ertz
 - iv. CDA Honda – Dave Cazal
 - v. Roadhouse Cycles – Laura Ertz
 - vi. Walmart – Sandi Crocker
 - vi. Dan Ertz will contact the Nickels Worth. Ads have been sent to the Thunder Press and IDBIG. Ernie? will contact Radio 102
 - vii. Susan Taylor will coordinate the Pot luck.
 - viii. Denise Mills and Tim Reynolds will coordinate the Toy Run.
 - ix. Paul Riess will make the Toy Run Flyers.
 - x. Dan Ertz will find where the 'Most Riders' trophy is located.

Barrel sponsors include:

- 4th street Taco Johns, -Ron Carson;
- Shoshone Honda, Osborn IGA, -Bill;
- Post Falls NAPA, - Tom Taylor;
- Summer Sun Tanning, - Cindy Wharton;
- PEPSI,- Sandi;

Stimson Lumber, K102 Radio,- Ernie.

- e. Walmart, hopefully, will provide a matching grant as last year.
- f. Tom Taylor volunteered to be “Santa” this year.

Open Forum:

- Susan Riess will send a ‘Get Well’ card to John Gaumer.
- The meeting attendees all agreed Connie Haley’s pink bike rims are real cool. Many of the lady attendees were wearing pink accents in her support.

Holiday Fund Raffle:

A prize of a framed motorcycle art work was awarded for the drawing. The winner was Ray Haley. .

The meeting was adjourned at 8:23pm.

The next meeting will be October 04, 2007.

L. Paul Riess
Secretary



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Mr. Riess,

Thank you for your letter of July 23 asking about sidecar and trike training classes. Ron Shepard and I have met and discussed this several times to try to find the best way to both meet the needs of the side car and trike operators in Idaho, as well as make the best use of our resources.

As you mentioned, Idaho **STAR** does not currently have a sidecar/trike program. We also do not have any sidecar/trike instructors, nor do any of our instructors ride sidecars or trikes that we are aware of.

It would take significant time, effort, and money to develop such an expertise and instructor base in trike and side car training. Given the current fairly low demand for sidecar and trike training in Idaho, and the cost of establishing a program, it's just not economically feasible for us to do so at this time.

However, I contacted the director of the Washington Motorcycle Safety Program, and he put me in touch with Monte "Mel" Lish at the Evergreen Safety Council. Mr. Lish runs the sidecar and trike program and offers training in the Seattle area as well as Moses Lake. I mentioned your interest and asked if he would consider operating a class in Spokane to meet the needs of your riders. He is very open to the idea and would be happy to work with you.

So, at least for the short term, we believe that cooperating with our neighbors to the west is the best way to meet our sidecar and trike needs. I will help facilitate this in any way I can, and you can contact Mel directly. Here is his contact information:

Monte "Mel" Lish, Evergreen Safety Council
1-800-521-0778 mel@esc.org www.esc.org then click on "Menu"

Sincerely,

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